



# Horizon City Police Department

## Monthly Activity Report

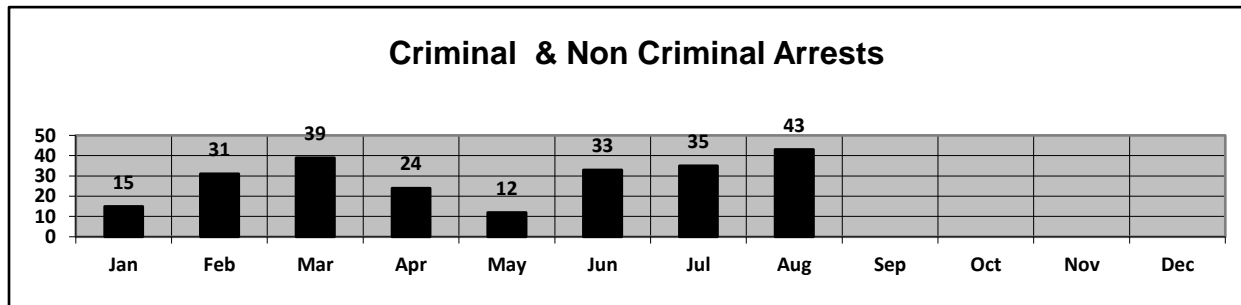
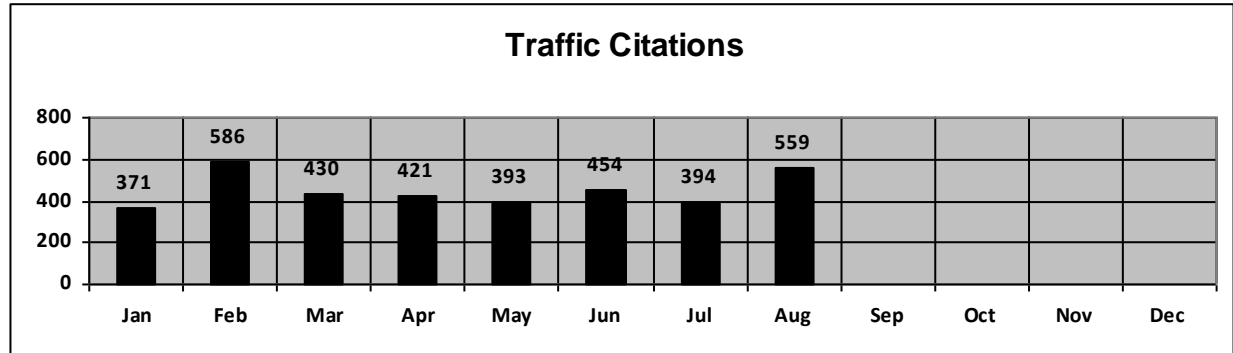
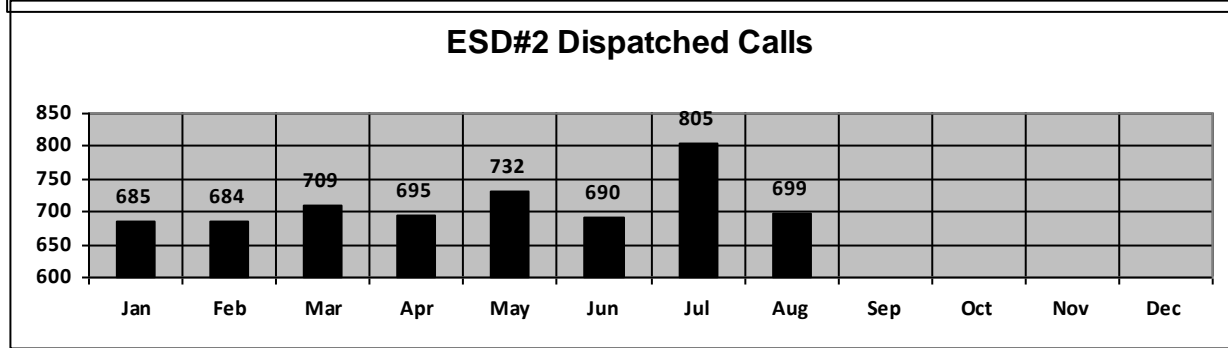
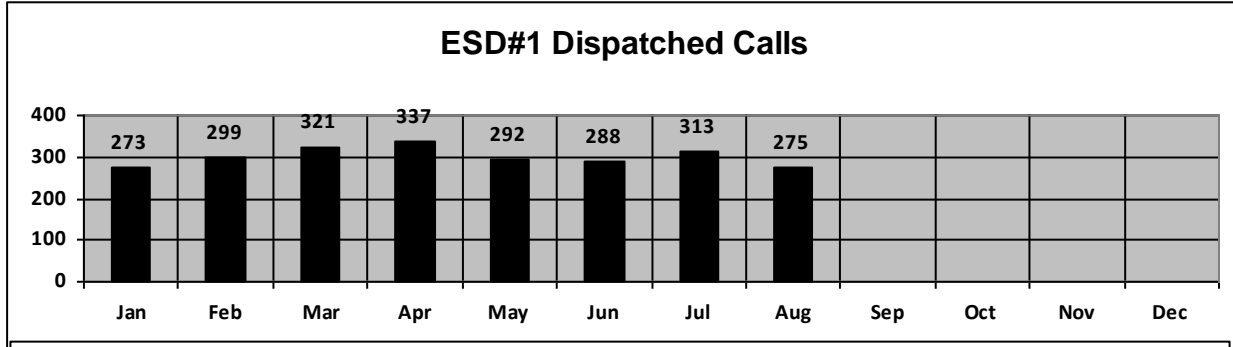
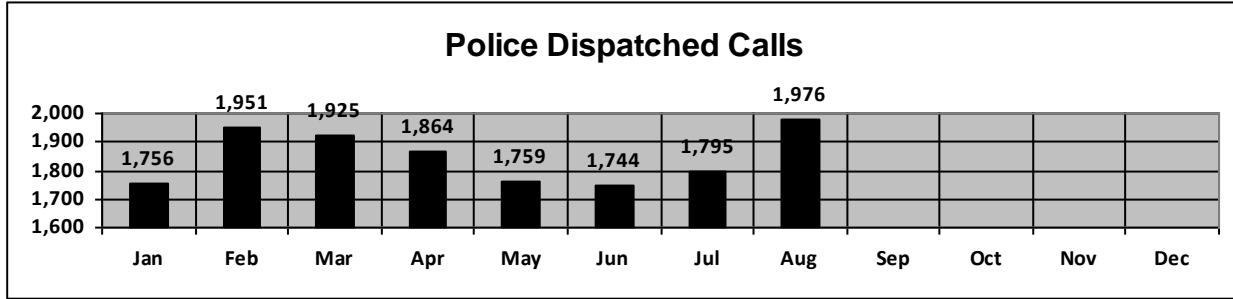
Chief of Police, Michael G. McConnell, Ph.D.

August, 2016

Description	Number	
	This Month	Last Month
Traffic Citations	559	394
Traffic Warnings	60	33
Parking Tickets	0	7
Investigations – Cases assigned	24	21
Investigations – Cases cleared	33	15
Investigations – Cases remaining open	10	7
Criminal & Non-Criminal Arrests	43	35
Traffic accidents	19	25
Police Calls for Service Reported to Dispatch	1,976	Year to date – 14,770
Fire Calls for Service Reported to Dispatch	974	Year to date – 8,097

### ITEMS OF INTEREST

- The negotiating team continued to meet with the Police Officers Association regarding the collective bargaining agreement. All items have now been tentatively agreed upon and will be presented to City Council for approval.
- Chief McConnell attended the groundbreaking ceremony for the new El Paso County 911 District Call Center.
- Chief McConnell hosted a pool party for the Police Explorer Post in appreciation of their assistance with the Movies in the Park Program.
- The department received a security audit from the Texas Department of Public Safety concerning computer network and facility security. We have been advised that our agency passed the audit.
- The El Paso County 911 District paid for the installation of a large capacity UPS system that keeps all of our phones, servers, and radios operational during the time it takes for the generator to start producing power upon a power failure. We appreciate this welcomed improvement to our communications system. The cost of this improvement was \$26,000 dollars.
- Chief McConnell and Communications Coordinator Angelica Chairez met with members of the El Paso County Office of Emergency Management concerning the methods that can be used to notify the public in emergency situations. This conversation was in a response to the recent “boil water” issue with the HCMUD recently. We are awaiting training and some other technical modifications in order to place this program in place. Soon, Chief McConnell will meet with officials of HCMUD for an explanation as to how this system works.



### COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION



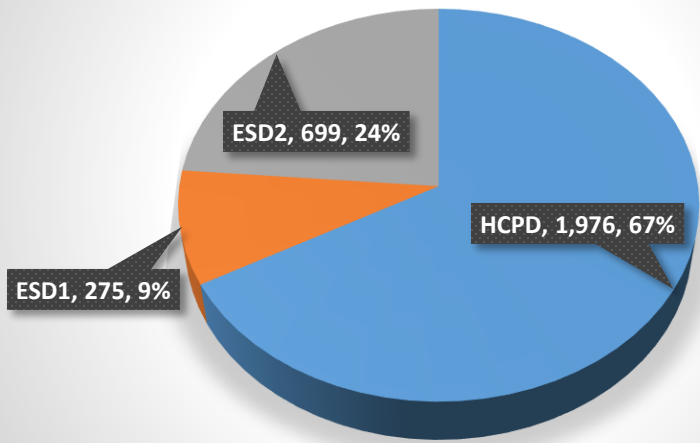
Communications dispatched a large barn fire in the area of Tornillo that resulted in a response of twenty two fire apparatuses. There were three dispatchers working at the time of the fire. A dispatcher answered the emergency calls that at first were reports of black heavy smoke then of a barn on fire. A second dispatcher handled the calls for service that were in progress, and the third dispatcher dispatched the structure fire which is done on a separate channel. Structure fires require a dispatch to the three surrounding fire departments. The first units on scene advised the barn was fully engulfed and it took twenty two units from Clint, Fabens, Horizon, and Socorro fire department along with four fire marshals to assist in extinguishing the fire. No one was injured and the duration to extinguish the fire took two hours. The dispatchers did an excellent job of multi-tasking dispatching twenty two units, answering emergency phone calls, and working as a team.

The Chief of Police and Communications Coordinator met with staff from the City of El Paso Office of Emergency Management (OEM) to discuss future procedures for emergency notifications. It was decided to add emergency response groups from Horizon City to a paging system known as Everbridge that communications uses to inform any details pertaining to the emergency. The Communications Coordinator also attended the ESD1 and ESD2 Commissioner Meeting to provide a monthly communications report and take note of any changes and/or upcoming events. A shift supervisor and Communications Coordinator met with administrative personnel and other supervisors within the police department to discuss current procedures and each division's current agendas.

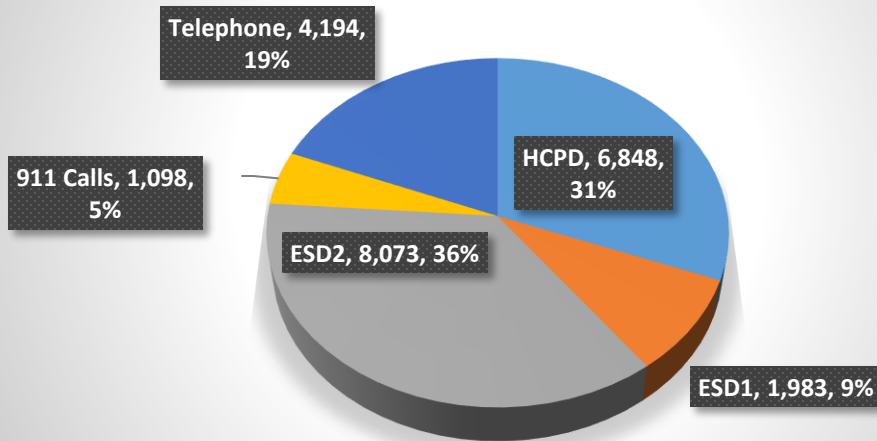
Communications experienced a change in staff. The shift supervisor for the evening shift resigned and all dispatchers were given the opportunity to apply for the open position. The Communications Coordinator, morning shift supervisor, and a Sergeant interviewed the candidate who qualified to be the next supervisor. The Chief of Police finalized the process and announced the candidate is now the new evening shift supervisor. A dispatcher has also resigned to work with a federal agency in their

communications division. There are currently openings for two full time positions. The latest trainees have completed their first month in training and have begun dispatching over the air.

### CAD Call Numbers Assigned



### Radio/Phone Traffic Voice Recordings Compared by Activity



## COMMUNITY POLICING

### Crime Prevention/ Community Outreach

During the month of July the Horizon City Police Department continued preparations for the annual National Night Out event. Preparations include budgeting sponsor contributions and reaching out to area law enforcement and first responder agencies as well as businesses whose owners enjoy supporting the event. The media promotional campaign is also under construction to ensure a large number of attendees as National Night Out is a perfect opportunity to provide the public with crime prevention information in addition to the family fun events planned. Horizon City celebrates National Night Out on the first Tuesday of October (10/04/2016).

Prospective major sponsors of National Night Out include:

ALLSTATE Insurance - Jorge Piñon Agent  
STATE FARM Insurance - Arleen Beard Agent  
FARMERS Insurance - Elizabeth Rayas Agent  
Express Employment Professionals & Express Cleaning Professionals  
Sports Clips  
Whataburger

### HCPD Police Explorer Program

The HCPD Police Explorers continued their monthly meetings training and building their skills via scenario-based training. During these scenarios, role players act as victims, offenders, and sometimes injured parties. During the Month of August, the explorer cadets were trained in customer care, traffic control, and fingerprint taking skills as they will be assisting with park security, parking and conducting child safety fingerprinting activities during Horizon City's National Night Out 2016 event.

### Evidence

Approximately 2500 items have been inventoried in our new evidence room. The items are now being entered into our Report Management System for chain of custody records purposes.

### Movies in the Park 2016

Our movies in the park program ran smoothly since its start in June, and its conclusion on August 6th. There were no cancelled shows. The final movie of the 2016 season was "Maleficent".

### MAJOR MOVIES IN THE PARK SPONSORS:

Household Furniture  
Express Employment Professionals/XPRESS Cleaning Professionals  
Farmers Insurance - Elizabeth Rayas Agent  
Dr. Dyer Family Dental "Where you are always treated like family"  
Hakes Brothers "Own the Home You Love"  
Taekwondo EDGE

## CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS

In March 2016, Detectives received a package from El Paso County Sheriff's Office addressed to Detective Bruce Campbell. When the package was reviewed Detectives found the package belonged to Retired El Paso Police Department Detective Bruce Campbell. The package was hand delivered to Retired Detective Campbell who revealed its contents to Detectives. The package was a letter from a case he worked on over ten years ago. It was from the mother of three children who had been abused and had overcome their ordeal. Retired Detective Campbell was very grateful to Detectives for finding him and delivering such a heartwarming letter.

Detectives served numerous subpoenas around the City of El Paso, County of El Paso, City of Socorro and Town of Horizon City for the Horizon City Municipal Court.

Detectives completed seven backgrounds for Police Officer Reserves and Communications Specialists. Backgrounds consist of neighborhood canvas, meeting with previous employers, telephone and/or face-to-face meetings with the applicants' personal and professional references.

Cases received for the month of August were possession of child pornography, burglary of habitation, theft, sexual assault, criminal mischief, arson, and fraud.

## EMPLOYEE TRAINING

**In-Service Training on Taser Recertification (1hour):** Officers will be able to identify when a Taser should be used when dealing with a subject before utilizing deadly force. Officers will become familiar with the Taser affects, components and their functions. Attended by officers M. Casillas, J. Crespo, J. Nunez, S. Braziel, V. Vasquez

**In-service Training on Consular notification and Biased Based Policing (1 hour):** Training widens Law Enforcement awareness and compliance with treaties and legal obligations on consular notifications and access in the United States. Second topic covers legal aspects and department's policy on biased based policing / racial profiling. Attended by officers R. Jacobo, G Rosas, V. Vasquez, J. Crespo, G. Archer, C. Zeiger, G. Rodriguez and S. Braziel.

**Child Safety (4 hours):** The child safety check list is a method for Child Protective Services to report the names of children and their legal guardians who they are attempting to locate for the purpose of investigating allegations or providing services. Attended by officer's S. Braziel, M. Nieto

**Training by the District Attorney's Office on Case submission (5 hours):** Course covers various topics and concerns that the Assistant District Attorney's Office has with case presentations. Topics include how to draft affidavits, focus on presentations, Stand on its own documents and cutting and pasting. Attended by officers V. Vasquez, G. Archer, C. Zeiger, G. Rodriguez, S. S. Braziel, R. Jacobo, G. Rosas

**Crime Scene Investigation Intermediate (32 hours):** Course will teach officers how to process a crime scene, starting from the arrival on securing the scene, photographing, lifting latent prints to picking up evidence. Attended by officers E. Delgadillo, J.C Rodriguez, N. Hernandez, and M. Nieto

**Intermediate Child Abuse Prevention (24 hours):** The course is designed to provide students with a better understanding of the legal aspects and investigations of child abuse and neglect. Attended by officers J. Crespo, J. Nunez, E. Delgadillo, G. Rodriguez, N. Hernandez, V. Vasquez, M. Nieto

**Legislative Updates (8 hours):** Course offers the Legislative mandated legislative updates from The 84<sup>th</sup> Legislature which have significant applications of state laws. Most recent Supreme Court decisions are covered to aid officers in the field. Attended by officers S. Braziel and M. Nieto

***TOTAL TRAINING HOURS FOR THE MONTH: 424 hours***

Respectfully Submitted,



Mike McConnell  
Chief of Police