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To: Town Board
From: Thom Rossberger
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Re: Monthly Police Report for January 2026

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

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

January's weather and this time of year, most island businesses have shut down for the season. Department activity numbers are down as a result. See above. With average temps from 8 degrees to 19 degrees, we were able to have ice form and although we did not have an ice road for January, February looks to be a solid start to ice road season.

With the ice road and the good amount of snow, we have seen a large increase of snowmobile use and issues associated with the sleds on trails and roads they are not allowed on. DNR Wardens have been informed and requested to help with education and patrol to make the use of sleds enjoyable to the riders and safe for the community. If there are issues with sleds on private lands or trails that are not open to sleds, please notify dispatch and your local officers.

As you know Chief Defoe has officially retired. Sgt. Rossberger is the interim Chief and went to New Chief and Sheriff's training put on by the Wisconsin Department of Justice. Chief Rossberger looks forward to serving the La Pointe Department and the Island Community for years to come.

Ofc. Williams and Chief Rossberger are currently recertifying as Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT) and have participated in meetings and training sessions with the Madeline Island Ambulance. Ofc. Lindquist is in training to become an EMT to further assist the Madeline Island Ambulance. EMS Director Sarah Schram has thanked The La Pointe Police Dept and requested we continue to assist the Ambulance service.

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. If there are any questions or if you wish to discuss things within the department, please feel free to contact me. I suggest all town board members ride with a member of the police department. Chief TJR