



SHERIFF'S UPDATE

Polk County Public Safety & Highway Committee Update Report

March 2020

Message from the Sheriff

The purpose of this inaugural monthly update is to promote a transparent and open relationship between the Office of Sheriff of Polk County and the members of the Polk County Board of Supervisors and our citizens. Addressed in this month's update are specific inquiries from the Public Safety and Highway Committee at their last meeting as well as matters which I believe are of interest to the supervisors and the public. I look forward to this new and innovative line of communication with the supervisors and you, the citizens I am proud to serve as your Sheriff.

Mission Statement

It is the mission of the Polk County Sheriff's Office to provide professional, ethical and respectful law enforcement services to the citizens of Polk County. We believe the best way to achieve a safe environment is through a cooperative partnership with our community. We, the men and women of the Polk County Sheriff's Office, pledge to serve our community with *integrity, honor and courage*.

Present Staffing Levels

- ◆ Full-time Sworn Personnel including the Sheriff - 30
- ◆ Part-time Sworn Personnel - 2
- ◆ Full-time Corrections Personnel - 30
- ◆ Part-time Corrections Personnel - 1
- ◆ Full-time Communications Personnel - 11 + 1 current vacancy
- ◆ Full-time Emergency Management - 1
- ◆ Casual Personnel (Bailiffs, Transport) - 5
- ◆ Full-time Clerical Personnel - 4 + 1 Current Vacancy

*"Together we can
make a
difference"*

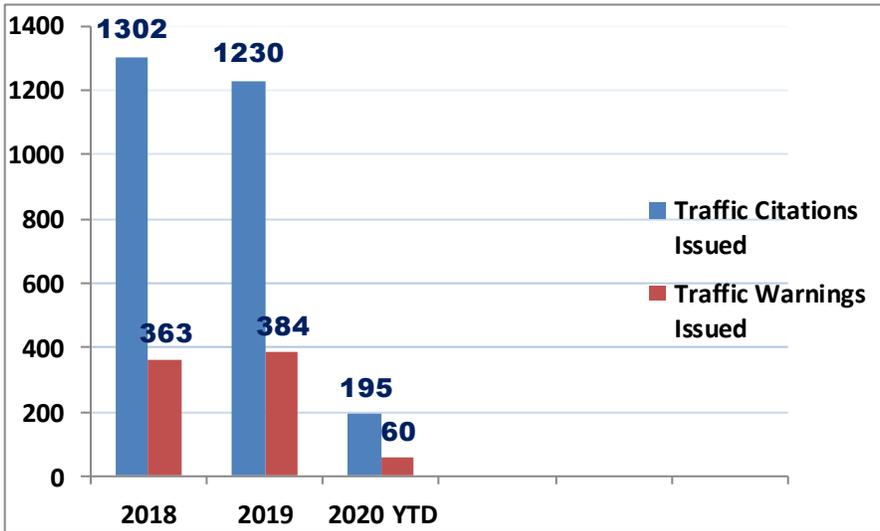
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Traffic Citations and Warnings Issued by Polk County Sheriff's Office

Citation and Warning Issuance by Year 2018 through 2020 YTD

Traffic enforcement is a priority of the Polk County Sheriff's Office. Through proper traffic enforcement, we seek to curb bad driving behavior and educate the public as to the laws of the State of Wisconsin as well as to the benefits of operating their vehicle safely. In addition to routine traffic enforcement, the Sheriff's Office also participates in the OWI Enforcement Grant and the Click It or Ticket Enforcement Grant.

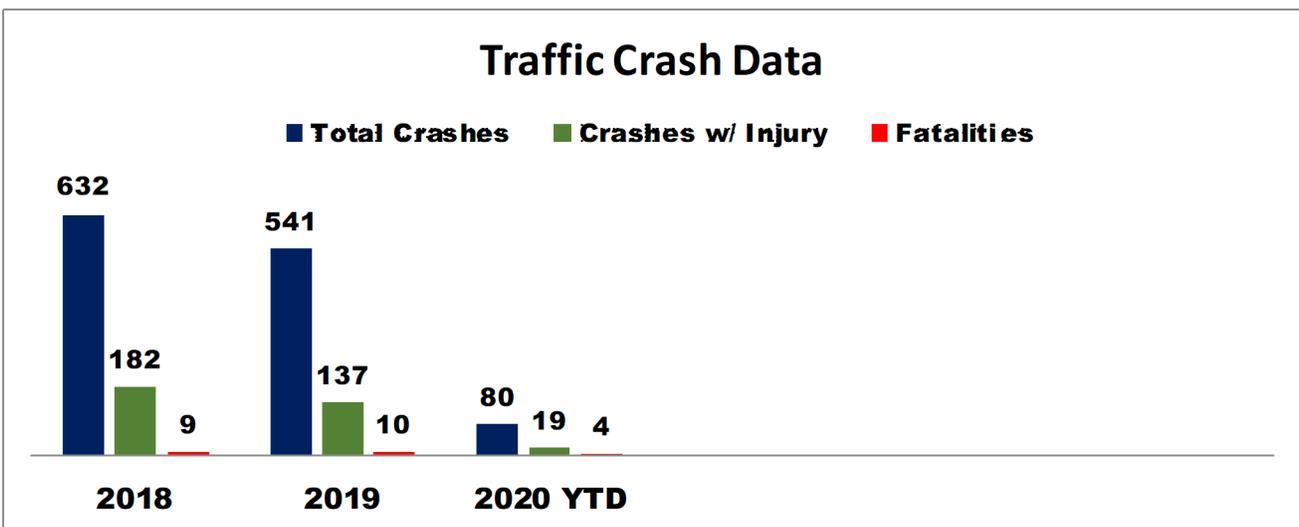
In 2020, we have begun new initiatives to increase traffic law enforcement and education. Two specific initiatives being undertaken are 1) requiring three mandatory traffic contacts per shift of all Patrol Deputies and 2) the use of DDACTS (Data Driven Approaches to Crime and Traffic Safety). DDACTS employs the use of databases such as *Community Maps* which help deputies determine areas most likely in need of the most focused enforcement based on past traffic data.

Traffic Accidents in Polk County

February 2020 was a month of tragedy in relation to traffic accidents in Polk County. Of note, we had a two car accident in Dresser, WI, resulting in one fatality. We experienced the tragedy of the loss of two young lives in a single vehicle accident in St. Croix Falls, WI, and there was an accident in the Cedar Lake Area resulting in one fatality and one person being charged with Vehicular Homicide as a result of that traffic fatality.

Through traffic enforcement, strategic resource deployment and education campaigns such as the "Blood On the Highway" class and "Fatal Vision" Goggle Experience presented in many of our schools by Sheriff's Deputies, the Polk County Sheriff's Office strives to eliminate these needless losses of life.

As shown in the graph below, while our traffic fatalities have remained fairly consistent over the last three years, we are seeing a decline in reported accidents as well as accidents resulting in injury.



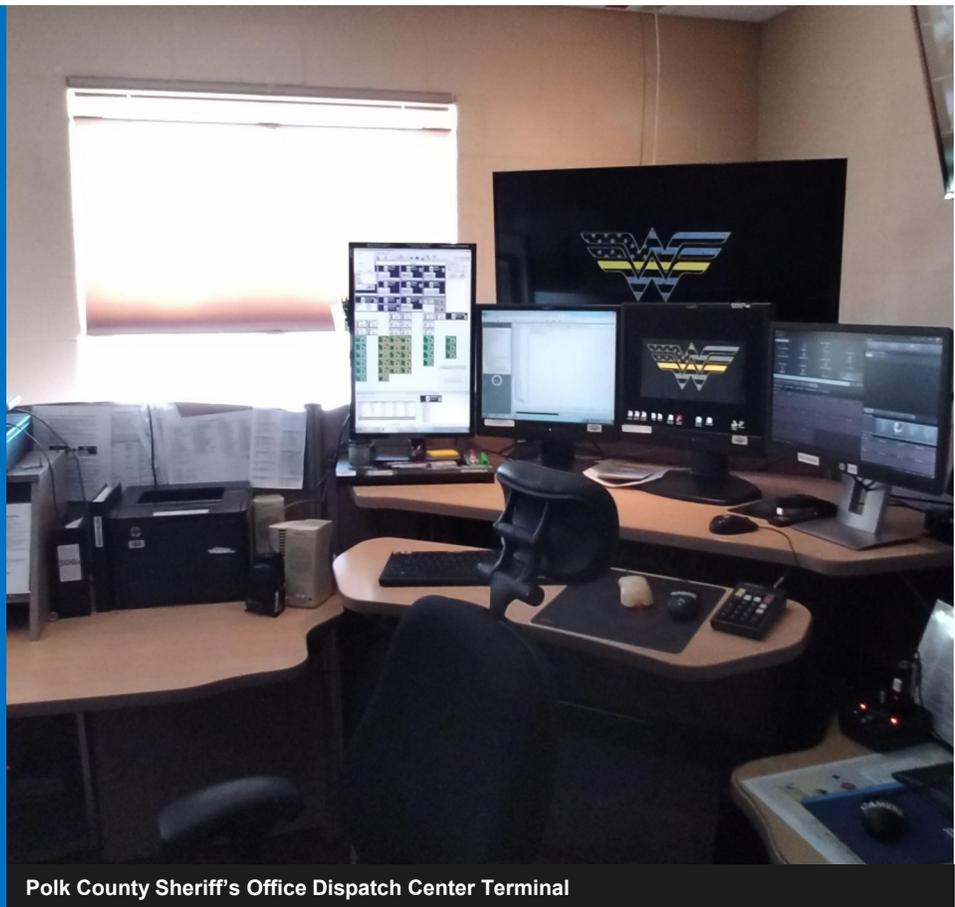
Traffic Crashes Reported to All Law Enforcement Agencies in Polk County

Field Services Trial Work Schedule Status Update

Effective January 12, 2020, the Sheriff's Office Administration and the WPPA Union representing the Field Services Deputies and the Field Services Sergeants entered in to a six-month trial memorandum of understanding to try out a newly designed work schedule.

When negotiating the scheduling, the parameters set by the Chief Deputy for the schedule were 1) the schedule must be budget neutral or show a reduction in payroll costs, 2) the schedule must provide for the same or better customer service to the citizens of Polk County and 3) the schedule must be of benefit to the deputies.

Since inception of the new schedule, payroll has run +/-1% of budget, response to calls for service has remained consistent with pre-trial averages and, based on a meeting with union leadership on February 28th, the deputies are in overwhelming support of keeping the new schedule. In addition, through the new schedule we have added nineteen hours a week of investigations coverage without increasing budgeted costs.



Polk County Sheriff's Office Dispatch Center Terminal

Capital Projects Update

The Polk County Board of Supervisors approved four capital projects for the Sheriff's Office for FY2020. Two of those projects were carried over from FY2019 and two are new projects for FY2020. All four projects are underway and at different stages of completion.

Dispatch Center Computer Upgrade

An upgrade to the Motorola Dispatch Computer system was approved at a cost of \$118,092.06 each year for ten years. This upgrade is needed to prevent security breaches and keep the system current with current technologies. The expected installation time frame for the new upgraded computers is April of 2020.

Replacement Radios for Field Services and Jail

Approved for FY2020 from the Asset Protection Fund was \$440,000.00 for the purchase of new portable and mobile radios for Field Services as well as new portable radios for the jail. Also included in this project is the upgrade of radio equipment in the Mobile Command Center. As of March 1, 2020, 99% of mobile radios have been installed in squad vehicles, 100% of portable radios have been issued to Field Services and the project is running approximately 5% under budget. It is anticipated the project will be completed and closed out by April 15th, 2020. This radio purchase will provide a state of the art radio subscriber system to the Sheriff's Office which is expected to last through at least FY2030.

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Records Management System Enterprise Upgrade

In FY2019, the Sheriff's Office began a required project to upgrade our current records management software, New World, to an Enterprise server based system. This upgrade is required to update security measures and keep compliant with state and federal mandates for incident based reporting. At a total cost of \$121,300, the project is on schedule to be completed in August of 2020. The last week of February, New World staff was on site working with members of the Polk County Sheriff's Office Communications Division and members of the Polk County Information Technology Department to complete the first phase of development. For FY2020, there is a budgeted amount of \$107,487.50 which represents the amount of the project not spent in FY2019.

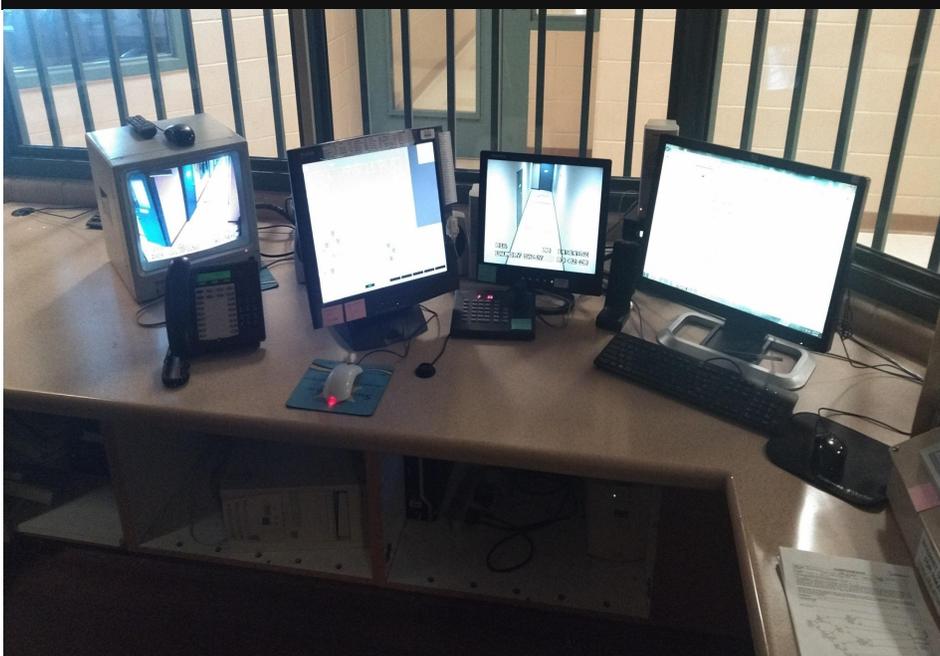
Jail Security Controller, Camera and Intercom Upgrade

The largest capital outlay for the Sheriff's Office is a full replacement and upgrade to the door controllers, security cameras and in-cell intercom systems of the Polk County Jail. At a total cost to the general fund of \$792,300.00, this system will replace all analog cameras with IP based cameras, triple the number of cameras in the jail, replace analog intercom systems with digital intercoms as well as provide for intercoms in the cells of the maximum security inmates and replace the computers and systems which control the door locks and closers throughout the facility. Our present system is technologically outdated and unreliable.

This upgrade will not also increase the security of the jail, but increase the ability of the Sheriff's Office to monitor the activities of inmates, visitors and employees of the jail in order to provide a safer environment for all stakeholders.

The project has been finalized, all contracts have been signed and the schedule calls for the project to be complete by December 2020.

Polk County Jail Present Day Control System



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