

AROUND TOWN



Chief
Jim Crace

Deputy Chiefs
Mark Gunderson
Jon Esterbrooks

Sergeants
Griffin Pfeiffer - K9
Jon Pernu - K9

Detective Bureau
Jeff Dwyer
Jake Williams

Officers
Jason Salo - SRO
Jon Enright
Erika Johnson
Olivia Gottschald
Andrew Leibel
Alex Prouse
Rebecca Towner
Devin Kleive
Lucas Hedin

Clerical
Dana Ross
Samantha Knapp
Ashley Johnson

K-9
Tuuko
Jack



During the week of 03/09/25 to 03/15/25, the Hermantown PD had 151 calls.
The following are selected incidents HPD responded to this week.

Suspicious Activity

On March 10th, 2025 around 2319 hours, dispatch advised of a suspicious activity call made from the 5700 block of Hermantown Road. The homeowner reported that he was upstairs in his home, and had heard a very loud crash. The man went downstairs to investigate, and found that his front door was wide open. The man had checked the house and garage, and did not find anything suspicious. The man then requested to cancel law enforcement response, as he concluded it was likely the wind that had blown the door open.

Traffic Stop

On March 11th, 2025 patrol officers conducted a traffic stop of a vehicle displaying registration that had expired in 2022. The driver of the vehicle was found to have a revoked driver's license, and was unable to provide any proof of vehicle insurance. The woman was issued a citation for the three driving offenses.

Check Welfare

On March 15th, 2025 around 1239 hours dispatch advised of a check welfare on an individual. The caller reported seeing an older male that was walking along Highway 53 while talking to himself, and believed he should be checked on.

Officers arrived and found the male walking on the roadside. They spoke with the man who said he was out walking to the store, and would then going to catch a bus. The man was well - oriented, and said he was not in need of any assistance.

Suspicious Activity

On March 15th, 2025 around 1403 hours a call came into dispatch regarding suspicious activity occurring near Walmart. The reporting party observed a male who appeared to be "hooking up a propane tank flamer, and lighting something on fire". The individual was observed as the reporting party drove by, and they did not have any further information.

Officers arrived on scene and found the male out near a sign. The man was a city employee, and was repairing a sign that had been damaged while plowing snow.

AROUND TOWN



Chief
Jim Crace

Deputy Chiefs
Mark Gunderson
Jon Esterbrooks

Sergeants
Griffin Pfeiffer - K9
Jon Pernu - K9

Detective Bureau
Jeff Dwyer
Jake Williams

Officers
Jason Salo - SRO
Jon Enright
Erika Johnson
Olivia Gottschald
Andrew Leibel
Alex Prouse
Rebecca Towner
Devin Kleive
Lucas Hedin

Clerical
Dana Ross
Samantha Knapp
Ashley Johnson

K-9
Tuuko
Jack



There was no further police response necessary.

DWI

On March 15th, 2025 at approximate 2315 hours, an officer on patrol near Haines Road and Market Street observed a vehicle traveling with an inoperable headlight. The vehicle then turned onto southbound Haines road without using a turn signal. As the officer caught up to the vehicle it was found to be traveling at speeds varying from 30-48mph in a 40mph zone. The vehicle was also observed crossing over the driving lanes several times.

A traffic stop was conducted on Haines Road just north of the Anderson Road intersection. The officer approached the vehicle, and observed the male driver to have bloodshot, watery eyes. There was also an odor of alcoholic beverage emitting from the vehicle. The driver of the vehicle admitted to drinking a few beers earlier in the night in Superior, and was headed to an address in Duluth.

The man showed several signs of impairment during field sobriety testing, and struggled to keep his balance while standing. When the man observed the officer preparing the PBT (preliminary breath test), the man stated he would not be submitting a breath sample.

The officer then explained that due to the driving conduct noted, odor of alcohol, and field sobriety testing findings, they believed the man to be under the influence of alcohol and over .08 BAC. The man was informed that he was under arrest for suspicion of DWI, and taken into custody.

The man was transported to Hermantown Police Department and elected to submit to a DMT breath test. The 21-year-old man was ultimately cited for 4th degree DWI/alcohol, and DWI test .08 or over.

Community Event

On March 15th Hermantown hosted the 12th annual Saint Fennesy 4k Race! The streets were filled with over 500 participants sporting their lucky race attire. The St. Patrick's Day themed event is an untimed fun run for all ages where walking is welcomed.

The out and back race course begins and ends at Skyline Social & Games on Stebner road. Road closures occurred on the race route from 9:15am until about 11:30am, with officers and personnel guiding traffic.

AROUND TOWN



Chief
Jim Grace

Deputy Chiefs
Mark Gunderson
Jon Esterbrooks

Sergeants
Griffin Pfeiffer - K9
Jon Pernu - K9

Detective Bureau
Jeff Dwyer
Jake Williams

Officers
Jason Salo - SRO
Jon Enright
Erika Johnson
Olivia Gottschald
Andrew Leibel
Alex Prouse
Rebecca Towner
Devin Kleive
Lucas Hedin

Clerical
Dana Ross
Samantha Knapp
Ashley Johnson

K-9
Tuuko
Jack

The fun continued at Skyline Social & Games for the post-race party which included a costume contest and festive green beverages.

