

September 9, 2010

To: Town Board

From: Michael Anderson

Re: Monthly Police Report for September 2010

During the month of August 2010 the La Pointe Police Department responded to the following:

- 93 Various Complaints/Incidents
- 24 Citizen Assist Requests
 - 4 Before/After Duty Call Outs
 - 3 Non-Reportable Traffic Accidents
 - 2 Reportable Traffic Accidents
 - 4 Animal Calls
 - 8 Parking Violations
- 18 Traffic Citations
 - 7 Vehicle Title/Registrations
 - 4 Noise Complaints (1 Bar Related)
 - 4 False Alarms

All of you should have received a copy of my letter to the Ashland County Administrator, Jeff Beirl, regarding the Town of La Pointe 2011 budget request proposal. According to the current agreement, this proposal has to be submitted before the end of August and the Town begins it's budget process in October so it's impossible to predict what the next four months holds in store for us but we'll see what happens. I also included one half of a new squad purchase and indicated that Ford has discontinued the Crown Victoria Interceptor that we've used for the past several years so I'm leaning towards a Ford Explorer which would address winter travel issues and should be about the cost as the Crown Vic's were.

Once again, the Police Department completed the annual mobilization campaign know nationally as "Drunk Driving, Over the Limit. Under Arrest" or DDOLUA. This years program ran from August 20th through September 6th. We have participated in this operation for the past several years and it appears that more and more people are responding to it in a positive manner. During the dates of the mobilization, data shows there are less impaired drivers on the roads than there has been in the past so we hope that continues not only during the mobilization efforts but all year long.

As chief administrator of the Police Department I am not prepared to declare the summer of 2010 a successful one quite yet, but preliminary data indicates it was. There is a lot of information that determines whether or not it was good for residents and guests as well as police officers. Based on my experience, it will turn out to be one of the better seasons the island has had in quite some time. The discussions we had and the decisions that were made as a result of those discussions along with public input, proved to be wise and beneficial. The years end budget may run a little over but in this case I believe the extra patrol/officers on hand really put a dent in some of the seasonal problems we usually face and hopefully that will be a deterrent for future trouble makers to go elsewhere.

With the busy season drawing to a close we will adjust our scheduling accordingly. The most recent hire, Jeremy Pajac, has adjusted very well moving from a correctional officer to a road patrolman. He will soon have enough experience at the patrolman position, that if need be, he could work on a individual basis. Unfortunately, with the reduction of hours, his services will not be needed as much. Hopefully the experience was one that he found rewarding and he will return next year.

Sincerely,

Michael Anderson
Police Chief