

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



March, 2013

Description	Number	
Traffic Citations	409	
Traffic Warnings	46	
Parking Tickets (this is mostly code enforcement)	141	
Investigations – Cases assigned	11	
Investigations – Cases cleared	8	
Investigations – Cases remaining open	24	
Criminal Arrests	25	
Municipal Court Arrests	6	
Total Schools Calls	21	
Calls For Service	1,912	Year to date – 4,944
Traffic accidents	21	

Items of Interest

Chief McConnell:

- Assisted the City of El Paso by participating on an interview panel for their Fire Chief Selection process.
- Attended a Stonegarden quarterly meeting.
- Assisted the Texas DPS by providing sound equipment for a fallen trooper memorial.
- Met with CLEAT representatives concerning upcoming contract negotiations.

Communications Division

During the month of March, our communications coordinator sat through a “Text to 911” webinar put together by APCO. Text to 911 is an emerging technology that some public safety departments are looking into. Some agencies have already implemented texting to 911 and one of those agencies was giving their input on how it has affected them and some of the problems they have come across. Text to 911 is not yet available in the El Paso area.

Also during March our coordinator attended training in Odessa in order to stay certified to teach NCIC and TCIC to our officers and other agencies as needed. The training was hosted by Odessa and provided by DPS. Our coordinator received all updates to the systems, the new test and the PowerPoint that DPS uses to teach the class. The DPS trainer also provided tips and videos to help keep the students involved in their learning of the course.

Finally, all officers were brought up to date with their NCIC/TCIC certifications this month. Recertification is done through on-line testing.

Crime Prevention Efforts

Crime Prevention Officer M. Casillas conducted a Teens in the Driver's Seat class at 13010 Horizon. We spoke to 30 students highlighting the top five reasons why teenagers crash in vehicles. The CPO and Officer Amezcua attended the Desert Hills Elementary career day. Students were given motivational speeches on staying in school and were also taught when to call 911. Kids from the grades levels Kindergarten through second grades were presented with supportive information that the police are their friends and are here to help them and their families. The CPO, Officer Amezcua and Chief McConnell were invited to attend Trooper Arana's memorial commemorating the Troopers first anniversary of his death.

The Horizon City Police Department Citizens Academy wrapped up their final classes. Citizens were taught Crime Prevention, Weapons Familiarization and Taser. The Citizens Academy wrapped up their last day with a graduation with Instructors in attendance. The Horizon City Police Association donated pizza, soft drinks and a cake for the citizens.

Warrants Division

Warrants officers assisted the Horizon Municipal court by serving fifty-five summonses. Warrants officers made approximately 150 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 March, warrants officers arrested twenty 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 the total was \$12,618.00 worth of warrants that were cleared either by collecting the total bond or being booked into the El Paso County Detention Facility

A warrants drive was also conducted during the month of March. There were three persons that were not able to post bond, and were booked into the El Paso County Detention that cleared a total of \$2,550.00 in outstanding warrants. Horizon Municipal Court warrants round up revenue was \$6,635.00 received through cash, and credit card payments. The Horizon Municipal Court cleared 70 traffic warrants totaling \$10,235.00.

Warrants Officers assisted in one child safety seat inspections this month and will continue with the car seat education classes and car seat give away.

Criminal Investigations Division (CID)

During the month of March, detectives investigated a case of copper theft. Detective Mitro processed the crime scene using the newly acquired techniques to locate prints on scene. Latent prints we located, processed, sent to the lab, but did not provide a match.

Detectives conducted three background checks on applicants for reserve officers. Backgrounds consisted of neighborhood canvas, employer history checks, and reference checks.

Patrol officers received information from El Paso Community College Police regarding a case that originated in Horizon City. The case was forwarded to detectives. A male subject was assaulted on campus as a result of being accused of committing indecent acts with a child. The child was interviewed and provided details of the incident. The alleged offender provided a statement and the case was forwarded to the District Attorney's Office for review and final disposition.

Detective Medina attended the S.A.R.T. (Sexual Assault Response Team) meeting which was held at Ft. Bliss for this month; the team was invited to attend the Annual Ft. Bliss Women's Recognition Luncheon. The luncheon recognized women in the military, law enforcement, and careers in technology.

Other cases received during the month of March were robbery, assault, burglary of habitation, deceptive business, information reports, and criminal mischief.

Training this Month

State and Federal Law Update (2 hours): This course is mandated every two years for Peace Officers and covers any law updates that apply to officers in the field.

- Officers in Attendance: G. Rodriguez, C. Zeiger

Cultural Diversity (8 hours): This course takes a look at some of the diverse cultures in Texas, giving Texas Peace Officers and Correctional Officers an understanding of how cultural and ethnic factors can hinder communication and ideas and suggestions for breaking down those communication barriers.

- Officer in attendance: G. Rodriguez

Computer Crimes (4 hours): This course is designed to provide the responding officer with the tools necessary to recover digital equipment without damaging potential evidence.

- Officer in attendance: Rosas

Spanish Test Out (0 hours): This is a test that, if passed, gives the officer credit for the "Intermediate Spanish" course.

- Officers in Attendance: Arvizu, Ramirez, G. Rodriguez, John Rodriguez, Jose Rodriguez, Rosas, Williams

Identity Theft (4 hours): This course teaches the officer on how to recognize and process this type of crime.

- Officers in Attendance: Arvizu, Mitre, Rosas, Zeiger

32 total hours TCLEOSE training credit for March 2013.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike McConnell". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Mike McConnell
Chief of Police



Citation Offense Count By Stop Type

Number of PARKING Offenses (for *ALL*)		141
Number of CITATIONS		140
Parking on Front or Side Yard- \$20.00 Not a moving Violation		93
Parking/Stopping/Standing on a Sidewalk - \$20.00		20
Parked Facing Traffic - \$20.00		19
Parked In a Handicapped Zone/Parking - \$86.00		2
Parked w/i Intersection - \$20.00		2
Parked in Block Wherer Fire Engine Stopped - \$20.00		1
Parked w/ Wheels Over 18 In From Curb/Edge of Rdwy - \$20.00		1
Park/Stand in Front of Public/Private Drive - \$20.00		1
Storing of Motor Vehicle - Dilapidated \$139.00		1
Number of WARNINGS		1
Parked Facing Traffic - \$20.00		1

Number of TRAFFIC Offenses (for *ALL*)		455
Number of CITATIONS		409
Speeding (1-10 MILES OVER)		62
Speeding (11-20 Miles Over)		60
No Drivers License		43
Fail to Maintian Financial Responsibility		31
Expired Motor Vehicle Inspection		23
Ran Stop Sign - Operator has view of approaching traffic.		22
Expired Registration/Plates		19
Defective Stop Lamp(s)		16
Driving While License Invalid Under Provisions of DL Laws		11
Defective Head Lamps		9
Failed to Stop at Designated Point (Stop Sign)		9
Ran Stop Sign - At a clearly marked stop line.		9



Citation Offense Count By Stop Type

Fail to Maintain Financial Resp.	8
Fail to Display Drivers License	7
Curfew	6
Defective Tail Lamp(s)	4
In City parks after hours 11 p.m. to 6 a.m.	4
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia	3
Failed to Signal Turn/Lane Change	3
Failed to Yield Row Turning Left	3
Operate Motor Vehicle Without License Plate or with One License Plate	3
Consumption of Alcohol By Minor	3
Failed to /Signal Intent to Turn	3
Expired Drivers License	3
Speeding (21-25 Miles Over)	3
Unrestrained Child 8 YOA or Younger	2
Wrong or Obscured License Plate	2
Fail to Control Speed	2
Failed to Signal Turn	2
Fail TO Report Change of Address/Name	2
Assault	2
Drove On Wrong Side of Divided Road	2
Parked In a Handicapped Zone/Parking - \$86.00	2
Passing In a School Zone	2
Reckless /Damage or Destruction Over \$50.00	2
Possession of Alcohol By Minor	2
Ran Red Light	2
Parking/Stopping/Standing on a Sidewalk - \$20.00	1
Possession of Fireworks	1
Public Intoxication	1
No License Plate Light	1



Citation Offense Count By Stop Type

No Seat Belt - Driver	1
No Seat Belt- Passenger	1
Open Container	1
Failed to Stop at Proper Place (Traffic Light)	1
Parent/Guardian Permitted Unlicensed Minor to Drive	1
Drove without Lights (When Required)	1
Display Unclean License Plates/Obstrcted	1
D.O. C. Disruption Classroom	1
Fail to Yield Row Changing Lanes	1
Fail to Properly Restrain a Dog	1
Failed to Drive in an Single Lane	1
Speeding School Zone (11 - 16)	1
Turned Across Drivding Section/Median	1
Turned Right from Wrong Lane	1
Number of WARNINGS	46
Speeding (1-10 MILES OVER)	9
Fail to Maintian Financial Responsibility	5
Speeding (11-20 Miles Over)	5
Defective Head Lamps	4
Ran Stop Sign - Operator has view of approaching traffic.	4
Defective Stop Lamp(s)	3
Fail to Maintain Financial Resp.	3
Expired Motor Vehicle Inspection	2
No Drivers License	2
Ran Stop Sign - At a clearly marked stop line.	1
Passing In a School Zone	1
No License Plate Light	1
Drove Center Lane (Not Passing/Not Turning Left)	1
Defective Turn Signal Lamp(s)	1



Citation Offense Count By Stop Type

Display Unclean License Plates/Obstrcted	1
Fail to Display Drivers License	1
Use Equipment Not Authorized	1
Speeding School Zone (1 -10 Miles Over)	1