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AROUND TOWN

During the week of 07/12/26 to 07/18/26, the Hermantown PD had 186 calls.
The following are selected incidents HPD responded to this week.

Chief

Jim Crace

Deputy Chiefs

Mark Gunderson
Jon Esterbrooks

Sergeants

Griffin Pfeiffer
Jon Pernu

Detective

Jake Williams
Jeff Dwyer

Officers

Jason Salo, SRO
Jon Enright
Erika Johnson
Olivia Gottschald, K9
Andrew Leibel
Alex Prouse
Rebecca Towner
Lucas Hedin, K9
Devin Kleive
Colin Kostiuik
Kane Kostiuik

K-9 Officers

Bruno
Kylo

Records

Samantha Knapp
Ashley Johnson
Anna Johnson

Traffic Stop

On July 13th at 2017 hours a patrol officer conducted a traffic stop in the 4300 block of Stebner Road. The driver of the vehicle was found to have a revoked driver's license. The male driver admitted he knew that his driver's license was revoked, and said he had been stopped previously for the offense. The man was given a citation for driving after revocation, and advised to keep the vehicle parked until he had a valid driver available. The man was also informed that subsequent offenses could result in his arrest.

The officer moved their squad nearby to document the stop. At 2039 hours the officer continued patrol along Miller Trunk highway and soon observed the same vehicle on the roadway in front of them. The vehicle turned southbound onto Stebner Road, and a second traffic stop was conducted. The driver told the officer he was moving the vehicle to a different parking lot for someone to come pick it up.

The driver was advised he was under arrest for driving after revocation. The 29-year-old man was transported to St. Louis County Jail, and issued a second citation for driving after revocation.

Traffic Accident

On July 14th at 1200 hours, officers were dispatched to a three-vehicle accident near the corner of Haines Road and Mall Drive. On scene they learned that vehicle one had rear-ended vehicle two, which was stopped at the traffic light. The impact of the crash pushed vehicle two into vehicle three.

The driver of vehicle one admitted to being distracted by looking into their rearview mirror to fix their hair just prior to the crash. There were no injuries as a result of the crash, and the damage appeared to be cosmetic only. The driver of vehicle one was issued a citation for inattentive driving.

Curfew Violation

On July 15th at 0147 hours a patrol officer observed a group of teens walking in the 4200 block of Ugstad Road. They stopped to speak to the group, and learned they were having a sleepover nearby, and had been outside playing games.

The teens were advised it was time to go inside for the night due to the city's curfew ordinance.



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Check Welfare

On July 16th just after 2200 hours, officers were dispatched to a medical call for an unresponsive male aboard a city bus. The caller reported a male was laying down in the aisle of the bus, and appeared to be breathing normally. Officers arrived on scene and discovered the male was heavily intoxicated. The man was transported for medical care.

Driving While Intoxicated

On July 18th at 2247 hours a patrol officer initiated a traffic stop after observing a vehicle cross over the fog line, and make a turn without using their signal. The solo female driver told the officer she was bad about using her signal, and distracted thinking about something. While speaking to the female, the officer noted indicators of the driver being under the influence of alcohol. The woman denied having any drinks at all that night, and was agreeable to field sobriety testing.

During testing, the officer noted several signs of impairment. When asked again if the woman had consumed any alcohol that night, she denied having anything to drink. The officer explained the signs they were noticing, and the woman then said she had a couple of margaritas with dinner, which was about four hours prior. The female was ultimately cited for driving while intoxicated.