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During the week of 06/15/25 to 06/21/25, the Hermantown PD had 188 calls.
The following are selected incidents HPD responded to this week.

Indecent exposure

On June 15th, 2025 at 1528 hours, officers received a call about an individual walking near Morris Thomas and Lavaque Road. The caller had been driving by, and observed a man with no shirt walking slowly and stumbling around. The man appeared to have his pants pulled down, and as they passed by, the man reportedly exposed himself.

The male was soon located and advised of the call that had been made. The man stated he may have been adjusting his belt as his pants were falling, but denied ever exposing himself. It was noted that the male had use of only one arm, as the other arm had extensive visible damage. It was determined that the combination of the man's physical limb deformity and adjusting of his pants could have been misinterpreted by the caller.

Juvenile Disturbance

On June 16th, 2025 at 1641 hours, officers were dispatched to the elementary school to a report of children behaving disrespectfully, and attempting to access the roof. The reporting party had witnessed a group of children that had arrived on bikes and electric scooters attempt to climb onto the rooftop. The caller reported the last known location of the children, but indicated they were no longer visible.

The responding officer met with the reporting party after checking the area for the kids. While speaking to them, the children were observed going eastbound toward Ugstad Road from the school area on their bikes and scooters.

The officer caught up to the children and asked to speak with them. Some of the kids stopped, while the remaining kids continued on. The officer advised of the complaint, and told them that the behavior was unacceptable. The children stated understanding, and said they would not go back. While leaving the area, a few more children from the group were stopped and advised of the same.

Suspicious Activity

On June 17th, 2025 around 1157 hours, officers were dispatched to a report of a suspicious person walking along Adrian Lane. The caller said that an unknown male had knocked at their

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door asking to borrow fuel for his car. The man's car was observed parked nearby, and the man continued on to several neighboring houses.

Officers arrived in the area and observed the vehicle parked nearby with a female occupant. The woman said the car had run out of gas, and her male friend had gone to ask someone for fuel.

The male soon returned with a gas can, and was able to add fuel to the car. While speaking to the pair, it was discovered that neither individual had a valid driver's license. Additionally, the female party was found to have a warrant from a neighboring state. The officer instructed them to park the vehicle, and do no further driving.

Traffic Stops

On June 21st, 2025 around 1954 hours an officer patrolling along Maple Grove Road observed a vehicle run a red light in front of them from Loberg Avenue. The officer had been passing through the intersection with a green light, and had to quickly stop to avoid collision.

A traffic stop was conducted nearby, and the female driver was advised as to why she was stopped. The woman said she had been looking at her GPS, and did not see the stop light. The driver was advised that she would be receiving a citation for the offense.

On June 21st, 2025 at 2210 hours, an officer on routine patrol observed a vehicle traveling with a non-visible rear license plate. The officer began following and observed the plate to be unreadable due to an inoperable license plate light. In the short time following the vehicle, it was also observed crossing the lane lines several times.

A traffic stop was conducted near the 4300 block of Sundby Road. The male driver was advised as to the reason for the stop, and was adamant he did not cross the lines, and was only being harassed. The man was asked for identification, and held out his driver's license, but would not allow the officer to take it.

The officer returned to the vehicle and advised the man he would be issuing a citation. The man exited his vehicle, and began shouting at the officer. The driver was untimely issued a citation for an inoperable license plate light.

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