

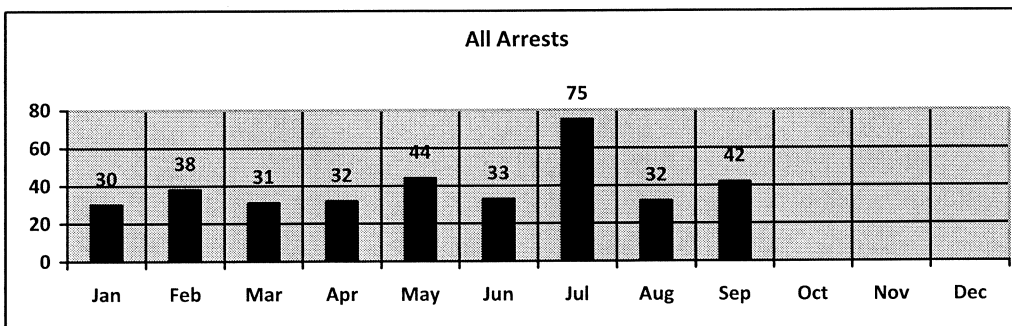
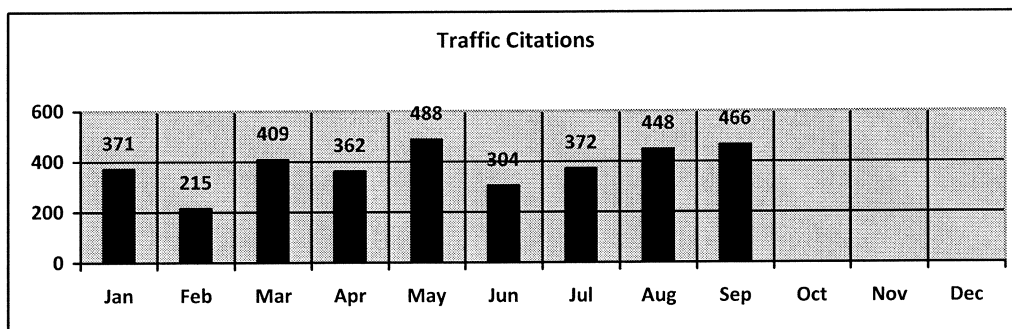
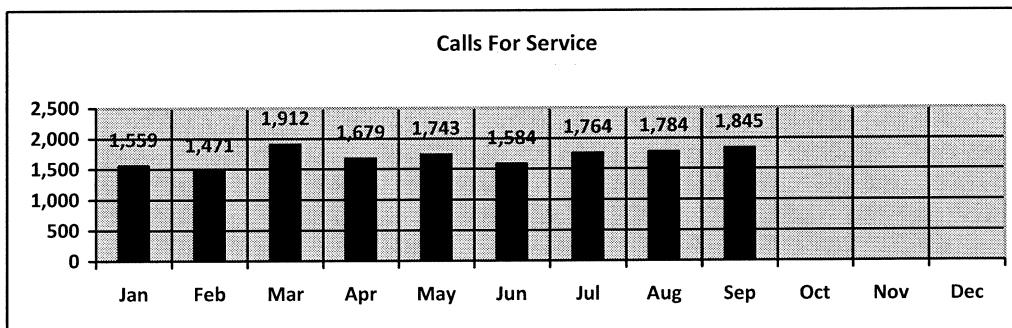
Horizon City Police Department

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



September, 2013

Description	Number	
	This Month	Last Month
Traffic Citations	466	448
Traffic Warnings	58	55
Parking Tickets (this is mostly code enforcement)	34	52
Investigations – Cases assigned	14	14
Investigations – Cases cleared	11	10
Investigations – Cases remaining open	24	22
Criminal Arrests	23	24
Municipal Court Arrests including Arrest Warrants	6	8
Total Schools Calls	36	11
Traffic accidents	24	20
Calls For Service	1,845	Year to date – 15,346



Items of Interest

- We conducted interviews for police two dispatchers. We made offers of employment for two individuals to begin in October.
- The department conducted the annual September 11 memorial ceremony at the Horizon High School.
- Chief McConnell attended an Operation Stone Garden meeting.
- A/C Rico attended 4 weekly briefing meetings held at the Ysleta Border Patrol Station regarding Operation Stone Garden.
- Chief McConnell and A/C Rico attended a multi agency quarterly planning meeting at the Tigua Police Department Building.
- We completed the 2013 Movies in the Park series. More information concerning this program will be included in the October monthly report.

Communications Division

During the month of September we were accepting applications for two dispatch positions that would be opened in October. We interviewed various candidates and are pleased to announce that we selected two bright individuals that will be starting their training in October. This will bring our communications staffing up to six and will make it possible for our communications division to become a 24/7 operation.

Complaints and Special Circumstances – A/C Rico

On September 2, an individual reported they were unhappy after being issued a traffic citation regarding a motor vehicle accident. The officer believed the person was at fault but the individual disagreed with that assessment. The case was reviewed and the person was advised to appear in court as indicated on the citation and no changes would be made to the citation or the accident report.

On September 13, I met with an individual concerning the manner in which a case was handled. The reporter advised our officers turned away a call from a parent trying to report that their daughter is involved in Porn. Information was received and I then met with the Officer who advised they had provided the parent with information and told the parent to talk to the originating agency who they had filed the Runaway report with and to the FBI. I then spoke to the child's parent who advised the same.

On September 17, I received a walk in and met with an Individual who wanted to discuss a citation that was issued to their son by one of our officers for Consumption of Alcohol at one of the local middle schools. The parent advised that immediately after their child was cited they had taken their child to get a urine and breath test with the results coming back negative. The parent was advised to set up a court date and use it in court as evidence. After new laws with juveniles were in effect on September 1, 2013 the citation was dismissed by our court.

On September 20 and 23, I met with a complainant in reference to a class "C" citation that one of our officers issued for Reckless Driving and who had also completed a report for Criminal Mischief. After speaking to the officer and reading the case, the Reckless Driving citation was dismissed and the case for Criminal Mischief was forwarded to the DA's Office for prosecution.

On September 24, I received a Concerned Citizen form in reference to a class "C" parking citation that one of our officers issued to them for parking on landscape at 0230 in the morning the night before. I called the resident and advised that officers are given discretion to cite/warn on both traffic and parking violations. The resident was advised he would need to take care of the citation with our court.

Incidents Involving Officers & Equipment

On September 1, a Supervisors Log was completed on an officer for an accidental discharge of the officer's taser. While conducting a daily spark test with a cartridge attached to the Taser, it deployed inside the hallway in between the PD and Courts.

On September 26, a Supervisors Log was completed on an officer who hit a curb with the officers unit at the 14000 block of Darrington Road while on patrol. Two of the unit's tires were damaged.

Warrants Division

Warrants officers assisted the Horizon Municipal court by serving 50 summonses. Warrants officers made approximately 55 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 September warrants officers arrested 20 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's total was \$8,395.00 of warrants that were cleared either by collecting the total bond or booking the person into the El Paso County Detention Facility.

Warrants officers conducted a driver's license check during the morning on a weekday. The officers made numerous contacts and we found we still have problems with motorist having proper Proof of Financial responsibility or drivers licenses.

Criminal Investigations Division (CID)

Detectives conducted background checks on two new dispatchers. Backgrounds consisted of obtaining information from previous employers, conducting neighborhood canvas, and making contact with their listed references.

Detectives received a case of harassment. The victim had been friends with the suspect for some time. While attending a family gathering, the victim and suspect had a verbal altercation and their friendship ended. The suspect made several calls to the victim threatening his safety and insulting the victim using profane language. The calls stopped after officers made contact with the suspect. The victim wished to continue with prosecution and the case was forwarded to the District Attorney's office non-arrest for review and final disposition.

Detectives attended the SART (Sexual Assault Response Team) quarterly meeting and also attended the JOIC, and HIDTA meetings on a weekly basis. Other cases received during the month of September were assault, indecency with a child, harassment, burglary of habitation, burglary of vehicle, forgery, deceptive business practice, and theft of property.

Training

SFST Update (8 Hours): This course is a refresher class for giving the Standard Field Sobriety Test, including practical exercises. Officers in Attendance: Orona

Spanish Test Out (0 Hours): This is a test that, if passed, gives the officer credit for the "Intermediate Spanish" course. Officers in Attendance: Amezcua; Jacobo

Identity Theft (4 Hours): This course teaches the officer on how to recognize and process this type of crime. Officers in Attendance: J. Rodriguez; Williams

Intermediate Child Abuse (24 Hours) required: This course is designed to provide students with a better understanding of the legal aspects and investigation of child abuse and neglect. The student will have an understanding of the investigative tools for interviewing and identifying child abuse and neglect. Officers in Attendance: Arvizu

Traffic RADAR Certification (16 Hours): Certifies officers in the proper use and care of the radar system for use in traffic enforcement through classroom instruction and hands on practical exam. Officers in attendance: Delgadillo; Orona

Blackboard (8 Hours): This course is designed to give the students an access and understanding of the El Paso Sheriffs internet training system. Training components also included Sexual Harassment recognition, Ethics, and Communication. Officer in Attendance: Orona

Defensive Driving (8 Hours): This class teaches defensive driving techniques to increase driver awareness. In addition, the course teaches student's the dynamics of how collisions occur. Officer in Attendance: Orona

High Risk Felony Stops (8 Hours): Teaches officers how to conduct these type of traffic stops to increase their survival, and accomplish the task at hand. Officer in Attendance: Orona

Roadside Interview (32 Hours): The course covers the roadside interview process from the initial observation of the violator to the final assessment of the stop. Officers in Attendance: Amezcua; Rosas; Arvizu; G. Rodriguez; J.C. Rodriguez

248 total hours TCLEOSE training credit for September 2013.

Respectfully Submitted,



Mike McConnell
Chief of Police



Citation Offense Count By Stop Type

Number of TRAFFIC Offenses (for *ALL*)	524
Number of CITATIONS	466
No Drivers License	73
Speeding (11-20 Miles Over)	66
Speeding (1-10 MILES OVER)	51
Fail to Maintian Financial Responsibility	50
Expired Motor Vehicle Inspection	27
Expired Registration/Plates	21
Defective Stop Lamp(s)	18
Ran Stop Sign - Operator has view of approaching traffic.	17
Driving While License Invalid Under Provisions of DL Laws	14
Fail to Maintain Financial Resp.	13
Ran Stop Sign - At a clearly marked stop line.	10
Expired Drivers License	10
Defective Head Lamps	9
Defective Tail Lamp(s)	8
Speeding School Zone (1 -10 Miles Over)	8
Fail to Display Drivers License	6
Failed to /Signal Intent to Turn	5
No Seat Belt - Driver	5
Use of Wireless Communication Device	5
Passing In a School Zone	4
Curfew	3
Fail to Control Speed	3
Fail TO Report Change of Address/Name	3
Speeding School Zone 17 + Miles	3
Speeding (26 + Miles Over)	2
No Seat Belt- Passenger	2

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Citation Offense Count By Stop Type

Operate Unregistered Motor Vehicle	2
Equipment/Missing or None	2
Consumption of Alcohol By Minor	2
Crossing Physical Barrier	2
Unrestrained Child 8 YOA or Younger	2
Unsafe Backing	2
Violate DL Restriction	1
Cut Across Driveway/Private Property to Make Turn	1
Disregard Official Traffic Control Device	1
Drove Wrong Side of Road	1
Fail to Yield Row From Private Property	1
Failed to Signal Turn/Lane Change	1
Failed to Yield R.O.W. at Stop intersection	1
Failed to Yield Right of Way	1
Failure to Identify	1
Following Too Closely	1
Improper Turn/Illegal Turn	1
Parent/Guardian Permitted Unlicensed Minor to Drive	1
Parked in Prohibited Area - \$46.00	1
Pass In a No Pass Zone	1
Littering/Illegal Dumping	1
Open Bed- Under 18 Years of Age	1
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia	1
Ran Red Light	1
Number of WARNINGS	58
Speeding (1-10 MILES OVER)	13
No License Plate Light	6
Fail to Maintian Financial Responsibility	5
Ran Stop Sign - Operator has view of approaching traffic.	5

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Citation Offense Count By Stop Type

Defective Tail Lamp(s)	4
Defective Head Lamps	4
Defective Stop Lamp(s)	4
In City parks after hours 11 p.m. to 6 a.m.	2
Fail TO Report Change of Address/Name	2
Fail to Maintain Financial Resp.	2
Wrong or Obscured License Plate	2
Violate DL Restriction	1
Fail to Display Drivers License	1
Failed to /Signal Intent to Turn	1
No Drivers License	1
No Seat Belt - Driver	1
Speeding (11-20 Miles Over)	1
Speeding School Zone (11 - 16)	1
Passing In a School Zone	1
Ran Red Light	1

Number of PARKING Offenses (for *ALL*)	34
Number of CITATIONS	33
Parked Facing Traffic - \$46.00	14
Parking on Front or Side Yard- \$46.00 Not a moving Violation	14
Parking/Stopping/Standing on a Sidewalk - \$46.00	2
Parked In a Handicapped Zone/Parking - \$86.00	2
Parking/Standing w/i 15 Ft of Fire Hydrant - \$46.00	1
Number of WARNINGS	1
Storing of Motor Vehicle - Unlicensed/Unregistered \$139.00	1

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Citation Offense Count By Stop Type

Number of NON-TRAFFIC Offenses (for *ALL*)	2
Number of CITATIONS	2
In City parks after hours 11 p.m. to 6 a.m.	2