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**During the week of 03/23/25 to 03/29/25, the Hermantown PD had 135 calls.  
The following are selected incidents HPD responded to this week.**

## Check Welfare

On March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025 around 1948 hours officers received a report of a check welfare request in the 4500 block of Lavaque Bypass. The reporting party said that her friend had gone on a date around 1200, and was supposed to be back in a couple of hours. The friend had not heard from her, and was concerned as she wasn't answering her phone which is not normal behavior. She said she had her friend's location on, and the phone had not moved for a couple of hours. The friend provided the area of the phone, and had researched Google Maps for possible addresses. The reporting party called back at 2007 hours to report that she had just spoke to her friend who had left her phone in her car, and all was okay. She said there was no longer a need for law enforcement response.

## Disturbance

On March 25<sup>th</sup> 2025 at 1907 hours officers were dispatched to Skyline Social & Games. The reporting party advised that two intoxicated males were causing a disturbance inside the building, and then exited to the parking lot.

Patrol squads arrived and spoke to staff who advised that one of the intoxicated males had left in a vehicle. They provided a description of the man, as well as a description and plate of the vehicle he left in. Squads were unable to locate the vehicle in the immediate area, but learned it had been involved in a hit and run incident in Duluth soon after leaving.

Officers spoke to the remaining individual who was unable to form full coherent sentence, and was having trouble keeping his balance. The man agreed to a PBT, which resulted in .28 BAC. While attempting to speak to the man, he was clenching his fists and swearing at officers. The man advanced towards officers several times, and was asked to step back each time.

Officers attempted to contact a family member to care for the man due to his level of intoxication, but were unsuccessful. It was determined that the man would need to be transported to the hospital due to his inability to care for himself.

While awaiting the ambulance arrival, the man again advanced toward an officer with a clenched hand behind his back. The man stood face-to-face with the officer while making physical contact. Based on the man's aggressive posturing and making physical contact the officer, he was placed into custody for obstruction. The man was then transported to St. Louis County Jail for a 12-hour hold, and was issued a citation for obstruction.

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## Attempt to Locate

On March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025 around 1510 hours, officers were informed of an attempt to locate for a vehicle traveling westbound on Maple Grove Road. The reporting party said they were following a vehicle that had a "HELP" sign in the back window. They reported the vehicle was occupied by a single male driver who appeared to be driving normally.

Officers arrived in the area and located the vehicle, which was now parked outside a residence. They made contact with the driver, and noted he had a small piece of wood with the word "HELP" etched into placed in his back window. The man stated that a friend had made it for him, and he had put it in the window and forgot about it. He was apologetic, and removed the sign.

## Suspicious Activity

On March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 1502 hours a call came into dispatch regarding suspicious activity occurring on Radar Road. The caller reported that an unknown male had been at the door of their residence. They said they were inside with the doors locked, and the man appeared to be "messaging" with the door. The caller said the man had arrived in a vehicle that was parked nearby, but they were unable to see where the man went.

The caller noted that the man appeared to have a piece of paper in his hand, and they believed he was still on the property. The tenant then spoke to the landlord, and was told that they were not aware of anyone that should be stopping by, or that drove the described vehicle.

Officers arrived on scene and located the vehicle unoccupied and parked in the driveway. They then went to speak to the tenant who advised they located a note on the door stating the man was out back looking for deer sheds. The tenant contacted the landlord who stated they were familiar with this man, and he had permission to be there.

## 911 Hang Ups

On March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 2126 hours dispatch advised of hang up calls that were repeatedly coming from a phone located in the 4600 block of Lavaque Road. There were at least a dozen calls into 911, and they were unable to make contact with anyone when calling back. The calls consisted mostly of baby sounds, and second young child making noise.

Officers were informed that there were several more calls with shuffling noises and talking in the background while they were in route to the address. Officers arrived to find that there was nobody in distress, but two young children were playing with their mother's phone. The woman was advised of the calls to 911, and there was no further police action necessary.

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