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During the week of 08/03/25 to 08/09/25, the Hermantown PD had 190 calls.
The following are selected incidents HPD responded to this week.

National Night Out

On August 3rd, 2025, Hermantown Public Safety welcomed community members to celebrate National Night Out. The annual event is much anticipated among the police, fire, and city staff, and serves as a great opportunity to connect with the public.

This year we had great attendance, and a little something for everyone to enjoy. The dunk tank was a huge hit, with several of our police and fire members taking the seat, and ultimately, the plunge. Nearby our younger guests enjoyed a turn spraying a firehose towards a target, and the inflatable obstacle course was busy with a constant flow of children.

After enjoying a meal and DQ ice cream, guests were invited to play yard games, explore the firetrucks, and visit booths with prizes. To finish out the night, our K-9 handlers performed an exciting demonstration with their partners, Jack & Tuuko.

Thank you to the community for making it a successful year!

Shoplifting

On August 5th, 2025 at approximately 21000 hours, officers were dispatched to a shoplifter at Walmart. The loss prevention staff advised they were monitoring the self-checkout lanes when they witnessed the suspect male intentionally under-scanning items. Staff also observed the male stacking the items in the cart in an attempt to conceal them.

The male was found to have seven unscanned items in his cart, including several ribeye steaks, king crab legs, and multivitamins, totaling \$213.48.

The 28-year-old male was issued a citation for shoplifting, and trespassed from Walmart properties.

Traffic Stop

On August 6th, 2025 around 2132 hours an officer was patrolling in the area of Haines Road and Maple Grove Road. A vehicle traveling southbound on Haines Road was observed crossing over the fog line numerous times, and a traffic stop was conducted.

When the officer explained the reason for the stop, the driver said he wasn't drinking, but just wasn't paying attention. When asked for identification, the man handed his driver's license to the officer, and informed them that it was not valid. The man further stated that the driver's licenses was revoked due to unpaid fines.

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The officer confirmed the driving status to be revoked, and the man was issued a citation for driving after revocation. The adult male passenger advised he also did not have a valid driver's license. The men were instructed to park in a nearby lot, and contact a valid driver.

Check Welfare

On August 7th, 2025 around 0019 hours, while traveling on Hermantown Road, a patrol officer observed a vehicle slowly following behind a person walking on foot. The officer made contact the individual on foot and spoke to them briefly, but they refused to stop walking. The male said that he was not in need of help, and had been just going for a walk.

The officer then spoke to the driver of the vehicle, and learned that the individual walking was her 20-year-old son. The woman said the man was very upset about something, and had left home to blow off some steam.

A friend of the male soon arrived, and was going to try to speak to him. Squads cleared the area after informing the mother to call through to dispatch if she needed assistance.

Suspicious Activity

On August 8th, 2025 around 0316 hours, a patrol officer observed an occupied vehicle pulled over on Hermantown Road near the intersection with Stebner Road. The vehicle caught their attention, as it was partially in the driving lane, and did not have any headlights activated.

The officer pulled in behind the vehicle, and made contact with the driver. The man said that he had just left his girlfriends house, and was pulled over to look at his phone for directions. The driver was advised to be on his way.

Unwanted Person

On August 8th, 2025 at approximately 0843 hours, officers were dispatched to Jamilee Drive. The reporting party had observed recent activity in an abandoned and boarded-up home, and thought there could be someone trespassing inside. He mentioned that a vehicle had recently arrived, and was parked outside of the residence unoccupied.

Officers arrived in the area, and observed a woman exiting the residence toward her vehicle. The woman said that the property caretaker had given her permission to shower inside the vacant home.

The woman was informed that the individual is no longer associated with the properties, and she did not have permission to be there. The woman agreed to leave the area.

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