

# ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

## Office of Law Enforcement

### Bi-Monthly Report

**Weeks of: September 16 – 30, 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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<b>(Counties: Kane, Lake, McHenry)</b>
<b>KANE COUNTY</b>
CPO Iaffaldano investigated unlawful herpetoculture activity with the assistance of Ohio DNR. The Ohio resident was in violation of herpetoculture laws in both Ohio and Illinois. The Ohio resident was charged with unlawful sale of native species without a permit, in addition to other charges by Ohio DNR.
CPO Iaffaldano & CPO Davis attended the Elgin Community College Career Fair
CPO Iaffaldano is investigating unlawful waterfowl hunting activity in northern Kane County
<b>LAKE COUNTY</b>
CPOs Kelley and Semenik attended the Zion Fishing Derby on September 25 at Shiloh Park in Zion. Many families at the event enjoyed the Region 2 Education trailer. A good time was had by all.
CPO Kelley received a call about early snagging at Waukegan Harbor and worked the area focusing on illegal snagging activities.
<b>MCHENRY COUNTY</b>
No Activity Reported for this County
<b>Northeast Zone / District 3 - Sgt. David Wollgast</b>
<b>(CPO M. Anderson, CPO Bergland, CPO Elliot, CPO Farber, CPO Honiotes, CPO Prasun, CPO Thompson)</b>
<b>(Counties: Grundy, Kankakee, Kendall, Will)</b>
<b>GRUNDY COUNTY</b>
CPO Matt Anderson attended Prairie Day at Goose Lake S.P. with the Conservation Police Trailer on 9-18.
<b>KANKAKEE COUNTY</b>
CPO Farber checked dove hunters at the Iroquois State Wildlife Area and Kankakee River State Park. Dove hunters at the Iroquois Wildlife area did very well during the first couple days of the 2021 dove season. Multiple licensing violations were discovered and written warnings were issued.
CPO Farber investigated a personal injury watercraft accident that occurred on the Kankakee River near Aroma Park. The operator of a watercraft entered the water when his boat became stuck on a submerged sandbar. The subject was able to push his boat into deeper water and had a passenger manipulate the throttle when he was standing in the water near the rear of the boat. After breaking the boat loose he slipped and the propeller of the watercraft made contact with the victim's knee and upper leg, causing extensive injuries. Aroma Park Police Department and Fire Department arrived on the scene, treated the victim, and transported him to Riverside Hospital.
<b>KENDALL COUNTY</b>
No Activity Reported for this County
<b>WILL COUNTY</b>
CPO Prasun responded to a DNR facility in southwestern Will County where an open pole barn door was observed. It was believed that high winds and pressure from a tornado in the area were able to pop the door off of its bracket. A field report was completed documenting the incident.
While patrolling DNR property in southwestern Will County, CPO Prasun observed a truck towing a boat trailer with dealer trailer plates mounted to it. After a brief investigation, it was determined the trailer's actual license plates were expired and the driver borrowed the dealer trailer plates and mounted them on the boat trailer to make it appear as if there were no violations. The driver was subsequently issued a citation for Improper Use of Registration.

While patrolling a river in southwestern Will County, CPO Prasun observed a child in a boat who was not wearing a personal floatation device (PFD). CPO Prasun conducted a boat safety inspection on the vessel and determined the boat did not have its battery terminals covered, and there was no type IV throwable PFD on board. The operator was cited for the PFD violation and issued a written warning for the remaining offenses.

CPO Prasun has been investigating a large case involving four hunters who had illegally harvested at least eight deer over a three-year period. This occurred in Will County along with another county in southern Illinois. CPO Prasun recently met with the main offender and issued him four citations and one written warning for the Will County part of the case. The citations were for:

- Failure to Report a Doe Harvest By 10:00 P.M. on The Day The Deer Was Taken
- Unlawful Take of a Whitetail Deer for a doe taken in Will County in 2019
- Unlawful Possession of A Whitetail Deer for an eleven point buck that was illegally taken in southern Illinois in 2019
- Unlawful Possession of A Whitetail Deer for a seven-point buck that was illegally taken in southern Illinois in 2017

The written warning was for Failure to Attach Harvest Tag Immediately Upon Kill. The offender was given a notice to appear in Will County court. The eleven-point and seven-point deer heads were seized as evidence. This case was also presented to a State's Attorney's Office in southern Illinois and is currently under review for additional charges.

CPO Prasun attended a hunter's safety education class in Will County where he presented material to many individuals who were just learning how to hunt for the first time.

#### **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**

CPO Vik assisted the Illinois State Police with a recovery operation on the Calumet River. The operation was successful.

While on boat patrol on the Chicago River, CPO Gate and CPO Vik located a barge loaded with sand drifting in the middle of the river unattended. After finding no vessels in the area capable of handling the barge, CPO Vik boarded the barge while CPO Gates used the IDNR Patrol boat to push the vessel. CPO Gates successfully pushed the barge to the river wall where CPO Vik used the barge's cables and winches to secure it to the river wall. The shipping company in charge of the barge was notified.

#### **DUPAGE COUNTY**

CPO Gates responded to a call regarding an injured blue heron at Blackwell Forest preserve. CPO Gates and members of the DuPage County Forest Preserve attempted to catch the injured bird, but it was able to evade capture. The bird will continue to be monitored by the Forest Preserve.

CPO Gates received a complaint regarding a DuPage County man using his cat to hunt rabbits on public land. The investigation is ongoing



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## Northwest Zone – Captain Laura Petreikis

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<b>(Counties: Carroll, Henry, JoDaviess, Lee, Mercer, Ogle, Rock Island, Stephenson, Whiteside)</b>
<b>CARROLL COUNTY</b>
CPO Peecher Assisted Iowa DNR with a boat accident on the Mississippi River Pool 13.
CPO Peecher has issued 6 written warnings for various offenses, 1 citation for littering, and 2 civil citations.
CPO Peecher also attended 1 Hunter education safety class and utilized the region wildlife education trailer for a Carroll County Community day
<b>HENRY COUNTY</b>
CPO Posateri was patrolling the Hennepin Canal State Park. A vehicle was stopped for speeding. The driver was issued a written warning for speed and a civil citation for possession of marijuana.
<b>JODAVIESS COUNTY</b>
CPO Peecher issued 1 PFD citation and made one Criminal trespass arrest
CPO Peecher has written 1 citation for unlawful alcohol in a state park, 1 citation for fish violations, and 3 WWs resulting from a call for service by park staff. The call was reported as a disturbance from the previous night. CPO Peecher arrived and located 2 groups on State Park property unlawfully consuming alcohol where prohibited and another unlawfully taking fish by use of cast net where 2 poles and line only is permitted.
CPO Zigler has been patrolling state sites investigating illegal ginseng harvest.
<b>LEE COUNTY</b>
No Activity Reported for this County
<b>MERCER COUNTY</b>
No Activity Reported for this County
<b>OGLE COUNTY</b>
No Activity Reported for this County
<b>ROCK ISLAND COUNTY</b>
CPO Priest was working with CPO McKune at Sunset Park. CPO Priest observed a boat coming into the ramp violating the no wake zone. CPO Priest talked to the boat operator and believed he was under the influence of alcohol. The boat operator was arrested for OUI and released on scene.
CPO Priest was working with CPO McKune at Black Hawk State Park. CPO Priest observed 2 vehicles parked in the parking lot 2 hours after the park closed. CPO Priest and McKune made contact with the occupants of the vehicle. It was determined one occupant had 3 warrants and was arrested and transported to the county jail.
CPO Priest stopped a car for failing to stop at a red light before making a right turn. The driver displayed signs of criminal behavior while driving. CPO Priest walked up to the vehicle on the passenger side and observed the driver holding a meth pipe in her hand. No other contraband was found. The driver was on parole for felony drugs. The driver was issued a warning and charges are pending for possession charges.
CPO Priest assisted Hampton Police Department on a traffic stop. 2 meth pipes and a loaded syringe were located in the vehicle. The syringe is being sent off and tested for Heroin and Meth. The driver was released on scene.
CPO McKune made 1 DUI arrest.
<b>STEPHENSON COUNTY</b>
CPO Posateri attended a Hunter Safety class in Lena, IL with approximately 35 students.
CPO Roesch and CPO Engledow responded to a call of shots fired in an apartment complex in Freeport. CPOs assisted



Illinois State Police to secure a perimeter around the building while Freeport PD cleared the building. No evidence of a shooting was discovered.
<b>WHITESIDE COUNTY</b>
No Activity Reported for this County
<b>Northwest Zone / District 6 - Sgt. Phil Wire</b>
<b>(CPO Alvarez-Gerbino, CPO Binsbacher, CPO Engledow, CPO Filipiak, CPO Kaufman, CPO Leannah, CPO Martin, CPO Murry, CPO Pankey, CPO Roesch, CPO Stanbary, CPO Swanson, CPO Wagner)</b>
<b>(Counties: Boone, Bureau, DeKalb, LaSalle, Putnam, Winnebago)</b>
<b>BOONE COUNTY</b>
No Activity Reported for this County
<b>BUREAU COUNTY</b>
CPO Stanbary cited a female for littering at Hormel Ponds in Bureau County. The citation was issued after the female and another male was earlier evicted from the property after it was discovered the duo was living in a tent on the property. When the illegal campers departed the property, garbage, blankets, and remnants of their camp were left abandoned. Charges against the male are pending.
<b>DEKALB COUNTY</b>
CPO Engledow taught a Hunter Safety Course on 9/18/21 in Waterman IL
<b>LASALLE COUNTY</b>
CPO Stanbary and Martin patrolled Starved Rock Trails on foot. 4 warnings for hikers off-trail were issued. 1 citation for entering a restricted area was issued along with a citation for littering after CPOs observed a female throw a lit cannabis cigarette off of a Wildcat Canyon lookout. Three civil cannabis violations were issued and a small amount of cannabis was seized during the same encounter.
CPO Kaufman and Stanbary responded to a call of a UFO (unidentified floating object) in LaSalle Lake. The officers launched a boat and observed the object for a couple of minutes before determining it was a porta-potty. The porta-potty had moved into shallow water and was sticking out of the water. Based on the condition of the porta-potty, it had been in the lake for several years. It was removed and placed in a dumpster.
CPO Kaufman dealt with 2 different individuals with mental issues in Illini State Park campgrounds. Each incident was resolved peacefully.
CPO Wagner checked fishermen along the Illinois River and two individuals were cited for fishing w/out sport fishing licenses.
CPO Wagner checked fisherman along the Illinois River near Mertel Gravel where two young men were discovered snagging for fish. CPO Wagner interviewed the boys and found one to be 16 and one 17. Due to their age and no prior serious violations, written warnings were issued. Both were instructed on the rules for snagging and released.
CPO Wagner while checking fisherman at the Dayton Dam observed 4 individuals fishing at the base of the dam. CPO made his way to the fisherman and found 2 of the individuals to be fishing w/out fishing licenses. Citations were issued for the offenses.
CPO Pankey and Sgt Wire received a call there was a boat anchored in the barge channel on the Illinois river with no navigation lights at 2:00 AM. 1 citation for no navigation lights and 1 warning was issued to the operator.
CPO Martin conducted at least 16 sport fish compliance checks resulting in 2 citations and several written warnings for not having a fishing license or not having a fishing license in possession.
CPO Martin patrolled the trails at Starved Rock and Matthiessen State Parks. This resulted in several citations and

written warnings for hikers being off-trail, climbing, or entering restricted areas.
<b>PUTNAM COUNTY</b>
CPO Wagner while checking fisherman along the Illinois River just east of the Spring Valley boat club found two individuals in possession of softshell and red-eared slider turtles. After short investigation individuals were cited for taking turtles by illegal devices.
<b>WINNEBAGO COUNTY</b>
CPO Swanson completed boat enforcement at Martin Park in Loves Park. A Roscoe man was issued a citation for failure to have a child under 13 (10-year-old) wear a PFD while boating and two warnings. A Rockford man was issued a citation for failure to have a child under 13 (toddler) wear a PFD while boating.
CPO Swanson transported a juvenile bald eagle to Hoo Haven in Durand that was found lying in a field in Pecatonica. Hoo Haven staff believes the eagle may be suffering from secondary poisoning (consumed an animal that died from poison) and is under close watch.
CPO Roesch and Engledow investigated a boat crash on the Rock River involving 3 boats. No one was injured. The investigation is ongoing.
CPO Leannah cited four individuals for swimming at Rock Cut State Park
<b>Northwest Zone / District 7, Sgt. Scott Avery</b>
<b>(CPO Elliot, CPO Finn, CPO Gerard, CPO Lazzell, CPO Thompson)</b>
<b>(Counties: Fulton, Henderson, Knox, Marshall, McDonough, Peoria, Stark, Tazewell, Warren, Woodford)</b>
<b>FULTON COUNTY</b>
No Activity Reported for this County
<b>HENDERSON COUNTY</b>
No Activity Reported for this County
<b>KNOX COUNTY</b>
No Activity Reported for this County
<b>MARSHALL COUNTY</b>
No Activity Reported for this County
<b>MCDONOUGH COUNTY</b>
No Activity Reported for this County
<b>PEORIA COUNTY</b>
CPO Lazzell is investigating a hunting without permission complaint in Peoria County.
<b>STARK COUNTY</b>
No Activity Reported for this County
<b>TAZEWELL COUNTY</b>
CPO Finn along with his intern was informed of four dove hunters who were shooting doves from the road and off of power lines. CPO Finn was able to determine the names of the four hunters and interview all involved. The guns were seized, statements were taken and all four received citations for hunting by use or aid of a motor vehicle, hunting from the highway, and unlawful take of doves.
<b>WARREN COUNTY</b>
No Activity Reported for this County
<b>WOODFORD COUNTY</b>
No Activity Reported for this County





# Central Zone Bi-Monthly Report



## Central Zone – Acting Captain John Williamson

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<b>(Counties: Adams, Brown, Calhoun, Greene, Hancock, Jersey, Macoupin, Pike, &amp; Schuyler)</b>
<b>ADAMS COUNTY</b>
No Activity Reported for this County
<b>BROWN COUNTY</b>
No Activity Reported for this County
<b>CALHOUN COUNTY</b>
No Activity Reported for this County
<b>GREENE COUNTY</b>
No Activity Reported for this County
<b>HANCOCK COUNTY</b>
CPO Wheatley was on patrol in the Tioga area and came across a boat that seemed out of place. The boat was on a trailer and parked in a field in the middle of nowhere. CPO Wheatley noticed the registration numbers on the bow had been scraped off and painted over on both sides. CPO Wheatley investigated further and found the HIN plate had also been removed. CPO Wheatley had been notified weeks prior that a boat was stolen from Quincy a few weeks back. Upon further investigation, CPO Wheatley confirmed this was the stolen boat. After confirming a few things with the owner, CPO Wheatley contacted Adams County Sheriff's Office and spoke with the investigating officer. CPO Wheatley found a suspect in the theft had already been arrested in the case. CPO Wheatley took control of the boat and impounded it. CPO Wheatley is still looking into the case in hopes to identify any others responsible for the theft and the person(s) that took possession of the boat after the suspect in the case got rid of it. When more details of the case come to light, further entries will be made.
<b>JERSEY COUNTY</b>
CPO Michael Goetten taught a hunter safety course at Nilo Farms.
CPO Michael Goetten investigated a report of suspicious activity at the PMSP campground. On arrival, the suspect was observed in a vehicle making suspicious movements. The subject was detained. He was found to be in possession of methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia. He was arrested.
<b>MACOUPIN COUNTY</b>
CPO Michael Goetten handled a complaint at BDSP. One of the suspects was highly intoxicated. Shortly after clearing the incident with a verbal warning, CPO Goetten observed the subject driving through the campground where several children were riding their bikes. She was stopped and arrested for DUI. Her BAC was .250%.
<b>PIKE COUNTY</b>
CPO Jansen issued a citation to a Pike County resident for failure to check bank poles every 24 hours. 8 bank poles were discovered with slime and rust on the hooks indicating they had been there for months.
CPO Jansen responded to a landowner complaint of trespassing and theft/damage of cameras and equipment. After speaking with the State's Attorney, the subject is being charged with criminal trespassing and theft.
<b>SCHUYLER COUNTY</b>
No Activity Reported for this County
<b>Central Zone / District 10, Sgt. William Gilmer</b>
<b>(CPO Gerdes, CPO McClenning, CPO Snodgrass, CPO Thornley, CPO Wahlbrink, CPO Wright)</b>
<b>(Counties: Cass, Christian, Logan, Mason, Menard, Morgan, Sangamon, &amp; Scott)</b>
<b>CASS COUNTY</b>
CPO Thornley was dispatched to Jim Edgar Panther Creek State Fish and Wildlife Area regarding a hunting incident where a hunter fell from a tree while attempting to place his deer stand. Investigation Pending.
<b>CHRISTIAN COUNTY</b>
No Activity Reported for this County

<b>LOGAN COUNTY</b>
CPO Wahlbrink issued a salvage tag to an individual who discovered a deceased whitetail buck that had likely succumb to EHD.
<b>MASON COUNTY</b>
CPO Wahlbrink investigated a littering complaint at Sanganois Conservation Area. The investigation is ongoing.
<b>MENARD COUNTY</b>
CPO Wahlbrink handled a complaint of a deer stuck in a fence in Petersburg. After removing the deer from the fence and assessing its injuries, the deer was dispatched and removed from the property.
CPO Thornley assisted Menard County Sheriff regarding a stolen vehicle found in a cornfield that was being harvested.
CPO Thornley traveled to speak with a landowner who was having a dispute with a neighbor. The landowner was advised not to trespass on the neighboring property.
CPO Thornley and CPO Gerdes attended Harvest Fest in Petersburg with the education trailer. CPO Thornley and CPO Gerdes spoke to many people and answered their questions. Many kids enjoyed the trailer.
<b>MORGAN COUNTY</b>
No Activity Reported for this County
<b>SANGAMON COUNTY</b>
CPO Thornley assisted Sangamon County with a personal injury traffic accident near Cantrall.
<b>SCOTT COUNTY</b>
No Activity Reported for this County
<b>Central Zone / District 11, Sgt. Dan Greuel</b>
<b>(CPO Barnes, CPO Hyatt, CPO Mieure, CPO Miller, &amp; CPO Moody)</b>
<b>(Counties: Clark, Coles, Cumberland, Douglas, Edgar, Moultrie, Shelby)</b>
<b>CLARK COUNTY</b>
No Activity Reported for this County
<b>COLES COUNTY</b>
No Activity Reported for this County
<b>CUMBERLAND COUNTY</b>
No Activity Reported for this County
<b>DOUGLAS COUNTY</b>
No Activity Reported for this County
<b>EDGAR COUNTY</b>
No Activity Reported for this County
<b>MOULTRIE COUNTY</b>
CPO Moody investigated a complaint of early shooting during teal season along the Okaw River
<b>SHELBY COUNTY</b>
No Activity Reported for this County
<b>Central Zone / District 19, ACTING Sgt. Matt Graden</b>
<b>(CPO Ausmus, CPO Graden, CPO Reeves, CPO Sanford, CPO Viverito, CPO Z. Williams, &amp; CPO Workman)</b>
<b>(Counties: Champaign, DeWitt, Ford, Iroquois, Livingston, Macon, McLean, Piatt, Vermilion,)</b>
<b>CHAMPAIGN COUNTY</b>
CPO Noah Workman responded to a mass fish kill at Drummer Creek near Fisher. CPO Workman is working with IDNR fisheries and IEPA and the investigation is still ongoing.
<b>DEWITT COUNTY</b>
CPO Noah Workman responded to a complaint of a body and truck in Clinton Lake at Valley Mill Fishing Area. CPO

Workman arrived and observed a truck hanging off a 6-foot drop and a body floating in the lake. IDNR Law Enforcement personnel worked with outside agencies in recovering the body, removing the vehicle, and investigating the scene.

CPO Z. Williams was at the Weldon Springs Office when he heard DeWitt County and Clinton PD in pursuit of a vehicle wanted for kidnapping/child abduction of an infant, also involving firearms. CPO Z. Williams actively listened to radio traffic and located the pursuit in Clinton. CPO Z. Williams assisted in the pursuit. The pursuit traveled through Clinton and the suspect vehicle went south on 51. At this time, an ISP Trooper was directed by a supervisor to perform a PIT maneuver. The PIT was unsuccessful. The pursuit was headed towards Maroa. Maroa PD was standing by and deployed spike strips on the suspect vehicle. They were successful. During the pursuit, CPO Z. Williams was able to unlock his rifle from the rifle rack because he knew the pursuit would end eventually. A few miles later, between Maroa and Forsyth, the pursuit came to an end. At this time, CPO Z. Williams found himself close to the front of all police vehicles involved in this incident. CPO Z. Williams retrieved his rifle, walked to the rear of the Trooper's vehicle for cover, and had the suspect at gunpoint. Shortly after, ISP SWAT arrived on scene with a Bearcat and SWAT took over the situation. CPO Z. Williams then assisted just north of the incident for traffic control. SWAT negotiators were able to get the infant out of the vehicle to safety with the infant's mother. After about an hour, CPO Z. Williams heard via radio traffic that the incident was moving northbound [coming directly towards CPO Z. Williams from behind]. CPO Z. Williams then turned around and observed the ISP SWAT Bearcat attempting to PIT the suspect vehicle traveling toward CPO Z. Williams at a high rate of speed. CPO Z. Williams ran to stop all traffic. Then, the suspect vehicle and the Bearcat turned quickly eastbound on School Rd. [right in front of CPO Z. Williams]. The Bearcat then performed a successful PIT on the vehicle. Shortly after, SWAT operators deployed a flashbang and pulled the suspect out of the vehicle.

CPO Ausmus arrested a Clinton man for failure to release a short walleye and two Macon County warrants.

CPO Ausmus arrested a Lincoln man for speeding, 100 mph in a 55 mph zone.

CPO Vaughan and Dewitt County Sheriff's Deputies responded to a call of two subjects arguing at the Clinton Lake Mascoutin Boat Ramp. Upon investigation, two individuals were having a heated argument when one of them pulled a rifle from his truck and used it to emphasize his arguments. The offender was charged with disorderly conduct and unlawful possession/display of a firearm.

CPO Vaughan issued a citation for unlawful snagging at the Clinton Lake Spillway.

CPO Workman, Captain Williamson, CPO Ausmus, CPO Vaughan, Dewitt County Sheriff's deputies, and Illinois State Police forensics investigated a drowning at Clinton Lake.

#### **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**

No Activity Reported for this County

#### **VERMILION COUNTY**

CPO Sanford investigated a complaint of criminal damage to public property in Vermilion Co. The damage was in relation to the hanging of treestands and subsequent cutting of tree limbs and other vegetation. CPO Sanford located two suspects responsible, who were both charged accordingly.

CPO Sanford attended a Hunter Safety Course in Vermilion County. In total, over 50 people attended the course.

CPO Sanford was advised of an injured owl, which was sighted in rural Vermilion Co. CPO Sanford was able to locate the animal, which was captured and transported to the University of Illinois Wildlife Veterinary Clinic for care and rehabilitation.



# Southern Zone Bi-Monthly Report



## Southern Zone – Acting Captain Eric Manker

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<b>(CPO Charles, CPO French, CPO Gerdes, CPO Lentz, CPO Leibl, CPO Macias, CPO Ray, CPO Schachner, CPO Sievers, CPO Wichern)</b>
<b>(Counties: Bond, Clinton, Madison, Monroe, Montgomery, Randolph, St. Clair &amp; Washington)</b>
<b>BOND COUNTY</b>
No Activity Reported for this County
<b>CLINTON COUNTY</b>
CPO Macias was called to a boat accident involving a sailboat and two stationary sailboats. A new sailboat owner was attempting to get into his newly rented slip and hit the moored boats in the process. An investigation is pending.
<b>MADISON COUNTY</b>
No Activity Reported for this County
<b>MONROE COUNTY</b>
No Activity Reported for this County
<b>MONTGOMERY COUNTY</b>
No Activity Reported for this County
<b>RANDOLPH COUNTY</b>
No Activity Reported for this County
<b>ST. CLAIR COUNTY</b>
CPO Waigand patrolled Baldwin Lake and conducted several fish compliance checks. One individual was cited for a fishing license violation.
CPO Waigand and CPO Sievers conducted several boat safety inspections and fish compliance checks on Baldwin Lake and Peabody River king. Several individuals were cited for fishing violations and boat safety equipment violations.
CPO Schachner foot patrolled various areas for opening day dove hunters and encountered four separate subjects with various violations, some of which were intentional and some which were due to negligence. Several citations and warnings were issued.
CPO Waigand & Wichern conducted a boat patrol on the Mississippi River in St Clair & Madison counties and cited (2) sport-fishermen for fishing without valid Illinois licenses.
CPO Schachner foot patrolled Kaskaskia State Fish and Wildlife Area for teal hunters and observed a subject shooting at wood ducks. The subject was cited for attempting to take wood ducks during closed season and was warned for killing a wood duck out of season (two weeks prior) and for cutting trees/brush on state property and building a permanent blind.
<b>WASHINGTON COUNTY</b>
No Activity Reported for this County
<b>Southern Zone / District 14, Sgt. Marc Folden</b>
<b>(CPO Haggerty, CPO Jourdan, CPO Knop, CPO Lewis, CPO Tapley, CPO K. Williams &amp; CPO T. Williams)</b>
<b>(Counties: Franklin, Gallatin, Hamilton, Hardin, Jefferson, Perry, Saline, &amp; White)</b>
<b>FRANKLIN COUNTY</b>
No Activity Reported for this County
<b>GALLATIN COUNTY</b>
No Activity Reported for this County
<b>HAMILTON COUNTY</b>
CPO Skelton assisted Hamilton County Sheriff's Department along with McLeansboro Police Department in the

execution of a residential search warrant where over 3.5Oz of Methamphetamines was found.
<b>HARDIN COUNTY</b>
No Activity Reported for this County
<b>JEFFERSON COUNTY</b>
No Activity Reported for this County
<b>PERRY COUNTY</b>
No Activity Reported for this County
<b>SALINE COUNTY</b>
No Activity Reported for this County
<b>WHITE COUNTY</b>
No Activity Reported for this County
<b>Southern Zone / District 15, Sgt. Timothy Buhnerkempe</b>
<b>(CPO Hyatt, CPO Roper, CPO Roundcount, CPO Skelton, CPO Smith, CPO Swindle, CPO Taylor &amp; CPO Willand)</b>
<b>(Counties: Clay, Crawford, Edwards, Effingham, Fayette, Jasper, Lawrence, Marion, Richland, Wabash, &amp; Wayne)</b>
<b>CLAY COUNTY</b>
No Activity Reported for this County
<b>CRAWFORD COUNTY</b>
Earlier in the summer, 07/25/21, CPO Willand located multiple limb lines hanging near the mouth of and up a tributary leading into the Wabash River. The lines were hanging out of the water with exposed hooks, one of which had a decaying catfish carcass attached. On 09/28/21, CPO Willand along with assistance from Indiana DNR was able to locate the individual responsible. The individual was issued a citation as well as multiple written warnings. All limb lines were previously removed and seized due to public safety.
<b>EDWARDS COUNTY</b>
No Activity Reported for this County
<b>EFFINGHAM COUNTY</b>
CPO Hyatt taught a hunter safety course in Effingham County.
<b>FAYETTE COUNTY</b>
CPO Roper and CPO Willand taught a hunter safety course at South Central High School
<b>JASPER COUNTY</b>
CPO Hyatt was assisting Sam Parr with an abandoned property when a subject drove her car into the campground under the influence of drugs. CPO Hyatt arrested the subject for DUI drugs.
CPO Hyatt conducted 2 log truck inspections in Jasper County and issued two warnings for incomplete proof of ownership forms.
CPO Roper and CPO Willand assisted CPO Hyatt with a DUI-Drugs inside Sam Parr State Park.
<b>LAWRENCE COUNTY</b>
No Activity Reported for this County
<b>MARION COUNTY</b>
CPO Swindle has conducted multiple investigations into the upcoming deer season. Baited deer stands have been discovered. These investigations are continuing.
CPO Swindle has also begun investigations of trespassing and damage to private property complaints. These investigations are ongoing.
<b>RICHLAND COUNTY</b>
CPO Willand was called to a residence to investigate two deceased whitetail bucks whose antlers had been locked together. Upon examining the deceased bucks, it was clear to be a natural death. Two salvage tags were issued to the landowner.
<b>WABASH COUNTY</b>

CPO Skelton performed a Commercial fishing detail on the Wabash River ensuring commercial fishermen were in compliance with commercial fishing regulations
<b>WAYNE COUNTY</b>
No Activity Reported for this County
<b>Southern Zone / District 16, Sgt. Kristin Taylor</b>
<b>(CPO G. Anderson, CPO Johnson, CPO Somers, CPO Spinka, CPO Teas, CPO Vasicek, CPO Wilkinson, CPO Wolf)</b>
<b>(Counties: Alexander, Jackson, Johnson, Massac, Pope, Pulaski, Union, &amp; Williamson)</b>
<b>ALEXANDER COUNTY</b>
No Activity Reported for this County
<b>JACKSON COUNTY</b>
CPO Spinka performed boat safety checks on Kincaid lake which resulted in multiple warnings and citations for boat safety violations and fishing violations.
<b>JOHNSON COUNTY</b>
CPO Wilkinson worked teal duck hunters. Five hunters were found in possession of wood ducks. It was determined the hunters unlawfully killed multiple wood ducks during the closed season. Citations and warnings were issued to the hunters.
CPO Wilkinson conducted a traffic stop on I-24. The vehicle was traveling over 95 MPH in a 70 MPH zone. A citation was issued.
<b>MASSAC COUNTY</b>
CPO Wolf cited an individual for littering in the camping area of Ft. Massac State Park. The man left a large amount of garbage and camping equipment in the park after checking out from his campsite.
<b>POPE COUNTY</b>
CPO Wilkinson responded to a trespassing complaint; the subject was identified by the landowner. CPO Wilkinson met with the individual and after a short interview, the subject admitted to riding his UTV on the complainant's property. A citation was issued for unlawful UTV operation on the property without permission.
<b>PULASKI COUNTY</b>
CPO Vasicek assisted Illinois State Police and Pulaski County Sheriffs Dept with the location of a subject wanted for Aggravated Domestic Battery and Felon in possession of a firearm.
<b>UNION COUNTY</b>
No Activity Reported for this County
<b>WILLIAMSON COUNTY</b>
CPO G. Anderson assisted the Williamson County Sheriff's Dept. on an unlawful use of weapon complaint. The scene of the complaint was secured and many witness statements were taken. All documents were forwarded to the Williamson County state's attorney.