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To: Town Board
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Re: Monthly Police Report for April 2021

During the month of March 2021, the La Pointe Police responded to the following:

58	Incidents/Complaints (calls for service)
27	Citizen Assists
0	Accidents
0	Civil Process
0	False Alarm
0	Call out
1	Animal Calls
0	Parking Citations

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What can we say, March was the end of the ice road but at least we got most of one this year as driving to the crack was not the most ideal but it worked. There were still a few tourists that drove over the crack, a couple even got stuck over there. Calls were slightly up, but I credit that to more people coming over when the ferry started back up.

The last few weeks of the month were dedicated of moving into the new Emergency Services Building. We went through a lot of things and are still working out the kinks in the new digs. It is amazing on how fast spaces fill up and it will take some time to make things just right.

Most of the officers are going to WITC in Ashland for their 24 hours of mandatory training in April, as I have to cover the island while they are there, I will be headed to WITC in Rice Lake in May. After that, the department is good with mandatory training for the fiscal training year that ends June 30th. We will still be doing some inhouse training as well.

As the bars are looking at opening back up, we will have to have the conversation in the near future on staffing for the police department. Last fall I was told to not replace my 3rd full time officer, at the time with covid keeping bars closed it was not a big deal. Now that things are ramping back up, bars are opening again, we will not be able to cover the island they way we had been in the past with our current staffing. I have been trying to recruit part time officers, but it has not been successful. I will be putting out a more thorough memo soon.

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