

November 3, 2011

To: Town Board

From: Michael Anderson

Re: Monthly Police Report for November 2011

During the month of October 2011 the La Pointe Police Department responded to the following:

- 27 Various Complaints/Incidents
- 12 Citizen Assist Requests
 - 1 Before/After Duty Call Outs
 - 2 Reportable Traffic Accidents
 - 3 Vehicle Title/Registrations
 - 3 False Intruder Alarms
 - 2 Traffic Citations Issued
 - 2 Parking Violations Issued
 - 2 Animal Calls
 - 3 Civil Process Served

I'm still waiting to hear from the Department of Transportation whether or not our efforts in the 2011 "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" program won us any grant funding. It should be very soon now when they announce the awards.

In last months report I addressed my concerns regarding Wisconsin's new "Carry Concealed Weapon" law which the Department of Justice began taking applications on November 1. I didn't mean to sound the alarms, I merely wanted to bring the new law to everyone's attention and get you thinking about it. I believe Patty sent a question, via email, to Mike Fauerbach and since then I've received copies of Mike's replies. I bring this up because I don't think the solution to addressing this issue is to spend money on an attorney or their paralegal to read the statutes and/or get permission from the Town Board to call the Town's Association Attorneys for their opinions. I've read through hundreds of pages of information & opinions regarding the pros and cons over CCW in Wisconsin. In my opinion, if we show a good faith effort to protect the people and property in our community without infringing on anyone's right to CCW that's all we need to do, for now. Once the law is challenged, different aspects will be disputed in court,

decisions will be made by judges/jury's and there will be changes. In case I'm not getting my point across, it is this, at this point in time, I'm opposed to asking any attorney to look into the Town's responsibilities regarding CCW. Most attorneys would admit they know little about it and asking them to read something that we can do ourselves is unnecessary. If you decide to do anything at this time, I think it would be appropriate to look at our current employee policy manual and address employees who may obtain a permit to carry and whether or not it's appropriate to do it while on the clock. From what I'm learning about legal concerns, this is the one area that other municipalities are concerned over so we may want to look into it too. I am willing to help out with looking into the matter further and preparing some type of amendment if it's determined it's in the Town's best interest. Like I said, there is plenty of confusion going around statewide and I'm certain in a very short time there will be many court cases that other municipalities will learn from. I just don't want the Town of La Pointe to be one of those municipalities that the others learn from.

Due to a non-work related injury, Officer Bill Defoe has been out of service following an operation and will remain out for the next week or so. We have been getting by with some of our part-time people helping out when they can which we generally don't have to do this time of year but things don't always go as planned.

Sincerely,

Michael Anderson
Police Chief