

July 5, 2012

To: Town Board

From: Michael Anderson

Re: Monthly Police Report for July 2012

During the month of June 2012 the La Pointe Police Department responded to the following:

- 73 Various Complaints/Incidents
- 16 Citizen Assist Requests
 - 3 Reportable Traffic Accidents
 - 2 Non-Reportable Traffic Accidents
- 11 Vehicle Title/Registrations
 - 3 False Intruder Alarms
- 10 Traffic Citations
 - 3 Parking Violations
 - 2 Before/After Call Outs
- 12 Noise Complaints, 4 Bar Related
 - 3 Animal Calls
 - 1 Civil Process Served

June 2012 has proved to be extremely frustrating when it came to police equipment working. For whatever reason, around the second week of June, radios, vehicles, computers, etc. decided to take some time off. This always seems to happen as the busiest portion of summer approaches. We have most everything on the mend and those that haven't been fixed should be shortly.

From the law enforcement view, the June 16th In-Line Marathon went as well as could be expected. We had plenty of help from outside agencies and volunteers. Once again, Mary McPhetridge and her staff from the Ashland Chamber did a very good job with the organization, set up and take down. Although this event is in it's early stages it should serve as a model for other event planners on the island on how to successfully pull it off.

I believe all of you have received a copy of Patty's letter on June 15th to Kurt Goodermote regarding the Big Bay Town Park on weekend of June 8th and 9th. I'd like to point out that rather than call the police, some of the complainants took it upon themselves to go to the park first and ask the Goodermote group to tone it down. According to the complainants, it was after they were treated very poorly by the rowdy group that they got mad and called the police. I know there are two sides to every story but in this case the police officers also had some difficulty with some of the group. I bring this up because it reminds me of what once were fun island events like the summer "Luau" and "Star Bar Softball Tournament" eventually turned into weekend nightmares. Unfortunately, this specific annual event at the park seems to be heading down that same path. It appears this group feels because they pay for all the campsites they are exempt from the park rules. I'm very interested in Mr. Goodermote's reply, if he proclaims he is the leader of the group and has the same attitude as many other members of the group, I think the Town needs to rethink the past arrangement they have had with them.

A few months ago, I reported on the new Wisconsin Carry & Conceal (CCW) Law. I said that because of many controversial issues there will most likely be many changes to the law in the near future. I recently received notice that during the month of July the Department of Justice (DOJ) will be holding three public hearings to consider the adoption of emergency and permanent rules creating JUS 17 and JUS 18, Wisconsin Administrative Code. Because these change to the rules are preliminary I won't get into what changes may or may not take place but I believe this is going to go on for a very long time before any rules become permanent.

Our newest officer, Josh Novak, is in his twelfth week and is working out well. He is learning the layout of the Island and with the busiest season upon us he is learning quickly.

In a non-work related incident, Officer Bill Defoe injured his elbow and will be unable to work for a indefinite period of time. Needless to say, the timing couldn't be worse and the rest of us will be covering his shifts until he's able to return.

Sincerely,

Michael Anderson
Police Chief