



# Polk City Police Department

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To: Honorable Mayor and Council Members

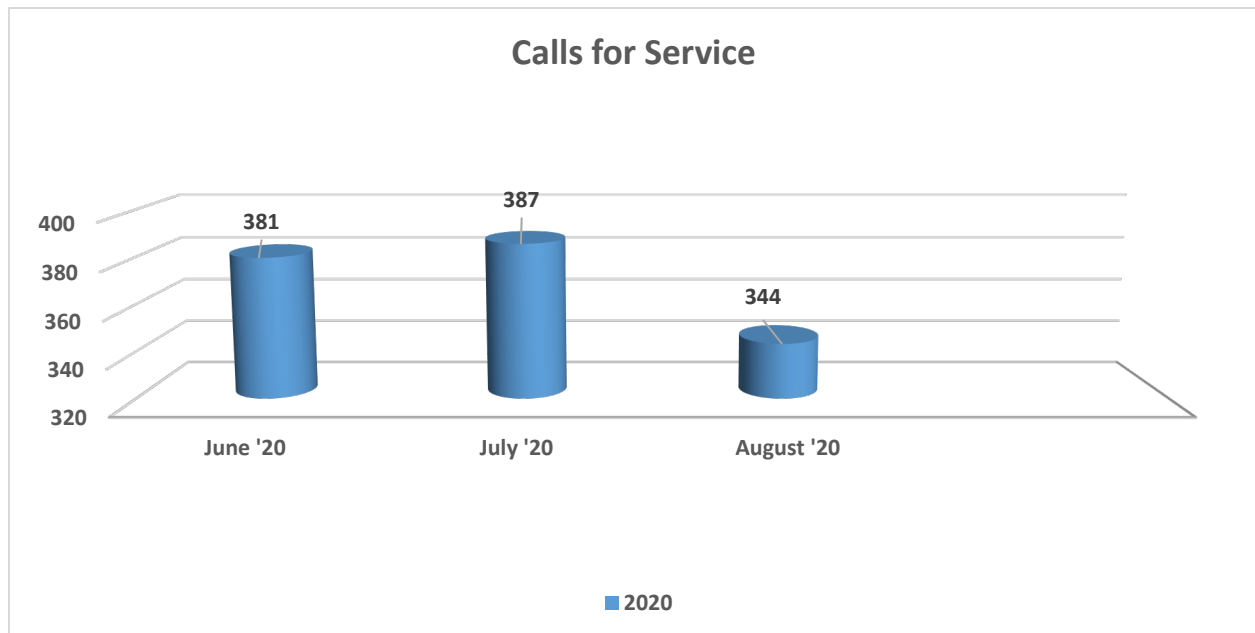
From: Lieutenant Aswegan

Date: September 10th, 2020

Re: August 2020 Monthly Report

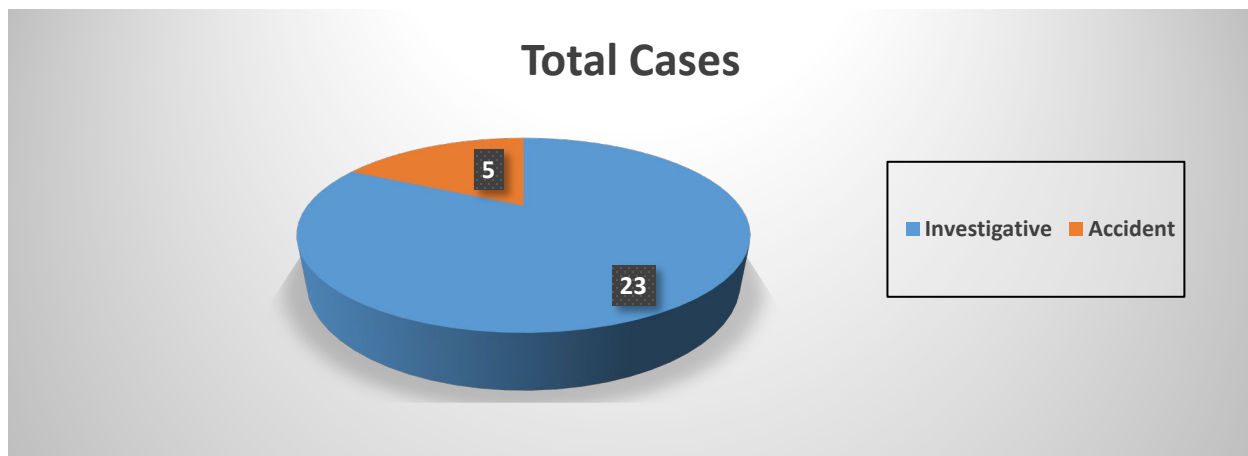
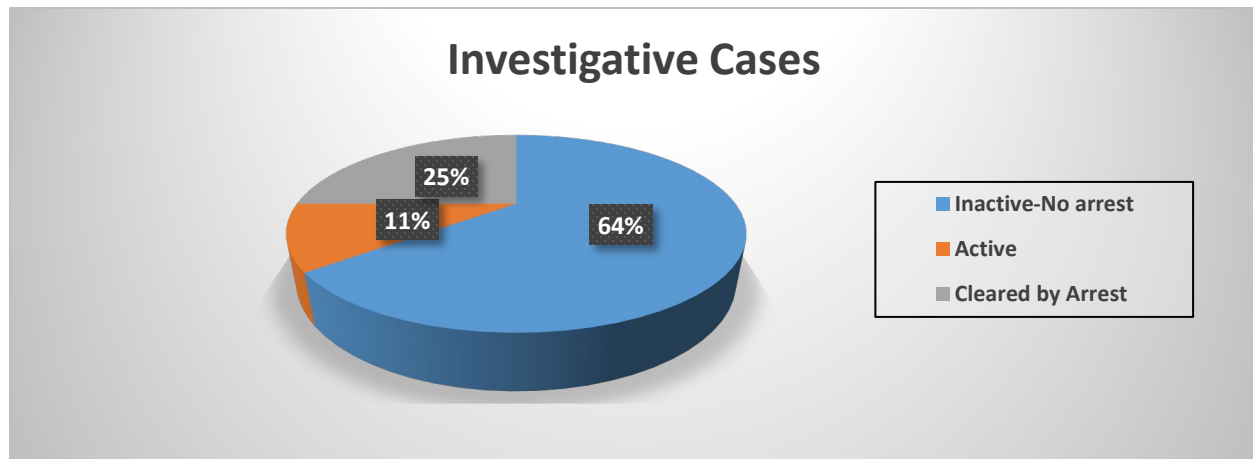
## Calls for Service

The total calls for service for the month of August were **344**. 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 **47** traffic stops.



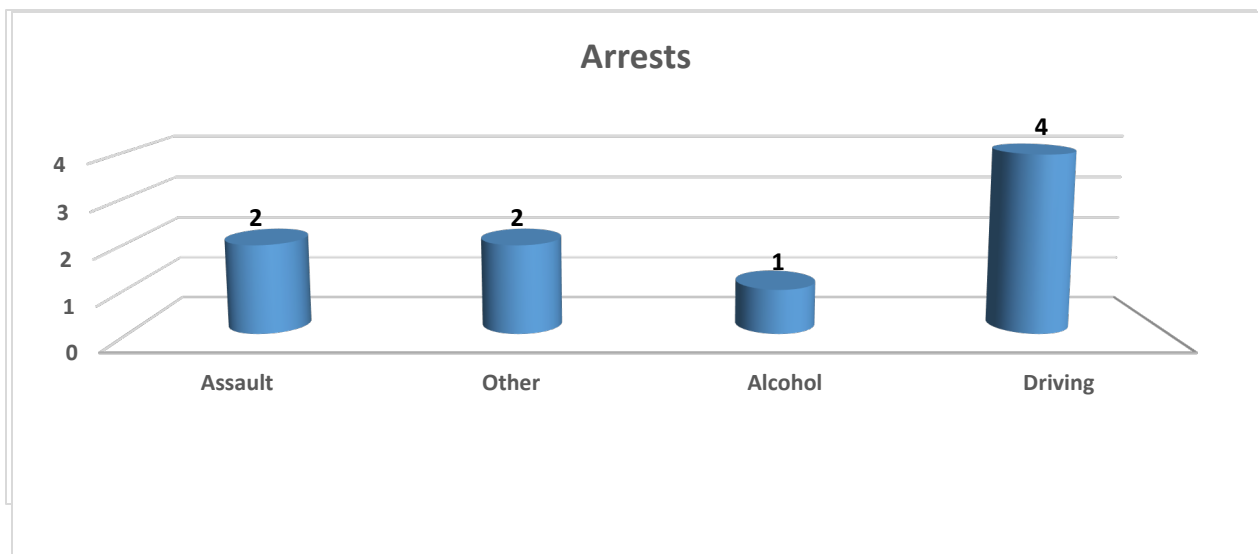
## Cases Made

The Police Department had **28** total cases during the month of August. **23** of the cases were investigative incident reports and **5** were traffic crashes. There are **3** active investigations from this month. There was a 25% rate of cases cleared by arrest, for investigative cases in August.



## Arrests Made

The Police Department made **9** arrests and issued **19** citations and **30** warnings. The arrests consisted of **4** driving offenses, **2** domestic assaults, **2** arrests for Reckless Use of Fire and **1** arrest for an alcohol related offense.



## Notable Incidents

On August 3<sup>rd</sup> at approximately 7:45 pm a Polk City Police Officer was dispatched to a possible intoxicated driver at the intersection of W. Washington and Parker Blvd. Witnesses reported to the officer that a vehicle had taken a wide turn and struck a light pole at the intersection. The officer located the vehicle a few blocks away and found the driver attempting to repair his vehicle. An investigation revealed that the driver, a 33 year old Polk City resident, was intoxicated. The suspect was charged with OWI-2<sup>nd</sup> Offense.

On August 15<sup>th</sup> at approximately 12:30 pm a Polk City Police Officer was dispatched to a residence for a report of a 21 year old female who had assaulted her grandfather with a pair of scissors. Upon the arrival of the officer, the suspect barricaded herself in her bedroom and was refusing to obey commands. Polk County Sheriff's Office sent 2 deputies to assist. The suspect continued to refuse to comply with commands of officers on scene. The suspect eventually presented herself in the hallway of the residence where officers were able to take her into custody.

The suspect was believed to be under the influence of methamphetamine at the time. She was charged with 2 counts of Domestic Abuse Assault While Displaying a Dangerous Weapon. The charges were due to evidence showing she assaulted her grandmother and grandfather with the pair of scissors. She was transported to the Polk County jail.

On August 16<sup>th</sup>, Polk County dispatch had advised all Polk County law enforcement of a possibly armed and suicidal male driving a motorcycle somewhere in Polk County. Officers were advised to stop and check the welfare of the subject. At approximately 3:00 am on the 17<sup>th</sup>, a Polk City Police Officer located the motorcycle on the Mile-Long Bridge traveling into Polk City. The officer was assisted by 2 Polk County Deputies in making a traffic stop on the subject. The officers began speaking with the subject to simply check his welfare and provide him help. Without notice, the subject drew a loaded handgun from his pocket. Officers responded by drawing their weapons and taking cover

behind the Polk City patrol car. Negotiations began and the area was locked down.

After more than an hour of tense negotiations, the subject dropped the handgun and surrendered. The case is being investigated by the Polk County Sheriff's Office. It was later noted by the subject that he intended to attempt suicide by cop.

### **In Service Training**

All Polk City Officers attended an 8-hour course entitled "Fair and Impartial Policing" at the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy. This course taught officers how to be aware that everyone has biases and how to manage their own biases so we can provide law enforcement services in a fair and equitable way.

On August 30<sup>th</sup>, officers were issued and trained on the proper wear of new gas masks and Kevlar helmets. This equipment will protect officers in the event officers are deployed for future riots.

## Individual Officer Training

Chief Siepker attended Firearms Instructor and Open Sight Rifle Instructor re-certification courses at the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy on August 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>. This certification assists the department by providing in-house instructors capable of training and qualifying officers on their weapons.

Lt. Aswegan attended FBI Law Enforcement Executive Development Academy's Supervisor Course. This is a 40-hour course designed to provide students with the knowledge and skills necessary to effectively lead at the first line supervisor level.

Lt. Aswegan also attended Glock Armorer's re-certification course on August 25<sup>th</sup>. This 8-hour course provides students with the knowledge and skills necessary to maintain and service Glock pistols.



Officer Delaney has continued his initial certification training at the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy. He is scheduled to graduate in mid-September.

**Training Hours: 113**

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| Lamfers  | 8  |
| Untrauer | 8  |
| Aicher   | 8  |
| Siepker  | 25 |
| Wilson   | 8  |
| Aswegan  | 56 |
| Delaney  | 0  |

## Canine Program

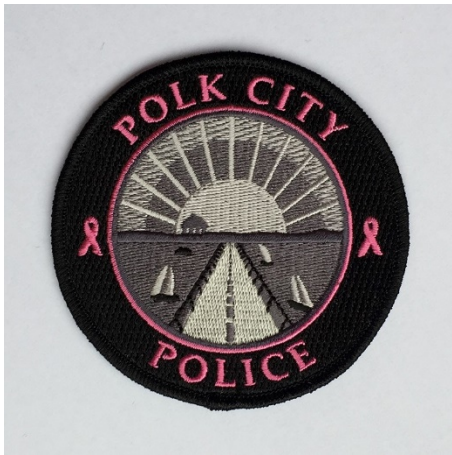


Officer Aicher and Eudoris were deployed 3 times in August. One deployment was for narcotics detection, one for a building search and the other for a track. The track was called off prior to deployment due to the suspect being apprehended by officers on the perimeter.



## Community Outreach

The Polk City Police Department is participating in the Pink Patch Challenge. A limited-edition pink Polk City PD patch was made and is for sale. All proceeds go to the Susan G. Komen Foundation to help fight Breast Cancer. The patches were purchased by the Polk City Police Officer's Association.



On August 7<sup>th</sup>, Officer Aicher and K9 Eudoris attended a local youth birthday party.



## Chief's Message

Earlier in the year I began a process to update our mission statement. This was a collaborative effort by all of my officers to put together what they want to see as our mission. After receiving their suggestions and ideas I developed the following as our new mission statement.

*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.*

A plaque is being developed so our mission can be displayed proudly in the Squad Room of the Police Department.

