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To: Honorable Mayor and Council Members

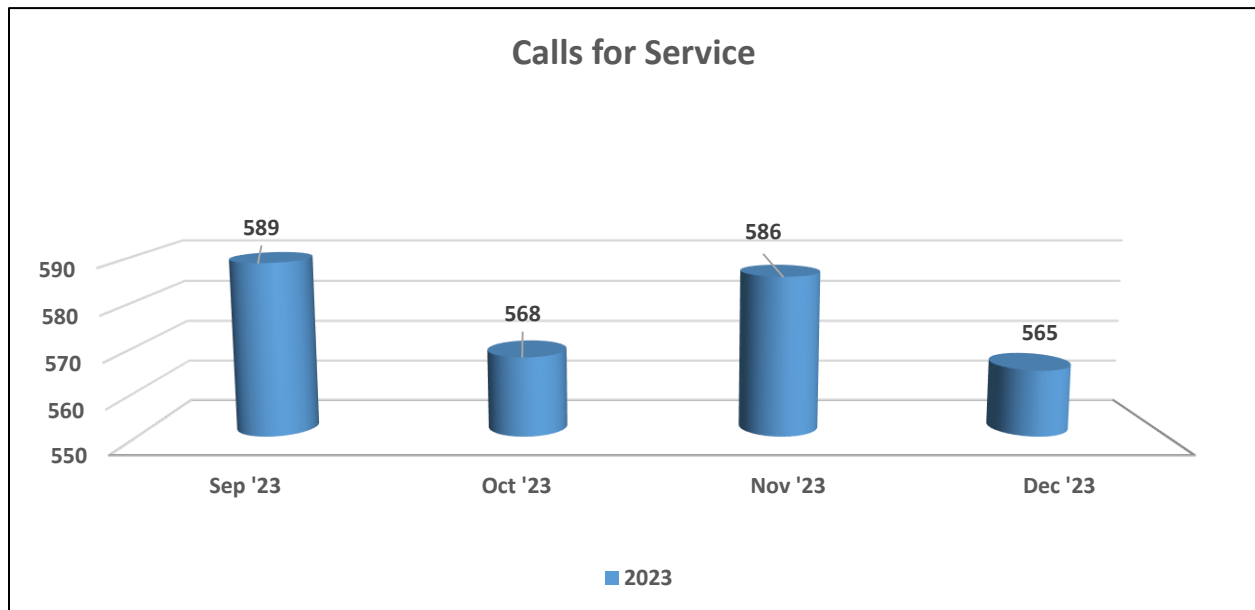
From: Lieutenant Aswegan

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Re: December 2023 Monthly Report

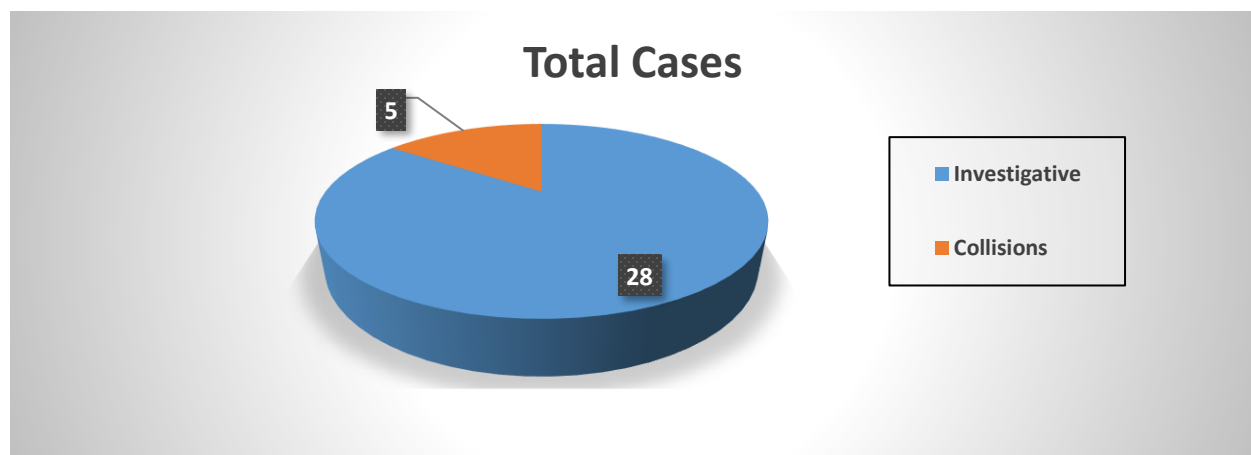
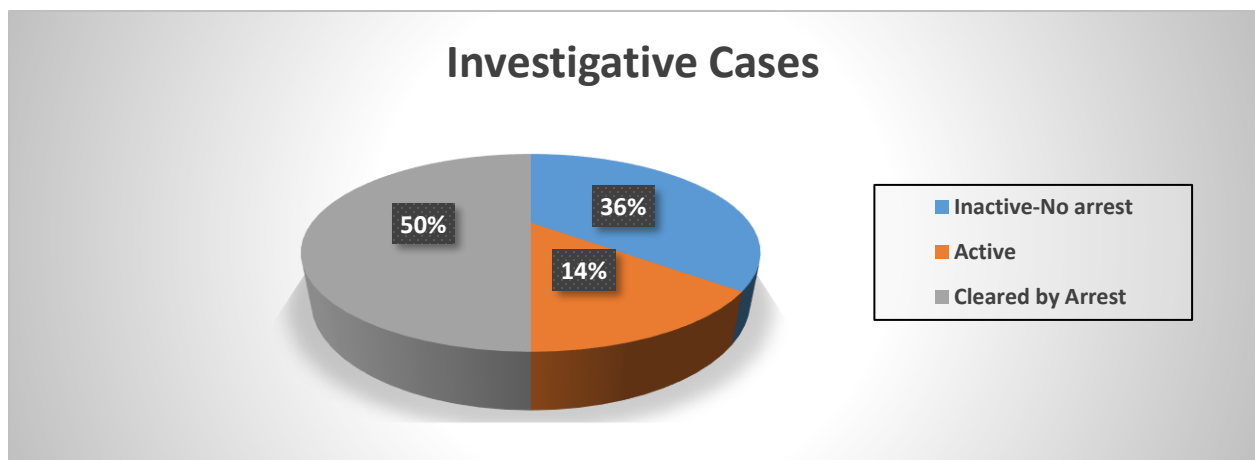
Calls for Service

The total calls for service for the month of December were **565**. 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 **241** traffic stops.



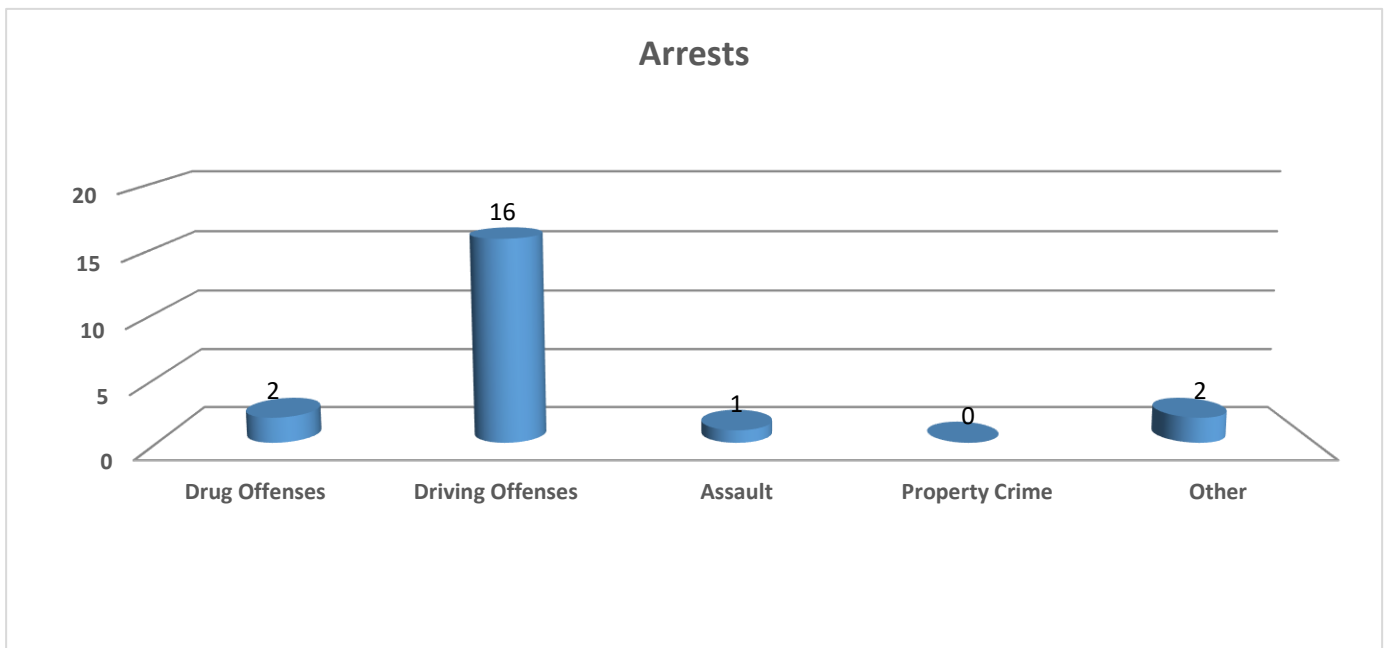
Cases Made

The Police Department had **33** total cases during the month of December. **28** of the cases were investigative incident reports and **5** were for vehicle collisions. There are **4** active investigations this month. There was a **50%** rate of cases cleared by arrest, for investigative cases in December.



Arrests Made

The Police Department made **21** arrests and issued **67** citations and **190** warnings. The arrests consisted of **16** driving related offenses, **2** drug related offenses, **1** for assault and **2** for miscellaneous offenses for Public Intoxication and Carrying Weapons While Intoxicated.



Notable Incidents

23-0423

On December 3rd at about 11:30 pm a Polk City Police Officer stopped a car after the officer saw the car swerving into the opposite lane of travel. An investigation revealed the driver, a 25-year-old Polk City woman, was intoxicated. Breath alcohol testing revealed her BrAC to be .181. She was arrested and charged with Operating While Intoxicated- 1st Offense. She was additionally found in possession of a loaded pistol and was charged with Carrying Weapon While Under the Influence. She was booked into the Polk County jail.

23-0436

On December 15th at about 7:00 pm a Polk City Police Officer stopped a vehicle for a traffic violation. The driver, a 45-year-old Sheldahl man, was found to be intoxicated. Breath alcohol testing revealed his BrAC to be .130. He had been arrested by Polk City PD recently for OWI and was court ordered to have an ignition interlock device in his vehicle, but he did not have one. His license was also found to be revoked. He was arrested and charged with Operating While Intoxicated, Driving While License Revoked, and Operating without Interlock. He was booked into the Polk County jail.

23-0422

On December 3rd Polk City Officers were dispatched to a subject preparing to commit suicide by jumping off the Mile Long Bridge. Officers arrived on scene and spoke with the subject. The officers were successful in talking the man off the bridge. The Polk County Sheriff's Office arrived and took custody of the subject who was taken for mental health treatment.

Officer Training

Polk City Police Officers logged a combined total of over 100 hours of training in December. Some of the training officers received included the following:

Officer Blaha-Polson completed a 14-hour course on Methamphetamine Investigations taught by Arkansas University of Public Safety. The course instructs students on common paraphernalia, methods and tactics used by users and manufacturers of methamphetamine. The training will help Officer Blaha-Polson identify and respond appropriately to methamphetamine related offenses within the community.

Officer Delaney successfully completed the National Rifle Association (NRA) Pistol Instructor Course. This is the first phase of Officer Delaney being trained to become an ILEA Firearms Instructor for our department.

Officer Stover completed the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy's impaired driving investigation update training. The training provides officers with refresher training regarding investigative methods and tactics, as well as current case law review regarding impaired driving investigations. Officers from all over the state attended the training.

In-Service Training

In-service training in December was focused on patrol response to an active threat. Sgt Sherman was the instructor for this training. The training was held at West Elementary School in the evening. Officers were trained on their immediate responsibilities when arriving at the scene of an active threat.



Aicher 20
Delaney 24
Blaha-Polson 21
Sherman 9
Whipple 10
Garrison 7
Stover 22
Aswegan 9
Siepker 4

Total Training Hours: 126

K9 Program

Polk City Police Department K9 Team Officer Aicher and Eudoris conducted 16 hours of training in December. Eudoris achieved his annual certification in narcotics detection, building searches, tracking and apprehension. Eudoris placed first out of 10 K9 teams that were certified by Canine Tactical.



Community Outreach

Polk City Officers attended the annual square lighting event. Officers handed out candy canes to youth and were on hand to answer questions from the public.

