

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Office of Law Enforcement

Bi-Monthly Report

Weeks of: July 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.

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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

(CPO Davis, CPO Doescher, CPO Fehrenbacher, CPO Iaffaldano, CPO Kelley, CPO Reid, CPO Semenik, CPO Siedsma, CPO Tepovich, CPO Van Wiltenburg, CPO Vaughan, CPO Winters)
(Counties: Kane, Lake, McHenry)

KANE COUNTY

CPO Iaffaldano attended the Fox Valley Fishing Derby with the Conservation Police Lodge Education Trailer

CPO Iaffaldano conducted Boat Safety Checks throughout Kane County resulting in 6 Written Warnings for equipment violations

LAKE COUNTY

CPO Doescher responded to a complaint of a house, keeping Raccoons in Gurnee. The tenant was issued a warning for an expired game breeder's permit.

CPO Doescher patrolled Illinois Beach State Park for the 4th of July holiday. Several warnings and citations were issued for alcohol in the park and parking in areas marked prohibited.

CPO Van Wiltenburg assisted the Mundelein Police Department with the annual Cops and Bobbers event at the Mundelein Seminary.

CPO Reid responded to a water rescue at Illinois Beach State Park. Several juveniles in an inflatable raft were blown several miles offshore from the beach. First responders were able to communicate with a Coast Guard vessel to make contact with the individuals and return them safely to port.

CPO Reid and CPO Semenik responded to a drowning incident at Illinois Beach State Park where a male victim entered the water chasing a ball. The victim began struggling and disappeared beneath the surface. Bystanders were able to pull the victim from the water but he was unresponsive. The victim was transported to Vista Hospital where he was pronounced deceased.

CPO Reid responded to a property damage boat accident out of Waukegan Harbor where 2 jet skis collided with each other. One party was thrown from his PWC in the crash but neither sustained any injuries. One of the PWCs sustained heavy damage and sunk during the crash. It was later removed.

CPO Reid and CPO Semenik conducted a traffic enforcement detail at Illinois Beach State Park. Multiple drivers were arrested each of whom was cited for: Driving Without a Valid License, No Insurance, and Unlawful Possession of Cannabis.

CPO Kelley responded to a complaint of a boat crash at Northpoint Marina. Damage to the vessels involved was minor, but a field report was requested by the individuals involved. While gathering information for the report, CPO Kelley noticed a boat violating the No Wake zone near the Northpoint boat ramp. After making contact with the offending vessel, CPO Kelley also determined that only 2 PFDs were present for 6 occupants. A citation and written warnings were issued for the violations.

CPOs Kelley and Van Wiltenburg conducted a small lakes boat patrol on Deep, Gages, and Round Lakes in Lake County. A total of about 15 boat safety inspections were conducted. Multiple written warnings and 1 citation were issued for boating safety violations.

CPO Kelley received a call about an injured Mallard hen in Ingleside, IL. The hen had been attacked by a Red-tailed Hawk but was lucky enough to escape. CPO Kelley transported the “lucky duck” to a local rehabber where she will, hopefully, be nursed back to health.

CPO Winters conducted a boat patrol on the Chain O Lakes, a subject was issued a citation for not having enough PFDs

and a written warning for overloading.

MCHENRY COUNTY

CPO Iaffaldano conducted a boat patrol with CPO Davis resulting in 3 citations and 7 written warnings for boating violations. CPO Iaffaldano arrested 1 boater for Operation of a Watercraft Under the Influence (OUI).

CPO Kelley received several calls from a Lakemoor resident about a Canada Goose with a fishing lure stuck to its plumage or body. The caller indicated the fishing lure was trailing some line and believed the goose's leg and wing had become entangled. CPO Kelley patrolled Lily Lake by kayak to locate the goose. Fortunately, the goose was located on the western shore of the lake and, after a short chase, the goose was captured. Once the goose was captured, CPO Kelley found and removed the fishing lure from the goose's leg. The hook was located at the joint of the goose's leg, making it hard for the goose to walk. Hopefully, a full recovery is now possible. The caller was very appreciative when notified of the results of the "wild goose chase."

CPOs Kelley and Vanwiltenburg conducted a boat patrol for the Pistakee Lake fireworks display on July 10. Rainy, cool weather limited the crowd and no violations were noted.

CPOs Kelley and Reid responded to a PWC crash on the Fox River in Algonquin. A 14-year old operator hit a seawall when he tried to jump a wake. After the crash, the victim was having trouble breathing and was transported to a local hospital. CPO Kelley made contact with the victim who, fortunately, suffered only aches and pains from the impact. CPO Reid made contact with the victim's uncle, who was operating another PWC with the victim at the time of the crash. CPO Reid is completing a report of the incident.

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

No Activity Reported for this County

KANKAKEE COUNTY

While patrolling a state park in Kankakee County which was posted as having an alcohol ban, CPO Prasun observed a fisherman consuming an alcoholic beverage. Upon making contact with the fisherman, it was determined the individual had discarded a glass beer bottle off in the weeds and was also using bait fish that had been previously caught from a different body of water. The subject was issued a citation for littering on department property and written warnings for alcoholic beverages on department property and illegal transportation of VHS susceptible fish to another body of water.

CPO Farber conducted boat patrol on the Kankakee River in Momence, IL. CPO Farber conducted a safety inspection on a vessel and the operator showed signs of impairment. The operator submitted to testing and registered a .170 BAC.

CPO Farber conducted sport fish enforcement during the NIAA fishing derby on the Kankakee River.

CPO's Farber, Elliot, and Illinois State Police investigators conducted a detail at Kankakee River State Park to combat lewd activity. One subject was arrested for indecent exposure, solicitation of sex, and nudity in the State Park.

CPO Elliot assisted other agencies with a boat recovery at the Kankakee River State Park. The vacant pontoon was recovered/removed near hunting area 2 at the Kankakee River State Park. An investigation is pending but the boat was believed to be connected to several other stolen vehicle reports in the area.

CPO Elliot and Intern Brian Spooner attended a youth fishing program (Reel Justice) at the Bourbonnais Police Department.

KENDALL COUNTY

No Activity Reported for this County

WILL COUNTY

CPO Prasun conducted several boat safety checks at a state park in southern Will County. A boat was observed approaching the boat ramp with two babies who were not in personal floatation devices (PFD) and an adult who was riding on the rear deck. It was also determined the operator was not wearing a safety cut-off lanyard and the boat did not have its battery terminals covered. The operator was cited for failure to secure a child less than thirteen years old in a PFD. The operator was also issued written warnings for the lanyard and battery violations along with the passenger location infraction.

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 Kusta was on patrol on a Cook County highway during heavy traffic. CPO Kusta observed a vehicle driving on the shoulder bypassing all the traffic. CPO Kusta conducted a traffic stop, the driver advised CPO Kusta she had to use the bathroom. CPO Kusta documented the violation and issued a written warning.

CPO Kusta was conducting recreation boat enforcement on the 4th of July on a Chicago River. CPO Kusta observed a watercraft violating a No Wake area. The watercraft was stopped, and CPO Kusta observed 2 children under the age of 13 not wearing a personal flotation device. A boat safety inspection was conducted, the operator had all required equipment on board. CPO Kusta issued a citation for the children under 13 not wearing PFDs and a written warning for the No Wake violations.

CPO Kusta and CPO Waigand were conducting recreational boat enforcement at a Chicago Harbor. A watercraft was observed not displaying a registration decal and no registration numbers. The watercraft was stopped, and a boat safety inspection was completed. The operator was not able to provide proof of registration. CPO Kusta issued a citation for the violation.

CPO Kusta was conducting recreational boat enforcement on the Chicago River. CPO Kusta observed a pontoon boat with expired registration. The pontoon boat was stopped, and a boat safety inspection was conducted. It was observed that the operator was not wearing his engine-cut off lanyard, no type 4 throwable was on board, and the fire extinguisher was not functional. CPO Kusta issued a citation for the registration and written warnings for the equipment violations.

CPO Waigand received a call from CPD 911 dispatch concerning an individual in the water on North Shore Channel. The individual was in a canoe when the individual fell into the water and struggled to keep afloat. CPO Waigand arrived on the scene and gathered information from CPD units. The individual was located and received medical treatment. The individual was transported to the hospital where the individual was pronounced dead. The witness involved did not sustain any injuries.

While patrolling Lake Michigan, CPO Waigand and CPO Kusta observed a boat with no registration visible. CPO Waigand and CPO Kusta conducted a boat stop. CPO Kusta issued a citation for unnumbered watercraft.

While patrolling the Chicago River and Lake Michigan, CPO Waigand, Kusta, and Hopper conducted several boat safety inspections. Two citations and eight written warnings were issued for registration violations and safety equipment violations.

While patrolling the Chicago River, CPO Waigand, Kusta, and Longley observed U.S. Coast Guard attempting to stop a boat near the lock. The boat did not have a registration, and Coast Guard verified the boat was not registered. CPO Waigand boarded the boat and issued one citation for unnumbered watercraft.

CPO Gilliam Wrote 6 written warnings while conducting fishing compliance checks at William powers state park.

CPO Fehrenbacher and CPO Kater seized approximately 30 pounds of live Red swamp crayfish from an International Market in Cook county. The CPOs worked with a Cook County Forest Preserve officer to investigate the unlawful dumping of Tilapia and Red Swamp crayfish into Busse Lake. The manager of the market was issued 1 citation for unlawful possession of non-approved species.

CPO Vik was patrolling near the Worth Boat Ramp when he located a fisherman inside a restricted area. After searching the restricted area, CPO Vik located the fisherman and his bike. The fisherman was a 14-year-old who had recently moved to the area and was trying to find places to fish. The fisherman had entered the area through a non-fenced section of the property and did not realize the area was restricted. After explaining to the fishermen that the area was restricted due to safety concerns, CPO Vik escorted the fishermen off the property.

CPO Longley retrieved a wounded/sick Red-Tailed Hawk from a Plainfield family who found the hawk on the side of the interstate. The hawk was delivered to the Willowbrook Wildlife Center in DuPage County. CPO Longley conducted boat ramp patrols at Worth, Alsip, and Diversey Harbor boat launches. CPO Longley conducted sport fishing enforcement and recreational boat enforcement patrols along Lake Shore Drive and the Calumet River.

CPO Longley issued a citation to an individual for the illegal operation of a boat rental service without a license. CPO Longley worked a state park detail at William Powers State Park in which he issued citations for fishing without a license and unlawful use of fireworks in a state park.

CPO Farrell and CPO Vik assisted the DNR fisheries on a fish kill investigation on the south branch of the Chicago River. CPO Farrell and CPO Vik located numerous areas that had high a concentration of dead fish that included multiple species of various sizes. CPO Farrell and CPO Vik assisted the fish biologists with taking a survey on the number of fish and species types. They also located a possible source of the kill. Investigation pending.

CPO Farrell, CPO Kusta, and CPO Gilliam were going through the Chicago Lock when CPO Farrell noticed a female in a purple life vest on top of the lock wall. That area is federally restricted. CPO Farrell climbed onto the wall to assist the lock staff and now there was a male from the same boat on the wall as well. CPO Gilliam assisted to secure the scene. The Chicago Police arrived and arrested the two individuals for trespassing. The US Coastguard will conduct a follow-up investigation.

CPO Farrell, CPO Gates, and CPO Hopper were on a boat patrol on the Chicago River when they discovered a vessel violating the no-wake zone, as well as not having proper navigation lights displayed. Once approached the vessel turned on its navigation lights. CPO Farrell conducted a vessel safety inspection. CPO Farrell also performed field sobriety tests on the operator of the vessel. The operator was arrested for unlawful operation while under the influence of alcohol.

CPO Farrell, CPO Gates, and CPO Hopper were starting a boat patrol when they were notified by the Chicago marine unit of a two-unit personal watercraft accident near 31st St Harbor. They arrived at the harbor and contacted the operator of the PWC (Unit 1) that struck the other PWC (Unit 2). Both individuals of unit 2 were taken to the hospital and one succumbed to the injuries from the accident. CPO Farrell was able to obtain a search warrant for chemical tests for the operator of unit 1. The operator was taken to a hospital for testing. The operator of unit 1 was arrested for failure to render aid due to a boat accident and violation of a no-wake area. Further charges pending investigation.

During a boat registration investigation, CPO Gates discovered the previous owner of the boat never transferred the title to his name after purchasing it. CPO Gates was able to contact the last registered owner who verified with a bill of sale, that the boat, trailer, and title were all provided to the buyer. That buyer then sold the vessel without the title to another individual. The investigation into title jumping is currently ongoing.

CPO Gates, Farrell, and Hopper were on boat patrol on the Chicago river and lake Michigan over the holiday weekend. Over 50 vessels were inspected. Several operators were issued citations for no wake no violations, children under 13 not

in life jackets, and not enough life jackets on board. Multiple written warnings were issued for various registration violations. CPO Gates, Farrell, and Hopper responded to the scene of a fatal boat accident involving two jet skis. The investigation is currently ongoing.

While responded to a fatal boat accident, CPO Gates observed a jet skier towing a tube with two occupants on the tube. The jet ski did not have a yellow flag nor a competent observer on the jet ski. Due to the nature of the fatal accident, The operator of the jet ski was told to return to the harbor. Both occupants on the tube were brought aboard our patrol boat to ensure a safe return to the harbor. Verbal warnings were issued for the infractions.

DUPAGE COUNTY

CPO Gates investigated a complaint regarding a construction company in Aurora unlawfully trapping and killing raccoons. CPO Gates was able to make contact with the site superintendent responsible for the complaint. After a brief conversation, the person did possess a valid hunting and trapping license. The person did not have a nuisance removal permit. The individual was educated on the nuisance laws and was provided contact information for how to obtain a nuisance removal permit if they did not want to hire a licensed nuisance removal company. The individual was issued written warnings for trapping without permission, trapping during a closed season, and unlawful take of a protected species.

While on patrol, CPO Gates assisted DuPage Forest Preserve PD regarding a dispute between a father and a juvenile son. Naperville PD was contacted and was able to send a social worker and officer. It was determined that the son would leave with Naperville PD and the social worker and be put in a hotel. No arrests or citations were issued.

CPO Gates met with an Aurora man regarding a sailboat he purchased without a title in Wisconsin. CPO Gates performed a vessel inspection and was able to contact the previous owners to verify the vessel was in fact sold. The previous owner stated he never had the title from the owner before him. The current owner of the vessel had proper documentation and the vessel was approved for a title in Illinois.

CPO Gates observed a turtle attempting to cross a busy street. CPO Gates was able to assist the turtle in safely cross the street.



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Northwest Zone – Captain Laura Petreikis

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CPO Hoftender and USFWS Refuge Officer Bauer were conducting a boat patrol on the Mississippi River Pool 13. Several boats were stopped during the patrol. A citation was issued for a child under 13 years old not wearing a life jacket. Another citation was issued for a fisherman who did not have a fishing license. Warnings were issued for a no sounding device, battery terminals not being covered, and operators failing to wear lanyards when required.

CPO Peecher concentrated on recreational boat/fishing enforcement on pool 13 of Mississippi river. CPO Peecher wrote 7 WW and 1 boating citation.

HENRY COUNTY

No Activity Reported for this County

JODAVIESS COUNTY

During the Dubuque Air and Fireworks show, CPO Hoftender and Sgt. Beltran issued two citations for children under 13 years old not wearing life jackets. Warnings were issued for unnumbered watercraft (boats recently purchased and paperwork not on the vessel), no sounding device, and failure to wear a lanyard.

LEE COUNTY

CPO Zigler issued a citation for unlawful operation of a watercraft with a passenger under 13 not wearing a PFD

MERCER COUNTY

CPO McKune made 1 arrest after a foot pursuit took place with a suspect who allegedly stabbed his wife. The suspect was taken into custody by CPO McKune shortly thereafter. The suspect was charged with Resisting a Police Officer.

CPO McKune made 1 warrant arrest.

CPO McKune made 1 arrest for Driving While License Revoked.

CPO McKune assisted the Mercer County Sheriff's Office with apprehending two suspects wanted for escape out of Iowa.

CPO McKune conducted recreational boating and OUI enforcement patrols on the Mississippi River. CPO McKune made 1 OUI arrest.

OGLE COUNTY

While on boat patrol with CPO Meinders, CPO Hoftender issued a citation to a subject operating a personal watercraft without a life jacket. The subject was issued warnings for no whistle and a non-serviceable fire extinguisher.

CPO Zigler issued a citation for possession of alcohol in a posted restricted area in Lowden State Park.

ROCK ISLAND COUNTY

CPO Hoftender and CPO Zigler were called out by Rock Island County requesting assistance with sonar for a vehicle in the Mississippi River. CPO Hoftender and CPO Zigler assisted in finding the vehicle. Rock Island County is handling the investigation.

CPO Priest stopped a boat on the Rock River in Whiteside County on July 4th. The boat operator displayed signs of impairment and admitted to drinking. CPO Priest ran the operator through HGN. CPO Priest asked the operator to put a life jacket on and step into his boat. The operator refused all tests. The operator was arrested for OUI. The operator was processed and released on the scene.

CPO's Hoftender, Posateri, and Zigler assisted Cordova Fire Department with a recovery on the Mississippi River.

STEPHENSON COUNTY

No Activity Reported for this County

WHITESIDE COUNTY

CPO Zigler issued a citation for unlawful operation of a watercraft with a passenger under 13 not wearing a PFD.

CPO Swanson received a call about an injured fox in a backyard. The young fox was transported to Hoo Haven Wildlife Rehab and is being treated for a broken front leg and mange.

Northwest Zone / District 6 - Sgt. Phil Wire

(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)

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

BOONE COUNTY

CPO Swanson was conducting fishing compliance checks in Belvidere when she spoke to a juvenile who said he was 15 but gave a date of birth for that of a 17-year-old. After further questioning, he admitted he was 16 and did not have a fishing license, and was from out of state. He was educated on IL fishing laws, how to purchase a non-resident license, and issued a written warning.

CPO Swanson received information of possible illegal trapping occurring in a residential neighborhood pond in Belvidere. She followed up with the City of Belvidere who confirmed they had hired a nuisance trapper for a beaver issue.

CPO Roesch checked fisherman at the Belvidere Dam. 1 individual was in possession of a rusty crayfish. The individual was issued a warning for possession of a live injurious species and the crayfish was disposed of.

BUREAU COUNTY

CPO Kaufman received the disposition from a December 2020 deer case. A hunter who was living in Illinois, but claimed Texas residency was hunting with Illinois resident deer permits. The hunter received a \$1348.50 fine, of which \$1076.50 was restitution to the department. The restitution amount was the difference the hunter paid for the resident deer permits compared to the amount he should have paid for non-resident permits.

DEKALB COUNTY

CPO Murry cited an individual at Shabbona Lake State Park campground for Possession of Alcohol against posted regulations.

CPO Murry cited an individual at Shabbona Lake State Park for failure to immediately release short fish. While conducting sport fishing enforcement CPO Murry located an individual that was in possession of a 14-inch Walleye and the limit at Shabbona Lake is 18inches at Shabbona Lake State Park.

CPO Engledow was conducting fishing compliance checks at Dekalb Rotary park. After issuing a written warning to an individual for No Valid Fishing License, CPO Engledow responded to assist Dekalb PD with an attempted shooting in which Dekalb PD officers were in the vicinity of the shooting and located a male suspect armed with a firearm running from the scene. CPO Engledow responded to assist in the attempt to apprehend the suspect. A firearm was located near the scene. The incident is currently under investigation by Dekalb PD.

Clearing from the first incident, CPO Engledow responded to assist Sycamore PD and Dekalb County Sheriff's Office on the attempted apprehension of another male suspect who fled on foot from a traffic stop and into a field after throwing a firearm in the ditch. The firearm was located and the investigation is pending by Sycamore PD.

CPO Engledow observed a vehicle traveling east on Barber Greene Rd come to an abrupt stop and the driver exit the vehicle. CPO Engledow conducted a motorist assist on the vehicle that was Improperly Parked on the Roadway. The driver was observed to be intoxicated and ran through SFSTs. The driver was arrested for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol. During inventory of the vehicle, a sandwich baggie containing a white powdery substance was located in the driver compartment. The substance field-tested positive for cocaine. The driver was transported to Dekalb Co Jail where

he was charged with the Unlawful Possession of a Controlled Substance and Driving Under the Influence w a BAC of .190.

LASALLE COUNTY

CPO Filipiak was conducting fishing compliance checks near the fox river and observed two individuals sitting inside their car near the Dayton Dam parking lot. Upon walking up to the window the passenger was observed smoking cannabis. The passenger was unaware of the law pertaining to medical cannabis and how it needed to be stored, transported, and used. The passenger was educated and she received a citation for use of medical cannabis within the passenger compartment of a vehicle.

CPO Martin and CPO Stanbary conducted a boat patrol on the 3rd of July on the Illinois River. The waters were high with increased floating debris. CPO Martin and CPO Stanbary made contact with all boats in the patrol area completing several boat safety inspections. There were many boaters within compliance. One citation was issued for no life jacket when required and written warnings were issued for passenger location, overcapacity, and no lanyard cut-off switch when required.

Illinois State Police Troopers contacted CPO Martin regarding a vehicle crash occurring early in the morning at Illini State Park. Upon investigation, it was discovered two fishermen had been fishing in an area after hours, they had alcohol in a prohibited area and one fisherman was fishing with a resident license as a non-resident. The violations were addressed.

CPO Murry cited an individual at Matthiessen State Park River area for Possession of Alcohol against posted regulations.

CPO Murry was conducting sport fishing enforcement on the Illinois River. He located a fisherman in possession of a 12-inch Smallmouth bass. The size limit for Small Mouth Bass on this portion of the Illinois River is 18 inches. The fisherman was cited for the violation.

CPO Binsbacher issued a citation for no fire extinguisher on a vessel and issued 18 warnings for other violations.

CPO Kaufman received the disposition from an April 2021 case where 2 fishermen had hidden 6 Smallmouth Bass and 13.5 inch Sauger in their backpack. Each fisherman was fined \$500 and received 6 months of supervision.

CPO Kaufman responded to a 911 call of three lost hikers at Starved Rock State Park. The 911 dispatcher was able to direct the hikers to a residence near the park. When CPO Kaufman arrived they explained they had parked at the lodge and were trying to get back to their vehicle for the last 3 hours. CPO Kaufman explained to them, their problem was they had been walking in the wrong direction. They had been hiking away from the lodge and were 3.5 miles from their car. The hikers said they were afraid to go back into the "woods". CPO Kaufman gave the vehicle owner a ride back to the lodge and lead the driver back to the remaining hikers.

CPO Engledow conducted a traffic stop on an individual for Speeding 82mph in a 55mph Zone. After speaking with the individual, CPO Engledow discovered the driver had No Valid Driver's License. CPO Engledow issued two citations for Speeding 82mph in a 55mph Zone and No Valid DL.

CPO Engledow and CPO Pankey conducted a boat ramp detail in Ottawa after the city firework display. CPO Engledow and CPO Pankey conducted vessel safety inspections on boats coming off the river.

CPO Engledow and CPO Pankey were guest speakers at the Ottawa YMCA Youth Scouts. Sgt. Wire provided the Educational Trailer and we discussed the roles of the Illinois Conservation Police, Equipment, and Outdoor Recreation.

PUTNAM COUNTY

CPO Filipiak and CPO Stanbary conducted a timber truck inspection near the town of Putnam. Upon completion of the inspection, it was identified the driver did not possess a CDL required to operate the timber truck. The driver's proof of ownership paperwork was also incomplete. The driver received three citations.

CPO Stanbary and CPO Martin conducted a boat patrol on the 4th of July on the Illinois River. The waters were high with

increased floating debris. CPO Stanbary and CPO Martin made contact with all boats in the patrol area completing several boat safety inspections. There were many boaters within compliance. One citation was issued for failure to transfer certificate of number and two written warnings were issued for no lanyard cut-off switch when required and no battery covers.

CPO Martin conducted a traffic stop on an Oglesby man for failing to stop at a stop sign in an area with blind corners due to the tall corn crops. The violation was addressed.

WINNEBAGO COUNTY

CPO Alvarez- Gerbino and CPO Leannah were conducting sport fishing checks at the Fordham Dam in Rockford. They discovered two fishermen in possession of a large amount of rusty Crayfish. Each fisherman was issued a citation for the possession of live Rusty Crayfish.

CPO Alvarez- Gerbino was conducting sport fishing checks at the Rockton Dam on the Rock River and found 3 fishermen with no valid Sportfishing Licenses. 1 citation and 2 written warnings were issued.

CPO Alvarez- Gerbino was conducting sport fishing checks at Lake Victoria in South Beloit and found 2 fishermen with no valid Sport fishing licenses. 1 citation and 1 written warning were issued.

CPO Alvarez- Gerbino and CPO Randy Leannah received a complaint from Rock Cut State Park staff of a subject sleeping in the park multiple nights. The subject was evicted from the Park and 1 written warning was issued.

CPO Alvarez- Gerbino and CPO Roesch assisted Boone County Sheriffs Department with a fatal motor vehicle accident.

A traffic stop was made at Rock Cut State Park on a vehicle that was observed driving on the roadway with 7 passengers in the bed of the truck. One of those passengers was a child under the age of 8. CPO Murry cited the driver for failure to secure a child passenger under 8 in a vehicle.

CPO Swanson and CPO Engledow worked enforcement at Rock Cut State Park and on the Rock River in Rockford July 4th weekend. They issued three citations for failure to have a child under 13 wear a life jacket aboard a boat as required, one citation for no fishing license, one citation for alcohol in Rock Cut State Park, and one citation for possession/use of a bb gun in Rock Cut State Park.

CPO Swanson worked fish enforcement at Four Lake Forest Preserve in Pecatonica. A Rockford man was cited for fishing without a license and a Machesney Park man cited for not having a PFD while kayaking as required.

CPO Swanson conducted a traffic stop on I-39 in Loves Park after noticing an unrestrained child moving around a van. The driver also failed to turn on his headlights when required; a citation and warning were issued.

CPO Roesch arrested a man for the operation of a watercraft under the influence of alcohol with a BAC of 0.121.

CPO Roesch evicted an individual from Rock Cut State Park for camping in an area closed to camping. CPO Roesch later arrested the individual for criminal trespass to state property and transported him to the Winnebago County Jail. A few days later the same individual was again located in the park and CPO Roesch arrested him a 2nd time for criminal trespass.

CPO Roesch, Leannah, Alvarez, Engledow, and Sgt. Wire assisted 3 vessels on the Rock River. 1 boat had engine trouble and was smoking. CPOs towed another boat that was stuck in shallow water. CPOs assisted a 3rd boat that was taking on water and stuck in a shallow area. The boat was towed to a dock and put on a trailer. No injuries occurred.

CPO Engledow conducted a traffic stop on an individual at Rock Cut State Park and issued a citation to an individual for No proof of Valid Insurance. CPO Engledow also issued the individual two WWs for Unlawful Possession of Alcohol By a Minor and Entering A Restricted Area after Closing Hours

CPO Engledow issued a citation to an individual for Unlawful Possession of a BB Gun in Rock Cut State Park

CPO Engledow conducted a boat patrol with CPO Swanson on the Rock River. CPO Engledow issued a citation to an individual for Operation of Watercraft w/o Required Number of PFD's Onboard. CPO Engledow also conducted a fishing compliance check on a fisherman fishing from the shoreline. CPO Engledow issued a citation to the individual for Unlawfully Fishing w/ No Valid Fishing License

CPO Engledow conducted a boat patrol on the Rock River with CPO Roesch. CPO Engledow issued a citation to a boat operator for Unlawful Operation of Watercraft w/ Expired Registration.

CPO Leannah cited a fisherman for using an injurious species as live bait (rusty crawfish). CPO Leannah arrested an individual for OUI on the Rock River.

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 Gerard arrested an individual wanted on an outstanding arrest warrant.

CPO McKune assisted multiple other CPOs and law enforcement agencies in the Fulton County area in the search of escaped prisoners from the Fulton County Jail.

CPO Thompson conducted sport fishing compliance checks at Rice Lake SFWA and the IL River shoreline. Upon locating three male subjects fishing on the IL River shoreline, it was identified none of the men had a valid fishing license. During a search of the area for unlawfully taken fish, CPO Thompson located a loaded handgun. With the assistance of a Fulton County Deputy, the handgun was identified to be unlawfully possessed without a valid FOID card. The handgun was seized as evidence and the man was transported to the Fulton County Jail. In addition, the man was identified to have an active warrant for his arrest for failure to appear. The man was charged with two counts of unlawful possession of a firearm/ammunition without a valid FOID and two citations were issued for fishing without a fishing license. One written warning was issued.

CPO Thompson and CPO Jarrod Elliott responded to a complaint at Rice Lake SFWA campground. Information provided showed a camper had occupied a campsite for several days and did not pay. Numerous attempts to contact the camper for payment were made and no payment was received. CPO Thompson and CPO Elliott visited the campsite to investigate the issue. Upon arrival, CPOs observed a large amount of garbage spread across the grounds of the site including drink containers, diapers, and pet feces. CPOs made contact and the camper was found to have an active warrant for his arrest. During the contact, two dogs ran at large around the campground off-leash. CPOs transported the man to the Fulton County Sheriff's Office and issued citations for littering, failure to register/pay for a campsite, and unlawfully having dogs at large and off-leash in the campground. Written warnings were issued for additional counts of failure to pay/register campsite.

CPO Brad Thompson was on patrol at Double T State Fish and Wildlife Area near the intersection of Cypress Road and County Highway 19 in Fulton County. CPO Thompson observed two male individuals fishing on the shoreline in the park. Upon contact, one of the men claimed to have purchased his fishing license but did not have it on his person. As a result, CPO Thompson requested the man provide identification, which he did. Upon identification, the man was found to have an active warrant for his arrest in Fulton County for failure to appear in court. The man was transported to the Fulton County Sheriff's Office and lodged pending cash bond.

CPO Thompson, CPO Elliott, CPO McKune, CPO Lazzell, CPO Meinders, and CPO Finn responded to assist the Peoria

County and Fulton County Sheriff's offices, Illinois State Police, and the US Marshall Service in a search for four fugitives having escaped from the Fulton County Jail. CPOs assisted in an extensive search which resulted in the clean apprehension of all four suspects.

CPO Thompson and CPO Gerard conducted boating safety and compliance checks at various bodies of water in Fulton County. During a check of a fisherman at Emiquon Refuge, a man was issued a written warning for unlawful possession of alcohol in the refuge.

CPO Thompson conducted sport fishing compliance checks at Double T SFWA in rural Fulton County. While checking license documents, a Canton man was found to have an active warrant for his arrest for failure to appear in Fulton County. The man was apprehended and transported to the Fulton County Jail, pending cash bond.

CPO Thompson conducted a traffic stop on a timber truck in rural Fulton County. The driver of the truck was found to be transporting logs without updated documentation as required. A written warning was issued.

CPO Thompson participated in water-based CEIRT Tactical Scenario Training on the IL River. Several exercises were conducted including hostage and domestic terrorist risk assessments and scenarios.

HENDERSON COUNTY

No Activity Reported for this County

KNOX COUNTY

CPO Thompson attended a hunter safety class in Galesburg. Numerous topics were discussed including the importance the adherence to the wildlife code plays in the conservation of our natural resources.

MARSHALL COUNTY

No Activity Reported for this County

MCDONOUGH COUNTY

CPO Elliott and CPO Thompson patrolled the Mississippi River by boat. CPO Elliott issued a written warning to a subject for operating his watercraft without a safety lanyard attached and for not having a safety lanyard. CPO Elliott explained the importance of the requirement and the gentleman agreed he would be sure to wear it in the future.

PEORIA COUNTY

CPO Gerard arrested an individual wanted on a warrant.

CPO Lazzell arrested two subjects on felony arrest warrants out of Fulton County and Tazewell County.

CPO Lazzell and CPO Finn conducted a boat patrol of the Illinois River during the fireworks show on July 4th. CPO Lazzell issued 4 citations and 10 written warnings for boating safety violations during the patrol.

STARK COUNTY

No Activity Reported for this County

TAZEWELL COUNTY

CPO Finn was patrolling rural Tazewell County when he observed a vehicle pulled to the side of the road. The driver exited and threw an object across the road into the weeds. CPO Finn conducted a traffic stop and issued the offender a citation for littering. The object ended up being a plastic ice cream container with chili inside.

CPO Lazzell investigated a recreational boating accident on the Illinois River near Eastport Marina involving two personal watercraft. One of the PWC operators was transported by ambulance to the hospital for a back injury. An investigation is ongoing.

CPO Lazzell participated in sonar operations/search & recovery training with Fondulac Park District Police and Peoria Fire Department Dive Team. Participating agencies shared strategies for drowning victim recoveries and practiced using available assets to enhance safe and successful victim recovery operations on Illinois waterways.

WARREN COUNTY

CPO Thompson and CPO Elliott conducted fishing compliance checks at Citizens Lake near Monmouth in Warren

County. During a check, CPOs conducted a probable cause search of a man and located loose cannabis on his person. The man was issued a civil citation for the unlawful possession of the controlled substance.

WOODFORD COUNTY

CPO Gerard cited two individuals for the operation of ATVs on lands without the consent of the landowner.



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

No Activity Reported for this County

CALHOUN COUNTY

Sgt Myers and CPO Gushleff conducted a Water patrol on the Illinois River between Calhoun and Jersey County. Checking Several Recreational boats, Sport Fishermen, and Commercial devices.

GREENE COUNTY

No Activity Reported for this County

HANCOCK COUNTY

CPO Wheatley received the two racks related to an ongoing investigation CPO Wheatley is conducting regarding 2 deer illegally taken from Niota. The racks were collected as evidence in cooperation with the Louisiana Fish and Wildlife agency and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife agency. The racks are definite trophies by anyone's definition, one measuring 203 inches and is a 17 pointer, the other, an 18 pointer, measures 187 inches. The case is still in its infancy, but charges should be filed in the very near future, some of these charges are felonies. Updates will be posted as the case continues.

JERSEY COUNTY

CPO Michael Goetten and CPO Matt Lentz checked a fisherman. He was in possession of sport fish caught with a cast net. The subject was also wanted on a warrant for failure to appear for driving while license suspended. He was arrested.

CPO Michael Goetten observed a suspicious vehicle parked along the river. The two occupants were engaged in sexual conduct. They also admitted to smoking cannabis in the vehicle. A search of the car revealed several containers with a total of over 100 pills. CPO Goetten identified the pills as controlled substances. The male subject was arrested for public indecency. The female subject was arrested for public indecency and the unlawful possession of a controlled substance.

CPO Michael Goetten investigated a personal injury boat accident on the Mississippi River. For unknown reasons, the operator of a PWC was ejected from the vessel and sustained a traumatic head injury. He was airlifted from the scene. The investigation is pending.

MACOUPIN COUNTY

CPO Gushleff and Sgt. Myers went on a boat patrol of the IL and Mississippi Rivers. Several boats were stopped for safety inspections, and 2 written warnings were issued to boaters for minor boating violations.

CPO Gushleff was on patrol at Beaver Dam State Park in Macoupin County. A fisherman was checked for compliance with the Fish Code. The fisherman had a wire fish basket at the fish cleaning station, and CPO Gushleff inspected his catch. It came to CPO Gushleff's attention that the fisherman had a bass in his basket that was 11 ¾ inches long. The minimum length a bass can be at BDSP is 15 inches. The man was asked why he kept such a short bass, and he replied that he didn't know the limits. CPO Gushleff kindly advised the man that there was a sign with the limits of BDSP fishing regulations posted less than 5 feet from the man. A citation was issued for failure to immediately release a short largemouth bass under the 15-inch minimum length limit.

CPO Gushleff was patrolling Gillespie Lake during the Fourth of July weekend by boat. A watercraft was encountered in a cove that was a Picnic table converted into a watercraft. The picnic table had a trolling motor mounted on it, and when stopped the passengers of the makeshift vessel were asked if there were any life vests aboard. They advised CPO Gushleff they didn't have any safety equipment aboard the "boat". The Operator of the boat was issued a citation for not having life vests aboard the boat. There was even a dog riding on the boat, and they were told that they needed

to return to shore.

PIKE COUNTY

No Activity Reported for this County

SCHUYLER COUNTY

Sgt Myers conducted an Illinois River access and Flood Water check on the boat ramps in Schuyler and Brown Counties.

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

During a patrol at Jim Edgar Panther Creek, CPO Wahlbrink arrested an individual near Prairie Lake after he discovered the individual had an outstanding warrant for his arrest.

CHRISTIAN COUNTY

CPO Snodgrass was conducting sport fish enforcement at Sangchris Lake when he observed a boat being operated with a 150hp motor. Sangchris Lake has a 25hp maximum motor limit. The subject was issued a citation for the violation.

CPO Gerdes attended a “fishing with offishers” event hosted by the Taylorville Police Department at Taylorville Lake. The event provided approximately 20 children between the ages of 5 and 15 with all of the equipment to go fishing as well as educate them on the importance of conservation laws and regulations. The event was a smashing success.

LOGAN COUNTY

No Activity Reported for this County

MASON COUNTY

While patrolling the Illinois river, CPOs Wahlbrink and Thornley performed multiple watercraft safety inspections. The CPOs issued numerous warnings and one citation for not having enough life jackets onboard a watercraft.

MENARD COUNTY

No Activity Reported for this County

MORGAN COUNTY

Sergeant Gilmer and CPO Wahlbrink patrolled Jacksonville Lake during the fourth of July weekend. Numerous watercraft safety inspections yielded five warnings and two PFD (life jacket) citations.

CPO Gerdes attended a youth summer camp hosted by the Meredosia School District. CPO Gerdes was able to speak with approximately 40 school-aged children about the importance of boater/water safety. The children also got a chance to see an IDNR boat up close and play several games geared to stress the importance of life jacket use.

SANGAMON COUNTY

CPO Snodgrass patroled Springfield Lake by boat where several boating violations were observed and addressed. During the holiday weekend, he issued 2 citations for children under the age of 13 not wearing PFDs while boats were underway. Also issued were 3 written warnings for passenger location. Subjects were observed riding on the bow or sterns of boats while underway.

While patrolling Lake Springfield, CPOs Wahlbrink, Thornley, and Snodgrass observed a watercraft moving under the Lindsey Bridge with a passenger sitting unlawfully on a seatback. CPO Snodgrass maneuvered the patrol boat towards the watercraft and performed a boat stop. CPOs Wahlbrink and Thornley addressed the violation with the boaters and issued a written warning. During the stop, it was determined that the operator had an outstanding warrant for his arrest. The individual was arrested without incident.

CPO Thornley and CPO Snodgrass conducted recreational boat enforcement of Lake Springfield. CPO Thornley issued a citation to the operator for a child under 13 not in a lifejacket, and written warnings for overloading of a vessel, and improper passenger location. CPO Thornley conducted a traffic stop of a vehicle driving at a high rate of speed in a 55 MPH zone, the driver was given a citation requiring a mandatory court appearance.

SCOTT COUNTY

Sergeant Gilmer and CPOs Wahlbrink and Thornley patrolled the Illinois River, enforcing the provisions of the watercraft safety and registration act. Multiple boats were stopped and checked for the proper safety equipment, registration, and sober operators. Four written warnings were issued for boating violations.

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 State Park and the boat ramp. CPO Hyatt contacted 4 boats with a total of 11 occupants and issued 2 written warnings.

CPO Hyatt was at Mill Creek Lake boat ramp and checked 17 boats with approximately 50 boaters and issued 3 written warnings. CPO Hyatt also received a call while at Mill Creek regarding a stolen jet ski, when CPO Hyatt arrived at the resident's boat ramp the jet ski had been returned, compliant did not know who took the jet ski and no damage was done. The complainant did not want to file a report.

COLES COUNTY

CPO Hyatt performed boat patrol on Lake Mattoon with CPO Mieure. CPO Hyatt and CPO Mieure contacted 12 boats and approximately 32 boaters which resulted in a total of 7 written warnings.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY

CPO Moody assisted CPO Mieure in rural Cumberland County on a timber theft investigation.

CPO Hyatt performed boat patrol on Lake Mattoon with CPO Mieure. CPO Hyatt and CPO Mieure contacted 12 boats and approximately 32 boaters which resulted in a total of 7 written warnings.

CPO Hyatt assisted Cumberland County in searching for a missing elderly woman who had been reported missing between 8-9 pm on July 3rd. On July 4th CPO Hyatt joined Cumberland Co and ISP to continue the search for elderly woman around the Greenup area. Around 11:30 am the elderly woman was located and taken to St. Anthony's hospital for further evaluation.

CPO Mieure patrolled Lake Mattoon and issued one citation for not enough PFD's onboard a watercraft and 7 written warnings for other watercraft safety violations.

CPO Barnes assisted with an illegal timber harvesting complaint. The investigation is ongoing.

DOUGLAS COUNTY

CPO Moody conducted a detail on the Kaskaskia River in Douglas County. A citation and multiple written warnings were issued for various fishing violations.

EDGAR COUNTY

No Activity Reported for this County

MOULTRIE COUNTY

CPO Moody responded to a man who had taken off into the woods on the Wildlife Management Area and was experiencing some mental issues. The man was located and received medical attention.

SHELBY COUNTY

CPO Barnes Patrolled Lake Shelbyville for boating violations over the 4th of July weekend taking enforcement action for safety violations. CPO Barnes investigated a boat accident on Lake Shelbyville where a boat took on water and sank with no injuries.

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 Ausmus responded to a call where two juvenile bald eagles were found deceased. The eagles were located directly under a power pole and appeared to have been electrocuted. The local power company was on scene and had also notified USFWS. USFWS is investigating.

DEWITT COUNTY

CPO Ausmus and CPO Vaughan responded to a dog bite at Clinton Lake Campgrounds. The victim was walking his dog down the road when it was attacked by a loose dog. The victim and his dog sustained bite wounds. The offending dog owner was located and issued a citation for unlawful dog off lease. The victim and his dog sought medical treatment.

CPO Ausmus and CPO Vaughan checked several fishing boats on Clinton Lake. Written warnings were issued for no fishing license, no fire extinguisher, and unnumbered watercraft.

CPO Reeves along with other district 19 officers have been conducting an investigation to identify and locate the vehicle and driver responsible for hitting CPO Ausmus in his squad on Saturday, June 26th. After striking CPO Ausmus' squad, the driver fled the scene. Although significant progress has been made, the investigation is ongoing.

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

CPO Reeves and CPO Ausmus conducted a boat patrol on Decatur Lake. Several citations were issued for PFD violations, multiple warnings were issued for unlawful passenger location, no type IV PFD, and unnumbered watercraft. One subject was arrested for OUI and had outstanding arrest warrants from two counties.

CPO Reeves arrested a male subject during a traffic stop in Decatur. The man was driving on a suspended license and had an active warrant for his arrest out of Macon County. The man was issued a citation for driving while his license was suspended as well as a notice to appear on the warrant.

CPO Reeves arrested a male subject for the operation of a watercraft under the influence of alcohol on Lake Decatur. The man also had two warrants for his arrest. The man was processed for the OUI prior to being taken to the Macon County Jail to be held in lieu of bond on the warrant.

MCLEAN COUNTY

CPO Z. Williams responded to a trapping complaint in Bloomington. It is still under investigation.

PIATT COUNTY

No Activity Reported for this County

VERMILION COUNTY

CPO Sanford conducted multiple speed radar enforcement details on State Land in Vermilion County. In total, CPO Sanford conducted multiple traffic stops on speeding vehicles, resulting in three citations and two written warnings for speed and other IVC violations, as well as an arrest for driving while license revoked.

CPO Sanford conducted recreational boat enforcement detail on Vermilion County waterways. During the detail, CPO Sanford conducted 17 boat safety inspections, resulting in 1 citation for a child PFD violation, 1 citation for a registration violation, 1 citation for a wake zone violation, as well as multiple written warnings for violations to the Boat Registration and Safety Act.

CPO Sanford conducted sportfish enforcement and located multiple individuals fishing without a Valid Sportfishing License on Vermilion County waterways. Appropriate enforcement action was taken.

CPO Z. Williams Patrolled Kickapoo State Park. CPO Z. Williams checked numerous fishermen. Proper enforcement

action. CPO Z. Williams also conducted numerous traffic stops in Kickapoo State Park. Proper enforcement action was taken.

CPO Z. Williams assisted Vermilion County Sheriff's Department with their fireworks show on Lake Vermilion. CPO Z. Williams checked numerous boats for safety violations. CPO Z. Williams addressed multiple violations from children not wearing PFDs when required and registration violations, to batteries not covered. Proper enforcement action was taken on each stop.

CPO Z. Williams checked a fisherman at Lake Mingo spillway. During the compliance check, CPO Z. Williams discovered 7 white crappies in a minnow bucket in the water. The fisherman admitted there may be some short fish in the bucket. The fisherman was in possession of four short crappies. One crappie measured 7.5 inches with the minimum limit being 9 inches. Proper enforcement action was taken.



Southern Zone Bi-Monthly Report



Southern Zone – Acting Captain Eric Manker

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Southern Zone / District 13, ACTING Sgt. Ralph Sievers

(CPO Charles, CPO French, CPO Gerdes, CPO Lentz, CPO Leibl, CPO Macias, CPO Ray, CPO Schachner, CPO Sievers, CPO Wichern)

(Counties: Bond, Clinton, Madison, Monroe, Montgomery, Randolph, St. Clair & Washington)

BOND COUNTY

CPO Wichern reviewed the Illinois Wildlife Laws with a group of (30) youth hunters who attended a Hunter's Safety Class at the Mulberry Grove Fire Dept, where all (30) students successfully completed their test and received their Hunter's Safety Certificate.

CLINTON COUNTY

CPO's Macias and CPO Schachner were on a lake patrol on Carlyle Lake and stopped a pair of jet skiers at full throttle inside a no-wake zone. Neither rider had boating safety certificates or numbered watercraft. Each operator received a citation and a pair of warnings.

MADISON COUNTY

CPO Ray and CPO Lentz patrolled Horseshoe Lake State Park advising individuals on how to comply with the State Park and Fishing regulations.

MONROE COUNTY

No Activity Reported for this County

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

No Activity Reported for this County

RANDOLPH COUNTY

While conducting boating enforcement CPO Wichern cited a non-resident catfish guide for operating a fish guiding service on the Mississippi River in the Chester area for 2yrs without obtaining an Illinois Passenger for Hire license, and for failing to properly cover the boat's batteries & for possessing a non-serviceable fire extinguisher.

CPO Ray observed a Missouri resident selling bags of cut bait out of a cooler at the Mississippi riverboat launch in Chester. After further inspection, CPO Ray determined the subject possessed an Illinois non-resident Aquatic Life Dealer license & the subject was properly recording the sale of fish with receipts.

ST. CLAIR COUNTY

CPO Ray and CPO Lentz patrolled Frank Holten State Park advising individuals on how to comply with the State Park and Fishing regulations.

CPO Ray received multiple unusual e-mails from an individual resulting in CPO Ray notifying family members. The subject recently left medical assistance and stopped taking medication.

WASHINGTON COUNTY

CPO Macias and an intern were patrolling Washington County SFWA and came across a pair of people fishing from a moored boat. When asked for their fishing licenses only one produced an IL license, the second gave the CPO a MO license. It seemed there was confusion as to what license was needed for which state. The CPO educated the pair on state-specific licensees and issued a written warning to the second person.

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 Knop with the assistance of the Corps of Engineers and a Franklin County deputy responded to a boater in distress call. The individual's boat, unable to start, was pushed into the rip rap along Rt 154 due to high winds. The officers were able to get the boater and his boat safely to the boat ramp and assisted the boater in changing a flat tire on his boat trailer which occurred earlier in the day.

CPO Lewis and CPO Tapley were on Boat Patrol at Rend Lake during the July 4th Weekend. CPO Lewis arrested a boat operator for OUI. The operator had a .163 BAC.

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 Jourdan arrested a Jefferson County man for multiple deer violations. An investigation revealed the man shot a large buck in December of 2020 with a rifle. The man also poached a doe with that rifle in June of 2021. The doe was left to rot in a field. The man had 16 total violations. The rifle and deer head were seized as evidence.

PERRY COUNTY

CPO Lewis and CPO K. Williams responded to a farming accident fatal at Pyramid State Park.

CPO Lewis and CPO K. Williams were informed of a Du Quoin resident in possession of a raccoon. The man explained the raccoon was his pet and had it leashed and collared. CPOs explained to the man it is unlawful to retain wildlife alive and informed him of the possible dangers of doing so. CPOs were able to take possession of the raccoon and transfer it to a local Wildlife Rehabilitation Facility with no issue. The Du Quoin resident was issued multiple warnings.

SALINE COUNTY

No Activity Reported for this County

WHITE COUNTY

No Activity Reported for this County

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

CPO Smith issued two citations and one written warning to archery deer hunters responding to IDNR's administrative investigations.

CPO Smith issued a citation to a dog owner for allowing his dogs to chase/harass whitetail deer.

CRAWFORD COUNTY

No Activity Reported for this County

EDWARDS COUNTY

No Activity Reported for this County

EFFINGHAM COUNTY

CPO Roper was on patrol at Lake Sara after dark. While conducting a boat safety compliance check CPO Roper observed a watercraft traveling at a high rate of speed with no illuminated required navigation lighting, and weaving through boat traffic. CPO conducted a boat stop on the blacked-out watercraft to address the safety issue. CPO Roper through the course of the boat stop suspected the operator of the boat to be under the influence of alcohol. CPO Roper conducted field sobriety testing on the operator of the watercraft and determined the individual to be under the influence of alcohol while operating a watercraft. CPO Roper arrested the individual for the operation of a watercraft under the influence of alcohol and issued a written warning for the navigation lighting issue

CPO Taylor assisted Lake Sara authorities in water safety while fireworks were being discharged.

FAYETTE COUNTY

While on Boat Patrol in Fayette County CPO Roper observed a watercraft traveling on Vandalia Lake. CPO Roper conducted a boat stop on the watercraft to conduct a boating compliance check. Through the course of the boating

compliance check, it was determined there were not enough lifejackets aboard the vessel for everyone onboard. The operator of the watercraft was issued a citation for an insufficient number of lifejackets.

While on boat patrol at Vandalia Lake CPO Roper observed a watercraft disobeying the no wake zone navigation markers next to several lake homes. CPO Roper conducted a boat stop on the vessel, and the operator of the vessel was issued a citation for operation at wake speed in a no-wake zone.

JASPER COUNTY

CPO Hyatt issued a citation to an individual for riding his ATV on a landowner's property without permission of the landowner.

LAWRENCE COUNTY

No Activity Reported for this County

MARION COUNTY

CPO Skelton issued several citations and warnings for boat safety violations while at Forbes State Park.

CPO Smith assisted CPO Swindle in an OUI arrest located at Lake Centralia.

CPO Smith issued a citation to a boat operator for insufficient # of life jackets, a written warning for improper # display to another operator, and a written warning for passenger location to another operator.

CPO Smith issued a written warning each to fishermen for fish license not in possession, exceeded # of permissible devices, and no fishing license

On 04 July, CPO Swindle was patrolling Centralia Lake with CPO Smith when they observed a pontoon boat crossing the lake. They approached the boat as it was pulling into the boat launch. CPO Swindle made contact to conduct a boat inspection. The boat inspection led to an SFST of the operator. The operator was subsequently arrested for operating a watercraft under the influence of alcohol. The operator refused to provide a breath sample.

RICHLAND COUNTY

CPO Skelton arrested a subject for operating a watercraft while under the influence. The subject was also cited for operating a watercraft at an excessive speed in a "No Wake" zone, causing a wake.

CPO Taylor assisted CPO Willard in an OUI arrest at East Fork Lake. CPO Taylor also assisted in water safety while East Fork Lake discharged fireworks. CPO Smith issued 2 written warnings to two boat operators for improper # display at East Fork Lake.

CPO Willard was on boat patrol along with CPO Taylor on East Fork Lake on 07/04/21. CPO Willard observed a pontoon boat to be traveling faster than no-wake speed due to it passing other boats in the no-wake area as well as creating a wake and white water behind the vessel. CPO Willard spoke with the operator and performed a boat safety inspection. After the inspection, the operator was given Standardized Field Sobriety Tests. The operator of the vessel was placed under arrest for Operating Under the Influence of Alcohol. The operator of the vessel was issued two citations and the vessel was released to a sober operator. During the same patrol, CPO Willard observed a female on a personal watercraft who was not wearing a life jacket. CPO Willard stopped the female operator who was cited for the violation.

WABASH COUNTY

CPO Hyatt while working during operation dry Water the weekend of July 2-4 issued a citation to an individual for not having enough life jackets in his watercraft, as well as 2 warnings for equipment violations.

CPO Roundcount and CPO Swindle were patrolling the Wabash River via boat. Three males were observed fishing from a boat on the Illinois side of the river. One of the fishermen did not have a valid sportfishing license in his possession. It was then discovered the fisherman had multiple arrest warrants out of Indiana. The fisherman was arrested and transported to the Wabash County Jail awaiting extradition to Indiana.

WAYNE COUNTY

CPO Smith issued a written warning to a fisherman for no fishing license and another written warning to a fisherman for exceeding # of permissible devices.

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

No Activity Reported for this County

JACKSON COUNTY

CPO G. Anderson issued citations to separate subjects for discharging fireworks in a state park and operating an ATV on department lands.

CPO G. Anderson issued 8 written warnings to boat operators at Kinkaid Lake for safety equipment and registration violations.

CPO Spinka performed boat safety checks on Kincaid lake which resulted in multiple warnings and citations for boat safety violations. Along with 1 OUI arrest.

CPO Vasicek contacted a watercraft operator on Kinkaid Lake on the 4th of July holiday. There were 16 occupants on this boat despite having a maximum capacity of 8 people (overloaded). During the course of the inspection/contact, CPO Vasicek suspected the operator was impaired. The operator subsequently failed field sobriety and provided a breath sample indicating a BAC of .129% and was arrested for OUI alcohol.

JOHNSON COUNTY

CPO Spinka performed boat safety checks on the Lake of Egypt which resulted in multiple warnings and citations for boat safety violations. Along with 1 OUI arrest.

CPO Wilkinson arrested an individual for unlawful operation of a watercraft under the influence of alcohol, with a BAC of .085 after observing the operator finish a beer and throw a can into Lake of Egypt. Three citations were issued to the operator and 1 written warnings. Multiple other boat stops were performed. In total, CPO Wilkinson issued 7 citations and 9 written warnings.

MASSAC COUNTY

CPO Wolf arrested a Metropolis man for driving while license revoked, no valid insurance, and possession of Methamphetamine Paraphernalia.

POPE COUNTY

No Activity Reported for this County

PULASKI COUNTY

CPO Spinka captured a juvenile red tailed hawk near Karnak which had been injured. The hawk was transported to Carterville for treatment.

UNION COUNTY

No Activity Reported for this County

WILLIAMSON COUNTY

CPO G. Anderson arrested a boat operator for operating a watercraft under the influence of alcohol at Lake of Egypt.

CPO Knop responded to a call of a stolen boat on Crab Orchard lake. The boat was recovered by a good Samaritan who reported he found the boat with a person swimming next to it close to the bank. While gathering information CPO Knop and Federal Wildlife officer Campbell observed an individual in the water at the location the boat was recovered. The officers made their way to the suspect and observed physical signs he had been in the water for a long period of time and that the individual was in psychological distress. After a period of time, the individual agreed to get out of the water and get on the officer's boat. The suspect was transported to a medical facility and a report was filed to the Williamson County State's attorney for charges.

CPO Wilkinson and Johnson performed a boat patrol on the Lake of Egypt. Several boat stops were conducted. CPO

Wilkinson issued one citation and 2 written warnings.