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To: Town Board
From: Thom Rossberger
Date: 3/5/2026
Re: February 2026

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

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

February weather and time of year, most island businesses have shut down for the season. Department activity numbers are down as a result. The weather was favorable to having the ice road.

There has been concern about the use of and law enforcement on the ice road, resulting in several ideas. The La Pointe Department Officers were active on the ice road to help ensure the safe use of the road, ensuring it lasted as long as possible. Both the La Pointe Police Department's Facebook page and the Madeline Island Community page posted updates about road conditions, along with reasons why it's important to drive slowly. The effort was successful, attracting a few hundred followers.

The annual Bonfire event went smoothly, and the traditional Ojibwe winter sport called Snow Snake—where participants slide wooden "snakes" down a snowy course—was enjoyed by many without any problems.

Chief Defoe has retired and is enjoying his time off. An intimate dinner is planned for March to honor Chief Defoe's years of dedicated service. Thom Rossberger is currently on medical leave and plans to resume work in March.

Officer Abbey Johnson is currently undergoing training with Alan Lindquist and is demonstrating satisfactory progress. Officer Adam Leask, a veteran member of the Police Department, and Returning Officer Richard Lakkonen have both been assigned to shifts on the island and will continue to support efforts to minimize overtime.

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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