

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



January, 2012

Description	Number	
Traffic Citations	529	
Traffic Warnings	88	
Parking Tickets	53	
Investigations – Cases assigned	12	
Investigations – Cases cleared	12	
Investigations – Cases remaining open	10	
Arrests	47	
Calls For Service	590	Year to date – 590
Traffic accidents	22	

Items of Interest

Chief McConnell held a meeting with a company offering a wireless video security camera solution for our parks. The idea is to provide cameras in our parks and have the video wirelessly fed back to a network video recorder in the police department where it is recorded and can be viewed live. This system allows us the ability to remotely pan, tilt, and zoom the camera. In previous years, we have experienced vandalism in the form broken sprinkler heads, graffiti, damage to the water park facility, unauthorized use of the ball fields, and overturned portable toilets. Chief McConnell is partnering with the Horizon MUD to use two water towers (at no cost to us) as repeater sites to accomplish this. Additionally, the Horizon MUD has expressed interest in using the system as well. Once installed, there are no further costs other than electricity and that cost is negligible. It will be absorbed into the operational cost of the parks. The energy use is similar to a light bulb. The cost of the project is around \$36,000 and will be paid entirely by special UASI funding that recently became available several days ago. More information can be seen by visiting the following web site and clicking on the demo video. <http://www.wildfireconnections.com/>

Chief McConnell attended a Board of Directors meeting at the Rio Grande Council of Government. This concerned Criminal Justice Grants and the requirements all Texas Counties have concerning reporting criminal history dispositions. According to new rules as set forth by the Texas DPS, any Texas county having less than a 90% average on criminal history dispositions for the years 2006-2010, will not be eligible for ANY criminal justice grants administered through the State of Texas. Though we (Horizon City) have ZERO influence on causing or correcting this issue, we are nonetheless directly impacted as are all law enforcement agencies in Texas. Should El Paso County not correct the issue on or before August 1, 2012, we will automatically be disqualified for most grants. El Paso County has already formed a committee on this issue and has been working to fix the problems. El Paso County currently has an 86% completeness rate at this time. We are carefully monitoring the problem.

A new Morgan building has been installed alongside of the police department building. This will be used to store files and other items that have been cluttering up the police department. The smaller Morgan building will be used to house the video theater equipment along with some City Hall records.

Communications

During the month of January, the communications section entered premise information into I/Cad for various businesses in Horizon City. The information included the business name and address and also the names and phone numbers for responsible parties to those businesses. This information is vital to have in the event of an emergency after hours. Communications also began handling the non-emergency calls that were transferred from the Sheriff's Office.

Warrants Division

Warrants officers assisted the Horizon Municipal court by serving seventy-five summonses. Seventy-four of them were executed and one was returned back to the court. Warrants officers made approximately one hundred and twenty-six 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 twenty people, some of them were arrested during court proceedings. Warrants will coordinate a driver's license check during the month of February.

Crime Prevention

Crime Prevention Officer (CPO) Marie Casillas identified 10 gang members at Horizon Middle School, 7 gang members at Estrada Junior High and 4 gang members at Horizon High School. We continue to work closely with CISD school administrators and security in identifying these gangs and their associates. We provided the Horizon Palms apartments with information concerning Neighborhood Watch Program. The CPO continues to distribute Neighborhood Watch information while conducting follow-ups and utilizing the daily event summaries provided by HCPD Dispatch. Follow-up information includes ways to prevent being victimized by burglaries, theft and criminal mischief.

Criminal Investigations Division (CID)

Detectives referred a case non-arrest to District Attorney's Office reference an Assault which occurred at a local bar. A male patron requested to have tequila shot with no salt and when it was not served as he asked, he complained to the bar owner. The bar owner reprimanded the employee. The employee's boyfriend then confronted the male

patron and assaulted him causing a laceration to his eye. The aggressor was later identified via a photo line-up and case was referred.

Corporal L. Medina assisted Officer B. Campbell in conducting a follow-up in which a child had been struck by a vehicle when the child ran into the street. The child sustained only a bruised ankle and would be returning to school the following week. No charges filed as the case was ruled an accident.

Detectives conducted their final follow-up on the Angie Gomez case. Additional victims were added to the case; additional evidence was obtained, and was submitted to the District Attorney's Office to include in the original case file.

Corporal L. Medina attended the New Supervisor's Training at the Sheriff's Office Academy. The training provided skills and tools for individuals who have been recently promoted to Supervisor positions.

Detectives met with the MHMR (Mental Health and Mental Retardation) Suicide Coalition. The meeting addressed preventive measures for suicide. The Coalition was created to assist First Responders when faced with a subject having suicidal tendencies.

Other cases received during the month of January were Credit Card abuse, Theft of Motor Vehicle, Harassment, and Theft.

Training this Month

Border Violence (8 hours): This class covers the issues along the southern border concerning the organization, tactics, roles and relationships surrounding the foreign and domestic drug trafficking organizations and organized crime groups.

Officers in Attendance:

M. Rico
J. Ortega

CIT Update (8 hours): This course is a review of the key concepts such as safety, and communication techniques covered in the Basic Peace Officer Academy.

Officers in Attendance:

A. Arvizu M. Rico
M. Casillas J. Rodriguez
A. Labrado G. Rosas
J. Ortega C. Zeiger
D. Ramirez

Special Investigative Topics (8 Hours): The course is a review of Investigative topics covering sex crimes, and family violence investigations.

Officers in Attendance:

M. Casillas M. Rico
A. Labrado J. Ortega

Identity Theft/ Asset Forfeiture/ Racial Profiling (8 hours): This course is a review of the required topics for the intermediate Peace officer certificate.

Officers in Attendance:

M. Casillas M. Rico
A. Labrado J. Ortega

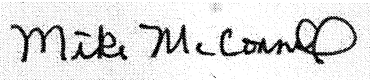
New Supervisor/ Legal Updates (32 hours): This course prepares new supervisors by educating them in leadership skill sets, legislative updates, and TCLEOSE regulations.

Officers in Attendance:

L. Medina

Total Training Hours for the month of January 2012: 208

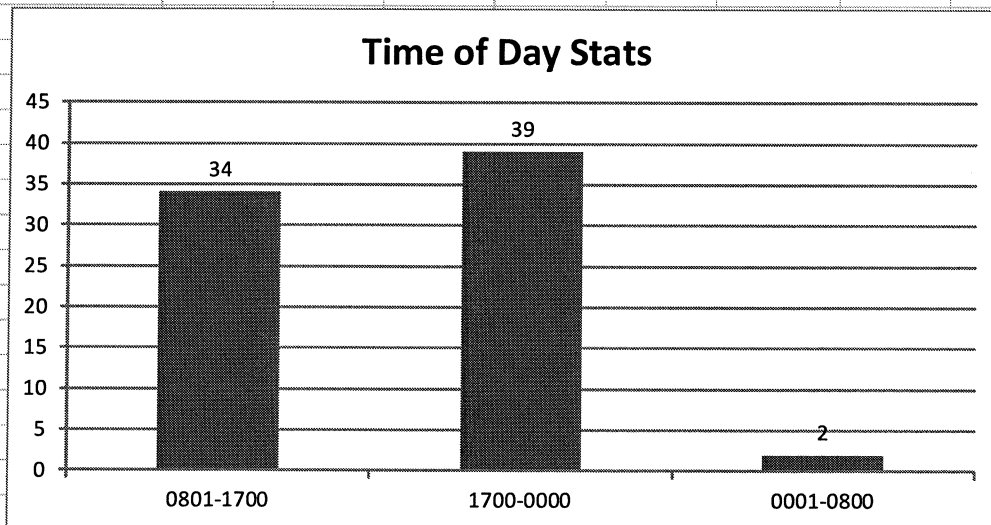
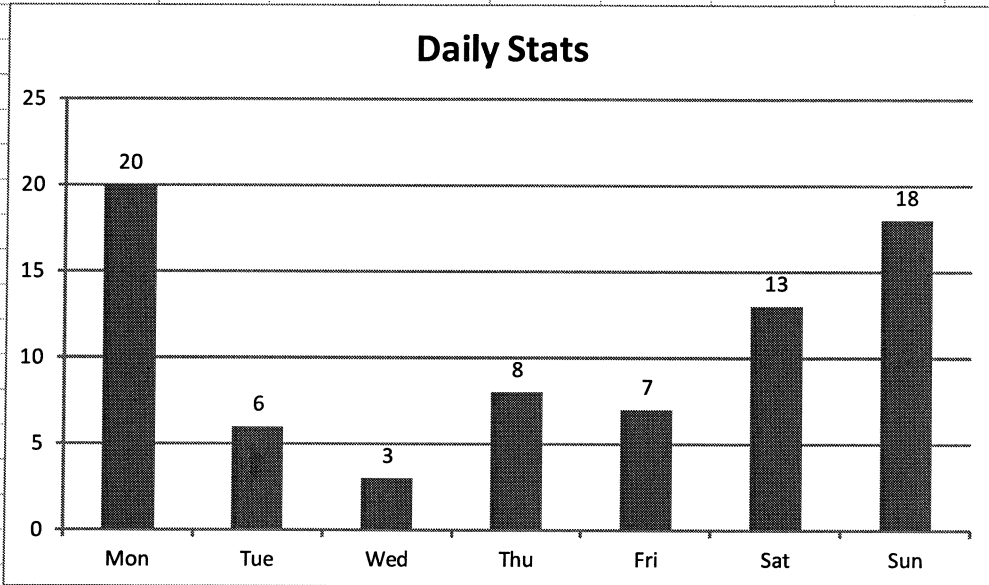
Respectfully Submitted,



Mike McConnell
Chief of Police

Monthly Statistics Residents Coming to Front Door After 5pm

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Daily Stats	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	
0801-1700	13	0	0	0	0	9	12	34
1700-0000	7	6	3	8	6	3	6	39
0001-0800	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2
Total Contacts	20	6	3	8	7	13	18	75





Citation Offense Count By Stop Type

Number of TRAFFIC Offenses (for *ALL*)	617
Number of CITATIONS	529
Speeding	151
Fail to Maintian Financial Responsibility	68
No Drivers License	47
Expired Motor Vehicle Inspection	27
Expired Registration/Plates	23
Defective Head Lamps	20
Ran Stop Sign - At a clearly marked stop line.	18
Speeding School Zone (11 - 16)	18
Ran Stop Sign - Operator has view of approaching traffic.	11
Expired Drivers License	11
D.O.C. Fighting with Another	9
Passing In a School Zone	9
Speeding School Zone (1 -10 Miles Over)	7
Curfew	7
No Seat Belt- Passenger	6
Fail TO Report Change of Address/Name	6
Fail to Control Speed	6
Driving While License Invalid Under Provisions of DL Laws	6
Defective Stop Lamp(s)	5
Ran Stop Sign - Before entering the crosswalk on or near intersection.	5
D.O.C. Obscene Language	4
Assault	4
Failed to Signal Turn	4
No License Plate Light	4
Fail to Display Drivers License	3
D.O. C. Disruption Classroom	3



Citation Offense Count By Stop Type

Operate Unregistered Motor Vehicle	3
Unrestrained Child 8 YOA or Younger	3
Speeding School Zone 17 + Miles	2
Speeding - 20 MPH School Zone (11- 20 Miles Over Limit)	2
Defective Tail Lamp(s)	2
Animal Nuisance/Animal Which Causes Frequent/Continued Noise	2
In City parks after hours 11 p.m. to 6 a.m.	2
Failed to Signal Turn/Lane Change	2
Failed to Stop at Designated Point (Stop Sign)	2
Failed to Yield Row Turning Left	2
Following Too Closely	1
Improper Turn/Illegal Turn	1
Improper Use of Back-Up Lamps	1
Failed to Stop at Proper Place (Traffic Light)	1
Failed to Yield Row (Private Drive/Alley/Building)	1
Fail to Yield Row From Private Property	1
Failed to /Signal Intent to Turn	1
Failed to Dim Headlights - Following	1
Fail to Properly Restrain a Dog	1
No Seat Belt - Driver	1
Open Container	1
Parked w/ Wheels Over 18 In From Curb/Edge of Rdwy - \$20.00	1
Defective Brakes	1
Cut Across Driveway/Private Property to Make Turn	1
Animal Not Confined	1
Consumption of Alcohol By Minor	1
Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages Near a School	1
Drive on a Non Truck Route	1
Driving Under The Influence -Minor	1



Citation Offense Count By Stop Type

Reckless /Damage or Destruction Over \$50.00	1
Public Intoxication By Minor	1
Ran Red Light	1
Pass In a No Pass Zone	1
Unsafe Backing	1
Violate DL Restriction	1
Number of WARNINGS	88
Speeding	24
Expired Motor Vehicle Inspection	7
Fail to Maintian Financial Responsibility	7
Expired Registration/Plates	6
Defective Stop Lamp(s)	4
Defective Head Lamps	4
Fail TO Report Change of Address/Name	4
Fail to Display Drivers License	4
Change Name/Mailing Address Later Than 30 Days (CDL)	3
Speeding School Zone (1 -10 Miles Over)	3
Speeding School Zone (11 - 16)	3
Unrestrained Child 8 YOA or Younger	2
Passing In a School Zone	2
Ran Stop Sign - At a clearly marked stop line.	2
No Drivers License	2
Failed to Signal Turn	2
Failed to Stop at Designated Point (Stop Sign)	1
Failed to Stop at Proper Place (Traffic Light)	1
Failed to Signal Turn/Lane Change	1
Defective Tail Lamp(s)	1
Drove Wrong Side of Road	1
Ran Stop Sign - Operator has view of approaching traffic.	1



Citation Offense Count By Stop Type

Ran Stop Sign - Before entering the crosswalk on or near intersection.	1
Speeding School Zone 17 + Miles	1
Turned Across Drivding Section/Median	1

Number of PARKING Offenses (for *ALL*)	53
Number of CITATIONS	53
Parked Facing Traffic - \$20.00	34
Parked w/ Wheels Over 18 In From Curb/Edge of Rdwy - \$20.00	7
Parking on a Landscaped Area - \$20.00 Not a moving Violation	3
Parking/Stopping/Standing on a Sidewalk - \$20.00	2
Parked In a Handicapped Zone/Parking - \$112.00	1
Parked in Prohibited Area - \$20.00	1
Parked on a Crosswalk - \$20.00	1
Parking on Roadway - \$20.00	1
Parking/Standing w/i 15 Ft of Fire Hydrant - \$20.00	1
Storing of Motor Vehicle - Abandoned \$139.00	1
Storing of Motor Vehicle - Unlicensed/Unregistered \$139.00	1

Number of NON-TRAFFIC Offenses (for *ALL*)	8
Number of CITATIONS	6
Animal Not Registered	2
Animal Not Vaccinated	2
D.O.C. Obscence Language	2
Number of WARNINGS	2
Animal Not Confined	1
Animal Nuisance/Biting or Injuring Any Aminoal or Person	1