

Polk City Police Department

*2018
Annual Report*

Chief Trace Kendig

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Mission Statement

The Polk City Police Department will work in partnership with the community to reduce the fear and incidence of crime, to enhance the quality of life, and to render the highest standards and ethics of professional law enforcement.



SERVICE, INTEGRITY, RESPECT, QUALITY

Chief Trace Kendig

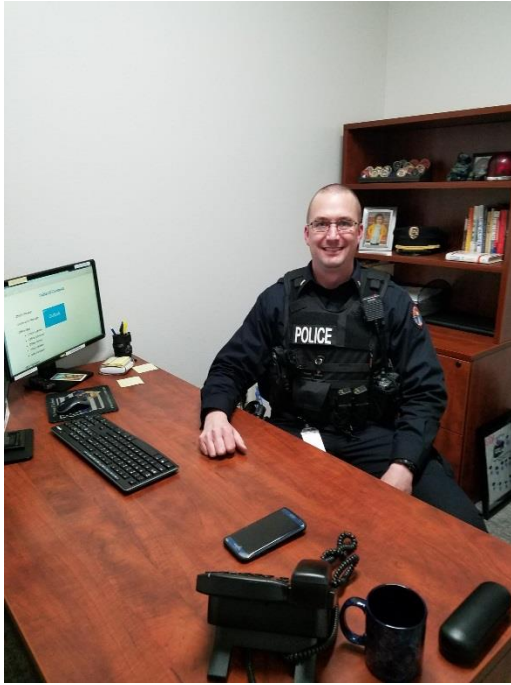


2018 was another great year for the Polk City Police Department. We welcomed a new officer, started a K9 Unit and continued to build the community outreach program. Polk City continues to grow and as the Chief of Police, I strive to build our department to meet the needs of the community. I feel blessed to work with the people that make up PCPD.

They are a group of dedicated public

servants that work tirelessly to model our core values to the citizens of Polk City and our visitors. I am proud of the PCPD staff and proud to serve the citizens of Polk City.

Lieutenant Jeremy Siepker



2018 has been a great year for the Polk City Police Department! The officers and staff have worked diligently throughout the year to provide the very best service to the Polk City community. Over this past year I am proud to say that we have made great progress in advancing our departmental training and our community outreach efforts. A strong focus in these areas helps ensure the public that we are dedicated to our department's mission to reduce the fear and incidence of crime and enhance the quality of life in Polk City.

As we progress through this year and the years to come we will continue to develop and evolve with the constant changes we see in our society, it is crucial that we continue to build on our relationship with the public and maintain transparency. It is important that our community can assess our needs as a police department so we can grow along with the community and provide the best service to the citizens and visitors of Polk City.

Officer and Staff Biographies

Officer Ron Lamfers

- Patrol Officer
- 2002 Graduate of Iowa Law Enforcement Academy- Johnston, IA
- Field Training Officer- Iowa National Association of Field Training Officers
- Smith and Wesson M&P Pistol Armorer
- Iowa Law Enforcement Emergency Care Provider



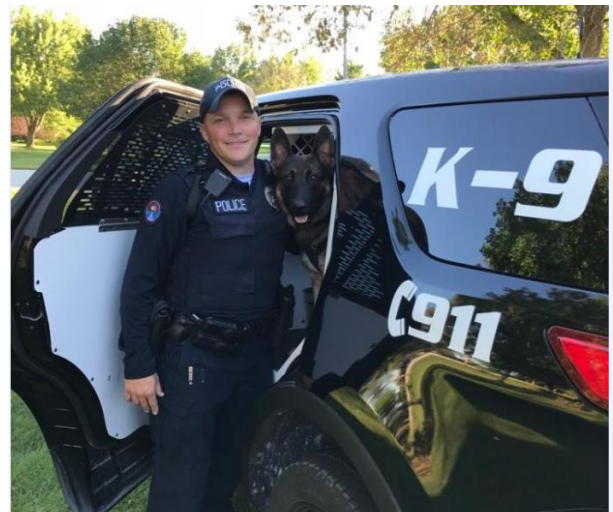
Officer Matthew Untrauer

- Patrol Officer
- 2005 Graduate of Iowa Law Enforcement Academy- Johnston, IA
- Evidence and Property Technician



Officer Matthew Aicher

- Patrol Officer
- Canine Handler
- 2008 Graduate of Iowa Law Enforcement Academy- Hawkeye Community College
- Basic Life Support CPR Instructor
- Standardized Field Sobriety Instructor



Officer and Staff Biographies

Officer Gabriel Wilson

Patrol Officer

2014 Graduate of Iowa Law Enforcement
Academy, Johnston, Iowa

GTSB Coordinator



Support Clerk Jane Jacobson

Police Support Clerk

NCIC Certified

TAC Coordinator



2018 Highlights

- Lt. Siepker attended and completed Northwestern University's School of Police Staff and Command
- Added Safety Citations and Neighborhood Movie Night to our community outreach program
- Transitioned patrol car equipping to a new company, KELTEK and changed how we buy police vehicles
- Began the first K9 program at PCPD
- Transitioned to new duty sidearms, Glock 17's as previous sidearms were 10 years old
- Transitioned to new Taser ECD's, X26P's, as previous Taser units were at the end of their service life
- Began a comprehensive Officer Wellness program

Community Outreach

2018 Community Outreach Initiatives

- DMACC Criminal Justice Career Fair
- Girl Scout Meeting and tours
- Boy Scout Meeting and tours
- Beautiful Beginnings PD tours
- Preschool visit and reading books
- Boy Scout Bicycle Rodeo
- Participation at the Farmers Market
- Safety Citation Program
- Sands Chiropractic Open House- dunk tank
- Neighborhood Movie Nights
- Summer Scavenger Hunt
- Library Reading Program
- Four Seasons Festival Parade
- Coffee with a Cop
- 2018 Monster Dash
- Kiwanis Club Membership
- Television Interview with CW Iowa morning show highlighting PCPD K9 Unit
- Holiday Break Movie Night- in partnership with the Library
- Annual Square Lighting



Community Outreach



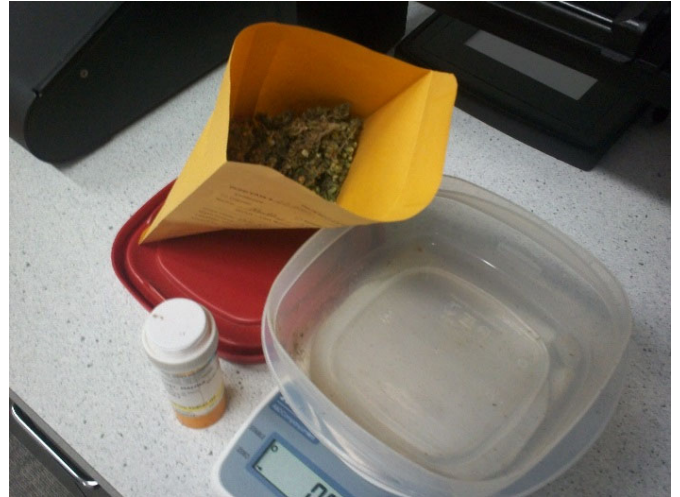
Community Outreach



Notable Cases

Case 18-0075

On April 13th a Polk City officer observed a male subject stumbling in the 200 block of N 3rd St. The officer checked on the subject and it was determined the subject was high on narcotics. The subject was arrested and charged with drug paraphernalia and also possession of marijuana. The officer seized 31.1 grams of marijuana. The subject was processed at the Polk City Police Department.



Case 18-0078

Also, on April 13th the Police Department took two different reports on burglaries to residences. Through witnesses and the investigation of officers, which included several interviews with witnesses and the two suspects, an adult male and juvenile male were arrested. The adult male was charged with 2nd Degree Burglary. The juvenile male was charged with 2nd Degree Burglary, Trespass and Criminal Mischief 5th Degree.

Noteable Cases

Case 18-0127

On May 31st Des Moines Police Department initiated a chase on an individual after observing drugs inside a car during a traffic stop.

The chase went through the county and ended up in Polk City.

The driver that was running lost control of the car on Northside Drive near the cemetery and

drove down an embankment and into a creek where he then physically fought with officers. The officers were able to subdue the suspect and take him into custody.



Case PKP18004306

On October 18th Polk City Officers were contacted by Probation and Parole to assist them on trying to locate a felon who was on the run. Polk City Officers recognized a vehicle belonging to the suspects' family out on W Bridge Rd. during their shift. Polk City Officers followed the vehicle. As the vehicle came to a stop in the 400 block of Crestmoor Dr it was determined the suspect was hiding in that vehicle. The suspect was taken into custody and was transported to the Polk County Jail by Probation and Parole units.

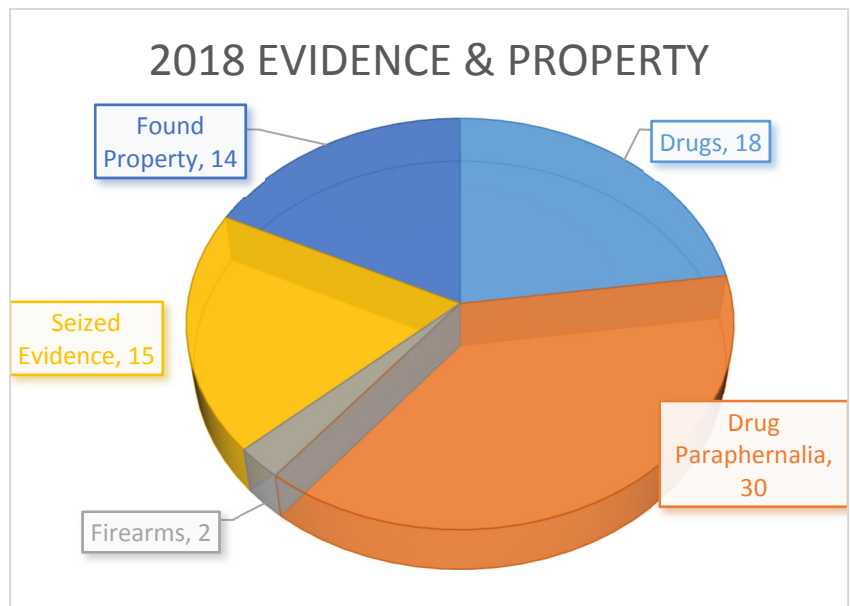
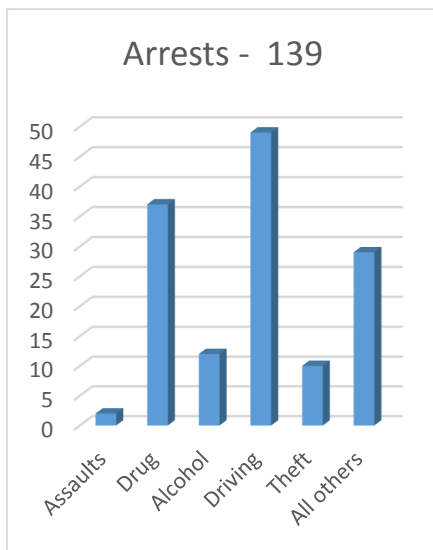
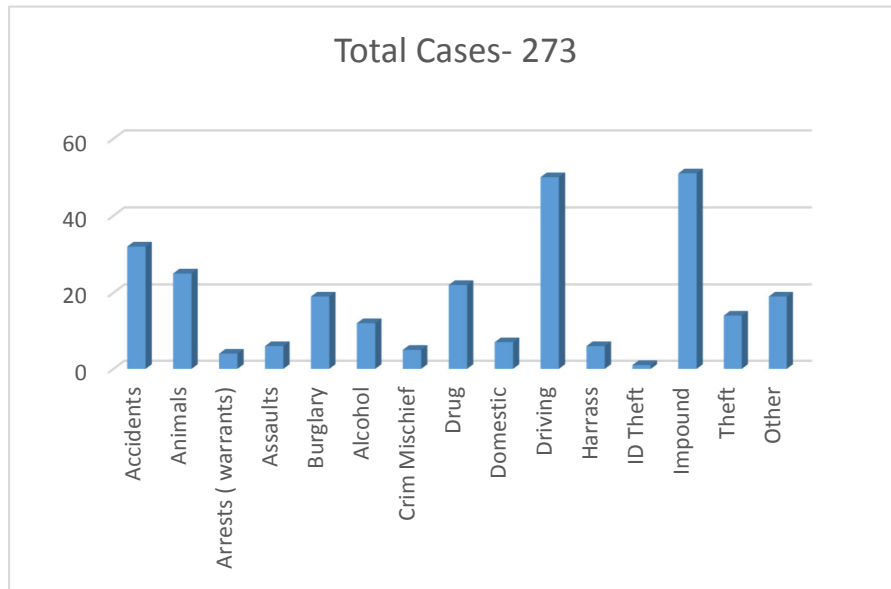
Notable Cases

Case 18-0270

On December 15th a Polk City Officer was called to the Casey's General Store on a robbery of an individual in the parking lot. While responding to the area, the Officer observed a vehicle leaving the Casey's lot at a high rate of speed. The Officer was able to get the vehicle stopped. Through the Officers investigation it was determined 2 of the occupants in the vehicle were the suspects from the Robbery. Both male subjects were taken into custody and transported to the Polk County Jail on Robbery charges. The victim from the robbery was also charged with carrying weapons. All involved were affiliated with a motorcycle group H.O.O.D Ryderz.

Patrol Statistics

The Polk City Police Department received **5049** calls for service in 2018. This number includes citizen reports/complaints, traffic stops, and other self-initiated activity. Officers took **273** cases in 2018 and responded to **40** accidents. Officers also made **139** arrests, issued **532** traffic citations and issued **1001** traffic warnings.



Training Summary

The Polk City Police Department has developed a well-rounded training program that keeps officers prepared for what they may encounter on the job as well as maintaining a healthy work environment and lifestyle. The Law Enforcement profession is constantly changing, it is imperative that our officers receive continual training to meet those changes.

Over this past year we have really excelled our training program. We continually build on our training and skills development through monthly in-service training, specialty schools and conferences and on-line training.

In-Service Topics Include:

- Firearms
- Less Lethal Munitions
- OSHA Compliance
- Mental Health
- OWI & SFST
- Hazardous Materials
- Emergency Medical Care
- Defensive Tactics
- Officer Tactics
- Force on Force- simunitions
- Mandatory Reporter
- Child and Dependent Adult Abuse
- Human Trafficking
- Evidence and Property handling
- Distracted Driving
- Sexual Harassment
- Precision Driving

Specialty Schools Include:

- SFST Instructor
- Firearms Instructor
- Open Sight Rifle Instructor
- Defensive Tactics Instructor
- Evidence and Property Management
- Less Lethal Munitions Instructor
- Weapons Armorers
- Northwestern School of Police Staff and Command
- Canine Handler Training
- Active Threat Integrated Response Training
- Active Shooter Incident Management

Training Summary

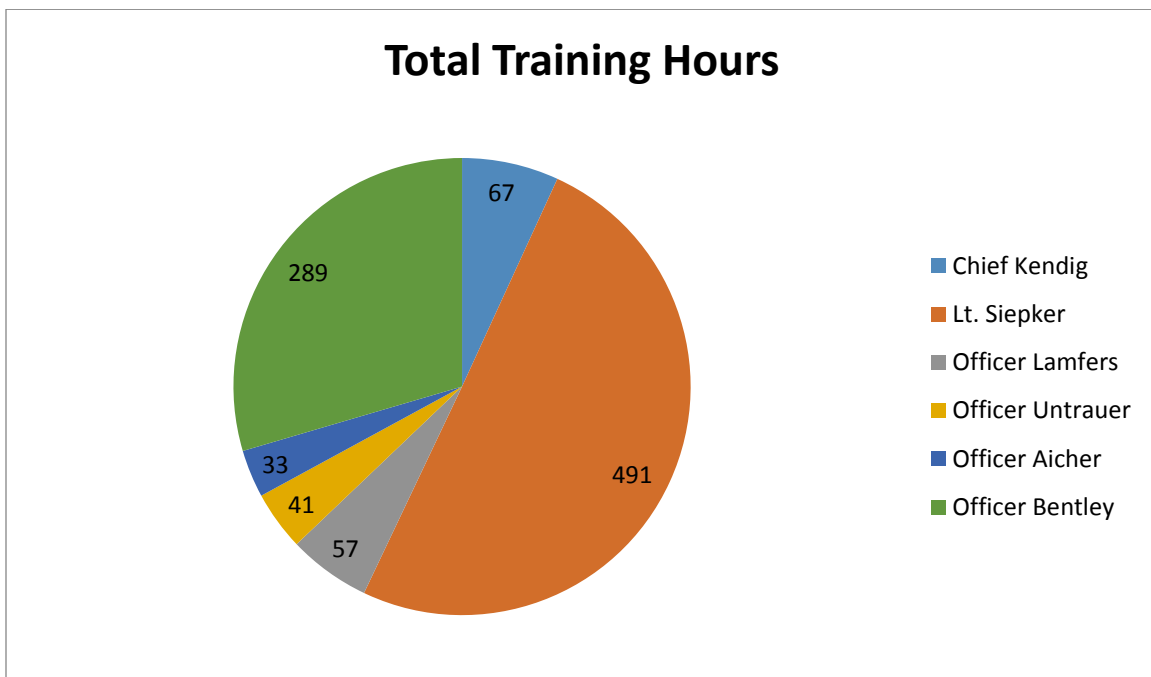
Conferences Attended in 2018 Include:

- National Conference on Law Enforcement Wellness
- Iowa Police Chiefs Conference

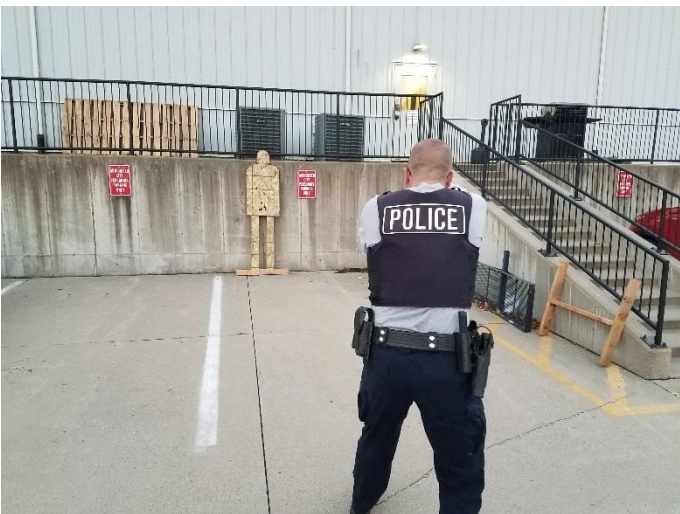
In 2018 the police department received a combined 978 hours of training.

Individual Officer Training:

Chief Kendig:	67 Hours
Lt. Siepker:	491 Hours (400 Hrs for Northwestern SPSC School)
Officer Lamfers:	33 Hours
Officer Untrauer:	41 Hours
Officer Aicher:	289 Hours (200 Hrs for Canine Handler Training)
Officer Wilson:	57 Hours



Training Summary



Canine Unit

Canine Unit Development

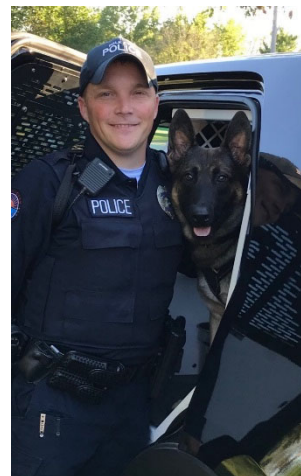
In the summer of 2016 a Canine Program was identified by Chief Kendig as a goal to be implemented within 5 years. In the summer of 2017 with the support of the community and City Council Members a Police Canine Committee was formed by Polk City Mayor Jason Morse. This committee which included Chief Kendig, Officer Aicher, City Staff, City Council Members and Community Stake Holders. This committee spent several months researching the costs, feasibility, fundraising, and potential canine vendors.

In the early part of 2018 fundraising began with the Polk City Police Officers Association pledging \$5,000 and submitting a letter of intent to the City Council on the intentions of raising all of the funds needed to purchase a Police Canine.

Once the research was completed on potential canine vendors, Canine Tactical in Chariton, Iowa was the clear choice. After a site visit by Committee Members, canine Eudoris (E6) was selected as our canine.

The process to select a canine handler then began. A competitive selection process including a physical fitness test and an oral board interview was conducted. Officer Matt Aicher was ultimately selected to be Polk City's first ever Canine Handler.

Community Businesses, Community Organizations and the Citizens of Polk City overwhelmingly supported and generously funded start-up of the Polk City Police Canine Program. Over \$30,000 was raised in the form of grants and donations.



Training and Certification

Officer Aicher and Eudoris spent five weeks training at Canine Tactical in Chariton, Iowa from August 20th 2018 through September 21st 2018 where they completed 250 hours of basic training and obtained a Full Mission Profile Certification from Canine Tactical. This certification includes Narcotic Detection, Suspect Apprehension, Tracking, and Article Searching. In December Officer Aicher and Eudoris obtained a Second Layer Certification through Police Service

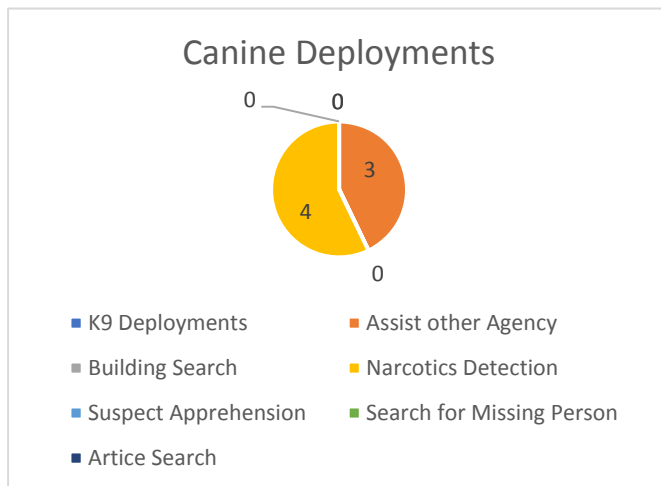
Canine Unit

Dogs Training Center based out of Oxford, Florida. This training was completed at Canine Tactical in Chariton, IA.

It is imperative that the team continues to train on a regular basis both on and off duty to maintain and build their skill set. Officer Aicher and Eudoris spend approximately 30 hours each month training, which includes two days on-site with Canine Tactical.

Deployments

Since Officer Aicher and Eudoris completed their basic training and certification though the end of the year they have been deployed **7** times. Of these deployments 4 were in Polk City and 3 were to assist other agencies.



Highlight Deployment

On October 9th 2018 the Canine Unit was called to assist Urbandale Police Department for a vehicle sniff for illegal narcotics. Eudoris alerted on the vehicle and a search of the vehicle was conducted. Narcotics were located along with evidence that connected the subject to multiple felony burglaries in the metro area.

2018 Complaints

Complaints Received by PCPD in 2018

Chief Kendig and Lt. Siepker log all complaints made on PCPD staff. All formal complaints are logged and investigated. These are handled per PCPD policy and procedures. The content of these investigations are confidential but the number of complaints will be compiled and listed in this section of the annual report. In 2018 there were no formal complaints filed on any member of PCPD staff.