



# Polk City Police Department

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To: Honorable Mayor and Council Members

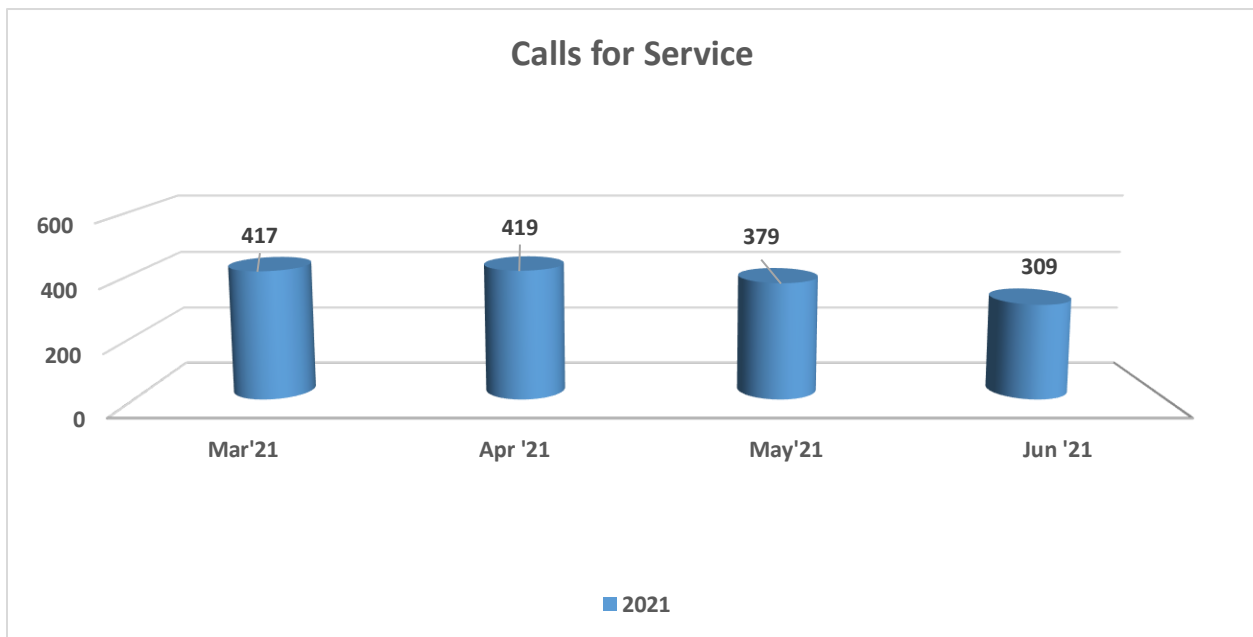
From: Lieutenant Aswegan

Date: July 11th, 2021

Re: June 2021 Monthly Report

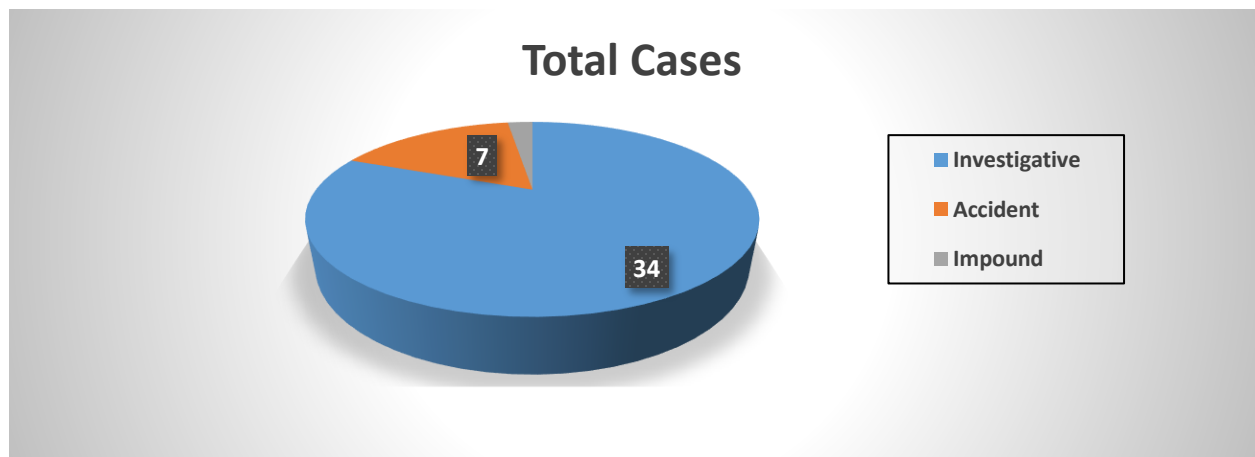
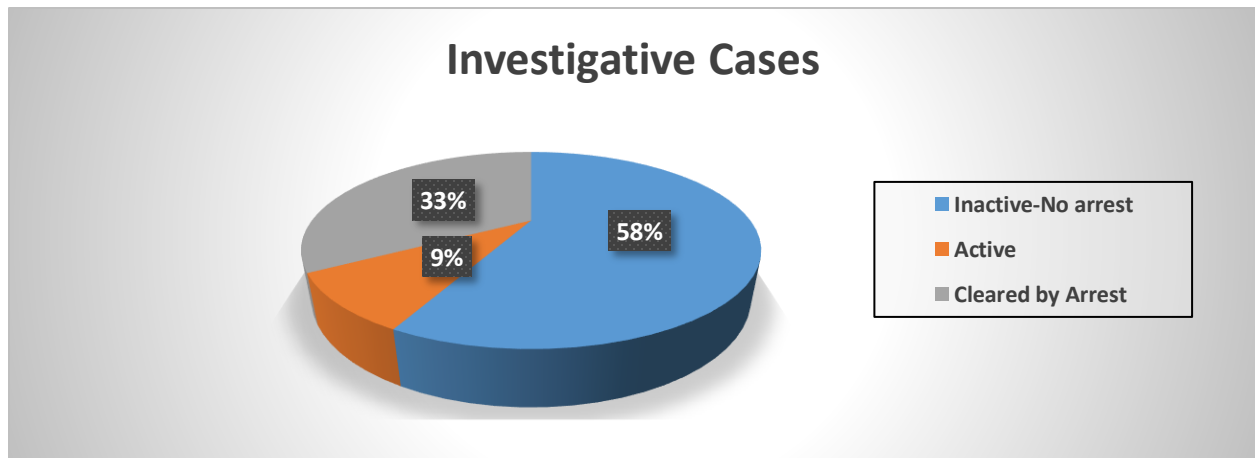
## Calls for Service

The total calls for service for the month of June were **309**. 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 **61** traffic stops.



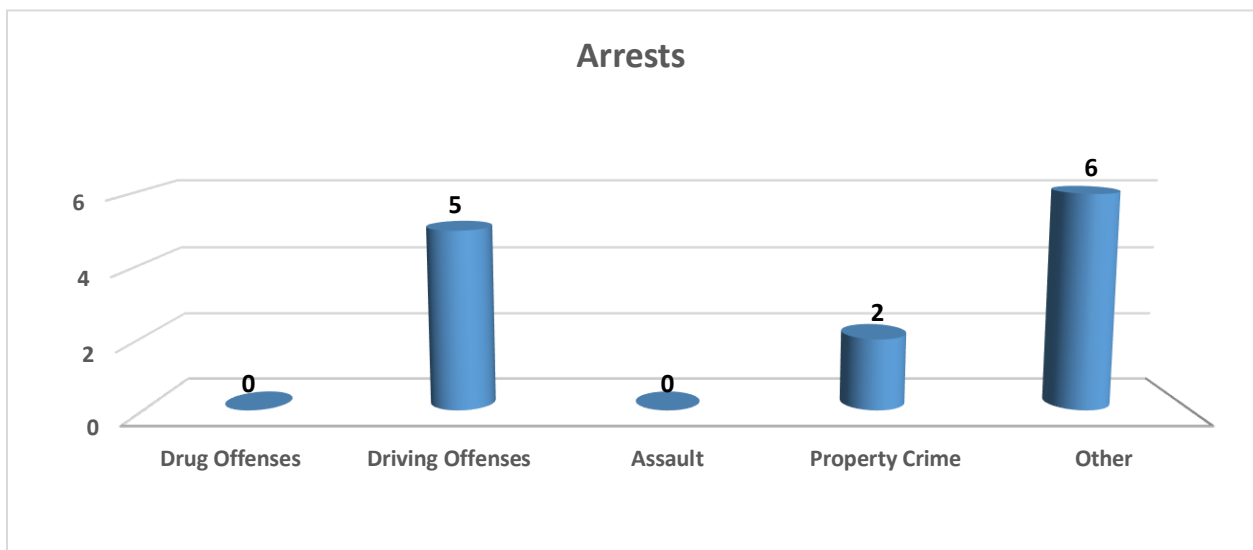
## Cases Made

The Police Department had **42** total cases during the month of June. **34** of the cases were investigative incident reports and **7** were traffic collisions. There are **3** active investigations from this month. There was a **33%** rate of cases cleared by arrest, for investigative cases in June.



## Arrests Made

The Police Department made **13** arrests and issued **32** citations and **41** warnings. The arrests consisted of **5** driving offenses (including 3 impaired driving arrests and 2 arrests for driving with a suspended, revoked, or barred license), **2** arrests for Property Crimes (both for shoplifting), and **6** arrests for other offenses including 2 for Public Intoxication, 1 for Violation of a No Contact Order and 1 for Interference with Official Acts and 1 for a Weapons Law violation.



## **Notable Incidents**

On June 2<sup>nd</sup>, a Polk City Police Officer responded to a report of a female yelling at passing cars in the 200 block of S. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street. The 30-year-old Polk City resident was determined to be intoxicated with a Blood Alcohol Concentration of .124%. She was booked into the Polk County jail on charges of Public Intoxication and Disorderly Conduct.

On June 16<sup>th</sup>, a Polk City Police Officer observed a vehicle driving erratically on NW Big Creek Drive. The officer initiated a traffic stop and identified the driver as a 32-year-old Ames resident. It was quickly determined the driver was very intoxicated. An investigation revealed the driver had a Blood Alcohol Concentration of .280%. He was booked into the Polk County Jail on a charge of Operating While Intoxicated-2<sup>nd</sup> Offense.

On June 18<sup>th</sup>, a Polk City Police Officer was dispatched to Fareway for a report of shoplifting. The suspect had fled prior to the officer's arrival. The officer obtained surveillance video of the suspect and the vehicle the suspect left in. Later that evening, another Polk City Officer was flagged down by an employee of Casey's who reported a suspect had just shoplifted from their store. The officer located the suspect in the Casey's incident and determined him to be the same suspect from the Fareway incident. The officer initiated a traffic stop and took the suspect into custody. The suspect was a 42-year-old Missouri resident. An investigation revealed the suspect was in possession of a 9 mm pistol. The suspect fought with the officer's attempt to put him in the patrol car. The officer was assisted by Polk County Sheriff's Office and Johnston Police Department. The suspect was transported to the Polk County jail and charged with two counts of Theft-5<sup>th</sup> Degree, one count of Interference with Official Acts, and one count of Carrying Weapons.

## Officer Training

Officer Aicher attended Criminal Interdiction Training from June 6<sup>th</sup> through the 8<sup>th</sup>. This 24-hour course is designed to enhance the abilities of patrol officers to uncover criminal activity during pro-active encounters, such as traffic stops. A focus was put on drug trafficking and how to use available resources to identify and apprehend those involved in criminal activity.

In June, our department adopted the online training management system from TargetSolutions. This service will assist our department in better managing annual and on-going training requirements.



Our department also utilizes Police Legal Sciences, which is an online training program offering monthly courses in mental health, legal updates, mandatory reporter training, implicit bias awareness training and many other courses. The Polk City Police Department ensures compliance with all state mandated training and provides additional on-going training to enhance the professional development and abilities of officers.

## **In-Service Training**

Department in-service training in June consisted of vehicle pursuit policy review and foot pursuit tactics and techniques. These incidents are among the most dangerous situations officers can engage in. They have a high probability of injury to the officer, offender, and the general public. While these situations are not common for our department, they do occur, and we train to ensure the most successful outcome possible.

### **Training Hours: 54**

Lamfers	2
Untrauer	2
Aicher	42
Siepkner	2
Wilson	2
Aswegan	2
Delaney	2

## **Canine Program**

Officer Aicher and Eudoris were deployed 2 times in June. One deployment was for narcotics detection and the other was to assist with a track of a burglary suspect in Johnston. Johnston PD had obtained assistance with their drone prior to Eudoris' arrival. Eudoris was not deployed to track the suspect.

On June 26<sup>th</sup>, Officer Aicher and Eudoris responded to assist Iowa DNR Officer with a suspicious vehicle investigation at Big Creek Beach. Eudoris was deployed on the vehicle resulting in a positive alert for the presence of the odor of narcotics. An investigation revealed 3 female suspects were in possession of marijuana, THC wax (a highly potent form of THC) and drug paraphernalia. Two suspects were arrested and charged with Possession of Marijuana and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. The other was a juvenile who was referred to Juvenile Court Services.

## Community Outreach

On June 25<sup>th</sup>, the Polk City Police Department and Polk City Police Officers Association hosted the first annual Polk City Summer Kickoff



Event on the town square. Even though Mother Nature brought our event to an abrupt end earlier than we intended, the event was an overall success. An estimated 300 citizens attended the event. Activities included air brush tattoos, games, and

interactive law enforcement displays.

A dunk tank was on site, where members of our department and the North Polk School Resource Officer Deputy Blaylock graciously volunteered to be dunked by many anxiously awaiting children (and some adults).





Food was donated by Fareway and Hy-Vee. Police Support Clerk Jane Jacobson and her husband, Jim, assisted by some volunteers worked hard to grill hamburgers and hotdogs to all those in attendance.

Iowa League of Heroes and the Korriban Squad brought some smiles to some attending children where pictures were taken, and memorable discussions with superheroes were had. Polk City Police Officers found time to pose for photos with them.



Part time Patrol Officer Kent Gries provided some fun education on the impact of alcohol on a person's motor skills through utilizing the department's Fatal Vision Goggles. These goggles replicate vision depletion as it correlates with increases in



blood alcohol concentrations. This event was a big hit as much fun was had attempting to pass field sobriety testing.

A raffle was conducted for prizes including an Apple iPad, boat rentals at Big Creek Marina and gift cards.

Also in attendance at the event was the Polk County Sheriff's Office, Iowa DNR, Polk City Fire Department, and the Iowa Storm Chasers. Support from these organizations and our sponsors made this event an overall success.

A special thanks goes out to our sponsors which included Fareway, Hy-Vee, Lincoln Street Studios, Kiwanis, Friends of the Library, Lakeside Fellowship Church, Polk City Women, Wal-Mart, Iowa Barnstormers, and many others.

We are looking forward to another successful year next year, but until then, here are some more photos taken during this year's event!





