

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



December, 2012

Description	Number	
Traffic Citations	356	
Traffic Warnings	35	
Parking Tickets (this is mostly code enforcement)	50	
Investigations – Cases assigned	25	
Investigations – Cases cleared	23	
Investigations – Cases remaining open	25	
Arrests	45	
Total Schools Calls	28	
Calls For Service	685	Year to date – 7,471
Traffic accidents	22	

Items of Interest

Chief McConnell:

- Attended a Region 500.: 700 & 800 MHZ planning committee meeting.
- Attended the El Paso County Urban Panning Alliance annual meeting. Attendance is required to apply for grants.
- Attended a JTTF-Joint Terrorist Task Force meeting.
- All officers participated in the 2012 annual Christmas parade. We also exercised the mobile command center to verify its readiness.

Communications Division

During the month of December, our Communications Coordinator provided radio training to the Police Explorers and the Lion's Club volunteers so that they could communicate on police radios during our Christmas parade. The dispatchers worked out of the command post during the parade and were able to answer the public's questions about what they do and how the command post works. We received quite a few calls regarding the parade route and times.

Our Communications Coordinator also held an eight hour NCIC/TCIC class for the El Paso County Constables' offices. This class is required by DPS for all law enforcement personnel that will access NCIC/TCIC records. Another class will be scheduled in early January for the Clint Police Department and any other local agency that may need the training.

Communications and the warrants officers sponsored a Horizon City family this Christmas. The dispatchers and officers collected non-perishable food, a turkey, and gifts for the family. Everything was delivered on Christmas Eve. The kids and mom were beaming and were all very grateful. It felt good to help a family in need have a nice Christmas.

Crime Prevention Efforts

Crime Prevention Officer (CPO) Casillas has continued to conduct weekly follow-ups on dispatched calls where officers generate reports reference to burglaries, thefts, criminal mischief and family violence. CPO Casillas has been requesting Horizon City residents to participate in initiating Neighborhood Watch programs. This month, CPO Casillas distributed Crime Victim Compensation and Victim's Right brochures to victims of harassment, assaults, home invasions (Burglary of Habitation), DUI's, DWI's and hit and runs.

CPO Casillas was invited to attend four meetings at CISD schools to speak to parents and students on the laws pertaining to bullying and sexting (on-line harassment). HCPD Officers have responded to CISD schools reference to calls involving bullying and harassment due to sexting. CPO Casillas discussed ways to prevent these incidents from occurring along with the laws that can be enforced. CPO Casillas instructed five classes on Teens in the Drivers' Seat. Teen's in the Driver's Seat consists of teaching Junior high and High school students on the top driving dangers along with how to be a safe and alert passenger. Teens are shown video on testimonials of family members and friends of teens lost in motor vehicle accidents due to intoxication and driver inattention.

CPO Casillas assisted the Eastlake Lions Club in organizing the 2012 Horizon City Christmas Parade. The parade was held on December 8, 2012 from 8am-12pm. CPO Casillas was in charge of notifying local law enforcement officials of the opportunity to participate in the parade. 2012 was the first year a large contingent of Law Enforcement officers participated in the Horizon City Christmas parade. Agents and Officer's from the US Border Patrol, US Customs & Border Protection, TXDPS, Socorro Police, and El Paso County Constables office were in attendance. We sent a press release inviting news channels to attend the parade. Channel 7 News and KFOX News broadcasted from the parade giving Horizon City notoriety of the event.

CPO Casillas assisted Sergeant Mitre in organizing the First Annual Horizon City Police Explorers Prom. The event was held on December 15, 2012 at the Oz Glaze Senior Center. The event was held to show appreciation to the Explorers for their hard work and dedication throughout the year. Along with their continuous efforts to attend weekly meetings, the Explorers worked events throughout the year like Movies at the Park, National Night Out, El Paso Thanksgiving Parade and the Horizon City Christmas Parade.

Warrants Division

Warrants officers assisted the Horizon Municipal court by serving sixty-five summonses. Warrants officers made approximately 110 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 December warrants officers arrested twenty people, some of them were arrested during court proceedings. Warrants Officers along with communications adopted a family in the Horizon area for Christmas by donating gifts and food items to them making it a brighter holiday.

Warrants officers teamed up with Texas Department of Transportation and University Medical Center to provide car seat education. The Horizon Police department received 110 car seats that will be distributed during the car seat education that will be conducted during this New Year.

This will promote a positive image to the department and hopefully reduce children getting injured in the horizon area.

Police Reserves

We will report on the number of volunteer hours served by reserves each month.

November Reserve Hours Volunteered	24
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Criminal Investigations Division (CID)

Detectives received a case for Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon. The victim was confronted by the aggressor and was struck with an object causing injury to the victim's face. The victim positively identified the aggressor; detectives conducted a history check on the aggressor and discovered an extensive history of violent offenses. An arrest warrant was obtained and executed for the aggressor with the assistance of the El Paso County Sheriff's Deputies. The subject was booked into the El Paso County Detention Facility.

Detectives were informed that a Patrol Officer conducted a traffic stop and discovered many items that seemed to match items reported stolen on recent burglary of vehicle reports. Detective Mitro met with the driver and obtained a confession. Three burglary of vehicle cases were cleared and the items were returned to the victims. An arrest warrant was obtained and executed. The subject was booked into the El Paso County Detention Facility.

Detective Mitro assisted DPS in the apprehension of several subjects belonging to the Barrio Azteca Gang and its associates. DPS had obtained arrest warrants for the subjects for Organized Criminal Activity, Conspiracy, Aggravated Robbery, and Narcotics. The subjects were residing on the outskirts of Horizon City.

Detectives assisted with traffic control during the Christmas Parade. Other cases received during the month of December were Credit Card Abuse, Burglary of vehicle, Burglary of Habitation, Aggravated Sexual Assault, 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: Flores, Montelongo, J.C. Rodriguez, J. Rodriguez.

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: Arvizu, J.C. Rodriguez

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

Officers in attendance: Flores, Lozoya, J. Rodriguez

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: D. Ramirez

Special Investigative Topics (8 hours): This class is a refresher course of State Law concerning crimes against children, and sex crimes.

Officers in attendance: J.C. Rodriguez

Total Training Hours (December): 52

Respectfully Submitted,



Mike McConnell
Chief of Police



Citation Offense Count By Stop Type

Number of TRAFFIC Offenses (for *ALL*)	391
Number of CitationS	356
Speeding (1-10 MILES OVER)	62
Speeding (11-20 Miles Over)	53
Fail to Maintian Financial Responsibility	43
No Drivers License	31
Expired Motor Vehicle Inspection	19
Fail to Maintain Financial Resp.	14
D.O.C. Fighting with Another	10
Expired Registration/Plates	9
Defective Head Lamps	8
Driving While License Invalid Under Provisions of DL Laws	8
Consumption of Alcohol By Minor	6
Fail to Display Drivers License	6
No License Plate Light	5
Speeding (21-25 Miles Over)	4
Defective Stop Lamp(s)	4
Defective Tail Lamp(s)	3
Expired Drivers License	3
Fail to Control Speed	3
Fail TO Report Change of Address/Name	3
Failed to Stop at Designated Point (Stop Sign)	3
Public Intoxication By Minor	3
Ran Red Light	3
Restrictions on Windows \$36.90	3
Turned Left from Wrong Lane	2
Unrestrained Child 8 YOA or Younger	2
Unsafe Backing	2



Citation Offense Count By Stop Type

Ran Stop Sign - Operator has view of approaching traffic.	2
Speeding School Zone (1 -10 Miles Over)	2
Speeding School Zone (11 - 16)	2
Speeding School Zone 17 + Miles	2
Passing In a School Zone	2
Improper Turn/Illegal Turn	2
No Seat Belt - Driver	2
No Seat Belt- Passenger	2
Failed to /Signal Intent to Turn	2
Fail to Properly Restrain a Dog	2
Crossing Physical Barrier	2
D.O.C. Offensive Gesture/Display	1
Animal Not Confined	1
Animal Nuisance/Biting or Injuring Any Aminimal or Person	1
Assault	1
Changed Lane When Unsafe	1
Child (8-17) Not Secured by Safety Belt	1
Defective Turn Signal Lamp(s)	1
Drive on a Non Truck Route	1
Failed to Signal Turn/Lane Change	1
Fail to Yield Row From Private Property	1
Failed to Yield R.O.W. at Stop intersection	1
Failed to Yield Right of Way	1
Failed to Yield Row (Private Drive/Alley/Building)	1
Impeding Traffic	1
Park/Stand/Stop Between Safety Zone and Curb - \$20.00	1
Possession of Alcohol By Minor	1
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia	1
Theft Under \$50.00	1



Citation Offense Count By Stop Type

Speeding (26 + Miles Over)	1
Reckless /Damage or Destruction Over \$50.00	1
Ran Stop Sign - At a clearly marked stop line.	1
Violate DL Restriction	1
Number of WARNINGS	35
Speeding (1-10 MILES OVER)	7
Fail to Maintian Financial Responsibility	6
Defective Stop Lamp(s)	3
Defective Head Lamps	3
Speeding (11-20 Miles Over)	3
No Drivers License	2
Fail to Display Drivers License	2
Curfew	2
Equipment/Missing or None	1
Expired Registration/Plates	1
No License Plate Light	1
Ran Stop Sign - Operator has view of approaching traffic.	1
Use Equipment Not Authorized	1
Turned Left from Wrong Lane	1
Turned When Unsafe	1

Number of PARKING Offenses (for *ALL*)	50
Number of Citations	50
Parking on Front or Side Yard- \$20.00 Not a moving Violation	28
Parked Facing Traffic - \$20.00	11
Parking/Stopping/Standing on a Sidewalk - \$20.00	6
Parking/Standing w/i 15 Ft of Fire Hydrant - \$20.00	2
Park/Stand w/i 20 Ft of Crosswalk at Intersection - \$20.00	1
Parked in Prohibited Area - \$20.00	1



Citation Offense Count By Stop Type

Parked w/ Wheels Over 18 In From Curb/Edge of Rdwy - \$20.00	1
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