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During the week of 09/28/25 to 10/04/25, the Hermantown PD had 176 calls.
The following are selected incidents HPD responded to this week.

Animal Disturbance

On September 28th officers were informed of an ongoing issue with a dog running loose near Gooseberry Lane. Officers arrived and spoke to the dog's owner to inform them of the complaint. After identifying the male, it was discovered that had an active warrant for his arrest. The male was taken into custody and lodged at St. Louis County Jail for the warrant.

Check Welfare

On September 28th around 1450 hours, an officer was conducting patrol and travelling along Seville Road. Upon approach to the Midway Road intersection, they observed a dirt bike rider fall while navigating a corner of a property, hitting their head on pavement. The officer immediately got out of the squad to check on the male, along with his family who was supervising nearby. The teenager got right up and began assuring everyone he was okay while apologizing for the incident. The male was wearing a helmet at the time of the crash, and was not injured. The family declined medical attention.

Traffic Stop

On September 29th while conducting routine patrol near Loberg Ave, officers observed a vehicle displaying expired registration. Furthermore, the license plate did not match the make and model of the vehicle it was registered to. A traffic stop was conducted of the vehicle as it traveled onto southbound Miller Trunk Highway.

The male driver identified himself, and said that he had taken the plate from a family member because he didn't have enough money to register his vehicle. The driver was found to have a revoked driving status in the state of Minnesota. The male was issued a citation, and the license plates were seized for destruction.

Property Damage

On September 29th around 1218 hours, officers were dispatched to Burger King on Sugar Maple Drive after a vehicle struck the building.

Officers arrived and confirmed that there were no injuries sustained in the accident. The male said that he believed he was on the brake as he was pulling in to a parking space, but had accidentally pressed the accelerator.

The building sustained moderate damage in the crash. The vehicle was damaged, but still drivable.

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Theft

On September 30th officers were dispatched to Skyline Social & Games for a theft report. The reporting party said that two bowling balls, a bag, shoes, and money were stolen out of his locker. Upon arrival to the business, officers learned the property had been located in a different locker, and all accounted for.

Shoplifting

On September 30th at 1942 hours, officers were dispatched to an active shoplifting at Walmart. The loss prevention staff said they were monitoring a suspect who was at the self-checkout lines "ticket switching" merchandise. The man said that he was swapping barcode stickers from less expensive items because he could not afford the full price, but wanted to pay something. The total amount for the items shoplifted was approximately \$997. The 23-year-old male was placed under arrest and transported to St. Louis County jail on charges of gross misdemeanor shoplifting.

Check Welfare

On October 2nd 2025 around 1119 hours, an officer patrolling in the area of Lindgren Road and Richard Avenue stopped to check on a male they observed laying on the sidewalk. The man said that he was okay, and not in need of assistance. The male explained that he had received good news, and had just stopped to pray.

Animal Disturbance

On October 4th around 1506 hours, officers were dispatched to the 4300 block of Stebner Road for an animal complaint. The caller was reporting an unsupervised dog locked in a parked vehicle. They noted that the windows were rolled down a bit, but believed it was too hot out for a dog to be left.

Officers arrived on scene and observed the dog mildly panting inside the car. The windows were all rolled down some, and there was a strong breeze that day. The inside of the vehicle was found to be warm, but the dog did not appear to be in distress. The dog drank water offered by the officer while they stood by waiting for the owner to return.

The owner returned after some time, and he was advised of the complaint. The man was argumentative with the officer. He said that he knows his dog, it wasn't too hot for them, and that the dog does not like water.

The man was advised to provide water for his dog in the future, and to expect attention from the public if he intends to leave his dog inside a vehicle for long periods of time.

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