

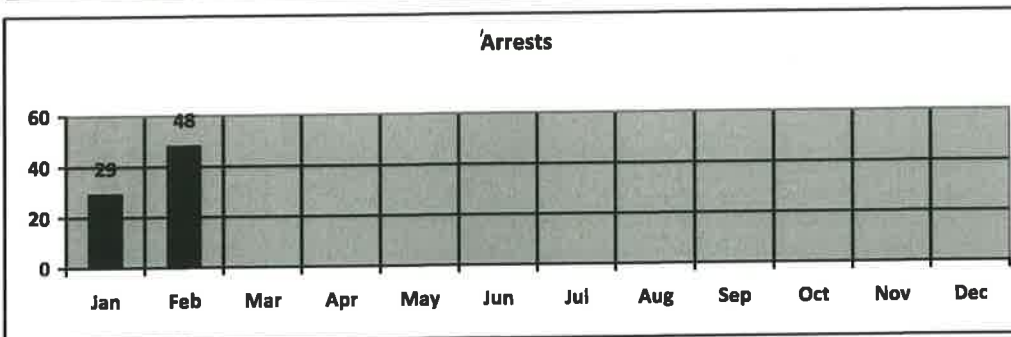
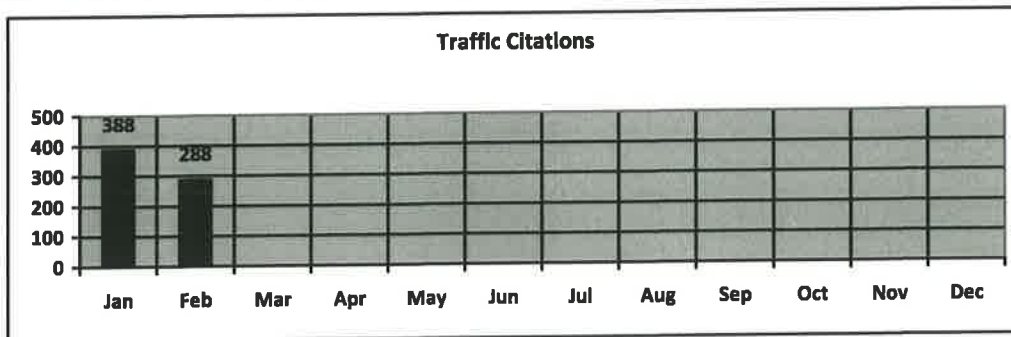
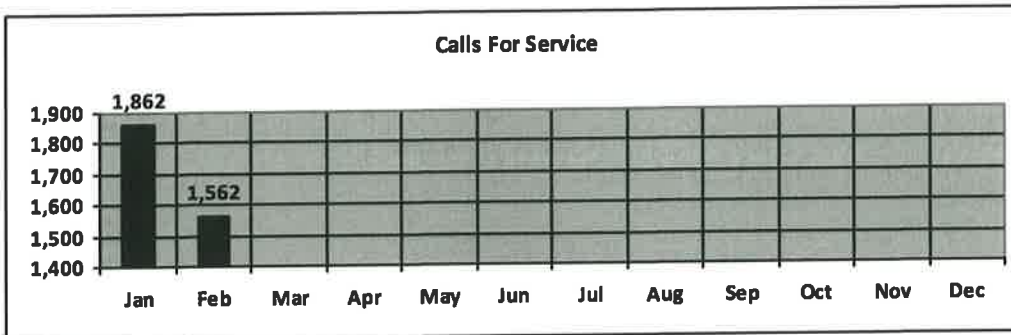
# Horizon City Police Department

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



February, 2014

Description	Number	
	This Month	Last Month
Traffic Citations	288	388
Traffic Warnings	35	39
Parking Tickets (this is mostly code enforcement)	33	62
Investigations – Cases assigned	12	12
Investigations – Cases cleared	10	12
Investigations – Cases remaining open	30	28
Criminal Arrests	48	29
Total Schools Calls	37	27
Traffic accidents	27	17
Calls For Service	1,562	Year to date – 3,424



Items of Interest

Chief McConnell attended the following meetings:

- Attended the required bi-annual training program for Texas police chiefs.
- Met with area agencies concerning the new City of El Paso P-25 VHF radio system and how we will interface with that radio system once it is completed. All users of the new radio P-25 VHF radio system (including us) will be required to pay an annual subscriber fee based on the exact number of radio units on their system. The reason for the cost is to recoup the cost of constructing the backbone system. The amount we will be paying is \$14.48 per month per radio. I anticipate the number of radios we will be subscribing to their system will be 41 units. We have no choice but to join this system. If we do not join, we will not be able to communicate with the Sheriff's Office and that is not an option. I also have inquired as to whether Code Enforcement can participate but do not have a response on this.
- Big Brother & Big Sisters came in to give a small presentation to HCPD officers on first and second shift.
- Detective Medina and Assistant Chief Rico attended the weekly Intel meeting for Border Patrol at the Ysleta Substation.
- Our arrest statistics have increased, mostly due to shoplifting cases from Wal-Mart which represented 20 cases.
- Officer Labrado installed nine new radar units in our patrol cars that we received on a grant.

Communications Division

During the month of February, the County 911 District offered CTO training to all area agencies. We were able to send one dispatcher to this training. CTO stands for Communications Training Officer. We now have an APCO certified CTO to assist with training of our future dispatchers.

In February, the communications section also began to enter posts onto the Horizon Police Department's Facebook page. Communications is in charge of running a daily report and we are using that information for our postings onto the page. It has been received well so far. We also recently began including the block numbers and street where reports are being generated.

Crime Prevention – Community Outreach

*Explorers*

During the month of February, the explorer cadets were instructed on the process of conducting a traffic stop using the 7 step violator approach. The cadets received lectures, diagrams and scenarios during which they engaged in group discussions about what approach by the officer would garner different reactions from the driver. Cadets learned that police professionalism leads to increased officer safety and almost just as importantly, a continued good relationship with the community.

Cadets finished the month with a day filled with multiple simulated traffic stops. Some of the traffic stops went from "routine" and some traffic stops, simulated a response to a felony crime in progress, such as a stolen car, or a car with a trunk-full of contraband.

*Community Policing*

The Horizon City Police Department Crime Prevention operations for this month included development of the Movies in the Park summer program which include the actual selection of movies by a movie selection committee selected by Chief McConnell and the preparation of the music preparation and the logos, text overlays, and design of the animated footage.

The movies selected for this season are:

1. June 7            Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 2
2. June 14        The Hobbit Smaug
3. June 21        Frozen
4. June 28        Hunger Games –Catching Fire
5. July 5            The Nut Job
6. July 12        Monster University
7. July 19        Fast and Furious 6
8. July 26        Gravity
9. August 2        Man of Steel
10. August 9      Despicable Me 2
11. August 16     The LEGO Movie

The HCPD website reflected a change to the Facebook operations from this point forward, adding a feed from the HCPD Facebook timeline, which will now include the "Police Blotter" a daily recap of the previous day's calls, reports, and arrests.

TIP411 is just around the corner, with a companion HCPD iPhone app on which users will be able to make contact with the HCPD to leave crime tips and see what types of crimes are occurring around them. Promotional material is being prepared to launch a campaign educating citizens on the proper use of TIP411 once the project is ready for deployment.

*Evidence & Property Management*

Throughout the month of February, various items have been purged out of holding in evidence and property which is important in managing the very limited space in the HCPD evidence room. Evidence policies have been evaluated to develop operational standards for future management and for compliance for the ongoing accreditation effort. The month of February brought several sensitive criminal cases which involved unique items of evidence. A multitude of key pieces of evidence were processed and stored in the HCPD evidence room.

Warrants Division

In February, the police department cleared or collected \$13,915.20 in past due warrants. Individuals unable to post bond or pay the fines were booked into the El Paso County Jail. Warrants officers served 36 summonses.

Criminal Investigations Division (CID)

Detectives were contacted regarding a theft case. Upon reviewing the case, detectives determined the crime to be misappropriation of fiduciary property in the amount of over \$20,000.00 under \$100,000.00. The suspect was taken into custody and booked into the El Paso County Detention Facility. Detectives and police staff along with the crime scene unit were deployed to execute four search warrants for the suspect's home and vehicles. The investigation continues.

Detectives received a call-out to assist a neighbor agency with the investigation of a sexual assault. The victim, a juvenile, stated she had been sexually assaulted by her ex-boyfriend. Witnesses were interviewed and corroborated the victim's allegations. The suspect was taken into custody and referred to the El Paso County Juvenile Detention Center. The victim was provided services from Victim advocates such as the Attorney General Victim's compensation fund and STARS.

Detectives were called out to investigate a sexual assault. Patrol officers were dispatched to conduct a welfare check on a juvenile who had been reported as a runaway. The juvenile stated she had not returned home because she had been sexually assaulted by three subjects. An investigation ensued and the three suspects were identified and arrested. Two suspects were booked into the El Paso County Detention Facility. One juvenile was detained and referred to the Juvenile Probation Department.

Detectives assisted the Department of Public Transportation CID unit with special operations and intelligence gathering.

Detectives attended the JOIC and HIDTA meetings on a weekly basis. Other cases received during the month of February were interference with child custody, theft, unattended death, assault, and ID theft.

Training

**Special Traffic Investigations (STI):** This month HCPD has initiated its STI specialized unit in which it will handle all accidents including those having the result of serious bodily injury and or death. Officers A. Arvizu, Sgt. Flores, Sgt. Campbell 40 Hours

**Texas Police Chiefs Leadership Series:** Chief McConnell attended the biannual training for police chiefs in Tyler Texas. This training is required by TCOLE as part of continued state licensing. 40 Hours

**Total Hours for February 2014: 80**

Respectfully Submitted,



Mike McConnell  
Chief of Police

Horizon City, TX PD

2/1/2014 - 2/28/2014



## Citation Offense Count By Stop Type

Number of TRAFFIC Offenses (for *ALL*)	323
Number of CITATIONS	288
Speeding (11-20 Miles Over)	50
Fail to Maintain Financial Responsibility	34
No Drivers License	33
Speeding (1-10 MILES OVER)	27
Driving While License Invalid Under Provisions of DL Laws	11
Expired Motor Vehicle Inspection	11
Fail to Maintain Financial Resp.	11
Expired Registration/Plates	8
Defective Stop Lamp(s)	8
Fail TO Report Change of Address/Name	8
Fail to Stop Designated Point/Has View of Approaching Traffic	8
Theft Under \$50.00	8
Defective Head Lamps	6
Ran Red Light	6
Ran Stop Sign/Traffic Control Device/Yield Sign	5
Speeding School Zone (11 - 16)	4
Open Container	4
Fail to Control Speed	4
Fail to Display Drivers License	4
Failed to Signal Turn/Lane Change	3
Fail to Stop-Designated Point/Crosswalk	3
Defective Tail Lamp(s)	3
Speeding (26 + Miles Over)	2
Use Equipment Not Authorized	2
Failed to /Signal Intent to Turn	2
Fail to Stop Designated Point/ Marked Stop Line	1

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## Citation Offense Count By Stop Type

Failed to Yield Right of Way	1
Failed to Yield Row Turning on Red Signal	1
Following Too Closely	1
In City parks after hours 11 p.m. to 6 a.m.	1
Littering/Illegal Dumping	1
Fail to Maintain Financial Resp. 2nd Offense	1
Fail to Comply with Requirements on Striking Unattended Vehicle	1
Disregard Crossing Guard	1
Drive on a Non Truck Route	1
Expired Drivers License	1
Consumption of Alcohol By Minor	1
Cut Across Driveway/Private Property to Make Turn	1
Violate DL Restriction	1
Wrong or Obscured License Plate	1
Speeding School Zone (1 -10 Miles Over)	1
Speeding (21-25 Miles Over)	1
Speeding School Zone 17 + Miles	1
Storing of Motor Vehicle - Unlicensed/Unregistered \$139.00	1
Unrestrained Child 8 YOA or Younger	1
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia	1
Ran Stop Sign - Operator has view of approaching traffic.	1
Parked In a Handicapped Zone/Parking - \$86.00	1
<b>Number of WARNINGS</b>	<b>35</b>
Speeding (1-10 MILES OVER)	8
Fail to Maintain Financial Responsibility	6
Defective Stop Lamp(s)	6
Speeding (11-20 Miles Over)	5
Defective Tail Lamp(s)	2
Fail to Maintain Financial Resp.	2

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## Citation Offense Count By Stop Type

Fail to Stop Designated Point/Has View of Approaching Traffic	1
Improper Turn/Illegal Turn	1
Fail to Display Drivers License	1
Expired Motor Vehicle Inspection	1
No License Plate Light	1
Obstruction of Operators View or Driving Mechanism	1

<b>Number of PARKING Offenses (for *ALL*)</b>	<b>33</b>
<b>Number of CITATIONS</b>	<b>33</b>
Parking on Front or Side Yard- \$46.00 Not a moving Violation	12
Parked Facing Traffic - \$46.00	8
Illegal Parking of Large Trucks/Tractor/Trailer \$46.00	4
Parked in Prohibited Area - \$46.00	3
Parking/Stopping/Standing on a Sidewalk - \$46.00	3
Parking on Roadway - \$46.00	1
Parked In a Handicapped Zone/Parking - \$86.00	1
Park/Stand w/ 30 Ft of A Traffic Control Device - \$46.00	1