

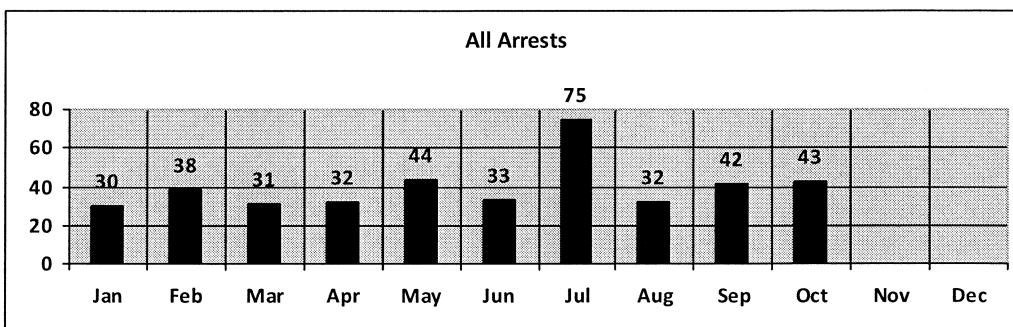
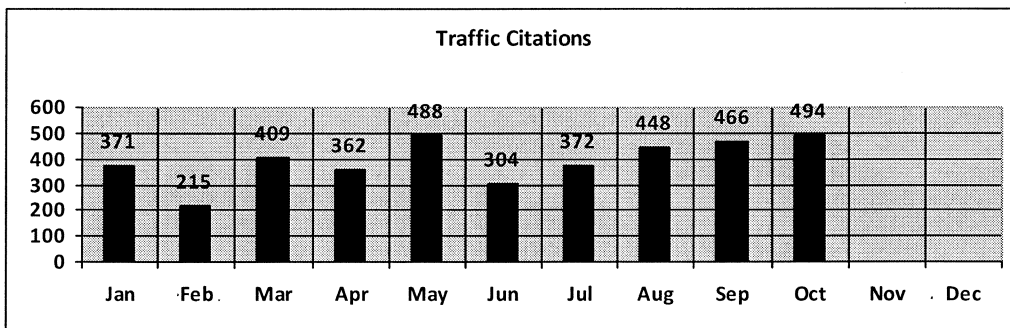
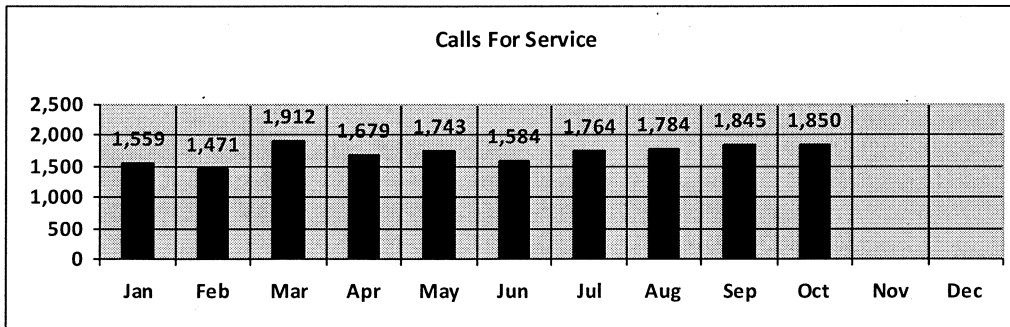
Horizon City Police Department

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



October, 2013

Description	Number	
	This Month	Last Month
Traffic Citations	494	466
Traffic Warnings	67	58
Parking Tickets (this is mostly code enforcement)	10	34
Investigations – Cases assigned	21	14
Investigations – Cases cleared	28	11
Investigations – Cases remaining open	20	24
Criminal Arrests	27	23
Municipal Court Arrests including Arrest Warrants	16	6
Total Schools Calls	46	36
Traffic accidents	16	24
Calls For Service	1,850	Year to date – 17,196



Items of Interest

The police department was awarded two grants beginning on October 1. The first grant is for \$64,587.81 for equipment and the second grant is for \$17,126.23 for the construction of an interview room to include recording equipment. We are hoping these projects can be completed and closed out in December.

We opened the tow service bids this month and have forwarded the recommendation of a tow service to City Council for action.

The department participated in the Wal-Mart grand opening.

After consultation with the IT contractors, we replaced the old computer firewall with a new device. The old device was over 10-years old and had failed causing the police department to repeatedly lose connectivity with the county causing loss of data and wasted manpower. The old device was also allowing 100's of junk emails through our system daily. The replacement cost was \$4,100.00 and has solved the problem.

Communications Division

During the month of October, we have been busy training our two new dispatchers. They are learning everything from handling calls for service and creating calls in CAD, to dispatching officers, to releasing reports to the public. They have also learned how to process fingerprint cards and charge and print receipts.

In October we held two NCIC classes. The first was an NCIC/TCIC less than full access to two of our reserve officers and the second was NCIC/TCIC full access to our dispatch trainees.

This month our Communications Coordinator, Ms. Moncivaiz, and Sgt. Ortega attended a demonstration by Interact/Solacom at the County 911 District offices. The demonstration was of one of the 9-1-1 phone systems that the 911 District is looking at purchasing for the county. It was informative and interesting. The Horizon City Police Department will be joining the 911 network with the next 911 phone system upgrade.

Communications also attended a CJIS update meeting with Chief McConnell. The update focused on system security on portable electronic devices.

Finally, Ms. Moncivaiz attended a meeting that included the Communications Assistant Manager for the El Paso Police Department and the Interim Communications Manager for the El Paso County Sheriff's office. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss call flow from the larger agencies to our agency. It was determined that the Sheriff's Office will continue to handle 9-1-1 calls for our agency until such time as we get our own 9-1-1 system; and if necessary, the El Paso Police Department will handle any TDD calls that come in for our agency.

Crime Prevention – Community Outreach

Explorers

With the arrival of the fall season, the Horizon City Police Department Explorer Program has undergone some changes in attendance, with about half the members having to leave for school and home activities. Approximately 55 explorers came through the program during the summer season. The drop in attendance is also due to the fact that many of the members join during the summer for solely for the chance to participate in the Movies in the Park summer program. Having a smaller post during the winter provides the explorer advisors to work more closely with each of the members in preparing the cadets for law enforcement skill competitions, which are typically held in the spring. In addition to preparing the cadets for skills which they will use during skills competitions, the post advisors are preparing the cadets for their role during our December 2013 Christmas Parade scheduled for December 7th. The cadets will assist HCPD officers with crowd control and customer service answering questions and directing attendees to safe zones and informing police officers of any safety concerns.

Movies in the Park Summer Series

On October 1st, the El Paso Times featured a young Horizon City couple who became engaged during our last showing of Movies in the Park. The future groom, Mr. Robert Torres had approached the HCPD about presenting a slide show during the opening trailers before the feature movie while he proposed, however Mr. Torres and Sgt. Mitre soon planned an all-out proposal short film which opened with Mr. Torres seeking his girlfriend's hand in marriage and continued with Mr. Torres making his way to the very same park where he would propose live at the conclusion of the short film. Needless to say, she said yes. The film can be found on the HCPD Facebook page. www.facebook.com/horizoncitypd

The Movies in the Park summer series was a complete success bringing together the community and providing a safe place for hundreds of families to spend time together. The latter portion of the program featured live music before the showings. From its start on May 11th (at Ascarate Lake) to its romantic conclusion on September 28th, at Corky Corcoran Park, the program brought hundreds of people together, building a sense of identity and community within our city. Approximately 2,352 total hours of volunteer labor went into making this program a reality this summer. The program was manned by Chief McConnell, HCPD Officers, community volunteers and many young men and women from the police explorer programs, some of whom don't even reside in Horizon City but joined solely to be part of the Movies in the Park events. The police explorers played a part in quickly returning wandering children to parents and helped many cell phones and keys return to their owners.

The movies featured for the summer of 2013 were:

At Ascarate Lake

The Blind Side	Skyfall
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In Horizon City

Madagascar	Dark Knight Rises	Breaking Dawn Part 2	Gi Joe Retaliation
Amazing Spiderman	Men in Black 3	Avengers	Escape From Planet Earth
Skyfall	Thunderstruck	Bourne Legacy	Frankenweenie
The Lucky One	Wreck it Ralph	The Hobbit an Unexpected Journey	
Rise of the Guardians	Hunger Games	Brave	

National Night Out

October 2nd marked the 30th national anniversary of the event and also marked the 3rd anniversary of the large scale event being held in Horizon City. National Night Out is a community celebration event purposed to get people together so that they can meet and greet and have an opportunity to meet the regions emergency services workers so that they have a better understanding of how and what services each agency provides. This year's National Night Out was by far the largest so far, with an estimated attendance of over 1,000 people. Many law enforcement agencies were present with display booths of equipment and information brochures regarding their services. Family activities such as a rock wall-climb, inflatable obstacle course and slide, and a centrifugal spin ride were sponsored by local businesses.

Neighborhood Watch

The HCPD crime prevention team is seeking to rejuvenate Neighborhood Watch efforts throughout certain areas of town, which have been hit by burglary and property crimes. The key to having a successful Neighborhood Watch program is to have an active watch over the neighborhood.

Crime Prevention

The month of October is the National month of crime prevention. During the month of October, Officers Casillas and Sgt. Mitre posted several crime prevention tips throughout the HCPD Facebook and web pages. The month was of course, closed out with Halloween safety tips.

Community Presentations

Officer Casillas and Sgt. Mitre each appeared at various community functions which included providing red ribbons for the CISD Disciplinary Alternative Education Program and:

- Red Ribbon Week Celebration at Horizon Middle School- Oct. 22, 2013
- Halloween Health Fair at Texas Kids Dental- Oct. 24, 2013
- Halloween Festival at 1st Baptist Church- Oct. 31, 2013

Complaints and Special Circumstances – A/C Rico

On the 3rd of October, Chief McConnell and I met with the principal of Ricardo Estrada and advised of the Juvenile Law updates on citations that will no longer be issued to juveniles (16 and under).

On the 4th and 11th of October 2013, I attended a meeting at the Ysleta Substation for a weekly Stone Garden meeting.

On the 22nd of October 2013, Chief McConnell and I had a meeting with Josie Perez who is the Assistant Superintendent for CISD reference Juvenile Law updates.

Two Muster meetings for the month of October were cancelled by Border Patrol.

A resident complained about the way an officer responded to a “Loud Music” call. The responding officer advised home owner that we could not do anything because we did not have a city ordinance against loud music. The concerned Citizen was advised that we do have a noise ordinance. A Supervisors log was completed on the officer and a department wide e-mail was sent with the information on the ordinance for future reference.

Warrants Division

Warrants officers assisted the Horizon Municipal court by serving 45 and all of them were executed. Warrants officers made approximately 95 contacts either executing warrants or leaving red tags advising people that they had outstanding traffic warrants with the Horizon Municipal court.

During the month of October warrants officers arrested 33 people, some of them were arrested during court proceedings. A spreadsheet was kept on the amount of warrants that are being cleared either by the warrants officers or patrol officers during traffic stops. This month total was 20,372.00 of warrants that were cleared either by collecting the total bond or being booked into the El Paso County Detention Facility. Warrants officers assisted University Medical Center with three car seat education classes.

Criminal Investigations Division (CID)

Detectives received a case of Burglary of Habitation. The victim notified officers that he believed he may have located one of the items stolen the previous night in a nearby residence. Detectives met with the victim and obtained a complete list of the property stolen during the incident. Officers and Detectives arrived at the residence where the item was located and with the consent of the homeowner and searched the home. The crime scene unit was used to process the scene and most of the stolen property was recovered. Two subjects were detained and charged with burglary of habitation.

During the graveyard shift, Officers received a call regarding a child knocking at the neighbor's door late at night. The neighbor advised officers he was informed that the child and two other children were alone at the home. Officers notified the parent of the children who stated the children had been left in the care of a responsible adult. Upon further investigation, Detectives filed charges against the caretaker for abandoning/endangering a child.

Detectives received two separate cases of aggravated sexual assault and indecency with a child in which the suspects were juveniles. The juveniles were taken into custody and referred to the Juvenile Probation Department.

Detectives attended the JOIC and HIDTA meetings on a weekly basis.

Other cases received during the month of October were assault, indecency with a child, harassment, burglary of habitation, burglary of vehicle, criminal mischief, and theft of property.

Training

SFST Practitioner (24 hours): This course will certify the peace officer in the most current NHTSA approved SFST Training Curriculum. Personnel in Attendance: Orona

Crisis Intervention Training (16 hours): This training covers key concepts, safety techniques, and communication skills needed by officers in the field. Personnel in Attendance: Amezcua; Ortega; G. Rodriguez; JC Rodriguez

TCIC/NCIC Less Than Full Access (8 hours): Certifies personnel to access to Law Enforcement information systems. Personnel in Attendance: Baquera; Cruz; Milagros; Tarango

Advanced Traffic Collision Investigations (80 hours): This course is the third in a series of classes that teaches the officer the complexities of analyzing traffic collisions. Personnel in Attendance: Arvizu; Flores; Campbell

Basic Telecommunicator Course (40 hours): This class provides a basic understanding of situations that occur while working as an emergency Telecommunicator. Personnel in Attendance: Milagros; Tarango

Wireless Communications Investigations (4 hours): Investigations class concerning the use of wireless devices. Personnel in Attendance: Medina

Investigations Law Update (2 hours): This course covers law updates from the most recent legislative session that directly affect investigations. Personnel in Attendance: Medina; Mitro

Social Network Investigations (24 hours): This course covers the use of social networking sites during investigations. Personnel in Attendance: Mitro; Mitre

History of Corrections (8 hours): This course covers the history and future of corrections. Personnel in Attendance: Orona

Total October training Hours = 480

Respectfully Submitted,



Mike McConnell
Chief of Police



Citation Offense Count By Stop Type

Number of TRAFFIC Offenses (for *ALL*)	561
Number of CITATIONS	494
Speeding (1-10 MILES OVER)	82
Speeding (11-20 Miles Over)	61
Fail to Maintian Financial Responsibility	54
No Drivers License	52
Expired Motor Vehicle Inspection	29
Ran Stop Sign - Operator has view of approaching traffic.	26
Expired Registration/Plates	22
Driving While License Invalid Under Provisions of DL Laws	17
Fail to Maintain Financial Resp.	15
Fail TO Report Change of Address/Name	12
Defective Stop Lamp(s)	12
Passing In a School Zone	10
Ran Stop Sign - At a clearly marked stop line.	8
Speeding School Zone (11 - 16)	7
Defective Head Lamps	6
Fail to Control Speed	6
Fail to Display Drivers License	6
No License Plate Light	5
Expired Drivers License	5
Defective Tail Lamp(s)	4
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia	3
Speeding School Zone 17 + Miles	3
Theft Under \$50.00	3
Operate Unregistered Motor Vehicle	3
No Seat Belt - Driver	3
Failed to /Signal Intent to Turn	2



Citation Offense Count By Stop Type

Assault	2
Change Name/Mailing Address Later Than 30 Days (CDL)	2
Consumption of Alcohol By Minor	2
Pass In a No Pass Zone	2
Speeding (21-25 Miles Over)	2
Unrestrained Child 8 YOA or Younger	2
Use Equipment Not Authorized	2
Use of Wireless Communication Device	2
Wrong or Obscured License Plate	2
Ran Red Light	2
Violate DL Restriction	1
Unsafe Backing	1
Speeding School Zone (1 -10 Miles Over)	1
Trnsport Loose material/Unsecure Load	1
Turned Across Drivng Section/Median	1
Public Intoxication	1
Operation of ATV on Public Roadway	1
No Safety Certificate	1
Open Container	1
Operate Motor Vehicle Displaying Insigni a Assigned to Another M/V	1
Crossing Physical Barrier	1
D.O.C. Abuse or Threaten (Offensive Manner)	1
Display Unclean License Plates/Obstrcted	1
Improper Turn/Illegal Turn	1
Motor Vehicle Inspection Violation	1
Negligent Collision	1
Fail to Properly Restrain a Dog	1
Fail to Yield Row From Private Property	1
Number of WARNINGS	67



Citation Offense Count By Stop Type

Speeding (1-10 MILES OVER)	12
Speeding (11-20 Miles Over)	10
Fail to Maintian Financial Responsibility	7
No License Plate Light	6
Defective Tail Lamp(s)	4
Ran Stop Sign - Operator has view of approaching traffic.	4
Defective Head Lamps	3
Fail to Display Drivers License	3
Fail to Maintain Financial Resp.	3
Expired Motor Vehicle Inspection	2
No Seat Belt - Driver	2
No Drivers License	2
Wrong or Obscured License Plate	1
Passing In a School Zone	1
Reckless /Damage or Destruction Over \$50.00	1
Ran Stop Sign - Before entering the crosswalk on or near intersection.	1
Failed to /Signal Intent to Turn	1
Failed to Dim Headlights-Meeting	1
Failed to Signal Turn/Lane Change	1
Failed to Stop at Proper Place (Traffic Light)	1
Fail TO Report Change of Address/Name	1

Number of PARKING Offenses (for *ALL*)	10
Number of CITATIONS	10
Parking on Front or Side Yard- \$46.00 Not a moving Violation	5
Parking/Standing w/i 15 Ft of Fire Hydrant - \$46.00	1
Parking/Stopping/Standing on a Sidewalk - \$46.00	1
Parked In a Handicapped Zone/Parking - \$86.00	1



Citation Offense Count By Stop Type

Parked w/i Intersection - \$46.00	1
Illegal Parking of Large Trucks/Tractor/Trailer \$46.00	1