

Department of Natural Resources Law Enforcement Division

Field Operations

Weekly Report
July 17 – July 23, 2016

This report is a broad sampling of events that have taken place in the past week, but does not include all actions taken by the Law Enforcement Division.



Region I- Calhoun (Northwest)

No activity to report.

Region II- Gainesville (Northeast)

HALL COUNTY

On July 23, Corporal Eddie Thompkins and RFC Eric Isom were on vessel patrol on Lake Lanier. During the course of their patrol, the officers stopped multiple vessels for various infractions. One subject was arrested for BUI during the patrol.

On July 17, Corporal Jason Roberson and RFC Mark Stephens arrested two subjects for operating a vessel under the influence on Lake Sidney Lanier.

Region III- Thomson (East Central)

CLARKE COUNTY

On Saturday July 23, SGT Brian Carter and RFC Phillip Nelson patrolled the Athens area for boating and fishing activity. Violations documented were fishing without a license.

LAKE OCONEE

July 22-24, Rangers Derrell Worth, John Harwell, Richard Tanner, Dan Schay, and David Allen patrolled Lake Oconee. The Rangers issued citations for riding the bow of a vessel, towing skier without an observer, jumping the wake of a vessel, and 100' violation on PWC's.

NEWTON COUNTY

During the week of the 18th, Ranger Dan Schay issued two citations for fishing without permission and one citation for fishing without a license.

RICHMOND COUNTY

On July 23, Cpl. Payne patrolled Richmond County checking without permission complaints and fishing activity along local creeks. He completed two HIN inspections on boats located in Hephzibah. He also patrolled the Augusta Canal checking safety equipment on canoes and kayaks. One warning was issued for improper safety equipment.

JEFFERSON COUNTY

Sgt. Boswell and Cpl. Adams assist Game Management in trying to locate a large alligator off of Bridges Rd.

COLUMBIA COUNTY

On July 23rd, Cpl. Mark Patterson and RFC Robert Timmerman responded to a complaint of a possible intoxicated boater at Wildwood Park on Clarks Hill Lake. After a diligent search for the boater it was determined that the vessel was gone on arrival. The two Rangers cleared up and went back on patrol. The Rangers received another complaint later in the day on the same vessel. This time the Rangers responded by vessel and had Cpl. Brian Hobbins respond to the park by land. Contact was made with the vessel. After an inspection of the operator and the vessel it was determined that no violations had occurred.

Region IV- Macon (West Central)

No activity to report.

Region V- Albany (Southwest)

No activity to report.

Region VI- Metter (Southeast)

WILCOX COUNTY

On July 22nd, Corporal John A Stokes patrolled creeks and landings for fishing violations and boating safety violations. One violation for fishing without license was documented at Statham Shoals.

WHEELER COUNTY

On July 17th, Corporal Dan Stiles and Ranger First Class Allen Mills were checking boat landings for activity. A safety inspection was conducted on one vessel and an angler was checked for license and creel compliance. A violation for fishing without a license was documented.

Region VII- Brunswick (Coastal)

GLYNN COUNTY

On July 18, RFC David Brady conducted an Information & Education Program for the Fraternal Order of Police, Georgia Executive Board. RFC Brady escorted the board to the Brunswick Ports, Jekyll Island and Cumberland Island.

On July 21st, around 1330 hrs. , Glynn County Drug Task Force requested assistance from LED with a fugitive out of North Carolina. The US Marshal's Fugitive Task Force had made contact with Glynn County about the fugitive working on a commercial shrimp trawler in Brunswick. The trawler was tied to the dock and under surveillance by Glynn County. LED Captain Bob Lynn and Sergeants Mark Carson and Chris Ridley were asked to provide a boat in case the fugitive jumped into the river or if the trawler left the dock. A short while later, the trawler left the dock heading out the shipping channel. LED and a USCG boat intercepted the trawler escorting it back to the dock were members of the Glynn County Task Force were waiting. Once at the dock, Captain Lynn and Sgt. Carson boarded the trawler. The fugitive was arrested without incident. LED officers assisted with a search of the trawler.