

Horizon City Police Department

Monthly Activity Report

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



August, 2014

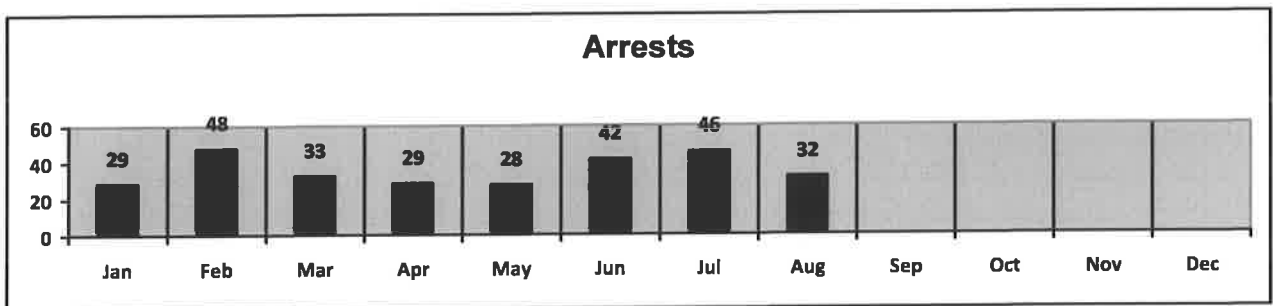
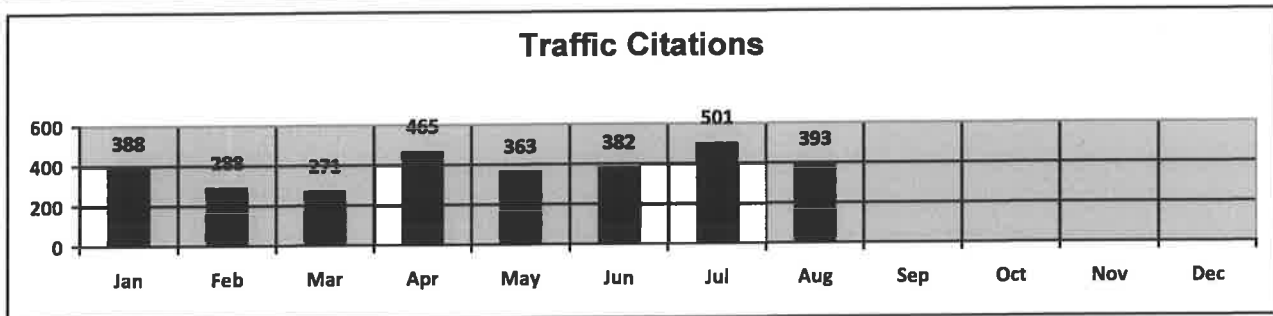
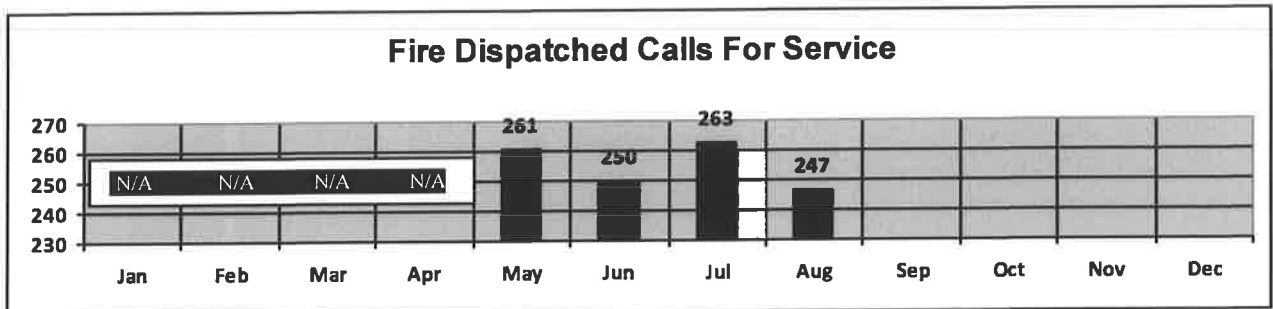
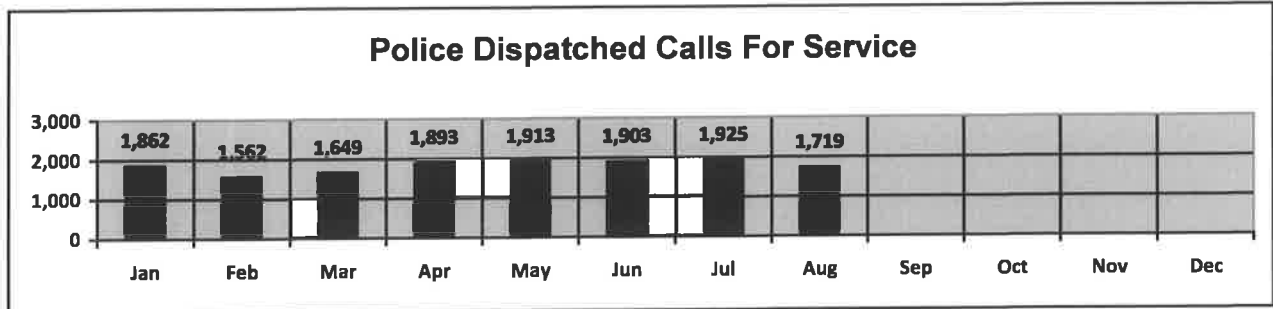
Description	Number	
	This Month	Last Month
Traffic Citations	393	501
Traffic Warnings	46	68
Parking Tickets (this is mostly code enforcement)	20	27
Investigations – Cases assigned	11	24
Investigations – Cases cleared	14	21
Investigations – Cases remaining open	25	31
Criminal Arrests	32	46
Total Schools Calls	12	7
Traffic accidents	20	24
Police Dispatched Calls for Service	1,719	Year to date – 14,433
Fire Dispatched Calls for Service	247	Year to date – 991

Items of Interest

Chief McConnell attended the following meetings:

- Attended a mandatory Rio Grande Council of Governments Criminal Justice Urban Planning Alliance training meeting. Attendance is required to apply for future grants.
- We are making plans for our National Night Out program to be held on Tuesday, October 7, 2014. The event begins at 5pm.

Comparison Charts



Communications Division

During the month of August, our Communications Coordinator traveled with members of the El Paso County 911 District and other area telecommunicators to the APCO national conference held in New Orleans. The conference provides an opportunity to network with telecommunicators from across the nation and attend continuing education courses.

This month we also had all of our dispatchers attend training on the upgrade that E911 will be making to our CAD system. Three of our officers also attended training for the upgrade that will be made to the computer program on their mobile computers as well. At the end of the month our agency provided NCIC/TCIC training to our reserve officers, Deputy Constables from different precincts, officers from the Anthony Police Department, and dispatchers from our agency and Anthony PD. The training is required by DPS in order for personnel to have access to NCIC/TCIC records. Law enforcement officers received 8 hours of training and dispatchers received 16 hours. Communications also attended the Commissioner's Meeting to keep abreast of any changes or updates that the Horizon Fire Department has. The information is then passed on to all the dispatchers.

Crime Prevention – Community Outreach

Community Policing

The primary community outreach effort for the summer concluded with somewhat of a fizzle due to some untimely, but much needed rain in the area. Movies were cancelled for the weekends of August 2nd and 9th, and once the Double feature began for the season finale on August 16th, the heavy rains caused a cancellation of the event.

Overall, Movies in the Park was a great success with hundreds of families spending their Saturday evenings here in Horizon City and congregating with the community, the HCPD explorers and the members of the Horizon City Police Department. The greatest attendance came during the animated feature films and the community responded well to the new food vendors, which were present during all the events. Musical performances at movies in the park were another welcomed addition to the program with performances from The Rockabilly Strangers who came from Las Cruces and Horizon City's own Lily Jack's and Soul Parade, two bands with upcoming album releases and feature various of their tracks on iTunes.

Major sponsors of Movies in the Park included: Household Furniture, 1st Baptist Church of Horizon City, Dr. Dyer Family Dental, Elizabeth Rayas Farmers Insurance Agency, and Express Employment Professionals. Other Movies in the Park sponsors included: Signature Films & Photography, Marina's Sweet Sensation Pastries, 1st National Bank of Horizon City, Texas Kids Dental, Teacher's Area Federal Credit Union, and the Horizon City Police Association.

Evidence

The evidence operations of Horizon City Police Department continue without incidents or deficiencies to report.

EXPLORER Program

The explorer program conducted several community presentations, which included National Night Out (observed in August by the El Paso County Sheriff's Office) and back to school fairs in which they donated several school supplies and even two fully loaded backpacks. The members of the program come from diverse backgrounds but they all understand and appreciate how important it is to give back to their community.

Upcoming Events

9/11 Memorial Ceremony, National Night Out, and the Citizen's Police Academy Class II.

Criminal Investigations Division (CID)

Detectives Medina and Campbell attended Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) Task Force Officer Course. Detective Medina was assigned to HSI as a task force officer with Det. Campbell as an on-call reserve. Her tour of duty will be one year in length. She will be working full time with Homeland Security during this time. Both Detectives received Homeland Security Credentials. Officer D. Ramirez was assigned to CID for 2 months to assist CID with investigations while Det. Medina is on assignment.

Detectives received a positive hit on latent finger prints from a burglary of vehicle case that was a year old. The prints came back to known juvenile offender. The offender was taken into custody and booked into JPD. The juvenile offender has pleaded guilty to this case and previous cases investigated by this Department.

Detectives received a case of a missing elderly gentleman. The gentleman was diagnosed with Alzheimer's and had wandered away from his residence where he lived with other family members. Case officers issued a silver alert through Texas DPS. After a three day investigation the gentleman was located in Juarez, Mexico. He was brought back to the United States in good health and was reunited with his family.

Detective Campbell conducted an in-house department training on report writing. Officers were updated on department policy and new rules set forth by the District Attorney's Office.

Other cases received during the month of August were thefts, sexual assaults, burglary of habitations, and burglary of vehicles. Detective L. Medina, Detective B. Campbell and Officer Ramirez attended the JOIC and HIDTA meetings on a weekly basis.

Employee Training

State/Federal updates (4hrs): Covers the mandated legislative updates from the 83rd Legislature which have significant applications of state laws. On line training completed by Sgt. M. Casillas, C. Zeiger, D. Ramirez and A. Arvizu

MDT Updates (2 hrs): The training session covers the upgrades to the Intergraph Computer Aided Dispatch System and Mobile Public Safety (MPS) systems to version 9.2 and this training session will serve to provide coverage of the new upgrade features of the coming version. Training attended by Sgt. J. Ortega, Comm. J. Moncivaiz, Off. A. Arvizu and Off. J. Nunez

Stress Training for Dispatchers (8hrs) e-training: course will assist the dispatcher in identifying and controlling stress in and out of the work environment. Com. J. Moncivaiz and Com. E. Ramos

DWI updates(16hrs): Course covers how to conduct effective DWI investigation, legislative, case law and best practice updates. Attended by Sgt Ortega, Sgt. Flores, Sgt. Casillas, Off. J Amezcua, Off. J. Crespo, Off. J. Nunez

Advanced Collision Investigation(80hrs) course teaches the technical aspects of collision investigations. The use of trigonometry, airborne events, and application of the conservation of momentum. Attended by Off. C. Zeiger and JC. Rodriguez

F.R.I.D.A.Y (8hrs): teaches officers to recognize and prevent underage drinking. Attended Off. J. Amezcua and Off. J. Crespo

CONTROL F.O.R.C.E (24 hrs) teaches officers mechanical advantage control holds, takedowns and handcuffing positioning techniques, team arrest tactics, baton subject control & in-holster weapon retention. Attended by Sgt. A. Flores and Crpl. L. Medina

Total Hours for August 2014: 296 hours

Respectfully Submitted,



Mike McConnell
Chief of Police



Citation Offense Count By Stop Type

Number of TRAFFIC Offenses (for *ALL*)	439
Number of CITATIONS	393
Speeding (11-20 Miles Over)	76
No Drivers License	54
Speeding (1-10 MILES OVER)	44
Fail to Maintian Financial Responsibility	42
Driving While License Invalid Under Provisions of DL Laws	21
Ran Stop Sign/Traffic Control Device/Yield Sign	21
Expired Motor Vehicle Inspection	18
Expired Registration/Plates	16
Defective Stop Lamp(s)	10
Speeding (21-25 Miles Over)	10
Fail to Display Drivers License	9
Defective Head Lamps	8
Theft Under \$50.00	6
Expired Drivers License	6
Ran Red Light	5
Failed to /Signal Intent to Turn	5
Defective Tail Lamp(s)	5
Fail TO Report Change of Address/Name	4
Fail to Stop Designated Point/ Marked Stop Line	4
Unrestrained Child 8 YOA or Younger	4
No Seat Belt - Driver	3
Operate Unregistered Motor Vehicle	2
Fail to Properly Restrain a Dog	2
Public Intoxication	1
Use Equipment Not Authorized	1
Trnsport Loose material/Unsecure Load	1



Citation Offense Count By Stop Type

Speeding (26 + Miles Over)	1
Storing of Motor Vehicle - Unlicensed/Unregistered \$139.00	1
Failed to Signal Turn/Lane Change	1
Failed to Yield ROW Turning Left	1
Illegal Parking of Large Trucks/Tractor/Trailer \$46.00	1
In City parks after hours 11 p.m. to 6 a.m.	1
Operation of Vehicle by New State Resident	1
No License Plate Light	1
Child (8-17) Not Secured by Safety Belt	1
Curfew	1
Cut Across Driveway/Private Property to Make Turn	1
D.O.C. Abuse or Threaten (Offensive Manner)	1
Display Unclean License Plates/Obstrcted	1
Equipment/Missing or None	1
Fail to Control Speed	1
Number of WARNINGS	46
Defective Head Lamps	6
Fail to Maintian Financial Responsibility	6
Speeding (1-10 MILES OVER)	5
Speeding (11-20 Miles Over)	5
Expired Motor Vehicle Inspection	4
Ran Stop Sign/Traffic Control Device/Yield Sign	4
Defective Tail Lamp(s)	3
Defective Stop Lamp(s)	3
Fail to Display Drivers License	2
No License Plate Light	2
Ran Red Light	1
Speeding (21-25 Miles Over)	1
Failed to Signal Turn/Lane Change	1



Citation Offense Count By Stop Type

Fail to Stop Designated Point/ Marked Stop Line	1
No Drivers License	1
Child (8-17) Not Secured by Safety Belt	1

Number of PARKING Offenses (for *ALL*)	20
Number of CITATIONS	20
Parking on Front or Side Yard- \$46.00 Not a moving Violation	6
Parked Facing Traffic - \$46.00	5
Parking/Stopping/Standing on a Sidewalk - \$46.00	3
Parking/Standing w/i 15 Ft of Fire Hydrant - \$46.00	1
Parked In a Handicapped Zone/Parking - \$86.00	1
Parked in Prohibited Area - \$46.00	1
Parked w/ Wheels Over 18 In From Curb/Edge of Rdwy - \$46.00	1
Illegal Parking of Large Trucks/Tractor/Trailer \$46.00	1
Park/Stand w/ 30 Ft of A Traffic Control Device - \$46.00	1