

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



**October, 2012**

Description	Number	
Traffic Citations	408	
Traffic Warnings	52	
Parking Tickets (this is mostly code enforcement)	63	
Investigations – Cases assigned	22	
Investigations – Cases cleared	14	
Investigations – Cases remaining open	26	
Arrests	48	
Total Schools Calls	40	
Calls For Service	759	Year to date – 6,130
Traffic accidents	12	

Items of Interest

Chief McConnell:

- National Night Out – We believe we are growing this annual event to the benefit of our community and the attendance seems to confirm that thought. We estimate we had over 1,000 residents in attendance this year.
- Chief McConnell attended a Hazard Mitigation meeting at RGCOG. Our attendance is necessary as many of our grants are reliant on a current mitigation plan.
- Chief McConnell attended an El Paso County 911 District Board of Directors meeting.
- The department held an open house with Watch-Guard Video to showcase our technology to other local agencies.

Communications Division

The communications division was well represented at the Horizon Police Department's National Night Out. We had two dispatchers working out of the command post at the event. We were able to handle incoming calls and dispatch the officers from the command post with no break in service. Through this exercise, we confirmed our ability to continue providing communications services while located outside of our current facility similar to what could occur in an emergency.

The communications division also hired and trained two new dispatchers this month. The addition of these two new employees has helped our department by having a dispatcher on duty 24 hours five days a week, from Monday through Friday, and a dispatcher during the day on Saturday and Sunday. Having the weekend dispatchers also provides support for the code enforcement officers. This also means that the lobby to the police department is open for our citizens to be able to come in and make a police report if necessary. We are very excited about this new level of service we are able to provide our residents.

With appreciation to the El Paso County 911 District, our dispatch office was recently upgraded with new furniture that allows our operation to be more efficient. We invite city council members to come in and take a look at the newly remodeled dispatch room. We are very proud of this improvement and we believe you will be too.

Crime Prevention Efforts

The Horizon City Police Department held its National Night Out on October 2, 2012. Crime Prevention Officer Casillas was able to raise \$2,150 in donations from local business to help offset some of the costs and there was an attendance of over 1,000 Horizon City residents. The Vista Mart donated 1,000 hot dogs while the Horizon City Police Officer Association donated two bikes that were given away at the event.

Among several of the events at our National Night Out, we had the Battle of the Badges Sumo Wrestling Event in which Horizon City Police and Fire members suited up in Sumo suits and battled on a Sumo mat for three rounds. There was also a law enforcement rock wall competition where members of the US Border Patrol, El Paso County Sheriff's Office, Horizon City PD and Horizon City FD participated. Horizon City Police Explorers operated the concession stand and sold corn in a cup, sodas and popcorn raising money for the Police Explorer Program. Displays from the Drug Enforcement Agency, Federal Bureau of Investigation, SISD Police, El Paso County Sheriff's Search and Rescue, US Border Patrol and Helicopters from Texas DPS and Native Air were also present. This event brought community awareness and sent a message to our community that Law enforcement continues to unite in an effort to prevent crime and make our city safer.

October was also Red Ribbon month. Crime Prevention Officer Casillas handed out red ribbons at the Horizon High school and spoke to the Criminal justice classes of the importance of Red Ribbon week. CPO Casillas attended Horizon Middle's Red Ribbon week and also spoke to three physical education classes of over 200 students on the importance of remaining drug free and educated them on the laws of possessing drugs on and off school property.

Crime Prevention Officer Casillas held a Neighborhood Watch Meeting at the Horizon Palm apartments located at 683 Danube. Residents came to voice their concerns and report problems that have occurred since our last meeting in August. Residents were advised accordingly and given website information. Neighborhood Watch signs will be placed at the Horizon Palms apartments. CPO Casillas and the property manager are planning a *meet the cop* event for residents in December. Topics will include Bully Prevention and ways to reduce crime in the area.

Warrants Division

Warrants officers assisted the Horizon Municipal court by serving Seventy-Five summonses. Seventy-three of them were executed and two were returned back to the court. Warrants officers made approximately one hundred and twenty nine 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 October, warrants officers arrested thirty people; some of them were arrested during court proceedings. Warrants will coordinate a driver's license check during Stone Garden operations this month.

Criminal Investigations Division (CID)

Detectives received a Theft (over \$1500 under \$20K). The victim reported various items were taken from his residence and he suspected his roommate. Detectives conducted a Pawn Shop check and the items were located. The suspect was located and arrested for the Theft.

Detectives attended the weeklong T.A.P.E.I.T. (Texas Association of Property/Evidence Inventory Technicians) annual training conference. The training provides a basic certification on the "best practices" for processing, packaging, storing, maintaining chain of custody, inventory, auditing, and proper methods to dispose of property evidence. The conference also provided law updates and other departments' consequences for failing to follow property/evidence guidelines.

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

Training this Month

**State and Federal Law Update (2 hours):** This course is mandated every two years for Peace Officers and covers any law updates that apply to officers in the field.

Officers in attendance: Arvizu, Casillas, Fraire, Williams, Rosas

**Defensive Tactics (16 hours):** This course teaches the officers Defensive tactics versus armed and unarmed threats.

Officers in attendance: Arvizu, Perez, Campbell

**Cultural Diversity (8 hours):** This course takes a look at some of the diverse cultures in Texas, giving Texas Peace Officers and Correctional Officers an understanding of how cultural and ethnic factors can hinder communication and ideas and suggestions for breaking down those communication barriers.

Officers in attendance: Ramos, Rosas, Williams

**Racial Profiling (7 hours):** This class presents the problems and legal liabilities that come with the inappropriate use of racial profiling.

Officers in attendance: Montelongo, Jose Rodriguez, Rosas

**Asset Forfeiture (4 hours):** This course covers current Texas statutes concerning asset forfeiture.

Officers in attendance: Williams, Rosas

**Intermediate Child Abuse Prevention/ Investigations (24 hours):** This course is designed to provide students with a better understanding of the legal aspects and investigation of child

abuse and neglect. The student will have an understanding of the investigative tools for interviewing and identifying child abuse and neglect.

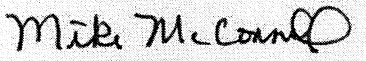
Officers in attendance: Casillas, Rosas

**T.A.P.E.I.T. (40 hours):** This course teaches how to appropriately handle the responsibilities of an evidence storage room. The class covers the handling of evidence, packaging and storage procedures, room design and storage of items, proper purging of items, and proper disposal of hazardous items.

Officers in attendance: Mitre, Medina, Mitro

Total Training Hours (October): 279

Respectfully Submitted,

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Mike McConnell  
Chief of Police



## Citation Offense Count By Stop Type

Number of TRAFFIC Offenses (for *ALL*)	460
Number of CITATIONS	408
No Drivers License	56
Speeding (1-10 MILES OVER)	54
Speeding (11-20 Miles Over)	52
Expired Motor Vehicle Inspection	41
Fail to Maintian Financial Responsibility	33
Driving While License Invalid Under Provisions of DL Laws	18
Expired Registration/Plates	17
Fail to Maintain Financial Resp.	16
Ran Stop Sign - Operator has view of approaching traffic.	15
Defective Head Lamps	10
D.O.C. Fighting with Another	8
Fail to Display Drivers License	8
Defective Stop Lamp(s)	7
Ran Stop Sign - At a clearly marked stop line.	6
No Seat Belt - Driver	6
No License Plate Light	5
Expired Drivers License	4
Open Container	4
Passing In a School Zone	3
Display Unclean License Plates/Obstrcted	2
D.O.C. Unreasonable Noise	2
Consumption of Alcohol By Minor	2
Fail to Control Speed	2
Fail TO Report Change of Address/Name	2
Failed to Stop at Designated Point (Stop Sign)	2
Minor In Possession of Tobacco Products	2



## Citation Offense Count By Stop Type

Failure to Identify	2
Operate Unregistered Motor Vehicle	2
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia	2
Speeding (21-25 Miles Over)	2
Speeding School Zone (11 - 16)	2
Use Equipment Not Authorized	1
Unrestrained Child 8 YOA or Younger	1
Ran Red Light	1
Ran Stop Sign - Before entering the crosswalk on or near intersection.	1
Possession of Alcohol By Minor	1
Pass In a No Pass Zone	1
Failed to Yield Right of Way	1
Fail to File Accident Report	1
Failed to /Signal Intent to Turn	1
Failed to Signal Turn	1
Failed to Signal Turn/Lane Change	1
Failed to Stip for School Bus (Or Remain Stopped)	1
Drove On Wrong Side of Divided Road	1
Drove without Lights (When Required)	1
Defective Brakes	1
Assault	1
Changed Lane When Unsafe	1
Child (8-17) Not Secured by Safety Belt	1
Drive on a Non Truck Route	1
Driving Under The Influence -Minor	1
Defective Tail Lamp(s)	1
<b>Number of WARNINGS</b>	<b>52</b>
Speeding (1-10 MILES OVER)	7
Fail to Maintian Financial Responsibility	6



## Citation Offense Count By Stop Type

Defective Head Lamps	5
Defective Tail Lamp(s)	5
No License Plate Light	4
Fail to Display Drivers License	3
Defective Stop Lamp(s)	3
Curfew	2
Fail TO Report Change of Address/Name	2
No Drivers License	2
Passing In a School Zone	2
Ran Stop Sign - Operator has view of approaching traffic.	2
Unrestrained Child 8 YOA or Younger	2
Use Equipment Not Authorized	1
Improperly Secured Tailgate	1
Failed to /Signal Intent to Turn	1
Failed to Signal Turn/Lane Change	1
Expired Registration/Plates	1
Drove without Lights (When Required)	1
Child (8-17) Not Secured by Safety Belt	1

<b>Number of PARKING Offenses (for *ALL*)</b>	<b>63</b>
<b>Number of CITATIONS</b>	<b>63</b>
Parking on Front or Side Yard- \$20.00 Not a moving Violation	26
Parked Facing Traffic - \$20.00	16
Parking/Stopping/Standing on a Sidewalk - \$20.00	10
Parked w/ Wheels Over 18 In From Curb/Edge of Rdwy - \$20.00	4
Illegal Parking of Large Trucks/Tractor/Trailer \$20.00	2
Park/Stand w/ 30 Ft of A Traffic Control Device - \$20.00	2
Parking/Standing w/i 15 Ft of Fire Hydrant - \$20.00	2



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Parked Double - \$20.00	1
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