



GEORGIA

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION

Field Operations

Weekly Report June 4th – June 10th, 2017

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- Acworth (Northwest)

WALKER COUNTY

On June 10th, Sgt. Mike Barr received a call from a concerned citizen from Dade County who was picking blackberries near Pigeon Mountain WMA in Walker County. The person reported he found a body covered in a sheet near the Blue Hole area. RFC Roger McConkey responded to the call and discovered the area was actually on private property. The Walker County Sheriff's Office was contacted and checked on the complaint. The body was discovered to actually be a dead dog covered in a sheet.

FLOYD COUNTY

On June 09, 2017, RFC Roger McConkey was patrolling in Floyd County when he heard traffic on the Floyd County radio in reference to a BOLO vehicle. Officers from multiple agencies were looking for the vehicle due to an earlier incident in the county. The vehicle had been taken after a residence was broken into and an elderly woman beaten. The vehicle had possibly been seen near the Game Warden's location. The Game Warden went to the location and began to follow the last seen direction of the vehicle. A Floyd County Officer caught up with the Game Warden near Lindale, Ga. Just before the officers split up to search the area, the Game Warden spotted a vehicle matching the BOLO description in a nearby parking lot. Contact was made with the subject and vehicle in the parking lot. It was found to be the BOLO vehicle and suspect from the earlier incident. Floyd County Police Department arrested the suspect at the scene.

DOUGLAS COUNTY

On June 7th, Cpl. Chad Cox patrolled on Sweetwater Creek State Park. During the patrol Game Warden Cox checked six people fishing and one citation and one warning was issued for fishing w/o license.

POLK COUNTY

On June 10th, Cpl. Chad Cox, Cpl. Brooks Varnell and RFC Daniel Gray attended the Polk County Kid's Fishing Rodeo at Kennview Farm in Taylorsville. The event had 577 kids show up to fish. Free food, drinks, and prizes were given out all day long.

BARTOW COUNTY

On June 5th, Cpl. Byron Young and RFC Zack Hardy attended the Kids Fishing Event at Dellinger Park in Cartersville. Children under the age of 16 were welcome to fish and a free lunch was provided by the City of Cartersville Parks and Recreation Department. The City of Cartersville offers several fishing events each year.

RFC Zack Hardy with 3 young fishermen showing off several catfish caught.



On June 7th, Cpl. Bart Hendrix and RFC Zack Hardy attended the Cherokee County Kids Fishing Camp at Stamp Creek on Pine Log WMA. WRD Fisheries Division stocked brown trout for the event. 45 kids attended the event and caught several trout.



Kids Fishing Event at Stamp Creek

On June 10th, Cpl. Byron Young and Bartow County Deputy Jonathan Shirley stopped a PWC after sunset on Allatoona Lake near Allatoona Landing Marina. The female operator was found to be under the influence of alcohol. The operator was charged with BUI and operating a PWC during hours of darkness.

On June 10th, Cpl. Bart Hendrix stopped a PWC in the no wake area of Park Marina on Allatoona Lake. The PWC was going full speed inside the marina. The operator was 19 years old and found to be under the influence of alcohol. The operator was charged with BUI under 21 years old and failure to obey a regulatory marker.

CHEROKEE COUNTY

On June 10th, Cpl. Bart Hendrix and Cherokee County Deputies Capt. Kevin Amason and Lt. Matt Halstead stopped a ski boat near Little River Marina on Allatoona Lake. The boater was stopped for a rules of the road violation. The operator was found to be under the influence of alcohol. The operator was charged with BUI and violation of the rules of the road on the water.

Region II- Gainesville (Northeast)

HALL COUNTY

On June 10th, Game Warden Chris Kernahan patrolled Lake Lanier for boating and fishing related activity. During the patrol, he found one subject to be Operating a Vessel while Under the Influence, and Failing to Observe a Regulatory Marker. Game Warden Kernahan arrested the subject, and transported him to jail.

RABUN COUNTY

On June 4th, RFC Joe Hill and Rabun County Deputy Cody Sanders conducted a boating safety patrol on Lake Burton. The Game Warden and Deputy issued warnings for creating wake in a no wake zone, operating vessel without a throwable device, and violating rules of the road. They issued a citation for allowing an underage child to ride in a moving vessel without wearing a PFD.

On June 10th, RFC Joe Hill and Rabun County Deputy David Dooley conducted two boating safety patrols on Lake Burton. The Game Warden and Deputy issued warnings for violating rules of the road, operating a vessel with expired registration, operating a vessel without a throwable device, and operating a vessel with unserviceable fire extinguisher. They issued citations for operating a vessel with improper lights and allowing an underage child to ride in a moving vessel without wearing a PFD.

UNION COUNTY

On June 10th, RFC David Webb and SGT Steve Seitz assisted Vogel State Park with a Kid's Fishing Event. There were approximately 180 kids that participated in the event and door prizes were given out to the kids.

Region III- Thomson (East Central)

ELBERT COUNTY

On June 10th Sgt. Brian Carter and RFC Tim Butler patrolled Lake Richard B. Russell. One person was arrested for operating a vessel under the influence, child endangerment, and towing a skier without a mirror or observer.

COLUMBIA COUNTY

On June 10th, Game Wardens responded to Wildwood Park in Columbia County in reference to a missing four year old female. Game Wardens, Columbia County Deputies and volunteers searched the area. The subject was found by a volunteer in the swim area in approximately five foot of water approximately ten foot from shore. The subject was down for over an hour. The subject was given CPR and transported to Doctors Hospital. No further action was taken.

Region IV- Macon (West Central)

No activity to report.

Region V- Albany (Southwest)

CRISP COUNTY

On June 9th, Game Wardens Clint Martin and Al Greer observed a personal water craft being operated after sunset on Lake Blackshear. A vessel stop was conducted and the operator of the personal water craft was arrested for boating under the influence and operating a personal water craft during hours of darkness and boating under the influence.

DECATUR COUNTY

On June 10th, Game Warden Steve Thomas responded to a fishing without permission complaint on a private pond and located three individuals fishing in the pond without the landowner's permission. They had entered the property from a side gate and had driven down a power line right of way to access the pond. The three subjects were cited for fishing without permission and were removed from the property.

Region VI- Metter (Southeast)

APPLING COUNTY

On June 10th 2017 RFC Bobby Sanders did a vessel and landing patrol along the Altamaha River when several violations were documented for operating a vessel without life jackets, allowing an underage child to ride in moving vessel without wearing a life jacket, and operating a vessel without lights during hours of darkness.

JEFF DAVIS COUNTY

On June 9th 2017 Corporal Dan Stiles and RFC Bobby Sanders responding to reports of an intoxicated and reckless vessel operator on the Ocmulgee River between Lumber City landing and Hinson's landing. After a brief patrol on the river the vessel and operator were not able to be located.

TELFAIR COUNTY

On June 8th, Game Wardens Dan Stiles, Lamar Burns, Tommy Daughtrey, and John Stokes responded to a report of an overturned vessel on the Ocmulgee Rive near Jacksonville, GA. Officers Stiles and Burns retrieved the vessel and contents. The owner of the vessel was located and retrieved his property.

LAURENS COUNTY

On June 10th, Game Wardens Dan Stiles and Allen Mills conducted a night patrol on the Oconee River. No violations were detected.



WHEELER COUNTY

On June 9th, Corporal Dan Stiles and Game Warden Allen Mills conducted a vessel patrol along the Oconee River. Five vessels were inspected and four anglers were checked for license and creel compliance. One violation for operating a vessel without registration was documented.

WILCOX COUNTY

On June 10th, Corporal Dan Stiles and Game Warden Allen Mills conducted a vessel patrol along the Ocmulgee River. Five vessels were inspected and five anglers were checked for license and creel compliance. One violation for operating a vessel without Coast Guard Approved Personal floatation device was documented.

LOWNDES COUNTY

On June 9th, Ranger First Class Daniel North was patrolling Grand Bay WMA when he checked two individuals operating a vessel. Upon checking the individuals, it was discovered that there was no life jackets aboard the boat. The violation of operating a vessel with insufficient PFD's was documented.

BERRIEN COUNTY

On June 10th, Cpl. Greg Wade, Cpl. Tommy Daughtrey and Ranger First Class Daniel North were assisting with a children's fishing event at Paradise Public Fishing Area. The event was a success and many children and accompanying adults caught several fish, received door prizes and a meal. However an adult who appeared to have obtained more than the limit of fish was checked and in the process it was discovered that he had possession and had been drinking alcohol on the PFA. The violation of illegal consumption of alcohol on a PFA was documented.

COLQUITT COUNTY

On June 10th, Cpl. Tommy Daughtrey and Ranger First Class Daniel North were patrolling Reed Bingham State Park when they observed an individual in the swimming area consuming alcohol. The violation of illegal consumption of alcohol on a state park was documented.

Region VII- Brunswick (Coastal)

No activity to report.