

Horizon City Police Department

Monthly Activity Report

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



May, 2014

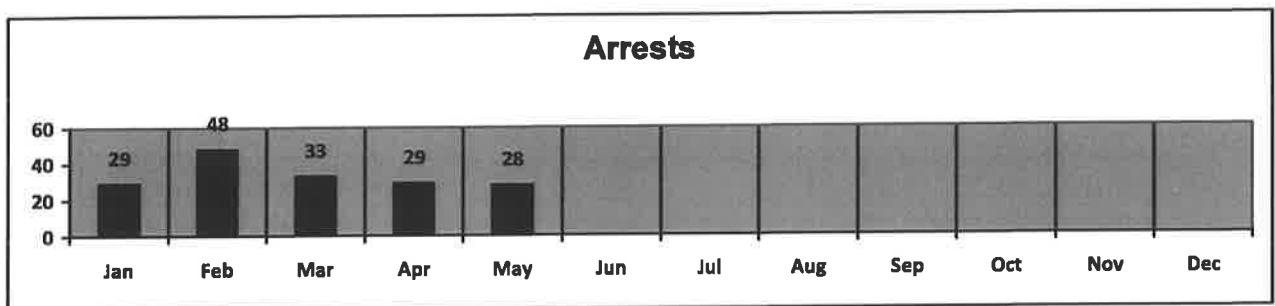
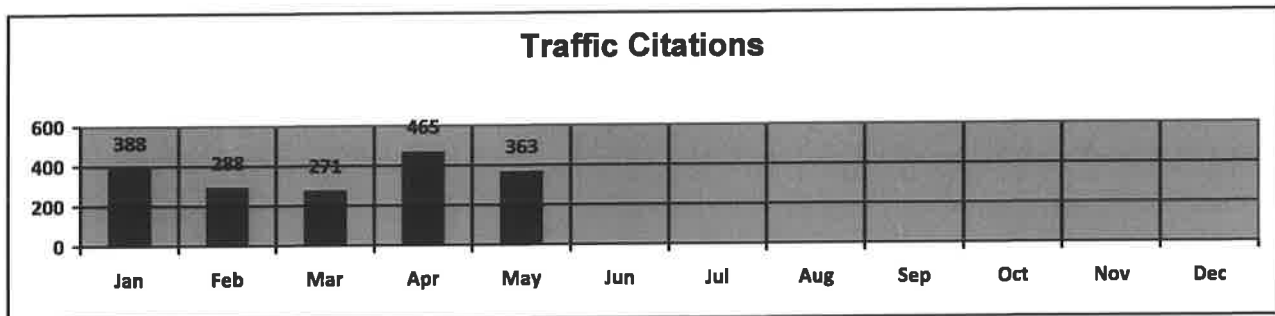
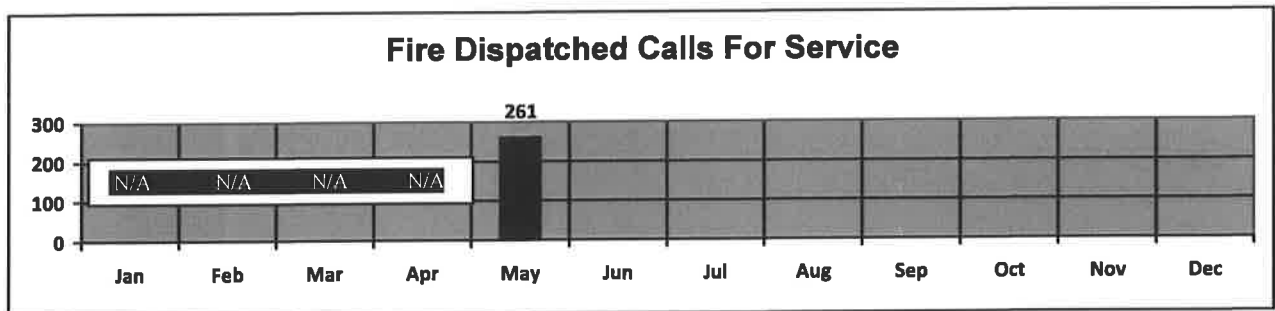
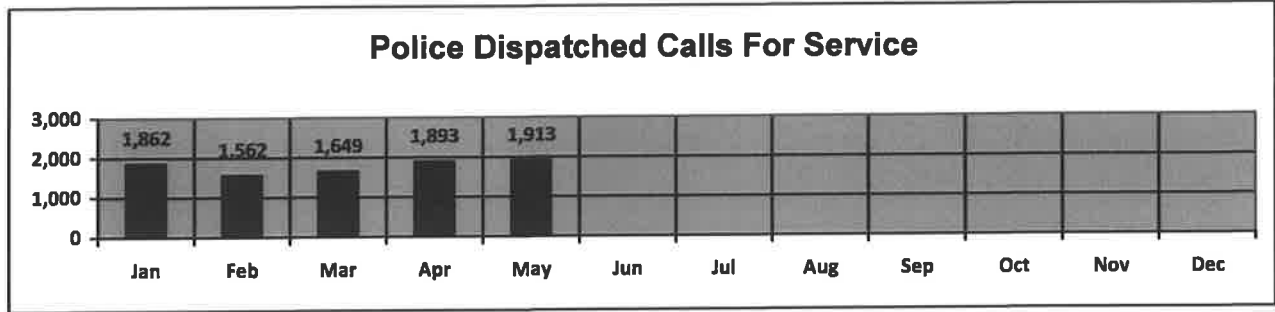
Description	Number	
	This Month	Last Month
Traffic Citations	363	465
Traffic Warnings	44	36
Parking Tickets (this is mostly code enforcement)	29	34
Investigations – Cases assigned	10	11
Investigations – Cases cleared	10	5
Investigations – Cases remaining open	27	27
Criminal Arrests	28	29
Total Schools Calls	16	24
Traffic accidents	20	19
Police Dispatched Calls for Service	1,913	Year to date – 8,886
Fire Dispatched Calls for Service	261	Year to date – 261

Items of Interest

Chief McConnell attended the following meetings:

- Chief McConnell continued to work on the new telephone replacement project.
- Conducted oral and written examinations for promotions for the Patrol Sergeant and Detective positions.
- Bruce Campbell was promoted to Detective and Marie Casillas was promoted to Sergeant.
- Met with Assistant Fire Chief Menendez several times regarding fire paging procedures.
- Assisted County Judge Escobar with their Movies in the Lake program by setting up our movie screen at Ascarate Park for two movies. The second movie was Frozen and we estimate there were around 4,000 - 5,000 participants. This was a great turnout and provided a very positive exposure for the Town of Horizon City.

Comparison Charts



Communications Division

We were busy in communications during the month of May. Not only were we training new employees, we also began dispatching the Horizon Fire Department beginning May 1st. It has been a learning experience for all involved. We can already tell that it has improved the responses from HCFD now that they have a dispatcher to gather information for them, update them as they are on their way to calls, and keep track of their units.

The new dispatchers that were hired will all be starting on their respective shifts on June 1, 2014. This will increase the staffing during the busy shifts to two dispatchers at all times. This month also brought more training. One of our dispatchers attended training involving the upgrade we'll be getting to our I/Cad. The El Paso County 911 District provided training to the area agencies based on the 7 Habits of Highly Effective People. We were able to send three dispatchers to the 16 hour TCOLE accredited training.

Crime Prevention – Community Outreach

Movies in the Park

The Horizon City Movies in the Park program is set to begin June 7, 2014 and preparations are currently underway. Potential sponsors have begun responding to the project and we project to have all movies sponsored as intended. We expect to have a bigger and better program as we have each year since the program was introduced in 2010.

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

Criminal Investigations Division (CID)

Detective Bruce Campbell is the new detective for the Horizon City Police Department Criminal Investigations Division. His duties will consist of conducting investigations, attending inter-agency meetings, processing crime scenes, interviews, interrogations, and reviewing cases forwarded from the patrol division. Detective L. Medina attended a two week long training and obtained The Basic Instructor's Certification.

Detectives were called regarding a reported theft that escalated into a robbery at the Vista-Mart. Three subjects arrived at the store and two of the three subjects entered the business and attempted to take items without paying for them. The subjects were approached by the loss prevention employee and a verbal confrontation ensued. The subjects left the business and while the loss prevention employee was obtaining the vehicle registration, the driver struck the employee with the vehicle causing minor injuries. A warrant was obtained for the subjects and apprehension is pending upon locating them.

Other cases received during the month of May were credit card abuse, duty on striking unattended vehicle, endangerment of a child, and terroristic threat.

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

Employee Training

Intox Operator(40 hrs): One of the requirements of the Texas Breath Alcohol Testing Regulations approved by DPS in assisting Officers how to properly operate and obtain a breath specimen on a intoxicated subject for alcohol content. Officers that attended G. Ramirez, JC Rodriguez, C. Zeiger and G. Rosas.

TCOLE Instructor Course (40hrs): Officers attended training at EPCC in order to become TCOLE instructors. Sgt. B. Campbell , Cpl. L. Medina.

Total Hours for May 2014: 280 hours

Respectfully Submitted,



Mike McConnell
Chief of Police



Citation Offense Count By Stop Type

Number of TRAFFIC Offenses (for *ALL*)	407
Number of CITATIONS	363
Speeding (11-20 Miles Over)	69
No Drivers License	44
Fail to Maintian Financial Responsibility	36
Expired Motor Vehicle Inspection	27
Ran Stop Sign/Traffic Control Device/Yield Sign	25
Speeding (1-10 MILES OVER)	24
Theft Under \$50.00	18
Expired Registration/Plates	16
Driving While License Invalid Under Provisions of DL Laws	10
Defective Stop Lamp(s)	9
Fail TO Report Change of Address/Name	9
Operate Motor Vehicle Without License Plate or with One License Plate	7
Parked in Prohibited Area - \$46.00	6
Curfew	5
Fail to Display Drivers License	4
Failed to /Signal Intent to Turn	3
Defective Head Lamps	3
Ran Red Light	3
Speeding School Zone (11 - 16)	3
Speeding (21-25 Miles Over)	3
No Seat Belt - Driver	2
No Seat Belt- Passenger	2
Open Container	2
Speeding (26 + Miles Over)	2
Speeding School Zone 17 + Miles	2
Defective Tail Lamp(s)	2

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Citation Offense Count By Stop Type

Failed to Signal Turn/Lane Change	2
No License Plate Light	2
Failed to Yield Right of Way	2
Failed to Yield Row at Open Intersection	1
Following Too Closely	1
No Safety Certificate	1
Fail to Properly Restrain a Dog	1
Fail to Stop Designated Point/ Marked Stop Line	1
Fail to Stop Designated Point/Has View of Approaching Traffic	1
Fail to Stop-Designated Point/Crosswalk	1
Fail to Yield Row From Private Property	1
Disregard Crossing Guard	1
Drove without Lights (When Required)	1
Expired Drivers License	1
Defective Brakes	1
Animal Not Confined	1
Assault	1
Careless Driving	1
Change Name/Mailing Address Later Than 30 Days (CDL)	1
Child (8-17) Not Secured by Safety Belt	1
Consumption of Alcohol By Minor	1
Trnsport Loose material/Unsecure Load	1
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia	1
Restrictions on Windows	1
Number of WARNINGS	44
Speeding (11-20 Miles Over)	10
Defective Stop Lamp(s)	7
Speeding (1-10 MILES OVER)	7
Fail to Maintian Financial Responsibility	4

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Citation Offense Count By Stop Type

Defective Head Lamps	3
Ran Stop Sign/Traffic Control Device/Yield Sign	3
Speeding (21-25 Miles Over)	2
Defective Tail Lamp(s)	2
Failed to Yield Right of Way	1
Failed to Signal Turn/Lane Change	1
Fail TO Report Change of Address/Name	1
Fail to Stop Designated Point/Has View of Approaching Traffic	1
Driving While License Invalid Under Provisions of DL Laws	1
Violate DL Restriction	1

Number of PARKING Offenses (for *ALL*)	29
Number of CITATIONS	29
Parking/Stopping/Standing on a Sidewalk - \$46.00	16
Parked on a Crosswalk - \$46.00	3
Parked w/ Wheels Over 18 In From Curb/Edge of Rdwy - \$46.00	2
Park/Stand w/ 30 Ft of A Traffic Control Device - \$46.00	2
Parked Facing Traffic - \$46.00	2
Storing of Motor Vehicle - Abandoned \$139.00	1
Parked In a Handicapped Zone/Parking - \$86.00	1
Parking on Front or Side Yard- \$46.00 Not a moving Violation	1
Parking/Standing w/i 15 Ft of Fire Hydrant - \$46.00	1

Number of NON-TRAFFIC Offenses (for *ALL*)	5
Number of CITATIONS	5
Theft Under \$50.00	5