



# Polk City Police Department

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To: Honorable Mayor and Council Members

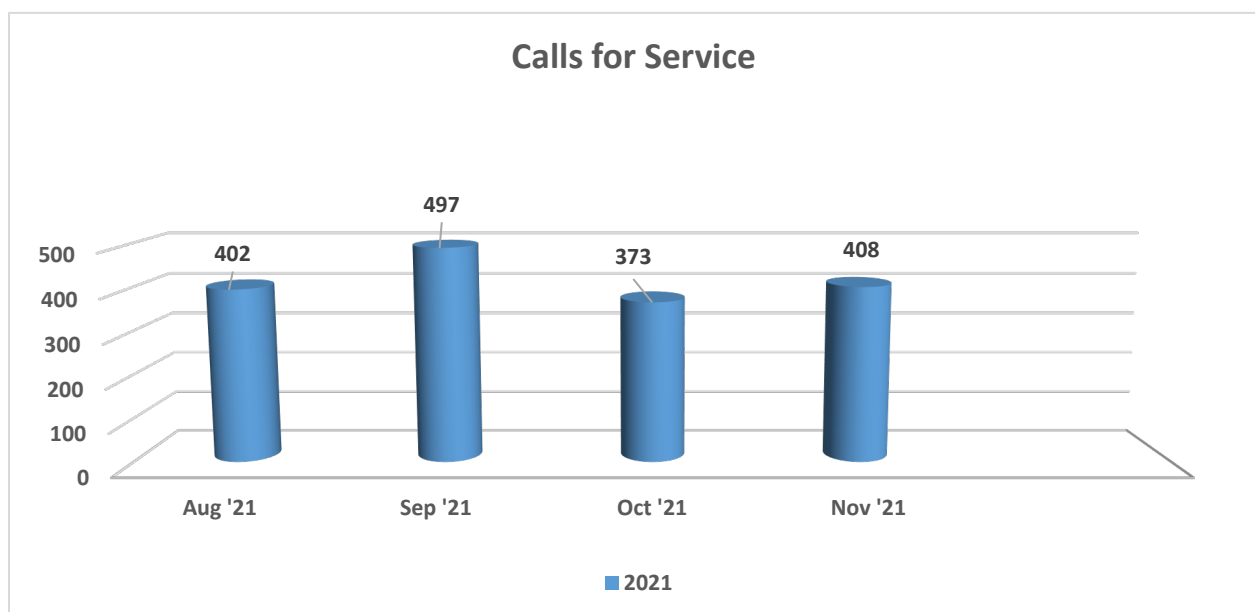
From: Lieutenant Aswegan

Date: December 9th, 2021

Re: November 2021 Monthly Report

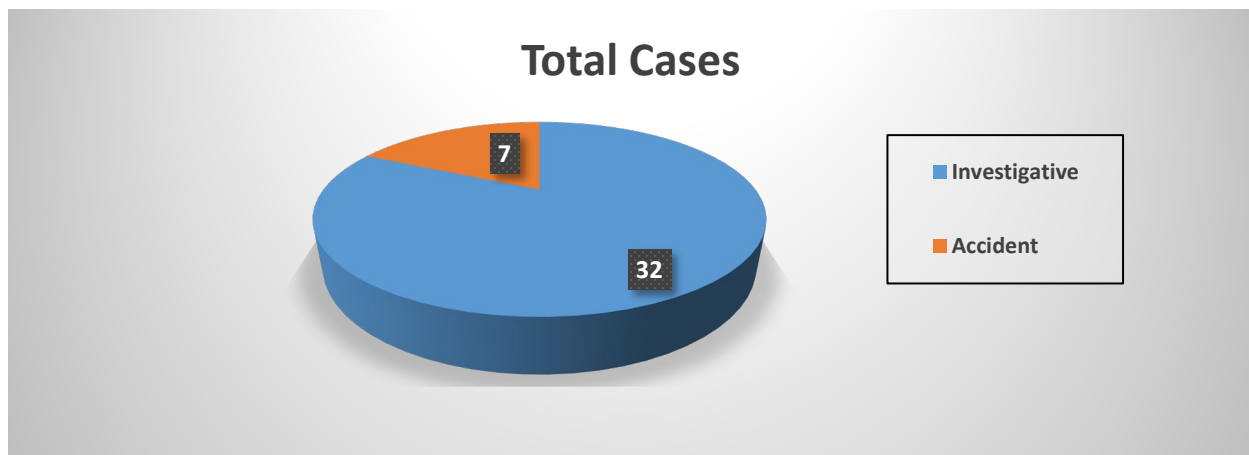
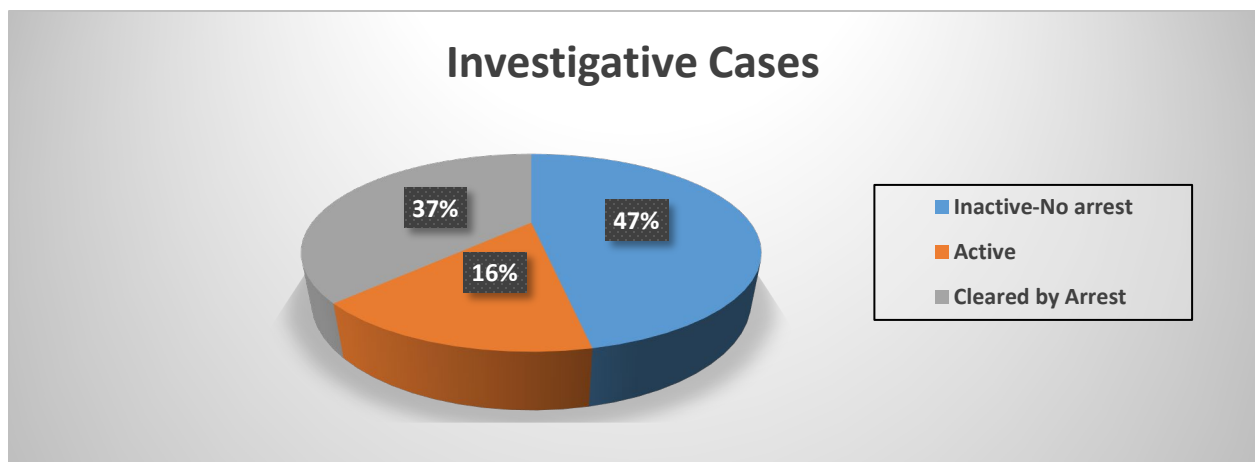
## Calls for Service

The total calls for service for the month of November were **408**. 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 **105** traffic stops.



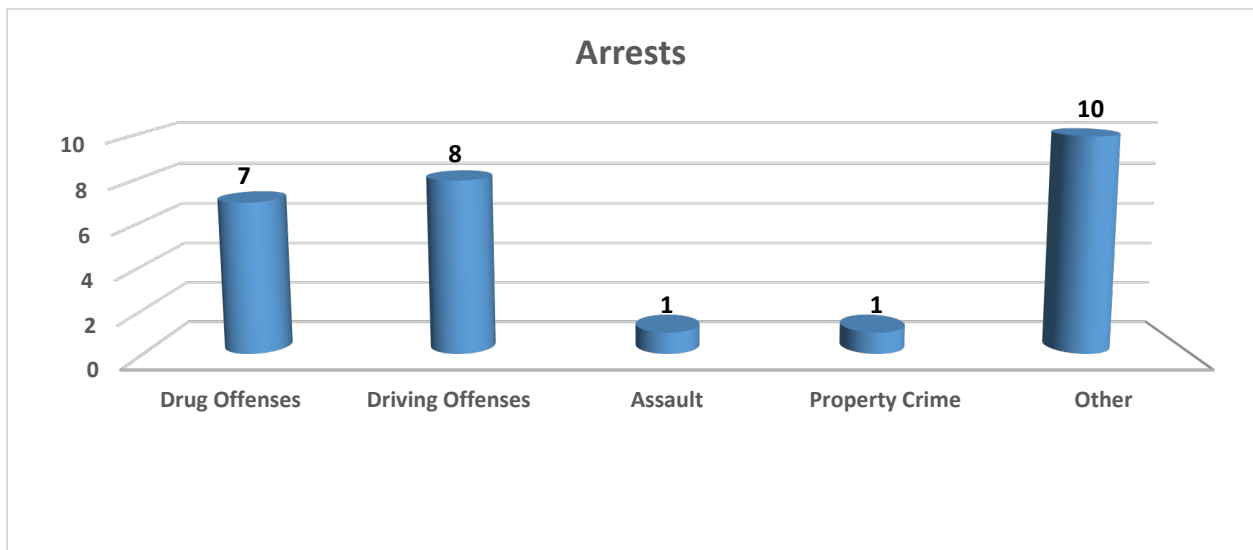
## Cases Made

The Police Department had **39** total cases during the month of November. **32** of the cases were investigative incident reports and **7** were for traffic collisions. There are **5** active investigations from this month. There was a **47%** rate of cases cleared by arrest, for investigative cases in November.



## Arrests Made

The Police Department made **27** arrests and issued **32** citations and **90** warnings. The arrests consisted of **7** arrests for drug offenses, **8** arrests for driving offenses (including 2 for OWI and 6 for Driving with a Suspended, Revoked, or Barred License), **1** arrest for Assault, **1** arrest for theft, and **10** arrests for miscellaneous offenses which included 3 wanted subjects, 3 arrests for Interference with Official Acts, 1 charge for Selling Tobacco to an Underage Person, 1 arrest for Malicious Prosecution, 1 arrest for Harassment and 1 arrest for Violating a No Contact Order.



## **Notable Incidents**

On November 6<sup>th</sup> at about 8:45 pm, a Polk City Police Officer stopped a vehicle for a traffic violation. The driver, a 31-year-old man from Des Moines, was found to have a barred driver's license. An investigation also revealed that there was a no contact order prohibiting him from having contact with the female that was in the passenger seat. He was arrested and charged with Driving While Barred and Violation of a No Contact Order.

On November 24<sup>th</sup> at about 11:20 am, a Polk City Police Officer stopped a vehicle after finding the license plate belonged on a different vehicle. The driver, a 37-year-old man from Des Moines, was found to have a suspended driver's license. An investigation also revealed he was in possession of a methamphetamine smoking pipe and a baggie containing about 1 gram of methamphetamine. The man was charged with Possession of Methamphetamine, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Driving While Suspended, No Insurance and Fraudulent Use of Registration.

On November 30<sup>th</sup> at about 1:30 pm a 26-year-old woman came to the police department to claim an impounded motor vehicle. The woman was found to have outstanding warrants for her arrest for Voluntary Absence (leaving an Iowa Department of Corrections work release program without permission) and Probation Violation for an original charge of Possession of a Controlled Substance-3<sup>rd</sup> Offense. She was additionally found in possession of 2 and a half grams of marijuana. The woman had driven to the police department and was also found to have a suspended driver's license. She was taken into custody on the outstanding warrants and additionally charged with Possession of Marijuana and Driving While Suspended.

## **Annual Tobacco Compliance Checks**

On November 16<sup>th</sup> the Polk City Police Department conducted annual Tobacco Compliance Checks. These checks are in partnership with the Iowa I-Pledge Program ran by the Iowa Alcoholic Beverages Division.



Two businesses were found to be not in compliance after an employee at each business sold tobacco to a person under 21 years of age. Citations were issued to these employees and follow up checks will be conducted to ensure compliance.

## **Officer Training**

Officer Aicher and Eudoris conducted 16 hours of training in November. Training is a combination of time training at Canine Tactical in Chariton and time spent training locally. In addition to on-going obedience training, Officer Aicher and Eudoris trained in narcotics detection, tracking a person, and searching for lost articles which can include evidence of serious crimes.

Lieutenant Aswegan attended a course on managing police field training programs. The course is designed for those in positions of managing programs to train newly hired police officers. The training was put on by the Field Training Associates and was administered virtually. Law Enforcement professionals from several states attended this training.

## In-Service Training

November in-service training was focused on firearms skill enhancement. Officers participated in drills that were designed to enhance marksmanship, weapons presentation and target acquisition under stress, and shoot/no shoot decision making under stress.



Officers were also trained by Officer Burdess, a certified EMT and experienced tactical medic, on controlling bleeding from a traumatic wound. Officers

practiced applying tourniquets and field dressings on others and on themselves. There have been numerous documented events in the nation where officers have been shot and were required to apply a tourniquet on themselves to save their own life. The training that was provided completed the requirements in Stop the Bleed training.

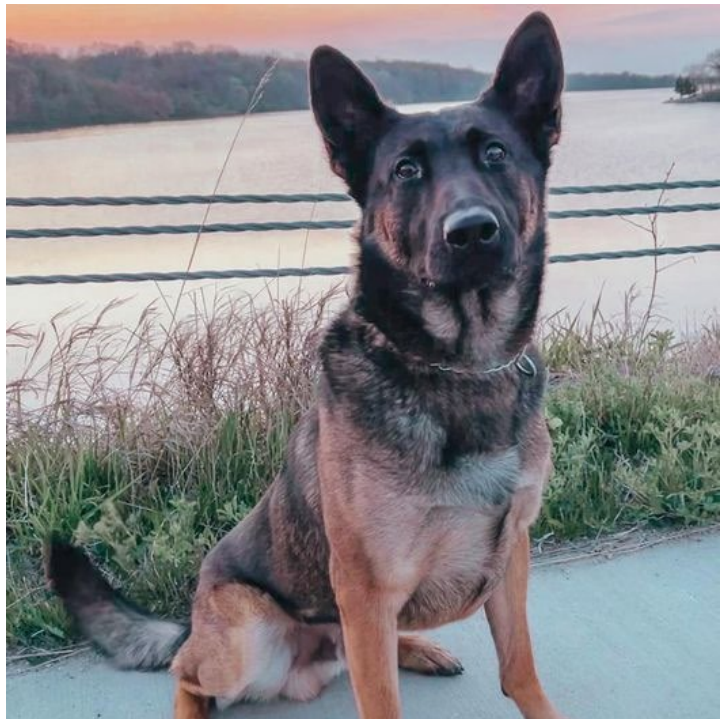
**Training Hours: 84**

Lamfers	8
Untrauer	7
Aicher	21
Siepkner	4
Wilson	6
Aswegan	16
Delaney	8
Burdess	14

**Canine Program**

Eudoris was deployed one time in November, which was for a narcotics detection.

On November 16<sup>th</sup> at about 10:45 pm Officer Aicher stopped a vehicle for a traffic violation. Through contact with the 39-year-old man from Polk City, he developed information leading him to believe narcotics may be present in the vehicle. Officer Aicher deployed K9 Eudoris on the vehicle. Eudoris alerted to the odor of narcotics and a probable cause search was conducted. A pipe used to smoke marijuana was recovered from the vehicle. The man was charged with Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.





## Community Outreach

We are lucky to have such a supportive community where our youth feel comfortable visiting the police station and interacting with our officers. Visits are always welcome as they give our officers a break from less-than-desirable portions of our job.

In November we were visited by some local young ladies who were part of Central Iowa's Chapter of Girls on the Run. The program inspires all girls to build confidence and make intentional decisions, while fostering care and compassion for self and others. *Thank you for the visit, ladies, and thank you for making us aware of this program!*





## Staffing Change

Officer Burdess has submitted his resignation with our department after accepting a position with another police department closer to home. We are currently in the hiring process to fill the vacancy left by Officer Burdess.



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HIRING!**

Polk City Police Department is looking to fill the position of Police Officer.

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## **Municipal Code Enforcement**

In July 2021 the Police Department took over Municipal Code Enforcement to address most nuisance abatement and municipal infractions.

Violations include junk and junk vehicles, noise control, animal protection and control, solid waste control, dangerous buildings, trees, weeds, and off-street parking.

To report a possible code violation residents can go to the Police Department website and complete the Violation Complaint Form and submit via e-mail.

The Police Department addressed **1** Municipal Code infractions in the month of November.