

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



January, 2013

Description	Number	
Traffic Citations	371	
Traffic Warnings	50	
Parking Tickets (this is mostly code enforcement)	41	
Investigations – Cases assigned	15	
Investigations – Cases cleared	11	
Investigations – Cases remaining open	25	
Arrests	30	
Total Schools Calls	32	
Calls For Service	1,559	Year to date – 1,559
Traffic accidents	19	

Items of Interest

Chief McConnell:

- Met with officials from El Paso Electric regarding copper thefts.
- Assisted with Career day at Frank Macias Elementary school.

Communications Division

During the month of January, our communications coordinator provided NCIC/TCIC training to the chief of police and the police officers of the Clint Police Department. This is an eight hour course that certifies the participant to obtain and use the information in the NCIC/TCIC databases for the furtherance of their work and investigations.

We also participated in teaching a class for the Citizen's Academy. The students were given information on how to be a good caller to 9-1-1; stay calm, answer all the questions, know your location, etc. We also heard some actual 911 calls that the El Paso Police Department received. The students learned that our dispatch center is linked to all the other agencies in El Paso via our I/Cad system. We can communicate with other agencies and share vital information instantly. Dispatchers also provide immediate information regarding missing, lost, or stolen people or property to the officers out in the field.

The month was closed off with a trip in the command post to Frank Macias Elementary for their annual career day. We assisted with talking to the students about calling 9-1-1, knowing what an emergency is, and answering all the questions an operator asks of them. All of the students were very receptive. A few asked about the training and schooling needed to become a dispatcher. They were given 9-1-1 activity books, stickers and pencils that were provided by Officer Casillas for this event.

Crime Prevention Efforts

The Horizon City Police Department Citizen Academy began its 2013 session on January 15, 2013. Chief McConnell, Assistant Chief Rico and Crime Prevention Officer (CPO) Casillas welcomed 15 citizens. The students will be attending classes once a week for eleven weeks. The Horizon City Citizens Academy is a series of classes designed to teach a diverse selection of topics by an Officer who is a professional in his or her topic. It will give attendees an idea of how the police department operates.

Crime Prevention Officer (CPO) Casillas was invited to Carroll T. Welch Elementary to speak to students about the importance of anti-bullying. CPO spoke to over 200 students in their P.E classes. CPO also spoke to the students about their new Safety Patrol and the importance of following school rules that are being implemented by the Safety Patrol. A monthly follow up meeting was held for the Safety Patrol class and new members were welcomed and given Carroll T. Welch Cougar coins for their hard work.

CPO was invited to begin teaching Teens in The Driver's Seat once a month to a class of twenty five students at the West Texas Defensive Driving School located in Horizon. Teens will be taught the importance of driving without distractions, ensure they wear their safety belts and remain drug free/alcohol free. A video showing testimonials of life events from teens in the state of Texas was shown and it gave attendees an in-depth look at how car crashes impacted the teens lives.

Warrants Division

Warrants officers assisted the Horizon Municipal Court by serving forty-five summonses. None were returned back to the court. Warrants officers made approximately one hundred and fifty 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 January, warrants officers arrested thirty people; some of them were arrested during court proceedings.

Warrants officers continue to use their iPads to collect payments on outstanding warrants.

Police Reserves

The reserves have volunteered 24 hours this month. We are still in the process of recruiting, testing and hiring additional reserves.

Criminal Investigations Division (CID)

Detectives conducted extensive background checks on peace officer candidates. Background checks consist of previous employment history, neighborhood canvas, personal reference contacts, driver's license records check, and verification of information provided on the employment application.

Detectives organized and equipped the Crime Scene Unit to be fully operational and ready to be utilized. The unit is geared up to thoroughly process crimes scenes. This includes photography devices, evidence collection supplies, DNA collection kits, safety equipment, casting tools, and fingerprint collection.

Detective L. Medina attended the SART (Sexual Assault Response Team) monthly meeting and discussed new options available for victims of sexual assaults who are affiliated with Ft. Bliss. Horizon City has multiple military affiliated residents who may not be aware these options are available to them and can now be informed of programs and other assistance offered to them by Ft. Bliss.

Detectives received a case of harassment. The victim received harassing messages during the course of two weeks. The victim provided officers with pictures of the messages she had received and said the messages harassed and upset her. A warrant was obtained for the suspect. Apprehension is pending.

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

Training this Month

New Supervisor (32 hours): The student will be exposed to concepts of various leadership styles they will encounter. Students will be taught the techniques to properly counsel subordinates. This course will prepare the new supervisor in the art of leadership and to become better leaders through experience and education.

Officers in Attendance: Campbell

Total Training Hours (January): 32

Respectfully Submitted,



Mike McConnell
Chief of Police



Citation Offense Count By Stop Type

Number of TRAFFIC Offenses (for *ALL*)	421
Number of CITATIONS	371
Speeding (11-20 Miles Over)	72
Speeding (1-10 MILES OVER)	45
Fail to Maintian Financial Responsibility	36
No Drivers License	35
Fail to Maintain Financial Resp.	16
Turned Left from Wrong Lane	16
Ran Stop Sign - Operator has view of approaching traffic.	14
Driving While License Invalid Under Provisions of DL Laws	10
Expired Registration/Plates	9
Expired Motor Vehicle Inspection	8
Ran Stop Sign - At a clearly marked stop line.	7
Failed to /Signal Intent to Turn	7
Defective Stop Lamp(s)	6
Fail to Display Drivers License	5
Defective Tail Lamp(s)	5
Speeding (21-25 Miles Over)	4
Fail TO Report Change of Address/Name	4
D.O.C. Fighting with Another	4
Defective Head Lamps	4
Consumption of Alcohol By Minor	4
Criminal Trespass	4
Expired Drivers License	4
No License Plate Light	3
Open Container	3
Public Intoxication	3
Improper Turn/Illegal Turn	2



Citation Offense Count By Stop Type

Possession of Drug Paraphernalia	2
Restrictions on Windows \$36.90	2
Passing In a School Zone	2
Curfew	2
Drive on a Non Truck Route	2
Unrestrained Child 8 YOA or Younger	2
Unsafe Backing	2
Speeding School Zone (1 -10 Miles Over)	2
Speeding School Zone (11 - 16)	2
Speeding School Zone 17 + Miles	1
Turned Across Drivding Section/Median	1
Use Equipment Not Authorized	1
Use of Wireless Communication Device	1
Violate DL Restriction	1
Drove Center Lane (Not Passing/Not Turning Left)	1
Fail to Comply with Requirements on Striking Unattended Vehicle	1
Fail to Properly Restrain a Dog	1
Assault	1
Changed Lane When Unsafe	1
Cut Across Driveway/Private Property to Make Turn	1
D.O. C. Disruption Classroom	1
Defective Brakes	1
Defective Turn Signal Lamp(s)	1
No Seat Belt - Driver	1
No Seat Belt- Passenger	1
Impeding Traffic	1
Failed to Yield Row Turning Left	1
Failed to Signal Turn/Lane Change	1
Failed to Stop at Designated Point (Stop Sign)	1



Citation Offense Count By Stop Type

Possession of Alcohol By Minor	1
Operate Unregistered Motor Vehicle	1
Ran Red Light	1
Number of WARNINGS	50
Fail to Maintian Financial Responsibility	9
Speeding (1-10 MILES OVER)	5
Speeding (11-20 Miles Over)	5
Turned Left from Wrong Lane	4
Fail TO Report Change of Address/Name	4
Fail to Display Drivers License	3
Defective Head Lamps	3
Failed to Stop at Designated Point (Stop Sign)	3
Ran Stop Sign - Operator has view of approaching traffic.	3
Fail to Maintain Financial Resp.	2
No License Plate Light	2
Wrong or Obscured License Plate	1
Drive on a Non Truck Route	1
Defective Stop Lamp(s)	1
Disregard Crossing Guard	1
Disregard Official Traffic Control Device	1
No Drivers License	1
Ran Stop Sign - At a clearly marked stop line.	1

Number of PARKING Offenses (for *ALL*)	41
Number of CITATIONS	41
Parking on Front or Side Yard- \$20.00 Not a moving Violation	21
Parked Facing Traffic - \$20.00	6
Parking/Stopping/Standing on a Sidewalk - \$20.00	5
Illegal Parking of Large Trucks/Tractor/Trailer \$20.00	4



Citation Offense Count By Stop Type

Parked In a Handicapped Zone/Parking - \$86.00	2
Parking/Standing w/i 15 Ft of Fire Hydrant - \$20.00	2
Park/Stand w/ 30 Ft of A Traffic Control Device - \$20.00	1

Number of NON-TRAFFIC Offenses (for *ALL*)	4
Number of CITATIONS	3
Criminal Trespass	2
Animal Not Confined	1
Number of WARNINGS	1
Fail to Properly Restrain a Dog	1