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To: Town Board
From: William Defoe
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Re: Monthly Police Report for June 2020

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

73	Incidents/Complaints (calls for service)
31	Citizen Assists
1	Vehicle Registration assists
0	Accidents
0	Civil Process
1	False Alarm
0	Call out
1	Animal Calls
1	Parking Citations

Double the incident numbers from last month, but still down from last year. As many of the businesses are closed or doing reduced services and ferry service is limited, we are continuing with a reduced schedule as well. This should provide a few savings in the budget, however, when needed we will be adding hours. It is a week to week observation at this point. As all the restrictions have been lifted by the state, the region has seen in influx of visitors from all over the Midwest.

I want to take this time to comment on the incidents and social unrest in Minneapolis. The La Pointe Police Department does not and will not use the tactics used in that incident, the actions of the officers on that scene do not reflect the policy and practices of the La Pointe Police Department and its officers. Although there are times where officers are required to go hands on with someone who does not want to be taken into custody, the object of the job is to preserve life, even those who wish to resist arrest. This is a difficult job, even here on Madeline Island although we do not experience what big city departments experience. The US Supreme Court has ruled numerous times on officer discretion. Officers have the choice whether to write a citation or how they enforce or chose not to enforce any law or ordinance. Our officers are taught to use their discretion not only in the best interest for the town, but for the best interest of the community. Many times, the spirit of the law is enforced rather than the letter of the law to maintain peace.

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

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