

LA POINTE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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To: Town Board

From: William Defoe

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Re: Monthly Police Report for April 2020

During the month of March 2020, the La Pointe Police responded to the following:

28 Incidents/Complaints (calls for service)

- 10 Citizen Assists
- 0 Vehicle Registration assists
- 1 Accidents
- 2 Civil Process
- 0 False Alarm
- 0 Call out
- 2 Animal Calls
- 0 Parking Citations

Well a month since my last report and much has changed in the world. Schools are closed, non-essential business are closed (which has brought a lot of confusion as to what is essential and what is not) and there is a travel advisory for not only Ashland County but Bayfield County as well as other northern counties as well.

Right now, officers are handling most calls over the phone and will only go on calls that require in person response such as Domestic calls. However, with the travel ban and lack of establishments open, we have not had that many calls for service and expect this to continue into the end of May if not June. We have adjusted our schedule to reduce being on the ferry boat and have the risk of being exposed. Officers are also wearing masks and gloves at every call that requires a response. With the slowdown, we do not expect to start Part Time officers until into June if not until July.

Snowbirds are being directed by Ashland County Health Department to quarantine for 14 days at their homes if they do come to the island. As of now with the travel advisory, they are not advised to come back to the island at this time.

The new truck is on the road and put to work. We have had been asked when it will have graphics put on. Currently, and due to a tight budget, I am not planning on putting graphics on until there is money for it, we have a design, we have a place to go in Duluth to get it done, when we find money to do it, we will get it done.

If there are any questions or wish to discuss things within the department, please feel free to come talk to me.