



# LA POINTE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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**To:** Town Board  
**From:** Thom Rossberger  
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During April, the La Pointe Police Department responded to the following:

- 56 Incidents/complaints (calls for service)
- 5 Traffic stops
- 12 Citizen assists
- 0 Accidents
- 1 Civil process
- 2 False alarms/911 hang-up calls
- 1 Call-out
- 3 Animal calls
- 0 Parking citations
- 2 EMS calls

April brought strong winds and several power outages caused by downed trees and power lines. In response, Police, Fire, and EMS developed a system to assist residents during emergencies at the EMS building.

The town-owned flags have been replaced and will be flown at the EMS, Town Hall, and dockside flagpoles. The retired flags will be disposed of through the VFW in Ashland.

Several property owners have returned and begun opening for the 2026 season, and so far, no issues have been reported. The State and the Island Museum determined that the numerous motion-alarm/callouts were caused by a septic pump alarm rather than a police-related issue. Mike Wiggins indicated that the problem will be resolved, and the late-night callouts should decrease.

The Police Department has a new chief. Following Chief Defoe's retirement, the Town Board promoted Sgt. Rossberger after he served several months as interim chief. Chief Rossberger has also been recertified as an EMT with the Madeline Islands Ambulance, and Ofc. Williams is currently recertifying as an EMT. The department has also reached a staffing level that should help reduce overtime.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss department matters, please feel free to contact me.

Chief Rossberger