



**NJDEP Fish and Wildlife**  
**Monthly Highlights**  
**Bureau of Law Enforcement**  
**June 21, 2023 to July 20, 2023**

Frank Panico, Chief  
Jason Snellbaker, Deputy Chief  
Douglas Applegate, Deputy Chief  
Robert Driscoll, Lieutenant - Training  
Alison Sloan, Training  
Dan Faith, Training  
Linda Quirk, Captain - Administration  
Joseph Soell, Lieutenant - Administration  
Tyler Hausamann, Administration

**Northern Region** (908) 735-8240  
Joseph Kuechler, Captain  
Jordan Holmes, Lieutenant (District 1)  
Vacant, Lieutenant (District 2)  
Hannah Koch, Agency Services Representative

**Central Region** (609) 259-2120  
Shannon Martiak, Captain  
Vacant, Lieutenant (District 3)  
Sean McManus, Lieutenant (District 4)  
Shari Irick, Technical Assistant 2

**Southern Region** (856) 629-0555  
Paul Toppin, Captain  
Zane Batten, Lieutenant (District 5)  
Craig James, Lieutenant (District 6)  
Sue Canale, Agency Services Representative

**Marine Region** (609) 748-2050  
Brian Scott, Captain  
Chris Moscatiello, Lieutenant (District 7)  
Ryan Harp, Lieutenant (District 8)  
Chris Petrucci, Lieutenant (District 9)  
Noreen White, Agency Services Representative

Conservation Officers report a total of 5,976.6 hours of duty (6,047.9 - 2022) These hours are charged to the following categories of duty:

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
Law Enforcement	3,982.1	3,993.2
Fishing	1,297.7	1,307.2
Marine Resources	1,215.2	1,670.9
Hunting	69.8	28.1
Deer Hunting	18.9	19.8
Trapping	4.0	4.0
Wildlife Mgt. Areas	721.3	580.1
NG & Endangered Species	317.8	134.0
Court	41.5	37.7
Regional Meetings	43.1	0.0
Pollution Investigation	74.2	39.5
Training	302.0	267.5
Other Law Enforcement	371.6	392.7



Administration	1,645.2	1,772.6
Fish Management	5.0	0.5
Wildlife Management	74.9	81.6
Information & Education	66.2	59.1
Bear Control	3.0	9.0
Bear Patrol & Invest	16.5	23.1

During patrols, officers performed 5106 field inspections (5 790 - 2022) of hunters, fishermen or trappers and the resultant caseload is tabulated.

#### Law Enforcement Regions

	<u>North</u>	<u>Central</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>Marine</u>	<u>Admin</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>2022</u>
Summonses Issued	42	34	86	79	0	241	299
Criminal Arrests	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Warnings Issued	8	0	0	25	0	33	30
Bear Feeding Warns Issued	2	0	0	0	0	2	2

#### Field Inspections By Region

Administration	0
Northern Region	502
Central Region	589
Southern Region	1747
Marine Region	2268
<b>Total</b>	<b>5106</b>

#### Field Inspections By Activity

Hunters	4
Freshwater Anglers	997
Trappers	0
Commercial Fishermen	81
Marine Rec. Anglers	2162
WMA non hunt/fish	1082
Other	60

Listed below are the types of summonses issued:

	<u>North</u>	<u>Central</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>Marine</u>	<u>Admin</u>
Fishing	19	11	18	0	0
Hunting	0	0	0	0	0
Waterfowl Hunting	0	0	0	0	0
Deer Hunting	6	0	0	0	0
Trapping	0	0	0	0	0
WMA	11	23	56	0	0
Striped Bass	0	0	0	0	0
Shellfish	0	0	2	12	0
Marine-Commercial	0	0	0	3	0
Marine-Recreational	0	0	6	58	0
Nongame & Exotic	5	0	0	0	0
Title 58	0	0	0	0	0
Title 39	0	0	3	0	0
Other	1	0	1	6	0
Bear Hunting	0	0	0	0	0
Bear Feeding	0	0	0	0	0
Marine Striped Bass	0	0	0	0	0



Title 2C	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>0</b>

Penalties collected during this report period by Conservation Police Officers: \$ 19389.42

Call volume (reports of violations, general questions, requests for assistance, etc.) received at region offices:

North	122
Central	176
South	143
Marine	153
<b>Total Calls Received</b>	<b>594</b>

Bureau of Law Enforcement personnel status as of July 20, 2023.

Administration - 9

1 Chief  
2 Deputy Chiefs  
1 CPO II Training  
2 CPO I Training  
1 CPO III Admin  
1 CPO II Admin  
1 CPO I Admin

Northern Region - 12

1 CPO III  
1 CPO II  
9 CPO I  
1 ASR

Central Region - 11

1 CPO III  
1 CPO II  
8 CPO I  
1 TA 2

Southern Region - 11

1 CPO III  
2 CPO II  
7 CPO I  
1 ASR

Marine Region - 15

1 CPO III  
3 CPO II  
10 CPO I  
1 ASR

Special Investigations Unit - 2

1 CPO III  
1 CPO II  
0 CPO I

Total Employees: 60

Central Region Highlights

CPOs from the Central and Marine Regions staffed the Conservation Police booth at the Burlington County Fair. It is estimated that over 1000 citizens were engaged with questions about wildlife, regulations, hunting seasons, and applying for positions as conservation police officers.

The Conservation Police hosted multiple days of DEP's Youth Inclusion Initiative. Youth spent the day with the Conservation Police and the US Fish and Wildlife Service learning about careers in conservation law enforcement, wildlife trafficking, and partook in scenarios involving illegal dumping, crime scene processing, and went on a boat ride.



### Southern Region Highlights

In July 2023 CPO's Fox and Chillari installed a camera at a remote parking spot within the Millville Wildlife Management Area in Cumberland County. This area was selected because of solid waste dumping that occurred numerous times over the years. After a couple weeks CPO Fox observed a new trash pile at the camera site, consisting of scrap lumber, old fence posts and other wooden construction debris. Photos from the camera provided enough evidence for the officers to charge the responsible individual. Summonses were issued for Dumping Refuse on a WMA and Dumping Solid Waste more than 0.148 cubic yards.

### Marine Region Highlights

Lieutenant Petruccelli inspected two commercial fishermen that were in possession of live horseshoe crabs. Since there is a moratorium on harvesting horseshoe crabs in NJ, individuals in possession of horseshoe crabs for bait must be able to provide a receipt from a legal source of the crabs. The fishermen could not produce a receipt for the crabs they had onboard their vessel, but attempted to claim the crabs came from a distributor in another state. The distributor was contacted and acknowledged that they only sold frozen horseshoe crabs, not live crabs. When interviewed further, the fishermen admitted to harvesting the horseshoe crabs from a small tributary during their fishing trip that morning. Summonses were issued for multiple violations, and the case is set to be heard in court in August.