

September 8, 2011

To: Town Board

From: Michael Anderson

Re: Monthly Police Report for September 2011

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

- 101 Various Incidents/Complaints
- 16 Citizen Assist Requests
 - 3 Before/After Call Outs
 - 3 Reportable Traffic Accidents
 - 2 Non-Reportable Traffic Accidents
- 7 Vehicle Title/Registrations
- 1 False Intruder Alarm
- 12 Traffic Citations Issued
 - 7 Parking Violations Issued
 - 2 Animal Calls
 - 8 Noise Complaints - 3 Bar Related
 - 2 Civil Process Served

On August 15, we had DSC Communications reprogram our radios to the narrow-band frequency per federal law. A few days after that, Ashland County had theirs reprogrammed by a different source and ever since then we have been experiencing problems with transmissions as well as reception. Since this is a new system to all emergency services we anticipated having issues and are working to solve them. DSC has scheduled 9/14 to come down and try to reprogram the VFD radios and hopefully we will have the information available for them to figure out our problem also.

On September 5th we completed the 2011 "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" campaign. I haven't had the chance to complete the paperwork for the DOT and it's only accepted electronically these days which forced them to extend their deadline to allow those of us who are somewhat handicapped in the area of electronic administration but I intend to get it in when I get the time.

At least one Town Board member has come to me about their concerns/questions raised recently about some local ordinances and whether they were enforceable or not. I believe it is clear to all of you by now that I prefer exchanging information in writing so there's no misunderstanding as to what was said but I always welcome any of you to ask me about any situation that relates to the police department. My position has been and remains, when information is being passed amongst board members and the general public, I'd just as soon have the information be as correct as possible.

Due to the lack of availability of part-time employees we may have to alter our scheduling which will cause some unforeseen discrepancies in our budget but that's what happen sometimes. I doubt if it will be noticeable at the end of the year.

I'm in my 32nd year with the police department and at some point down the road will be calling it quits. I'm bringing this to your attention now because I think it would benefit the community if the members of the Town Board started thinking about different scenarios that could play out. When it comes time for budget workshops, I think it would be appropriate to schedule a little extra time, maybe in closed session, to discuss this further. Being a lifelong islander and investing many years in the PD I'd like this subject to be properly thought out.

Sincerely,

Michael Anderson
Police Chief