



Hermantown Police Department
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AROUND TOWN

During the week of 05/28/23 to 06/03/23, the Hermantown PD had 159 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
Tim Battaglia
Jon Enright
Erika Johnson - SRO
Olivia Gottschald
Jonathan Stracek
Andrew Leibel
Alex Prouse

K-9 Officers

Tuuko
Jack

Records

Jessica Sorensen
Dana Ross
Samantha Knapp

Disturbance

On 5/31 at 1141 hours, officers were dispatched to 3000 block of Johnson Road for a report of disturbance between an adult male and female. 911 had received a call that only involved yelling. Officers responded and mentioned it was quiet upon arrival. Both parties were separated and interviewed. Both parties denied anything physical happened and that argument was all verbal over household chores. No further issues were reported.

Driving Under the Influence

On 6/2 at 1929 hours, an officer was on routine patrol near the Ugstad/Morris Thomas Road intersection when he observed a vehicle displaying expired tabs. The officer proceeded to make a traffic stop. Upon speaking with the 51-year-old male driver, the officer observed signs of intoxication. The male admitted to drinking two beers prior to driving. After failing Standardized Field Sobriety Testing, a .PBT sample was taken and was recorded at .207. The male was arrested and transported to HPD where he submitted to a DMT test with a final test result of 0.19 BAC. The part was charged with 3rd Degree DWI, Driving after Suspension, and Expired Tabs.

Theft

On 6/1, Sergeant Pernu was dispatched to the Hermantown Fleet Farm at 4615 Loberg Avenue for a shoplifter who had left the store after concealing BB guns in his backpack. The male was located on Loberg Ave near HOM Furniture. He was transported back to Fleet Farm. The 50-year-old male stated he took the bus up to Hermantown with the intention of going to Fleet Farm to steal the BB guns. All merchandise was recovered. Through further investigation, it was discovered this male was a suspect in a previous theft earlier in the week for similar items. The male was issued a citation for Shoplifting for both incidents. It was under the request of the store that the male was then trespassed from Fleet Farm.

Grassfire

On May 28, 2023 at 1142 hours, Officers were alerted of a dry hay fire located at the 5400 block of Hermantown Road. The size of the fire was reported to be 30x30 with three foot flames. Officers arrived on scene and spoke a homeowner on site. The female stated she was burning some small pieces of paper when a child threw a cardboard box into the burn barrel, which then flew out and started the grass fire. The fire was contained and put out by responding fire departments without issue. Thank you to the Hermantown Fire Department for their prompt assistance.



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Suspicious Activity

On May 30, 2023 at 2:25am, an officer was surveying the area of Sugar Maple Crossing when he observed a male standing outside a parked vehicle that was full of occupants. He appeared to be almost trying to get inside the vehicle and then noticed the officer. The officer made contact with everyone and they stated everything was okay. The officer noted a small amount of marijuana was handed over from a passenger and they were sent on their way.

On May 31, 2023, Officers were dispatched to the 4100 block of Ugstad Road after the caller stated they heard glass breaking and they believed there was someone in the woods near their home. Spoke with RP who stated he heard what sounded like glass breaking in the woods. Squads investigated the sound and heard lots of brush breaking up ahead of an ATV trail that sounded to likely be a bear. Bear activity has been known to be heightened this time of year. No signs of damage to anything else in the area.

Traffic Disturbance

On June 3, 2023, officers received a call from a driver in regards to a vehicle they were currently following westbound on 194. The caller stated that the passenger in the vehicle threw a hot dog at their car and they believed it was intentional. Officers were unable to make contact with the suspected vehicle. No damage was reported to the caller's vehicle.

Miscellaneous

This is a reminder to please remember that dogs and cats living in Hermantown must be licensed with the Hermantown Police Department, with the option of annual or lifetime licenses. Annual licenses are valid from January 1st to December 31st, and must be renewed yearly unless you have a lifetime license. The current fee is \$10.00 per animal for an annual license or \$50.00 per animal for a lifetime license. Please bring proof of rabies vaccination as it is required at time of licensing.

The HPD will issue licenses for no more than three of each kind of pet for the same address unless an Exception License is granted by the City of Hermantown. If you have any further questions about this process, please contact us at 218-729-1200.