



# Polk City Police Department

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To: Honorable Mayor and Council Members

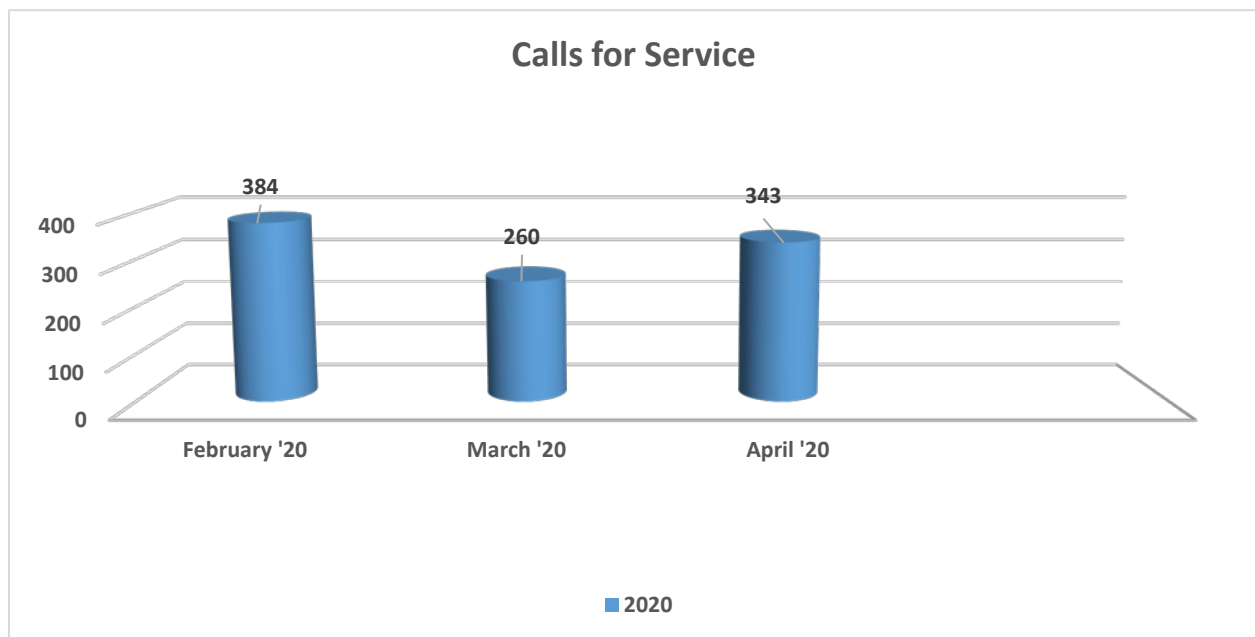
From: Lieutenant Aswegan

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Re: April 2020 Monthly Report

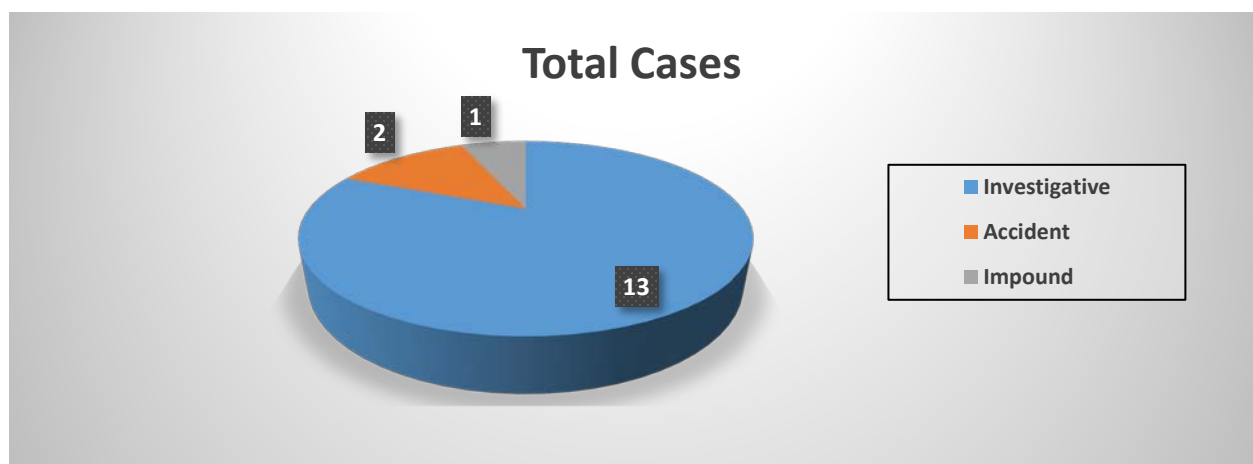
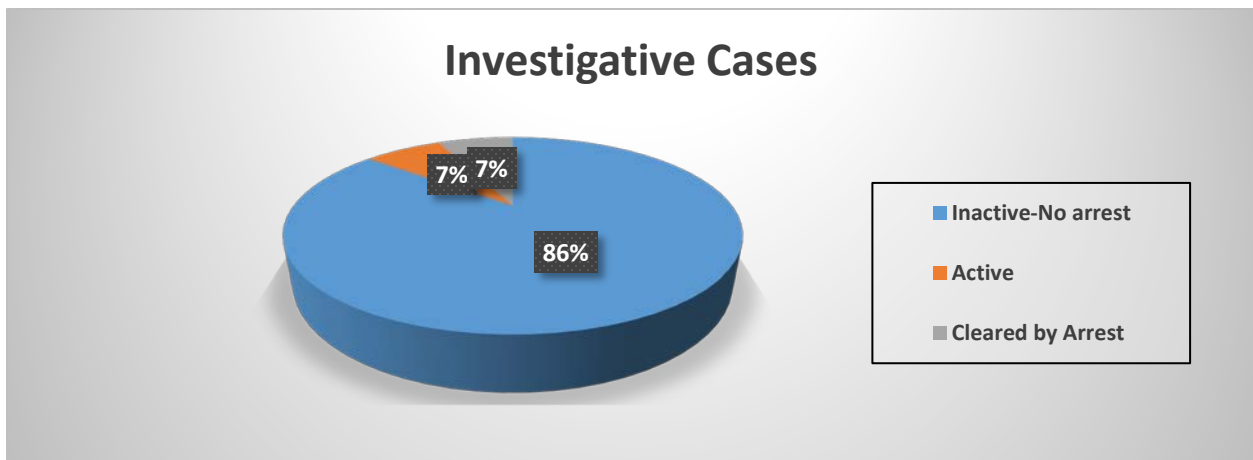
## Calls for Service

The total calls for service for the month of April were **343**. This includes response to citizen complaints/reports, assists, self-initiated activities such as traffic stops, building checks, suspicious persons, and case follow up. Among these calls for service Polk City Officers conducted **17** traffic stops.



## Cases Made

The Police Department had **16** total cases during the month of April. **13** of the cases were investigative incident reports and **2** were traffic crashes and **1** was a vehicle impound. There is **1** active investigation from this month. There was a **7%** rate of cases cleared by arrest, for investigative cases in April.



## **Arrests Made**

The Police Department made **1** arrest and issued **7** citations and **7** warnings. The one arrest was for a driving related offense.

## **Notable Incidents**

In early April, the Polk City Police Department began receiving complaints of a series of loud explosions occurring in a residential neighborhood. Patrolling officers also heard these explosions, which were described as significant enough to rattle near-by house windows. Initial attempts to identify the source were not successful. A total of at least 4 explosions occurred from April 4<sup>th</sup> to April 18<sup>th</sup> in the same neighborhood. An in-depth investigation into the series of explosions was conducted and a 51 year old Polk City resident was identified as a suspect. On April 21<sup>st</sup>, the Polk City Police Department was assisted by the Iowa State Fire Marshall's Office in serving a search warrant at the suspect's residence. Evidence was obtained from that search warrant and submitted to the Iowa DCI for evaluation. Charges of Possession of an Explosive Device and Reckless Use of Fire are pending. There have not been any more reports of these explosions since April 18<sup>th</sup>. It has been determined through this investigation that the explosions were caused by an M80 type device, which is considered an explosive device by Iowa Code and Federal Code.

On April 24<sup>th</sup> two Polk City Police Officers were on patrol when they came across a two vehicle, head-on collision on the Mile Long Bridge. Officers promptly rendered aid and coordinated efforts with the Polk County Sheriff's Office and another Polk City Officer to set up traffic control in order to prevent secondary collisions. As a result, the scene was secured, aid was given to several people by the Polk City Fire Department and no secondary collisions occurred. The cause of the collision is being investigated by the Polk County Sheriff's Office.

### **In Service Training**

Officer Wilson administered the department's annual Taser re-certification training to two of the officers and will be training additional officers in May. This training helps officers refresh their skills and knowledge in the use of a valuable tool and is also required by Axon, the manufacturer of the Taser.

## **Individual Officer Training**

We continue to focus on training Officer Delaney, who joined our department in late March. During the month of April, Officer Delaney entered into the department's Field Training Program where he has been trained in a number of topics, including firearms, Taser, Use of Force, conducting felony traffic stops (pictured below), interacting with citizens and many other tasks necessary to be a successful officer. He is scheduled to attend the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy on June 1<sup>st</sup> on an on-line basis and will attend the in-person academy in July.



## **Training Hours: 38**

Lamfers	2
Untrauer	0
Aicher	0
Siepkner	0
Wilson	0
Aswegan	2
Delaney	34

*\*In addition to monthly in-service training and scheduled external trainings, officers conduct monthly on-line training through Police Legal Science, which keeps officers up-to-date on current case law.*

## **Canine Program**

There were no K9 deployments for the month of April.

## **Community Outreach**



The Polk City Police Department has participated in a number of birthday parades