



# LA POINTE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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**To:** Town Board  
**From:** Thom Rossberger  
**Date:** 2/2/2025  
**Re:** Monthly Police Report for January 2025

During the month of January, the La Pointe Police responded to the following:

- 31 Incidents/Complaints (calls for service)
- 4 Traffic Stops
- 10 Citizen Assists
- 0 Accidents
- 1 Civil Process
- 4 False Alarm/911 hang up calls.
- 2 Call Out
- 1 Animal Calls
- 0 Parking Citations

January weather and time of year, most island businesses have shut down for the season. Department activity numbers are down as a result. See above and attached.

As you know Chief Defoe is recovering from his recent medical treatment. Still no date of his return. As such I have been doing the day to day for the police department with the assistance of Ofc Williams. I have contacted and have commitments from our summer part-time officers to assist by take a few shifts during Defoe's recovery.

We also have both an A and B schedule for February and March. One with a wind sled and one without a wind sled. Ashland Co is not able to respond if a wind sled is in place and as such, we will have 24/7 coverage by the La Pointe Police Department. If no sled we have shorted our hours to leave a few periods covered by Ashland Co Sheriff's Dept.

Both Ofc Williams and I attended meetings and training with the Madeline Island Ambulance and have responded to several calls for service. EMS Director has thanked The La Pointe Police Dept and requested we continue to aid the Ambulance.

A former Deputy Sheriff with Ashland Co has recently had an interest in becoming an officer with the La Pointe Police Department. He has several years of service and a military background. He is still within his certification and would only need a few annual trainings to get him current. I have received his application, and I know his references. I have spoken with him, and he has a history on the island and has spent a lot of time on the island.

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It would be a wonderful addition to the island at this time as we are down Chief Defoe and as summer approaches, we would be fully staffed to again run Bike Patrol and double up on weekends and events. There is a need for experienced officers on the island.

And Last, Town Administrator Imholte did ride along with me for part of a shift. It was slow, so we will do it again in the summer months. I suggest all town board members ride with a member of the police department.

If you know anyone that is interested in a career in law enforcement, please have them come talk to me about how they can get into the profession and possibly get sponsored by our department.

If there are any questions or if you wish to discuss things within the department, please feel free to contact me.

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**Police Chief  
William Defoe**