



# Horizon City Police Department

## Monthly Activity Report

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

July, 2014

Description	Number	
	This Month	Last Month
Traffic Citations	501	382
Traffic Warnings	68	64
Parking Tickets (this is mostly code enforcement)	27	29
Investigations – Cases assigned	24	14
Investigations – Cases cleared	21	13
Investigations – Cases remaining open	31	28
Criminal Arrests	46	42
Total Schools Calls	7	20
Traffic accidents	24	15
Police Dispatched Calls for Service	1,925	Year to date – 12,714
Fire Dispatched Calls for Service	263	Year to date – 744

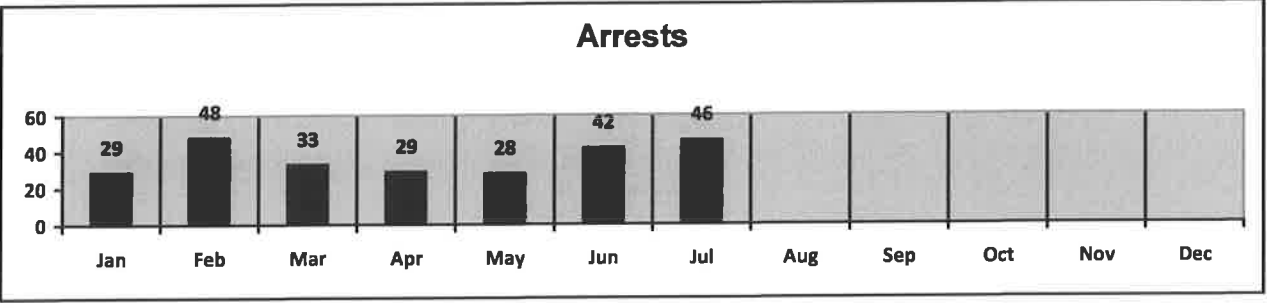
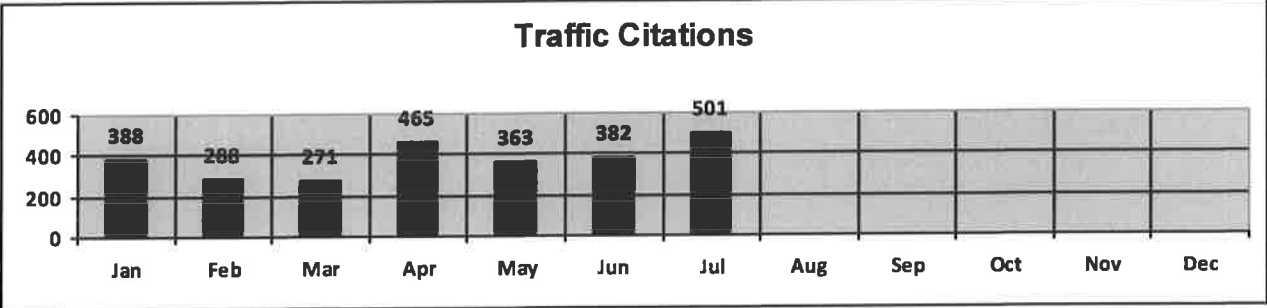
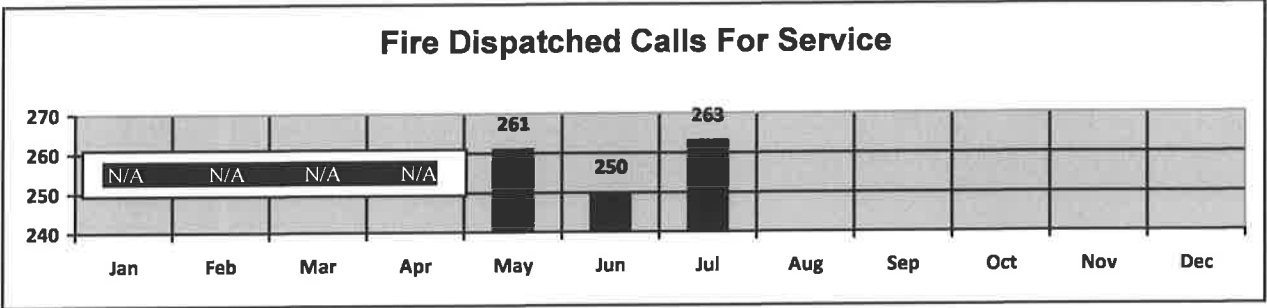
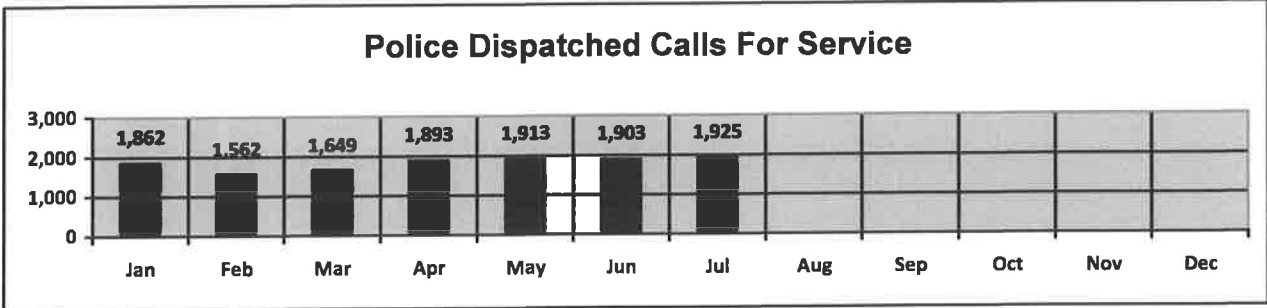
### Items of Interest

Chief McConnell attended the following meetings:

- Met with the new County Office of Emergency Management Director.
- Mayor Miller swore in three new police reserves. All are recent graduates of the Law Enforcement Training Academy.
- Met with a Special Agent in Charge with the United States Department of Homeland Security Investigations El Paso unit regarding an opportunity to partner with them to combat illegal gang activity, drug trafficking, money launderings, and human trafficking in our area.
- The police department switched over to digital P-25 communications. This has been a project that has been in the planning stages for over three years. Our communications voice quality has improved dramatically.
- The Horizon City Police Department received a recognition award from the El Paso County Commissioners Court for helping them with the Movies in the Lake program. The presentation plaque now hangs in the entrance in the Police Department.
- Met with representatives of the City of El Paso Public Health Department regarding the Public Health Preparedness Program.



Comparison Charts



Notable Circumstance

Police were called to a residence where a one-week old infant was not breathing and was unconscious. When Officer Crespo and Sergeant Casillas arrived, they heard screaming from inside the house and observed a little girl approximately 7 years old waving at the officers to hurry. As they ran into the home, Officer Crespo received the infant from a teenage girl and placed him in the CPR for infant position. Officer Crespo began performing the infant back blows in an attempt to free any lodged object. Sergeant Casillas tried calming the screaming mother down and asked what lead to the baby not breathing. During this time, Sergeant Casillas observed the infants face to be purple. Sergeant Casillas was able to clear the infant's throat which was filled with mucus and the infant began breathing gaining his skin color back. Responding to this call reminded the officers that no call is ever a routine.

Communications Division

During the month of July, we continued to do ride-alongs with the Horizon Fire Department and also with our own Police Department. This ensures that our dispatchers are not only familiar with the fire department's procedures but with the neighborhoods, streets, and businesses as well.

This month, our Communications Coordinator attended two trainings. The first was to become familiar with the upgrades that will be made to the computer program that our officers use on the computers that are in their vehicles. The upgrade is scheduled to take place in September.

The second training was Leadership Concepts and it was sponsored by the El Paso Police Department. It focused on making good leaders instead of good bosses. It trains the student to think and act as a leader – even those who are not supervisors – to help move their coworkers and agencies forward. It reminds the student to hold themselves to a higher standard which in turn, helps their peers around them do the same.

Crime Prevention – Community Outreach

**Explorers**

During the month of July, the Police Explorer Program maintained steady membership numbers as most cadets are proud to participate in the Movies in the Park program as well as other community activities. During the month of April, the cadets participated in a region wide personal growth outreach effort by Aliviane Inc., a county-wide agency dedicated to combating the growing use of illicit drugs in our society. Activities included discussions as well as individual and group exercises which promoted self awareness, respect to others, having a good work ethic, and being a contributing member of society. During the weekend of July 26, 2014 the cadets participated in this year's

Uniform Swap, held at Eastlake High School where the cadets provided child safety fingerprinting services.

### **Community Policing**

During the month of July, Sergeant Mitre conducted a presentation at a Bible day school event held at a small area community center in which he spoke of the Explorer program and other community outreach programs conducted by the HCPD.

### **Movies in the Park**

The Horizon City Movies in the Park program was in full swing during the month of July with increasing attendees and two live music groups. The Rockabilly Strangers presented their unique style of rock/ swing while Lily Jacks performed original material from their debut album "The Missing Element". The Rockabilly Strangers come from Las Cruces and Lily Jacks is a band from right here in Horizon City. The success of the movies program brought in a second wave of food vendors to our Saturday night events, which seems to be a very welcome change from last year by the attending public.

### **Evidence & Property Management**

During the month of July, an increase in blood collection DWI cases was noted, intake of evidence has continued as usual and officers have been doing an appropriate job of preserving items and maintaining the integrity of evidence. During the month of August, there will be a focused effort to purge items pending disposition to create further capacity in the evidence room which is filling up.

### Criminal Investigations Division (CID)

Detectives obtained and executed a search warrant for a previous case. Additional information was obtained which warranted the need for the search warrant. The items being sought were found and taken into evidence.

Detectives were called out to a sexual assault. The victim was transported to the hospital and all the information was obtained. The suspect was arrested and booked into the El Paso County Detention Facility.

Detectives received a case of a terroristic threat. The victim was receiving constant threatening phone calls and was able to identify the offender. Detective Medina conducted an interrogation using the interview room and the suspect confessed. The case was forwarded to the District Attorney's office for review and final disposition.

Detectives received 5 unattended death reports. Autopsies were requested from the medical examiner's office. The investigations revealed no foul play suspected and the cases were closed.

Detectives conducted three background checks for three Reserve Police Officers and one Dispatcher.

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

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

Employee Training

**SFST Refresher (8hrs):** At El Paso SO course was designed to improve the administration and overall consistency of the Standardizes Filed Sobriety Test Battery. Officers who attended Officer D. Ramirez, Officer G. Rodriguez

**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 Sergeant A. Flores, Corporal L. Medina, Detective Campbell, Officer A. Labrado.

**Basic Patrol Rifle Certification (24 hrs):** Course will introduce the student to the nomenclature, care, operation and qualification of the department approved AR-15 Rifle. *CANCELLED*

**Radar/ Lidar Master Certification ( 24hrs):** course covers certification master level to a deeper level of operation and functionality. Attended by Sergeant A. Flores and Sergeant J. Mitre

**Total Hours for July 2014: 80 hours**

Respectfully Submitted,



Mike McConnell  
Chief of Police



## Citation Offense Count By Stop Type

Number of TRAFFIC Offenses (for *ALL*)	569
Number of CITATIONS	501
Speeding (11-20 Miles Over)	105
No Drivers License	62
Fail to Maintian Financial Responsibility	58
Speeding (1-10 MILES OVER)	47
Ran Stop Sign/Traffic Control Device/Yield Sign	22
Expired Motor Vehicle Inspection	18
Expired Registration/Plates	17
Driving While License Invalid Under Provisions of DL Laws	17
Curfew	12
Defective Head Lamps	11
Theft Under \$50.00	11
Defective Stop Lamp(s)	10
Speeding (21-25 Miles Over)	9
In City parks after hours 11 p.m. to 6 a.m.	8
Defective Tail Lamp(s)	7
Fail to Display Drivers License	6
Failed to /Signal Intent to Turn	5
Failed to Signal Turn/Lane Change	5
Fail TO Report Change of Address/Name	5
Fail to Stop Designated Point/ Marked Stop Line	4
No License Plate Light	4
Failed to Yield Right of Way	4
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia	4
No Seat Belt - Driver	3
Failed to Yield ROW Turning Left	3
Expired Drivers License	3

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## Citation Offense Count By Stop Type

Unrestrained Child 8 YOA or Younger	3
Drove without Lights (When Required)	2
Animal Not Confined	2
Failure to Identify	2
Fail to Stop Designated Point/Has View of Approaching Traffic	2
Fail to Control Speed	2
Open Container	2
Failed to Yield ROW (Private Drive/Alley/Building )	2
Improper Turn/Illegal Turn	2
Ran Red Light	2
Reckless /Damage or Destruction Over \$50.00	1
Speeding (26 + Miles Over)	1
No Motor Cycle Endorsement	1
Operate Motrocyce w/o Approved Head Gear	1
Operate Unregistered Motor Vehicle	1
Parent/Guardian Permitted Unlicensed Minor to Drive	1
Motor Vehicle Inspection Violation	1
Fail to Yield Row From Private Property	1
Following Too Closely	1
Illegal Pass on Right	1
Animal Nuisance/Biting or Injuring Any Aminal or Person	1
Child (8-17) Not Secured by Safety Belt	1
Criminal Mischief/Class C	1
Cut in After Passing	1
Drove On Wrong Side of Divided Road	1
Display Unclean License Plates/Obstrcted	1
Unsafe Speed/Too Fast for conditions	1
Violate DL Restriction	1
Wrong or Obscured License Plate	1

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## Citation Offense Count By Stop Type

Turned Across Drivding Section/Median	1
<b>Number of WARNINGS</b>	<b>68</b>
Speeding (11-20 Miles Over)	19
Speeding (1-10 MILES OVER)	10
Fail to Maintian Financial Responsibility	8
Defective Head Lamps	5
No Drivers License	4
Fail to Display Drivers License	3
Defective Tail Lamp(s)	3
Defective Stop Lamp(s)	3
Expired Registration/Plates	2
Expired Motor Vehicle Inspection	2
Speeding (21-25 Miles Over)	2
Ran Stop Sign/Traffic Control Device/Yield Sign	2
No License Plate Light	1
Operate Motor Vehicle Without License Plate or with One License Plate	1
Obstructing Public Right of Way	1
Fail to Get a Texas CDL After 30 Days of Residence in This State	1
Failed to Signal Turn/Lane Change	1

<b>Number of PARKING Offenses (for *ALL*)</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>Number of CITATIONS</b>	<b>27</b>
Parking on Front or Side Yard- \$46.00 Not a moving Violation	22
Parked Facing Traffic - \$46.00	2
Parked In a Handicapped Zone/Parking - \$86.00	2
Parking/Stopping/Standing on a Sidewalk - \$46.00	1

<b>Number of NON-TRAFFIC Offenses (for *ALL*)</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Number of CITATIONS</b>	<b>5</b>

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## Citation Offense Count By Stop Type

Fail to Maintian Financial Responsibility	2
Speeding (1-10 MILES OVER)	1
Theft Under \$50.00	1
Defective Stop Lamp(s)	1