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To: Honorable Mayor and Council Members

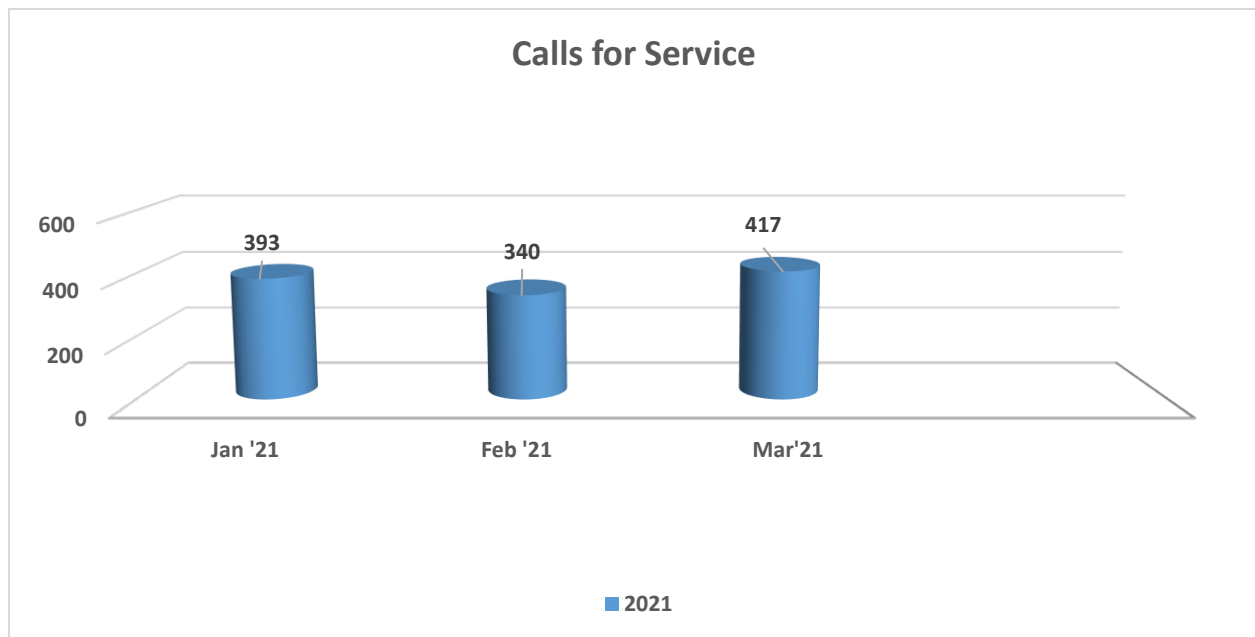
From: Lieutenant Aswegan

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Re: March 2021 Monthly Report

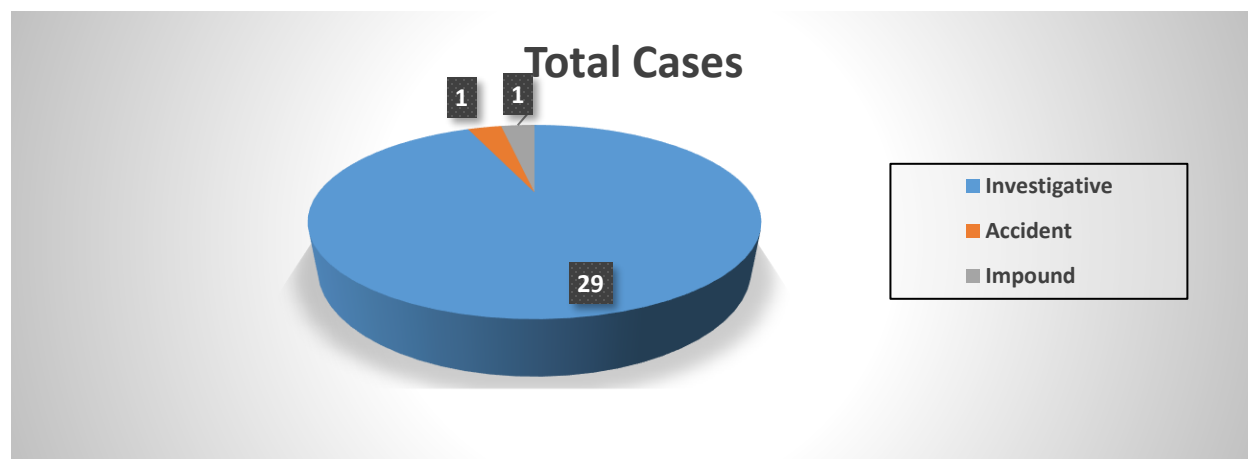
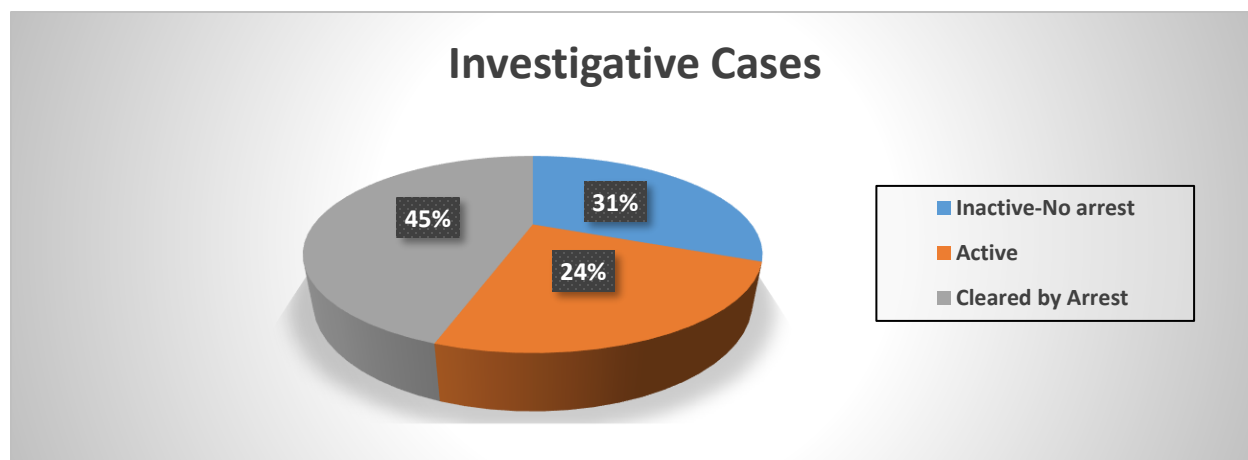
Calls for Service

The total calls for service for the month of March were **417**. 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 **160** traffic stops.



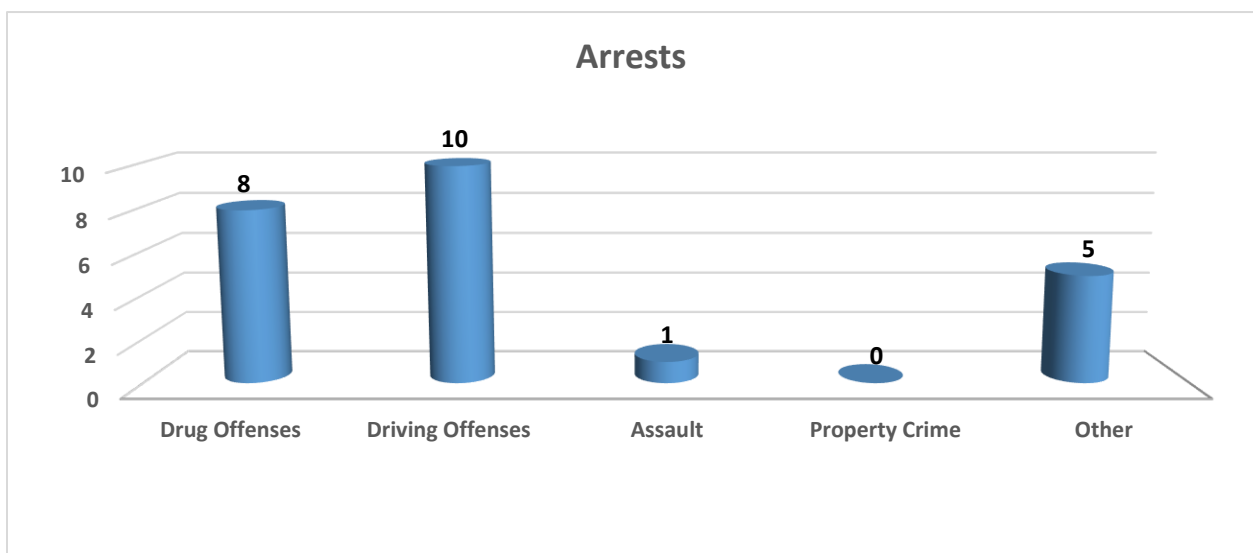
Cases Made

The Police Department had **31** total cases during the month of March. **29** of the cases were investigative incident reports, **1** was a traffic collision and **1** was for vehicle impound. There is **1** active investigation from this month. There was a **45%** rate of cases cleared by arrest, for investigative cases in March.



Arrests Made

The Police Department made **24** arrests and issued **45** citations and **133** warnings. The arrests consisted of **10** driving offenses (including 5 impaired driving arrest and 5 arrests for driving with a suspended or revoked license), **1** wanted person, **8** drug offenses, **1** Domestic Abuse Assault arrest, **3** Child Endangerment arrests, and **1** charge filed for violation of City Animal Ordinances.



Notable Incidents

On March 13th at approximately 10:19 pm, a Polk City Police Officer stopped a vehicle for traveling at an excessive speed. The driver was identified as a 51-year-old Polk City resident. There were two teenage passengers in the vehicle. An investigation revealed that the driver was under the influence of alcohol. A breath test revealed his alcohol concentration to be .178, which is over twice the maximum amount allowed by law. The driver was arrested and charged with Operating While Intoxicated-1st Offense and 2 counts of Child Endangerment. He was booked into the Polk County Jail.

On March 16th at approximately 10:45 pm a motorist waved down a Polk City Police Officer to ask for directions to Drake University. While the officer was assisting the motorist, the officer realized the motorist was displaying signs and symptoms commonly associated with drug impairment. The motorist, a 25-year-old Des Moines resident, was found to have an outstanding warrant for his arrest out of Windsor Heights for Theft-5th Degree. The suspect was additionally found to be in possession of 3 grams of marijuana and an unknown controlled substance. The unknown substance will be taken to the DCI lab for testing and future additional charges may follow. The suspect was charged with Possession of Marijuana and Operating While Intoxicated-1st Offense.

On March 20 at approximately 11:15 pm, a Polk City Police Officer stopped a vehicle driven by 38-year-old Waterloo resident. The suspect displayed signs of deception and nervousness. The suspect was found to have a glass methamphetamine pipe on his person. K9 Eudoris was deployed on the vehicle and alerted to the odor of narcotics. A search of the vehicle resulted in the recovery of methamphetamine and THC wax. The suspect was charged with 2 counts of Possession of Controlled Substance-3rd or Subsequent Offense and one count of Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. He was booked into the Polk County Jail.

Officer Training

Officer Wilson attended Taser Instructor Re-certification course on March 17th. Officer Wilson is our department Taser Instructor, which allows us to schedule appropriate training with this tool to meet our department's needs.

In-Service Training

March in-service training was focused on scenario-based training. Officers were put through real-life scenarios where role players were acting as a suspect, witness, or victim. Utilizing their training, officers were tasked to handle the situation as they would on patrol. After the scenario was over, officers and their leadership discussed what they did well and what we can improve on. Scenario-based training is essential to challenging the minds and skills of officers, so they are ready to handle similar situations on the street.

Training Hours: 37

Lamfers	3
Untrauer	3
Aicher	19
Siepkner	3
Wilson	3
Aswegan	3
Delaney	3

Canine Program

On March 29th and 30th, Officer Aicher and Eudoris participated in the United States Police Canine Association (USPCA) trials. They competed against over 50 other teams from the region. The team was awarded 2nd Place for their outstanding performance.



Officer Aicher and Eudoris were deployed 5 times in March. All deployments were for narcotics detection.

On March 17th, Eudoris was deployed on a traffic stop in Polk City. He alerted to the odor of narcotics in the vehicle leading to a vehicle search by officers. Three grams of marijuana and an unknown controlled substance were recovered. The unknown substance is pending DCI lab results to identify the substance type.

On March 19th, Eudoris was deployed on a traffic stop in Polk City. He alerted the presence of the odor of narcotics, leading to a search of the vehicle by officers. The search resulted in the recovery of methamphetamine and THC wax.

Speed Sign Installation

In March, Public Works and the Police Department worked together to purchase, install, and begin operation of 2 speed signs. One speed sign is in the 1000 block of N. Broadway and the other is in the 300 block of E. Southside Drive. These areas were designated after hearing complaints from citizens and making our own observations.



The signs are intended to catch a speeder's attention and cause them to drop their speed to the posted limit. In addition, the signs collect traffic data in these areas to help us better determine their effectiveness. While they are somewhat mobile, we anticipate the signs will stay where they are for the foreseeable future.

Community Outreach

On March 31st Officer Kent Gries put on a small outreach event on E. Southside Drive. Officer Gries taught about a dozen local children about the roll of the Police Department in the community. The children got a chance to look through one of our newest patrol vehicles and get an understanding of the workings of all the equipment in the car. Officer Gries was hired in December and has proven to be an outstanding addition to our staff.

