

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



**January, 2011**

Description	Number	
Written Citations	184	
Written Warnings	147	
Other Parking Tickets	100	
Investigations – Cases assigned	19	
Investigations – Cases cleared	14	
Investigations – Cases remaining open	6	
Code Enforcement Parked on Landscape Citations	28	
Code Enforcement Notices/Warnings	135	
Code Enforcement Summons	13	
Arrests	63	
Calls For Service	473	Year to date – 473
Traffic accidents	4	

**Items of Interest**

- Chief McConnell attended the following meetings:
  - Law Enforcement Stakeholder meeting with Child Protective Services regarding Texas laws pertaining to child abuse reporting.
  - Attended several meetings at the 9-1-1 Center in El Paso regarding technical issues for the upcoming CAD upgrade.
  - Attended a UASI Planning meeting as required for grant purposes.
  - Met with a representative of the Border Patrol regarding information sharing.
  - Attended a Chief's Roundtable with the United States Customs and Border Protection Commissioner Alan Bersin.
  - Attended a grant training workshop held had RIOCOC.
- Chief McConnell secured \$ 47,740 in funds through the 9-1-1 District for dispatching equipment needed for our future dispatching project. By the time this report is read, all the necessary items in the grant will have been ordered.

**Warrants Division**

Warrants officers assisted the Horizon Municipal court by serving twelve summonses, twelve of which were executed and none were returned back to the court. Warrants officers made approximately one hundred 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, Horizon Police had a warrants round up and the total money collected during this warrants drive were \$13,183 in cash or credit card payments, thirteen people were booked totaling \$8,987 dollars. The total amount collected was \$22,170 comparing to \$18,000 that was collected last year during the warrants round up.

### Code Enforcement Division

The code enforcement division has been working on enforcing clean up on vacant houses for several months. All properties which were cleaned by The Town of Horizon City or a contractor are now in compliance according to our city code. Properties with unpaid balances are currently in the process of getting a lien placed on their home. There are 17 properties in town that will be receiving liens.

#### **Desert Palm 3 Subdivision Clean-up**

Much time has been spent in the clean up and education of the homeowners in the Desert Palm Unit 3 subdivision. This subdivision was annexed in 2004 and had many code violation issues to address. In an effort to have as much voluntary compliance from the homeowners as possible, Officer Dodson focused on this subdivision by placing notices on vacant lots, meeting homeowners and educating them on what would be happening to clean up the neighborhood. A total of 56 homeowners and land owners were issued notices and or certified letters on code violations such as: zoning, home occupation, housing codes, building codes, and nuisances. Officer Garcia put together a systematic approach in the development of improvement, rehabilitation, safety, health and general welfare that is involved in land-use and nuisance abatement. Officer Dodson executed this approach effectively which resulted in homeowner compliance success. Officer Dodson also handed out free t-shirts to people from the community for contributing in the clean-up.

Parking citations have been very effective with the community and we've begun to see a lot of compliance though we did however have a junk vehicle towed because of non compliance and one vehicle owner was cited 3 different times.

Additionally we also worked on:

- Removing illegal signs,
- Checking construction permits
- Checking registrations of businesses and contractors

### Criminal Investigations Division (CID)

- An arrest by patrol officers in the 14000 block of Cabana on two subjects smoking marijuana led to further investigation by detectives. Detectives discovered through investigation that a resident of the home was selling marijuana in the Horizon area. A search warrant was obtained for the residence where detectives located approximately one pound of marijuana, cash, and several items of drug paraphernalia. One male subject was later arrested.
- Detectives were called to the 14000 block of Ghost Flower in reference to a sexual assault. Detectives learned that a 15 year old female victim had been touched inappropriately by a 19 year old male subject. A warrant for indecency with a child was obtained and the 19 year old subject was later located in El Paso, TX and arrested.

Training this Month

*Interview and Interrogation (24 hrs.)*  
Campbell, Fraire, Montelongo, and Soto.

*Psychology of Victims (8 hrs.)*  
Casillas, Montelongo, and Verdinez.

*Haz-Mat (24 hrs.)*  
Sergeant Flores.

*New Supervisors (32 hrs.)*  
Sergeant Mitro and Detective Walden.

*Cultural Diversity (8 hrs.)*  
Lozoya and Medina.

*Child Abuse (8 hrs.) part of 3232*  
Officer Lozoya.

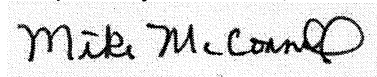
*Identity Crimes (4 hrs.)*  
Medina and Walden.

*Asset Forfeiture (4 hrs.)*  
Verdinez and Walden.

*3232 Special Investigative topics (32 hrs.)*  
Detective Walden.

*Racial Profiling (7 hrs.)*  
Detective Walden.

Respectfully Submitted,



Mike McConnell  
Chief of Police



## Citation Offense Count By Stop Type

<b>Number of PARKING Offenses (for *ALL*)</b>		<b>128</b>
<b>Number of CITATIONS</b>		<b>126</b>
Parked Facing Traffic - \$20.00		44
Parking on a Landscaped Area - \$20.00 Not a moving Violation		28
Parked Facing Traffic - \$41.00		25
Parking/Stopping/Standing on a Sidewalk - \$20.00		8
Park/Stand in Front of Public/Private Drive - \$20.00		6
Parking on a Landscaped Area - \$46.00		3
Park/Stand w/ 30 Ft of A Traffic Control Device - \$20.00		2
Park/Stand w/i 20 Ft of Crosswalk at Intersection - \$86.00		2
Parked w/ Wheels Over 18 In From Curb/Edge of Rdwy - \$36.00		2
Parking/Standing w/i 15 Ft of Fire Hydrant - \$47.00		2
Parking/Stopping/Standing on a Sidewalk - \$36.00		1
Parking/Standing w/i 15 Ft of Fire Hydrant - \$20.00		1
Parked In a Handicapped Zone/Parking - \$112.00		1
Illegal Parking of Large Trucks/Tractor/Trailer \$20.00		1
<b>Number of WARNINGS</b>		<b>2</b>
Parked Facing Traffic - \$20.00		2

<b>Number of TRAFFIC Offenses (for *ALL*)</b>		<b>241</b>
<b>Number of CITATIONS</b>		<b>180</b>
Fail to Maintian Financial Responsibility		31
No Drivers License		25
Speeding (11-20 Miles Over)		24
Speeding (1-10 Miles Over)		10
Passing In a School Zone		7
Ran Stop Sign - At a clearly marked stop line.		7
Consumption of Alcohol By Minor		7



## Citation Offense Count By Stop Type

Expired Motor Vehicle Inspection	6
Ran Stop Sign - Before entering the crosswalk on or near intersection.	5
No License Plate Light	5
Disorderly Conduct	5
Expired Registration/Plates	4
Assault	3
D.O.C. Fighting with Another	3
Unrestrained Child younger Than 4 or Under 36 Inches	2
Criminal Mischief/Class C	2
Display Unclean License Plates/Obstructed	2
Defective Head Lamps	2
Expired Drivers License	2
Fail TO Report Change of Address/Name	2
Illegal Parking of Large Trucks/Tractor/Trailer	2
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia	2
Ran Red Light	2
Speeding (20-25 Miles Over)	2
Speeding (26 + Miles Over)	2
Speeding School Zone (1 -10 Miles Over)	1
Speeding School Zone (11 - 16)	1
Ran Stop Sign - Operator no view of approaching traffic.	1
Parked in Prohibited Area - \$46.00	1
No Seat Belt- Passenger	1
Failed to Signal Turn/Lane Change	1
Fail to Control Speed	1
Fail to Display Drivers License	1
Disruptive Behavior in Class	1
Drive on a Non Truck Route	1
Driving Under The Influence -Minor	1



## Citation Offense Count By Stop Type

Driving While License Invalid Under Provisions of DL Laws	1
Curfew	1
D.O.C. Obscene Language	1
Use of Wireless Communication Device	1
Speeding School Zone 17 + Miles	1
<b>Number of WARNINGS</b>	<b>61</b>
Speeding (1-10 Miles Over)	7
Expired Motor Vehicle Inspection	7
Passing In a School Zone	6
Speeding (11-20 Miles Over)	5
Fail TO Report Change of Address/Name	4
Ran Stop Sign - Before entering the crosswalk on or near intersection.	4
Ran Stop Sign - At a clearly marked stop line.	3
Expired Registration/Plates	3
Speeding School Zone (11 - 16)	3
Speeding - 20 MPH School Zone (11- 20 Miles Over Limit)	2
Criminal Trespass	2
Defective Tail Lamp(s)	2
Fail to Maintian Financial Responsibility	2
No License Plate Light	2
Speeding School Zone (1 -10 Miles Over)	1
Speeding (20-25 Miles Over)	1
Speeding - 20 MPH School Zone (1 - 10 Miles Over Limit)	1
Ran Red Light	1
Parked Facing Traffic - \$20.00	1
No Seat Belt - Driver	1
Failed to Signal Turn	1
Defective Head Lamps	1
Defective Stop Lamp(s)	1



## Citation Offense Count By Stop Type

<b>Number of NON-TRAFFIC Offenses (for *ALL*)</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Number of CITATIONS</b>	<b>7</b>
Assault	4
Minor In Possession of Tobacco Products	1
Disorderly Conduct	1
D.O. C. Disruption Classroom	1