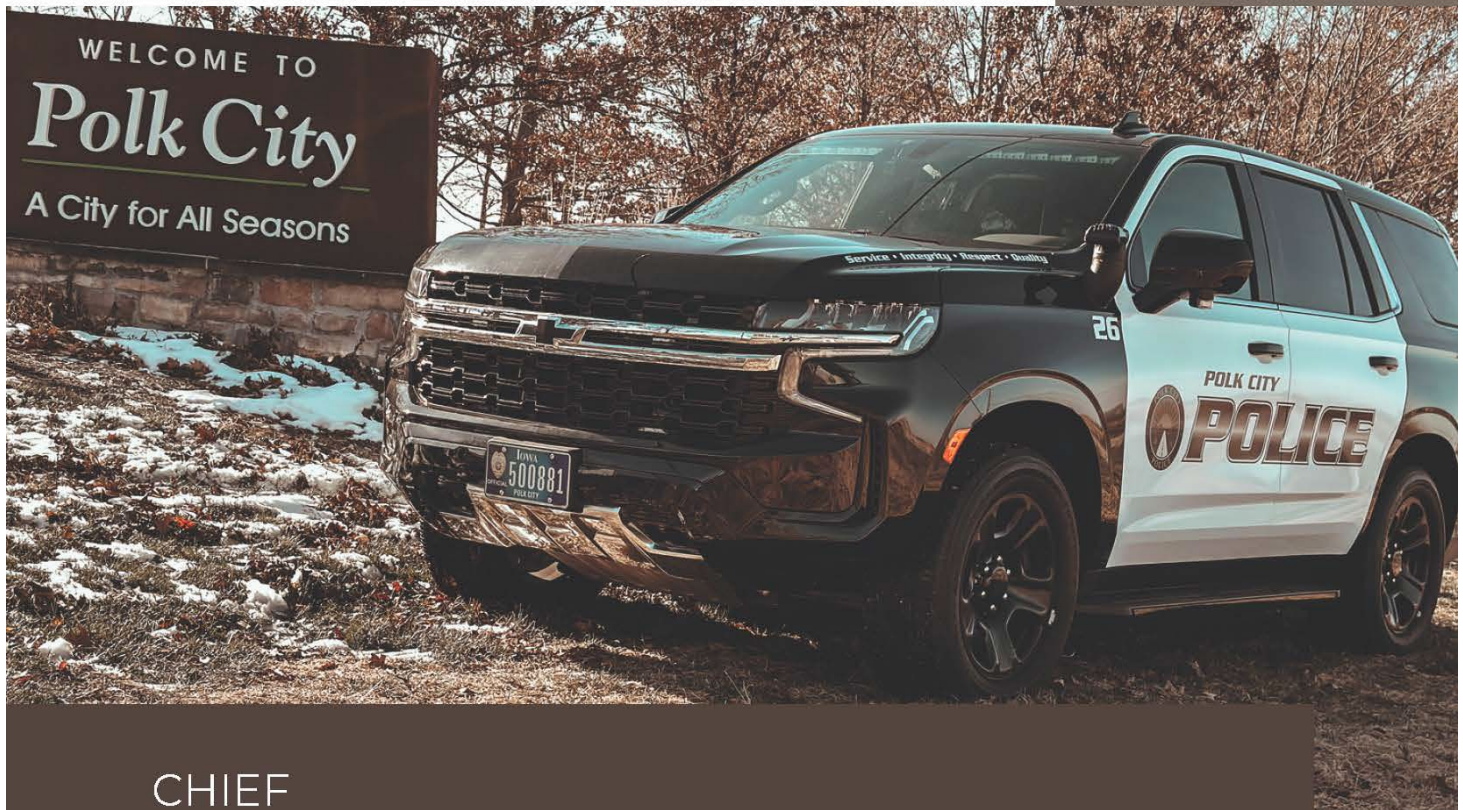


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2022



CHIEF
JEREMY SIEPKER



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- **Updated in-car and body cameras**
- **Sent two officers to ILEA**
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The Polk City Police Department is dedicated to provide exceptional service to the Polk City Community in order to create a safe and desirable place to live, work and visit. We will enhance public safety by actively seeking and deterring criminal behavior and enforcing the law impartially.



SERVICE, INTEGRITY, RESPECT, QUALITY

Chief Jeremy Siepker



I would like to extend my gratitude for all the support our department has seen over the past year. We are blessed to have such a great community.

We have had a busy year and are feeling the growth of the community. The men and women that make up the Polk City Police Department do an excellent job and are very dedicated to keeping the community safe.

The annual report is an overview of the Police Departments staffing, call volume and highlights from this past year, I hope you find the content informative.

Lieutenant Matt Aswegan

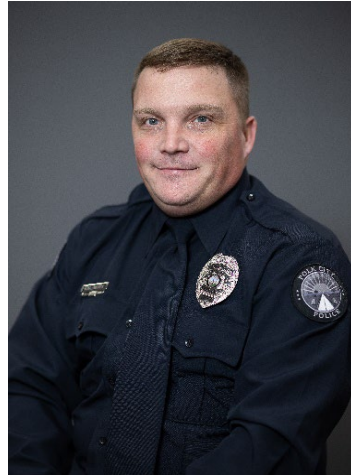


Our staff had another successful year of helping to keep Polk City a safe place to live and work. Patrol officers executed 4 search warrants of residences while conducting narcotics investigations in 2022. These search warrants resulted in the seizure of over 8 ounces of methamphetamine, over 9 ounces of marijuana and 7 illegally possessed firearms. A total of 12 felony arrests and 6 misdemeanor arrests were made because of these investigations. Our patrol staff conducted many other notable investigations during the year. I encourage you to read this report and see for yourself all the hard work our staff has done throughout 2022. Through the continued support of the community, we continue to be effective in keeping Polk City a safe place to live and work.

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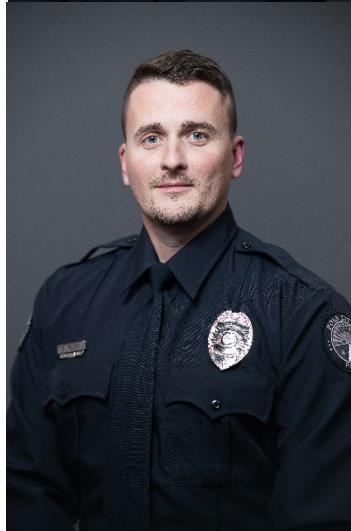
Officer Matthew Aicher

- Patrol Officer
- Canine Handler
- Standardized Field Sobriety Instructor
- 2008 Graduate of ILEA



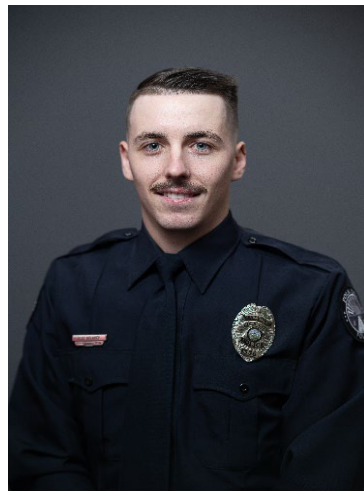
Officer Gabriel Wilson

- Patrol Officer
- 2014 Graduate of ILEA
- Field Training Officer
- Evidence and Property Technician



Officer Alex Delaney

- Patrol Officer
- Field Training Officer
- 2020 graduate of ILEA



Officer and Staff

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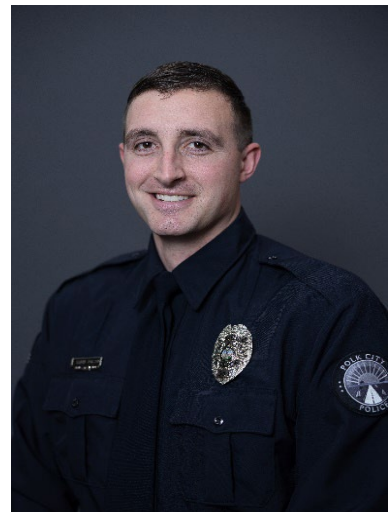
Officer Nick Sherman

- Patrol Officer
- 2015 graduate of ILEA



Officer Kevin Blaha-Polson

- Patrol Officer
- 2022 graduate of ILEA



Officer Caitlyn Whipple

- Patrol Officer
- 2022 graduate of ILEA



Officer and Staff Biographies

Support Clerk Jane Jacobson

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



2022 Achievements

- Updated our fleet with a 2022 Chevrolet Tahoe.
- Upgraded our in-car and body worn cameras to Getac, a better-quality camera with cloud storage solutions.
- Sent two officers to the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy, bringing our staffing level to 8 full time officers.
- Redeveloped our Field Training & Evaluation Program for newly hired officers.
- 1st annual Cops and Bobbers event was held at Big Creek State Park.

2022 Community Outreach Events

Community Outreach

- Summer reading program in partnership with the Polk City Library
- Summer cooling tent and water station
- Neighborhood meetings with children
- Summer Kick Off Event
- Light Up Polk City!
- Trunk or Treat
- First Annual Cops & Bobbers Event
- Participation in the Polk City Fall Fest
- Participation in the Polk City Four Seasons Mini fest

2022 Community Outreach Events

Summer Kickoff 2022



2022 Community Outreach Events

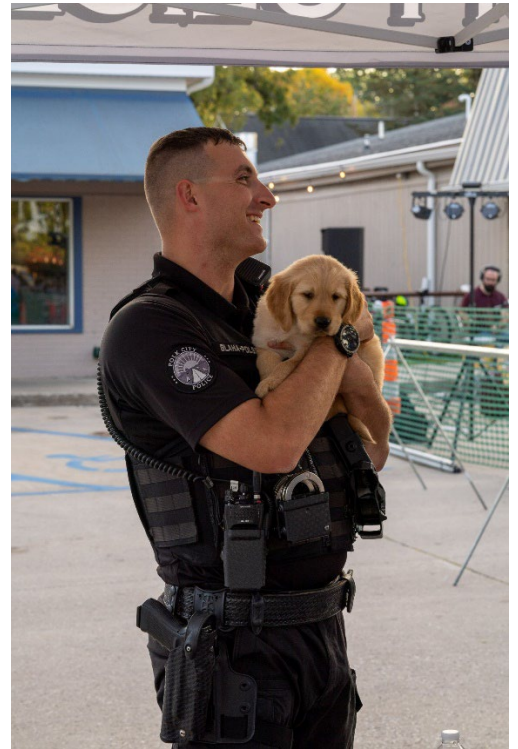
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2022 Community Outreach Events



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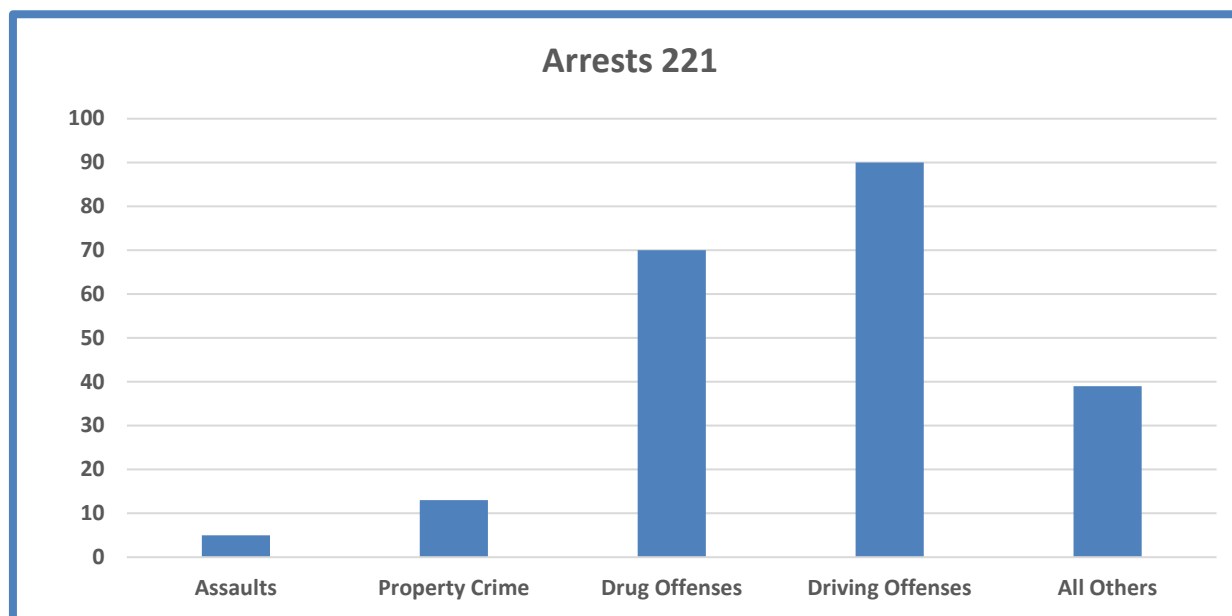
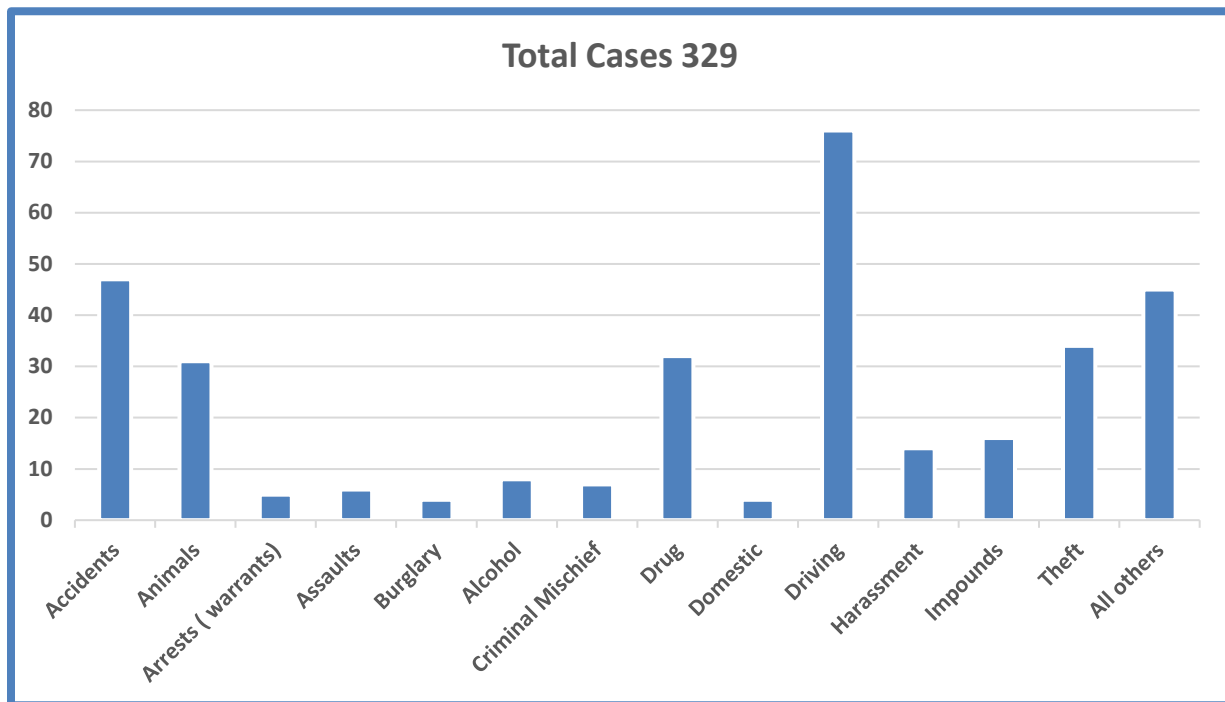


2022 Community Outreach Events



Patrol Statistics

In 2022 the Polk City Police Department received **4,700** calls for service. This includes citizen reports/complaints, traffic stops, and other self-initiated activities. Officers investigated **329** cases in 2022 and responded to **47** traffic collisions. Officers also made **221** arrests, issued **313** traffic citations, and issued **976** traffic warnings.

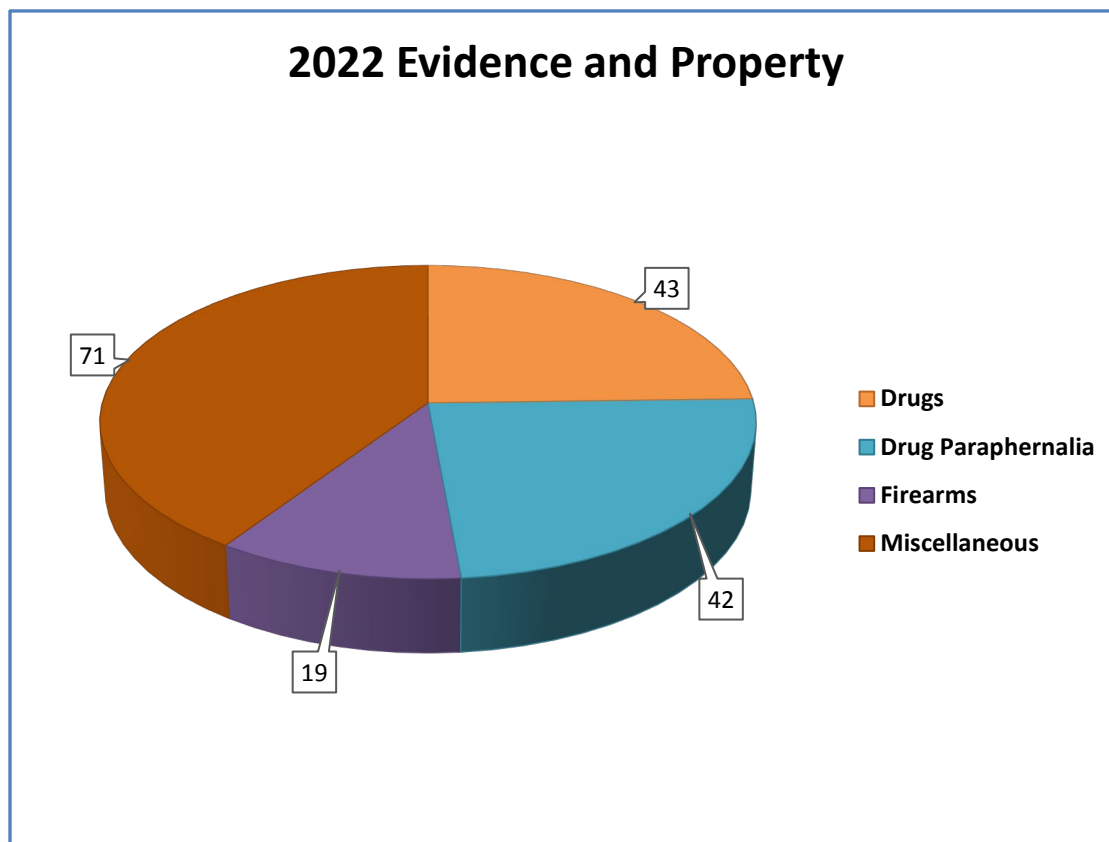


Patrol Statistics

Property & Evidence

Polk City Officer Wilson is the department evidence custodian. In 2022, Officer Wilson attended training through the International Association of Property & Evidence. He also attended administrator training for the department's evidence management software.

During 2022, the Polk City Police Department entered 43 items containing drugs, 42 items containing drug paraphernalia, 19 firearms or firearms related items and 71 miscellaneous items which include found property and general items of evidence.



Notable Cases and Events

Notable Cases

22-0048

On March 4th, 2022, Polk City Officers executed a search warrant on a camper parked behind a residence in the 400 block of Crestmoor. The search warrant was executed as a part of a weeks-long investigation into narcotics violations. The



investigation resulted in the arrest of a 26-year-old Polk City man on charges of Possession of Methamphetamine with Intent to Deliver, Unlawful Possession of Prescription Drugs, 2 counts of Possession of a Controlled Substance, 2 counts of Failure to Affix Drug Tax Stamp, and a charge of Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. In total, officers seized over an ounce of methamphetamine, 5 doses of hydrocodone, a small amount of marijuana, several drug pipes and an illegally possessed firearm. The offender was booked into the Polk County jail.

Notable Cases and Events

22-0123



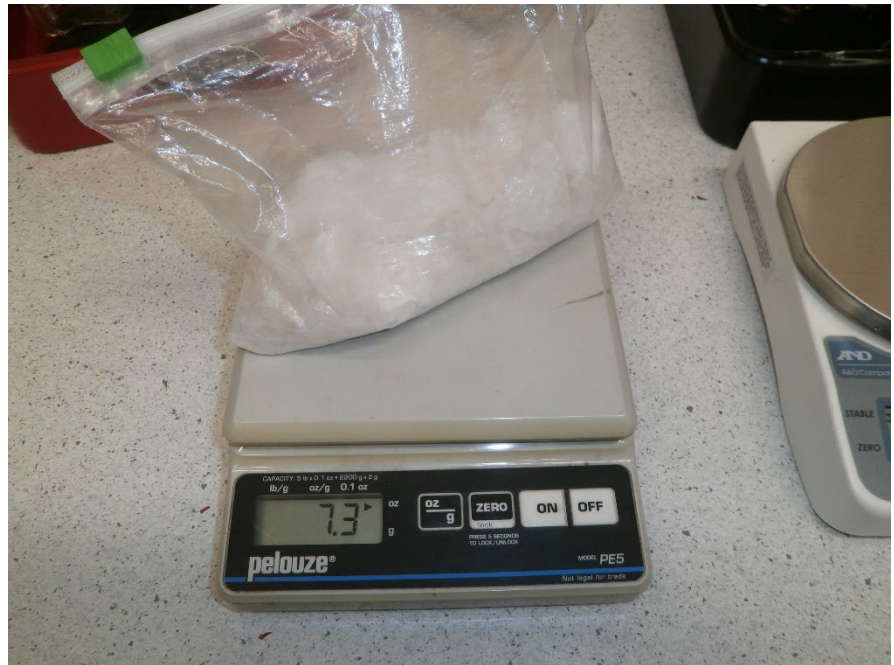
On May 24th, 2022, Polk City Officers went to a residence in the 500 block of W. Van Dorn Street to find a subject who had an outstanding arrest warrant. During the encounter with the homeowner, evidence was identified which indicated narcotics activity occurring in

the residence. An investigation resulted in the arrest of the homeowner for charges of Possession of Marijuana with Intent to Deliver, Fail to Affix Drug Tax Stamp and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. In total, officers seized about 6 ounces of processed marijuana, several drug pipes and uncovered a marijuana grow operation. In addition, 6 illegally possessed firearms were seized from the residence.

Notable Cases and Events

22-0201

In August 2022 Polk City Officers responded to a residence in the 200 block of 1st Street for a report of a dispute. While investigating the dispute officers observed evidence of narcotics activity. A search warrant was obtained and later executed resulting in the seizure of about a half-pound of methamphetamine, 3 ounces of marijuana and some drug paraphernalia. Arrest warrants were issued for two of the residents. They were both charged with Possession of Methamphetamine with the Intent to Deliver, Possession of Marijuana with the Intent to Deliver and 2 counts of Failure to Affix Drug Tax Stamp.



Notable Cases and Events

22-0117

On May 18th at about 12:30 am a Polk City Police Officer stopped a vehicle for a traffic violation. During the traffic stop, the officer developed suspicion of criminal activity. While the officer was investigating this activity, the driver fled in the vehicle, starting a vehicle pursuit. Story County Sheriff's Office and Polk County Sheriff's Office assisted in the pursuit. Spike strips were deployed, bringing the vehicle to a stop just inside of Ames. The driver fled on foot but was caught by the pursuing officer who ran after him. The man was charged with Eluding, Driving While License Suspended and Possession of a Controlled Substance. It was also determined the man had an outstanding warrant for his arrest for a charge of Domestic Abuse Assault. He was booked into the Polk County Jail.

22-0104

On May 4th at about 11:00 pm a Polk City Police Officer was dispatched to a residence for a report of a suicidal subject with a firearm. The Polk County Sheriff's Office responded to assist. The situation was de-escalated, and the subject was detained. He was found to be in possession of a .380 caliber pistol. He was taken for an emergency mental health committal and later charged with Felon in Possession of a Firearm.



Special Programs

K9 Program

The Polk City Police Department K9 team consists of Officer Matt Aicher and K9 Eudoris. Eudoris is a 5-year-old Belgian Malinois / Dutch Shepard. He is a multi-purpose K9. Eudoris is widely considered one of the best police K9's in the area.

Since it's inception in 2018, Eudoris has been deployed over 100 times. Amongst these deployments, Eudoris has assisted in 104 arrests and 70 drug seizures. Eudoris has assisted investigating officers in locating 288 grams of methamphetamine, 247 grams of marijuana, a small amount of heroin and hundreds of pieces of drug paraphernalia.



Eudoris is certified through the United States Police Canine Association and Canine Tactical. Officer Aicher and Eudoris conduct at least **16** hours of training every month to maintain their proficiency.

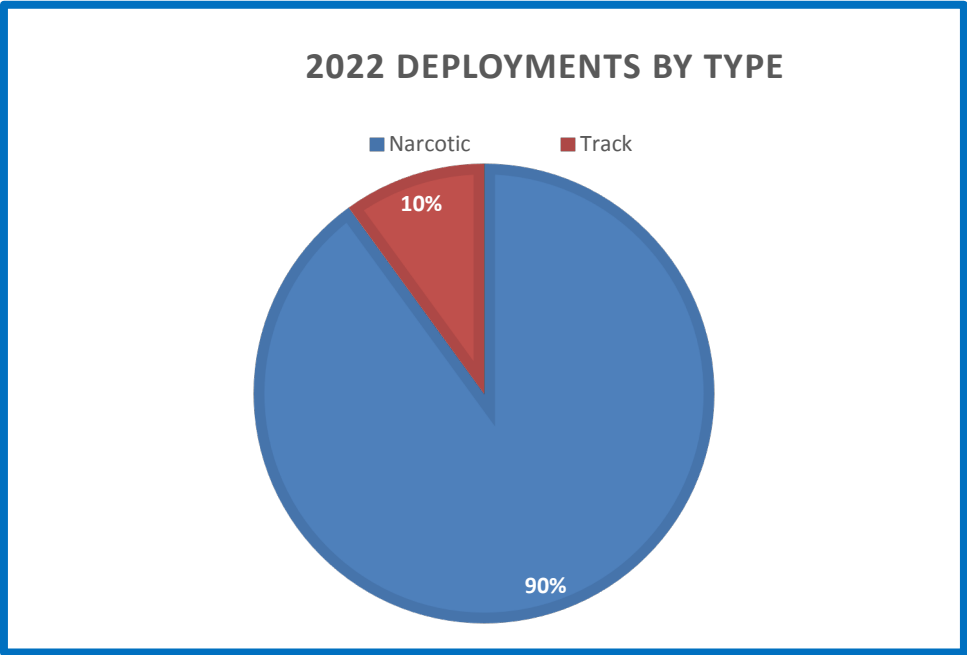
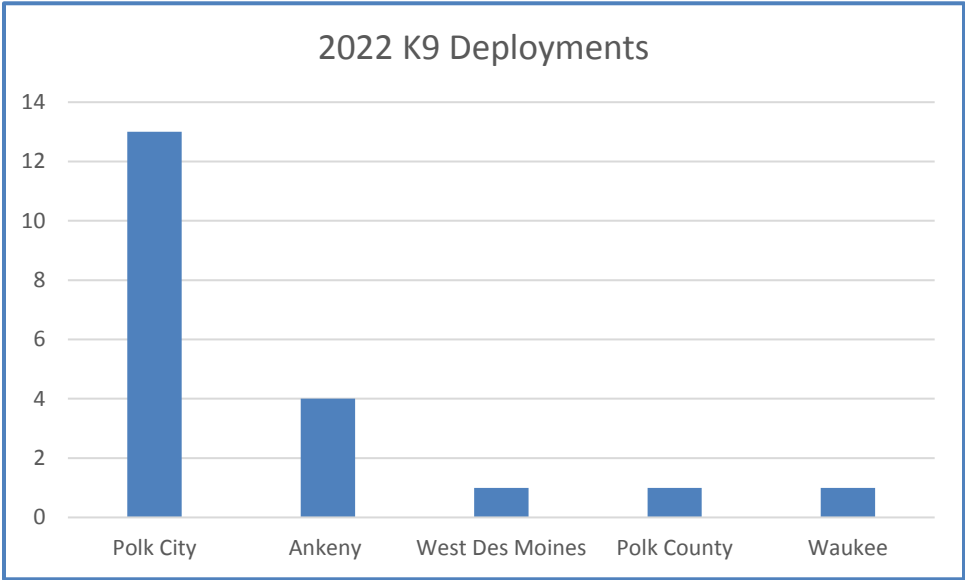
Officer Aicher and Eudoris were deployed **20** times in 2022. **18** of the deployments were for narcotics detection. These deployments helped investigating officers seize over ½ pound of Methamphetamine, over ½ pound of Marijuana along with user amounts of heroin. Approximately 74 pieces of drug paraphernalia were also seized because of these K9 assisted investigations in 2022.

Special Programs

K9 Program

2022 Deployments

While most of Eudoris’ work is done in Polk City, he is occasionally requested to assist area agencies. Among the 20 deployments in 2022, 13 of them were in Polk City and 7 of them were deployments in support of area agencies.



Special Programs

K9 Program

Suspect Track of Suspect

On January 6th, 2022, Officer Aicher and Eudoris assisted the Ankeny Police Department with a track of suspects that had fled a traffic stop after stealing a vehicle and burglarizing vehicles in an apartment complex. During the track Eudoris located multiple articles that were seized as evidence. Eudoris was tracking approximately 2 blocks behind one suspect when they were apprehended by perimeter officers.

22-0051: Shots Fired at Police

On February 26th, 2022, Officer Aicher and Eudoris were called to assist the Ankeny Police Department to assist in locating suspects that fled from a traffic stop and fired shots at pursuing officers. Eudoris searched the area; however, it was believed that the suspects were picked up by another suspect vehicle as the K9 team arrived on scene.

22-0048: Methamphetamine Seizure

On March 4th, 2022, Officer Aicher and Eudoris assisted in obtaining a search warrant on a camper parked behind 404 Crestmoor Drive. Eudoris was deployed on the camper and gave a final alert to the odor of narcotics coming from within it. When the search warrant was executed, over an ounce of methamphetamine, several prescription drugs and items of drug paraphernalia were located. An illegally possessed firearm was also seized in the case.

Special Programs

K9 Program

22-0123: Marijuana Seizure

On May 24, 2022, Officer Aicher and Eudoris deployed in a residence in the 500 block of W. Van Dorn Street. Eudoris gave positive alerts to areas where felony amounts of marijuana were located. Over 6 ounces of marijuana, numerous items of drug paraphernalia and 6 illegally possessed firearms were seized in this case.

22-0201: Methamphetamine Seizure

In August of 2022, Officer Aicher and Eudoris assisted in obtaining a search warrant on items that were seized during a drug investigation in the 200 block of 1st Street. Approximately 1/2 pound of methamphetamine, 3 ounces of marijuana and drug paraphernalia was located.

Special Programs

K9 Community Outreach

Throughout the year, Eudoris makes showings at public events to showcase his abilities. In 2022, Officer Aicher and Eudoris went to North Polk High School to give a presentation.



Special Programs

Code Enforcement

In 2021 The Police Department took over Municipal Code Enforcement for the city. This includes nuisance abatement and municipal infractions. Violations include junk and junk vehicles, noise control, animal protection and control, solid waste control, dangerous buildings, trees, weeds, and off-street parking.

Possible code violations can be reported to the Police Department through our website. A completed Violation Complaint Form submitted to the department will be investigated.

In 2022 the department formally investigated and addressed code violations on 40 properties in the city producing more than 60 violations.

GTSB Program

The Polk City Police Department participates in the Iowa Governor's Traffic Safety Bureau (GTSB) and receives funding for traffic safety initiatives. The grant pays for equipment such as Preliminary Breath Tests, in-car video cameras, radars, and several other pieces of equipment to assist in the detection and deterrence of traffic related offenses. A portion of the grant is allotted for overtime wages specifically for officers to engage in traffic safety enforcement efforts.

In 2022, Polk City PD used the grant to purchase 2 new Preliminary Breath Tests (PBT). Several hours of overtime enforcement hours were worked by patrol officers resulting in 168 traffic contacts, including 13 impaired driving contacts, 7 occupant protection contacts, 43 speeding contacts and 105 miscellaneous violations contacted.



Training Summary

Training

The Police Department continued a well-established training program throughout 2022. Our department continues to exceed all annual training requirements for Iowa law enforcement. The department's annual training program consists of a combination of in-service training and specialty schools. In-service training is held monthly and is commonly instructed by Polk City Police Officers who are certified instructors. Specialty schools are often held in other locations and taught by instructors who are experts in the topic.

In-Service Topics Include:

- Officer Firearms
- Officer Safety and Tactics
- Scenario Based Training
- Law Updates
- Use of Force
- Hazardous Materials
- Mandatory Reporting
- Mental Health Awareness Training
- Implicit Bias Awareness Training
- Medical training

Specialty Schools Include:

- Northwestern School of Police Staff & Command
- Pro-active Patrol Tactics School
- Drug Interdiction Course
- Advanced Report Writing Course
- Field Training Officer School
- Basic Patrol Rifle Operator School
- Records Retention & Redaction Training
- FBI National Command Course
- Evidence Room Management Course
- SAFE Administrator Training
- Canine Handler Training and Certification
- FBI-LEEDA Leadership Courses

Training Summary

In 2022, Polk City Police Officers received a combined 1,795 hours of individual training.

Individual Officer Training:

Chief Siepker:	114 hours
Lt. Aswegan:	463 hours
Officer Aicher:	52 hours
Officer Wilson:	129 hours
Officer Delaney:	103 hours
Officer Sherman:	46 hours
Officer Blaha- Polson:	650 hours
Officer Whipple:	638 hours



Training Summary

Training Highlights

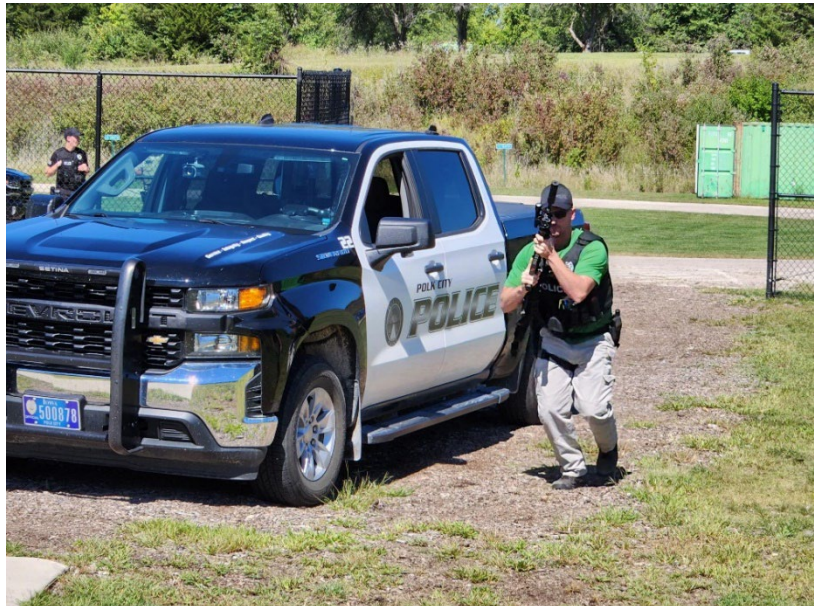
Officer Blaha-Polson and Officer Whipple attended the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy (ILEA) from September through December 2022. This was the first time in Polk City Police Department history where the department sent two officers to the ILEA at the same time. Both officers graduated and have successfully completed the department's field training and evaluation program.



Chief Siepker was accepted into the FBI National Command Course in Virginia. This is a new executive leadership program developed by the FBI, the topics of study focused on emerging trends in law enforcement, enhancing partnerships, promoting wellness, and seeking innovation. This was only the second session of this newly developed program.

Training Summary

Training Highlights



Complaints 2022

Complaints Received by PCPD in 2022

Chief Siepker and Lt. Aswegan 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 is confidential, but the number of complaints will be compiled and listed in this section of the annual report. In 2022 there were no formal complaints filed on any member of PCPD staff.