

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Office of Law Enforcement

Bi-Monthly Report

Weeks of: June 1 – 15, 2021

This report represents some events the OLE handled over the last couple of weeks; however, it does not include all actions taken by the Office of Law Enforcement.



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"To serve, protect, and educate the citizens of, and visitors to, the state of Illinois in their outdoor recreational endeavors."

"To be a vigilant guardian of the natural resources, public safety, and homeland security of Illinois."

"To assist the public in their times of need; routine and emergency."

"To educate the inadvertent violator of conservation law, by taking an appropriate level of enforcement action to achieve this goal."

"To relentlessly pursue, with full statewide police authority, deliberate offenders and bring them before the courts for the administration of justice."

"To maintain the highest level of professional standards, integrity, and conduct."

"This we pledge to the Citizens of Illinois."

The Office of Law Enforcement supports the Department's programs designed to protect Illinois' natural and recreational resources through enforcement of those portions of the Illinois Compiled Statutes enacted for that purpose. Conservation Police Officers are vested with full state-wide police authority and are trained to the highest standards for law enforcement professionals in Illinois.

In addition to these enforcement responsibilities, Conservation Police Officers serve as an important link between the Department and its various constituencies (civic groups, sportsmen's groups, sport shows, etc.). These officers are called upon to assist outside agencies in emergency situations or rescue operations. They participate in the instruction of conservation related statutes to outside agencies, law enforcement organizations, or educational institutions upon request.

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Northeast Zone Bi-Monthly Report



Northeast Zone – Acting Captain Eric Schreiber

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Northeast Zone / District 2 – ACTING Sgt. Keith Siedsma

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(Counties: Kane, Lake, McHenry)

KANE COUNTY

CPO Kelley and Intern Ryan patrolled Kane County for fishing and boating violations. 2 citations and 2 written warnings were issued.

CPO Iaffaldano responded to a hunting complaint involving a deceased fawn. The fawn was discovered at Leroy Oaks Forest Preserve and remains under investigation.

CPO Iaffaldano responded to a second complaint involving unlawful coyote hunting in East Dundee. This investigation, along with multiple coyote dumping investigations are pending at this time.

CPO Iaffaldano rescued an injured Waxwings bird and transported it to Oaken Acres Wildlife Center.

LAKE COUNTY

While conducting a boat patrol on the Chain O Lakes, CPO Winters issued multiple written warnings and educated multiple boaters on various boating violations.

CPO Davis completed foot patrol on the beachfront of Illinois Beach State Park. Multiple subjects were found in possession of alcohol in a restricted area. CPO Davis walked four miles on the beachfront and issued one citation and three written warnings.

CPOs Kelley, Doescher and Davis patrolled Illinois Beach State Park on a hot, busy weekend. Several written warnings were issued for alcohol, pets on the beach and remaining in a closed area.

CPO Reid observed a vehicle on I-355 traveling at a high rate of speed. Traffic was averaging almost 70 mph and the driver continued to pass multiple vehicles on the shoulder, driving in a reckless manner. The driver was stopped and issued citations for: Driving on the Shoulder, Unlawful Overtaking, No Insurance, and Unlawful Transportation of Cannabis.

CPO Reid and CPO Doescher were on a boat patrol on the Fox Chain of Lakes when they discovered a disabled boater in a dangerous location in heavy traffic. The boat was towed to a safer area and CPO Reid was able to fix the boat's mechanical issue and get the boaters back on their way.

CPO Reid responded to a domestic battery incident at the Chain of Lakes State Park campground. A female victim was struck and choked in front of her children. Charges are pending per Lake County States Attorney's Office.

CPO Doescher and Lake County Sheriffs responded to a suicidal person at the state part and assisted this person in getting to the hospital

MCHEMRY COUNTY

CPO Reid and CPO Semenik were traveling in rural McHenry County when they observed a vehicle speeding 31 mph over the posted speed limit, as they crossed into the Officer's lane while going over a blind hill. CPO Reid turned around to catch up to the vehicle when it was observed passing a vehicle in a "no passing zone" and disregarded a stop sign at approximately 80 mph. When officers finally stopped the vehicle, it was also discovered the driver was using an unauthorized blue flashing light in the dashboard. The driver was

arrested for: Aggravated Speeding, Disregarding a Stop Sign, Disregarding a No-Passing Zone, and Illegal Use of a Blue Flashing Light.

Northeast Zone / District 3 - Sgt. David Wollgast

(CPO M. Anderson, CPO Bergland, CPO Elliot, CPO Farber, CPO Honiotes, CPO Prasun, CPO Thompson)

(Counties: Grundy, Kankakee, Kendall, Will)

GRUNDY COUNTY

CPO Matt Anderson attended a Hunter Safety Course in Morris.

While conducting boating safety checks at a state park in Grundy County, CPO Prasun issued two boat operators a citation for failing to secure a child less than thirteen years old in a personable flotation device. One of the operators was also given a written warning for no safety cut-off switch lanyard.

CPO Honiotes responded to 2 vessel boat accident that occurred at a private club in Grundy County, where one vessel struck another vessel perpendicularly, launching completely over the second vessel and ejecting an occupant into the water. All occupants refused medical treatment. Further investigation is pending.

CPO Honiotes and SGT Wollgast responded to a boat fire on the Illinois River near Stratton Park in Grundy County. 5 people were onboard a recreational vessel when an explosion occurred inside the engine compartment. The initial fire was suppressed by the operator utilizing the onboard fire extinguisher. The fire later re-ignited, at which time all 5 occupants were removed from the boat and relocated to a safe location. No one was injured as a result of the incident. CPO Honiotes and SGT Wollgast successfully recovered the boat, which burnt to the waterline.

KANKAKEE COUNTY

While conducting boat equipment checks, CPO Elliot observed a boater acting suspiciously near Momence. Once contact was made, it was discovered that the Indiana resident had no Illinois fishing license, fire extinguisher, horn or whistle, and lacked the proper number of legal PFDs required. Citation and warnings were issued.

While conducting fishing checks, CPO Elliot spoke with two individuals that he believed were fishing. After one of the subjects denied fishing, it was later determined that he was fishing without a 2021 Illinois fishing license. Citation issued.

KENDALL COUNTY

No Activity Reported for this County

WILL COUNTY

While patrolling a state park in western Will County, CPO Prasun encountered campers with alcoholic beverages and cannabis. The offender was issued a written warning for possession of alcoholic beverages on DNR property and possession of cannabis.

While patrolling a state park in southern Will County, CPO Prasun located two park visitors in possession of alcoholic beverages and a third one with a dog off a leash. Each visitor was issued a written warning for the violations.

CPO Prasun responded to and investigated a drowning from a boat at a private lake in unincorporated Will County. The incident is still under investigation.

CPO Prasun responded to a dumping complaint at a state park in western Will County. After a brief investigation, the offender was located and cited for littering in a state park.

While patrolling a state park in southern Will County, CPO Prasun located several park visitors with alcoholic beverages in an area posted as no alcohol. Five visitors were given written warnings for Possession of Alcoholic Beverages on DNR Property and another one was given a citation. One of the visitors was also given a warning for no fishing license. Two of the visitors were also given citations for littering.

After an investigation into an unlawful deer harvest investigation, CPO Prasun issued a hunter a citation for failure to report a deer harvest by 10pm the same day the deer was taken.

CPO Prasun responded to a complaint of a hawk in a backyard. The hawk was caught and later relocated.

While patrolling a southern Will County state park, CPO Prasun arrested a boat operator for Operating a Watercraft Under the Influence of Alcohol. The operator was issued two citations for O.U.I. and written warnings for no sounding device, no fire extinguisher, and no safety cut-off lanyard.

CPO Honiotes attended a youth fishing derby in Will County, at the Forest Preserve District of Will County's Black Road Access to the Rock Run Preserve.

Northeast Zone / District 4, Sgt. Josh Mooi

(CPO Farrell, CPO Gates, CPO Gilliam, CPO Hopper, CPO Kater, CPO Kusta, CPO Longley, CPO Vik, CPO Waigand)

(Counties: Cook, DuPage)

COOK COUNTY

While on boat patrol on the Chicago River CPO Waigand and CPO Kusta conducted several boat stops and performed inspections. One citation for registration violation was issued and four written warnings for no wake violation and equipment violations.

CPO Waigand and CPO Kater received a call concerning a boat accident with one injured individual. CPO Waigand and CPO Kater responded and were able to make contact with both vessels involved. The injured individual was transported to the hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. The investigation is ongoing.

While on patrol at William Powers State Park, CPO Waigand was driving toward the park entrance, when a white Lincoln passed going towards State Line Road. CPO Waigand was flagged down by two fishermen near the office by the entrance. CPO Waigand met with the two fishermen, in which they gave complaints of the driver harassing them and could also be drunk. CPO Waigand immediately turned around and started towards the vehicle on State Line Road. CPO Waigand found the vehicle that just parked near the boat ramp on State Line Road. When CPO Waigand approached the white Lincoln, the two occupants exited the vehicle and proceeded to lean on the trunk of the car. CPO Waigand made contact with the driver and informed them of the complaint. While talking with the driver, CPO Waigand noticed the driver's speech was slurred, bloodshot eyes, and a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage was coming from his breath when he spoke. The driver completed field sobriety tests and gave a breath sample. The driver was arrested for DUI.

CPO Vik Issued 2 citations and 5 written warnings while enforcing boat regulations on Chicago waterways, one for failure to display valid registration sticker and no type 4 throwable PFD on board.,2 wake zone violations, 1 fishing device violation, 1 passenger location violation, and 1 no fishing license.

CPO Kusta was conducting recreational boat enforcement on a Chicago River. CPO Kusta observed a sailboat without valid registration. Contact was made with the boat operator and it was learned the boat was not

registered since 2001. CPO Kusta completed a boat safety inspection and the operator had no flares and no sounding device on board. CPO Kusta issued a citation for the expired registration and written warnings for the flares and sounding device.

CPO Kusta was conducting enforcement on department lands. CPO Kusta cited two individuals for possession of alcoholic beverages in a State Park and issued a written warning for littering. The littering written warning was due to one of the individuals throwing their beer can into the lake to hide the violation.

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CPO Kusta was conducting recreational boat enforcement on a Chicago River. CPO Kusta observed a watercraft in violation of a No Wake Zone. CPO Kusta made contact with the operator and conducted a boat safety inspection. CPO Kusta issued a written warning for the violations of a No Wake Zone, unnumbered watercraft, and expired flares.

CPO Kater responded to an accident that occurred on Lake Michigan. The individual was brought to Navy Pier then transported by EMS to the hospital. Two boats were attempting to tie up together and the male's foot became trapped between the boats, this resulted in a near-full traumatic amputation of the big toe on his left foot. CPO Kater is further investigating the accident.

While driving along South Lakeshore Drive CPO Waigand and CPO Kater observed a two-vehicle accident. The rear vehicle had struck the front vehicle. When approaching the rear vehicle's driver the CPOs could smell alcohol. The woman had slurred speech and had wet herself. CPO Kater performed field tests on the woman before arresting her. CPO Sgt. Mooi was on scene and transported the woman to the police department. CPO Kater booked the woman issued the woman 4 citations. There were no injuries from the accident.

CPO Longley conducted a William Powers State Park patrol. CPO Longley issued a citation to an individual for possession of a short Northern Pike. CPO Longley also issued 7 written warnings for sport fishing violations.

Sgt. Mooi was patrolling the 95th street boat ramp at Calumet Park in Chicago when he observed a wave runner being operated by a child. Sgt. Mooi stopped the vessel, and inquired of the age of the child, and if he had a boaters safety card. The 13 year old stated he did not. After speaking with the father, it was determined that the child had signed up for the boat safety class, but had not yet finished the course. The father was issued a written warning for allowing youthful operation.

Sgt. Mooi was patrolling Chicago area boat ramps when he observed a boat being pulled into the launch area at Burnham Harbor. The boat had expired out of state registration on it, and the vehicle was registered in Indiana. While speaking with the boat's owner, it was determined he was an Illinois resident, and had applied for registration. A complete boat registration and safety inspection showed the boat did not have an appropriate throwable PFD, and the horn was non-functioning. There was no other sounding device on the vessel. A written warning was issued for the violation.

Sgt. Mooi was patrolling the Chicago River and Lake Michigan when he observed a vessel coming into the lock at a high rate of speed. The vessel locked through, and exited the lock at a high rate of speed, weaving to the left and right. A stop was initiated and the operator was subsequently arrested for operation of a watercraft under the influence of alcohol. He refused to provide a breath sample, and was issued 3 citations and 2 written warnings .

CPO Kater conducted 7 Boat inspections. Wrote 1 warning for unnumbered watercraft, wrote 2 warnings for no fishing license. Submitted DUI Field Report.

CPO Kater Met with Forest preserve officer about woman dumping tilapia and crayfish in Busse Lake, the investigation is Pending.

CPO Waigand met with Coral Reef Pet store owner to issue one citation for failure to keep records on native herptiles bought or sold for at least 2 years. The owner was issued a renewed herp permit from the department and will appear in court later this month.

CPO Waigand met with a home owner in Elk Grove Village to issue a citation for the migratory bird act. CPO Waigand had recent contact with the individual and told him that he could not remove the tree in his backyard until all birds' nests were not active or got a permit from USFW. The individual did not receive a permit with USFW, but a recommendation email for cutting the tree down. CPO Waigand informed the individual that he did not have the proper permit to cut the tree down, and in the process several birds were killed including mallard ducks. The individual will appear in court later this month.

While on routine boat patrol on the Chicago River, CPO Waigand, CPO Farrell, and Sgt. Mooi observed a boat traveling at a high rate of speed heading North on the Chicago River. CPO Waigand, Farrell, and Sgt. Mooi conducted a boat stop on the vessel just outside of the marina. CPO Waigand conducted a vessel inspection, and observed clues of impairment from the operator. CPO Waigand boarded the vessel and conducted field sobriety tests on the operator. The operator was arrested for OUI and released on scene. The operator will appear in court in August.

CPO Farrell was on patrol near the mouth of Diversey Harbor when he discovered five individuals, three adults and two children walking back to their vehicle with fishing gear. When asked to see their fishing licenses it was discovered that one individual did not have a current fishing license. It was also discovered that the group had caught five Yellow Perch that morning (Closed season May 1 through June 15). One individual stated that the children caught the fish and the father was under the impression the closed season did not apply to children. The father was issued a citation and a written warning. CPO Farrell seized the five Yellow Perch.

While conducting boat patrol on the Chicago River and Lake Michigan, Sgt. Mooi was confronted by an individual who identified himself as a police officer. Based on the man's behavior, and the information he

kept coming back to, it struck Sgt. Mooi as odd. An initial inquiry has revealed that the man may no longer be a Police Officer, an investigation is pending.

DUPAGE COUNTY

CPO Gates received a complaint regarding a vehicle that struck a family of Canada Geese attempting to cross a road in Aurora. The witness was able to provide a picture of the car. Unfortunately, the picture provided a good image of the vehicle but the license plate is unreadable. CPO Gates reached out to contacts at the US fish and wildlife service in attempts to enhance the photo. CPO Gates also reached out to Aurora police and Animal Control. No reports came into the Aurora Police but Aurora Animal Control did say they picked up a dead Goose in the area the complainant stated- Aurora Animal Control was not sure if deceased goslings were also picked up. The investigation is ongoing.

CPO Gates was at a local park district lake in Bartlett speaking with fisherman when CPO Gates observed a white van drive into the park and dump building material into the park's dumpster. CPO Gates was able to obtain the license plate and contacted Bartlett PD to share the information. Bartlett PD was able to locate the man at his residence and issued the man ordinance violations for unlawful dumping.

CPO Gates responded to a complaint received regarding a gosling with what appeared to be a blow dart in its backside in carol stream. The gosling was taken to the Willowbrook Wildlife Center by local volunteers. CPO Gates spoke with citizens who were in the nearby area, but none reported seeing anyone shooting anything at geese. CPO Gates spoke with carol stream police to inquire about any 911 calls that may have come in regarding the situation, there were none. The investigation is ongoing.

While on patrol, CPO Gates observed two young men fishing at a sub-division pond in DuPage County. CPO Gates made contact with both men and it was determined that neither had a fishing license. CPO Gates was able to educate the new fisherman to the fishing laws and both men proceeded to go online to purchase a fishing license. The men were each issued written warnings for not having a fishing license.



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Northwest Zone – Captain Laura Petreikis

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Northwest Zone / District 1 – Sgt. Steven Beltran
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(Counties: Carroll, Henry, JoDaviess, Lee, Mercer, Ogle, Rock Island, Stephenson, Whiteside)
CARROLL COUNTY
CPO Peecher and UFO Bauer apprehended and charged an individual on federal/private lands unlawfully taking herptiles along with other criminal charges.
HENRY COUNTY
No Activity Reported for this County
JODAVIESS COUNTY
CPO Hoftender cited a Hanover man for violating the no wake area 150 feet from a public launch at Blanding Landing. He was issued written warnings for failure to wear his lanyard, no whistle, and a non-serviceable fire extinguisher.
LEE COUNTY
CPO Zigler Issued a citation for operation of a kayak without a PFD. CPO Zigler issued a citation for improper passenger location aboard a pontoon.
MERCER COUNTY
CPO McKune conducted recreational boating and OUI enforcement patrols on the Mississippi River. CPO McKune made 2 OUI arrests during the reporting period. The arrested subjects had BAC's of .199 and .139. CPO McKune made 1 DUI arrest as well. The arrest subject had a BAC of .096. Various citations and warnings were issued during the reporting period.
OGLE COUNTY
CPO Zigler issued a written warning for alcohol consumption in Lowden State Park. CPO Zigler issued 4 written warnings for fishing without a valid fishing license in White Pines State Park.
Sergeant Beltran was assisted by CPO Peecher in regards to an abandoned vehicle at White Pines State Park. The van was parked several days in a restricted area after hours and despite efforts to find the owner it was towed. Sgt Beltran and other officers walked the trails and other areas to find the owner. A path was followed through the moist grass which appeared to have some foot traffic; however no one was found.
ROCK ISLAND COUNTY
CPO Priest stopped to assist a motorist on I74. After talking to the motorist CPO Priest believed the motorist was under the influence of something and his story was not adding up. CPO Priest performed Fields on the driver. The driver was arrested for DUI- Drugs. After completing the inventory of the vehicle CPO Priest found 47 grams of cannabis and all the supplies for selling it. The driver was charged with a DUI-Drugs, Possession of cannabis more than 30 grams, Unlawful transportation of cannabis and Unlawful possession of manufacturing equipment.
While on patrol with CPO McKune on the Mississippi River, CPO Hoftender cited a Davenport man for not having his 10-year-old son in a life jacket.
CPO McKune, CPO Hoftender and CPO Priest conducted an OUI Patrol Detail on Mississippi River Pool 16. Various citations and warnings were issued.
STEPHENSON COUNTY
No Activity Reported for this County
WHITESIDE COUNTY
While on boat patrol with CPO Zigler on the Rock River, CPO Hoftender cited a Rock Falls man for not having a life jacket on his kayak.

CPO Zigler investigated a boat accident at the Albany Boat Ramp on the Mississippi River, the operator was cited for not wearing a lanyard cut-off. CPO Zigler issued a written warning for speeding in Morrison Rockwood State Park. CPO Zigler issued 2 written warnings for fishing without valid fishing license at Lawrence Park.

Northwest Zone / District 6 - Sgt. Phil Wire

(CPO Alvarez-Gerbino, CPO Binsbacher, CPO Engledow, CPO Filipiak, CPO Kaufman, CPO Kiprono, CPO Leannah, CPO Murry, CPO Pankey, CPO Roesch, CPO Stanbary, CPO Swanson, CPO Wagner)

(Counties: Boone, Bureau, DeKalb, LaSalle, Putnam, Winnebago)

BOONE COUNTY

No Activity Reported for this County

BUREAU COUNTY

While checking boats at Barto landing in Spring Valley CPO Wagner found bound with registration sticker that did not match IL numbers on boat. Once CPO verified boat was not stolen operator was issued citation for improper display of valid registration number.

While checking fisherman along Hennepin Canal CPO Wagner found multiple vehicles parked in restricted areas blocking access to canal towpath. CPO found operators of vehicles and issued citations for parking in prohibited area.

DEKALB COUNTY

CPO Roesch and CPO Murry conducted a boat patrol on Shabbona Lake State Park. One boat was overloaded, missing the proper number of PFDs, missing all required equipment except battery secured/covered, and none of the individuals had fishing licenses. The boat was escorted off the water and issued a citation for improper number of PFDs and multiple warnings.

CPO Engledow conducted a turkey harvest investigation from April where a hunter reported a turkey harvest, but records indicated the hunter had no hunting license or habitat stamp. After interviewing the subject, it was determined it was the hunter's first turkey hunt and that he was unaware that his license was expired. Records indicated he always purchased a hunting license a week prior to archery deer season. CPO Engledow issued two WWs for hunting with no valid hunting license and no habitat stamp.

CPO Engledow issued a citation to an individual for Driving while License Suspended and a WW to the individual for Speeding 50mph in 35mph Zone

CPO Murry and CPO Roesch worked boat patrol at Shabbona Lake State Park. During the patrol numerous boating and fishing violations were discovered. A total of 12 written warnings were issued and 4 citations were issued. Citations were issued for no valid sport fishing license and personal floatation violations.

CPO Murry and CPO Roesch did a presentation to a group of approximately 20 4H Students at Shabbona Lake State Park.

LASALLE COUNTY

CPO Kaufman observed 2 personal watercrafts (PWC) on the Illinois River by Illini State Park. The PWC's were jumping each other's wakes, operating towards each other and swerving at the last second. There was an individual with a truck and trailer for the PWC's at the boat ramp. CPO Kaufman learned the man was the father of both operators. The brother and sister were both born after 01/01/1998 and neither had taken a boater's safety class. The PWCs came back to the boat ramp. A boat safety inspection was completed on both PWCs, no violations were found. CPO Kaufman did have to demonstrate how to check the fire

extinguishers. CPO Kaufman talked to the brother and sister about their reckless operation of the PWC. CPO Kaufman gave and explained a boat safety pamphlet to the family. The father was issued a written warning for parental responsibility for allowing his children to operate without a boater safety certificate.

CPO Engledow was conducting sport fishing compliance checks. CPO Engledow observed two individuals from a distance and observed a female catch a small mouth bass and place it in a bucket. CPO Engledow spoke with the two individuals and observed two small mouth bass undersized and out of season. CPO Engledow issued a citation to both individuals for Failure to Immediately Release

CPO Engledow issued 2 citations to individuals fishing w No Valid Fishing License and 1 WW to an individual for Unlawfully Parking in Restricted Area

CPO Binsbacher issued multiple citations for fishing without a valid sport fishing license.

During boat patrol on Illinois River CPO Wagner cited individual for no PFD. Warnings were also issued for minor boat violations.

CPO Pankey was checking fisherman at the starved rock boat ramp. One man did not have a fishing license due to needing to show his passport, which he did not have, to the vendor an order to get one. The violation was delt with appropriately.

Sgt. Wire checked two individuals for fishing licenses. Both were fishing along a shore that was packed and stated that they were not fishing. Sgt. Wire showed them his notepad that had their detailed clothing description, location, and fishing actions. They were each issued citations.

CPO Hannah Martin received a call reference a missing kayaker on the Vermilion River in Oglesby. A fisherman located an unoccupied flipped kayak near the Oglesby Canoe Launch. The owner of the kayak reportedly began his kayak journey from Lowell. CPO Martin, CPO Binsbacher, and CPO Pankey responded and began a search upstream from the launch. A short time later, the CPOs located a male kayak operator wearing a life jacket and floating in the river approximately 400 yards downstream of the low head dam. The male was deceased. He was recovered by CPOs and Oglesby Fire. CPOs met with the family to inform them of the incident.

PUTNAM COUNTY

No Activity Reported for this County

WINNEBAGO COUNTY

CPO Roesch conducted boat patrols on the Rock River and Rock Cut State Park issuing 2 citations for unnumbered watercraft and 1 citation for no PFD.

CPO Roesch, Engledow, Leannah, and Engledow conducted a park detail at Rock Cut. 2 individuals were evicted from the park for staying past 14 days and not paying their fees. CPO Roesch issued 1 citation for littering in the park and 1 citation for possession of alcoholic beverage in the park.

CPO Roesch, CPO Engledow, CPO Alvarez, and CPO Leannah responded to Loves Park carnival for a large crowd fighting. ISP also assisted, the crowd was dispersed, and carnival was shut down.

CPO Roesch assisted Rockton with a large fire at Chemtool Factory on the Rock River with directing traffic and evacuating parts of Rockton. The factory was completely engulfed in flames and several fire departments were called in to handle the fire.

CPO Roesch checked multiple sport fisherman on the Rock River. CPO Roesch issued 1 citation for failure to immediately release short walleye and 2 citations for taking sport fish (bluegill) with illegal method (cast net). CPO Roesch issued 1 citation for taking bullfrogs out of season/illegal devices at Four Lakes Forest Preserve.

CPO Roesch encountered an individual with two smallmouth bass in a cooler with water. The individual stated he was going to take the fish home and put them in his private pond. CPO Roesch issued 1 citation for possession of smallmouth bass out of season and 1 WW for unlawful transport of live VHS susceptible species.

Sgt. Wire and CPO Swanson were patrolling Rock Cut State Park after closing hours. Four individuals that were in the park after closing were cited. Two of them were consuming cannabis in a motor vehicle, the other two were in the back seat of a car.

CPO Leannah cited two fishermen for using an injurious species as live bait (rusty crawfish). CPO's Leannah, Roesch, Alvarez and Engledow assisted Loves Park PD with a large fight at the Rockford Speedway.

CPO Swanson issued written warnings to an 18 and 19 year old from Wisconsin for no fishing license. The two men said they believed their Wisconsin license covered Illinois waters near the Wisconsin border. CPO Swanson educated them on fishing laws and provided them with an Illinois fishing digest.

CPO Swanson issued a Rockford man a citation for failing to have a 9 year aboard his boat wear a lifejacket as required.

CPO Swanson issued a Belvidere man a citation for failing to have a child < 13 aboard his boat wear a life jacket as required. He also received four written warnings for other violations.

Northwest Zone / District 7, Sgt. Scott Avery

(CPO Elliot, CPO Finn, CPO Gerard, CPO Lazzell, CPO Thompson)

(Counties: Fulton, Henderson, Knox, Marshall, McDonough, Peoria, Stark, Tazewell, Warren, Woodford)

FULTON COUNTY

CPO Thompson and CPO Wheatley responded to a complaint of trespassing. Upon investigation, CPOs located a turkey hunter hunting on property without permission of the landowner. Upon conducting a compliance checks, CPOs identified the man to be hunting in Fulton County with a Schuyler County turkey permit. CPOs explained the violations and issued a citation for hunting without a valid permit and written warnings for hunting without permission and trespassing.

CPO Thompson was on patrol in rural Fulton County conducting fishing compliance checks. While on patrol near a restricted area, CPO Thompson located several individuals fishing on the property. CPO Thompson made contact with the individuals and issued a citation for fishing without permission and written warnings for trespass and fishing without a valid fishing license.

CPO Thompson was on patrol at Banner Marsh SFWA when a young man excitedly waved him down at the boat ramp. The young man explained he had been out fishing with his grandfather and they found a big buck floating in the water. The young man was curious if he could have the buck's head as a decoration. CPO Thompson explained to the young man and his grandfather he would investigate the buck to make sure

it wasn't a poaching incident. After ruling out foul play, CPO Thompson retrieved the buck and a local taxidermist, Dan McKee, offered to do a European "skull" mount for the boy free of charge. CPO Thompson presented the young man with the buck at Banner Marsh. The big buck now hangs from the wall for the boy to see every day and relive the memory. Thanks to Critter Crazy Taxidermy for helping this dream come true for the young man!

CPO Lazzell is investigating a report of two subjects who were observed harvesting Walnut trees from a Fulton County property without consent of the landowner. Investigation is on-going.

HENDERSON COUNTY

CPO Elliott and CPO McCune patrolled the Mississippi River. During the patrol, CPOs conducted 5 vessel inspections resulting in 1 OUI arrest. The subject provided a breath sample of .145 BAC.

KNOX COUNTY

No Activity Reported for this County

MARSHALL COUNTY

CPO Gerard cited an individual for unlawful entry into a restricted area on state lands.

MCDONOUGH COUNTY

CPO Elliott attended the Scott Jennings Children's Fishing Tournament at Spring Lake, Macomb. During the event, CPO Elliott was alerted to a disturbance on the lake by Macomb PD Chief Jerel Jones and his officers. CPO Elliott confirmed a canoe had overturned and subjects were in the water. CPO Elliott assisted by Acting M. Sgt. Bryan Clauson responded to the boat docks and utilized a Spring Lake Park boat to operate out to two subjects and a dog struggling in the water. Two fishermen in a nearby boat assisted the male subject and dog, while CPO Elliott and Sgt. Clauson assisted the female subject. Both subjects and the dog were safely transported back to the bank and evaluated for injuries before being released.

PEORIA COUNTY

CPO Gerard cited an individual for unlawfully fishing on property without consent of the landowner.

CPO Gerard arrested a Chillicothe resident for a criminal trespass arrest warrant.

STARK COUNTY

No Activity Reported for this County

TAZEWELL COUNTY

CPO Finn Region 1 District 7 checked fisherman near Spring Lake when he observed two men fishing off a bridge posted as no fishing. A check of the fisherman showed neither had purchased a fishing license this year. CPO ran both men and found one to be wanted on a warrant. CPO Finn issued both men citations for no fishing license, warnings for fishing off the bridge and took bond money for the Mason County Warrant.

WARREN COUNTY

No Activity Reported for this County

WOODFORD COUNTY

No Activity Reported for this County



Central Zone Bi-Monthly Report



Central Zone – Acting Captain John Williamson

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Central Zone / District 9, Sgt. Eric Myers
(CPO Blakeley, CPO Blazinic, CPO Goetten, CPO Gushleff, CPO Jansen, CPO Olroyd & CPO Wheatley)
(Counties: Adams, Brown, Calhoun, Greene, Hancock, Jersey, Macoupin, Pike, & Schuyler)
ADAMS COUNTY
No Activity Reported for this County
BROWN COUNTY
CPO James Blakeley attended the summer reading program at the Brown County Library. He read a few books and explained the importance of Boat Safety.
CALHOUN COUNTY
No Activity Reported for this County
GREENE COUNTY
CPO Gushleff attended a youth fishing derby June 5. The event was sponsored by the Roodhouse Police Department in Greene County. Youth from 5-17 years of age were able to catch fish at the Roodhouse Reservoir, and turn their catch in at the weigh in for various prizes. CPO Gushleff interacted with the youth and parents during the event.
HANCOCK COUNTY
CPO Wheatley has been actively patrolling the county as well as Pools 19 and 20 of the Mississippi River conducting boating and fishing compliance checks. Most boaters and fishermen have been in compliance with few exceptions, which are mostly minor.
JERSEY COUNTY
CPO Aaron Jansen and CPO Michael Goetten stopped a suspicious vehicle parked by the Mississippi River. The driver did not have a valid license and was in possession of cannabis and a pipe with methamphetamine. A passenger was in possession of methamphetamine, heroin and a hypodermic needle.
CPO Michael Goetten investigated a suspicious vehicle parked at PMSP. One occupant was a sexually violent predator unlawfully present in the State Park. He was arrested.
CPO Michael Goetten attended a Boater Safety Course and a Hunter Safety Course in Jersey County.
During a boat patrol, CPO James Olroyd and CPO Michael Goetten stopped 5 personal watercrafts on the Mississippi River. The operators were clients for an illegal boat rental service. 4 citations were issued to the business owner similar to the estimated 18 citations issued to him in 2020.
MACOUPIN COUNTY
CPO's Gushleff and Olroyd went on a boat patrol of the Illinois River at Grafton on June 12. Several Boats were stopped for safety inspections, and 4 written warnings were issued on the patrol for minor boating violations. A female on a personal watercraft approached the CPOs at dusk in distress. She stated she was separated from her husband and son. She told the CPO's her son was also on a jet ski, but her husband was in a boat. The CPOs were able to call the husband and direct him to his wife's location. All the boats had no lights, and the CPO's informed them they would have to cease operation and be picked up due the lack of lights on the boats. The subjects made arrangements to have someone bring their trailers and pick them up at Pere Marquette State Park boat ramp.
CPO Gushleff saved an injured Great Horned Owl on the side of the road in Macoupin County. As CPO Gushleff was driving on routine patrol, an Ameren employee flagged him down. As he was working on a power line, an injured owl was discovered. CPO Gushleff called the Treehouse Wildlife Rehabilitation Center

and they came and assessed that the owl's wing was broken. CPO Gushleff assisted them in collecting the owl, and he will be re-released after his wing is fixed up.

CPO Gushleff conducted a boat patrol in early June on Otter Lake-Macoupin County with Sgt. Myers. Boats were checked for safety equipment, as well as fishing regulations, and 8 written warnings were issued during the patrol for various minor boat and fishing violations.

PIKE COUNTY

No Activity Reported for this County

SCHUYLER COUNTY

No Activity Reported for this County

Central Zone / District 10, Sgt. William Gilmer

(CPO Gerdes, CPO McClenning, CPO Snodgrass, CPO Thornley, CPO Wahlbrink, CPO Wright)

(Counties: Cass, Christian, Logan, Mason, Menard, Morgan, Sangamon, & Scott)

CASS COUNTY

No Activity Reported for this County

CHRISTIAN COUNTY

While conducting sport fish enforcement at Sangchris Lake State Park CPO Snodgrass issued a subject a citation for unlawful possession of short bass.

LOGAN COUNTY

No Activity Reported for this County

MASON COUNTY

CPO Thornley patrolled Mason, Menard and Logan Counties for recreational boat patrol. Several kayaks and canoes were checked for compliance. CPO Thornley issued three citations for no PFD's. CPO Thornley issued one citation to an adult for a 12 y/o child not wearing a PFD as required.

MENARD COUNTY

No Activity Reported for this County

MORGAN COUNTY

CPOs Wahlbrink and Thornley discovered an illegal trotline while patrolling Meredosia Bay. The trotline was neither labeled with the owner's information nor had legal spacing of hooks. Several of the hooks were closer than the required 24 inches apart. The owner of the trotline was discovered and the appropriate enforcement action was taken.

SANGAMON COUNTY

CPO Gerdes conducted multiple fishing enforcement details around Lake Springfield after receiving numerous complaints about unlawful fishing activities. During these enforcement details, CPO Gerdes issued several written warnings and citations for various violations including; Fishing Without a Fishing License and Using More than the Allowed 2 Fishing Poles.

During a boat patrol on Lake Springfield, CPOs Wahlbrink and Thornley observed several individuals fishing along the bank near the Spaulding dam. Fishing compliance checks performed by CPO Wahlbrink revealed that one of the individuals had an outstanding warrant for his arrest and had not purchased a fishing license. The individual was arrested and taken to the Sangamon County Jail.

CPO Thornley and CPO Gerdes patrolled Lake Springfield. A bass boat with engine problems was located and looked to be over capacity. The CPO's conducted a boat inspection and determined the vessel was over capacity and was short of PFD's. The operator was issued a citation for not enough PFDs on the vessel.

While on Lake Springfield, CPO Thornley received a call about a boat accident on the Illinois River. CPO Thornley traveled to Naples reference the single vessel boat accident. The investigation is ongoing.

CPO Snodgrass was on patrol at Springfield Lake when he came across a fisherman with drug paraphernalia on his lap. CPO Snodgrass removed the globe pipe that contained methamphetamine. Upon searching the subject he was found to have 2 other bags of meth, and several suspected strips of LSD. The subject was arrested for Possession of meth and possession of a controlled substance.

SCOTT COUNTY

CPO Gerdes and CPO Thornley responded to a boat accident near Naples, Il involving a male subject who had been struck by the prop of a vessel. This investigation is ongoing.

Central Zone / District 11, Sgt. Dan Greuel

(CPO Barnes, CPO Hyatt, CPO Mieure, CPO Miller, & CPO Moody)

(Counties: Clark, Coles, Cumberland, Douglas, Edgar, Moultrie, Shelby)

CLARK COUNTY

CPO Hyatt patrolled Lincoln Trail Park campgrounds in response to an uptick in park visitors. CPO Hyatt performed several boat checks at the ramp resulting in 3 written warnings.

COLES COUNTY

CPO Mieure issued a written warning to a Champaign man for hunting raccoons out of season at Fox Ridge State Park.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY

No Activity Reported for this County

DOUGLAS COUNTY

No Activity Reported for this County

EDGAR COUNTY

No Activity Reported for this County

MOULTRIE COUNTY

CPO Hyatt performed boat inspections at Lake Shelbyville at the Wilborn Creek Access resulting in 2 written warnings.

SHELBY COUNTY

CPO Miller issued a jet ski rider a citation for not wearing a PFD while underway.

CPO Miller issued multiple written warnings to boaters for various boating violations.

CPO Miller issued multiple citations to boaters for not having their children wear PFDs while underway.

CPO Hyatt and CPO Miller did a boat patrol on Lake Shelbyville and issued 4 written warnings total during the patrol.

CPO Hyatt performed boat inspections at Lake Shelbyville at the Opossum Creek Ramp, and Eagle Creek Ramp resulting in 2 written warnings.

CPO Hyatt and CPO Miller responded to a call regarding a possible boat accident. After investigation no accident was found, a subject on a jet ski rolled the jet ski and it took on water and would not restart. His wife towed him to the bank and went to find help towing him back to ramp. When wife returned to where

she thought she left him he was gone. Subject had flagged down a passerby and received a tow to boat ramp. No injuries were found and no damage was done to jet ski

CPO Viverito focused on impaired drivers and boaters over the Memorial Day holiday weekend. CPO Viverito arrested a white male after he struck a parked vehicle in the campground for DUI. CPO Viverito observed a jet ski operating at higher than no wake speed near the ramp an investigation ensued which led to the arrest of the man for OUI.

Central Zone / District 19, ACTING Sgt. Matt Graden

(CPO Ausmus, CPO Graden, CPO Reeves, CPO Sanford, CPO Viverito, CPO Z. Williams, & CPO Workman)

(Counties: Champaign, DeWitt, Ford, Iroquois, Livingston, Macon, McLean, Piatt, Vermilion,)

CHAMPAIGN COUNTY

CPO Z. Williams interviewed the owner of Sailfin Pet Shop in Champaign. Records show the owner sold three ornate box turtles without having an Endangered/Threatened species permit. The owner was issued warnings and educated on the laws. The three individuals who purchases the turtles were contacted and arrangements made for them to acquire the necessary permits.

DEWITT COUNTY

CPO Noah Workman and Intern Riley Mayes were on routine patrol and received a call stating a lady had broken her ankle at the Clinton Lake Mascoutin boat launch. Workman and Mayes responded and assisted Dewitt Couty EMS in providing immediate care for the female subject. They then followed the ambulance to the hospital to gather more information from the injured party. At the hospital, Workman and Mayes assisted the lady in coordinating with her brother to get her personal belongings and dog gathered from her campsite, due to the fact she was being admitted to the hospital immediately for surgery.

CPO Reeves along with other D19 CPOs responded to the Mascoutin boat ramp on Clinton Lake for a report of a man that had went under the water near the ramp and never resurfaced. CPO Reeves utilized side scan sonar to locate the victim and marked his location. Divers from the Cornbelt dive team then dove on the location and recovered the body of the man.

CPO Z. Williams assisted District 19 with a drowning incident which occurred on Clinton Lake. CPO Z. Williams assisted CPO Reeves with locating the body via sonar.

CPO Z. Williams and CPO Vaughn responded to a jet skier who fell off the jet ski and was struggling to swim. Upon arrival CPO Z. Williams interviewed all the witnesses and got information regarding the incident. The jet skier was checked by medical personnel and released.

FORD COUNTY

No Activity Reported for this County

IROQUOIS COUNTY

No Activity Reported for this County

LIVINGSTON COUNTY

No Activity Reported for this County

MACON COUNTY

No Activity Reported for this County

MCLEAN COUNTY

No Activity Reported for this County

PIATT COUNTY

While on patrol in Piatt County, CPO Sanford observed a vehicle traveling 93 in a 70 MPH zone. CPO Sanford conducted a t/s on the vehicle. The driver was issued a citation for the speed violation.

VERMILION COUNTY

CPO Sanford investigated multiple complaints of unlawful operation of ATVs, UTVs, and motor vehicles within a waterway on State lands in Vermilion Co. CPO Sanford observed a jeep operating within the waterway. CPO Sanford made contact with the driver of the jeep, who was educated to the regulations pertaining to operating of vehicles within a waterway. Proper enforcement action was taken.

CPO Sanford also observed a UTV traveling on a roadway through State lands. CPO Sanford made contact with the operator of the UTV, who was in possession of open alcohol. Proper enforcement action was taken.

CPO Sanford conducted speed radar enforcement within Kickapoo SRA due to numerous complaints of speeding through an active construction zone. CPO Sanford conducted multiple traffic stops on speeding vehicles. Proper enforcement action was taken.

CPO Sanford completed investigation into the unlawful possession/sale of fur-bearing mammals captured from the wild. In total, CPO Sanford, with the assistance of local animal control, recovered five unlawfully possessed animals, which were transported to licensed rehabilitation facilities. The individuals involved were issued multiple citations for the violation(s).



Southern Zone Bi-Monthly Report



Southern Zone – Acting Captain Eric Manker

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(Counties: Bond, Clinton, Madison, Monroe, Montgomery, Randolph, St. Clair & Washington)
BOND COUNTY
No Activity Reported for this County
CLINTON COUNTY
CPO Leibl encountered 2 persons fishing at Carlyle Lake. When asked if they had fishing licenses, they responded that they did not think they bought them yet this year. A check showed that one had not had a license since 2016 and the other was unable to purchase a license due to his privileges to purchase a license being revoked. Both fishermen were cited for their offenses.
CPO's Macias was called to a Trenton address about illegal raccoon traps placed on someone's property without their permission. When the CPO arrived, he noticed three Dog-Proof raccoon traps placed near the back end of the persons four acre property. The CPO seized the traps and placed the seizure tag near the area. A few days later the CPO received a phone call from someone telling him "You have my traps and I want them back!". The CPO m with the caller and informed him that raccoon trapping was not in season, that his traps were unmarked, and he did not have permission from the landowner to set the traps on the property. The trapper told the CPO that he was aware of all this but was doing a favor for a friend who lived next door to the landowner who was having raccoons in his barn. The CPO returned the traps to the trapper along with several trapping violation tickets.
CPO Ray, CPO Wichern, TSgt Sievers worked multiple weekends on Carlyle Lake enforcing the Illinois boating code. Multiple violations were addressed to educate and inform boaters of safety violations.
MADISON COUNTY
CPO Ray and CPO Wichern continue to educate subjects fishing at the Low Water Dam on Chouteau Island along the Mississippi River.
MONROE COUNTY
CPO Schachner handled a complaint call regarding the sighting of a black bear in Monroe County. The bear was sighted by at least 4 different subjects in the span of an hour. Photos and video of the bear were confirmed and the sighting was legitimate. The bear is one of the first in Southern Illinois in many decades and generated considerable media coverage. The bear appears to be likely a young male black bear and is a brown color-phase. It has since been seen and photographed approximately 35 miles from the original sighting.
CPO Schachner also presented a job duty talk and question/answer session to a Retired Nurses Association in Waterloo and helped provide two days of security/enforcement for the IHSA State Finals Bass Tournament in Carlyle.
MONTGOMERY COUNTY
No Activity Reported for this County
RANDOLPH COUNTY
No Activity Reported for this County
ST. CLAIR COUNTY
CPO Ray and an Intern from SIUE was called by Fairview Heights P.D. in reference to a 73 year old lady caring for a fawn in her house. The lady found the fawn in her yard and felt she could be a mother to the little fawn. The fawn was transported to Treehouse Wildlife Rescue Center in Dow Illinois.

WASHINGTON COUNTY
No Activity Reported for this County
Southern Zone / District 14, Sgt. Marc Folden
(CPO Haggerty, CPO Jourdan, CPO Knop, CPO Lewis, CPO Tapley, CPO K. Williams & CPO T. Williams)
(Counties: Franklin, Gallatin, Hamilton, Hardin, Jefferson, Perry, Saline, & White)
FRANKLIN COUNTY
CPO Kyle Williams and Sgt. Folden performed a boat patrol on Rend Lake. 13 Safety violations were found during the boat patrol including No life jacket, no throwable device, no fire extinguisher, no sounding device, No engine cutoff switch, No skier-towing flag, Boat battery not secured and unnumbered watercraft. Citation and warnings were issued.
CPO Kyle Williams assisted Franklin County Sheriff's department with a motorcycle fatal accident at the Rend Lake Dam.
CPO Haggerty was conducting a boat safety check and found the operator to be missing one wearable life jacket, a type 4 throwable, fire extinguisher, operating a watercraft with no navigation lights after sunset, and no whistle or horn. One citation and 4 written warnings were issued.
GALLATIN COUNTY
No Activity Reported for this County
HAMILTON COUNTY
No Activity Reported for this County
HARDIN COUNTY
No Activity Reported for this County
JEFFERSON COUNTY
CPO Williams cited a subject for failure to pay/register their tent campsite at Wayne Fitzgerald State Park Primitive camping area. The site had been occupied throughout the Memorial Day Weekend without payment.
PERRY COUNTY
CPOs Troy Williams and Dan Lewis issued a citation and 10 written warnings for boating violations during patrol of Du Quoin City Lake and Pinckneyville City Lake.
SALINE COUNTY
No Activity Reported for this County
WHITE COUNTY
CPO Williams recovered a deceased Bald Eagle which was found by IDOT crews working along I-64. The Eagle will be transferred to the USFWS for disposal.
Southern Zone / District 15, Sgt. Timothy Buhnerkempe
(CPO Hyatt, CPO Roper, CPO Roundcount, CPO Skelton, CPO Smith, CPO Swindle, CPO Taylor & CPO Willand)
(Counties: Clay, Crawford, Edwards, Effingham, Fayette, Jasper, Lawrence, Marion, Richland, Wabash, & Wayne)
CLAY COUNTY
No Activity Reported for this County
CRAWFORD COUNTY
No Activity Reported for this County
EDWARDS COUNTY

No Activity Reported for this County

EFFINGHAM COUNTY

CPO Smith issued a citation to a person operating a kayak without any life jackets aboard. Within the same group, CPO Smith issued a written warning to a person without a life jacket aboard.

CPO Smith was contacted by a person who found an injured deer fawn laying in mud. The deer fawn had injuries to its front leg. The person took the fawn to his barn and waited for CPO Smith to arrive. CPO Smith transported the fawn to a rehabilitator in Clay County.

FAYETTE COUNTY

While on patrol in Fayette County CPO Roper observed an individual fishing at Vandalia Lake. CPO Roper initiated a fishing compliance check on the individual and in the process of completing the check observed drug paraphernalia. Upon further investigation CPO Roper located Methamphetamine in the possession of the individual. The individual was placed under arrest and taken to Fayette County Jail for possession of Methamphetamine.

JASPER COUNTY

CPO Hyatt and CPO Roper caught an individual fishing for Crappie at Newton Lake who had 16 crappies with 8 of them being undersized. The limit at Newton Lake for an individual is 10 crappies at 10 inches. The individual was issued two citations with a mandatory court date in Jasper County.

CPO Hyatt caught an individual with two undersized Crappie at Newton Lake. The fishermen were issued one citation.

CPO Hyatt issued a citation to an individual near Prairie Ridge Wildlife Area for continually allowing their dogs to run onto the wildlife area. The dog's owner had been warned previously but the problem had not stopped. The owner was given a mandatory court appearance in Jasper County.

LAWRENCE COUNTY

CPO Taylor recovered an abandoned boat in Lawrence County that a subject found while magnet fishing. CPO Taylor is attempting to find registered owner.

MARION COUNTY

CPO Swindle had addressed multiple violations while patrolling Forbes Lake, Raccoon Lake, Lake Centralia, and the Salem Reservoir. These violations include warnings and citations for boaters without required PFD's, flag's while having a person in tow, and no covers over batteries.

CPO Swindle has issued one citation for no fishing license as well as multiple warnings for the same offense.

CPO Swindle issued a warning at Stephen Forbes State Park for having a dog off leash.

CPO Swindle also issued a citation to a nearby resident for continuing to allow their dogs on state park property w/o a leash.

CPO Swindle also cited an ATV operator for operation in a state park.

CPO Smith issued several written warnings to fisherman fishing without a license. CPO instructed them on how they can purchase the license online if they chose to do so.

RICHLAND COUNTY

CPO Willand conducted multiple boat safety checks as well as fishing compliance checks on East fork lake. CPO Willand issued 10 written warning for various boating safety violations and a citation for keeping a short largemouth bass.

CPO Hyatt and CPO Willand worked East Fork Lake in Olney, IL. CPO Hyatt issued one citation to a boater who had a child under 13 not in a life jacket. CPO Hyatt also issued 4 warnings for various boating equipment violations.

CPO Smith issued a written warning to an individual in Olney for possessing a raccoon and opossum. The individual was trying to act as a rehabilitator and doing so without a permit. CPO Smith transported the raccoon and opossum to a rehabilitator in Clay County.

CPO Taylor worked East Fork Lake and checked numerous fishermen and inspected boats. Several warnings were issued for boating equipment violations.

WABASH COUNTY

No Activity Reported for this County

WAYNE COUNTY

No Activity Reported for this County

Southern Zone / District 16, Sgt. Kristin Taylor

(CPO G. Anderson, CPO Johnson, CPO Somers, CPO Spinka, CPO Teas, CPO Vasicek, CPO Wilkinson, CPO Wolf)

(Counties: Alexander, Jackson, Johnson, Massac, Pope, Pulaski, Union, & Williamson)

ALEXANDER COUNTY

CPO Spinka was notified about an injured eagle in a swampy area near Horseshoe Lake . After a lengthy foot chase through the swamp and underbrush CPO Spinka was able to wade out into a deeper section of the swamp and catch the eagle. Shortly after the eagle was taken to a rehabilitation center in Carterville.

JACKSON COUNTY

CPO Spinka located several subjects that were littering at Kincaid Lake. CPO Spinka performed boat safety checks on Kincaid Lake which resulted in multiple warnings and citations for boat safety violations.

CPO Somers referred charges of felony possession of a controlled substance to the Jackson County State’s Attorney office.

CPO G. Anderson conducted fishing compliance check and boat inspection at Kinkaid and Cedar Lake. Citations and warnings were issued for possession of short crappie (x2), operation of watercraft without proper lights after sunset, and failure to display registration (x2).

CPO G. Anderson assisted Jackson County Sheriff’s Dept. on a possible physical domestic altercation. After a brief investigation, it was determined to not be a domestic but a suicidal subject. The subject fled into the woods immediately after the incident and could not be located. One of deputies on scene received a call from the subject stating he was located at the Hardee’s parking lot in town. The subject agreed to go to the hospital for proper follow up care and treatment to injuries sustained.

CPO Vasicek arrested an impaired watercraft operator (OUI) on Kinkaid Lake. The male subject failed field sobriety testing and provided a breath sample indicating a BAC of .092%.

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JOHNSON COUNTY

CPO Teas cited a boater in Johnson County for failing to secure passengers under 13 in a PFD.

CPO Wilkinson and CPO Teas conducted a boat patrol on Lake of Egypt. Multiple boat stops were performed. CPO Wilkinson issued an operator a citation for failure to have children under age 13 in PFDs.

MASSAC COUNTY

No Activity Reported for this County

POPE COUNTY

CPO Wilkinson discovered an untagged commercial fishing net. The net was seized and the owner was later determined and contacted. CPO Wilkinson met with the violator and returned the net; however enforcement action was taken.

PULASKI COUNTY

No Activity Reported for this County

UNION COUNTY

No Activity Reported for this County

WILLIAMSON COUNTY

CPO Wolf cited an individual for operating a boat on Lake of Egypt with 4 children under the age of 13 not wearing lifejackets.

CPO Wilkinson and CPO Wolf conducted a boat patrol on Lake of Egypt. Several boat stops and safety compliance checks were conducted. CPO Wilkinson issued 5 written warnings for a variety of violations and one citation for a PFD violation. CPO Wilkinson also made an arrest for unlawful operation of a watercraft while under the influence of alcohol. The operator was observed driving on the lake at dark with no stern light.