

# Department of Natural Resources Law Enforcement Division

Field Operations

**Weekly Report**  
**October 2 – October 8, 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)**

### **HABERSHAM COUNTY**

On October 3, at approximately 1700 hours, Ranger Tommy Crabb heard radio traffic from Habersham Fire regarding an injured hiker on the Panther Creek Trail. Rgr. Crabb was just a few minutes away and responded to the scene. Upon arrival Habersham Fire and Rescue had just made contact with the injured hiker, who had injured her ankle, and was beginning to escort her out. The hiker was escorted out at 1958 with a severely twisted ankle. She refused transport by EMS and was transported to the hospital by her husband.

## **Region III- Thomson (East Central)**

### **ELBERT COUNTY**

On October 8<sup>th</sup> Sgt. Brian Carter and Cpl. Julian Wilkins assisted the Elbert County Sheriff's Department in a search for an elderly man who wandered from his home. He was located unharmed in the woods behind his residence.

### **WILKES COUNTY**

On October 8<sup>th</sup> Cpl. Mark Patterson patrolled portions of the county for hunting activity. During the patrol a dove shoot was located that was found to be baited with wheat and sorghum. Violations of hunting over bait were documented on the six adults participating in the shoot.

### **COLUMBIA/LINCOLN COUNTY**

On October 7<sup>th</sup>- 9<sup>th</sup>, Cpl. Ryan Swain and RFC Robert Timmerman performed concentrated patrols of Elijah Clark and Mistletoe State Parks. These patrols were conducted due to high occupancy volumes because of Hurricane Matthew in Coastal Georgia. Several altercations and disputes were reported from the evacuees. No arrests were made but several subjects were mediated on their behavior.

## **Region IV- Macon (West Central)**

### **BALDWIN COUNTY**

On the evening of October 2<sup>nd</sup>, Corporal Bubba Stanford responded to private property near Milledgeville in reference to rifle shots. Several people had complained of hearing shots recently and seeing a man exiting the woods with harvested deer. The incident is still under investigation.

On the evening of October 8<sup>th</sup>, Cpl. Stanford worked a complaint of possible night hunting in a residential area. At around 11:00 p.m. Cpl. Stanford heard a shot near his location and approached the area by foot. Cpl. Stanford located a suspect sitting on his porch with firearms that admitted to firing the shot. No evidence of night hunting was present and the suspect stated he routinely shoots from his porch at night for fun. Cpl. Stanford gave verbal guidance to the suspect for the dangers of discharging a firearm in a residential area.

## **Region V- Albany (Southwest)**

No activity to report.

## Region VI- Metter (Southeast)

### JEFF DAVIS COUNTY

On October 2<sup>nd</sup> Ranger First Class Clint Jarriel investigated a complaint from the Ranger Hotline of a deer that was shot at night. RFC Clint Jarriel traveled to the area and begin working to locate the subject involved in this incident. After locating the area and talking with all subjects involved in this incident, RFC Jarriel charged the subject for hunting deer at night and took a buck deer and entered it into evidence at the Metter Office.



## Region VII- Brunswick (Coastal)

### REGION WIDE

On October 7, Hurricane Mathew made landfall on the Georgia Coast. Luckily the Hurricane stayed offshore. The Georgia coast got Hurricane and Tropical Force winds, rain, and some storm surge. Rangers from all over the state were put in stand by status and some were activated to a Strike Team. These teams were staged up and down the coast for re-entry. On the morning of the 8<sup>th</sup> Rangers from Region VII made their way back to check on their residence. Once their residences were checked, Rangers met up with Strike teams to assist with storm damage. Jekyll Island and St. Simons Island in Glynn County and McIntosh County had significant damage and DNR Rangers assisted with getting roads cleared. The Strike Teams consisted of 7-8 Rangers with chainsaws and skid steer tractors. This aided counties with tree removals.