

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



September, 2012

Description	Number	
Traffic Citations	484	
Traffic Warnings	34	
Parking Tickets (this is mostly code enforcement)	161	
Investigations – Cases assigned	25	
Investigations – Cases cleared	27	
Investigations – Cases remaining open	21	
Arrests	31	
Total Schools Calls	29	
Calls For Service	563	Year to date – 5,371
Traffic accidents	15	

Items of Interest

Chief McConnell:

- Attended a training meeting in Pflugerville, Texas regarding the implementation of the Texas Police Chief Association Best Practices Recognition Program. We are in the beginning stages of reviewing our policies and procedures in preparation of beginning the departmental recognition process. This process will take approximately one year. Sergeant Ortega also attended the training and will serve as the program manager.
- Attended a press conference introducing the TIPS-911 program. The DEA has paid for our membership in this program for the next two years.
- Attended a planning session with the El Paso County Emergency Management concerning an upcoming table-top disaster scenario.
- Participated in a tour of the Lockheed Martin facility.
- Obtained a grant from the 911 District for \$106,800 for an additional VHF receiver system to improve reception for our police officers.
- Received a grant from the 911 District for renovation of our police communications dispatch office of approximately \$10,000 to improve the ergonomic conditions of their workspace.

Communications Division

During the month of September, the communications division received applications and interviewed qualified parties for two newly-approved dispatch positions. The selected applicants will be starting in early October. We are excited about being able to extend our hours to accommodate our officers and assist the public.

Warrants Division

Warrants officers assisted the Horizon Municipal court by serving Ninety-Five summonses, Ninety of them were executed and five were returned back to the court. Warrants officers made approximately one hundred and twenty five 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 September warrants officers arrested twenty people, some of them were arrested during court proceedings. Warrants will coordinate a driver's license check during Border Star operations this month.

Criminal Investigations Division (CID)

Detectives received a case in reference to Theft. The Victim informed Officers she allowed a friend to stay at her home for a couple of days due to the friend going through some hard financial times. Two days later, the victim returned to her home after work and found her friend to be gone and her plasma T.V. missing. The victim was unable to locate her friend and was only able to provide a first and last name to officers.

Detectives investigated further and were able to obtain information on an individual matching the description and name provided by the victim. The victim positively identified the subject via a photo line-up and the case was submitted non-arrest to the District Attorney's Office.

Detectives received a case in reference to Fraudulent Use or Possession of Identifying Information. The case was referred to the Horizon City Police Department Criminal Investigations Division from the Trinity Police Department in Trinity, Texas. The victim was notified of non-reported income under the victim's social security number at a local business. Officers were informed that the victim has not worked nor been in Horizon City. Detectives made contact with the manager of the business and through further investigation, discovered there was a clerical error which caused the wrong social security number to be used at the place of business. All involved parties were notified, the proper steps were taken to correct the mistake, and the case was closed.

Detectives received various cases in regarding a Burglary of Habitation, Burglary of Vehicle, and Assault Causes Bodily Injury involving five individuals. An information gathering operation lasting approximately two weeks ensued. Our officers obtained arrest warrants for the mentioned offenses and executed a total of eight arrest warrants on the four adult subjects and detained a juvenile. The arrests cleared approximately five ongoing cases.

Chief McConnell and Detective Medina attended the Plea Hearing for Ruth Angelica Gomez AKA "Angie Gomez". She was sentenced to five years probation in lieu of two years of confinement, 400 hours of Community Service, a \$500.00 fine, she was also

ordered to pay restitution to the victims amongst other conditions. This finalizes the Department's one year and three month investigation and presentation of the case.

Other cases received during the month of September were Credit Card Abuse, Burglary of vehicle, Burglary of Habitation, Injury to Child, Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon, Forgery, Sexual Assault, and Criminal Mischief.

Training this Month

Blackboard (8 hours): This course is designed to give the students an access and understanding of the El Paso Sheriffs internet training system. Training components also included Sexual Harassment recognition, Ethics, and Communication.
Officers in Attendance: A. Arvizu, O. Fraire, J. Perez

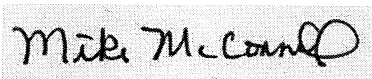
Special Investigative Topics (16 hours): This class is a refresher course of State Law concerning crimes against children, and sex crimes.
Officers in attendance: J. Lozoya, G. Rodriguez, J. Rodriguez, G. Rosas, C. Zeiger

Youth at Risk Gang Prevention (24 hours): Tactics are taught to provide officers with the tools to assist in preventing juveniles from being active in criminal gang activity.
Officer in attendance: A. Labrado

Collision Reconstruction (80 hours): This course is designed for those officers seeking new approaches to the complexities of analyzing traffic collisions. The course topics expand on the fundamentals of crash investigation with special emphasis on crash reconstruction.
Officer in attendance: P. Mitro

Total Training Hours (September): 208

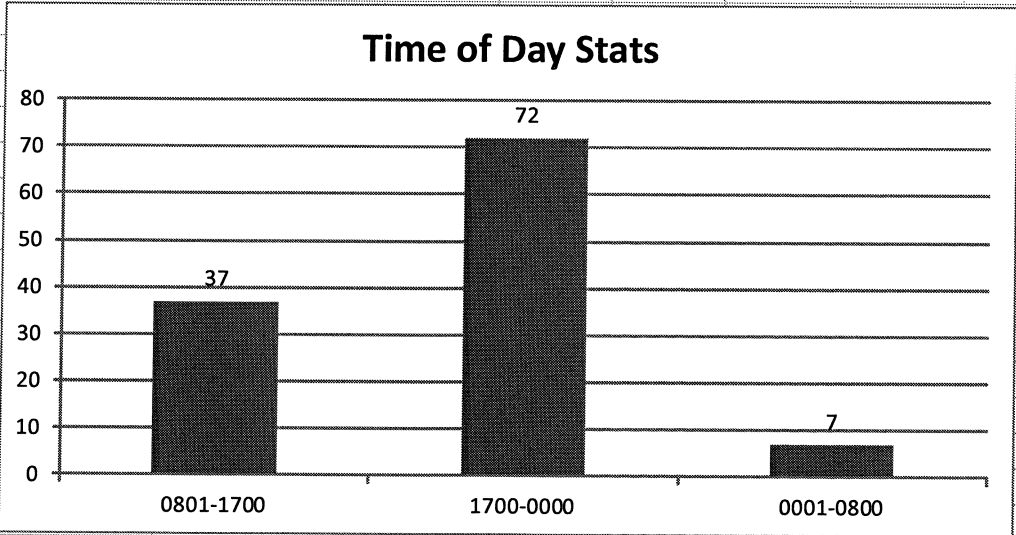
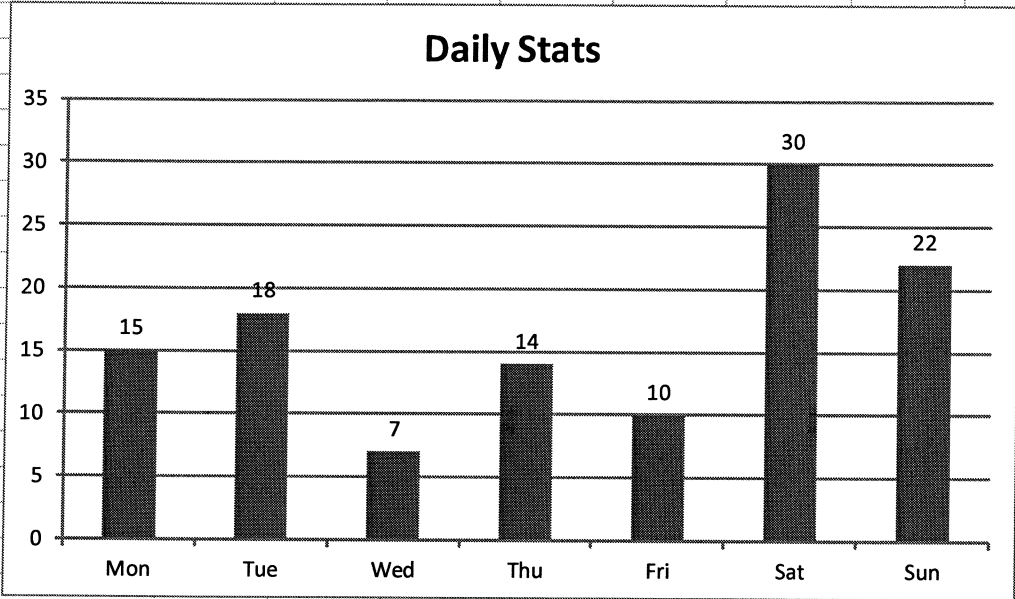
Respectfully Submitted,



Mike McConnell
Chief of Police

Monthly Statistics Residents Coming to Front Door After Close

		Month of:		September		9/01/2012 to 9/30/2012		
								Time of Day Stats
Daily Stats	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	
0801-1700	2	0	0	0	0	25	10	37
1700-0000	13	17	7	14	10	5	6	72
0001-0800	0	1	0	0	0	0	6	7
Total Contacts	15	18	7	14	10	30	22	116





Citation Offense Count By Stop Type

Number of PARKING Offenses (for *ALL*)	161
Number of CITATIONS	161
Parking on a Landscaped Area - \$20.00 Not a moving Violation	77
Parked Facing Traffic - \$20.00	40
Parking/Stopping/Standing on a Sidewalk - \$20.00	33
Illegal Parking of Large Trucks/Tractor/Trailer \$20.00	4
Parking/Standing w/i 15 Ft of Fire Hydrant - \$20.00	3
Parked in Prohibited Area - \$20.00	1
Parked w/ Wheels Over 18 In From Curb/Edge of Rdwy - \$20.00	1
Storing of Motor Vehicle - Inoperative \$139.00	1
Storing of Motor Vehicle - Unlicensed/Unregistered \$139.00	1

Number of TRAFFIC Offenses (for *ALL*)	518
Number of CITATIONS	484
Speeding (1-10 MILES OVER)	57
Fail to Maintian Financial Responsibility	52
No Drivers License	51
Speeding (11-20 Miles Over)	49
Expired Motor Vehicle Inspection	34
Expired Registration/Plates	21
Ran Stop Sign - Operator has view of approaching traffic.	18
Fail to Maintain Financial Resp.	16
Driving While License Invalid Under Provisions of DL Laws	16
Passing In a School Zone	14
No Seat Belt - Driver	11
Ran Stop Sign - At a clearly marked stop line.	11
Unrestrained Child 8 YOA or Younger	10
No License Plate Light	10



Citation Offense Count By Stop Type

Defective Head Lamps	8
Defective Stop Lamp(s)	8
Fail to Display Drivers License	7
Fail TO Report Change of Address/Name	6
Speeding (21-25 Miles Over)	6
Public Intoxication	5
Possession of Alcohol By Minor	4
No Seat Belt- Passenger	4
Failed to Yield Row (Private Drive/Alley/Building)	3
Failed to Yield Row Turning Left	3
D.O.C. Abuse or Threaten (Offensive Manner)	3
D.O.C. Fighting with Another	3
Defective Tail Lamp(s)	3
Unsafe Backing	2
Parent/Guardian Permitted Unlicensed Minor to Drive	2
Ran Red Light	2
Violate DL Restriction	2
Defective Turn Signal Lamp(s)	2
Child (8-17) Not Secured by Safety Belt	2
Improper Turn/Illegal Turn	2
In City parks after hours 11 p.m. to 6 a.m.	2
No Safety Certificate	2
Open Container	2
Operate Motrocycle w/o Approved Head Gear	1
Operation of ATV on Public Roadway	1
No Safety Equipment While Riding ATV	1
Improper Turn or Hand Signal	1
Parked in Prohibited Area - \$20.00	1
Minor In Possession of Tobacco Products	1



Citation Offense Count By Stop Type

No Motor Cycle Endorsement	1
Failed to Stop at Designated Point (Stop Sign)	1
Failed to Yield at Yield Intersection	1
Failed to Yield R.O.W. at Stop intersection	1
Fail to Properly Restrain a Dog	1
Consumption of Alcohol By Minor	1
Animal Nuisance/Biting or Injuring Any Aminal or Person	1
Assault	1
Changed Lane When Unsafe	1
Defective Brakes	1
Display Unclean License Plates/Obstrcted	1
Disregard Official Traffic Control Device	1
Driving Under The Influence -Minor	1
Equipment/Missing or None	1
Excessive Acceleration	1
Expired Drivers License	1
Fail to Yield Row to Vehicle Entering From Highway	1
Failed to /Signal Intent to Turn	1
Failed to Dim Headlights-Meeting	1
Failed to Signal Turn	1
Ran Stop Sign - Before entering the crosswalk on or near intersection.	1
Use of Wireless Communication Device	1
Speeding School Zone (1 -10 Miles Over)	1
Speeding School Zone (11 - 16)	1
Speeding School Zone 17 + Miles	1
Number of WARNINGS	34
Defective Head Lamps	6
Speeding (1-10 MILES OVER)	5
Fail to Maintian Financial Responsibility	3



Citation Offense Count By Stop Type

Fail TO Report Change of Address/Name	3
Speeding (11-20 Miles Over)	3
Expired Motor Vehicle Inspection	2
Failed to Signal Turn	2
No License Plate Light	2
Passing In a School Zone	1
Littering/Illegal Dumping	1
Failed to Signal Turn/Lane Change	1
Display Unclean License Plates/Obstrcted	1
Defective Stop Lamp(s)	1
Expired Registration/Plates	1
Fail to Yield Row From Private Property	1
Failed to /Signal Intent to Turn	1