

October 6, 2011

To: Town Board

From: Michael Anderson

Re: Monthly Police Report for October 2011

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

- 53 Various Incidents/Complaints
- 14 Citizen Assist Requests
 - 1 Before/After Duty Call Outs
 - 1 Reportable Traffic Accident
 - 2 Non-Reportable Traffic Accident
- 4 Vehicle Title/Registrations
- 1 False Intruder Alarm
- 9 Traffic Citations Issued
- 4 Parking Violations Issued
- 1 Animal Call
- 1 Noise Complaint-Bar Related
- 5 Civil Process Served

I have electronically submitted the required data to the DOT that completes the 2011 "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" campaign to help stop impaired driving. We should be notified within a couple months whether or not we were chosen to be a grant recipient of \$4,000. We have already received \$8,000 from this program so I'm not holding my breath that we will get another award.

In one of my past reports, I reported that our north office door was falling apart from rot. You may recall, this had already happened to the east side door of the Town Hall. After I learned the costs to replace the other door, I decided it was worth a shot to try to repair it ourselves. So far, we've removed the rotten wood, sealed the area with Rid-Rot, filled the hole with wood filler and sealed the area with a exterior sealer. We are now in the process of painting it and would like to get a couple coats on before the weather changes. We also learned that the rain splashing up from the sidewalk most likely contributed to rotting the wood so we got a 36" X 22" thin plate of stainless steel and will silicone/screw it onto the bottom of the door and hopefully it will make it last a while longer.

A couple of weeks ago I attended a meeting/training session at the Bayfield County Sheriffs Department that was sponsored by the Victim Services Division of the State of Wisconsin Department of Corrections. The purpose of the meeting was to introduce a statewide automated victim notification service that is now being offered to residents of Ashland and Bayfield Counties. The WI-VINE (Victims Information & Notification Everyday) project is new to our area and allows anyone, especially victims, to register with the WI-VINE project and be on a automated notification system that allows anyone who is incarcerated in a Wisconsin correction facility to be tracked. If someone is currently in a prison/jail system they can be tracked to see if they get moved or are scheduled to be released. In the past, many victims of crimes have had to go through a difficult process to try to keep up on the activities of someone in prison/jail and now they only need access to a telephone or computer. Our department was supplied with all the materials necessary for someone who would like to register with the WI-VINE project so hopefully the word will get out and people will begin to use it.

Back on August 25, I gave each of you a letter with a survey I made up with 33 descriptions and asked that you rank them 1 to 10 in order of their importance. I feel this was a very simple and inexpensive way to help the Police Department understand what members of the Town Board feel are most important to the community. There is no right or wrong answers and I asked that no body sign them. I've just checked with Barb and Waggle and so far they've received two of the five surveys so I again ask that the three of you who haven't done it yet to fill it out at your earliest convenience. Once I get them back, I will tally the numbers and let you know the results. I think the Town Board should consider changes to the employee policy as well as an creating a new ordinance to address the new "Carry Concealed Weapon" (CCW) law in Wisconsin. We can't tell businesses what they have to do but I feel the general public/employees (law enforcement exempt) should be prohibited from carry concealed weapons into public buildings, playgrounds, etc. or while on the job for the Town, etc. I think by allowing the public/employees to carry concealed weapons while on the job or allowed at town meetings is just a bad idea but it's up to you. People will be able to start applying for permits next month.

I would also like to remind you that when you post the agenda for the budget workshop meeting for the law enforcement portion, make sure it address going into closed session to discuss the future personnel issues of the Police Department or something on that line.

Sincerely,

Michael Anderson
Police Chief