



# AROUND TOWN

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### Deer and Driving Tips:

We are now in the breeding season for deer and the bucks will be chasing the does across roads. This time period between early October and December includes hunting season and is also when crops are being harvested and hunters in the woods resulting in deer being chased from the fields and woods.

The deer are most often seen crossing roads in the evening, particularly around dusk, and also at dawn.

As you drive during this deer traffic season, it is important that you prepare yourself by anticipating the problem and paying special attention. Here are several driving tips that will help you to either avoid hitting a deer or minimize the danger if you do.

- ❑ Drive with extreme caution in areas where deer crossing signs have been posted.
- ❑ Be mindful of the high risk time periods – dusk and dawn.
- ❑ If you see one deer on or near the road, expect that there will be more.
- ❑ Do not just rely on high-beam headlights and deer whistles to deter deer – they may not have the desired effect.
- ❑ When possible, drive with high-beam headlights as they will illuminate the eyes of the deer and give you maximum response time.
- ❑ Wear your seat belt and drive at a safe speed.
- ❑ Do not swerve your vehicle to avoid hitting a deer. That may sound strange, but if a collision with a deer is probable, it is more important to maintain control of your vehicle.
- ❑ Some experts say that in the

event you are headed for a collision, you should avoid braking at impact (makes the front of the car go down) so that the deer is more likely to pass under the car, as opposed to hitting the windshield. This would not preclude braking before impact.

- ❑ Report any deer-vehicle collisions to local authorities. In Minnesota, the driver of a vehicle that strikes and kills a deer can take possession of the deer, but they must get a deer possession receipt from the local police department or DNR.
- ❑ Stay alert, awake and sober. Deer are often unpredictable, especially when frightened, and you will need your quickest response time.

[http://www.associatedcontent.com/article/76091/en\\_tips\\_for\\_safe\\_driving\\_in\\_deer\\_season.html](http://www.associatedcontent.com/article/76091/en_tips_for_safe_driving_in_deer_season.html)

### Miscellaneous:

June's complete statistics have finally been completed for 2007 and here are the totals:

For **June 2007**, Hermantown Police responded to and/or handled **665 incidents**. 260 of these were traffic related.

- ❑ **665 incidents** is a **11 % increase** compared to **June 2006** - where we responded to and/or handled **599 incidents**.
- ❑ From **January – June 2006**, the Hermantown Police Department handled **3129 incidents**. This year so far, from **January – June 2007**, we have handled **3579 incidents**, which reflect a **14% increase**.

The following is a list of various incidents that the Hermantown Police Department has responded to for the period of **10/09/07 to 10/29/07**.

Shoplifting	3
Silent Alarm	8
Hold Up Alarm	2
Theft	12
Burglary	2
Lock out of Vehicle	6



Between 10/09/07 and 10/29/07, Officers also responded to **26 Animal Calls**. 12 of these 26 calls include: Found Dog, Loose Dog, Lost Dog, Injured Dog, and Dog License Issues. The other 14 calls were reports of injured deer. One call was a dead deer where it appears it had been hit with an arrow. Others calls were of injured deer that appear to have been hit by motor vehicles and in need of being either dispatched or picked up.

Between 10/09/07 and 10/29/07, Officers responded to **17 Property Damage Motor Vehicle Accidents**. 4 of these were car vs deer accidents.

Between 10/09/07 and 10/29/07, there were **120 traffic stops** conducted in the City of Hermantown.

On 10/11/07, the Hermantown High School received a tip that a 16-year-old student had brought a knife to school for a possible fight. During a search of the student by the Principal, no knife was located, but a small amount of marijuana was. The student was released to his mother.

On 10/17/07, a school bus stop arm violation that occurred on 10/16/07 was reported to the Hermantown Police Department from the Hermantown School District. Officer Vedder is investigating.

On 10/19/07, a 30-year-old male came to the Hermantown Police Department to turn himself in as he had a \$400 warrant out of Scott County. He was transported to the St Louis County Jail where he paid his \$400.00.

**Theft/Burglary:**

On 10/11/07, it was reported that a silver and diamond ring were stolen from the girls' gym locker room sometime on 10/02/07 between 1:02 pm and 2:44 pm. Officer Boucher is investigating.

On 10/13/07, a 16-year-old male was caught attempting to steal three duck calls from the Gander Mountain Store on the Haines Road. The 16-year-old was issued a citation for Theft.

On 10/15/07, someone burglarized the garage at the Hermantown High School and stole the EZ-Go all terrain vehicle that is commonly seen during High School football games. The suspects also vandalized the garage by spray painting on the outside and causing damage to gain access into the garage and buildings. The EZ-Go was recovered - abandoned by Barton's Peak on Skyline Parkway in Duluth. Officer Boucher is still investigating.



On 10/17/07, someone stole a 25<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary Wedding Ring from a patient at Edgewood Vista. Officer Vedder is investigating.

On 10/21/07, someone broke into a Kenroy Road residence and stole four rifles and several coin collections. Officer Johnson is investigating.

On 10/22/07, a resident came to the Hermantown Police Department to report that five of his deer stands from his own property had been stolen. Total loss of the theft is \$945.00. There are no suspects at this time.

On 10/22/07, a black primered 1984 GMC ¾ ton pickup with a Boss Plow was stolen from Lucky's Sales & Service. Officer Johnson is investigating.

On 10/23/07, a green purse and all of its contents were stolen from a vehicle parked at a Lavaque Road address. Officer Vedder is investigating.

On 10/24/07, a brown leather wallet containing numerous items was stolen from a locked vehicle while it was parked at an Adrian Lane residence. Officer Vedder is investigating.

On 10/25/07, a 19-year-old female was issued a citation for theft after attempting to shoplift \$312.40 worth of items from Walmart in Hermantown.

On 10/27/07, at 5:13 pm, Officer Johnson was dispatched to Skyline Lanes on Miller Trunk Hwy reference a vehicle prowl. A hand-held CB and a small power inverter was stolen.

**\*\*\* If you have any information about any of these thefts, burglaries, or damage to property complaints, please contact the Hermantown Police Department at (218) 729-1200. \*\*\***



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