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Michael W. Anderson, Chief

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To: Town Board

From: William Defoe

Re: Monthly Police Report for April 2014

During the month of March 2014 the La Pointe Police responded to the following:

28	Incidents/complaints
5	Citizen Assists
2	Vehicle Registrations
6	Non Reportable Accidents
2	Animal Calls
1	Parking Violations
2	Traffic Citation
4	Civil Process

In last month's report, it was reported that we had moved on to the third phase for our DOT/BOTS equipment grant. I am pleased to announce that the grant process was completed with the delivery of the equipment funds in the amount of \$3950.82 to the town. Our next DOT/BOTS process will begin at the end of May.

In March, our officers held an in-house training session for firearms and Taser, bringing officers up to date. We have specialized training as well as state mandated training coming up in May.

As you all may have noticed, when the ice caves closed, the traffic on the ice road calmed down. With the long ice road we anticipated break-ins, but not all summer residents have not been back as of yet to let us know of any problems. As we warm up and begin the ferry boats, we are anticipating a large increase in traffic this summer from the publicity the ice caves gave our region.

In recent years our officers have been using the Facebook web site, in more particularly the Madeline island community page, to post scams, lost dogs, lost and found and other items of interest to the community. These posts have helped locate lost dogs as well as recover property. In speaking with other departments, such as Iron River, Washburn and Ashland as well as Ashland and Bayfield County Sheriff's Departments, social media really has become a quite effective tool to get messages out to the general public that have a time sensitive importance. In the next month we are planning on developing our own free page that has no cost to the town.

Sincerely,

**William Defoe
Interim Police Chief**