

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



March, 2011

Description	Number	
Traffic Citations	172	
Traffic Warnings	34	
Parking Tickets	92	
Investigations – Cases assigned	25	
Investigations – Cases cleared	17	
Investigations – Cases remaining open	8	
Code Enforcement Parked on Landscape Citations	56	
Code Enforcement Notices/Warnings	155	
Code Enforcement Summons	32	
Property Liens	0	
Signs Picked Up	74	
Arrests	37	
Calls For Service	532	Year to date – 1,471
Traffic accidents	7	

Items of Interest

- A Police Officer applicant testing process was held on March 12. Seven applicants participated and only one officer passed the physical and POST tests. Another testing process is scheduled for April in an attempt to create a hiring list. We still have one open police officer position unfilled.
- Officer Fraire was awarded his Intermediate Peace Officer TCLEOSE certificate.
- Chief McConnell was awarded his Master Peace Officer TCLEOSE certificate.

Warrants Division

The two warrants officers assisted the municipal court in conducting a roundup for active warrants. All Horizon City Police personnel participated in the warrants roundup that began at 4:00 am on April 2nd, 2011 concluding at approximately noon. The warrants officers and the officers scheduled for regular duty continued to assist with court proceedings and detainees that could not post their bonds.

The warrant officers finished at 5:00 pm by booking six persons that were not able to post bond, clearing a total of \$9,599.00 in outstanding warrants. Horizon Municipal Court warrants roundup revenue was \$8,498.00.00 received through cash, and credit card payments.

The Horizon Municipal Court cleared numerous traffic warrants totaling \$27,002.00. The warrants division will continue to collect on traffic warrants. The next warrants round up will be scheduled for the end of August or first part of September.

Total overtime expense was \$2,286.20. Some officers worked from 0400 hours until 1100 hours and some finished at 1130 hours, except for the two warrants officers that finished at 1700 hours booking arrestees.

Code Enforcement Division

For the month of March, the majority of the time was spent enforcing tall grass and weed nuisances. The Desert Breeze 1 & 2 subdivision was the area focused on being that the majority of weeds and trash complaints come from this particular area at this time of year. Some developers and lot owners had neglected and abandoned their properties and some were a complete nuisance.

Rear property parkways had become a safety and fire hazard to this subdivision as well. Notices were issued, flyers were passed out, and letters were mailed in an effort to get voluntary compliance from the entire subdivision. The majority did comply and the community in this subdivision was not only very pleased but excited to finally have the developers take control of these abandoned lots. Developers brought in large garbage roll off containers for the home owners to use while in the process of this subdivision clean up. A total of 174 properties developed and undeveloped received notices, flyers, and letters for vacant lot or parkway clean-up. Ninety-four (94) property owners voluntarily complied, Twenty-four (24) parkways were contracted out for clean-up, fifteen (15) vacant lots were contracted out for clean-up, and forty-one (41) lots are still pending completion of clean-up.

Although tumbleweeds are a never ending problem in Horizon City, we have brought the subdivision to a state of compliance by abating health and fire hazards in regards to weeds, trash, and illegal dumping nuisances. The Code Enforcement department will continue to monitor this subdivision in order to maintain code compliance.

A total of thirty-two (32) property liens will be filed with the County of El Paso on vacant lot and parkway clean ups. All costs of clean up must be paid by property owners.

Additionally code enforcement department also worked on:

- Removing illegal signs
- Checking construction permits
- Checking contractor permits
- Business Registrations

Criminal Investigations Division (CID)

- A stolen vehicle from the 14000 block of Bryce was recovered in Socorro, TX. HCPD Detectives obtained latent prints from the vehicle which matched the suspected offender and a warrant was issued. Detectives made several attempts to locate the offender, a 20 year old male from Horizon City with negative results. Offender was featured on the El Paso County Sheriff's Manhunt Monday on February 28th 2011 and is currently at large. ***UPDATE*** using information received from a crime stoppers tip, the offender in this case was located in Horizon City by HCPD Detectives and arrested without incident on 03/02/11.
- A Horizon City resident reported fraudulent activity on her bank account shortly after misplacing her bank card. Detectives investigated the fraudulent charges which were made at several local businesses. While reviewing security video at one of the businesses, Detectives observed a male subject making purchases with the victims bank card and believed they recognized him from a previous encounter. A photo lineup was conducted with the store clerk who then positively identified the man and confirmed the Detectives' suspicions. The 21 year old subject was later located and arrested in Horizon City for debit card abuse.
- A juvenile subject was found in possession of a pocket knife while on school grounds and it was later discovered that this subject had threatened another student with the knife during school hours. The subject was picked up and transported to the Juvenile Probation Dept. by HCPD Detectives and charged with aggravated assault.
- Officers checked a vehicle parked in the area of Desierto Bonito and Maravillas. Two individuals were found inside the vehicle engaged in sexual activity. Officers checked the subjects who were found to be a 19 year old male and a 14 year old female. Detectives arrived and met with the subjects who stated they had entered into the activity consensually but due to the age of the female subject, the male subject was charged with sexual assault of a child.
- Detectives responded to several vehicle burglaries in the area of S. Kenazo. A witness was located who provided information on a single male subject seen in the area. Detectives and Officers speaking with the witness recognized the description of the subject as a known offender in the area. Detectives then conducted a follow up at the suspect's residence where they were granted entry and allowed to conduct a search. Detectives then located items taken from several of the vehicle burglaries inside the residence and the male suspect was ultimately arrested.

Training this Month

Human Trafficking (4 hours)

- Amador
- Fraire
- Medina
- Mitre
- Mitro
- McConnell
- Walden

Patrol Rifle (24 hours)

- Arvizu
- Labrado
- Rico

Intermediate Spanish

- Campbell (24 hours)
- McConnell (20 hours)

ARIDE (24 hours)

- Ortega

Special Investigator (24 hours)

- Ortega
- Medina
- Mitro

POSEIT Family Violence (8 hours)

- Medina

Racial Profiling (7 hours) – McConnell

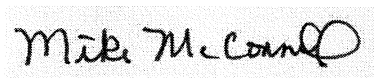
Intermediate Child Abuse (24 hours) - McConnell

Intermediate Crime Scene (24 hours) - McConnell

CIT (16 hours) - McConnell

The department had a total of 319 hours of training in March.

Respectfully Submitted,



Mike McConnell
Chief of Police

2011 Movie Schedule and Sponsors List as of February 28, 2011

04-Jun	The Blind Side – <i>Vista Serena</i>
11-Jun	Twilight – <i>Teachers Credit Union</i>
18-Jun	The Little Rascals – <i>Vista Serena</i>
25-Jun	Monsters Vs Alien - - OPEN
02-Jul	Karate Kid (2010) – GECU
09-Jul	Despicable Me – <i>Vista Serena</i>
16-Jul	Iron Man 2 – <i>Vista Serena</i>
23-Jul	The Dark Night - OPEN
30-Jul	Mega Mind – <i>Hawk Construction</i>
06-Aug	Toy Story 3 – <i>Teachers Credit Union</i>
13-Aug	Cars – <i>Vista Serena</i>
20-Aug	Incredibles – <i>First State Bank</i>
27-Aug	Tangled – <i>Vista Serena</i>
03-Sep	The Last Song - <i>Southwest Water Company -MUD</i>
10-Sep	Daddy Daycare- <i>Border Pallets and Richard De Santos</i>
17-Sep	Yogi Bear – <i>Vista Serena</i>
24-Sep	How to Train your Dragon – <i>Vista Serena</i>
	Looney Tunes Cartoons – <i>Police Officers Association</i>



Citation Offense Count By Stop Type

Number of PARKING Offenses (for *ALL*)		92
Number of CITATIONS		92
Parking on a Landscaped Area - \$20.00 Not a moving Violation		56
Parked Facing Traffic - \$20.00		25
Parking/Stopping/Standing on a Sidewalk - \$20.00		8
Park/Stand w/ 30 Ft of A Traffic Control Device - \$20.00		2
Illegal Parking of Large Trucks/Tractor/Trailer \$20.00		1

Number of TRAFFIC Offenses (for *ALL*)		206
Number of CITATIONS		172
Speeding (11-20 Miles Over)		29
Fail to Maintian Financial Responsibility		25
No Drivers License		15
Possession of Alcohol By Minor		14
Speeding (1-10 Miles Over)		13
Ran Stop Sign - At a clearly marked stop line.		12
D.O.C. Fighting with Another		8
Curfew		4
Expired Registration/Plates		3
Fail to Display Drivers License		3
Passing In a School Zone		3
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia		2
Open Container		2
Ran Stop Sign - Operator no view of approaching traffic.		2
Use of Wireless Communication Device		2
Disruptive Behavior in Class		2
Driving While License Invalid Under Provisions of DL Laws		2
Expired Motor Vehicle Inspection		2



Citation Offense Count By Stop Type

Improper Turn/Illegal Turn	2
Criminal Mischief/Class C	2
Defective Tail Lamp(s)	2
Disorderly Conduct	1
Display Altered Drivers License	1
Cut Across Driveway/Private Property to Make Turn	1
Assault	1
D.O.C. Obscene Language	1
D.O.C. Offensive Gesture/Display	1
Defective Head Lamps	1
Negligent Collision	1
Fail to Properly Restrain a Dog	1
Fail TO Report Change of Address/Name	1
Failed to /Signal Intent to Turn	1
Failed to Signal Turn	1
Expired Drivers License	1
Fail to Control Speed	1
Violate DL Restriction	1
Speeding (20-25 Miles Over)	1
Speeding (26 + Miles Over)	1
Unrestrained Child 8 YOA or Younger	1
Unsafe Backing	1
Operate Motor Vehicle Without License Plate or with One License Plate	1
Operate Unregistered Motor Vehicle	1
No License Plate Light	1
No Seat Belt - Driver	1
Number of WARNINGS	34
Speeding (1-10 Miles Over)	8
Defective Head Lamps	5



Citation Offense Count By Stop Type

Ran Stop Sign - At a clearly marked stop line.	5
Failed to Signal Turn	3
Failed to Stop at Designated Point (Stop Sign)	2
Defective Stop Lamp(s)	2
Defective Tail Lamp(s)	2
Change Name/Mailing Address Later Than 30 Days (CDL)	1
Expired Motor Vehicle Inspection	1
Use of Wireless Communication Device	1
Speeding (11-20 Miles Over)	1
Operate Motor Vehicle Without License Plate or with One License Plate	1
No License Plate Light	1
Passing In a School Zone	1

Number of NON-TRAFFIC Offenses (for *ALL*)	15
Number of CITATIONS	14
Curfew	3
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia	2
D.O.C. Fighting with Another	2
Assault	1
D.O.C. Obscene Language	1
D.O.C. Unreasonable Noise	1
No Drivers License	1
Fail to Maintian Financial Responsibility	1
Open Container	1
Permit The Accumulation of Garbage/Rubish/Junk/Filth/Waste Paper/Ashes Etc.	1
Number of WARNINGS	1
Defective Parking Lamp(s)	1