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During the week of 10/29/23 to 11/4/23, the Hermantown PD had 141 calls.
The following are selected incidents HPD responded to this week.

Check Hazard

Officers were alerted of a tree on a powerline on November 4th, 2023 at 1008 hours near the 3700th block of Getchell Road. It was reported that it was unknown if the area had any power issues or not at the time. The power company was alerted and stated they would be sending someone out to check on this issue.

Officers did respond to the area a short time after the call. The officer stated that there wasn't any fires or problems while they were on scene. They also weren't sure if the line in question was a phone wire or a different variety. No further issues reported.

Check Welfare

On November 1st, 2023 around 1344 hours, officers received a call concerning the area of Miller Trunk Hwy and West Arrowhead Road. The caller was alerting that they had noticed a pickup truck parked on the side of the road there. The caller was certain they saw a party under the vehicle and that they didn't notice the person moving. They wanted officers to check on the person. The caller was concerned the party may have fallen and couldn't tell if they were simply working on the vehicle.

Officers responded to the scene and found a male party there. Officers were able to verify the man was alright and that he was in fact working on the vehicle.

Traffic Accident with Animal

Officers were alerted of a vehicle accident with an animal on November 1st, 2023 around 1058 hours. The accident was reported to have happened near the 5000th block of Miller Trunk Hwy. The caller stated that she hit a deer and that she wanted an ambulance to respond and that she was quite shaken up. She also believed she suffered whiplash.

Officers arrived and spoke to the 73-year-old woman. She told officers that she hit the deer and her vehicle was lightly damaged. Responding officers also believed the woman may have sustained an injury to her arm. The woman was taken by ambulance to be checked over. Vehicle was parked in a safe spot.

Vehicle vs. Pedestrian Accident

On October 31, 2023 at 1207 hours, officers received notice of a vehicle vs. pedestrian incident at the Hermantown Walmart. Officers arrived on scene shortly after and met with the patient and driver of the hitting vehicle. The patient, an 89-year-old man, was noted to be alert and talking.

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The driver of the related vehicle was a 72-year-old woman. The woman said she was turning out of a parking row and pulled out to the main driving lane in front of the store. The victim was exiting the store and walking across the parking lot with his shopping cart. The woman turned the corner and struck the man's shopping cart which caused him to fall. The man hit his head and had a red mark with some bleeding on his forehead. He also complained of hip pain along with some bruising on his hands.

The woman stated that the sun was shining in her eyes and salt on her windshield prevented her from seeing the man as he was walking pushing a store cart. Officers noted the woman had minimal damage to the front right corner of her vehicle. The man was seen by medical response provided on scene.

Officers received another call of a vehicle vs. pedestrian incident on November 1st, 2023 at 1341 hours in the Walmart parking lot.

Officers responded and were able to make contact with the pedestrian. The 66-year-old woman stated that she was exiting the grocery exit doors pushing a shopping cart. At the same time, a 75-year-old woman was backing out of a parking spot before then going forward to leave and in doing so, struck the shopping cart the pedestrian was pushing with the front of her vehicle. The pedestrian said that when the cart was hit, it pushed it backwards and caused her to fall to the ground. The woman did claim of having left arm pain at this time and was transported to the hospital.

The driver stated she looked both ways prior to beginning to make left turn out of the parking row and never saw the woman. The vehicle didn't appear to sustain any damage. Officers later learned the woman suffered a mild concussion and sprained wrist.

Shoplifting

On November 2, 2023 at 1648 hours, officers received a call from the Walmart in Hermantown where a shoplifting in progress was reported to be happening. Store employees told officers that a man was under-ring items at the shelf-checkout station.

Officers responded to the entrance and was there as the store confronted the 54-year-old man. The man was noted as being cooperative and later admitted that he was short on cash. He admitted to under ringing items because of this and assumed his total was worth roughly \$200.

It was later learned the man under-rang items to include batteries, razors, and air fresheners with a value of \$106.05.

The man was ultimately cited for Misdemeanor Shoplifting.

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Traffic Stop

A patrol officer was out near Miller Trunk Hwy and Lavaque Road on October 29, 2023 at 0057 hours doing routine patrol work. He soon observed a vehicle speeding at a high rate of 64 in a 55 zone. Upon studying the vehicle, the officer also noticed a broken taillight.

The officer conducted a traffic stop and made contact with the 45-year-old male driver. After checking information on the driver and passenger, the officer learned the driver had a revoked Minnesota license. The vehicle was registered to the passenger and was also found to have expired tabs by more than six months. The driver was cited for Driving after Revocation and Expiration of Tabs and the passenger took over driving duties.