

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



November, 2012

Description	Number	
Traffic Citations	390	
Traffic Warnings	36	
Parking Tickets (this is mostly code enforcement)	52	
Investigations – Cases assigned	22	
Investigations – Cases cleared	22	
Investigations – Cases remaining open	26	
Arrests	33	
Total Schools Calls	29	
Calls For Service	656	Year to date – 6,786
Traffic accidents	14	

Items of Interest

Chief McConnell:

- The communications room was remodeled thanks to the 911 District. I encourage all Council members to come and look at the improvement. We are very proud of a new efficient workspace.
- Attended an Operation Stonegarden quarterly meeting.

Communications Division

At the beginning of November, the 911 District had our communications room painted and also purchased and installed new furniture for us. The furniture was installed in one day and communications continued – with no break in service – out of the warrants office. The layout in the communications area is still similar but has considerably more storage space and room to grow. As communications employs more dispatchers we'll be able to accommodate them.

This month communications assisted with the warrant round up that was held in the beginning of the month. Both the graveyard and day shift dispatchers worked their first round up. They assisted with running subjects and confirming warrants for the officers in the field.

In November, we were able to send two dispatchers to a self defense training with the Sheriff's Office. The dispatchers learned various techniques to protect themselves including hand to hand combat. The class was hands on and the dispatchers enjoyed learning something new.

Our Communications Coordinator is an NCIC/TCIC associate trainer and recently provided training to the Presidio Police Department. Another TCIC class is scheduled to be held in December for members of the Constable's Office and the Sheriff's Office.

Crime Prevention Efforts

Crime Prevention Officer (CPO) Casillas was invited to a Parent Meeting and Coffee with the Principal at Ricardo Estrada Junior High School on November 14, 2012. Twenty parents attended the meeting and the topic discussed was bullying in schools and what parents can do to prevent their child from being a bully or being bullied. CPO Casillas attended a Border City Challenge meeting regarding a competition between Criminal Justice classes in local high schools and Police Explorers.

CPO Casillas entered the Horizon City Police Explorers into the Thanksgiving Day parade which took place on November 22, 2012 in El Paso. Police Explorers marched for 5-miles in the parade and received media notoriety.

We attended a Lions Club meeting and were asked to provide assistance in notifying the media passing out fliers, and inviting local law enforcement and Mayor Miller to attend. The parade was set to be on December 8, 2012 at 10am beginning on Darrington and Ryderwood and end on Duanesburg and Kenazo.

CPO Casillas assisted students at Carroll T. Welch elementary in beginning a Safety Patrol program in their school. We gave a class on anti-bullying, stranger danger, 911 emergencies and drugs to 25 students who want to be certified as School Safety Patrol. Certification will take place on Monday December 3, 2012 at 3:00pm at Carroll T. Welch. Students will receive their Safety Patrol Certificate from the Horizon City Police Department and their Safety Patrol Belts on this date.

CPO Casillas instructed a class on Teens in the Driver's Seat to 30 Horizon City Police Explorers on November 28, 2012. Teens in the Driver's Seat deals with the top driving dangers along with how to be a safe passenger.

Warrants Division

Warrants officers assisted the Horizon Municipal court by serving eighty-five summonses. They were all executed and none were returned back to the court. Warrants officers made approximately one hundred and sixty 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-three people, some of them were arrested during court proceedings. Warrants will coordinate a driver's license check during Stone Garden operations this month. Warrants officers implemented the iPads during this month already been utilized on several occasions. Face time was also used during a couple of arrests that expedited the process on the arrestee.

Police Reserves

We have initiated our police reserve program which will include no more than ten reserves at any time. The requirements to become a reserve (non-paid) officer are exactly the same as a regular fulltime police officer. Our first reserve assigned to assist our detectives as a Reserve Detective is Jose Sierra. Mr. Sierra is currently an elected Constable in Hudspeth County who will be leaving that position in December. Mr. Sierra has been a Peace Officer and investigator since 1995 and has experience in criminal investigations.

All reserves are required to log a minimum of 24 volunteer hours a month with the Horizon Police Department. In exchange for their service, we furnish one uniform, an ID, and a badge. We will also sponsor them for local training provided there is little to no cost involved.

Besides providing Horizon City residents with additional staff at little cost, we intend on using reserves as a ready group of individuals that could be hired when fulltime positions come available. Since the reserves must pass the same entry tests to be hired in the non-paid status as those hired as paid status, the migration from reserve officer to regular officer will be very simple.

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

November Reserve Hours Volunteered	32
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Criminal Investigations Division (CID)

Detectives received information on a subject who was residing in Horizon City who had an outstanding warrant for Arson (bond of \$200,000.00). Detectives from the Santa Clara Fire Department out of California made contact with the Horizon City Police Criminal Investigations Division and requested assistance in apprehending the subject. The subject was located and taken into custody with no confrontations. Information provided by Santa Clara Fire Department Detectives indicated the subject had ties to a well-known prison gang in California and their case consisted of multiple charges such as Arson, Possession of Control Substance, Possession of Illegal Weapons, Assault, and Attempted Murder. Several subjects including the subject that was apprehended were charged with the some or all the crimes mentioned.

During the month of July 2012, a vehicle was struck by another vehicle that fled the scene. The witness described the fleeing vehicle but was unable to provide any further information or a description of the driver at the time. During the month of November, Detectives were notified by patrol officers that the vehicle which had fled the scene was seen by the witness and was close to the location of the incident. Due to the amount of time passed, a driver was unable to be identified however, Detectives were able to make contact with the owner of the vehicle and obtain insurance information for the victim to file and repair the damaged vehicle.

Detectives were informed that an interruption with the Horizon City Police Department dispatch network had occurred. Upon further investigation and viewing the surveillance video of the cameras in the Horizon City Police Department/Horizon City Municipal Court building, a subject was identified as the one responsible for the interruption and was cited for Criminal Mischief.

Other cases received during the month of November were Credit Card Abuse, Burglary of vehicle, Burglary of Habitation, Aggravated Sexual Assault, 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: Lozoya, Perez, Ramirez

Human Trafficking (4 hours) required: This course is designed to increase the Law Enforcement Officers awareness of the issues of human trafficking. Officers in Attendance: Labrado, Williams, G. Rodriguez, John 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. Officer in attendance: D. Ramirez

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

Asset Forfeiture (4 hours): This course covers current Texas statutes concerning asset forfeiture. Officer in attendance: D. Ramirez

Intermediate Traffic Collision (40 hours): This course is the second in a series of classes that teaches the officer the complexities of analyzing traffic collisions. Officer in attendance: Arvizu

Intoxilyzer/ Breathalyzer (40 hours): This course is designed to instruct officers on the intricacies of the processes and legalities of performing tests using this equipment. Officers in attendance: Arvizu, Fraire

Intermediate Arrest, Search, And Seizure: (24 hours) This course instructs the student to be able to explain various circumstances when authorized by law to arrest persons and to define and explain suspicious and probable cause. Officer in attendance: Campbell

Crisis Intervention Training (8 hours): This training covers key concepts, safety techniques, and communication skills needed by officers in the field. Officers in attendance: Perez, Williams, John Rodriguez, G. Rodriguez

- ✓ Congratulations to Sergeant Campbell having now achieved his Intermediate Peace Officer Certificate.

233 total training hours for November 2012.

Respectfully Submitted,



Mike McConnell
Chief of Police



Citation Offense Count By Stop Type

Number of TRAFFIC Offenses (for *ALL*)	426
Number of Citations	390
Speeding (11-20 Miles Over)	49
Speeding (1-10 MILES OVER)	48
No Drivers License	38
Expired Motor Vehicle Inspection	35
Fail to Maintian Financial Responsibility	35
Fail to Maintain Financial Resp.	25
Expired Registration/Plates	24
Driving While License Invalid Under Provisions of DL Laws	14
Ran Stop Sign - Operator has view of approaching traffic.	14
Defective Head Lamps	9
Defective Stop Lamp(s)	8
Ran Stop Sign - At a clearly marked stop line.	6
Speeding School Zone (11 - 16)	5
Unrestrained Child 8 YOA or Younger	4
Passing In a School Zone	4
Operate Unregistered Motor Vehicle	4
No License Plate Light	4
D.O.C. Fighting with Another	4
Fail to Control Speed	3
Fail to Display Drivers License	3
Display Fictitious License Plate	3
Defective Tail Lamp(s)	3
Consumption of Alcohol By Minor	3
Operate Motor Vehicle Without License Plate or with One License Plate	3
Speeding (21-25 Miles Over)	3
Possession of Alcohol By Minor	2



Citation Offense Count By Stop Type

Ran Red Light	2
No Seat Belt - Driver	2
In City parks after hours 11 p.m. to 6 a.m.	2
D.O. C. Urinating in a Public Place	2
Drove On Wrong Side of Divided Road	2
Fail to Properly Restrain a Dog	2
Fail TO Report Change of Address/Name	2
Failed to Signal Turn	2
Unsafe Backing	2
Speeding School Zone 17 + Miles	2
Speeding School Zone (1 -10 Miles Over)	2
Use of Wireless Communication Device	1
Failed to Signal Turn/Lane Change	1
Failed to Stop at Designated Point (Stop Sign)	1
Improperly Secured Tailgate	1
Fail to Yield to Pedestrian in Crosswalk (No Signals)	1
Failed to /Signal Intent to Turn	1
Fail to Give Information/Render Aid	1
Expired Drivers License	1
Drive on a Non Truck Route	1
Criminal Mischief/Class C	1
Crossing Physical Barrier	1
Motor Vehicle Inspection Violation	1
No Seat Belt- Passenger	1
Open Container	1
Ran Stop Sign - Before entering the crosswalk on or near intersection.	1
Number of WARNINGS	36
Speeding (1-10 MILES OVER)	8
Fail to Maintian Financial Responsibility	4



Citation Offense Count By Stop Type

Fail TO Report Change of Address/Name	4
Defective Stop Lamp(s)	3
No License Plate Light	3
No Drivers License	2
Fail to Maintain Financial Resp.	2
Speeding School Zone (1 -10 Miles Over)	1
Fail to Display Drivers License	1
Drove without Lights (When Required)	1
Consumption of Alcohol By Minor	1
Defective Tail Lamp(s)	1
Defective Turn Signal Lamp(s)	1
Operate Unregistered Motor Vehicle	1
Passing In a School Zone	1
Speeding (21-25 Miles Over)	1
Speeding (11-20 Miles Over)	1

Number of PARKING Offenses (for *ALL*)	52
Number of CITATIONS	50
Parking on Front or Side Yard- \$20.00 Not a moving Violation	25
Parking/Stopping/Standing on a Sidewalk - \$20.00	8
Parked Facing Traffic - \$20.00	8
Parked w/ Wheels Over 18 In From Curb/Edge of Rdwy - \$20.00	3
Parking/Standing w/i 15 Ft of Fire Hydrant - \$20.00	2
Parked In a Handicapped Zone/Parking - \$20.00	2
Parked in Prohibited Area - \$20.00	1
Parking on a Landscaped Area - \$20.00 Not a moving Violation	1
Number of WARNINGS	2
Illegal Parking of Large Trucks/Tractor/Trailer \$20.00	1



Citation Offense Count By Stop Type

Parked Facing Traffic - \$20.00	1
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