

# Horizon City Police Department

## Monthly Activity Report

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



October, 2014

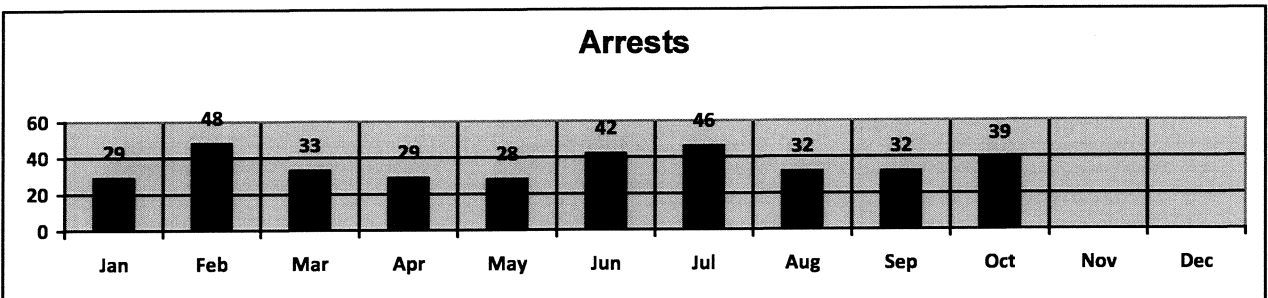
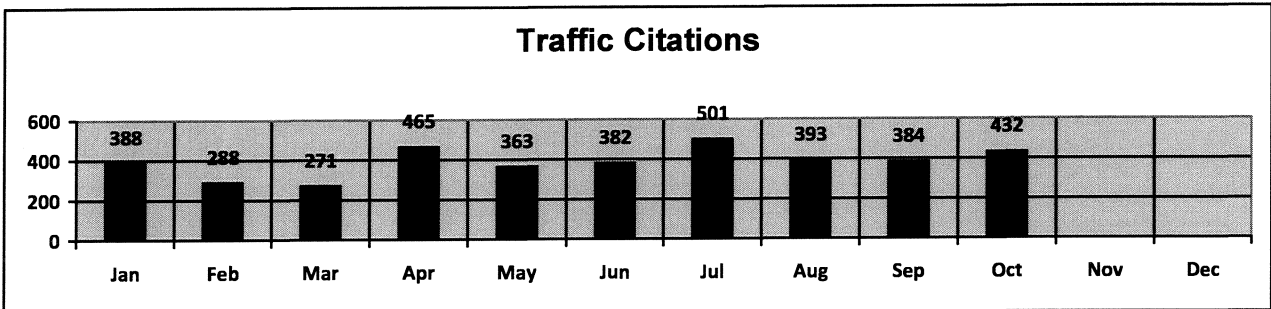
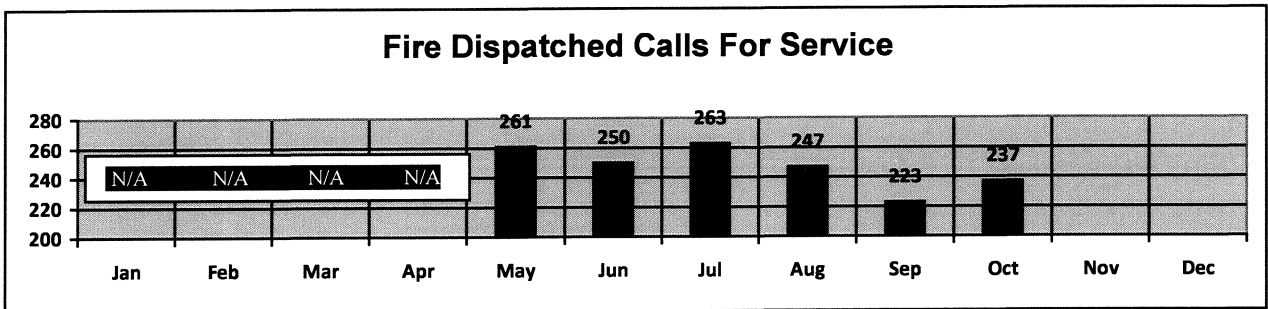
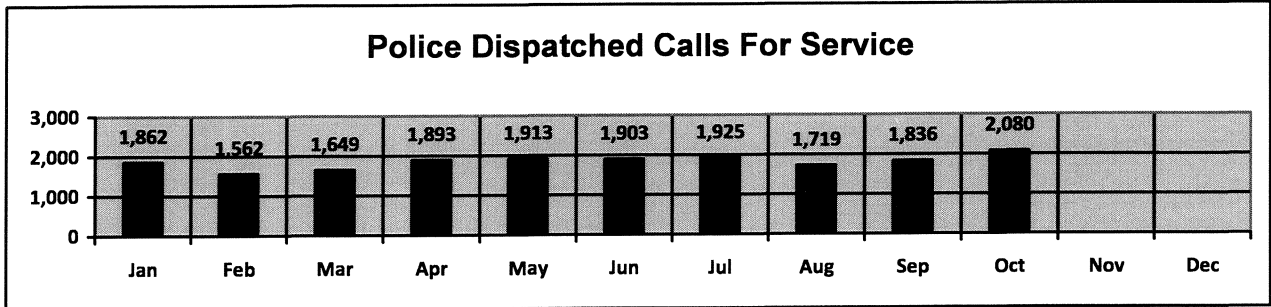
Description	Number	
	This Month	Last Month
Traffic Citations	432	384
Traffic Warnings	52	39
Parking Tickets (this is mostly code enforcement)	25	27
Investigations – Cases assigned	10	12
Investigations – Cases cleared	22	9
Investigations – Cases remaining open	17	30
Criminal Arrests	39	32
Total Schools Calls	32	34
Traffic accidents	22	20
Police Calls for Service	2,080	Year to date – 18,349
Fire Calls for Service	237	Year to date – 1,214

### Items of Interest

Chief McConnell attended the following meetings:

- The regional Law Enforcement Breakfast at Fort Bliss
- Received our annual TCOLE un-announced audit and successfully passed all the elements.
- Met with the District Attorney's office regarding moving to an electronic method of presenting our criminal cases for potential prosecution.

Comparison Charts



Communications Division

During the month of October our officers were able to use their Mobile Data Terminals again. The upgraded system makes it easier for our officers to run subjects or vehicles and put themselves out on calls such as traffic stops or when they roll up on an incident. The new system is also more user friendly. In addition to the benefits for the officers, the system now works better with the GPS in the vehicles. This helps us in dispatch to have a better idea where an officer is so that we can send the closest unit to calls in progress.

The communications section is now fully staffed. We have two dispatchers working during the second and third shifts, when our agency and the fire department tend to get the most calls. We have one dispatcher working the police channel and one dispatcher working the fire channel. Both dispatchers are able to handle incoming phone calls for service. We've also implemented a procedure for voicing fire calls in Horizon City over the police channel so that the officers are aware of all fire and medical calls in their jurisdiction.

This month we had a representative of our division attend the Commissioner's Meeting to keep abreast of any changes or updates the Horizon Fire Department has made.

Crime Prevention – Community Outreach

**Community Policing**

Community outreach activity started with a resounding bang with this year's National Night Out which was held on October 7, 2014 at Desmond "Corky" Corcoran Park. The evening started out with music, vendors, and over 2,500 people who had the opportunity to meet with the various public service agencies which participated in the event.

Event Sponsors included Farmers Insurance Elizabeth Rayas Agency, Allstate Insurance Oscar Arrieta Agency, State Farm Insurance Eileen Beard Agency, Signature Films & Photography, Horizon City Police Association, Express Employment Professionals, AB Karate, Walgreens, Vista Markets, EZ Payday Loans, Sun City Wireless, and Marina's Sweet Sensation Pastries. Food given away during the event was donated in large part by Alderman Samantha Corral and the Vista Market. The food was prepared by Crisostomo Burritos.

This year, the Fire Department and Police Department once again put themselves to the Tug of War challenge in which the HCPD defeated the HCFD. To close the event with a golden broach, a multitude of awesome door prizes was put together by event sponsors and a few lucky winners went home with new bicycles.

The purpose of NNO is to bring the community together and to build awareness about services available from law enforcement and emergency response agencies as well as services available from the sponsors of the event.

The second Citizen Academy was underway on October 27th. The class meet on Mondays from 6pm-8pm and attendees will have an opportunity to learn how the HCPD works and will have an understanding of what a police officer has to learn to earn the honor of wearing a Horizon City Police Department badge.

Sergeant Mitre conducted a drug awareness presentation at Horizon Middle School on October 30th in which students were presented factual material about the dangerous effects of drugs both prescription and illicit. Over 300 students attended the presentations.

### **Evidence**

Sergeant Mitre attended Texas Association of Property and Evidence Inventory Technicians (TAPEIT) and earned the continued evidence and property management certification which allows the department to present evidence in criminal court with integrity for successful prosecutions of criminal cases. The evidence operations of Horizon City Police Department continue without incidents or deficiencies to report.

### **POLICE EXPLORER Program**

The explorer program cadets distributed over 1,200 glow sticks to area children during trick or treating activities held on Halloween. Some explorer cadets were set up at the First Baptist Church festival while others accompanied HCPD officers in other neighborhoods conducting patrol and also distributing glow sticks. The glow sticks were provided by the Horizon City Police Association.

### **Upcoming Events**

- Sun Bowl Thanksgiving Parade
- Horizon City Christmas Parade

### **Criminal Investigations Division (CID)**

Detective Campbell and Officer Arvizu (TDY detective) received a hit confirmation on latent fingerprints lifted from the scene of a criminal mischief call that occurred at the Clint ISD vehicle maintenance building. The individual caused several thousand dollars in damages to Clint ISD vehicles parked in the lot. The hit came back to a Horizon City juvenile that had been previously detained by this agency for evading and resisting arrest. The juvenile was taken into custody from the school and referred to the Juvenile Probation Division (JPD). The case is currently awaiting trial in the juvenile court.

Officer Arvizu was able to identify an individual responsible for several deceptive practice cases in the Horizon area. The victim in the most current case was able to

positively identify the offender through a photo line-up. Officer Arvizu obtained an arrest warrant for the offender. Other cases received during the month of October were thefts, aggravated sexual assaults, firearm suicide, and indecency with a child. Detective Campbell and Officer Arvizu attended the JOIC and HIDTA meetings on a weekly basis.

### Employee Training

**State/Federal updates (4hrs):** Covers the mandated legislative updates from the 83<sup>rd</sup> Legislature which have significant applications of state laws. On line training completed by Off. Orona, Off. Mora, Off. G. Rodriguez, Off. Zeiger.

**Racial Profiling (6hrs):** TCOLE requirement, students will be able to identify the legal aspects placed on officers regarding racial profiling. Online training completed by Off. Nunez, Off. Delgadillo.


**Cultural Diversity (8hrs):** TCOLE mandated course, student will be able to identify the various dimensions of diversity. Online training completed by Off. JC Rodriguez, Off. Jacobo, Off. Crespo, Off. Rosas.

**Special Investigative Topics (8hrs) :** Provides the student with a better understanding of Texas State Laws concerning Child Abuse, CPS, sexual assaults interviews involving children and adults and mandated laws concerning registered sexual offenders. Online course completed by Off. JC. Rodriguez, Off. Delgadillo.

**Taser Recertification (3hrs):** Officers were to demonstrate use and occasions when to deploy a Taser through a course of five stations. Officers are required to recertify every year. Officers who attended, Sgt. Casillas, Sgt. Flores, Off. Crespo, Off. Jacobo, Off. JC. Rodriguez, Off. Hernandez, Off. Mora, Off. Nivar, Off. Labrado.

**Total Hours for September 2014: 103 hours**

Respectfully Submitted,



Mike McConnell  
Chief of Police



## Citation Offense Count By Stop Type

<b>Number of TRAFFIC Offenses (for *ALL*)</b>	<b>484</b>
<b>Number of CITATIONS</b>	<b>432</b>
Speeding (11-20 Miles Over)	93
No Drivers License	54
Fail to Maintian Financial Responsibility	43
Expired Motor Vehicle Inspection	34
Speeding (1-10 MILES OVER)	31
Ran Stop Sign/Traffic Control Device/Yield Sign	21
Expired Registration/Plates	19
Defective Stop Lamp(s)	15
Defective Head Lamps	15
Speeding (21-25 Miles Over)	14
Driving While License Invalid Under Provisions of DL Laws	11
Defective Tail Lamp(s)	7
Fail to Display Drivers License	7
Expired Drivers License	6
Fail to Stop Designated Point/ Marked Stop Line	5
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia	5
No License Plate Light	4
Speeding (26 + Miles Over)	4
Failed to /Signal Intent to Turn	4
Drive on a Non Truck Route	4
Fail to Stop Designated Point/Has View of Approaching Traffic	3
Theft Under \$50.00	3
Speeding School Zone 17 + Miles	3
Open Container	3
Ran Red Light	3
Fail to Control Speed	2



## Citation Offense Count By Stop Type

Speeding School Zone (11 - 16)	2
In City parks after hours 11 p.m. to 6 a.m.	2
Fail TO Report Change of Address/Name	2
Failed to Yield R.O.W. at Stop intersection	1
Failed to Yield Right of Way	1
Littering/Illegal Dumping	1
Impeding Traffic	1
Drove without Lights (When Required)	1
Drove Wrong Side of Road	1
Turned Left from Wrong Lane	1
Unrestrained Child 8 YOA or Younger	1
Use Equipment Not Authorized	1
Use of Wireless Communication Device	1
Wrong or Obscured License Plate	1
No Seat Belt - Driver	1
Noise Disturbance	1
<b>Number of WARNINGS</b>	<b>52</b>
Defective Stop Lamp(s)	9
Speeding (1-10 MILES OVER)	8
Defective Head Lamps	5
Fail to Maintian Financial Responsibility	5
Speeding (11-20 Miles Over)	4
Fail to Display Drivers License	4
Expired Motor Vehicle Inspection	3
Defective Tail Lamp(s)	3
Fail to Stop Designated Point/Has View of Approaching Traffic	2
Failed to /Signal Intent to Turn	2
Fail to Stop Designated Point/ Marked Stop Line	1
No Drivers License	1



## Citation Offense Count By Stop Type

Expired Registration/Plates	1
Speeding School Zone (1 -10 Miles Over)	1
No License Plate Light	1
No Seat Belt - Driver	1
Ran Stop Sign/Traffic Control Device/Yield Sign	1

<b>Number of PARKING Offenses (for *ALL*)</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>Number of CITATIONS</b>	<b>25</b>
Parking/Stopping/Standing on a Sidewalk - \$46.00	5
Parking on Front or Side Yard- \$46.00 Not a moving Violation	5
Illegal Parking of Large Trucks/Tractor/Trailer \$46.00	4
Parked In a Handicapped Zone/Parking - \$86.00	2
Park/Stand in Front of Public/Private Drive - \$46.00	2
Storing of Motor Vehicle - Abandoned \$139.00	2
Park/Stand/Stop Between Safety Zone and Curb - \$46.00	1
Parked Facing Traffic - \$46.00	1
Parked in Prohibited Area - \$46.00	1
Parking on Roadway - \$46.00	1
Parking/Standing w/i 15 Ft of Fire Hydrant - \$46.00	1