

Horizon City Police Department

Monthly Activity Report

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



June, 2014

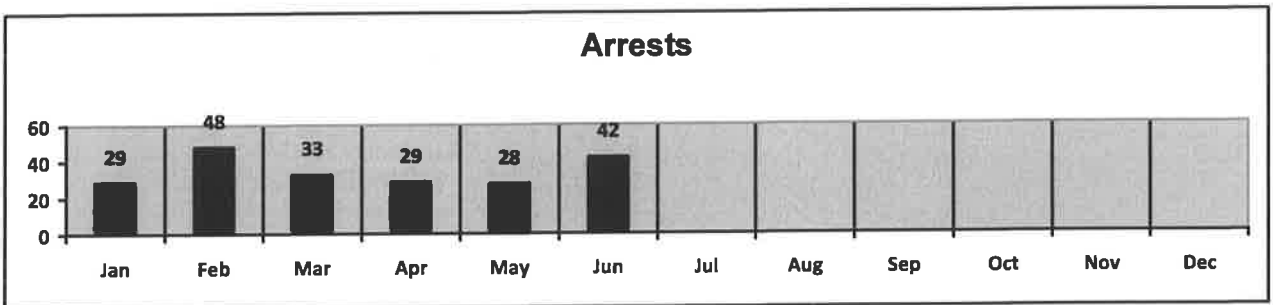
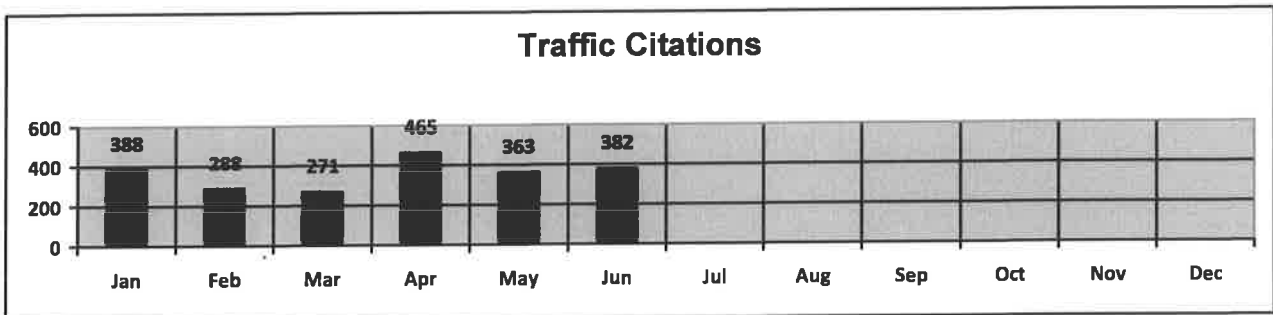
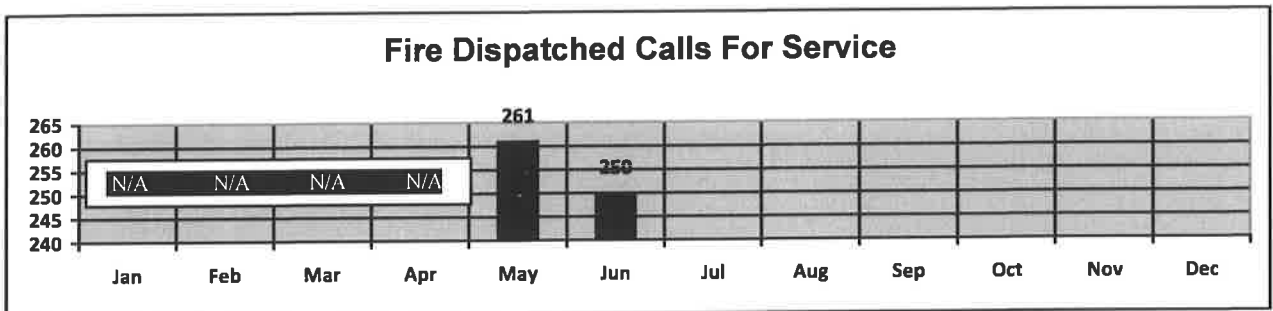
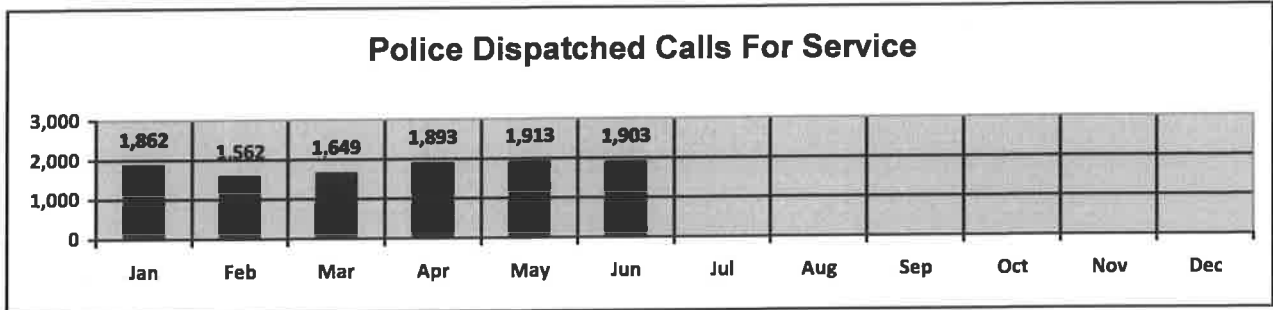
Description	Number	
	This Month	Last Month
Traffic Citations	382	363
Traffic Warnings	64	44
Parking Tickets (this is mostly code enforcement)	29	29
Investigations – Cases assigned	14	10
Investigations – Cases cleared	13	10
Investigations – Cases remaining open	28	27
Criminal Arrests	42	28
Total Schools Calls	20	16
Traffic accidents	15	20
Police Dispatched Calls for Service	1,903	Year to date – 10,789
Fire Dispatched Calls for Service	250	Year to date – 511

Items of Interest

Chief McConnell attended the following meetings:

- Attended a meeting regarding grants at the Rio Grande Council of Governments
- Met with the Director of the Law Enforcement Training Academy regarding training options
- Attended an awards breakfast put on by the Eastlake Lions Club.
- Attended an El Paso 911 District regular meeting
- The police department is making progress on switching over to digital P-25. By the next report time, this project should be complete. The process is anticipated to provide improvement on police communications in Horizon City.

Comparison Charts



Communications Division

During the month of June, some of our dispatchers participated in ride-alongs with the fire department in order to better understand what they are doing when they are out in the field. The dispatchers responded with FD to accidents and medical calls. Knowing what they are dealing with helps us better assist the fire department with their requests. We will continue to have dispatchers ride with the fire department to keep abreast of any changes in procedures that the department may have.

Towards the end of the month, our communications coordinator attended the Commissioner's meeting at the Horizon Fire Department and learned that FD is working on adding an intercom system to the building so that when we dispatch our transmissions will be heard throughout the building. We also received some information on one of the medical helicopters (Border RAC) that provides service to our area. Our communications coordinator has requested to be added to their email group in order to attend any informative meetings they hold.

Crime Prevention – Community Outreach

Explorers

During the month of June the Police Explorer Program maintained membership numbers. Cadet training for the month of June centered on radio communication. The explorer cadets purchased walkie-talkie radios to communicate more effectively while at the Movies in the Park functions. The cadets practiced their communications skills and have modeled their procedure after the Horizon City Police Department. During the week of June 28 performance, the cadets on one end of the park were able to track down a wandering child who had nearly made it to the Oz Glaze Senior Center play areas.

Community Policing

The fall 2014 Citizen Police Academy is in the planning stages. Also, basic planning steps to the National Night Out event are underway.

Movies in the Park

The Horizon City Movies in the Park program began as of June 7th with much success and has seen increasingly rising numbers in attendance. The addition of food vendors seems welcomed by the public and local sponsors have been excited about being able to have a part in such an awesome community event. New for Movies in the Park will have during the months of July and August- live music before movie events.

The remaining movies selected for this season are:

- July 12 Monster University
- July 19 Fast and Furious 6
- July 26 Gravity
- August 2 Man of Steel
- August 9 Despicable Me 2

- August 16 The LEGO Movie

Evidence & Property Management

During the month of April, intake of evidence has continued as usual and officers have been doing an appropriate job of preserving items and maintaining the integrity of evidence.

Criminal Investigations Division (CID)

Detectives were invited by the Horizon High School Criminal Justice Club to give a presentation about what the Horizon City Police Department Criminal Investigations Division does. The students were allowed to view the crime scene unit and participated in question and answer period which had extensive participation by the students. It was an opportunity for students to have a firsthand look at the beginning and ending stages of what an investigation consists of. Detectives were invited back to participate in the upcoming school year for additional presentations due to the response from the students and their continued interest in pursuing a career investigating crimes.

Detectives were called out to a theft just occurred at a local business. Upon reviewing the surveillance video, detectives were able to locate identifiers that lead to the positive identification and address of the subject. Further investigation revealed the subject had been involved in approximately 5 other thefts at the same location. A search warrant was executed at the home and many of the stolen items were recovered. The subject was arrested and booked at the El Paso County Detention Facility.

Detectives assisted the El Paso Community College Criminal Investigations Division in attempting to locate an electronic device stolen from a student at one of their campuses. The item's GPS locator indicated the device to be located at one of the residences in Horizon City. Their investigation is ongoing.

Detectives received a case of terroristic threat. The subject and the victim had a falling out on payment for services. The victim attempted to obtain payment for what he believed he was owed for. The subject disagreed and proceeded to threaten the victim with deadly harm via text messages and phone calls. The subject was uncooperative with law enforcement and the case was submitted to the District Attorney's office for review and final disposition.

Detectives received a call-out to a sexual assault just occurred. The victim was unable to call 911 but was able to inform individuals close to the victim to contact authorities. Detectives immediately responded and conducted an investigation throughout the night and into the early morning of the following day. Detectives conducted interviews and the victim was transported to the hospital for a medical evaluation. The investigation is ongoing.

Detectives received 3 unattended death reports. Autopsies were requested from the medical examiner's office. The investigations revealed no foul play suspected and the cases were closed.

Other cases received during the month of June were credit card abuse, illegal dumping, and duty on striking unattended vehicle, unattended death, and terroristic threat.

Detectives attended the quarterly Sexual Assault Response Team meeting and discuss how to further assist victims of such a crime. The team consists of detectives from surrounding agencies, the District Attorney's office, the Attorney General's office, STARS, and the Center against Family Violence.

Detective L. Medina and Detective B. Campbell attended the JOIC and HIDTA meetings on a weekly basis.

Employee Training

Advanced Techniques in Child Abuse (16hrs): Training provided by the Shaken Baby Alliance in understanding the medical aspects of child abuse and forensic investigative techniques. Attended by Sgt. A. Flores, Sgt. M. Casillas, Sgt. J. Ortega and Det. B. Campbell.

Effective Communication (8hrs): Covers the basic process of communication and then explore some of the more difficult communication issues that supervisors face by providing constructive and effective feedback and performance appraisal. Attended by Sgt. J. Ortega and Sgt. M. Casillas.

Total Hours for June 2014: 80 hours

Respectfully Submitted,



Mike McConnell
Chief of Police



Citation Offense Count By Stop Type

Number of TRAFFIC Offenses (for *ALL*)	446
Number of CITATIONS	382
Speeding (11-20 Miles Over)	66
No Drivers License	58
Fail to Maintian Financial Responsibility	51
Ran Stop Sign/Traffic Control Device/Yield Sign	38
Speeding (1-10 MILES OVER)	21
Driving While License Invalid Under Provisions of DL Laws	18
Expired Motor Vehicle Inspection	16
Expired Registration/Plates	13
Defective Stop Lamp(s)	9
Speeding (21-25 Miles Over)	8
Fail to Properly Restrain a Dog	7
Failed to /Signal Intent to Turn	6
Curfew	6
Theft Under \$50.00	5
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia	4
Fail to Display Drivers License	4
Expired Drivers License	4
Fail TO Report Change of Address/Name	4
Defective Head Lamps	3
Operate Motor Vehicle Without License Plate or with One License Plate	3
No Seat Belt - Driver	2
Ran Red Light	2
Speeding (26 + Miles Over)	2
Speeding School Zone (11 - 16)	2
Speeding School Zone 17 + Miles	2
Drove without Lights (When Required)	2

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Citation Offense Count By Stop Type

D.O.C. Obscene Language	2
Animal Nuisance/Animal Which Causes Frequent/Continued Noise	2
Fail to Stop Designated Point/ Marked Stop Line	2
Fail to Stop Designated Point/Has View of Approaching Traffic	1
Fail to Control Speed	1
Failed to Yield ROW to Emergency Vehicle	1
Careless Driving	1
Child (8-17) Not Secured by Safety Belt	1
Consumption of Alcohol By Minor	1
Defective Brakes	1
D.O. C. Urinating in a Public Place	1
Turned When Unsafe	1
Unregistered Business	1
Violate DL Restriction	1
Open Container	1
Public Intoxication	1
Possession of Alcohol By Minor	1
No License or Vendor Permit	1
No License Plate Light	1
Operate Unregistered Motor Vehicle	1
Operation of ATV on Public Roadway	1
Operation of Vehicle by New State Resident	1
Parent/Guardian Permitted Unlicensed Minor to Drive	1
Number of WARNINGS	64
Fail to Maintain Financial Responsibility	11
Defective Stop Lamp(s)	9
Speeding (11-20 Miles Over)	9
Defective Head Lamps	6
Expired Motor Vehicle Inspection	5

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Citation Offense Count By Stop Type

Ran Stop Sign/Traffic Control Device/Yield Sign	5
Speeding (1-10 MILES OVER)	5
No Drivers License	2
No License Plate Light	2
Fail to Stop Designated Point/Has View of Approaching Traffic	1
Failed to /Signal Intent to Turn	1
Failed to Dim Headlights - Following	1
Failed to Signal Turn/Lane Change	1
Fail TO Report Change of Address/Name	1
Expired Drivers License	1
Drove Wrong Side of Road	1
Equipment/Missing or None	1
Defective Tail Lamp(s)	1
Ran Red Light	1

Number of PARKING Offenses (for *ALL*)	29
Number of CITATIONS	29
Parking on Front or Side Yard- \$46.00 Not a moving Violation	20
Parking/Stopping/Standing on a Sidewalk - \$46.00	5
Park/Stand w/ 30 Ft of A Traffic Control Device - \$46.00	2
Parked Facing Traffic - \$46.00	1
Parked In a Handicapped Zone/Parking - \$86.00	1

Number of NON-TRAFFIC Offenses (for *ALL*)	7
Number of CITATIONS	7
Theft Under \$50.00	5
Littering/Throw/Dump/Desposit Waste Material	1
Assault	1