



# Polk City Police Department

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To: Honorable Mayor and Council Members

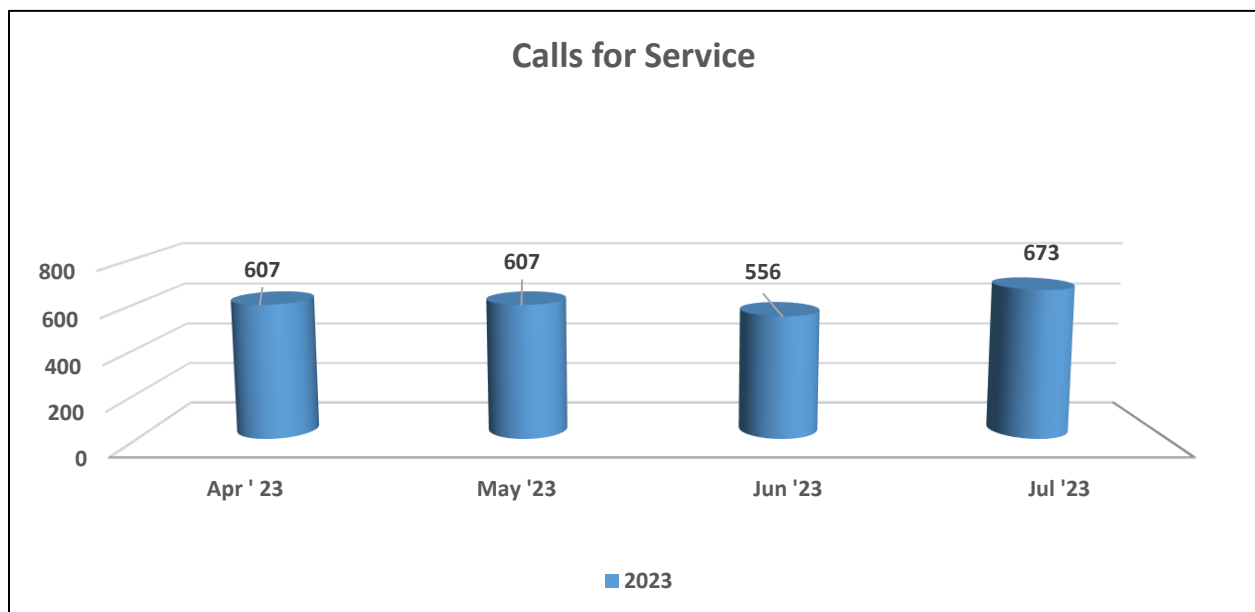
From: Lieutenant Aswegan

Date: August 14th, 2023

Re: July 2023 Monthly Report

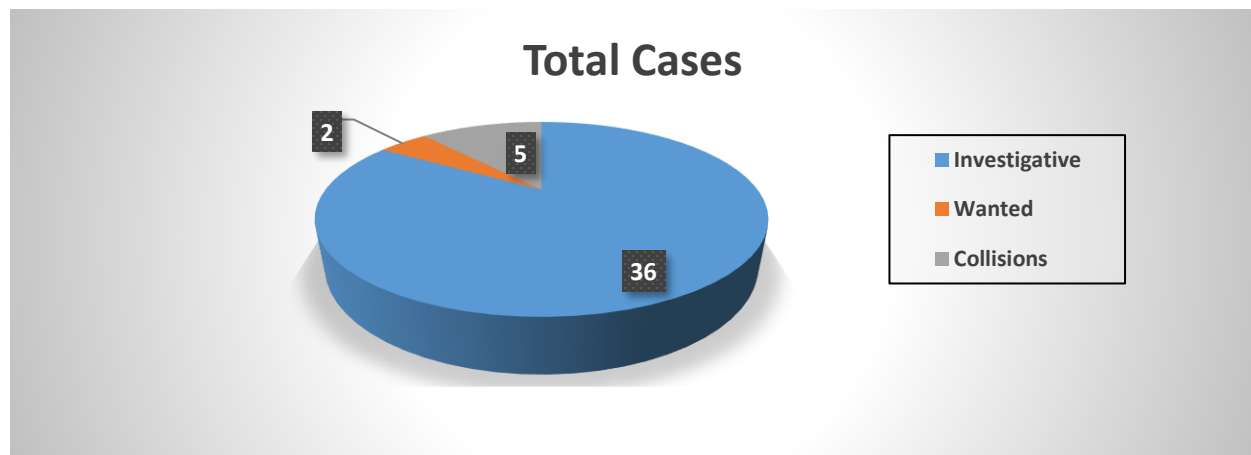
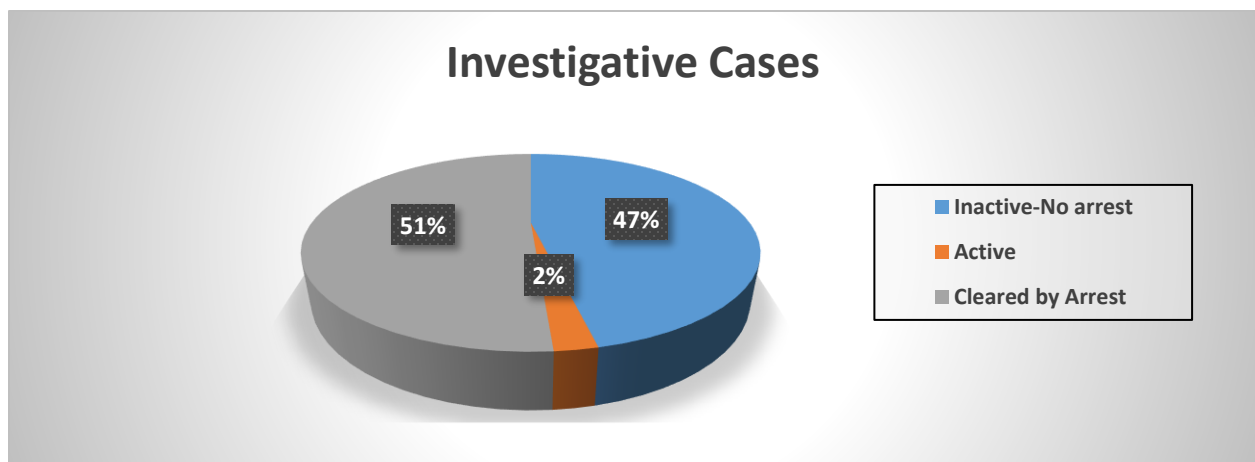
## **Calls for Service**

The total calls for service for the month of July were **673**. 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 **212** traffic stops.



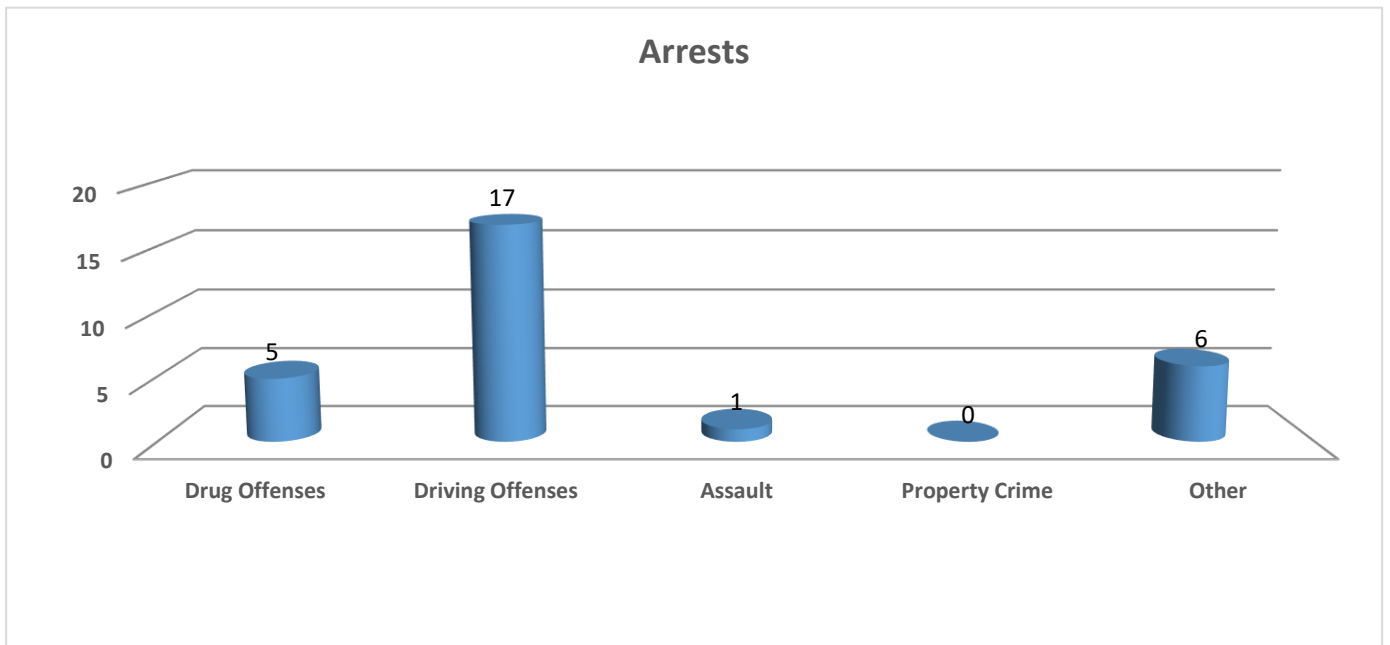
## Cases Made

The Police Department had **43** total cases during the month of July. **36** of the cases were investigative incident reports and **5** were for a vehicle collision and **2** for wanted persons. There is **1** active investigation this month. There was a **51%** rate of cases cleared by arrest, for investigative cases in July.



## Arrests Made

The Police Department made **29** arrests and issued **56** citations and **201** warnings. The arrests consisted of **17** driving related offenses, **5** drug related offenses, and **1** for Assault, **6** for miscellaneous offenses which included harassment, outstanding warrants, false identification, and disorderly conduct.



## **Notable Incidents**

### **23-0253**

On July 11<sup>th</sup> at about 10:00 am, a Polk City Officer stopped a vehicle for not having license plates displayed on the vehicle. The driver and the two passengers were found to have outstanding warrants for their arrest. They were all arrested on the outstanding warrants. The driver was additionally charged with Driving While License Suspended. One of the passengers was found to have drug paraphernalia and was charged with Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. They were all booked into the Polk County Jail.

### **23-0242**

On July 5, 2023, at about 1:30 am a Polk City Officer stopped a vehicle for speeding. The officer smelled marijuana coming from the car and the driver showed signs of being under the influence. An investigation revealed the driver had smoked marijuana just before driving. Field sobriety testing showed he was impaired. He was arrested and charged with Operating While Intoxicated. He was found to have drug paraphernalia on him and was additionally charged with Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. He was booked into the Polk County Jail.

### **23-0277**

On July 31<sup>st</sup> at about 12:30 pm a Polk City Police Officer stopped a vehicle for being unable to maintain its lane. An investigation revealed the driver was intoxicated by alcohol. The driver, a 42-year-old Ottumwa man, was arrested and charged with Operating While Intoxicated. He was booked into the Polk County Jail.

## **In-Service Training**

Officers conducted annual firearms qualification in July. During this annual qualification, officers qualify to Iowa Law Enforcement Academy (ILEA) standards on their pistol, rifle and shotgun. The department maintains a staff of qualified firearms instructors who manage the firearms training and qualification program.

Aicher 36

Delaney 12

Blaha-Polson 3

Sherman 20

Whipple 4

Garrison 9

Aswegan 2

**Total Training Hours: 86**

## **Officer Training**

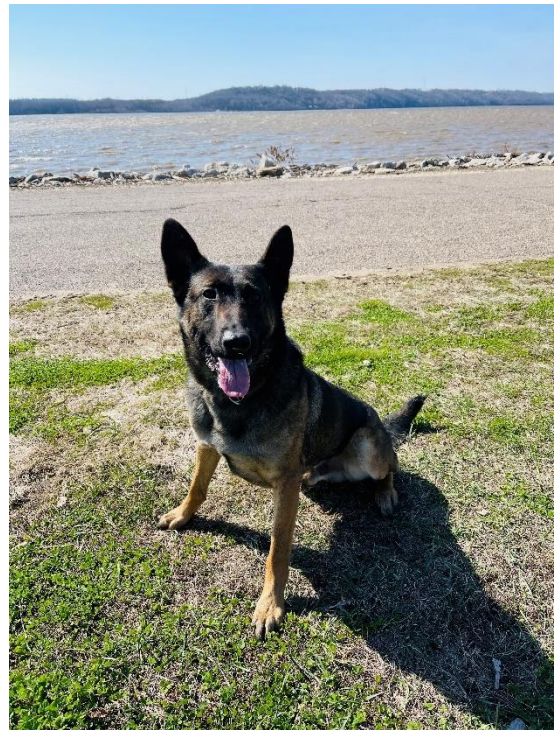
Officer Aicher attended Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE) training on July 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> at the Des Moines Police Academy. Officer Aicher is the 3<sup>rd</sup> member of the department to be trained in advanced techniques of detecting impaired drivers. Officers Delaney and Whipple will be attending this training in August.

Sergeant Sherman attended and successfully completed Taser Instructor Course on July 11<sup>th</sup>. In addition to his other duties, Sgt Sherman will now manage the department's Taser inventory and training program for the department.

Officer Garrison continued his field training program on the night shift. He was trained and certified on the Taser in July as well. He will be completing the field training program in August and will go to Hawkeye Regional Academy of the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy on August 14<sup>th</sup>. After graduating, he will be assigned to the patrol division.

### **K9 Program**

Polk City PD K9 Team, Officer Aicher and Eudoris, logged 16 hours of training in July. Training was conducted on various tasks including tracking and narcotics detection.



## Community Outreach

July was a very busy and successful month for not only the Polk City Police Department, but the city as a whole. On July 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> Polk City Officers helped to ensure Four Seasons Festival was a safe and successful event. Then on July 26<sup>th</sup>, Polk City Police Officers worked to ensure RAGBRAI was safe and enjoyable for all the visitors. It was an extremely hot day for all, especially for officers in their gear. Officer's had fun nonetheless, and we were all happy when the day was brought to a successful end.





