

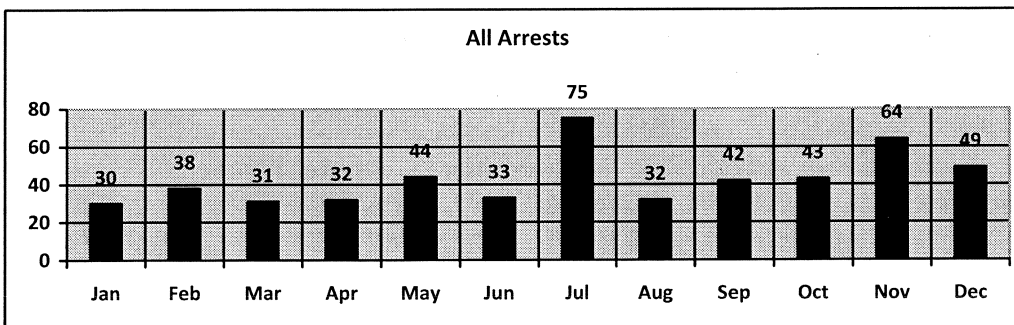
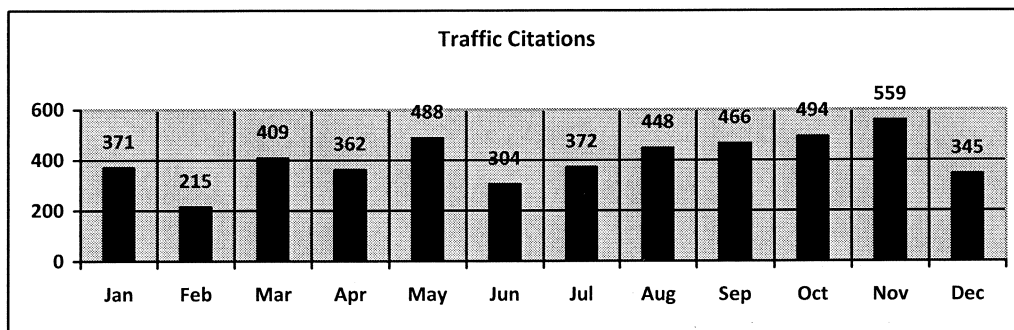
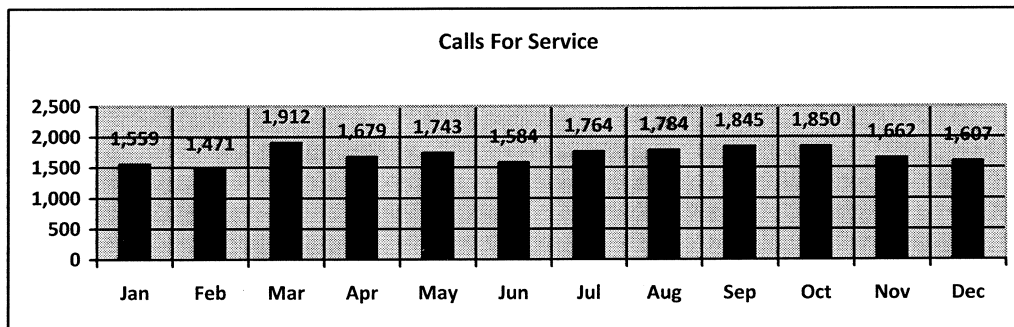
# Horizon City Police Department

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



December, 2013

Description	Number	
	This Month	Last Month
Traffic Citations	345	559
Traffic Warnings	40	37
Parking Tickets (this is mostly code enforcement)	24	6
Investigations – Cases assigned	30	9
Investigations – Cases cleared	20	11
Investigations – Cases remaining open	28	17
Criminal Arrests	29	25
Municipal Court Arrests including Arrest Warrants	20	39
Total Schools Calls	30	33
Traffic accidents	21	22
Calls For Service	1,607	Year to date – 20,467



Items of Interest

Chief McConnell attended the following meetings:

- Met with representatives of the Horizon City Fire Department concerning the possibility of providing communications services to them.
- Met with a representative from TIP411 concerning reestablishing the service to the Horizon City Police Department after our dispatch center is 24/7.
- Participated in the annual Christmas parade by judging the floats and providing the necessary traffic control.
- Attended the Taco Bell and Whataburger ribbon cutting ceremonies.

Communications Division

In December, we became a fully independent communications center. 9-1-1 calls are being routed to us and we are answering, processing, and dispatching our own calls for service. We are also entering and modifying our own records, such as protective orders and missing juveniles, in NCIC and TCIC (National Crime Information Center/Texas Crime Information Center). Our office is also open to the public 24 hours a day for walk-ins.

This month our Communications Coordinator, Ms. Moncivaiz, provided less than full access and full access training to two of our reserve officers, our new dispatcher, two Sheriff's Office dispatchers and two Anthony Police Department reserves.

Crime Prevention – Community Outreach

**Explorers**

During the month of December, the explorer program continued their focus on field officer skills training for two purposes; the skills they learn will be important during law enforcement skills competitions which will be held during the next spring and these skills will also be useful when explorers participate in the ride along program. The cadets will be familiar with the police officer's methods of operation and will understand the process of resolving a call for service.

These skills also became extremely valuable during the annual Horizon City Christmas parade during which the explorers assisted HCPD officers with crowd control directing parade watchers to remain behind the barricades and providing general customer service.



**Community Presentations**

There were no community presentations during the month of December.

**Crime Prevention**

The HCPD put out various alerts through social media and via person-to-person contacts regarding the intensified efforts by scammers inflicted upon the members of our community. The prevalent scam tactic was a ruse where a scammer placed a phone call identifying himself as the electric

company and would try to collect a money wire transfer or electronic debit card payment over the phone. The HCPD had 0 reports of successful scams and received numerous reports of attempts, however these phone calls were coming in from out of state, the HCPD was unable to file charges against any person(s).

### **Community Spirit**

The Officers of the Horizon City Police Department through the Horizon City Police Association and the help of a whimsical anonymous benefactor, donated over 200 toys to area children in need. The toys were presented to the Pete Duarte Head Start.

### Warrants Division

Warrants officers assisted the Horizon Municipal court by serving 40 summonses. Thirty-eight of them were executed and two were returned back to the court. Warrants officers made approximately 65 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 December, 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 total was \$13,154 of warrants that were cleared either by collecting the total bond or being booked into the El Paso County Detention Facility. Warrants officers will be conducting a warrants drive in January.

### Criminal Investigations Division (CID)

Detectives received a case of burglary of building. The suspect shattered the glass wall to the business and entered the location. The crime scene unit was used to process the scene and several pieces of evidence were collected. Upon further investigation, the suspect was identified and a warrant was obtained for his arrest. Detectives were later informed the suspect was apprehended while appearing for court in an unrelated matter. Detectives were also informed that the suspect was released from jail and was once again arrested while committing a similar crime in Alamogordo, New Mexico.

Detective P. Mitro received a letter of commendation from the Criminal Investigations Division of the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts for his assistance to that agency. Detective Mitro assisted in the investigation and the felony arrest of a suspect for Assault on a Public Servant. The letter specified Detective Mitro's willingness to assist the agency did not go unnoticed.

Other cases received during the month of December were assault, indecency with a child, burglary of habitation, burglary of vehicle, criminal mischief, credit card abuse, striking unattended vehicle, and theft of property.

Training

**TCIC/NCIC Less Than Full Access (8 hours) required:** Certifies Access to Law Enforcement information systems. Officers in Attendance: L. Anaya; J. Montelongo

**TCIC/NCIC Full Access (16 hours) required:** Certifies Access to Law Enforcement information systems. Personnel in Attendance: D. McKay

**Basic Telecommunicator (40 hours) required:** This course is designed to provide the Telecommunicator with an understanding of situations encountered in practice. Personnel in Attendance: S. Tarango

**Total Hours for December 2013: 72**

Respectfully Submitted,



Mike McConnell  
Chief of Police



## Citation Offense Count By Stop Type

<b>Number of TRAFFIC Offenses (for *ALL*)</b>	<b>385</b>
<b>Number of CITATIONS</b>	<b>345</b>
Speeding (11-20 Miles Over)	77
Speeding (1-10 MILES OVER)	36
No Drivers License	34
Fail to Maintian Financial Responsibility	28
Expired Motor Vehicle Inspection	24
Passing In a School Zone	12
Driving While License Invalid Under Provisions of DL Laws	12
Expired Registration/Plates	11
Theft Under \$50.00	11
Ran Stop Sign - Operator has view of approaching traffic.	8
Fail TO Report Change of Address/Name	7
Fail to Control Speed	7
Defective Stop Lamp(s)	7
Defective Head Lamps	7
Speeding (21-25 Miles Over)	6
Fail to Display Drivers License	5
Fail to Maintain Financial Resp.	4
Speeding School Zone (11 - 16)	4
Violate DL Restriction	3
Assault	2
Equipment/Missing or None	2
Failed to Signal Turn/Lane Change	2
Failed to Yield Row (Private Drive/Alley/Building )	2
Failed to Yield Row Turning Left	2
No License Plate Light	2
Unrestrained Child 8 YOA or Younger	2



## Citation Offense Count By Stop Type

Speeding School Zone 17 + Miles	2
Restrictions on Windows	1
Unsafe Speed/Too Fast for conditions	1
Use Equipment Not Authorized	1
No Seat Belt - Driver	1
Open Container	1
Fail to Yield Row From Private Property	1
Failed to /Signal Intent to Turn	1
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia	1
Public Intoxication	1
Ran Red Light	1
Ran Stop Sign - At a clearly marked stop line.	1
Failed to Yield Row Turning on Red Signal	1
Improper Turn/Illegal Turn	1
Motor Vehicle Inspection Violation	1
Negligent Collision	1
Fail to File Accident Report	1
Expired Drivers License	1
Drove without Lights (When Required)	1
Defective Turn Signal Lamp(s)	1
Defective Tail Lamp(s)	1
Criminal Mischief/Class C	1
Curfew	1
Cut Across Driveway/Private Property to Make Turn	1
D.O. C. Urinating in a Public Place	1
Defective Exhaust Emission System	1
Animal Nuisance/Biting or Injuring Any Amental or Person	1
<b>Number of WARNINGS</b>	<b>40</b>
Speeding (11-20 Miles Over)	10

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## Citation Offense Count By Stop Type

Speeding (1-10 MILES OVER)	8
Fail TO Report Change of Address/Name	3
Fail to Maintian Financial Responsibility	3
Defective Head Lamps	3
Defective Stop Lamp(s)	2
Defective Tail Lamp(s)	2
No License Plate Light	2
Ran Stop Sign - Operator has view of approaching traffic.	1
Ran Red Light	1
Fail to Maintain Financial Resp.	1
Expired Registration/Plates	1
Expired Motor Vehicle Inspection	1
Cut Across Driveway/Private Property to Make Turn	1
Animal Not Confined	1

<b>Number of PARKING Offenses (for *ALL*)</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>Number of CITATIONS</b>	<b>24</b>
Parking on Front or Side Yard- \$46.00 Not a moving Violation	16
Parking/Stopping/Standing on a Sidewalk - \$46.00	3
Storing of Motor Vehicle - Unlicensed/Unregistered \$139.00	2
Storing of Motor Vehicle - Inoperative \$139.00	1
Parked in Prohibited Area - \$46.00	1
Illegal Parking of Large Trucks/Tractor/Trailer \$46.00	1