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To: Town Board
From: Thom Rossberger
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Re: Monthly Police Report for June2025

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

122	Incidents/Complaints (calls for service)
25	Traffic Stops
21	Citizen Assists
0	Accidents
1	Civil Process
4	False Alarm/911 hang up calls.
3	Call Out
5	Animal Calls
2	Parking Citations

Summer is here and we have had a variety of urgent calls. One Emergent Detention on an elder, and a man with a gun at the town park threatening teen boys. We have had to transport the ED and our new hire Abbey Johnson was a valuable assist. The Weapons violation was arrested and WI DNR and Ashland Co responded to assist for mutual aid. The ferry service was also very helpful to make room for officers.

As you know Chief Defoe is out and there is still no date of his return. I have been in contact with an officer who works locally and could work part time on the island. A second part-time officer with experience would help lower the overtime hours the full-time officers are accumulating. It would also allow for officer's safety. A single officer responding to some of these recent calls is against all training and requesting mutual aid from neighboring departments, which is an expense and has a delay factor.

Regarding the Ambulance service, both Ofc Williams and I have attended meetings and trainings with the Madeline Island Ambulance and have responded to most of the calls for service. Director Sarah has continued to thank The La Pointe Police Dept and requested we continue to aid the Ambulance.

DNR Lake Superior Marine Conservation Warden Jack Luessman was over to the island and had the DNR's new Underwater Rover. Karl and I did several hours of training at the marina with the unit and learned how to aid the Wardens when they would need to deploy the Rover. The rover is a \$500,000 unit and available to the northern part of Wisconsin and will be with Warden Luessman. The Rover would be able to deploy in conditions too risky for other forms of rescue or recovery.

DNR Warden Trevor Raatz has been able to patrol Big Bay State Park. I have been told he will patrol one day each week.

If you know anyone that is interested in a career in law enforcement, please have them come talk to me about how they can get into the profession.

If there are any questions or if you wish to discuss things within the department, please feel free to contact me.

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