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AROUND TOWN

During the week of 08/02/26 to 08/08/26, the Hermantown PD had 190 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

Driving While Intoxicated

On August 2nd at 1550 hours officers conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle after a plate query showed the registered owner had a revoked driver's license. Upon approach to the vehicle, the officer noted an odor of alcoholic beverage coming from the passenger compartment of the vehicle. The male driver said he was the owner of the vehicle, and admitted that his driver's license was revoked due to a previous DWI. The officer conducted field sobriety testing, and the 59-year-old man was ultimately arrested for driving while intoxicated.

Traffic Stop

On August 4th just prior to 0800 hours a patrol officer conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle observed to have a non-functioning brake light. The male driver identified himself, and admitted to having a revoked driver's license in the state of Minnesota. The male was issued a citation for driving after revocation, and advised to keep his vehicle parked in the lot until he could find a valid driver.

The officer cleared the call, and continued patrolling near the area. At approximately 0818 hours, the same vehicle was observed leaving the parking lot in front of the patrol officer. The driver was observed looking into their rearview mirrors at the officer.

The officer conducted a second traffic stop, and confirmed the male was the only occupant. The driver was asked why he was driving again, and he became argumentative with the officer, explaining he had important things to do. The man threw his original citation on the ground of his vehicle, and told the officer "just give me another ticket". The man was advised that driving after revocation was an arrestable offense. The officer explained that though he wouldn't be arresting him at that time, he would be sending charges in for another driving after revocation offense.

Suspicious Activity

On August 6th at 2347 hours officers were dispatched to the 5600 block of Miller Trunk Highway for a suspicious activity report. The caller said they observed someone walking behind a business with a flashlight, and they were hearing loud noises.

Officers arrived on scene and located a group of friends having a campfire in the rear of their property. The group was advised as to the reason of the contact, and the officer cleared the call.



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On August 7th around 2009 hours a patrol officer traveling southbound on Miller Trunk Highway in a marked squad observed a vehicle accelerate quickly in front of them. The vehicle's engine was also revving up, and appeared to be driving noticeably faster than the other traffic. With use of a radar device, the vehicles speed was locked in at 83mph. A traffic stop was initiated for the speeding violation as the driver turned onto Sugar Maple Drive.

The 20-year-old male driver informed the officer he didn't believe that he had been going 83mph. He later showed the officer an app on his phone which indicated that he had been driving 69mph in that zone. The driver did acknowledge that this was still speeding, as the posted limit was 55mph.

Traffic Stop

On August 8th at 2223 hours a patrol officer conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle traveling southbound on Loberg avenue after observing expired registration displayed. The female driver identified herself with an ID card, and informed the officer she did not have a valid driver's license. The woman's driving status was confirmed to be canceled – inimical to public safety in the state of Minnesota. The woman admitted to the officer that she had drank beer prior to driving, and provided a PBT sample of .02 BrAC.

National Night Out

On August 4th, Hermantown Public Safety hosted National Night Out at the Hermantown Fire Department. The annual event offered a wonderful opportunity to connect with the local community. After enjoying a complimentary meal, attendees were welcomed to participate in indoor and outdoor activities, and visit informational booths with fun prizes. The inflatable obstacle course, yard games, and fire hose spraying were huge hits with younger guests. Additionally, the police K9s performed demonstrations alongside their handlers, which also drew large crowds. We want to thank the community for coming together and making it another successful year!