



NJDEP Fish and Wildlife
Monthly Highlights
Bureau of Law Enforcement
From January 21, 2025 to February 20, 2025

Frank Panico, Chief
Brian Scott, Deputy Chief
Douglas Applegate, Deputy Chief
Joseph Soell, Captain - Administration
Vacant, Lieutenant - Administration
Robert Driscoll, Lieutenant - Training

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

Central Region (609) 259-2120
Linda Quirk, Captain
Andrew Riviello, Lieutenant (District 3)
Sean McManus, Lieutenant (District 4)
Mike Anselmo, Agency Services Representative

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
Vacant, 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 7,080.1 hours of duty (6,539.3 - 2024) These hours are charged to the following categories of duty:

	2025	2024
Law Enforcement	5,114.2	4,404.1
Fishing	1,040.5	842.0
Marine Resources	1,109.4	950.2
Hunting	280.9	306.3
Deer Hunting	448.9	419.1
Trapping	162.9	185.0
Wildlife Mgt. Areas	465.8	490.7
NG & Endangered Species	36.8	28.5
Court	82.9	26.5
Regional Meetings	64.1	25.1
Pollution Investigation	28.7	48.1
Training	1,164.5	981.2
Other Law Enforcement	886.8	720.3
Administration	2,023.1	2,063.5
Fish Management	2.2	1.0



Wildlife Management	36.5	42.8
Information & Education	10.1	0.0
Bear Control	0.0	0.0
Bear Patrol & Invest	0.0	1.0

During patrols, officers performed 767 field inspections (9 0 6 - 2024) 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>2024</u>
Summonses Issued	42	26	6	4	0	78	109
Criminal Arrests	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Warnings Issued	2	4	0	7	0	13	11
Bear Feeding Warns Issued	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Field Inspections By Region

Administration	0
Northern Region	410
Central Region	190
Southern Region	57
Marine Region	110
Total	767

Field Inspections By Activity

Hunters	184
Freshwater Anglers	377
Trappers	6
Commercial Fishermen	41
Marine Rec. Anglers	32
WMA non hunt/fish	61
Other	39

Listed below are the types of summonses issued:

	<u>North</u>	<u>Central</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>Marine</u>	<u>Admin</u>
Fishing	16	0	0	0	0
Hunting	2	1	0	0	0
Waterfowl Hunting	0	1	2	0	0
Deer Hunting	20	10	0	0	0
Trapping	0	0	0	0	0
WMA	0	12	4	0	0
Striped Bass	0	0	0	0	0
Shellfish	0	0	0	0	0
Marine-Commercial	0	0	0	4	0
Marine-Recreational	0	0	0	0	0
Nongame & Exotic	0	0	0	0	0
Title 58	0	0	0	0	0
Title 39	1	1	0	0	0
Other	3	1	0	0	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
Totals	42	26	6	4	0



Penalties collected during this report period by Conservation Police Officers: \$20,231.50

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

North	139
Central	107
South	109
Marine	131
Total Calls Received	486

Bureau of Law Enforcement personnel status as of Feb 20, 2025

Administration - 8

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

Northern Region - 12

- 1 CPO III
- 2 CPO II
- 8 CPO I
- 1 ASR

Central Region - 11

- 1 CPO III
- 2 CPO II
- 7 CPO I
- 1 ASR

Southern Region - 12

- 1 CPO III
- 2 CPO II
- 8 CPO I
- 1 ASR

Marine Region - 14

- 0 CPO III
- 3 CPO II
- 10 CPO I
- 1 ASR

Special Investigations Unit - 3

- 1 CPO III
- 1 CPO II
- 1 CPO I

Total Employees: 60

Northern Region Highlights

Northern Region Officers focused on ice fishing patrols during this reporting period. Dozens of fishing inspections were made, and their presence was well received. Summonses were issued for undersize pickerel, undersize crappies and several overlimit of panfish cases. Northern Region Officers were also able to join the New Jersey State Police and other local law enforcement agencies for a one-day ice rescue training at Lake Hopatcong. Officers began the course learning about the effects of hypothermia and ended the class with training in escaping the cold water.

CPO C. Sikora was proactive during the trapping season and inspected many trappers in his patrol area. Due to his proactive approach, he returned to several areas where inspections were made and located a beaver trap that was not removed after the season closed. Summonses were issued for trapping beaver during the closed season and failure to check traps within a 24-hour period.