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AROUND TOWN

During the week of 09/26/21 to 10/02/21, the Hermantown PD had 167 calls.
The following are selected incidents HPD responded to this week.

Chief

Jim Crace

Commanders

Mark Gunderson
Jon Esterbrooks

Sergeants

Griffin Pfeiffer - K9
Jon Pernu - K9

Detective

Jake Williams
Jeff Dwyer

Officers

Jason Salo
Lisa Volk
Tim Battaglia
Jon Enright
Erika Johnson - SRO
Quinn Mischke
Olivia Gottschald
Jonathan Stracek
Andrew Leibel

K-9 Officers

Tuuko
Jack

Records

Jessica Sorensen
Dana Ross
Samantha Knapp

Disturbance

Just before 5 a.m. on 09/28/21, Officer Leibel was dispatched to check the welfare of a woman on St Louis River Road near Highway 2. The woman reported to 911 that she was lost and did not know how she got there. The woman stated she had one drink after work in Duluth and she didn't know how she got to where she was. The woman said that when she woke up, it took her approximately an hour to find her phone in the vehicle. She said the window was open and the vehicle was dead. At approximately 6 a.m., she provided a preliminary breath test sample that resulted in a reading of .088% blood alcohol content. Officer Stracek later met with the 22-year-old at a local hospital, where she was getting checked out due to not having any memory of the previous 12 hours. She told Officer Stracek that she watched the bartender make her margarita and that she was sitting with other coworkers. She also stated that she did not remember finishing her drink, which she described as being "short." Officer Stracek spoke to restaurant employees that were with the woman the previous evening. The bartender said that the woman had been served six margaritas and one shot during the evening; he said around 11 p.m., he noticed she was intoxicated and gave her water to drink. She spilled the water and left a short time later. The bartender told Officer Stracek that he has served the woman before and she handles her alcohol well. He also said that the woman and another male coworker left the restaurant around 6 p.m. and returned around 7, although he couldn't tell if they left and came back together or just near the same time. This incident is being forwarded to HPD investigations and Duluth PD investigations.

Check Welfare

Just before 1 a.m. on 09/26/21, officers were dispatched to check the welfare of a female in her 30s. The caller advised that she sounded intoxicated and was crying. The woman was located at her residence and it appeared she had fallen. A preliminary breath test resulted in a reading of .396% blood alcohol content and she was transported to a local hospital due to her level of intoxication.

Animal Complaints

On the evening of 09/27/21, a man reported that his 10-year-old daughter was at a friend's house on Alexander Road. He said she was standing near the fence line on the property because she knew the dog that lived there had a lead that was long and would reach near the road. The dog was still able to reach the girl, biting her thigh and jumping on her back. Officer Leibel made contact with the dog's 33-year-old owner, who stated she was currently trying to get her dog into canine school. She also said she was thinking about moving the lead to the backyard to prevent this from happening again. She was able to provide proof of rabies for the German Shepard. She was advised to monitor the dog for 10 days.



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Accidents:

At 5 p.m. on 09/30/21, Officer Gottschald was dispatched to a personal injury accident at the intersection of Highway 194 and Miller Trunk Highway. The 44-year-old male driver of a Ford Transit van stated they were at the intersection waiting to turn right to go southbound onto Miller Trunk Highway when they were rear-ended by a Nissan Rogue. The 30-year-old driver of the Nissan said that she thought the van had already turned onto Miller Trunk Highway. One airbag deployed on the steering wheel of the Nissan. In addition to the driver, the Ford van had 10 passengers, including two adult females. There were eight children in the van ranging in age from 3-13 and some were complaining of head and neck pain. Paramedics checked over everyone complaining of possible injuries; no one was transported to the hospital. The Nissan's driver was cited for inattentive driving.



At 9:30 a.m. on 10/01/21, officers were advised of a vehicle rollover on Morris Thomas Road. The 34-year-old male driver said he was upset about things in general and he left his house angry. As he was about to hit Morris Thomas Road he said he hit the brakes and swerved, causing the vehicle to roll over. The man was wearing his seatbelt and did not report any injuries.

Theft

On the morning of 09/27/21, Officer Volk took the report of a theft from a construction trailer that had been parked on Highway 2. The reporting party stated that the lock had been cut on the side door of the trailer. He said that the bucket of a backhoe was against the rear trailer door. He stated the theft occurred between 5 p.m. on 09/23/21 and 9 a.m. on 09/27/21. A saw, welder, welding leads, extension cords, a plywood had been taken. The known loss of equipment at that time was reported to be \$5,175.