

Polk City Police Department

Annual Report 2019

Chief Jeremy Siepker



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**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 Jeremy Siepker

I would like to take this time to personally thank the Polk City community for the generous support they have shown the police department throughout the year. 2019 was an eventful year! I am proud to say that the men and women of the Polk City Police Department did an



outstanding job serving the Polk City community. Each day our staff worked diligently to provide the best service possible and proactively reduce the fear and incidence of crime in our community.

This report is a mere summary of what our organization has done this past year, highlighting community involvement, some of our larger cases, and providing statistics of the type of crime and number of incidents that are reported in our community.

I am excited to see what 2020 brings and am truly proud to be leading this agency as the Chief of Police.

Officer and Staff Biographies

Officer Ron Lamfers

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



Officer Matthew Untrauer

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



Officer Matthew Aicher

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



Officer and Staff Biographies

Officer Gabriel Wilson

- Patrol Officer
- GTSB Coordinator
- Defensive Tactics Instructor
- Taser CEW Instructor
- 2014 Graduate of Iowa Law Enforcement Academy, Johnston, Iowa



Officer Matt Aswegan

- Patrol Officer
- Drug Recognition Expert
- Firearms Instructor
- Training Coordinator
- ASP Baton Instructor
- OC Instructor
- Glock Armorer
- 2006 Graduate of Iowa Law Enforcement Academy, Johnston, Iowa



Support Clerk Jane Jacobson

- Police Support Clerk
- NCIC Certified
- TAC Coordinator
- Polk County Attorney Office Liaison



Community Outreach

2019 Highlights

- In July, the Police Department was granted a new Patrol Officer for the first time in 16 years. In August, the Officer Aswegan was hired to fill the opening. Officer Aswegan had been a Part-Time Officer with PCPD for 3 years and was working for Perry PD Full-Time prior to taking the position. Officer Aswegan brings has been a certified Police Officer for 13 years and brings a great wealth of experience and knowledge to the department.
- National Night Out, Safety Citations and Neighborhood Movie Night were included in the Police Department's Community Outreach Program.
- Acquired a new Patrol Vehicle in leasing a Dodge Durango through KELTEK Incorporated.



Community Outreach

2019 Community Outreach Initiatives

- DMACC Criminal Justice Career Fair
- Girl Scout and Boy Scout Meeting and tours
- Canine Demonstrations
- RVTv
- Beautiful Beginnings PD tours
- Polk City's 27th Annual Big Creek Bike Ride
- Participation at the Farmers Market
- Safety Citation Program
- North Polk Pep Rally
- Neighborhood Movie Nights
- Summer Scavenger Hunt
- National Night Out
- Four Seasons Festival Parade
- Halloween Safety at West Elementary School
- 2019 Monster Dash
- Kiwanis Club Membership
- Annual Square Lighting

Community Outreach



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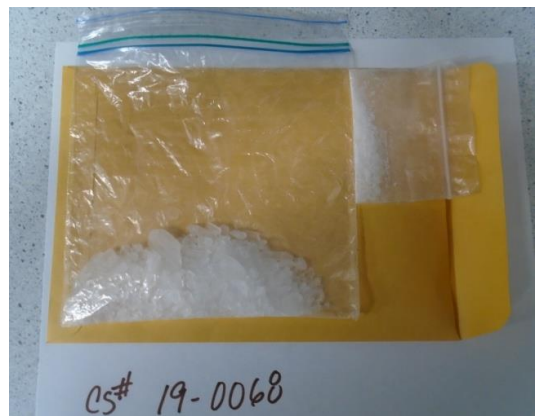
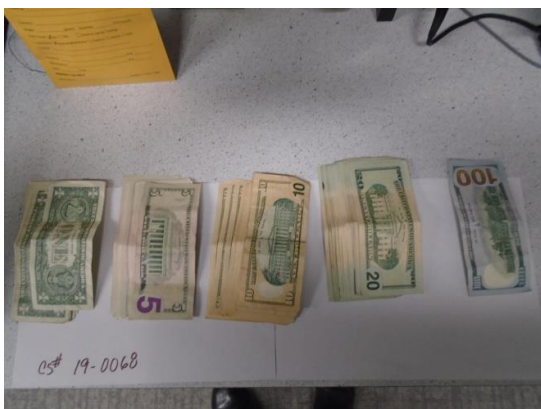
Notable Cases

Case 19-0035

On February 19th, a Polk City Officer observed a male, he knew had a warrant for Domestic Assault, walking north on Tyler St. The male ran from the officer and barricaded himself in a residence in the 800 block of Phillips St. The occupants at the residence were initially uncooperative with officers. Metro STAR was requested to respond, and a search warrant was being sought to make entry and search the residence. After approximately an hour standoff, officers made entry into the house and took the suspect into custody. The man was arrested on the warrant, and additionally charged with providing false information and interference with official acts.

Case 19-0068

On March 21st at approximately 5:15am, a Polk City Officer observed a suspicious vehicle beside the storage units in the 200 block of N 3rd St. The officer made contact with the occupants where he determined the female was wanted on several charges. When the officer took the female into custody, 31 grams of methamphetamine and \$699 in cash were located on her person. The female was charged with possession with intent to deliver (Meth) and forfeiture of the cash was granted to the Polk City Police Department.



Notable Cases

Case 19-0104

On May 7th, a Polk City Officer was called to Kum and Go to check on a suspicious male sleeping in a vehicle in the parking lot. On arrival, the officer found out that the vehicle was stolen from Eagle Grove. The occupant was tested for drug related OWI. When officers searched the vehicle, they found syringes and veterinarian medications. The male was arrested for theft of a motor vehicle and drug related OWI.



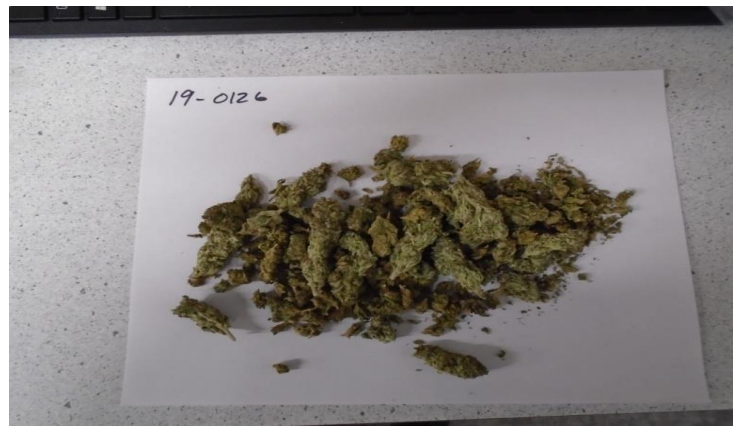
Case 19-0265

On October 16th, multiple vehicle burglaries were reported in the Marina Cove neighborhood. Polk City Officers quickly identified 3 potential suspects and in less than 48 hours Polk City Officers with the assistance of Des Moines Police Department executed a search warrant at a suspects' residence in Des Moines. A felony amounts of narcotics were in the home and a large amount of stolen property. Admissions during an interview of one suspect at the residence resulted in the arrest of two of the suspects and an arrest warrant was obtained for the third offender. Evidence located at the residence was found to be from additional burglaries in the area. All three suspects were charged with 4 counts of burglary 3rd and the third suspect was also charged with interference with official acts. Pending lab results, the suspects will also be charged with possession of a controlled substance.

Notable Cases

Case 19-0126

On June 1st, a Polk City Officer made a stop on a vehicle at NW Big Creek Dr. and Hugg Dr. for a traffic infraction. The officer observed the male driver and the female passenger change seats in the vehicle. As the officer was detaining the original driver he began to fight with the officer and was attempting to retrieve something from under the seat of the car. The male was ordered out at gunpoint and taken into custody. 28.2 grams of marijuana and \$4,726 in cash were located in the vehicle. The male was arrested for possession of marijuana with the intent to deliver, interference with official acts and traffic related charges. The cash was seized, and forfeiture proceedings are still pending.



Case 18-0147

A vehicle was reported stolen in 2018. When the vehicle was located several months later, Polk City Police Department was able to collect DNA evidence from the vehicle to be tested at the Iowa DCI Lab. In 2019 the DCI Lab was able to match the DNA to an individual, who was in jail on a similar charge. The suspect was interviewed and charged with Theft of a Motor Vehicle, closing the case.

Forfeitures

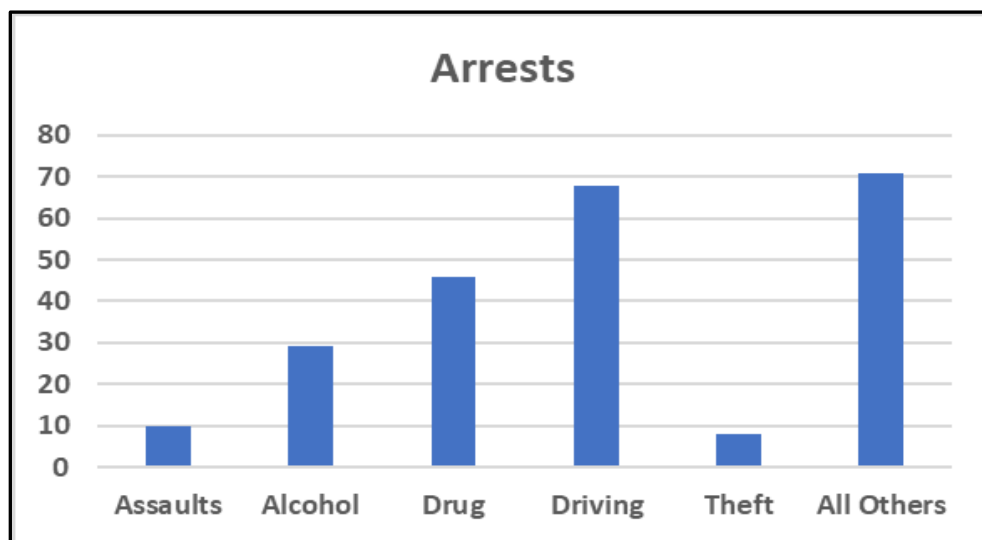
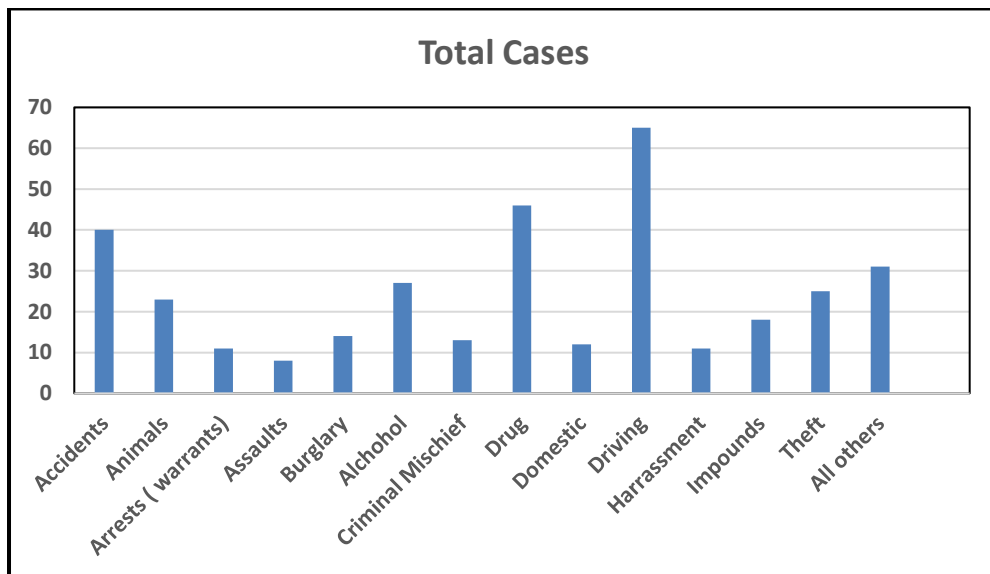
Property which is illegally possessed; property which has been used or is intended to be used to facilitate the commission of a criminal offense or to avoid detection or apprehension; and property which is acquired from the proceeds of a criminal offense may be subject to forfeiture.

In 2019 the Polk City Police Department had two seizures related to narcotics trafficking.

Case	Type of seizure	Item Seized	Status
19-0068	Cash	\$699	Awarded to PD
19-0126	Cash	\$4,726	Pending

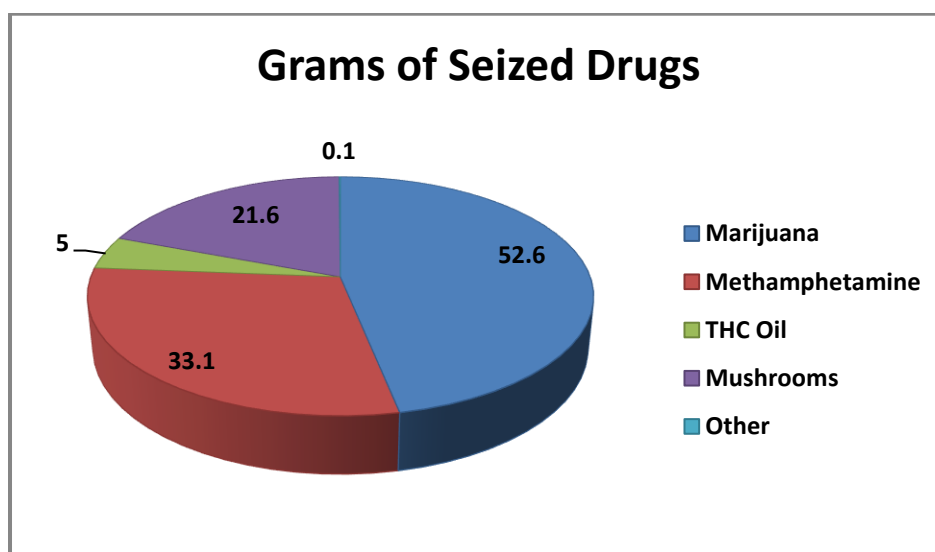
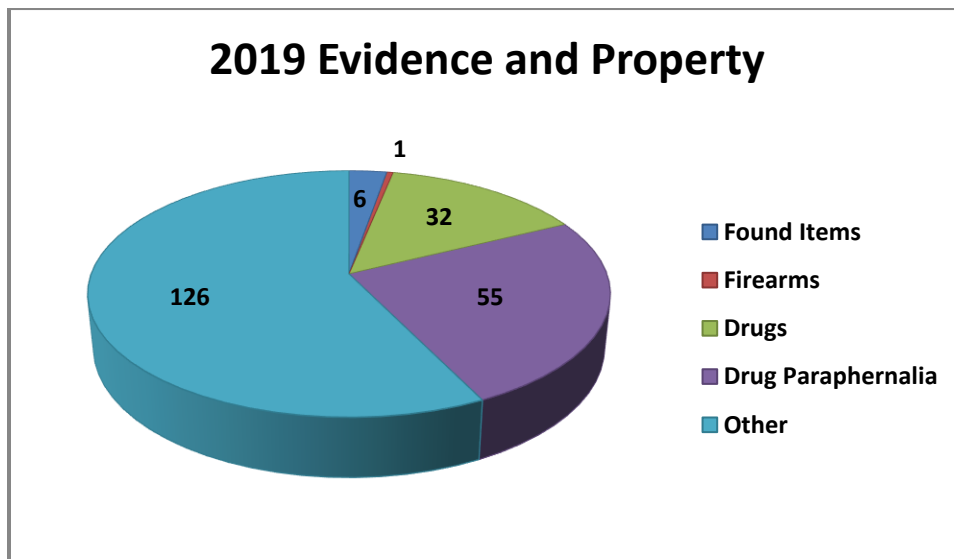
Patrol Statistics

The Polk City Police Department received **4519** calls for service in 2019. This number includes citizen reports/complaints, traffic stops, and other self-initiated activity. Officers took **344** cases in 2019 and responded to **40** accidents. Officers also made **232** arrests, issued **527** traffic citations and issued **1051** traffic warnings.



Evidence and Property

The Evidence Custodian oversees evidence and property that the department takes in. After property is taken into the department either for safekeeping or as evidence it is tracked and categorized by the Evidence Custodian utilizing an evidence management system known as SAFE. This program helps maintain a chain of custody for every piece of property that we handle- from the scene where it was seized, to and from the DCI crime lab and finally to be destroyed or returned after a case is completed and the court signs off on a destruction disposition notice. Below is a breakdown of the type of property we have seized this past year and a further explanation of what types of drugs were seized in 2019



Training Summary

The Polk City Police Department has continued to develop their training program in 2019. The program is intended to keep officers prepared for situations they may encounter on the job and in maintaining a healthy work environment and lifestyle.

The Law Enforcement profession is constantly changing, it is important 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, conferences and on-line training.



In-Service Topics Include:

- Officer Wellness
- Firearms- handgun, rifle and shotgun
- OWI Update, SFST, and Warrant Writing
- Defensive Tactics
- Officer Safety and Tactics
- Officer Driving Training
- Law Updates
- Scenario-based training
- Force on Force- Simunitions
- Domestic Violence Investigation
- Hazardous Materials
- Mandatory Reporting
- Child and Dependent Adult Abuse
- Developmental Disabilities and Dementia
- Fair and Impartial Policing

Training Summary

Specialty Schools Include:

- Firearms Instructor
- Defensive Tactics Instructor
- Taser CEW Instructor
- OC Instructor
- Glock Armorer's certification
- Northwestern Univ. Traffic Crash Investigation
- Canine Handler Training and Certification
- School Shield Security Assessment Training
- ASP Baton Instructor
- Police Records Management



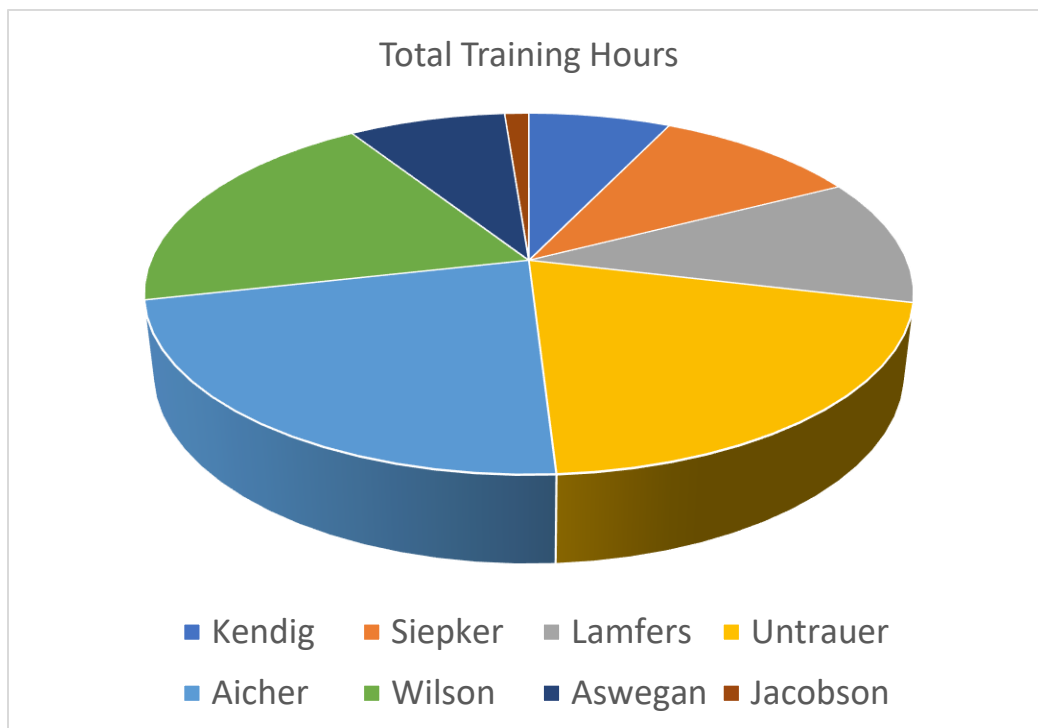
Training Summary

Conferences Attended in 2019 Include:

- Lifesavers Traffic Conference
- National COPS Conference
- International Association of Chiefs of Police Conference

In 2019 the police department received a combined 659.5 hours of training. Individual Officer Training:

Chief Kendig:	47 Hours
Lt. Siepker:	68 Hours
Officer Lamfers:	74.5 Hours
Officer Untrauer:	134 Hours (96 hours for Traffic Crash Investigation 1)
Officer Aicher:	148 Hours (112 Hours Out of City K-9)
Officer Wilson:	128 Hours
Officer Aswegan:	52 Hours
Admin Jacobson:	8 hours



K-9 Training Summary

Canine Unit Development



Certifications and Training

In March Officer Aicher and Eudoris certified in narcotics detection in the USPCA Detector Trials in Fort Madison, Iowa. Officer Aicher and Eudoris teamed up with three canine teams from the Waterloo Police Department and placed second overall.

In December Officer Aicher and Eudoris completed a Second Layer Certification in Chariton, Iowa. This certification consisted of narcotic detection, a 1200-yard track, blank gunfire, a building search (with K9 engagement) and K9 tactical medicine.

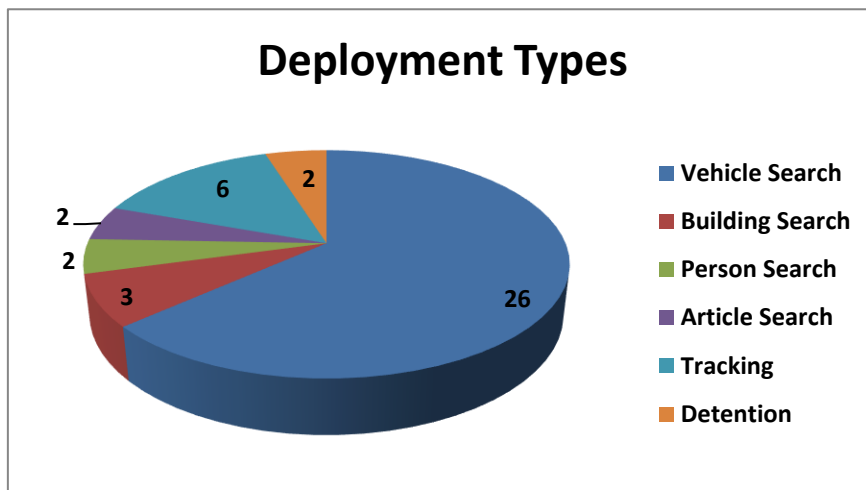


K-9 Duty Statistics

Deployments

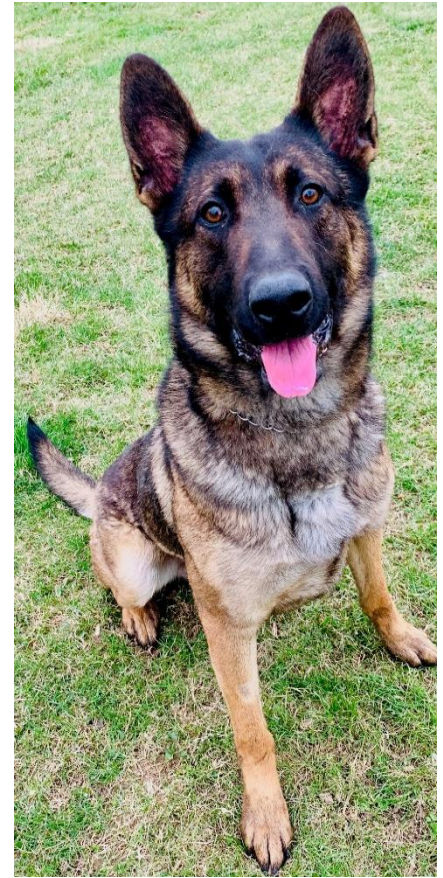
Officer Aicher and Eudoris were deployed **41** times in 2019. Of these deployments, **30** were for the Polk City Police Department. On occasion, area agencies request a K-9 unit to assist them. Officer Aicher and Eudoris were deployed to assist other agencies **11** times in 2019.

Eudoris assisted in 10 arrests, 14 drug items and the forfeiture of \$699 for the Polk City Police Department. He also assisted in multiple arrests, drug seizures for area agencies including assisting the Polk County Sheriff's Office in the arrest of 4 suspects and the recovery of \$2,145 just outside of the city limits of Polk City.



Highlighted Deployment (Case 19-0258)

In October Officer Aicher and Eudoris were dispatched to assist the Urbandale Police Department on a burglary in progress and the subject fled the area. Officer Aicher and Eudoris tracked the suspect. During the tracking another officer observed the suspect and the team was re-deployed from that area. Our canine team soon located the suspect and Eudoris engaged the suspect in order to gain compliance. The suspect was taken into custody on multiple charges.



2019 Complaints

Complaints Received by PCPD in 2019

The Chief's office tracks and investigates all complaints made on PCPD staff in accordance with PCPD Policy. The content of these investigations is confidential, but the number of complaints will be compiled and listed in this section of the annual report.

In 2019 there was one complaint reported on a member of the Polk City Police Department staff.