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To: Town Board
From: William Defoe
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Re: Monthly Police Report

During the month of July 2014 the La Pointe Police responded to the following:

152 Incidents/Complaints
8 Citizen Assists
1 Vehicle Registrations
6 Accidents
9 Animal Calls
1 Parking Citations
1 False Alarms
3 Call Outs

July was a very busy month for the police department. The 4th of July weekend alone accounts for over a third of the calls the police department handled in July. Extra man hours were scheduled and it still did not feel like it was enough, more man hours may be needed in 2015 to adequately deal with the influx of that weekend. There were approximately 2 times the Incidents/Complaints from June's numbers.

In June, Agents from the Wisconsin Department of Revenue, Alcohol and Tobacco Division were here and made checks on all our local establishments. I had called Sheriff Brennan and he informed me that they were making establishment checks throughout Ashland County in the few weeks prior to their arrival here. He had been in contact with them and assisted them in their arrival here. Sheriff Brennan said if anyone had any questions they could call him at the Sheriff's Office. However, out of this visit arose a lot of questions, from a few establishments, that I could not answer. I have been in contact with the lead agent for our area and I set up a presentation to be put on by them and a question and answer. This is open to anyone who wishes to attend. This will be held September 3, 2014 at 1:00PM at the fire hall. Taking a proactive approach in educating some of us on these laws will only benefit our establishments on the island for the next time they decide to make an unannounced visit. This would also be great training for our Clerk and Deputy Clerk as they are the ones who involved in the issuance of license.

August 8, 2014

Drive Sober Or Get Pulled Over is the next event the La Pointe Police Department is involved in for grants. This is a program that we have been involved in every year with former Chief Anderson and it is where we have been able to land a few equipment grants. With a few needs for our cars, I was really hoping to land a grant this year so that it will help in equipping our new squad in 2015. You will see the press release regarding this program in the next Island Gazette as you will also see articles in the Daily Press and County Journal from the other agencies in the area that are also a part of this program.

I was told a while back that my department was going to be moved to the winter transportation building. I was asked what I had needed and when we would like to move. I have set up Theron from HSI to come over and set up our computer network. However, I still need a date when I can call Norvado to set up the phones and internet. We will also have to change locks. From what I have heard, the current resident has no knowledge of my move. This has been a topic for some time. I would really like to just set a date and go or a decision made to stay where we are at in the Town Hall.

I have been asked by board member Curry to make publically (in the Gazette and on the FaceBook Page) the proper procedure for filing complaints on our police officers and myself. It was a week too late to get it in the Gazette but I was able to post the information on the FaceBook Page. I would like to remind the board of a conversation we had this past spring in a board meeting on the process of filing complaints on me and the officers of the La Pointe Police Department, which is also reference in April 8, 2014 approved minutes. Any complaint on me is to be taken in writing and brought to the Ashland County Sheriff's Department for investigation. Complaints on officers are to come to me and I may forward them to the Sheriff's Department for review. It is law under State Stat 62.13(5)(b) that all complaints must be in writing in order to have formal proceedings. I would also prefer to have them notarized which give us one more step in protection. Since I have posted the process on FaceBook I have been complimented on our process by other area law enforcement administrators for having a clear and concise complaint process that is written in plain language that also follows state statutes. (See attached form)

Lastly, I want to formally thank our Town Mechanic Adam Hage who while changing oil in our 2007 Crown Victoria also diagnosed and fixed the heater/ac blower. In the past this would have cost me officer time, ferry transportation and high shop rates to take the car to Ashland. By being able to fix the car here on the island he has saved me at minimum \$300-\$400 in my budget.

**Police Chief
William Defoe**