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To: Honorable Mayor and Council Members

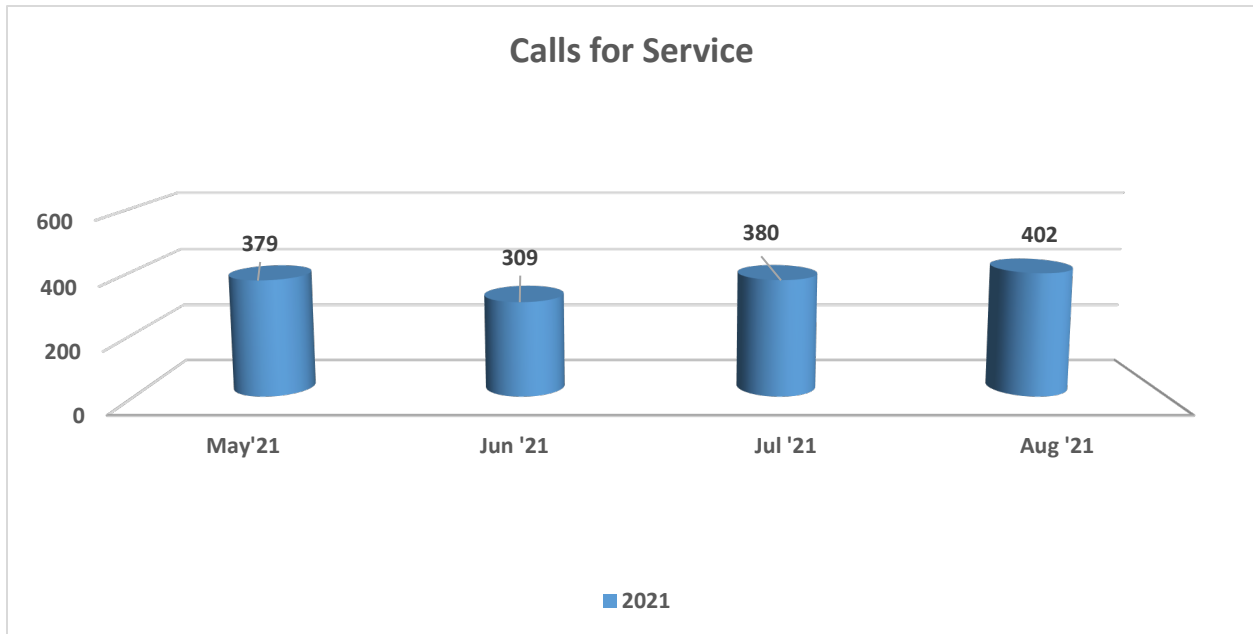
From: Lieutenant Aswegan

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Re: August 2021 Monthly Report

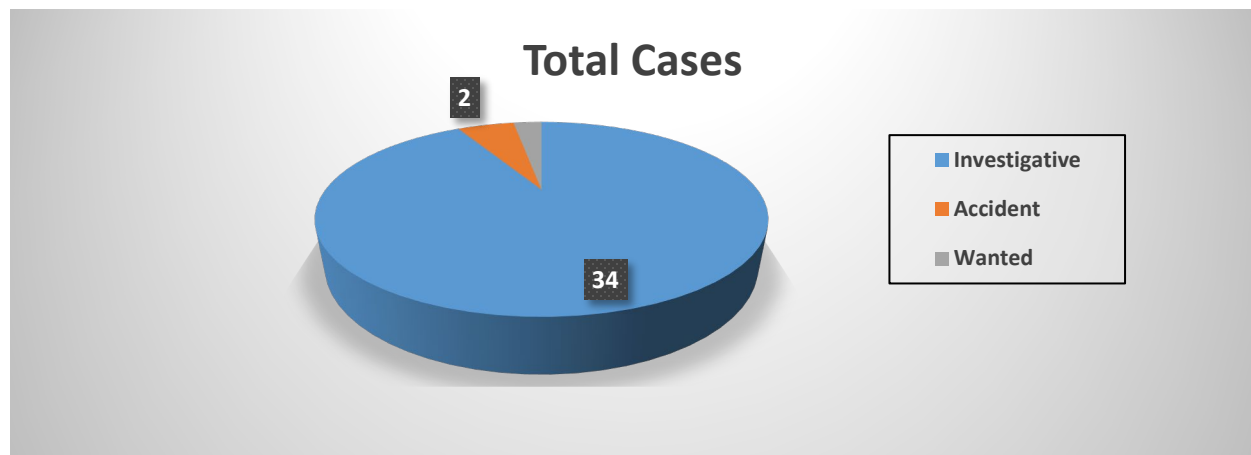
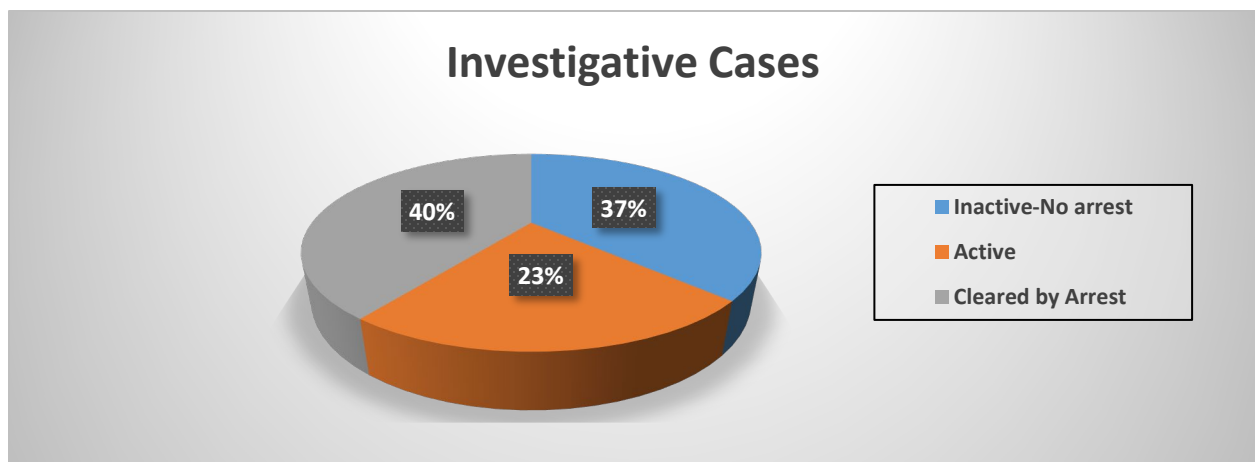
Calls for Service

The total calls for service for the month of July were **402**. 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 **131** traffic stops.



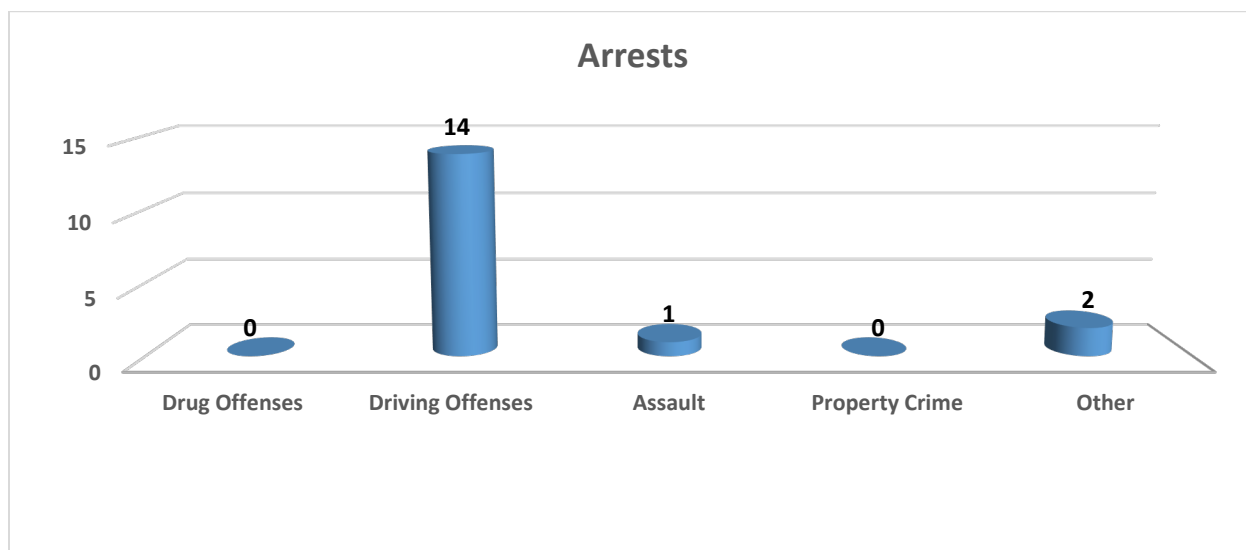
Cases Made

The Police Department had **35** total cases during the month of July. **34** of the cases were investigative incident reports, **1** was a wanted person and **2** were for traffic collision. There are **8** active investigations from this month. There was a **40%** rate of cases cleared by arrest, for investigative cases in August.



Arrests Made

The Police Department made **17** arrests and issued **29** citations and **100** warnings. The arrests consisted of **14** driving offenses (including 4 impaired driving arrests and 9 arrests for driving with a suspended, revoked, or barred license), **1** arrest for Assault, and **2** arrests for other offenses including 1 for Child Endangerment and 1 for Violation of a No Contact Order.



On August 7th, Polk City Police Officers teamed up with the Iowa State Patrol and Iowa DNR for a traffic enforcement project in the Polk City area. An announcement was made on social media prior to the enforcement project. That announcement reached over eleven thousand people. But even with advertising the project, a total of 3 impaired drivers were arrested, 36 citations and 40 warnings were issued for traffic offenses. One of the arrested impaired drivers even admitted that he had heard the project was scheduled but didn't believe it was going to happen.

Notable Incidents

On August 1st at about 6:30 pm, a Polk City Police Officer was dispatched to a reckless driver complaint. The driver of the suspect vehicle had almost struck other vehicles while leaving Big Creek State Park. The suspect was located and stopped by the officer. An investigation revealed the driver was intoxicated and had a suspended driver's license. The passenger also had an outstanding warrant for his arrest. The driver was arrested and booked into Polk County jail on charges of OWI-1st Offense and Driving While License Suspended. The passenger was arrested by an assisting DNR Officer and booked into the Polk County jail.

On August 19th at 1:15 am Polk City Police Officers were dispatched to a roll-over vehicle accident. The driver, a 61-year-old Polk City resident, reported to dispatch she was unaware of her location, and she had rolled her vehicle and was in a creek under a bridge near Polk City. The driver was found in the 800 block of E. Northside Drive. An investigation revealed the driver was traveling westbound on E. Northside Drive when her vehicle left the roadway, drove through the trees, rolled, and came to a rest in a creek. The driver did not suffer any injuries. She was arrested for OWI-1st Offense and Failure to Maintain Control.

On August 22nd at about 11 pm, a Polk City Police Officer came upon an SUV that had driven into a grass field in the 900 block of South 3rd Street. The driver, a 37-year-old Waukee resident, was still seated in the driver's seat with the vehicle running. An investigation revealed the driver was intoxicated. He was arrested and charged with OWI-1st Offense and booked into the Polk County jail.

Officer Training

Officer Untrauer attended the annual Governor's Traffic Safety Bureau (GTSB) Conference held in Altoona. Iowa GTSB provides departments with overtime funds for staffing traffic enforcement efforts and provides funds for equipment used for traffic enforcement. Officer Untrauer is the department's GTSB Coordinator, responsible for managing our yearly grants. Every year, guest speakers and experts from around the nation provide conference attendees with updated information regarding traffic enforcement.

Officer Aicher attended Standardized Field Sobriety Test (SFST) Instructor Re-certification sponsored by the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy. Officer Aicher provides instruction for new officers and updated instruction for experienced officers in administering field sobriety tests to impaired drivers.

Officer Aicher and Eudoris conducted 16 hours of training in August. Training is a combination of time training at Canine Tactical in Chariton and time spent training locally. In addition to on-going obedience training, Officer Aicher and Eudoris trained for tracking a subject in an urban environment and locating and engaging a suspect in a residential attic space.

In-Service Training

In-service training for August was focused on online and roll call training. Topics of training included case law updates, Stryker AED user training, and reviews of water rescue procedures.

Training Hours: 70

Lamfers	2
Untrauer	20
Aicher	27
Siepkner	1
Wilson	3
Aswegan	2
Delaney	3
Burdess	12

Canine Program

Officer Aicher and Eudoris were deployed three times in August. One deployment was for tracking and two were for narcotics detection.

On August 25th, Eudoris was called to track a burglary suspect in Ankeny. The suspect had led officers on a vehicle pursuit before fleeing the vehicle on foot. Eudoris was called in to track the suspect. Eudoris led officers to an area where the suspect was hiding. The suspect was flushed from the area, towards awaiting officers. The suspect was taken into custody. The investigation is being handled by the Ankeny Police Department.



Eudoris was called to Altoona for a narcotics detection right after successfully tracking the burglary suspect in Ankeny. Eudoris alerted to the odor of narcotics in a vehicle. An investigation revealed methamphetamine and hypodermic needles inside the vehicle. The suspect was charged with Possession of Controlled Substance-3rd Offense by the Altoona Police Department.

Municipal Code Enforcement

In July 2021 the Police Department took over Municipal Code Enforcement to address most 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.

To report a possible code violation residents can go to the Police Department website and complete the Violation Complaint Form and submit via e-mail.

The Police Department addressed 17 Municipal Code infractions in the month of August.