

# **Horizon City Police Department**

Monthly Activity Report
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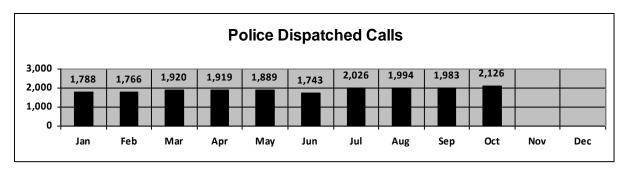
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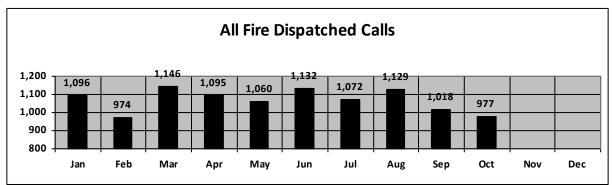
Description	Number			
	This Month		Last Month	
Traffic Citations	479	9	492	
Traffic Warnings	58		44	
Parking Tickets	3		60	
Investigations – Cases assigned	12 8			
Investigations – Cases cleared	11 13		13	
Investigations – Cases remaining open	9	9 6		
Criminal & Non-Criminal Arrests	38 28		28	
Traffic accidents	18 18			
Police Calls for Service Reported to Dispatch	2,126 Year to date -19,154			
Fire Calls for Service Reported to Dispatch	977 Year to date – 9,639			

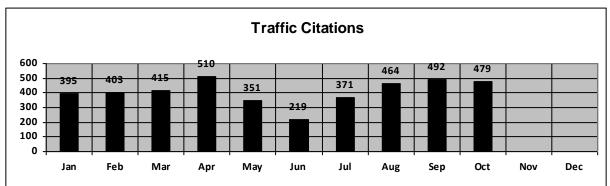
#### ITEMS OF INTEREST

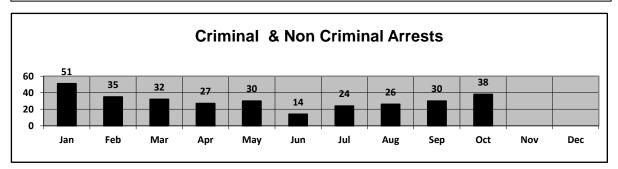
#### Chief McConnell...

- Received the computer from the recent Uniform Crime Reporting grant through the Rio Grande Council of Governments.
- Conducted the interview process for Lieutenant. Both Sergeant Ortega and Sergeant Flores have been promoted to the rank of Lieutenant.
- Attended a promotion and retirement ceremony at the El Paso Joint Information Center (JOIC).
- Our crime prevention department is taking form and has begun several very
  exciting and informative outreach initiatives. More detailed information
  concerning the activities are found in this report. However, the main topics are
  Red Ribbon Week, National Night Out, Bike Patrol, Halloween activities, and the
  newly developed Facebook Live series.











#### COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION

Together as One

The communications manager and a communications specialist attended the 2017 National Night Out. They were assigned to give a tour of the mobile command to anyone who was interested in learning about the Communications Division. In addition, the communications manager finalized the updated Communications Division Standard Operating Procedures with the help of Lieutenant Flores.

The communications supervisor attended the ESD1 Commissioner's meeting held at the Horizon City Fire Department building.

Horizon City Police and Fire responded to a gas leak on Weaver Road. A gas line was struck with construction equipment. All businesses off of Weaver were evacuated. Life Ambulance responded regarding a person experiencing symptoms of gas inhalation. Texas Gas Company arrived on scene approximately an hour later and was able to shut off the gas leak.

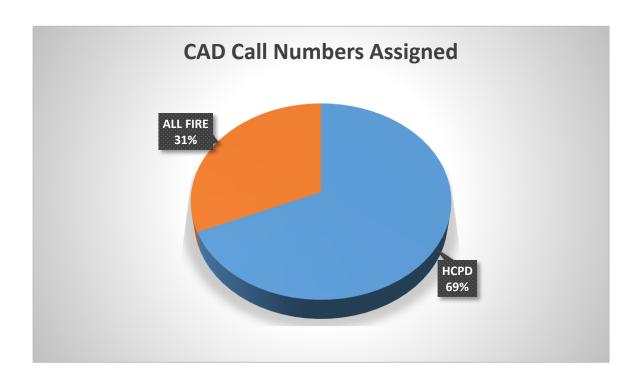
The Montana Vista Fire Department responded to a large brush fire at the Ysleta Gun Club. Upon the fire departments' arrival, the fire had encompassed an acre and a vacant recreational vehicle. The fire was extinguished approximately an hour later.

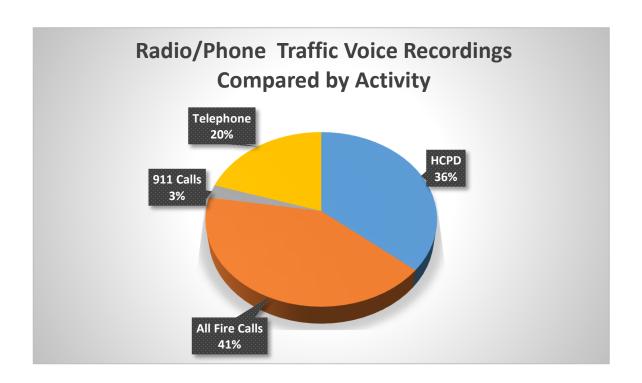
Socorro, San Elizario, and Horizon Fire responded to a structure fire in Socorro. The home was believed to be previously abandoned. When firefighters arrived, the house was fully engulfed with nearby structures in danger of also catching fire. A Socorro firefighter was injured and was transported by Life Ambulance to Del Sol Medical Center. El Paso Sheriff Office units, El Paso Electric, Texas Gas, and a Fire Marshal also responded to the incident. The Communications Division handled motor vehicle accidents, medical calls, a gas leak, and a vehicle fire the same evening. In addition to the above incidents for the evening, Montana Vista Fire responded to an ATV rollover at Red Sands. While Montana Vista Fire was on scene, a second rollover occurred at the same location, requiring additional manpower to assist.

Socorro and Clint Fire responded to a fully engulfed vehicle fire at I-10 West MM 42. The fire was extinguished approximately 45 minutes later.

The Horizon Fire Department and Horizon City Police responded to a structure fire at Blooming Desert. When the Horizon City Police arrived on scene, they advised dispatch the fire was contained. Upon investigation, Horizon Fire advised a dryer had been on fire and the homeowner was able to contain it. The smoke was ventilated from the residence and all units cleared the scene.

A night shift communications specialist obtained her telecommunications license. The communications specialist manager and night shift supervisor attended the First Baptist Church fall festival.





#### **WARRANTS DIVISION & FLEET OPERATIONS**

The Warrants Sergeant received 35 summons for service. Thirty-three of them were executed and three were returned back to the court. During the month of October, 21 people were arrested for traffic warrants and collections were made on some while others unable to post bond were booked into the El Paso County Jail.

Warrants sergeant reviewed forty cases that were faxed from Children Protective Services. They were reviewed and closed out or filed with the case that was opened due to the allegations of neglect.

The Warrants Sergeant took 12 vehicles to the shop for oil changes and repairs. Bailiff duties were done during court proceedings.

#### CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS

Detective Labrado received two runaway cases which through further investigation lead to the juveniles being located and returned back to their legal guardians. Reeves County referred a case to our department regarding Identity theft. The case remains under investigation.

CID assisted Telecommunications in monitoring and correcting the entries into TCIC/NCIC system.

Detective Labrado assisted with one infant car seat installation and Detective Nunez assisted the Horizon High School with a bicycle safety course for the law enforcement program.

CID was called out to two unattended deaths this month. Other cases received during the month of October were forgery, theft, and a burglary of habitation.

#### CRIME PREVENTION ACTIVITIES

Preparations for National Night Out concluded at the end of September. Preparations included a promotional campaign which included custom printed posters which were given to each sponsor, placed at local stores, and a paid Facebook sponsored event. As always, the event provided families with an opportunity to partake in fun family-friendly activities such as bounce houses and other activities while also providing the public with a chance to approach officers with any questions or concerns about the law enforcement needs of the community. National Night Out took place on October 3, 2017

The budget of the Facebook promotion campaign was \$50 and was sponsored by the Horizon City PD Explorers. 5,859 people were reached. (*This is the number of people* 

who potentially saw our sponsored event post on their Facebook timeline.)

There were over 2000 people in attendance during the night of the event. In addition to the sponsor displays, the event featured dance performances by various youth dance teams from our community as well as door prizes and sponsor giveaways. The event also featured guest law enforcement and community services displays such as emergency vehicles and equipment demonstrations including tours of our very own Mobile Command Center and Crime Scene Unit.

4 giveaway prize bikes were sponsored by XPRESS Cleaning Professionals 2 giveaway prize bikes were sponsored by the Horizon City Police Association

### Sponsors of National Night Out included:

- Express Cleaning Professionals
- Farmers Insurance Correa Insurance Agency
- COSTCO
- State Farm Insurance Arleen Beard Agency
- Desert View Homes
- Cricket Wireless (Eastlake)
- Vista Markets
- Allstate Insurance Oscar Arrieta Agency
- Burritos Crisostomo
- Horizon City Police Association
- Ceci Mitre Photography
- Sports Clips
- The Hospitals of Providence
- Allstate Insurance Jorge Piñon Agency
- Whataburger

# Red Ribbon Week

The Horizon City PD provided red ribbons to at risk students which were selected by the school district and conducted a school wide presentation to students at Desert Hills Elementary Schools. During the October 26th presentation, Sergeant Mitre spoke with students of each grade in regards to bully prevention and drug awareness. The message centered on the importance of compassion and empathy among students and understanding that sometimes parents can make mistakes in overreacting to situations and that an explosive or aggressive reaction is not something they should emulate with their peers.

#### Bike Patrol Course for HHS

Horizon City PD bike patrol officers were invited by Ms. Weaver and the Criminal Justice program teachers at Horizon High School to teach their students some essential safety and emergency bike patrol maneuvers.

HORIZON

The officers began by teaching the class basic traffic safety. The students then received a short course on

bicycle repair and maintenance. The students learned how to dismantle the bicycles in order to conduct roadside repairs. The students then learned how to reassemble the bicycles and check for safe assembly and operation.

The group then moved instruction outside where students ran a small riding course which included drills such as emergency stops and dismounts. The group then went on a group bike ride around Horizon City.

#### Crime Prevention Media

The crime prevention division introduced the regular use of video blogs (vlogs) to share information with the public. With the use of these entertaining and stylized videos, we are able to capture the attention of the public in order to share what would otherwise be dry information. The links to the vlogs were shared on our Official Facebook page.

National Night Out Vlog - In this vlog, the public is able to appreciate the efforts behind the scenes of our biggest yearly community event.

Bike Patrol Vlog - In this vlog, the public is able to get a close look at the bike patrol activity with the Horizon High School students.

Halloween Night Vlog - In this vlog the public is able to appreciate the efforts by the junior police explorer members.

Scammer in action Video - In this video the public is able to understand just how convincing a scammer can sound while trying to dupe a potential victim. In this video, the scammer is attempting to create rapport with the target and create a sense of familiarity. The target then attempts to set up a meeting between the two. The next step of the scam is when the scammer calls the target back with bad news, asking the target for financial help. People are basically good, so they frequently fall for this type of a scam. Hopefully with many shares, this video will be seen by many members of our community.

#### Halloween Activities

Halloween fell on a Tuesday night and the weather was just right for thousands of people to come out throughout our city in the trick or treating tradition. HCPD's primary outreach effort was posted at the Fall Festival which was hosted by First Baptist Church of Horizon City between the hours of 5pm - 9:30pm. Supplemental efforts to outreach occurred throughout the city with the roaming of bike patrol officers through the neighborhoods of Horizon City assisting with traffic and helping kids get across the big streets in a safe manner. The bike patrol officers as well as the officers driving vehicles handed out glow sticks and candy to trick or treaters. At the festival, Junior Explorers:

- Handed out over 2,000 pieces of candy which was sponsored by the Explorer program as well as the Horizon City Police Association and one area family
- Handed out over 400 coloring books which were sponsored by TX Department of Transportation
- Handed out over 1000 glow sticks which were sponsored by Horizon City Police Association

# New Facebook Live Series

#### **Facebook Live Broadcast Summary**

DATE	TOPICS
October 9	Announced changes to police blotter. Announced Tip 411. Announced the New Facebook Live project. Announced Coffee with a Cop.
October 16	Discussed child online safety. Provided 10 tips to keep your child safe while online.
October 18	Dropped link new National Night Out vlog. Discussed telephone scams. Announced the DEA take-back taking place on Oct. 28th.
October 20	Using DJI Osmo stabilization camera, gave a virtual tour of a police unit and discussed the video technology that our department uses.
October 23	Announced Red Ribbon Week. Announced upcoming Red Ribbon Activities. Discussed noise ordinances, and promoted Tip 411.
October 25	Discussed the bike patrol activities from the day before, dropped a link to a bike patrol vlog. Provided 5 top bully prevention tips for parents. Addressed questions which were sent by email.
October 27	Shared an out-of-the-box bully prevention video. Announced Halloween activities. Announced HHS team going to regionals!

#### **Facebook Live Broadcast Summary**

October 30	Congrats to the HHS band, they made it to state! Shared
	8 Halloween safety tips. Announced a video of an
	attempted phone scam.

#### **EVIDENCE - CSI**

The division was just introduced this month to the department with a new evidence/crime scene technician. Our goal is to provide quality service to the citizens of Horizon City by using best processes to collect and process evidence.

#### **EMPLOYEE TRAINING**

<u>School Based Law Enforcement Training Course (24 hours):</u> This course is a mandated course for officers working in schools. Attended by Sgt. Casillas

<u>TCIC/NCIC Less than Full Access (8hours):</u> This course is a lower level than full access. This pertains to officers who conduct inquiries through the MDT. Attended by officers Carrillo and Escobar.

<u>TCIC/NCIC Full Access (16 hours):</u> This course is designed for full access operators who will be conducting more than inquiries but also entries. Attended by Communications specialist, Tarango, Duran, Barber, Alvarado, Flores, and Ramirez.

<u>Defensive Driving (8 hours):</u> The course is designed by the National Traffic Institute. The course will cover techniques for defensive driving to enhance the driver's awareness while on the road. Attended by Tucker.

<u>Cell Block Survival (8 hours):</u> The course is designed to address the realities of working in a jail or correctional environment and enhance officer safety. Attended by Officer Vasquez.

<u>Missing and Exploited Children (8 hours):</u> This course is mandated for intermediate license certificate, course covers basic overview of trends and background information relevant for a first responder or investigator responding to a missing or exploited child report. Attended by Officer Sierra.

<u>Legislative Updates (85<sup>th</sup> 4 hours):</u> The course offers the mandated updates from the 85<sup>th</sup> Legislature which have significant application to state laws. Additionally, selected recent Supreme Court decisions are covered to aid officers in the field. Attended by officer Casillas, Rosas, and JC. Rodriguez.

<u>Intermediate Use of Force (16 hours):</u> This is a required course for Intermediate Peace Officer Certificate. Attended by officers Sierra and Gonzalez.

**T.A.P.E.I.T (24 hours):** The course promotes professional education, laws, rules and guidelines for maintaining the integrity, chain of custody, and disposal of property and evidence. Required certification for evidence technician. Attended by Nieto and Ortega.

**TOTAL TRAINING HOURS FOR THE MONTH: 252 hours** 

Respectfully Submitted,

Mike McConnell Chief of Police



# **Citation Offense Count By Stop Type**

Number of TRAFFIC Offenses (for *ALL*)	537
Number of CITATIONS	479
Speeding (11-20 Miles Over) (3001B)	98
No Drivers License (3103)	69
Fail to Maintain Financial Responsibility (3049)	. 51
Speeding (1-10 MILES OVER) (3001A)	46
Expired Registration/Plates (3656)	41
Defective Stop Lamp(s) (3170)	30
Driving While License Invalid Under Provisions of DL Laws (3101)	15
Defective Head Lamps (3162A)	14
Ran Stop Sign/Traffic Control Device/Yield Sign (3006)	9
Fail to Display Drivers License (3263)	8
No License Plate Light (3274)	7
Fail TO Report Change of Address/Name (3264)	7
Speeding School Zone (11 - 16) (3001SB)	6
Fail to Control Speed (3050)	5
Unrestrained Child 8 YOA or Younger (3031A)	5
Speeding (21-25 Miles Over) (3001C)	4
Expired Drivers License (3259)	4
Failed to /Signal Intent to Turn (3097)	4
Defective Tail Lamp(s) (3167)	3
Speeding School Zone (1 -10 Miles Over) (3001SA)	3
Failed to Yield Right of Way (3005C)	3
Operate Motor Vehicle Displaying Insigni a Assigned to Another M/V (3666)	2
Speeding (26 + Miles Over) (3001D)	2
Failed to Yield R.O.W. at Stop intersection (3005D)	2
Operate Unregistered Motor Vehicle (3668)	2
Cut Across Driveway/Private Property to Make Turn (3081)	2

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Improper Turn/Illegal Turn (3014)	2
Drove without Lights (When Required) (3198)	2
Open Container (3323)	2
Violate DL Restriction (3106)	2
Public Intoxication (1220)	2
Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages Near a School (2010)	2
Possession of Alcohol By Minor (3800)	2
In City parks after hours 11 p.m. to 6 a.m. (0181)	2
Use of Wireless Communication Device (0000H)	2
Parked In a Handicapped Zone/Parking - \$86.00 (9000)	1
Trnsport Loose material/Unsecure Load (3629)	1
Wrong or Obscured License Plate (3657)	1
Failed to Signal Turn/Lane Change (3096)	1
Unsafe Backing (3316)	1
Operate Motor Vehicle Without License Plate or with One License Plate (3667)	1
Animal Not Confined (0016)	1
Speeding School Zone 17 + Miles (3001SC)	1
Ran Red Light (3007)	1
Criminal Mischief/ Under \$100 (1000)	1
Failed to Yield at Yield Intersection (3053)	1
Following Too Closely (3017)	1
Fail to Maintain Financial Resp. 2nd Offense (3025)	1
Obstructed View Through Windshield (3132)	1
Equipment/Missing or None (3627)	1
Fail to Stop Designated Point/ Marked Stop Line (3060)	1
Animal Nuisance/Biting or Injuring Any Aminal or Person (0015)	1
Drove Wrong Side of Road (3015F)	1
No commercial Drivers License (CDL) (3301)	1
Number of WARNINGS	58

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Speeding (11-20 Miles Over) (3001B)	14
Fail to Maintain Financial Responsibility (3049)	9
Speeding (1-10 MILES OVER) (3001A)	9
Ran Stop Sign/Traffic Control Device/Yield Sign (3006)	4
Expired Registration/Plates (3656)	3
Defective Stop Lamp(s) (3170)	3
Fail to Display Drivers License (3263)	2
Defective Head Lamps (3162A)	2
Fail TO Report Change of Address/Name (3264)	2
Parked in Prohibited Area - \$46.00 (3553)	1
Defective Tail Lamp(s) (3167)	1
No Drivers License (3103)	1
No License Plate Light (3274)	1
Unrestrained Child 8 YOA or Younger (3031A)	1
Drove without Lights (When Required) (3198)	1
Fail to Stop Designated Point/Has View of Approaching Traffic (3060)	1
Turned Left from Wrong Lane (3011)	1
Fail to Control Speed (3050)	1
Failed to /Signal Intent to Turn (3097)	1

Number of PARKING Offenses (for *ALL*)	3
Number of CITATIONS	3
Parked in Prohibited Area - \$46.00 (3553)	1
Parked Double - \$46.00 (3284)	1
Parking/Standing w/i 15 Ft of Fire Hydrant - \$46.00 (3569)	1

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