

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



February, 2013

Description	Number	
Traffic Citations	215	
Traffic Warnings	22	
Parking Tickets (this is mostly code enforcement)	129	
Investigations – Cases assigned	13	
Investigations – Cases cleared	8	
Investigations – Cases remaining open	23	
Arrests	38	
Total Schools Calls	37	
Calls For Service	1,471	Year to date – 3,031
Traffic accidents	11	

Items of Interest

Chief McConnell:

- Our movie selection committee met and selected 18 movies for the upcoming season. The selected movies are attached at the conclusion of this report.
- Conducted a physical agility & POST written test for potential reserve officers.
- At the request of the County Judge, the police department will be providing the usage of the movie screen for two movie showings at Ascarate Park in May. The County is exploring the possibility of beginning a movies in the park program and wanted to determine how our program works. We will be assisting the county at no cost in setting up and playing their movies for two events.
- Chief attended a Disaster Preparedness Meeting at the Rio Grande Council of Governments.

Communications Division

The month of February was a fairly slow and uneventful one in communications. However, dispatch did enter a few more premise codes into I/Cad. Premise codes are entered in order for dispatch to provide additional information regarding a location to the officers out in the field. A premise code is usually comprised of key holder information and phone numbers for a business or location. We've slowly been building up our database with information provided by Officer Casillas.

Crime Prevention Efforts

The Community Service Officer attended a parents meeting at Carroll T. Welch Elementary School. The topic of discussion was on anti-bullying.

Warrants Division

Warrants officers assisted the Horizon Municipal court by serving sixty-five summonses with none returned back to the court. Warrants officers made approximately one hundred and twenty 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 February, warrants officers arrested thirty people with some of them being arrested during court proceedings.

Warrants Officers assisted in two child safety seat inspections this month and will continue with the car seat education classes and car seat dispensing.

Criminal Investigations Division (CID)

During the month of February, Detectives received a call in reference to an aggravated assault that had just occurred. Two subjects confronted each other; one of them received a laceration to the abdomen and was taken to the hospital. The crime scene unit was used to process the scene, using evidence collection materials and taking photographs.

Detectives L. Medina and P. Mitro attended a two-week long training and received a Forensic Technician certification. The training consisted of evidence collection techniques, the correct use of powders for fingerprint collection, and the proper lighting for evidence quality photography.

Detectives presented a two hour course for the Citizen's Academy discussing the Criminal Investigations Department and its functions. The presentation discussed cases that contained topics of interest to the attendees who also received a tour of the crime scene unit.

Other cases received during the month of February were Theft, Assault, Burglary of Habitation, Information reports, and Criminal Mischief.

Training this Month

Mental Health Peace Officer (40 hours): This course is to further inform and educate peace officers of mental health and issues pertaining to serving as a mental health officer. Officers in Attendance:

- G. Rodriguez
- J.C. Rodriguez
- Williams

Use of Force (16 hours) required: Academic and practical application of the Use of Force Continuum. Officers in Attendance:

- Arvizu
- G. Rosas

Forensic Technician (80 hours): Students were presented with the information, techniques, and methodologies for conducting investigations ranging from general crime scene investigations to death investigations. Course instruction is through lecture and case review with emphasis on photography in its practical application. Students were also taught how to process latent fingerprints and enhance visible fingerprints utilizing various advanced techniques from crime scenes, as well as from physical evidence. Course instruction is through lecture and practical laboratory application. Officers in Attendance:

- L. Medina
- P. Mitro

Respectfully Submitted,



Mike McConnell
Chief of Police

PRESS RELEASE

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Horizon City Announces Free Movies in the Park

February 27, 2013 – Horizon Police Chief Mike McConnell announces this year's list of movies that will be played on Saturday nights at Corky Corcoran Park. McConnell said, "because of the continued community participation, we have expanded our program to 18 movies beginning on Saturday, June 1 and concluding on September 28, 2013." The slate of movies this year are:

1. June 1- Madagascar 3
2. June 8- Amazing Spider Man
3. June 15- Skyfall
4. June 22- The Lucky One
5. June 29- Rise of the Guardians
6. July 6- Dark Knight Rises
7. July 13- Men in Black 3
8. July 20- Thunderstruck
9. July 27- Wreck It Ralph
10. August 3- Hunger Games
11. August 10- Breaking Dawn Part 2
12. August 17- Avengers
13. August 24- Bourne Legacy
14. August 31- The Hobbit
15. September 7- Brave
16. September 14- G.I. Joe
17. September 21- Escape From Planet Earth
18. September 28- Frankenweenie

Chief McConnell stated, "there is no admission fee to these movies, so I encourage families to come to the park at dusk on Saturday nights as a family and enjoy the shows." McConnell added, "our Police Explorers provide some concessions as a fundraising effort to help with their law enforcement post. They will have a large selection of goodies for you to enjoy as you watch the movie."

All movies will be preceded with about 15 minutes of cartoons. Bring your blankets or lawn chairs and find a spot in the park. Chief McConnell stated, "This is the fourth year for this program. Last year's program was very well attended and we anticipate even bigger crowds this year."

Chief McConnell continued, "We use local businesses to sponsor the movies. If your business is interested in sponsoring a movie, contact Officer Casillas at 852-1047 or mcasillas@horizoncity.org. We also encourage local musical talent to play music for 30 minutes prior to the movie. If you are a musician or band and would like to showcase your talents, please contact Sgt. Mitre at 852-1047 or email him at jmitre@horizoncity.org to make arrangements."

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Citation Offense Count By Stop Type

Number of PARKING Offenses (for *ALL*)	129
Number of CitationS	129
Parking on Front or Side Yard- \$20.00 Not a moving Violation	91
Parking/Stopping/Standing on a Sidewalk - \$20.00	13
Parked Facing Traffic - \$20.00	12
Illegal Parking of Large Trucks/Tractor/Trailer \$20.00	6
Storing of Motor Vehicle - Unlicensed/Unregistered \$139.00	2
Storing of Motor Vehicle - Dilapidated \$139.00	1
Park/Stand in Front of Public/Private Drive - \$20.00	1
Park/Stand w/ 30 Ft of A Traffic Control Device - \$20.00	1
Park/Stand w/i 20 Ft of Crosswalk at Intersection - \$20.00	1
Parked In a Handicapped Zone/Parking - \$86.00	1

Number of TRAFFIC Offenses (for *ALL*)	237
Number of CitationS	215
Speeding (1-10 MILES OVER)	38
Speeding (11-20 Miles Over)	28
No Drivers License	17
Fail to Maintian Financial Responsibility	13
Consumption of Alcohol By Minor	13
Defective Stop Lamp(s)	11
Expired Motor Vehicle Inspection	9
D.O.C. Fighting with Another	7
Ran Stop Sign - Operator has view of approaching traffic.	7
Passing In a School Zone	6
Defective Head Lamps	6
Fail to Maintain Financial Resp.	5
Driving While License Invalid Under Provisions of DL Laws	5



Citation Offense Count By Stop Type

Expired Registration/Plates	4
Open Container	4
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia	3
Public Intoxication By Minor	3
Fail to Display Drivers License	3
Fail TO Report Change of Address/Name	3
Failed to Stop at Designated Point (Stop Sign)	3
Failed to Yield R.O.W. at Stop intersection	2
Fail to Properly Restrain a Dog	2
D.O.C. Obscene Language	2
Public Intoxication	2
Turned Left from Wrong Lane	1
Unsafe Backing	1
Use Equipment Not Authorized	1
Operate Unregistered Motor Vehicle	1
Ran Stop Sign - Before entering the crosswalk on or near intersection.	1
Ran Red Light	1
Defective Turn Signal Lamp(s)	1
Display Unclean License Plates/Obstructed	1
Driving Under The Influence -Minor	1
D.O.C. Indcent Exposure	1
D.O.C. Abuse or Threaten (Offensive Manner)	1
Assault	1
Drove Center Lane (Not Passing/Not Turning Left)	1
Equipment/Missing or None	1
Failed to Drive in an Single Lane	1
Failed to Signal Turn	1
Failed to Yield Right of Way	1
Improper Turn/Illegal Turn	1



Citation Offense Count By Stop Type

No Seat Belt - Driver	1
Number of WARNINGS	22
Speeding (1-10 MILES OVER)	6
Fail to Maintian Financial Responsibility	3
Defective Stop Lamp(s)	2
Ran Stop Sign - Operator has view of approaching traffic.	2
Ran Stop Sign - At a clearly marked stop line.	2
Speeding (11-20 Miles Over)	2
Expired Registration/Plates	1
Equipment/Missing or None	1
Fail to Display Drivers License	1
Fail to Maintain Financial Resp.	1
Failed to Stop at Designated Point (Stop Sign)	1