



Hermantown Police Department
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AROUND TOWN

During the week of 08/09/26 to 08/15/26, the Hermantown PD had 140 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 9 at approximately 0739 hours, officers were dispatched to a report of an erratic driver traveling eastbound on Maple Grove Road near the Lindahl Road intersection. The caller said the driver was swerving into oncoming traffic, ignoring stop signs, and had struck a curb. Officers observed the suspect vehicle on Maple Grove Road as it approached the Lavaque Road intersection. The vehicle drove through the stop sign without attempting to stop. After passing through the intersection, the vehicle drifted over the fog line and struck a curb before continuing on the shoulder of the road. A traffic stop was initiated, and the officer immediately noted the driver had bloodshot, watery eyes, and a strong odor of alcoholic beverage emitting from their person. The male was asked how much alcohol he had drank that night, he shook his head back and forth and said "none". The driver was given standardized field sobriety testing, and displayed further signs of impairment. The final breath test result showed the man was two and a half times over the legal limit.

Drug Arrest

On August 9 at 1808 hours patrol officers were dispatched to a possible overdose in the Sam's Club parking lot. The caller reported that a male was passed out in a vehicle, and slumped over the steering wheel. Responding officers located the vehicle running with a single male occupant. On approach they noticed the slumped man had pale skin, and vomit on his lap. Officers were able to wake the man after knocking on the window several times. The man told officers he was just tired, and had just fallen asleep. There were multiple items of drug paraphernalia in view, and the man advised officers he "did some dope earlier". Officers conducted a search of the man's vehicle incident to arrest and located numerous paraphernalia items indicative of drug sales, as well as a large amount of US currency. More than 94 grams of suspected fentanyl was seized during the arrest of the 33-year-old man.

Animal Disturbance

On August 11 at 0320 hours a motorist alerted police that they had struck a black bear crossing the roadway, and the bear was lying nearby. The driver reported it was a minor collision, and the vehicle had sustained no apparent damage. The bear was later observed walking away normally.



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Drug Incident

On August 15 officers were dispatched to report of potential drugs located at the Kwik Trip on Haines Road. The caller said a small plastic bag was found on the ground inside the store that contained a white, crystalline substance. Officers seized the 2 grams of suspected methamphetamine for destruction.

Medication Disposal

On August 12 dispatch advised officers that an individual was outside of the police station looking to drop off medication in the disposal bin. The caller did not have a cellphone, and had used the telephone outside of the building that dials directly to 911.

The Hermantown Police Department is one of many participating law enforcement agencies with "THE BOX Medication Disposal Drop Box" available. The box is a great option for residents to safely dispose of unwanted medications. The drop box in the lobby of the public safety department, and can be accessed during normal business hours. **It is important to note that absolutely no sharps are to be deposited into the box. This includes needles, lancets, scalpels, and auto-injectors.** Resource Renew/WLSSD has several resources available for proper sharps disposal, which helps keep everyone safe and healthy. If you have questions about sharps disposal options, please visit their website and view their disposal guide: www.wlssd.com