



**Horizon City Police Department
Monthly Activity Report
Chief of Police, Michael G. McConnell, PhD**



February, 2019

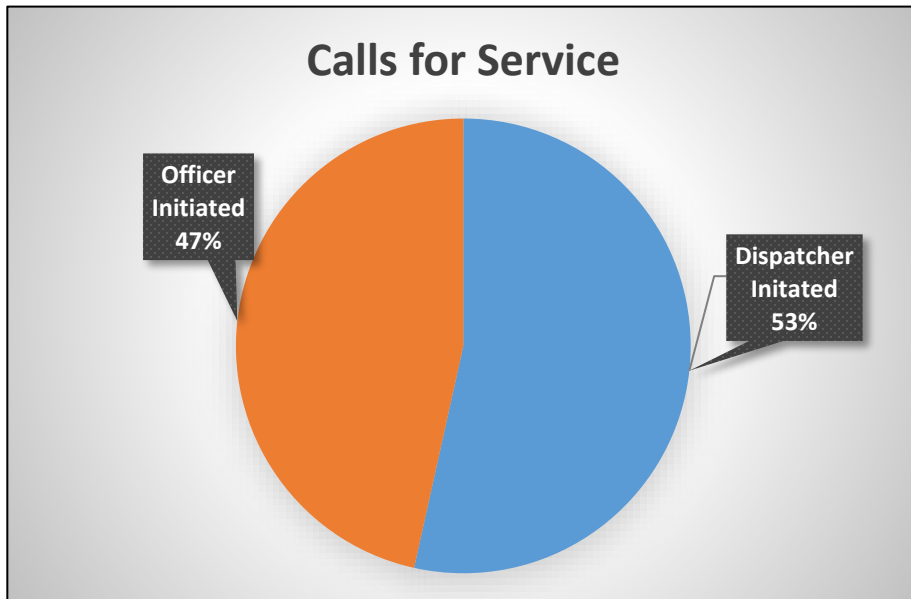
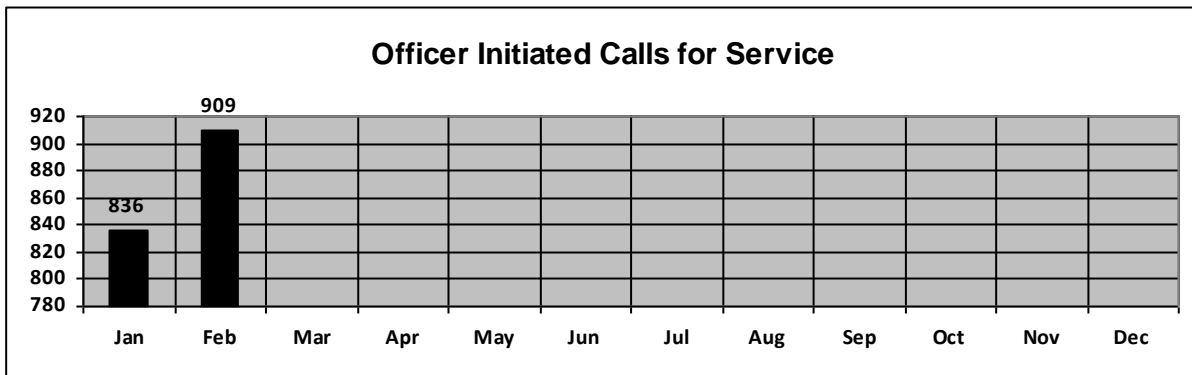
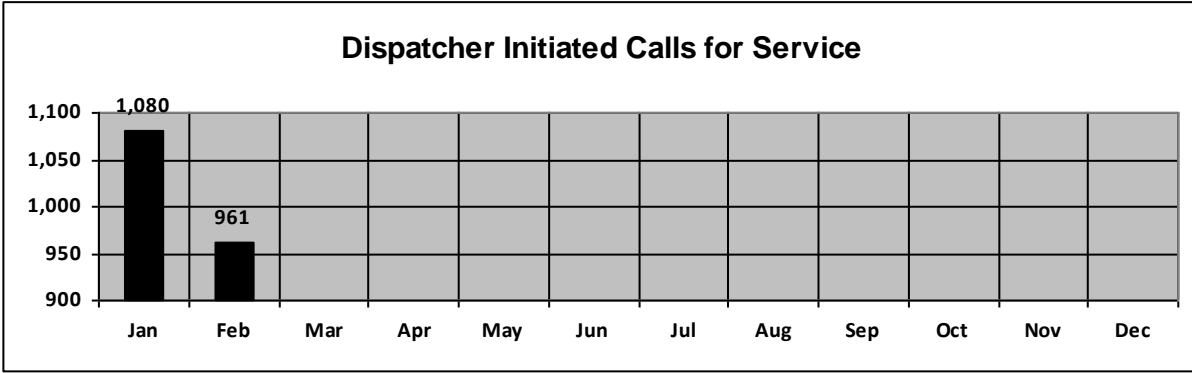
Description	Number	
	This Month	Last Month
Traffic Citations	451	355
Traffic Warnings	93	109
Parking Tickets	5	7
Investigations – Cases assigned	7	11
Investigations – Cases cleared	6	8
Investigations – Cases remaining open	8	8
Criminal & Non-Criminal Arrests	15	22
Traffic accidents	36	34
Dispatcher Initiated Calls for Service	961	Year to date –2,041
Officer Initiated Calls for Service	909	Year to date – 1,745
Total Police Calls for Service	1,870	Year to date –3,786
Fire Calls for Service Reported to Dispatch	956	Year to date – 2,145

ITEMS OF INTEREST

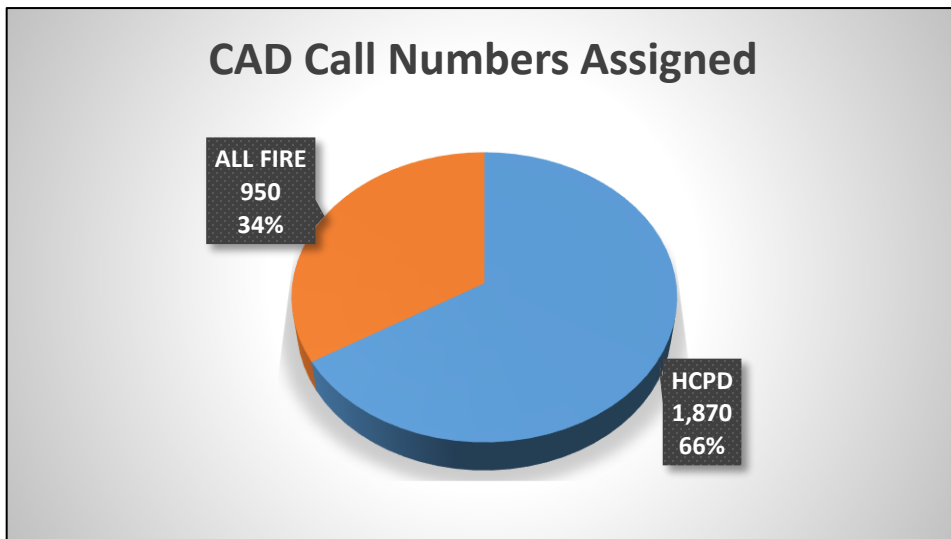
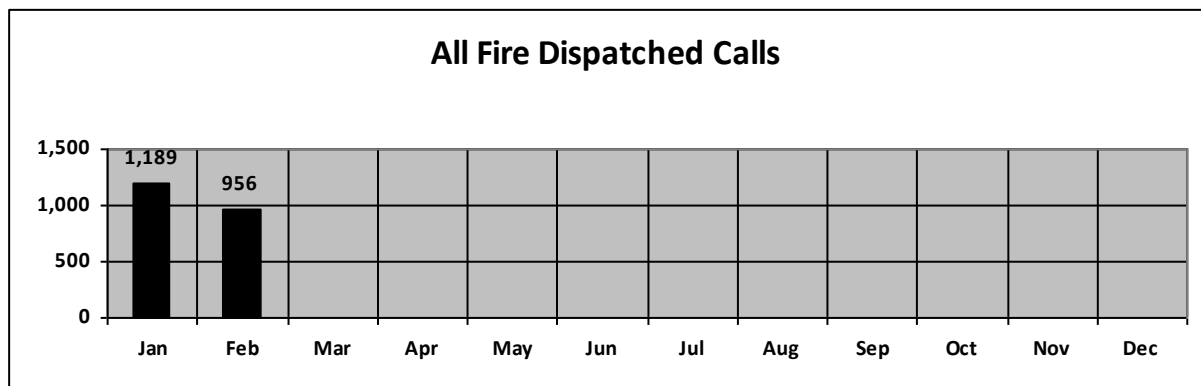
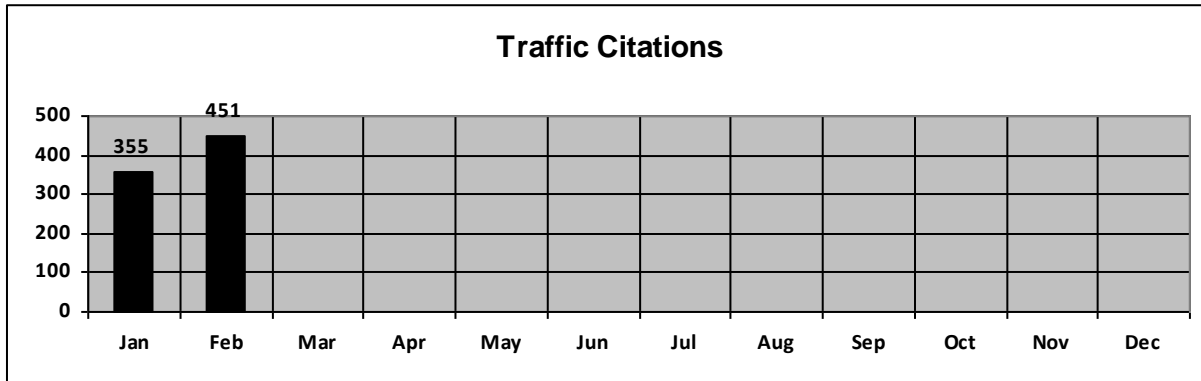
- Chief McConnell attended a press briefing concerning offering free medicine disposal bags to the public for safe old-prescription medical disposal. (Press release attached)
- Chief McConnell presided over an El Paso County 911-District Board Meeting.
- Chief McConnell attended a terrorism awareness seminar in El Paso.
- Chief McConnell participated in a roundtable discussion with FBI Deputy Director David Bowdich.
- Chief McConnell attended a seminar concerning Data-Driven Approaches to Crime and Traffic Safety.



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COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION

Together as One

Two telecommunicators attended the IAED (International Academies of Emergency Dispatch) training. The training will certify the telecommunicators as Emergency Medical and Fire Dispatchers (EMD/EFD). The certifications will allow them to assist the public with medical and fire calls.



The Socorro, San Elizario and Horizon Fire Departments responded to a structure fire located behind Socorro High School. An El Paso County Fire Marshal Investigator and the American Red Cross were requested to the scene. The fire was extinguished approximately one hour later. The Fabens Fire Department responded to a brush fire at a pecan field in Fabens. The reporting party advised multiple piles of brush

had caught on fire near a residence and livestock. The fire was extinguished approximately 1 ½ hour later.

The Horizon, Clint and Socorro Fire Departments responded to a structure fire in Horizon. The reporting party advised there was smoke and an odor of gas coming from the refrigerator inside the residence. The fire department found smoke coming from behind the refrigerator. The gas and power were shut off to the residence. The fire department cleared approximately thirty minutes later.

The Socorro Fire Department responded to reports of a motor vehicle accident involving a semi-trailer versus a passenger car on I-10 east at mile marker 36. Upon investigation, it was determined the vehicle drove off of I-10 and onto the Gateway. The vehicle was wedged, and the driver side door had to be pried open. It was determined the semi-trailer did not collide with the vehicle. TXDOT was advised of the incident due to damage on the guardrail.

The Socorro, Horizon, Clint, and San Elizario Fire Departments responded to reports of smoke inside a restaurant in Socorro. Upon the fire departments arrival, the building had been evacuated as well as the building next door as a precaution. Smoke was found coming from the upper and lower levels of the structure. The building was ventilated, and it was determined food was left on the stove.

While on a training exercise at Hueco Tanks State Park, a firefighter suffered an ankle injury while on top of the mountain. The Search and Rescue (SAR) team was already on site due to the training exercise, and assisted with patient care. Life Ambulance was requested to the scene to transport the patient.

The West Valley Fire Department responded to a dryer on fire at the Petro Truck Stop in Westway. The Fire Department was able to extinguish the fire with an extinguisher. The store was ventilated due to the smoke inside the building. No damages were reported.

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INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

From 53 support tickets that were submitted, all were completed and closed including five major projects. There are no pending tickets. The major projects included:

- Deployment of the central stage software on all computer
- Development of LaserFiche tool to improve scanning
- Getac losing GPS connection
- Installation and update of the surface book for Detective
- Drive not staying Mapped.

In addition to the major projects above, I.T. staff responded to a variety of tech support requests throughout the month.

WARRANTS DIVISION & FLEET OPERATIONS

The warrants officer received 50 summons for service. All summons were served. Twenty-two people were arrested for traffic warrants. Collections were made on traffic warrants and those unable to post bond were booked into the El Paso County Jail. The warrants officer reviewed six Child Protective Services cases. The cases were reviewed and closed or filed with the corresponding case due to allegations of neglect. The warrants officer took six vehicles to the shop for oil changes and repairs. Bailiff duties were conducted during court proceedings.

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS/EVIDENCE

Detectives Nunez and Labrado investigated a variety of incidents. Some of the incidents were juvenile truancy cases, sexual assault, and criminal mischief. The detectives responded to an officer involved shooting. The El Paso County Sheriff's Department adopted the case while the DPS Highway Patrol investigated the accident. Lieutenant Ortega signed 15 cases at the District Attorney's Office that were accepted for prosecution.

FORENSICS UNIT

The evidence/forensics technician conducted 16 open records requests for video from the officer's body cameras. The District Attorney's Office submitted 14 requests for videos for cases ranging from DWI to assaults. Seven items of evidence were submitted to the Texas Department of Public Safety for drug analysis. The evidence/forensics technician also assisted in processing eight fingerprints.

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CRIME PREVENTION ACTIVITIES

Coffee with a Cop

Coffee with a Cop activities have been approved by the Whataburger corporate office and will resume in March.

Explorer Program

Enrollment and participants of the Explorer Program remained constant throughout the month of February with approximately 12 members in the Junior Explorer group and an increase of 6 members in the primary program. The junior explorers are children who are enrolled in 6th – 8th grades. Other members are 13 – 21 years of age and attend high school, early college programs, or college and university programs. The low number of high school age members are because many teenage members are becoming involved in after school jobs and other academic extracurricular activities.

Activities for the month of February included regularly scheduled weekly meetings on Wednesdays from 6pm - 8pm

February 6- Aliviane Presentation

February 13- Domestic Disturbance Response Theory

February 20- Domestic Disturbance Response Practical

February 27- No Meeting

Home Security Assessments

Sergeant Mitre conducted two home security assessments during the month of February. Home assessment services are available free of charge to homeowners in our community. The assessment consists of multi-point inspection of a residence:

- Doors
- Locks
- Windows
- Exterior lighting
- Fencing and landscaping

ALICE Training Instructor Certification

ALICE (*Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate*) Training instructor led classes provide preparation and a plan for individuals and organizations on how to more proactively handle the threat of an aggressive intruder or active shooter event. Whether it is an attack by an individual person or by an international group of people intent on conveying a political message through violence. The ALICE training based tactics have become the accepted response, versus the traditional “lockdown only” approach.

Protection and safety must be the priority in an Active Shooter event or Terrorist Attack. ALICE Training provides options and classes that address the unique challenges specific to Police/LE, K-12 Schools, Healthcare Facilities, Businesses, Government, and Houses of Worship.

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High School Academy Session in Development- ONGOING

Sergeant Mitre along with Horizon High School Criminal Justice teachers are in the planning phase of a several week-long academy at the high school. The academy will take place during school hours and will involve the advanced students in the criminal justice program. Students will be taught a variety of law enforcement topics and will be able to participate in hands-on activities and scenario based role-play where the student will be able to practice and demonstrate proficiency in law knowledge, decision making and skills such as interviewing and handcuffing. This event is planned for April/ May and will be scheduled to meet the needs of the teaching staff at the high school as well as provide the Horizon City Police Department with an opportunity to participate in upcoming activities scheduled throughout the area schools.

Preparations and scheduling for upcoming events:

Community Presentations in March
Career Days/ Presentations March/ April
Movies in the Park Summer Program June/ July

EMPLOYEE TRAINING

85th Federal and State Legislative Updates (4 hours): This course offers the Legislative mandated legislative updates from the 85th Legislature which have a significant application of state laws. Attended by Gonzalez, B. Sierra, and Diaz.

Intermediate Arrest Search and Search (16 hours): TCOLE requirement, students will be able to explain the various circumstances when authorized by law to arrest a person. The course will additionally will provide them with the skills to describe and explain suspicious activity and probable cause along with procedures and requirements for obtaining a search warrant. Attended by Avitia, Diaz.

A.L.I.C.E (16 hours): Course teaches the skills and strategies to increase survivability during a violent intruder situation and how to teach others the same strategies. Attended by Crespo and Mitre.

Civilian Interaction Training (2hours): Course will include instruction to drivers on how they should react and communicate with officers during a traffic stop and also training officers receive best practice instruction on their expected behaviors and reactions during citizen contact. Attended by Zeiger, Labrado, Vasquez, McConnell, Nunez, B. Sierra, Ortega, Mitre, Diaz, and Delgadillo.

De-Escalation (8 hours): This course is to improve the response of Peace Officers to incidents that involve persons in crisis, who are behaving erratically, and emphasizing that public safety are at the heart of this training process. Attended by Flores, Mitre, Crespo, JC Rodriguez, and Vasquez.

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CPR (4 hours): Course teaches the emergency lifesaving procedures performed when the heart stops beating. Attended by A. Gonzalez, D. Dominguez, and S. Cano.

Bus and Truck Enforcement (2 hours): The course teaches the need for all sworn officers to engage large trucks and buses safely and effectively to reduce the rate of crash injuries and fatalities. Attended by Zeiger, Campbell, Vasquez, and JC Rodriguez.

Transitional Gangs (8 hours): The course will focus on confirming procedures; sociology; psychological reasons for actions, activity, organizations; Typology of gangs in the US; and knowledge of drug trafficking organizations and their integration and use of transitional criminal street gangs. Attended by Rosas, and Delgadillo.

Terrorism Awareness and Prevention (8 hours): training will help to prepare local law enforcement to prepare for emerging acts of terrorism and catastrophic events by focusing on the areas of prevention, and how to avoid or stop an imminent, threatened or actual act of terrorism. This training will help to reduce the loss of life and property by lessening the impact of future disasters. It will aid in planning how to respond quickly to save lives, protect property and the environment, and to meet basic human needs in the aftermath of a catastrophic incident. Attended by McConnell, JC Rodriguez, and Ortega.

TOTAL TRAINING HOURS FOR THE MONTH: 196 hours

Respectfully Submitted,



Mike McConnell
Chief of Police