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# AROUND TOWN

During the week of 05/16/21 to 05/22/21, the Hermantown PD had 200 calls.  
The following are selected incidents HPD responded to this week.

## Chief

Jim Crace

## Commanders

Mark Gunderson  
Jon Esterbrooks

## Sergeants

William Marsolek  
Griffin Pfeiffer - K9

## Detective

Lisa Volk

## Officers

Jason Salo  
Tim Battaglia  
Jon Pernu - K9  
Jon Enright  
Jake Williams  
Erika Johnson - SRO  
Jeff Dwyer  
Quinn Mischke  
Olivia Gottschald  
Jonathan Stracek

## K-9 Officers

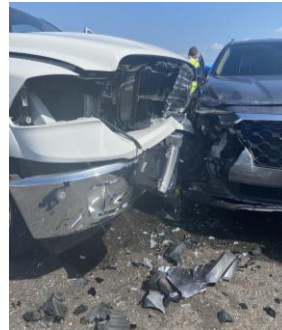
Tuuko  
Jack

## Records

Jessica Sorensen  
Dana Ross  
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### Accidents

On the afternoon of May 17, officers were dispatched to the intersection of Miller Trunk Highway and Haines Road for the report of a motor vehicle accident. One of the drivers reported that they were experiencing arm pain. This driver stated that they were traveling northbound on Miller Trunk Highway and observed the light to turn yellow. Upon continuing through the intersection, the driver was hit by another vehicle. The other driver stated that they had a green arrow and began going through the intersection. The driver stated that they tried to avoid the collision by braking, but it was unavoidable. A citation was issued to the driver who disobeyed the traffic controls.



Around 4:30 p.m. on May 17, officers were dispatched to the intersection of Haines Road and Miller Trunk Highway for the report of a motor vehicle accident. It was reported that a vehicle heading southbound on Haines Road was rear-ended by another vehicle. The driver who caused the damage was issued a citation for inattentive driving. There were no reported injuries.



On the morning of May 19, officers were dispatched to a motor vehicle accident with injuries on Haines Road and West Arrowhead Road. One vehicle was heading southbound on Haines road with a green light. Another vehicle was heading eastbound on West Arrowhead Road, waiting to turn, and in the left turn lane. The third vehicle was



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heading westbound on West Arrowhead Road. The vehicle traveling westbound was using a GPS device, and realized that they were going through a red light and could not stop. The driver t-boned the vehicle that was traveling southbound. The vehicle that was t-boned was forced off the road, and a tire came off. The tire rolled into the vehicle that was in the left turn lane and caused damage. The driver heading westbound was issued a citation for inattentive driving.

Around 7:45 p.m. on May 21, officers were dispatched to a motor vehicle accident with injuries at the intersection of Miller Trunk Highway and Haines Road. One vehicle was in the southbound lane of Miller Trunk Highway and had a green light when entering the intersection. The other vehicle was northbound on Miller Trunk Highway attempting to turn left onto Haines Road. The vehicle that was turning hit the vehicle heading southbound. The driver who caused the accident had a yellow flashing arrow when going through the intersection, and was cited for failure to yield. The injuries sustained were minor.

### Miscellaneous

We are starting to receive many calls regarding animals in hot vehicles. We appreciate you calling, as we love animals too! Before calling, please take note on the following: What is the outdoor temperature? Is the vehicle running? If so, can you see if the air conditioner is on? Does the animal appear to be in distress (heavy panting, excessive drooling, unsteadiness/staggering)? It is crucial to provide this information when contacting 911. According to the Humane Society, on an 85° day, the temperature inside a vehicle with its windows open can reach 102° within 10 minutes. Please, do not attempt to damage a vehicle.

### Theft

On May 16, around 3:28 p.m., officers were dispatched to Walmart for the report of shoplifters. Dispatch advised that a male and female had fled on Loberg Avenue after stealing about \$300.00 in merchandise. Officers were not able to find the male and female, but currently have this case under investigation.