



# LA POINTE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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**To:** Town Board  
**From:** Thom Rossberger  
**Date:** 2/2/2025  
**Re:** Monthly Police Report for January 2025

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

- 31 Incidents/Complaints (calls for service)
- 4 Traffic Stops
- 10 Citizen Assists
- 0 Accidents
- 1 Civil Process
- 4 False Alarm/911 hang up calls.
- 2 Call Out
- 1 Animal Calls
- 0 Parking Citations

January weather and time of year, most island businesses have shut down for the season. Department activity numbers are down as a result. See above and attached.

As you know Chief Defoe is recovering from his recent medical treatment. Still no date of his return. As such I have been doing the day to day for the police department with the assistance of Ofc Williams. I have contacted and have commitments from our summer part-time officers to assist by take a few shifts during Defoe's recovery.

We also have both an A and B schedule for February and March. One with a wind sled and one without a wind sled. Ashland Co is not able to respond if a wind sled is in place and as such, we will have 24/7 coverage by the La Pointe Police Department. If no sled we have shorted our hours to leave a few periods covered by Ashland Co Sheriff's Dept.

Both Ofc Williams and I attended meetings and training with the Madeline Island Ambulance and have responded to several calls for service. EMS Director has thanked The La Pointe Police Dept and requested we continue to aid the Ambulance.

A former Deputy Sheriff with Ashland Co has recently had an interest in becoming an officer with the La Pointe Police Department. He has several years of service and a military background. He is still within his certification and would only need a few annual trainings to get him current. I have received his application, and I know his references. I have spoken with him, and he has a history on the island and has spent a lot of time on the island.

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It would be a wonderful addition to the island at this time as we are down Chief Defoe and as summer approaches, we would be fully staffed to again run Bike Patrol and double up on weekends and events. There is a need for experienced officers on the island.

And Last, Town Administrator Imholte did ride along with me for part of a shift. It was slow, so we will do it again in the summer months. I suggest all town board members ride with a member of the police department.

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 and possibly get sponsored by our department.

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**Police Chief  
William Defoe**

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**To:** Town Board  
**From:** Thom Rossberger  
**Date:** 3/3/2025  
**Re:** Monthly Police Report for February 2025

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

- 26 Incidents/Complaints (calls for service)
- 6 Traffic Stops
- 12 Citizen Assists
- 0 Accidents
- 0 Civil Process
- 8 False Alarm/911 hang up calls.
- 0 Call Out
- 0 Animal
- 0 Parking Citations
- 3 EMS

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As you know Chief Defoe is still recovering from his recent medical treatment. Still no specific date of his return, however he is optimistic and feels he may be ready to go in June.

We still have both an A and B schedule for March. One for wind sled and one for no wind sled. Ashland Co is not able to respond if a wind sled is in place and as such, we will have 24/7 coverage by the La Pointe Police Department.

Regarding the hiring of officer Linquist. We have conducted most of the hiring process requirements with no issues. Officer Linquist has rode along with myself and Officer Williams. We have introduced them to businesses and shop owners. The plan is to have him sworn in on March 5th, 2025, and finalize his Wisconsin Department of Justice paperwork as soon as possible. It is my hope to have him on schedule by the second week of March. And then handling calls for service and shifts in April as a standalone officer.

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**To:** Town Board  
**From:** Thom Rossberger  
**Date:** 4/4/2025  
**Re:** Monthly Police Report for March 2025

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

27	Incidents/Complaints (calls for service)
6	Traffic Stops
12	Citizen Assists
0	Accidents
1	Civil Process
3	False Alarm/911 hang up calls.
1	Call Out
0	Animal
0	Parking Citations
3	EMS

February weather and time of year, most island businesses have shut down for the season. Department activity numbers are down as a result.

As you know Chief Defoe is still recovering from his recent medical treatment. He still has no specific date for his return, however he is optimistic and feels he may be ready to go, in June.

Regarding Officer Linquist. We have concluded the hiring process and done most of the required recertification training, Firearms, and DAAT. He is scheduled to do Emergency Vehicle Operations Training this month.

*We have been having radio issues. It has been determined that several of Ashland Co deputies have been using the main dispatch frequency however they have a secure code to cause the sound to be digitized and we are unable to understand. I have tried to discuss this with Dispatch, and we have mentioned it to the deputies that use it, however I have not been able to resolve this issue. I will be contacting the Chief Deputy to see what we can be done.*

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**To:** Town Board  
**From:** Thom Rossberger  
**Date:** 5/8/2025  
**Re:** Monthly Police Report for April 2025

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

27	Incidents/Complaints (calls for service)
13	Traffic Stops
18	Citizen Assists
0	Accidents
0	Civil Process
3	False Alarm/911 hang up calls.
4	Call Out
1	Animal
0	Parking Citations
4	EMS

April weather and time of year, most island businesses are starting to prepare for the season. Department activity numbers are still down, but as we know, as summer comes so do the people and problems.

Chief Defoe is still recovering and no specific date for his return; however he is optimistic and feels he may be ready to go, in mid-June.

Office Lindquist has concluded his recertification training and has been covering shifts on his own.

We have an opportunity to hire a female officer, Abbey Johnson, who works at the Ashland Co Court house. She has prior training and will need minimal recertification to have her current with the State of Wisconsin. Namely Firearms, DAAT, and Emergency Vehicle Operations Training. Ms. Johnson would be used on special events and if we have a need for a female officer to transport Emergency Detentions down state.

I continue to work with Ashland and Bayfield's dispatch regarding the change over from the current dispatch/report writing software (CODY to FLEX) there is a cost to the upgrade. We need to add to our computers to be compliant. We will no longer be paying for CODY but will need to pay for the FLEX software. This is a change the Ashland Bayfield Dispatch is making, and we must change with them.

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**To:** Town Board  
**From:** Thom Rossberger  
**Date:** 6/6/2025  
**Re:** Monthly Police Report for May 2025

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

65	Incidents/Complaints (calls for service)
28	Traffic Stops
17	Citizen Assists
0	Accidents
0	Civil Process
6	False Alarm/911 hang up calls.
3	Call Out
3	Animal
0	Parking Citations
5	EMS

Summer has started. We had a successful Marathon. Thanks to WI DNR and GLIFWC for sending wardens to assist. State Patrol Apologized that their trooper failed to show due to an internal communication issue at their level. No EMS or police related incidents and from what I have been told it was a great time for all. Memorial Weekend has passed and that too went well. We had some traffic on the ferry dock, but the on-duty officers addressed the issue, and it went smoothly.

Chief Defoe is still recovering and there is no specific date for his return. We are planning July without him.

We have hired Abbey Johnson. She had passed backgrounds, and we have started a training plan. She will be an added support officer for events and partnered with an officer for the near future.

I have received the agreement form to use Bayfield's communication frequency also known as WISCOM. This will resolve an ongoing issue with dispatch and our radios. We are also working with the new Dispatch and report system and hope it goes online soon.

We are preparing for the inline race June 14, 2025, and have requests out to DNR State Patrol GLIFWC and Ashland Co Sheriff's.

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**To:** Town Board  
**From:** Thom Rossberger  
**Date:** 7/7/2025  
**Re:** Monthly Police Report for June2025

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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.

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**To:** Town Board  
**From:** Thom Rossberger  
**Date:** 8/12/2025  
**Re:** Monthly Police Report for June 2025

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

\*\* Note due to new Dispatch software we are unsure of the exact total and several calls have been misplaced or not entered by the new combined dispatch. Still a work in Progress,

80 Incidents/Complaints (calls for service)  
22 Traffic Stops  
19 Citizen Assists  
0 Accidents  
0 Civil Process  
23 EMS calls  
10 False Alarm/911 hang up calls.  
4 Call Out  
4 Animal Calls  
2 Parking Citations

To supplement Thom's list I handled:

911 hang ups - 4  
Accidents - 3  
Alarm calls - 3  
Traffic stops - 26  
Vehicle unlocks 2  
Parking citation - 4  
Animal calls - 2

Thank you,  
Officer K. Williams

As you know Chief Defoe is out and there is still no date for his return, but he has made a turn for the better. He indicated he may be back as soon as Mid-September.

The part-time officer that was approved at the town board meeting has failed to provide an application or credentials for his training. I also have not been able to speak with him. So, we have not hired a second part time officer. Ofc Lindquist had been valuable and has received more hours than I anticipated giving him.

July was a very busy month for the ambulance and both Ofc Williams and I were on numerous calls for service. I believe approximately 20 of the calls, one or both, of use were on them. Ofc Lindquist was on 2.

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**To:** Town Board  
**From:** Thom Rossberger  
**Date:** 9/5/2025  
**Re:** Monthly Police Report for August 2025

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

214 Incidents/Complaints (calls for service)  
87 Traffic Stops  
11 Citizen Assists  
2 Accidents  
1 Civil Process  
16 EMS calls  
14 False Alarm/911 hang up calls.  
12 Call Out  
2 Animal Calls  
9 Parking Citations

We have made it to September, and the Month of August was a busy one. La Pointe Officer's have been busy and working overtime.

We did not hire the part-time officer that was approved at the town board meeting. However, former La Pointe Police Officer Richard Laakonen has applied to return to the island as a part time officer. He has been working with the Bayfield Co Sheriff's Department. He will allow the department to utilize a more realistic work schedule and reduce the overtime hours.

Chief Defoe has made statements to the fact he will be attempting to return in October.

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**From:** Thom Rossberger  
**Date:** 10/8/2025  
**Re:** Monthly Police Report for August 2025

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

116	Incidents/Complaints (calls for service)
52	Traffic Stops
14	Citizen Assists
2	Accidents
0	Civil Process
5	EMS calls
13	False Alarm/911 hang up calls.
6	Call Out
3	Animal Calls
0	Parking Citations

Summer has gone and now it's fall, and things have slowed down. The Month of September was steady but not too busy. There have been social media reports on issues, however there are no calls to the police regarding these issues. La Pointe Officer's have no idea about the issues if people do not call Dispatch or notify an officer directly. The social media complaints are after the incident.

We are in the process of getting Ofc Richard Laakonen's processing finished, and we will be able to field him for patrol. Sgt Rossberger attended some training and Ofc Williams is scheduled to attend much needed training soon. Ofc Lindquist is slated to take the EMT training and become a member of the La Pointe Ambulance. This time of year, Director Schram utilizes the officers that are cross trained as EMT's heavily and often we are the only EMT on duty with an EMR.

Chief Defoe has been helpful with budget planning and has a doctor's appointment this month. We hope he has good news.

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**To:** Town Board  
**From:** Thom Rossberger  
**Date:** 11/10/2025  
**Re:** Monthly Police Report for October 2025

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

- 84 Incidents/Complaints (calls for service)
- 33 Traffic Stops
- 19 Citizen Assists
- 1 Accidents
- 0 Civil Process
- 5 EMS calls
- 4 False Alarm/911 hang up calls.
- 1 Call Out
- 6 Animal Calls citations and one animal transported to Humane center.
- 0 Parking Citations

The Police Department received a thank you letter and donation regarding Officer Karl Williams and the EMT/EMR's response to an EMS call. The subject was extremely thankful for quick response and the professional treatment of the patient. As we all know Law Enforcement does not receive recognition when they do good things. I would like to start a trend of including the thank you letters and calls in the Chief's report to allow The Town Board and members of the community to learn about the successes of our police department.

Fall slowdown is upon us. The Department has had a reduction of calls for service. The issue with dogs has been addressed and there have been citations issued and one dog was taken off island and turned over to the Humane Society. La Pointe officers have been instructed to take enforcement action with animal complaints. If anyone has issues, please report to Ashland-Bayfield dispatch (715) 373-6120 or 911 if it is an emergency.

We are finalizing Part Time Ofc. Richard Laakonen's employment process, and we will be able to field him for patrol when needed. Part Time Ofc Alan Lindquist signed up and started his EMT training to become a member of the La Pointe Ambulance. This time of year, Officers are relied upon heavily, and often are the only EMT on duty with an EMR.

As you know Chief Defoe has returned to duty. He has expressed his desire to retire in 2026, possibly March 13, 2026. During the next few months Sgt. Rossberger will be working with Chief Defoe to learn the intricacies of the Chief's position.

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

SGT TJ Rossberger

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William Defoe

10-21-2025

Chief of Police

Town of LaPointe

On Sunday, 10-19, my wife Sally had a medical emergency at our home on Northshore Road that required me to call 911 for assistance.

Within 10 minutes, Officer Karl William showed up along with EMT's Alan, Evan, Jack, Lucas and Ashli from the island.

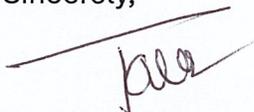
Officer Karl and the EMT's immediately went about assessing Sally's medical needs and were extremely polite, professional and caring attitude at all times during the emergency call. Fortunately, Sally did not require further medical treatment beyond what the EMT's were able to provide.

We are both extremely grateful for having such a professional team on the island and would like to extend our thanks with this small token of appreciation.

At the time of the incident, Officer Karl and I discussed that a light of this type might be helpful in future night time emergency calls on the island.

Once again, thanks to you and your team for all you do,

Sincerely,



Tom and Sally Penn

2194 Northshore Rd.

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**From:** Thom Rossberger  
**Date:** 12/8/2025  
**Re:** Monthly Police Report for November 2025

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

23	Incidents/Complaints (calls for service)
12	Traffic Stops
6	Citizen Assists
0	Accidents
0	Civil Process
6	EMS calls
0	False Alarm/911 hang up calls.
2	Call Out
4	Animal Calls.
0	Parking Citations

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There was a vandalism at the Middle Road Cemetery, and several headstones and markers were driven on and knocked about. There was no permanent damage. Officers have no further information regarding the suspect(s) currently and if anyone has information, please come forward to report it.

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As you know Chief Defoe has returned to duty. Chief Defoe said he is retiring March 13, 2026. During the next few months, I, Sgt. Rossberger, will be working with Chief Defoe to learn the intricacies of the Chief's position.

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**To:** Town Board  
**From:** Thom Rossberger  
**Date:** 1/8/2026  
**Re:** Monthly Police Report for December 2025

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

31	Incidents/Complaints (calls for service)
7	Traffic Stops
10	Citizen Assists
2	Accidents
0	Civil Process
1	False Alarm/911 hang up calls.
0	Call Out
6	Animal Calls
0	Parking Citations
2	EMS Calls

December weather and time of year, most island businesses have shut down for the season. Department activity numbers are down as a result. See above.

Both Ofc Williams and I attended meetings and training with the Madeline Island Ambulance and have responded to calls for service. EMS Director Sarah Schram has thanked The La Pointe Police Dept and requested we continue to aid the Ambulance. Ofc. Alan Lindquist is actively training to be an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) and will aid the Madeline Island Ambulance. Ofc Abbey Johnson has started her Field Training phase with Ofc Lindquist. Ofc Laakonen's hiring process is complete and he will be added to our schedule starting in February.

Sgt. Rossberger will be attending New Chief Training in January. Chief Defoe has been helpful in providing guidance and insight into the role of Chief of Police for Sgt. Rossberger.

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