



Horizon City Police Department

Monthly Activity Report
Chief of Police, Michael G. McConnell, Ph.D.

December, 2015

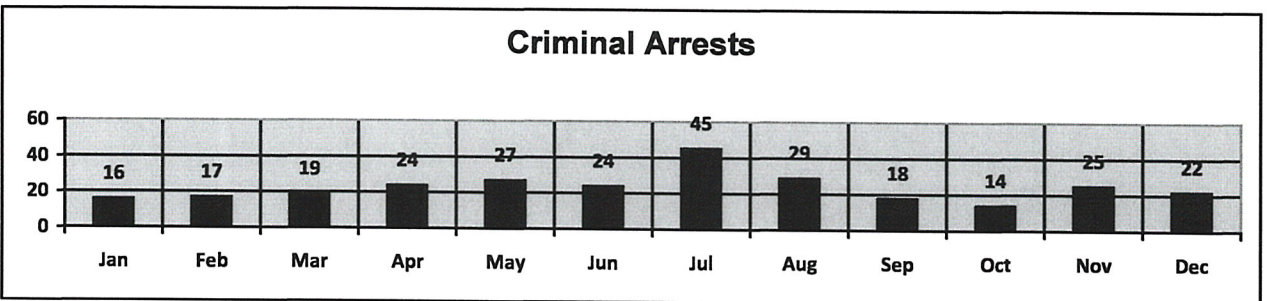
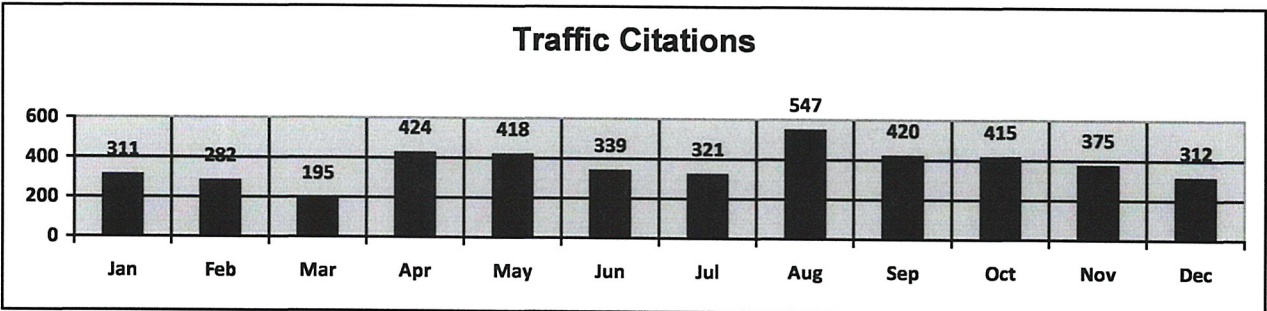
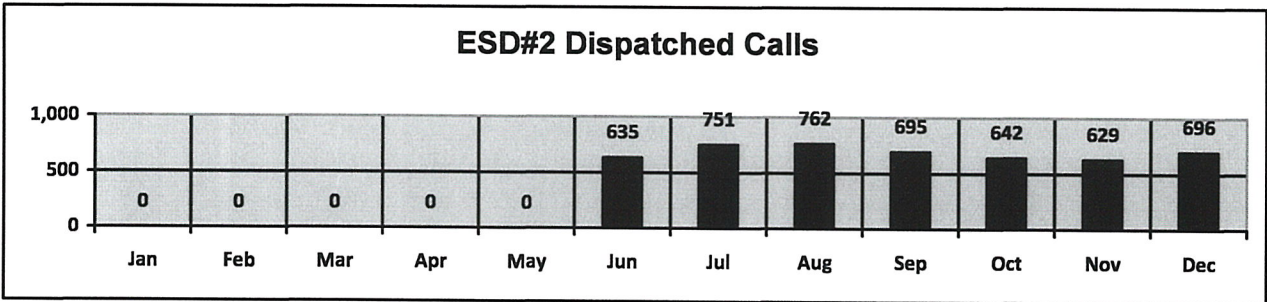
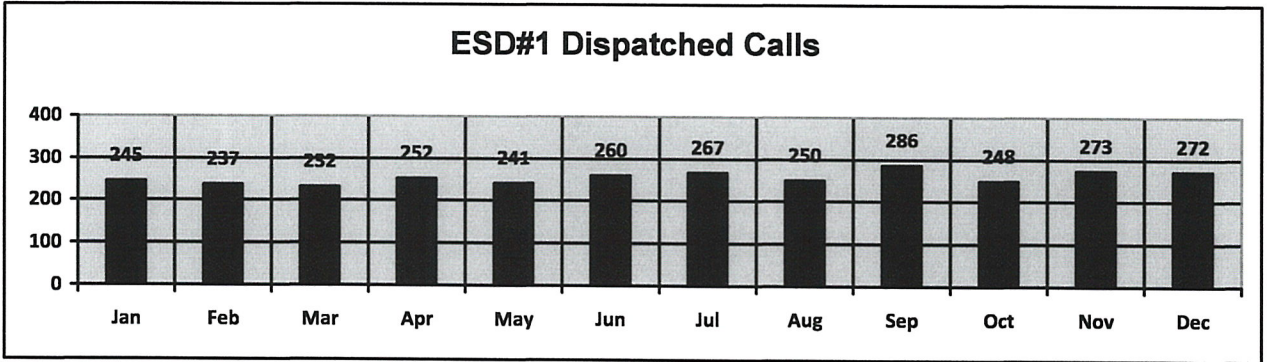
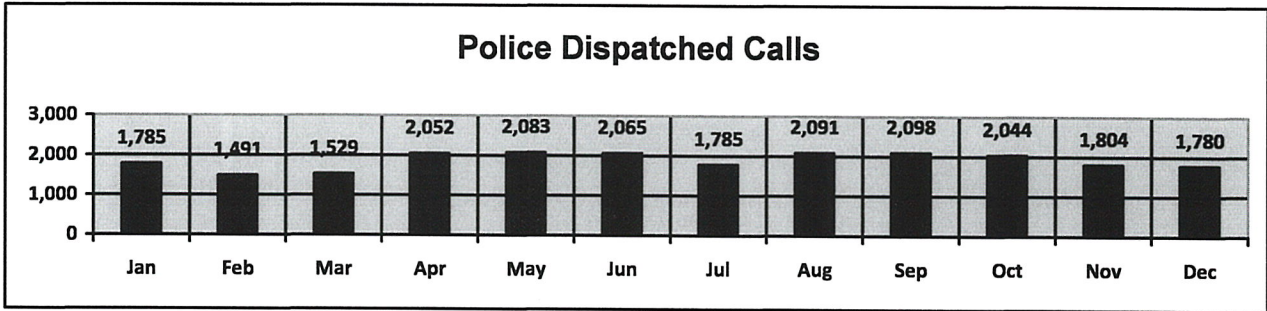
Description	Number	
	This Month	Last Month
Traffic Citations	312	375
Traffic Warnings	38	40
Parking Tickets	71 ¹	63
Investigations – Cases assigned	12	10
Investigations – Cases cleared	13	13
Investigations – Cases remaining open	9	16
Criminal Arrests	22	9
Total Schools Calls	4	18
Traffic accidents	22	25
Police Calls for Service Reported to Dispatch	1,780	Year to date – 22,576
Fire Calls for Service Reported to Dispatch	968	Year to date – 7,380

ITEMS OF INTEREST

- Chief McConnell attended the following meetings:
 - ✓ Chief McConnell was appointed as the Chair of the EPCC Law Enforcement Training Academy Advisory Board at the December meeting.
 - ✓ Attended the EPCC law enforcement graduation as part of my duties as the board chair.
 - ✓ Attended a meeting at the County Courthouse concerning our support of the El Paso County Sheriff's Department effort to remain accredited with CALEA.²
 - ✓ Chief McConnell served as a parade float judge at the Christmas parade.
 - ✓ The department provided logistics and traffic control for the annual Christmas parade.

¹ The majority of parking citations are generated through Code Enforcement.

² <http://www.calea.org/content/what-calea>



COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION



The communication division continues to pursue their duties with determination to provide the public with the appropriate resource(s) to all calls for service. Among the many calls for service the division received, some of the emergency calls included a burglary of habitation in progress, a motor vehicle accident with injuries, and structure fires. The division participated in online training for Human Trafficking. The newest dispatcher attended training for medical and fire services. The communication coordinator attended an ESD1 Commissioner meeting with Chief McConnell. A communication report was relayed to the board and the division's budget was discussed.

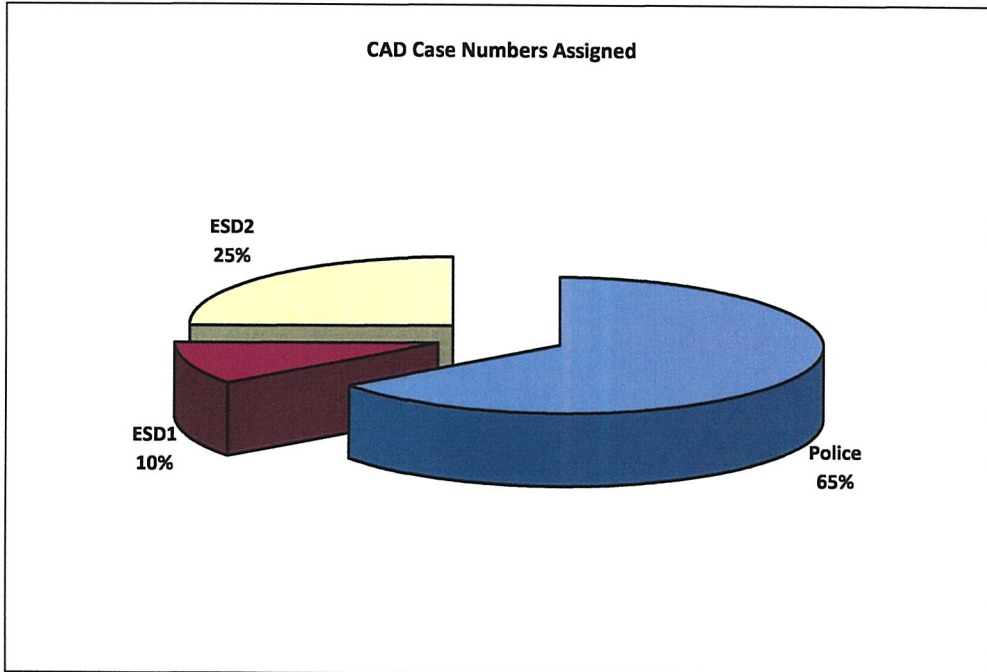
On December 22, 2015, communications received a call from a homeowner advising an unknown subject was attempting to break into his home. Within the minute the call was received, the dispatcher had two units responding while the call taker received additional information. The call taker was able to provide the necessary information needed for officer safety and was able to keep the caller on the line for descriptors of the subject. Officers arrived on scene within three minutes. The dispatcher remained calm while clearing the air using emergency traffic until the officers advised they had the subject in custody and the caller was unharmed. In this type of incident, it is required that the call taker remains calm while collecting the information necessary for dispatch and keep the caller focused. The dispatcher needs to remain calm over the air to keep officers focused and sound clear when relaying the caller's comments. The call taker uses techniques provided in stress management courses to provide pre arrival assistance. This course is vital to keep the caller safely away from subject(s). In addition, the dispatcher can advise the caller to go to a safe place, ask for descriptors of the subject, ask where the subject is, and/or if any vehicles were at the scene.

On December 17, 2015, communications received a call transfer reference a motor vehicle accident involving a motorcycle and SUV. The call's initial comments were provided by El Paso 911 call takers. They advised the driver of the motorcycle was trapped under the SUV. Within a minute of receiving the call, the police dispatcher dispatched two police units. The Horizon City Fire Department dispatcher paged the Horizon City Fire Department and requested an ambulance to be dispatched by the El Paso Sheriff's Office communication division. Police units were on scene two minutes after dispatch. The police dispatcher has to be able to distinguish that this type of incident would require more than one officer responding to provide traffic control, preserve the scene, and assist in gathering information. A total of three police units were on scene. The Horizon City Fire Department was on scene two minutes after dispatch and the dispatcher had LIFE Ambulance expedite their unit. During the call, dispatchers remain ready to contact any other resources. In this case, Special Traffic Investigators were requested and dispatched. Although the dispatchers handled different channels throughout the call, their work performance was in sync to provide an outstanding outcome.

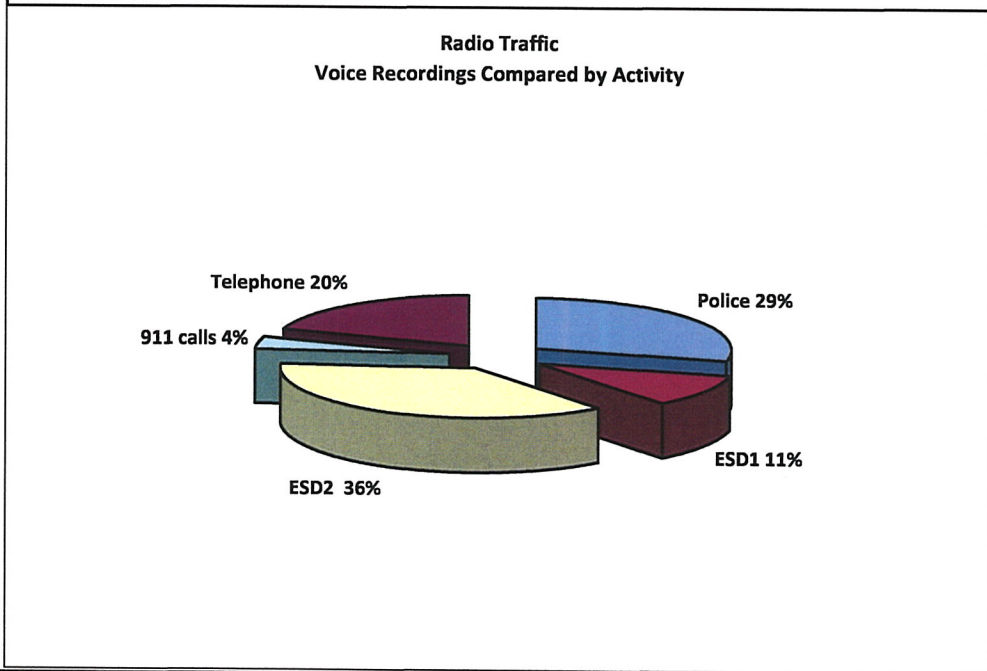
On December 03, 2015, communications received a transferred call reference to a house on fire in San Elizario. The ESD2 dispatcher paged the call within the minute it was received and had eight fire department apparatus responding. High volume of radio traffic is expected with structure fires. Therefore, dispatchers move the radio traffic to channel 2, while an additional dispatcher remains on ESD2 primary channel. At the time of dispatch, LIFE Ambulance is also requested to be ready to assist any injured parties. Once on scene, firefighters advised the dispatcher what type of structure fire would be handled and how they would be positioned around the residence. The fire was put out within ten minutes of receiving the call and no injuries were reported.

The communication supervisors met to discuss upcoming plans for the year 2016. Policies and procedures and major calls for service within the month of November were also discussed. A meeting was held with the Chief of the Horizon Fire Department to discuss structure fire calls and the terminology needed for our communication reports. The Communications Coordinator and the Chief of Police attended a Regional Agency Board Meeting along with other El Paso County 911 agencies. A monthly report was provided by the communications coordinator at the ESD2 district meeting. In addition, the Communications Coordinator participated in the Citizen's Academy instructing a class on the topic of Communications.

We are working on completing our ability to listen and patch with the El Paso Fire Department channels for situations when ESD1 and ESD2 need assistance. The division also upgraded versions for the NCIC/TCIC equipment used on a daily basis. The communications coordinator attended an NCIC/TCIC course provided by Officer J. Monicvaiz to learn how to teach the class to become an instructor for future classes.



This graph reflects actual case numbers assigned by the Computer Aided Dispatch system presented as percentage ratios.



This graph demonstrates the volume of radio traffic depicted as a ratio being generated per activity.

Crime Prevention – Community Outreach

Citizen's Police Academy

The Citizen Police Academy Class III commenced on October 26th. The class consisted of an eight week curriculum which included tours, equipment demos, and presentations by officers and personnel who specialize in their respective fields such as communications, investigations, traffic enforcement as well as an introduction to less than lethal weapons. During the use of force and weapon portion of the course, attendees participated in shoot/ don't shoot scenarios where participants had only a few seconds to make a life and death decision. The class completed their program on December 14th. Participants were presented with certificates of completion and were treated to refreshments and snacks. An added benefit of the citizen's academy was that it presented our police explorer program for an added opportunity to meet HCPD officer instructors as well as members of our community.

Social Media

The Horizon City PD official Facebook fan page was brought to "Verified" status, which will indicate to the public that the content of the page has been authorized by the HCPD and that any other page is not valid. Sgt. Mitre found that obtaining "verified" status was necessary when he discovered a fake page for the HCPD explorers on Facebook. It is extremely important for the public to be able to immediately recognize our page as official as we provide the public with news releases, traffic conditions, and incident updates. A "verified" status triggers a mechanism on Facebook which prevents a user from creating a page with the exact name as a verified page. In further regards to social media, our agency has received a 4.6 star rating from people who have visited our station or met with our officers, it should be noted that most police departments have a 3.5 rating on the average. Chief McConnell's commitment to treating our community with dignity and respect shows in this above average rating.

HCPD Police Explorers & Christmas Events

The HCPD Police Explorer Program assisted with traffic control and guest services during the 2015 Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony. The cadets also assisted with spectator control during the annual Christmas Parade as well setting up the sound production. December was also a month in which our cadets prepared for the Winter Law Enforcement Explorer skills competition which will be held in January 15, 2016.

Evidence

All items are accounted for. No discrepancies to report. In order to comply with accreditation standards, evidence management operations will be implementing new policies and practices.

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION (CID)

Detectives investigated a motor vehicle theft assigned from the patrol division. HCPD Officers responded to a vehicle theft call in Horizon City. The reporting party stated her car was stolen from her driveway of her residence without her effective consent. The vehicle was placed into TCIC/NCIC by the responding officers. Detectives were contacted a few days later by EPPD stating they had located the vehicle the date it was reported stolen. EPPD officers advised the vehicle had been involved in a motor vehicle accident and abandoned at the scene of the incident in El Paso. EPPD officers advised they had contacted reporting party and she provided them with a statement that she was the driver of the vehicle at the time of the incident and had fled the scene on foot. Based on the information received from EPPD, Detectives worked up charges against her for filing a false report to a police officer. The case is currently being reviewed by the El Paso County District Attorney's Office.

Detective Labrado conducted 2 child safety seat installation seminars.

Other cases received during the month of November were thefts, harassment, sexual assaults, burglary of vehicles, and fraud. Detective B. Campbell and Detective Labrado attended the JOIC and HIDTA meetings on a weekly basis.

EMPLOYEE TRAINING

Defensive Driving (6 hrs) : Required course for accreditation, course is designed by the National Traffic Institute. This course covers techniques for defensive driving to enhance the drivers awareness while on the road. Att. By Off. V. Vasquez, Off. J. Moncivaiz, Off. N. Hernandez

TCOLE New Training Coordinator (8hrs) : This training covers administrative rules as well as a comprehensive review of training file components and best practice samples. Att. By Sgt. A. Flores

Microsoft Word Beg. (8hrs) : Introduces the student to the functionality and basic use of Word topics include the differences of 2003 and 2007, creating formation documents, inserting images, pictures, tables etc. and creating standard forms. Att. By Det. B Campbell, Det. L. Medina

Microsoft Excel Beg. (8hrs) : Introduces the student to the functionality and basic use of Excel. Topics include explaining the ribbon, creating excel spreadsheets for job related use, as well as creating and formatting cells, workbooks, worksheets, formulas, inserting images, pictures. Att. By Det. B. Campbell, C. Luna, Det. L. Medina

PPCT Defensive Tactics Instructor (40 hrs) : Course is designed for Instructor level. It will teach the instructor Handcuffing techniques, defensive counter strikes, joint locks,

grounding techniques as well as learning and maintaining a safe learning environment.

Att. By Sgt. A. Flores, Det. A. Labrado

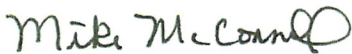
CPR Certification (4 hrs) : Students are to qualify with the basic knowledge of CPR.

Att. By Comm. J. Lozano

84th legislative Updates (4hrs) : Course will cover the new changes that effect law enforcement from the last legislative session. Att. By Sgt. M. Casillas, Det. Campbell, Det. Medina, Sgt. Mitre, Off. R. Jacobo

Total Hours for December 2015: 170 hours

Respectfully Submitted,



Mike McConnell
Chief of Police



Citation Offense Count By Stop Type

Number of PARKING Offenses (for *ALL*)	71
Number of CITATIONS	71
Parking on Front or Side Yard- \$46.00 Not a moving Violation (0093C)	50
Parked Facing Traffic - \$46.00 (3561)	12
Parking/Stopping/Standing on a Sidewalk - \$46.00 (3556)	3
Parking/Standing w/i 15 Ft of Fire Hydrant - \$46.00 (3569)	2
Parked in Prohibited Area - \$46.00 (3553)	2
Parked w/ Wheels Over 18 In From Curb/Edge of Rdwy - \$46.00 (3564)	1
Park/Stand w/ 30 Ft of A Traffic Control Device - \$46.00 (3572)	1

Number of TRAFFIC Offenses (for *ALL*)	350
Number of CITATIONS	312
Speeding (11-20 Miles Over) (3001B)	72
Speeding (1-10 MILES OVER) (3001A)	52
Fail to Maintain Financial Responsibility (3049)	29
No Drivers License (3103)	26
Defective Stop Lamp(s) (3170)	17
Expired Registration/Plates (3656)	14
Ran Stop Sign/Traffic Control Device/Yield Sign (3006)	9
Driving While License Invalid Under Provisions of DL Laws (3101)	9
Speeding School Zone (11 - 16) (3001SB)	8
Consumption of Alcohol By Minor (3803)	7
Defective Head Lamps (3162A)	6
Fail TO Report Change of Address/Name (3264)	6
Theft Under \$100.00 (1020)	5
Fail to Display Drivers License (3263)	5
Curfew (0038)	5
Failed to Signal Turn/Lane Change (3096)	4

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Citation Offense Count By Stop Type

Expired Drivers License (3259)	3
Defective Tail Lamp(s) (3167)	3
Speeding (21-25 Miles Over) (3001C)	3
Failed to /Signal Intent to Turn (3097)	3
Cut Across Driveway/Private Property to Make Turn (3081)	2
Speeding School Zone 17 + Miles (3001SC)	2
Speeding School Zone (1 -10 Miles Over) (3001SA)	2
Failed to Dim Headlights-Meeting (3155)	2
Failed to Yield Right of Way (3005C)	2
In City parks after hours 11 p.m. to 6 a.m. (0181)	2
Operation of Vehicle by New State Resident (0001)	2
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia (2100)	1
Public Intoxication (1220)	1
Unrestrained Child 8 YOA or Younger (3031A)	1
Fail to Get a Texas CDL After 30 Days of Residence in This State (3303)	1
Wrong Side of Road- Not Passing (3091)	1
Fail to Stop Designated Point/ Marked Stop Line (3060)	1
Consumption of Alcohol (Deferred) (3903)	1
Possession of Alcohol By Minor (3800)	1
Minor In Possession of Tobacco Products (0055)	1
Speeding (26 + Miles Over) (3001D)	1
Display Unclean License Plates/Obstrcted (3658)	1
Improper Turn/Illegal Turn (3014)	1
Number of WARNINGS	38
Fail to Maintain Financial Responsibility (3049)	7
Speeding (1-10 MILES OVER) (3001A)	7
No License Plate Light (3274)	4
Speeding (11-20 Miles Over) (3001B)	4
Expired Registration/Plates (3656)	3

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Citation Offense Count By Stop Type

Ran Stop Sign/Traffic Control Device/Yield Sign (3006)	3
Defective Tail Lamp(s) (3167)	2
Disregard Police Officer (3121)	1
Failed to /Signal Intent to Turn (3097)	1
Failed to Signal Turn/Lane Change (3096)	1
Change Name/Mailing Address Later Than 30 Days (CDL) (3302)	1
No Drivers License (3103)	1
Defective Head Lamps (3162A)	1
Failed to Yield R.O.W. at Stop intersection (3005D)	1
Illegal Pass on Right (3020)	1

CNTYFD Monthly Count Of Calls

EI Paso 911 CAD Reports

Report Date: 1/1/2016 12:00:00 AM

Report Date From: 12/1/2015 0:00

Report Date To: 12/31/2015 23:59

Count of CNTYFD Calls: 968

Count of all Events

County Fire Dept Detailed	
CLFD	53
FAFD	89
HCFD	272
MVFD	91
SCFD	220
SEFD	99
WVFD	144

272 - ESD 1
696 - ESD 2

HCPD Monthly Count
Of Calls

El Paso 911 CAD Reports

Report Date: 1/1/2016 2:00:27 AM

Report Date From: 12/1/2015 00:00:00

Report Date To: 12/31/2015 23:59:59

Count of PD Calls: 1780