

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



**December, 2011**

<b>Description</b>	<b>Number</b>	
Traffic Citations	470	
Traffic Warnings	74	
Parking Tickets	16	
Investigations – Cases assigned	17	
Investigations – Cases cleared	17	
Investigations – Cases remaining open	11	
Code Enforcement Notices/Warnings	215	
Code Enforcement Summons	16	
Code Enforcement Signs Collected	276	
Code Enforcement Liens Placed	0	
Arrests	16	
Calls For Service	578	Year to date – 6,833
Traffic accidents	11	

**Items of Interest**

The emergency generator project is now complete! We successfully completed the load test in late December. This is a great addition to our resources allowing the police department and city hall to remain fully operational during times when power interruptions occur.

The police department participated in the 2011 Christmas parade by providing traffic control. Chief McConnell attended the annual Urban Planning Alliance meeting and the grant application workshop at the Rio Grande Council of Government offices. Chief McConnell attended the 911 District board meeting.

**Dispatching**

Dispatch is now providing an alarm report and the CAD call cards on all alarms to Officer Casillas. Officer Casillas is also now included in the distribution of the report that provides the case numbers, incident types, and addresses for all the case numbers issued to HCPD.

The Sheriff's Office has been experiencing a shortage of dispatchers. Therefore, HCPD's communications section sat along with Sheriff's Office dispatchers in order to learn how to handle non-emergency calls for service. Handling our own non emergency calls should alleviate some of the call volume for the already overwhelmed Sheriff's Office.

Warrants Division

Warrants officers assisted the Horizon Municipal court by serving fifteen summonses. All fifteen of them were executed and none 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. Warrants will be looking at having a warrants round up on the first week of February.

Code Enforcement Division

Code enforcement main focus and priorities this month were on all "illegal signs". Many hours were also spent on clerical work such as property searches, court summons, billing of parkways, returning calls, attending walk-ins, and data entry. Additionally, code enforcement also addressed code violations on abandoned/stored vehicles and parkway weed abatement.

Crime Prevention

Officer Casillas sent out 13 emails to residents of Horizon City who signed up for Neighborhood Watch following up their request for information. While working as School Resource Officer for CISD, Officer Casillas identified 7 active gangs at Ricardo Estrada Junior High. She will continue working with school security and administrators in identifying gangs and their members at the Horizon High School.

Beginning in December, Officer Casillas began receiving daily activity summaries concerning certain criminal cases such as burglaries, thefts, and family violence. Officer Casillas then makes a follow-up contact to the reporting party to ensure the victim does not have further questions concerning their case. Since initiating this program, she has distributed information on prevention of burglaries and thefts reported by Horizon City residents. The type of information distributed includes auto theft prevention and neighborhood watch information on how to reduce their potential from future victimization.

Criminal Investigations Division (CID)

Detectives received information regarding an unattended death. The subject was identified the case is pending autopsy report for cause of Death.

Detectives received a Driving While Intoxicated case in which the alleged offender was unable to be processed due to allegations of injuries at the scene. Medical records were subpoenaed and detectives suspected that the offender was intoxicated on the date of the incident. An arrest warrant was obtained and the subject was taken into custody by second shift Officers and later booked into the El Paso County Detention Facility.

Detectives conducted a follow-up regarding a deceptive business practice case. The offender was identified by using a photo line-up. An arrest warrant was obtained and when the offender arrived at the Horizon City Police Department, he was taken into custody later booked into the El Paso County Detention Facility.

Detective Mitro assisted in the interrogation of an offender who provided a confession and was later arrested. The offender and a male subject were alleged to have organized a plot to rob a local business at gunpoint. Operation Stone Garden Officers observed their suspicious activity and based on the officers observations, the subjects were apprehended and had in their possession a firearm and other criminal instruments.

Other cases received during the month were burglary of habitation, Sexual Assault, Injury to child, Credit Card Abuse, and Deceptive Business Practice.

#### Training this Month

##### **Basic Patrol Rifle (24 hrs.)**

This class is presented by the El Paso County Sheriffs Academy and teaches the basic handling, cleaning and care, marksmanship, and basic tactical skills with the M-4 type assault rifle. This course does require that officers shoot consistently and at a higher standard than TCLEOSE requirements before being able to get credit for the class. Attending Officers: *A. Amador, A. Soto, and J. Walden.*

##### Officer B. Campbell:

- Identity Theft (4 hours)- Goes over the crime, victim's rights, the statute under Texas Law.
- Police Administration (2 hours)- Goes over common issues within Administration and how to properly resolve those issues within a police department.
- AMBER Alert (4 hours)- Goes over the history, successes, and inner working's of the AMBER alert system.

##### D. Ramirez:

- Racial Profiling (7 hours)- Reviews Racial Profiling Laws and the reporting process. This class also reviews why it is bad policy to racially profile individuals.
- Asset Forfeiture (4 hours)- This class covers the laws governing the officers ability and duty to seize assets.

J. Walden:

- Sex Crimes (5 hours) - This class covers sex crimes and how to properly process the scene to successfully conclude the case.
- Crime Victim (5 hours) - This subject deals with how to properly treat victims of crime as to not further the psychological and physical damage to the victim, while still maintaining the victims willingness to continue cooperation with the police investigation.
- Police Administration (2 hours) - Goes over common issues within Administration and how to properly resolve those issues within a police department.
- Legal Standards for Law Enforcement (6 hours) - This class covers the legal liabilities for officers that fail to conduct their duties correctly.
- Ethics for Law Enforcement (4 hours) - Covers the ethical issues that officers are faced with during their career, on and off duty.

Respectfully Submitted,



Mike McConnell  
Chief of Police

**Monthly Statistics Residents Coming to Front Door After 5pm**

								<b>Time of Day Stats</b>
<b>Daily Stats</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>Tue</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>Thu</b>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>Sat</b>	<b>Sun</b>	
<b>0801-1700</b>	19	0	0	0	15	5	8	<b>47</b>
<b>1700-0000</b>	3	1	5	4	3	11	4	<b>31</b>
<b>0001-0800</b>	0	3	0	2	0	0	0	<b>5</b>
<b>Total Contacts</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>83</b>

