
2010

Horizon City Police Department



Year End Report &
Racial Profiling Report
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Memo to Mayor

TO: Mayor Walter Miller
CC: City Council Members
FROM: Police Chief, Mike McConnell
RE: 2010 Annual Police Report

The following is the annual report concerning the activities of the Horizon City Police Department for calendar year 2010. This information was compiled with the assistance from numerous police department employees. Our department responded to 6,784 calls for service and initiated 1,395 written incident reports. Our Criminal Investigations Division investigated 257 criminal cases. The Code Enforcement Officers issued 1,083 written notices, 347 citations and 381 court summons. Overall, we were much busier than last year, and with the growth of the community, I expect that trend to continue.

This was a great year for receiving grants. The grant activity for this year includes:

- The \$100,000 COPS Technology grant was closed and various computer equipment and technology was purchased.
- The \$44,800 JAG grant was fully expended and closed out.
- The \$100,000 Border Star grant was received and is being drawn down for overtime and equipment. This grant will conclude on March 31, 2011.
- The \$31,000 grant from the 9-1-1 District was received and expended. This grant is closed. We purchased the necessary equipment to equip the mobile command trailer.
- The \$113,404.50 worth of mobile and portable radio equipment was received through UASI. This grant was administered through UASI.
- The \$28,000 grant from the Department of Homeland Security was used to purchase patrol equipment. This grant was administered through El Paso County Sheriff's Department.

- We were notified that the department will be receiving \$205,000 through Operation Stone Garden in 2011. The purpose of this grant is to enhance border security. We intend on buying patrol equipment and funding overtime for special projects.

The police department achieved some other major developments in 2010 which includes:

- Movies in the Park.
- Purchasing ten (10) electronic ticket writers and which are now used exclusively.
- The police department became members of the ROCIC.
- Initiated a contract with the City of El Paso for vehicle maintenance.
- Began the process of negotiating with CLEAT for collective bargaining.
- Hired a second Code Enforcement Officer.
- The 9-1-1 District connected us to their LAN and installed computer equipment here for our future dispatch function at no direct cost to us.
- Our Police Explorer Post has grown significantly from 7 members to 35.

I believe this has been a very successful year for the police department in taking steps to improve our level of service to the community. Our community is growing and we are taking the necessary steps to maintain a suitable level of service to meet the needs. This coming year, it is my intent to roll out the daytime dispatching function. For this to happen, I and other staff members have received the necessary training. We still lack some key equipment but I am confident that I will find grant funds to address this.

Respectfully submitted,



Mike McConnell, Ph.D.
Chief of Police

Horizon City Police Department Employees

There are two main functional areas within the Horizon City Police Department; Operations and Support. In 2011, we hope to add an additional division, that being dispatching, whether full time or less than full time. The Operations Division is responsible for carrying out the daily activities. These activities consist of Patrol and Investigations. The Support Division consists of all non-sworn staff such as clerical support and Code Enforcement. The support division is responsible for the clerical and recordkeeping functions.

Uniform Division

NAME	DUTY ASSIGNMENT	YEARS/MONTHS OF EMPLOYMENT
1. Mike McConnell	Chief of Police	1.2
2. Manuel Rico	Assistant Chief of Police	14.0
3. Adrian Flores	Sergeant	10.6
4. Jesus Ortega	Warrants Sergeant	4.10
5. Jose Mitre	Sergeant	5.4
6. Antonio Amador	Patrol	4.4
7. Patrick Mitro	Sergeant	3.0
8. Jonathan Walden	Detective	2.5
9. Michael Verdinez	Patrol	3.8
10. Oscar Fraire	Patrol	3.0
11. John Montelongo	Patrol	2.2
12. Liliana Medina	Patrol	2.2
13. Bruce Campbell	Patrol	2.0
14. Adalberto Soto	Patrol	2.0
15. Marie Casillas	Patrol	1.8
16. Abel Labrado	Warrants	1.3
17. Jose Perez	Patrol	1.3
18. Daniel Ramirez	Patrol	0.9
19. Anthony Arvizu	Patrol	0.6
20. Angel Perez	Patrol – In training	0.1

Support Division

NAME	DUTY ASSIGNMENT	YEARS OF EMPLOYMENT
Cynthia Luna	Administrative Assistant I	3.2
Julia Bonilla	Administrative Assistant II	3.1
April Garcia	Code Enforcement Officer	4.7
Allen Dodson	Code Enforcement Officer	.3

Officer Training

General Training

The Horizon City Police Department training coordinator is Sergeant P. Mitro. In 2010, officers received the following types of training:

- Field Training Officer
- Use of Force
- Narcotics and Gang Intervention training
- TCIC / NCIC Full Access
- Crime Prevention
- Social/ Community Liability Issues
- Intelligence Gathering
- Armorer/ Gunsmith (AR-15 and M-4 rifle platform)
- Spanish for Law enforcement
- Child Abuse Intervention and Investigation
- Interview/ Interrogation
- Telecommunicators School
- Arrest Search and Seizure
- Evidence Management
- Legislative Updates

In 2010, we sent officers to fifteen types of training. Most of the schools were attended by more than one officer totaling 1,813 hours of training received this year from officers attending the Sheriff's training academy, along with web based training from Classen Buck and TCLEOSE. The schools range greatly in variety and are intended to address all of the needs of our community and our officers. At the present time we have several instructors in our department that are trained on the following topics;

- CPR/First Aid Instructor – Sergeant Patrick Mitro
- DARE Instructor – Sergeant J. Ortega

- Defensive Driving Instructor (EVOC) – Sergeant J. Ortega
- Firearms Instructor – Asst. Chief Manuel Rico
- Oleoresin Capsicum (Pepper spray) Instructor – Sergeant Jesus Ortega
- Field Training Officer – Sergeant Jesus Ortega, Asst. Chief Manuel Rico, Sergeant Patrick Mitro, Detective Liliana Medina, Sergeant Jose Mitre, Officer Oscar Fraire, Officer John Montelongo, and Sergeant A. Flores.
- RADAR/LIDAR Instructor – Sergeant Jesus Ortega, Sergeant Jose Mitre, Sergeant Adrian Flores
- TASER Instructor – Asst. Chief Manuel Rico

In addition to officers attending schools outside our agency, we have taught 3 separate in-house training sessions. These in-house sessions typical last approximately 3 hours, and are taught by our own officers that are certified instructors. In 2010, we hosted 3 classes including firearms training. The State of Texas requires that each officer receives a minimum of 40-hours of training every two years, to include state mandated training.

Evidence Room Training

Officers Casillas and Mitre along with Assistant Chief Manuel Rico attended a four day seminar on evidence management held on Oct 26-29, 2010 in San Antonio, hosted by **TAPEIT**, *Texas Association of Property and Evidence Inventory Technicians*.

The training educated officers for Basic Property Technician Certification which prepares officers to instruct patrol officers on proper evidence submissions and packaging for storage.

Officers also learned the most current practices to prepare and transfer evidence specimens for lab analysis and court. Officers learned to resolve storage issues by categorizing evidence by type and specific preservation needs



such as refrigeration along with proper bag storage to prevent mold. Officers were able to take their instruction and revise the HCPD policy manual to best preserve evidence for for all cases.

With the rapid growth and expansion of the city, the HCPD had been unable to efficiently



manage their evidence intake. Evidence entered the room, but seldom left it, causing overcrowding and for some evidence to be moved off premises for storage. After receiving their TAPEIT certifications, the officers returned and undertook a month long project which left the HCPD Evidence Room cleared of approximately 13 years of evidence thus

reducing the need to externalize storage and maximizing the use of space in the on-site Evidence Room. As an added bonus during the holiday season, the officers were able to release approximately 10 bicycles and donated them to Goodwill, just in time for Christmas.

Warrants Division

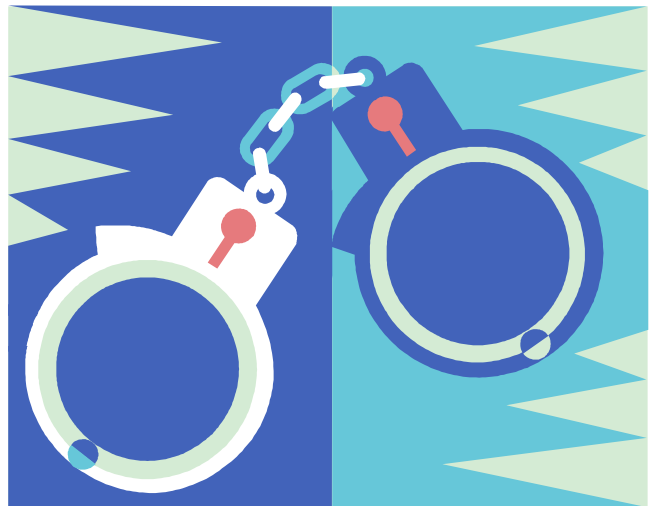
At the beginning of October 2010, a supervisor was assigned to the warrants division.



During the month of October, \$11,949 was collected from warrants on fines that were paid ranging from parking violations, traffic offenses, and warrants. The month of November \$11,838 dollars were collected and twelve summonses were served. In the month of December, an amnesty period was held throughout the month. Warrants had advertisements in the El Paso Times, West Texas

Courier, various radio stations and announcements that were placed with local business, at no cost to the city.

The Warrants Division will have several warrant roundups during this 2011 year first one will be on January 8, 2011. Warrants officers will be looking at different methods to have a successful rate of collection of warrants. One of the goals of the warrants division is to facilitate the process of obtaining information on the parking violations. Second will be the clearing of old traffic warrants. Some of the warrants that are being inherited by the warrants division go back as far as 1997. With a team effort HCMC and warrants will have a successful year.



Investigations

Criminal Investigations Division (CID)

Detective Jon Walden continued to serve as the department's investigator throughout 2010 and in March, he was joined by Detective Liliana Medina. Detective Medina received her promotion after having been on patrol with the department since 2008. In May, Detective Walden was promoted to Corporal and assigned the role of lead investigator. During 2010, HCPD received over 6,784 calls for service with officers completing a total of 1,395 reports. Of those reports, 257 of those cases were then forwarded to the CID section for further investigation.

The 257 cases referred included the following:

- 9 cases of Assault
- 3 cases of Aggravated Assault
- 5 cases of Burglary of Building / Business
- 39 cases of Burglary of Habitation
- 29 cases of Burglary of a Vehicle
- 2 cases of Deadly Conduct (drive by shooting)
- 1 case of Robbery
- 18 cases of Sexual Assault / Indecency with a Child
- 29 cases of Theft
- 7 cases of Theft of a Motor Vehicle

In comparison to 2009, all assaults, burglaries, robberies, and thefts were down, while Horizon City saw an increase in sexual assaults and indecency with a child cases which was up from 9 cases in 2009. Additionally, CID prepared a total of 241 cases for presentation to the El Paso County District Attorney's Office for prosecution.

Some of the major cases in 2010 included:



Detectives reopened a burglary of habitation case from October 2009 after discovering that a suspect in the case had pawned an item which had been stolen from the residence. Detectives then located the suspect and obtained his finger prints which were compared to prints originally collected at the crime scene and yielded a match to the suspect. A warrant for his arrest was then obtained and the suspect was tracked to Socorro, TX where he was located and arrested.

Detectives received a case of indecency of a child which involved a 12 year old girl being touched inappropriately by a family member. The child was taken to the advocacy center of El Paso and interviewed. A search warrant was served on the residence believed to be the area where the crime occurred. During the investigation, it was also determined that the same offender had been involved with continuous sexual assault of a separate child involving an 8 year old girl who had been molested over the course of the previous year. The child was taken to the advocacy center of El Paso and interviewed. The offender, a 33 year old male, was located in El Paso and arrested on May 6, 2010.

Detectives cleared a case of sexual assault involving a 15 year old girl who had sexual intercourse with a 24 year old male. The offender was later positively identified and located in El Paso where he was arrested on May 27, 10.

Detectives received a burglary of vehicle case where Officers were able to locate and lift several latent finger prints on the burglarized vehicle. Detectives turned in the prints for further examination to EPPD latent print examiners. The prints yielded a match to a suspect who was later located and arrested in El Paso, TX on June 21, 2010 by HCPD Detectives.

Detectives investigated a case of burglary of habitation where two female subjects allegedly kicked in the front door of a residence in the Horizon Mesa area and assaulted one female victim. The two female subjects were located separately and arrested. During the investigation one of the female subjects produced a time card from her place of

employment showing she was at work during the time of the assault as proof of her innocence. Detectives proved this time card to be altered and in turn arrested the manager of the subjects' employer for tampering with evidence.

Detectives were called to the Horizon Mesa area on a sexual assault of a child. Several adults and two children were attending a house party when a woman was ready to leave and began looking for her three year old daughter. The daughter was located in a locked bedroom with one male subject. The daughter stated she had been inappropriately touched by the male subject. A preliminary investigation was conducted and the 51 year old male subject was arrested for indecency with a child.

Detectives were called to the 700 block of Teichelkamp on a burglary of habitation. The female homeowner stated approximately \$4,000 in cash had been taken from her residence. Detectives interviewed both the female victim and her husband and found inconsistencies with their statements. The investigation later revealed the female subject had taken the money for her own use and made the report as a cover story in an attempt to fool her husband. The female subject was charged with false report to a peace officer. Investigation also revealed that the husband was an aggravated felon with a prior deportation for cocaine smuggling and was back in the country illegally. The information on the husband was forwarded to ICE and Border Patrol Intelligence. The husband was then arrested.



A physical altercation occurred at a house party on Roslyn St. where two victims were sprayed with pepper spray and assaulted. One of the victims' cell phones was taken from him during the assault. Detectives obtained a positive ID on two subjects responsible for the assaults through witness statements and use of a photo lineup. A search warrant was obtained for the subject's residence where the canister of pepper spray was found along with several glass pipes and a bag of marijuana. Both subjects were arrested and charged with robbery.

Detectives were called to Antwerp and Villa Victoria where a burglary of habitation had occurred. A witness stated he had seen a vehicle parked at the victim's residence but believed it to be a friend of the victim's son. The driver then drove the vehicle around the corner and parked in front of a residence on an adjacent street. Detectives checked the vehicle in question and found several stolen items from the victim's residence still inside it. Blood evidence was located inside the victim's residence and also at the home of the vehicle's owner linking him to the crime along with the stolen property. The subject was later arrested and charged with burglary of habitation.

During 2010, Cpl. Walden and Det. Medina received many hours of training in classes such as narcotics investigation; child abuse prevention and investigation; arrest, search and seizure; crime scene management; family violence; and computers and electronic devices. This has been a year of significant growth for the Criminal investigations Division. As we continue to perform our jobs, it is our desire to become more proficient in our investigative techniques thereby clearing more cases through arrest.

El Paso Joint Operations Intelligence Center (JOIC)

JOIC meetings are held every week in the EPPD headquarters. Members of the Texas Rangers and a DPS Liaison Officer meet weekly with El Paso Law Enforcement Agencies such as: Horizon City Police Department, The El Paso Sheriff's Office, Border Patrol, Homeland Security, El Paso Police Department, Dona Ana County, Tobacco Alcohol Beverage Commission, El Paso Fire Department, and other Law Enforcement agencies to provide and exchange intelligence information from their areas.

Some of the items the JOIC has helped us with this year were:

- Assisted in obtaining a Colorado Driver's License photo of a Hit and Run Suspect which was later arrested for the Offense.
- Provide updates on subjects that have been arrested and belong to local gangs.
- Assist in distributing Bulletins to neighboring agencies to assist in locating wanted subjects.
- Provide updated information on a weekly basis of events that have taken place in Juarez, Mexico and provides an approximate body count for the day, week, month, and year.
- Provides information on threats to Law Enforcement Officers and other suspicious activity that may threaten the safety of Officers out on the field.

Police Explorer Program

2010 was perhaps the most exciting year for our Explorer Program! The explorer program is designed to provide young men and women an inside look into law enforcement functions so that they may become familiar with the ins and outs of the law enforcement profession. While most of our Police Explorer Cadets wish to pursue careers in local and federal law enforcement, others seek to go into law practice, medical, and computer technology careers; however all of our cadets learn the leadership and life skills which will benefit them beyond the requirements of their future job descriptions. We, as a department and a city both benefit from their sense of community pride and community service. The explorer program grew from 7 members to 35 members from June 2010 to December 2010! At the conclusion of the Movies at the Park summer series, the Cadets had managed to raise enough to purchase uniforms.

The Police Explorers were trained in:

- Intro to Law Enforcement
- Introduction to Patrol Basics
- Radio Communications
- Traffic Stop Investigations
- Crime Scene Investigation
- Physical Fitness Activities
- Firearms Safety Training
- Firearms Activities
- Explorers Participated in various community improvement and safety projects



Keep Horizon City Beautiful

- The Explorers cleaned the stretch of vacant lot located south of S. Kenazo to Thayer Pease.

Movies at the Park

- The Explorers and Volunteers Logged in OVER 1,600 hours working the summer-long series!
- Appeared in Public Service Videos
- Conducted Set Up and Tear Down of Movie Equipment
- Sold Concessions to Fundraise for uniforms
- Conducted Courtesy Patrol at the Park
- No incidents of theft to vehicles or vandalism to park facilities were reported the duration of the Movies at The Park summer series.
- Cadets located several children who had wandered away from their parents and families during the films.

Horizon City Health Fair

- Conducted park courtesy patrol
- Conducted safety fingerprinting to over 80 children

National Night Out

- Hosted the Guitar Hero Tournament which was played outdoors on a gigantic movie screen!
- Sponsored gift Cards good for GameStop and McDonald's for winner and runner up!

Painted a home for an underprivileged senior citizen

The resident lived in the El Paso lower valley and her home had been badly damaged during the 2006 heavy rains and floods. The Explorers were approached by a cadet family member who knew of this person who needed assistance. The Explorers were provided materials and supplies by private parties for the repairs. The Explorers look forward to working with any entity that is looking to improve somebody's quality of life. For more information on getting assistance from the Explorers please call Sgt. J. Mitre or Officer J. Montelongo at (915) 852-1047.



Halloween Costume Contest and Haunted House

- The Explorers arranged a costume contest during the final Movie at the Park event.
- The family of a group of 3 sibling Cadets volunteered to host a haunted house in their garage for the community in the Roslyn/ Glenosa area.

Halloween Glow Stick safety campaign

- The Explorers prepared and handed out over 1,000 safety glow sticks for community children and parents walking the neighborhoods on Halloween.

Tobacco Sales Enforcement

- The Explorers participated in tobacco sales inspections where several violations were discovered and prosecuted.

Christmas Parade

- Explorers assisted HCPD officers with traffic control as well as crowd management in several key intersections of the parade route. The Explorers carried HCPD radios and were able to successfully communicate with police officers and accomplish their directives.
- Explorers received many kudos from the community for their service and for being Horizon City's finest youth.

Special Events

- The Explorers participated in two City of El Paso parades including Veteran's Day Parade and Thanksgiving Parade. This is the first year that our Horizon City Police Explorers marched in another city's parade!

National Night Out (NNO)

- Explorers conducted a child safety fingerprint campaign and fingerprinted over 90 small children. Explorers hosted a Guitar Hero Tournament played on the gigantic Movies at the Park setup and provided the winner and runner up with gift cards to GameStop and McDonald's.

ROCIC



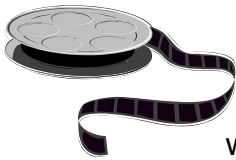
The Police Department officially became members of the Regional Organized Crime Information Center (ROCIC). The ROCIC is an organization composed of criminal justice agencies in the southeastern and southwestern United States working together to combat multi-jurisdictional criminal activities.

One of six Regional Information Sharing System centers, ROCIC has been funded since its inception in 1973 by an annual grant through the U.S. Dept. of Justice. The Grantee is the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation. ROCIC serves as a vehicle for the collection, evaluation, analysis, dissemination, and storage of information regarding the multi-jurisdictional activities of the wide spectrum of organized crime. Moreover, we are able to access their high-tech investigative services such as computer forensics, video evidence enhancing, and the ability to receive investigative equipment on loan.

Member agencies, totaling more than 1,950, are represented throughout the 14 southeastern states, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands, and comprise all levels of government - municipal, county, parish, judicial district, state, and federal. We are pleased to be a member of this organization.

Movies in the Park

This was an outstanding first year for the movies in the park program. We were fully sponsored and on average, we would estimate in excess of 250 participants at each showing, with some



movies exceeding 400. The best attendance was during the summer months.

We discovered the attendance began to drop when school went back into session. We are intending on having the movie season begin earlier, perhaps the second week in June ending in the last week of September.



We discovered that the Movies in the Park program is a very manpower demanding project. Fortunately, we now have a very active Police Explorer Post and with their assistance, we were able to adequately staff each movie night. As a side benefit to the Explorers, they were able to purchase uniforms from the proceeds of selling concessions. We intend on using them next year for concessions. The total volunteer hours is determined to be 1,646 hours for this year's project.



Christmas Parade

This year's Christmas parade was one of the longest and best ever in Horizon City. The entire police department participated in providing traffic control and coordination. We worked closely with the Horizon Eastlake Lion's Club. We provided radios for some of them to use. We also utilized the Horizon City Police Explorer Post members to assist with traffic control. The Mobile Command Center was deployed from where we set up an onsite communications and control center.



Code Enforcement

The Code Enforcement Department of Horizon City had many complex issues to address during the 2010 calendar year. Some of the main issues addressed were cleaning up of parkways which included weeds, trash, and illegal signs. Additionally, arranging clean up of vacant houses making sure that they were secured from vandals was a priority item. This past year also included the confiscation of illegal signs, which was quite time consuming. Areas that also required a lot of time and effort were issues dealing with new residential landscaping and new residential construction. Our Code Enforcement department organized a subdivision sweep and took extra time to address each individual house and conduct inspections of new construction permits and landscaping requirements for new subdivisions.

Illegal signs



Educating and reminding homeowner that front, side and back parkways are their responsibility to maintain and not the cities was emphasized.



Landscaping issues

Before

After



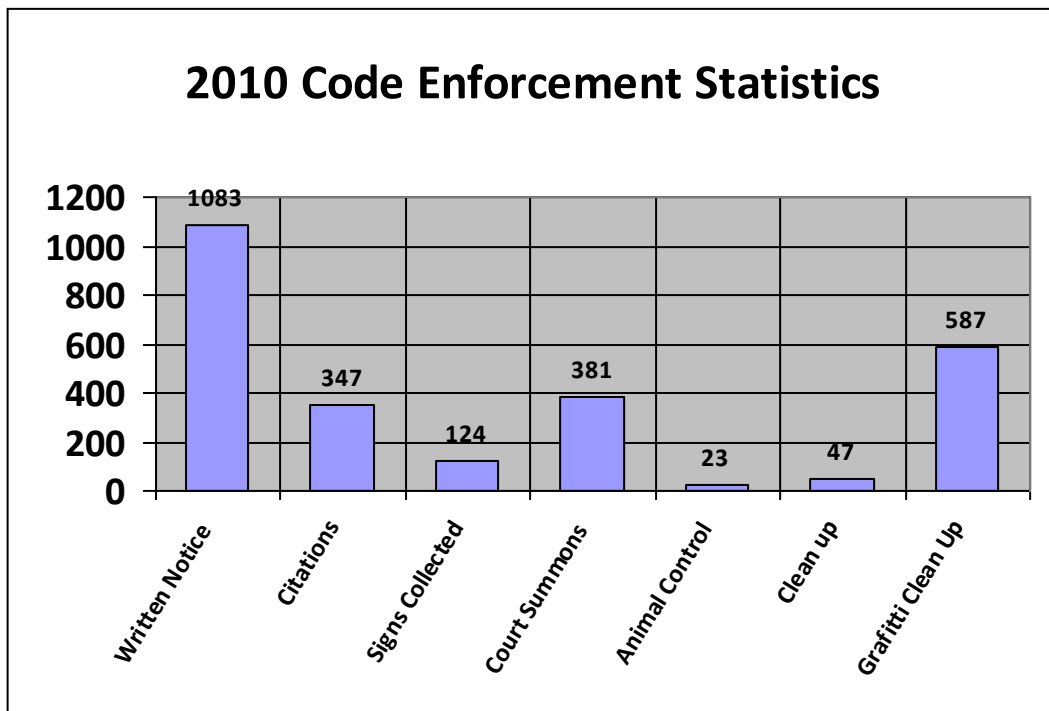
Before and after abandoned houses around town



The Code Enforcement Department also participated in the annual National Night Out event held August 5th in which local businesses participated in an evening of crime awareness. Our town's public works department and code enforcement gave out literature on local ordinances, construction permits and storm water management. Raffle items were sponsored by the following businesses: Region 19 Head start, Horizon City Fire Department, Walgreens, Family Dollar, De la Torre Fitness, Fred Loya Ins., CISD, Horizon Vista, and Family of Hope.



The addition of a new code Enforcement officer in October has required extensive training and time preparing him for a state exam and familiarizing him with our local city ordinances. This was a needed and welcomed addition to the department. All efforts were well invested when Officer Dodson became officially a registered Code Enforcement Officer for the state of Texas in December 2010. The Code Enforcement department can now take necessary time to handle complaints from citizens in a more efficient and effective manner.



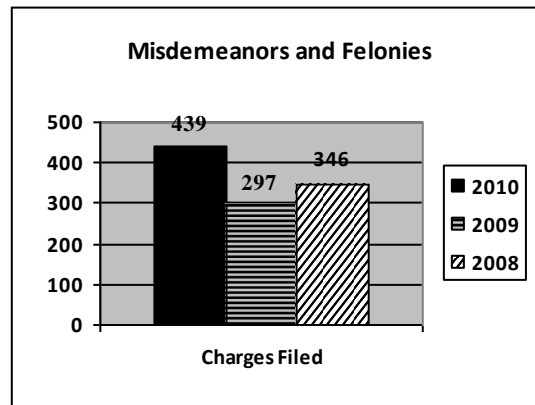
Citizen Complaints

In 2010, Assistant Chief Rico received several concerns from citizens ranging from Officers not signaling a lane change to officers being rude during traffic stops. None of the citizens spoken to requested to make an official complaint but only requested to have the incident addressed with the involved officers. Two (2) internal initiated investigations were conducted and both incidents were "Sustained". The officers were disciplined with unpaid time off and the incidents were placed into their personal files.

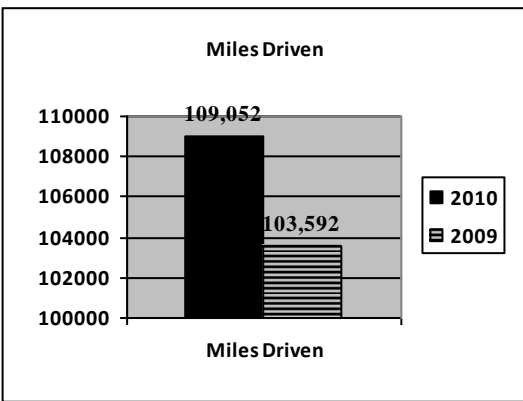
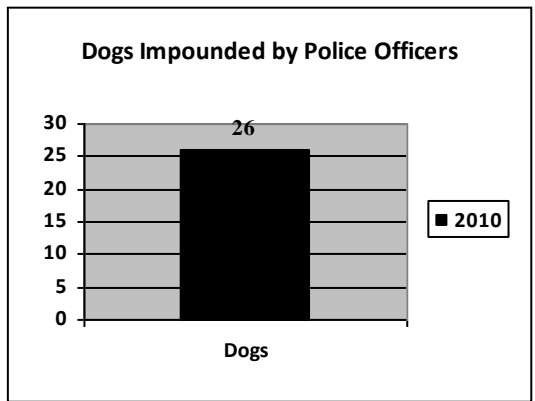
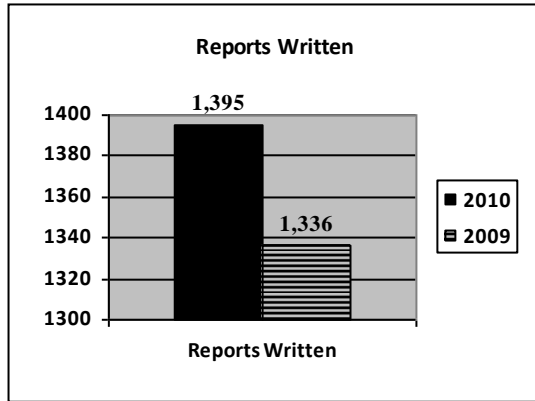
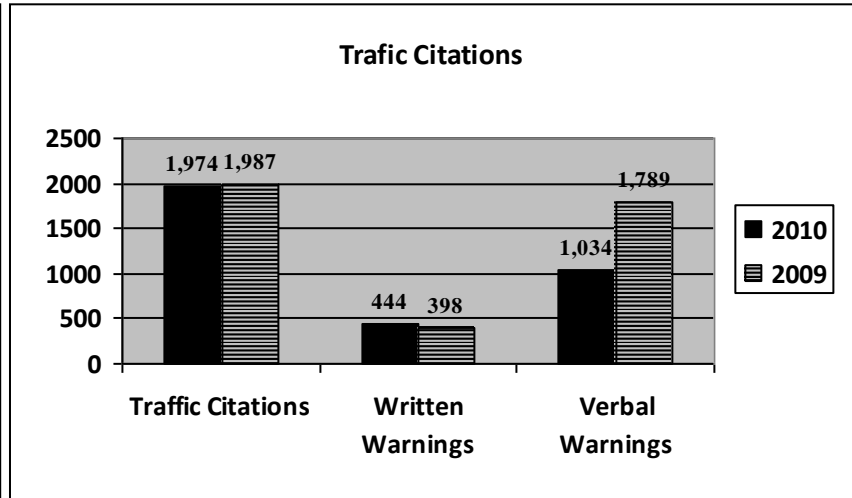
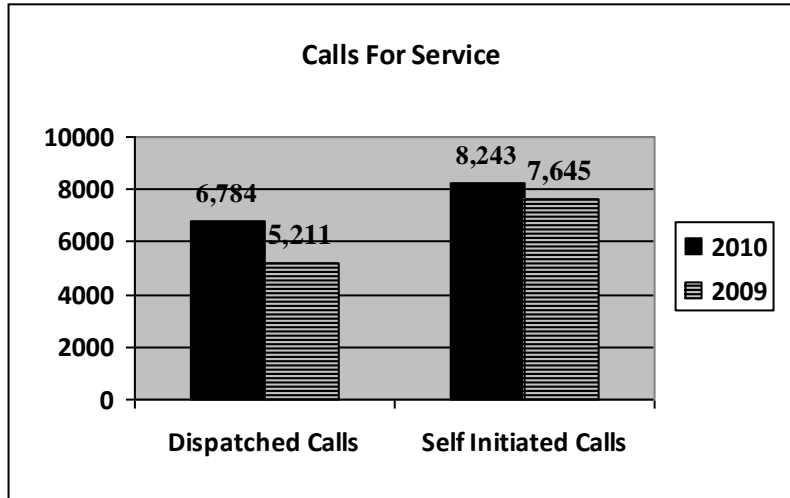
Arrest Statistics

Charges

	2010	2009	2008
Aggravated Assault	7	6	1
Simple Assault	102	43	39
Burglary/Breaking and Entering	9	4	4
All Other Larceny	10	5	9
Drug/Narcotics Violation	32	16	23
Robbery	0	2	0
Offenses against family and children	3	2	0
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	0	1
Disorderly Conduct	112	20	26
Driving Under the Influence	45	45	61
Drunkenness	3	12	4
Liquor Law Violation	19	47	42
All Other Offenses	97	95	136
Total Charges Filed	439	297	346



Officer Statistics



Police Vehicle Mileage Report

Unit	Year	Model	License	VIN	Assigned to:	Actual Miles	Estimated Mileage			
						Jan 18, 2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
613	2003	Crown Vic	854-704	2FAFA71W63X186978	Sent to auction	113,660				
615	2005	Crown Vic	893-180	2FAFP71W85X129703	Sent to auction	105,100				
622	2002	Crown Vic	201-283	1GNF52E33C1490108	Sent to auction	72,208				
617	2007	Crown Vic	100-5415	2FAFP71W97X132208	Warrants/Courts	75,509	95,509	115,509	135,509	155,509
627	2007	Crown Vic	100-5414	2FAFP71W77X132210	Patrol	90,703	110,703	130,703	150,703	170,703
637	2007	Crown Vic	100-0674	2FAFP71W97X155844	Patrol	76,485	96,485	116,485	136,485	156,485
619	2009	Crown Vic	100-0723	2FAHP71V39X118761	Patrol	27,297	47,297	67,297	87,297	107,297
629	2009	Crown Vic	106-6163	2FAHP71V19X118757	Patrol	16,340	36,340	56,340	76,340	96,340
639	2009	Crown Vic	106-8161	2FAHP71VX9X129658	Patrol	16,005	36,005	56,005	76,005	96,005
649	2009	Crown Vic	106-8164	2FAHP71V49X129655	Patrol	19,763	39,763	59,763	79,763	99,763
659	2009	Crown Vic	106-8166	2FAHP71V39X118758	Patrol	11,523	31,523	51,523	71,523	91,523
669	2009	Crown Vic	106-8162	2FAHP71V19X129659	Patrol	24,758	44,758	64,758	84,758	104,758
679	2009	Crown Vic	106-8165	2FAHP71V29X129668	Patrol	17,045	37,045	57,045	77,045	97,045
618	2008	Ford truck	105-8752	1FTRF12298KD79574	Code Enforcement	24,055	34,055	44,055	54,055	64,055
6110	2010	Ford F150	110-1505	1FTFW1EV9AFC53934	Patrol /Crime	5,807	15,807	25,807	35,807	45,807
6210	2010	Ford F150	106-8396	1FTEX1CW0AFA13420	Code Enforcement	2,009	12,009	22,009	32,009	42,009
6211	2011	Ford Focus	CC5-V490	1FAHP3FN3BW102823	Detectives	3,045	13,045	23,045	33,045	43,045
6111	2011	Ford Focus	CC5-V491	1FAHP3FN8BW134764	Detectives	2,480	12,480	22,480	32,480	42,480
6311	2011	Crown Vic	110-7976	2FABP7BVXBX115687	Warrants/Courts	2,050	12,050	22,050	32,050	42,050
T-01	2009	Trailer	900-0936	1WL200L2X98014893	Command Trailer					

2010 Racial Profiling Report

Memo to Mayor and City Council

January 20, 2011

Mayor Walter Miller &
Horizon City Council
Horizon City, Texas 79928

Dear Mayor Miller & Members of the City Council,

The Texas legislature, in an attempt to address the issue of racial profiling in policing, passed in 2001 the Texas Racial Profiling Law (S.B. 1074). Since becoming effective, the Horizon City Police Department, in accordance with the law, has collected citation-based contact data for the purpose of identifying and addressing (if necessary) concerns regarding racial profiling practices by police officers. Last year, the Texas Racial Profiling Law was modified and new requirements are now in place.

In this particular report, you will find three sections that contain information on citation-based contact data along with documentation which aims at supporting the fact that the Horizon City Police Department has complied with The Texas Racial Profiling Law. You will find, in section 1, the table of contents in addition to the Texas Law on Racial Profiling. Also, in this section, you will have the opportunity to become acquainted with the list of requirements relevant to the Racial Profiling Law as interpreted by TCLEOSE (Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education).

In sections 2 and 3, you will have an opportunity to review documentation which demonstrates compliance of the Horizon City Police Department with the Texas Racial Profiling Law. Specifically, documents relevant to the implementation of an institutional

policy banning racial profiling, the implementation of a racial profiling complaint process (including the manner in which it has been disclosed to the public) and the training administered to all law enforcement personnel, are included.

This report also contains statistical data relevant to motor vehicle contacts between January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010. This information has been analyzed and compared to data derived from the U.S. Census Bureau in the form of the Fair Roads Standard, and to the citation and arrest-based contact data collected in 2010. The final analysis and recommendations are also included.

The data and supporting documentation presented in this report support the notion that the Horizon City Police Department is committed to the identification and resolution (if necessary) of all issues relevant to racial profiling according to the state law.

Sincerely,



Michael McConnell



Sergeant Jesus Ortega

HCPD Racial Profiling Policy

3-202. PATROL PROCEDURES.

3-202.01 RACIAL AND BIAS BASED PROFILING. Officers are strictly prohibited from engaging in racial and bias based profiling. The prohibition against racial and bias based profiling does not preclude the use of race, ethnicity, or national origin as factors in a detention decision by a peace officer. Race, ethnicity, or national origin may be legitimate factors in such a decision when used as a part of a description of a suspect or witness for whom a peace officer is searching.

A. Definitions.

1. Racial Profiling: a law enforcement-initiated action, such as a traffic stop, a detention, a search, issuance of a citation, or an arrest, based on an individual's race, ethnicity, or national origin rather than on the individual's behavior or on information identifying the individual as having engaged in criminal activity. Racial profiling pertains to persons who are viewed as suspects or potential suspects of criminal behavior. The term is not relevant as it pertains to witnesses, complainants, persons needing assistance, or other citizen contacts.

2. Bias Based Profiling: the selection of individuals for enforcement action based solely on a trait common to a group. This includes, but is not limited to gender, sexual orientation, religion, economic status, age, cultural group, or any other identifiable group.

3. Race or Ethnicity: of a particular descent, including Caucasian, African, Hispanic, Asian, or Native American descent.

4. Pedestrian Stop: an interaction between a peace officer and an individual who is being detained for the purposes of a criminal investigation in which the individual is not under arrest.

5. Traffic Stop: the stopping of a motor vehicle by a peace officer for an alleged violation of law or ordinance regulating traffic.

3-202.02 OFFICER INITIATED REPORTING DATA. Officers, on or off-duty, who stop motor vehicles for an alleged violation of a law or ordinance regulating traffic or who stop a pedestrian for any suspected offense will comply with the following:

A. The following information is required to be reported in the format set out by the Department for each person cited or arrested as a result of a traffic/pedestrian stop. In the event that several people are present when making a pedestrian or traffic stop, information will be captured only for those who are contacted, questioned or searched. Officers making arrests will fill out the required daily log to capture this information:

1. Arrest result of a traffic stop?
2. Was a citation issued?
3. Search conducted?
4. Consent search?
5. Race?

B. Training.

1. The Department will conduct annual training with sworn personnel on subjects that include, but are not limited to: profiling, cultural diversity, interaction with citizens, policy, ethics and related topics.

2. Training may be conducted through in-service, special courses, or roll-call

training.

3. Participation in training will be documented and recorded in each officer's training record.

4. All officers will complete racial profiling training prior to the second anniversary of the date the officer is listed as a peace officer or the date the officer applies for an intermediate proficiency certificate, whichever date is earlier.

C. Reporting Requirements.

1. The information collected shall be compiled in an annual report covering the period January 1 through December 31 of each year, and shall be submitted to City Council no later than March 1 of the following year.

2. The annual report shall not include identifying information about any individual stopped or arrested.

3. The annual report will not include identifying information about any peace officer involved in a stop or arrest. And include the collection of information relating to whether the officer making the motor vehicle stop knew the suspect's race or ethnicity before detaining the suspect.

D. Investigating Complaints.

1. In investigating a complaint alleging racial profiling, the Chief of Police shall seek to determine if the officer who is the subject of the complaint has engaged in a pattern of racial profiling that includes multiple acts constituting racial profiling for which there is no reasonable, credible explanation based

on established police and law enforcement practices. A single act constituting racial profiling may not be considered a pattern of racial profiling, and shall not be grounds for corrective action.

2. Citizens may file complaints against any Officer at any Department facility. All complaints of racial profiling lodged against an officer will be investigated fairly and objectively to determine the validity of such complaints. Disciplinary or corrective action will be established in a timely and consistent manner in accordance with state laws, local ordinances and the Town of Horizon City's Rules and Regulations.

3. The Police Department will promptly provide a copy of any recording to a peace officer who is the subject of a complaint of racial profiling upon written request of the officer.

E. Public Education

1. The Department, through its philosophy of Community Policing, will provide information to the general public regarding racial profiling policies and procedures, to include the complaint process, by actively addressing the issue in regular community meetings, Citizen's Advisory board meetings, the mass media, and by routine officer/citizen contacts.

F. Video Policy.

All Officers will follow established procedures for the use of in-car video recording equipment. Supervisors, on a bimonthly basis, will review videotapes and recordings to assist in periodic assessment of the Officer's performance and to determine whether the equipment is being fully and properly used. Supervisors will also ensure that repairs and replacement of damaged or nonfunctional video recording equipment is performed.

Complaint Process: Informing the Public and Addressing Allegations of Racial Profiling Practices

Informing the Public on the Process of Filing a Racial Profiling Complaint with the Horizon City Police Department

Since January 1, 2002, the Horizon City Police Department, in accordance to The Texas Racial Profiling law, launched an educational campaign aimed at informing the public on issues relevant to the complaint process. The police department made available, in January 1, 2002, information relevant to filing a complaint on a racial profiling violation by a Horizon City police officer.

The Horizon City Police Department included language, in its current complaint process, pertaining to the manner in which citizens can file a complaint as a consequence of a racial profiling incident. It is believed that through these efforts, the community has been properly informed of the new policies and the complaint processes relevant to racial profiling.

Report on Racial Profiling Complaints

The following table contains data regarding officers that have been the subject of a complaint, during the time period of 1/1/10---12/31/10, based on allegations related to possible violations of the Texas Racial Profiling Law. The final disposition of the case is also included.

A check above indicates that the Horizon City Police Department has not received any complaints, as outlined in the law, on any members of its police force, for having violated the Texas Racial Profiling Law during the time period of 1/1/10 ---- 12/31/10.

Complaints Filed for Possible Violations of The Texas Racial Profiling Law.

Complaint No.	Alleged Violation	Disposition of the Case

Additional Comments:

Tables Illustrating Traffic and Motor Vehicle Contacts

Tier 1 Data

Motor Vehicle-Related Contact Information (1/1/10—12/31/10)

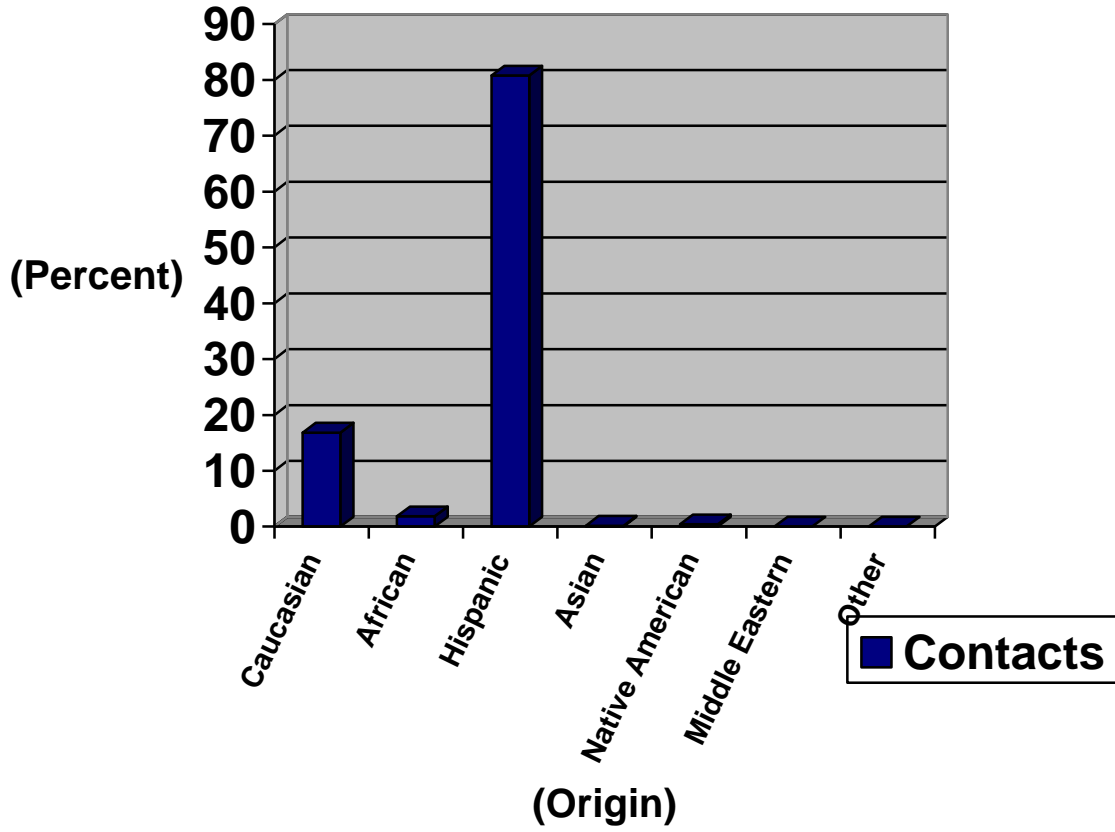
Race/Ethnicity*	Contacts		Searches		Consensual Searches		PC Searches		Custody Arrests	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Caucasian	201	16.82	3	20	3	42.86	0	0	0	0
African	22	1.84	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hispanic	965	80.75	12	80	4	57.14	7	100	1	100
Asian	2	0.17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Native American	5	0.42	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Middle Eastern	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	1195	100	15	100	7	100	7	100	1	100

“N” represents “number” of traffic-related contacts

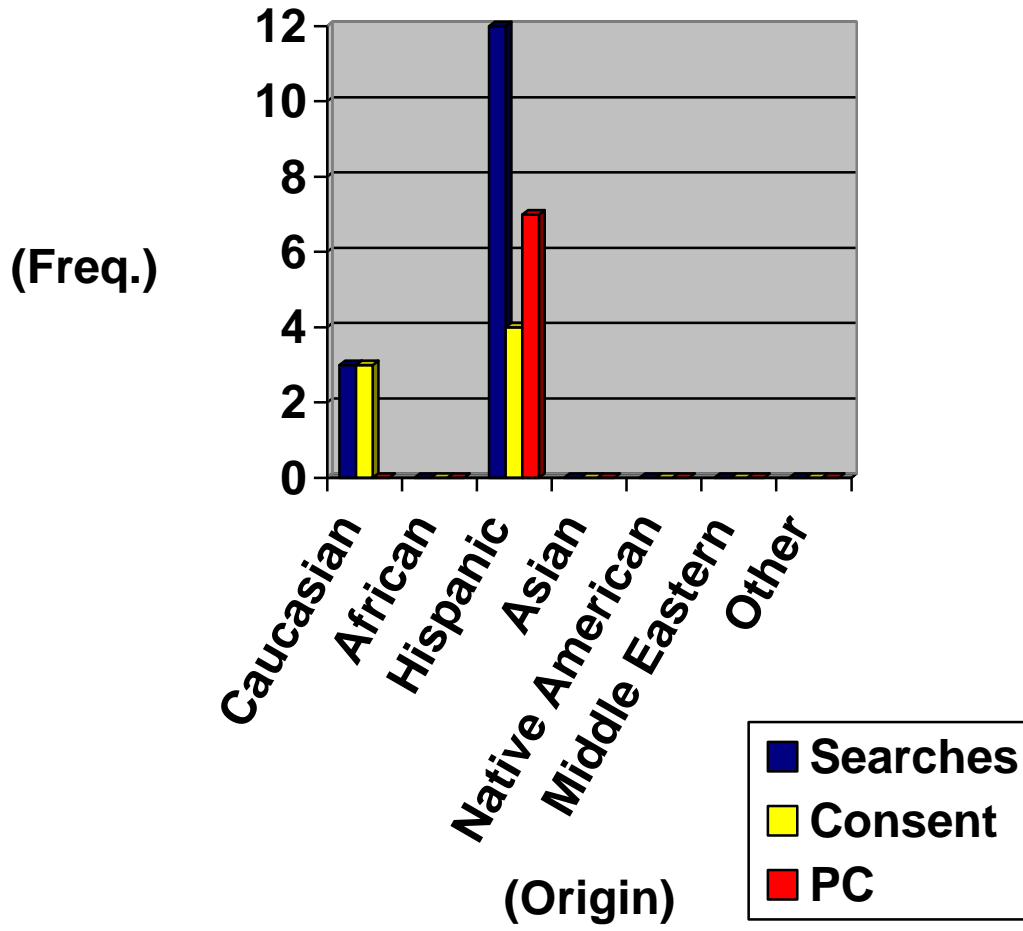
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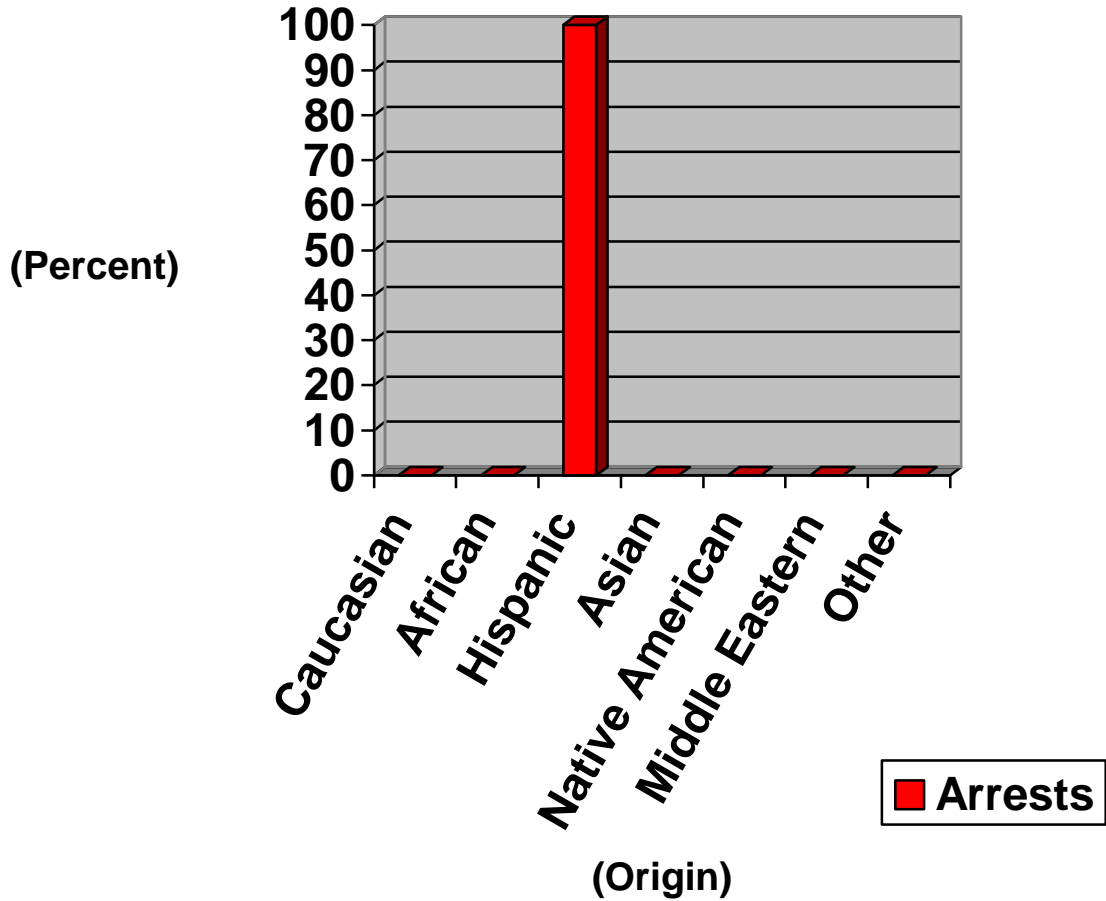
Tier 1 Data (Contacts)



Tier 1 Data (Searches)



Tier 1 Data (Arrests)



Total Number of Officers Knowing/not Knowing Race/Ethnicity of Individuals Before Being Detained (1/1/10--12/31/10)

Total Number of Officers Who <u>Knew</u> Race and Ethnicity of Individual Before Being Detained	Total Number of Officers Who <u>Did Not Know</u> the Race and Ethnicity of Individual Before Being Detained
53	1142

Tier 1 Baseline Comparison

(Fair Roads Standard)

(II) Motor Vehicle-Contacts and Fair Roads Standard Comparison

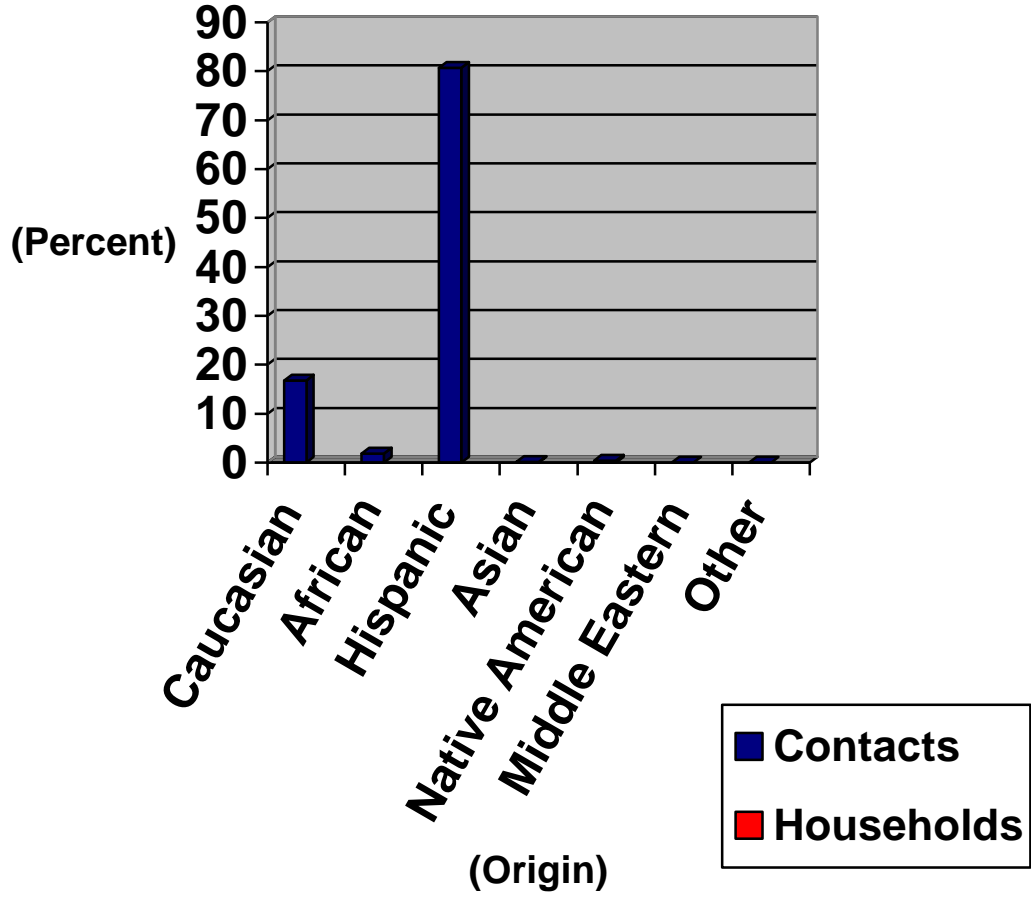
Comparison of Motor Vehicle-related contacts with households in the city of Horizon that have vehicle access (in percentages). (1/1/10—12/31/10)

Race/Ethnicity*	Contacts (in percentages)	Households with vehicle access (in percentages)
Caucasian	16.82	
African	1.84	
Hispanic	80.75	
Asian	0.17	
Native American	0.42	
Middle Eastern	0.00	
Other	0.00	
Total	100	

* Race/Ethnicity are defined by Senate Bill 1074 as being of a “particular descent, including Caucasian, African, Hispanic, Asian, Native American and Middle Eastern”.

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Tier 1 Data Comparison



Four Year Comparative Analysis – 2007-2010

(III) Five-Year Tier 1 Data Comparison

Comparison of Four-Year Traffic and Motor Vehicle-Related Contact Information
(1/1/07---12/31/10)

Race/Ethnicity*	Traffic-Related Contacts			
	2007	2008	2009	2010
Caucasian	34.03	29.59	26.15	16.82
African	0.91	1.66	1.17	1.84
Hispanic	65.01	68.54	72.33	80.75
Asian	0.05	0.16	0.35	0.17
Native American	0	0	0	0.42
Middle Eastern	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0.05	0	0
Total	100	100	100	100

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Comparison of Four-Year Traffic and Motor-Vehicle Related Search Information
 (1/1/07---12/31/10)

Race/Ethnicity*	Search-Related Contacts (in percentages)			
	2007	2008	2009	2010
Caucasian	44.44	30	12.5	42.86
African	5.56	0	0	0
Hispanic	50	70	87.5	57.14
Asian	0	0	0	0
Native American	0	0	0	0
Middle Eastern	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0
Total	100	100	100	100

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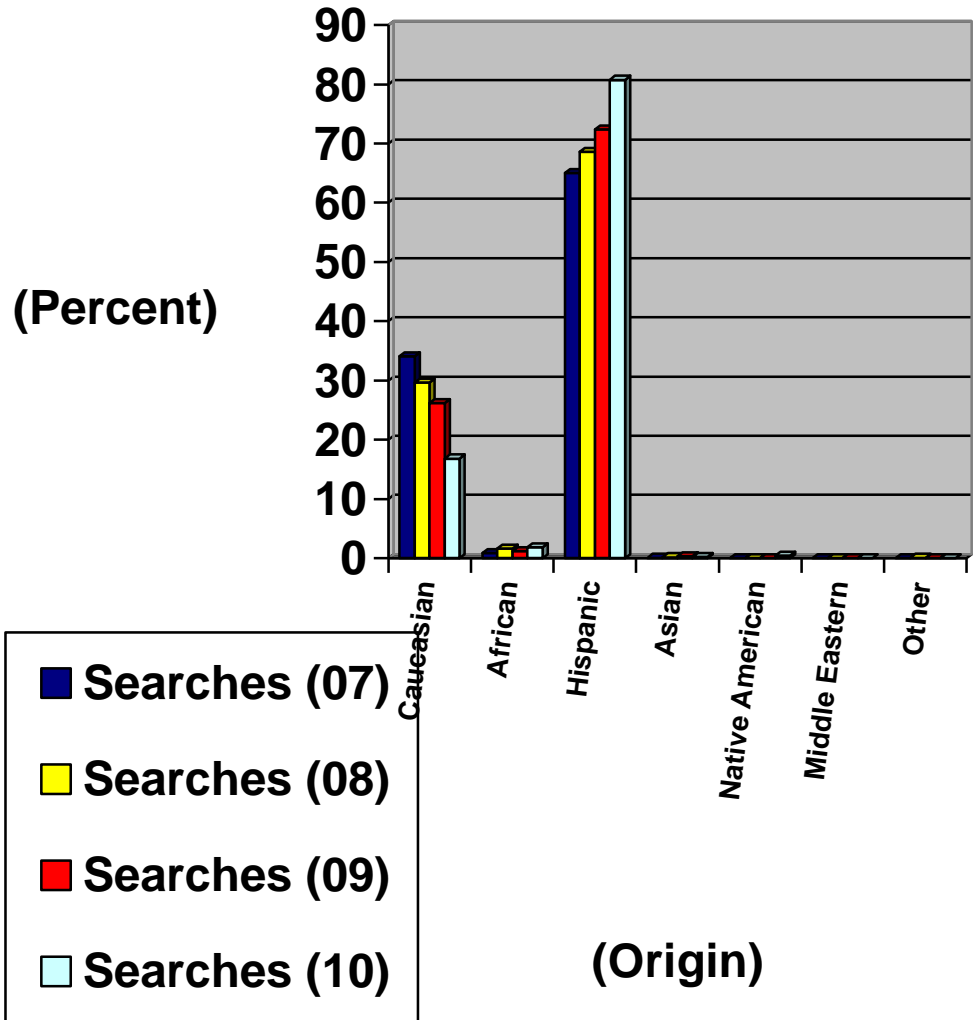
Comparison of Four-Year Traffic and Motor Vehicle-Related Arrest Information
 (1/1/07---12/31/10)

Race/Ethnicity*	Arrest-Related Contacts (in percentages)			
	2007	2008	2009	2010
Caucasian	33.33	33.33	31.82	0
African	0	0	0	0
Hispanic	66.67	66.67	68.18	100
Asian	0	0	0	0
Native American	0	0	0	0
Middle Eastern	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0
Total	100	100	100	100

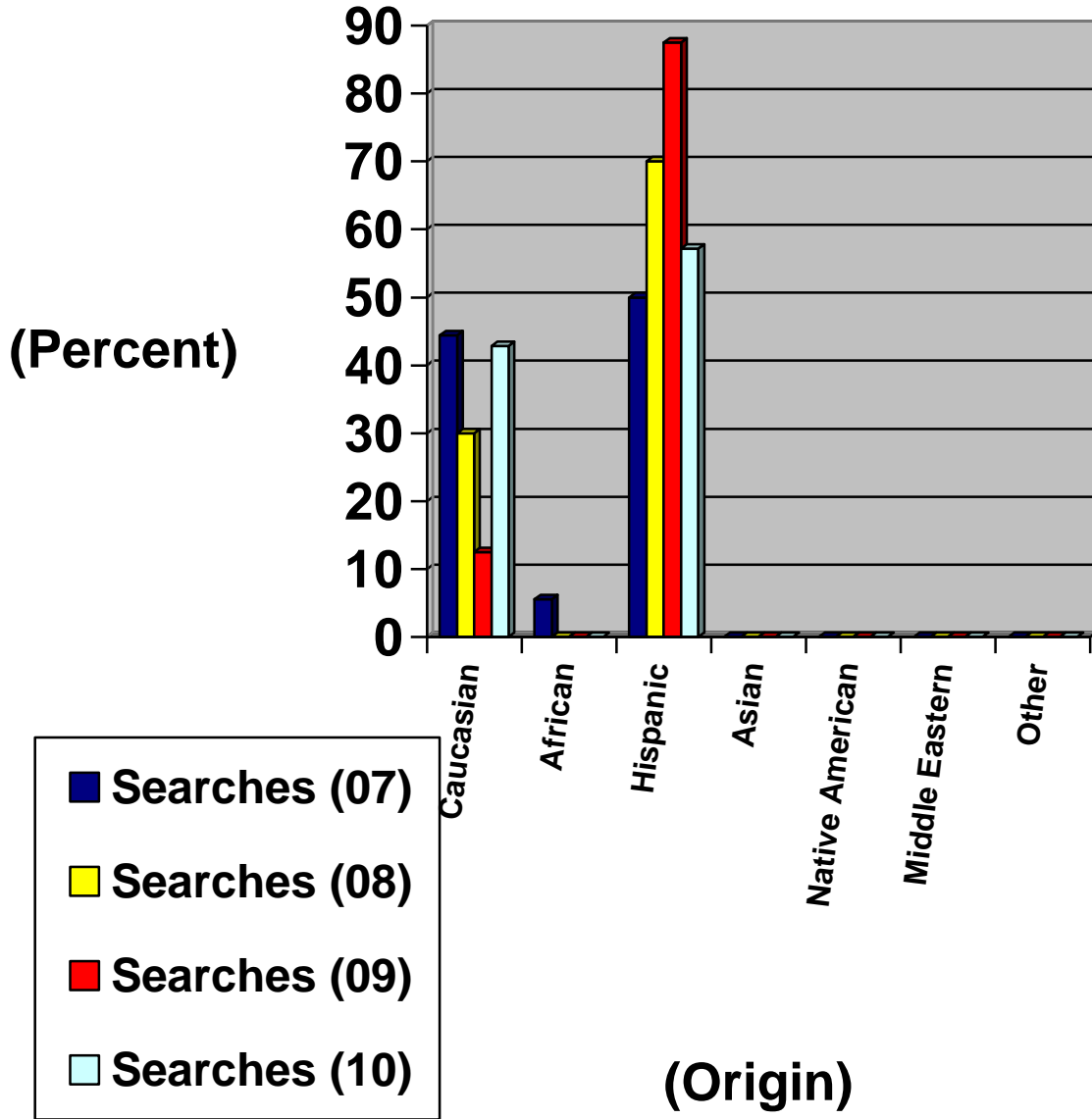
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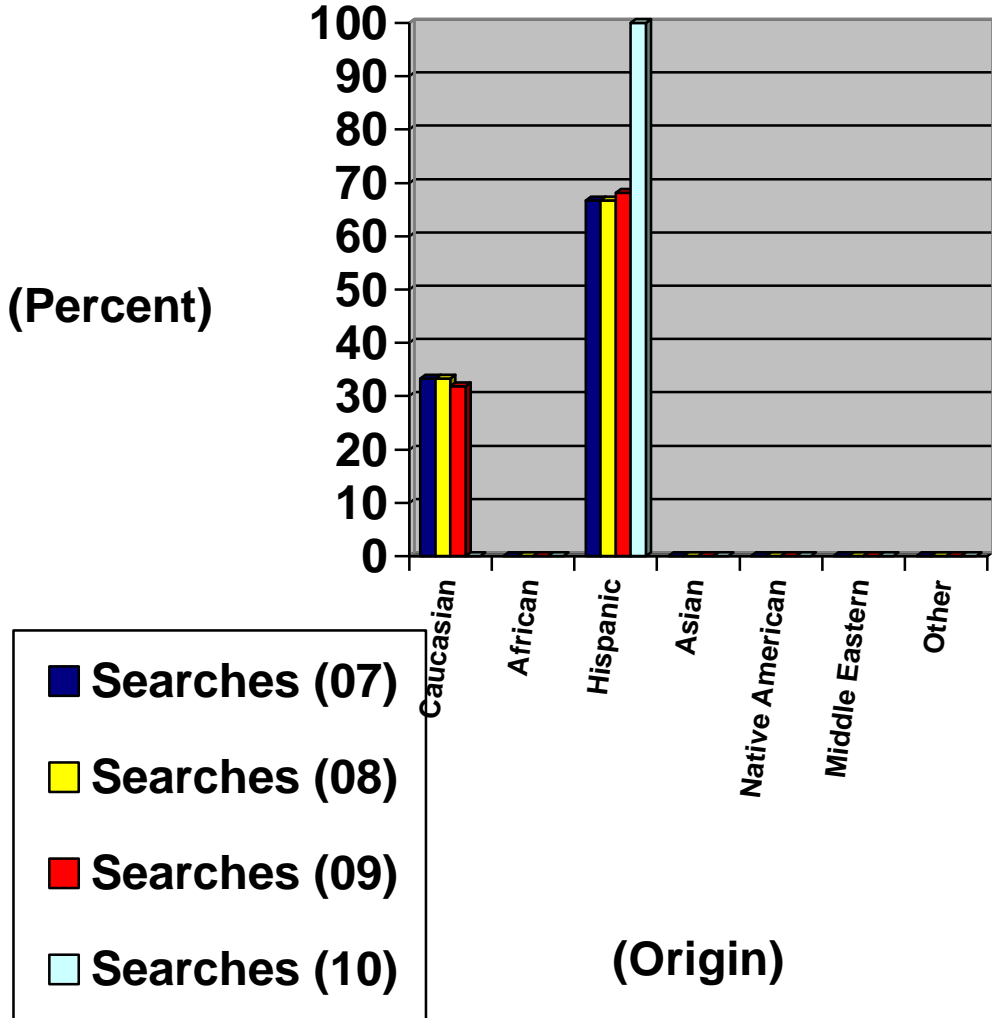
Tier 1 Data - Contacts 2007-2010



Tier 1 Data - Searches 2007-2010



Tier 1 Data - Arrests 2007-2010



Analysis and Interpretation of Data

According to the Texas Racial Profiling Law, all police departments in the state have been required to collect data when a traffic-related citation is issued or an arrest is made. Recently this was changed to all motor vehicle related contacts where a citation was issued or arrest made. In addition, the law requires that agencies report this information to their local governing authority and (recently) TCLEOSE, by March 1st of each year. The purpose in collecting and presenting this information is to determine if a particular police officer is engaging in the practice of profiling minority motorists. Despite the fact most agree that it is good practice for police departments to be accountable to their community, it is very difficult to determine, from the review of aggregate data, if police departments are engaging in racial profiling. That is, it is challenging to detect specific “individual” racist behavior from the study and analysis of aggregate-level “institutional” data on traffic-related contacts.

It should be noted that the Horizon City Police Department, in response to the requirements of The Texas Racial Profiling Law (S.B. 1074), reported and analyzed its 2010 motor vehicle-related contact data. Thus, three different types of analyses were conducted. The first of these involved a careful evaluation of the 2010 contact data. This particular analysis measured, as required by the Texas Racial Profiling Law, the number and percentage of Caucasians, African Americans, Hispanics, Asians, Native Americans, Middle Easterners, and individuals belonging to the “other” category, that came in contact with the police and were issued a motor vehicle-related citation or arrested in 2010. In addition, the analysis included information relevant to the number and percentage of searches (table 1) while indicating the type of search (i.e., consensual or probable cause) conducted. Finally, the data analysis highlighted the number and percentage of individuals who, after they were issued a citation, were subsequently arrested. Further, it included the total number of officers that knew and did not know the race or ethnicity of an individual prior to being detained.

The second type of analysis included in this report, related to the comparison of the 2010 motor vehicle contact data with an appropriate baseline. It should be noted that there is also a great deal of disagreement, in the academic literature, over the type/form of baseline to be used when analyzing traffic-related contact information. Of all the baseline measures available, the Horizon City Police Department decided to adopt, as a baseline measure, the Fair Roads Standard. This particular baseline is based on data obtained through the U.S. Census Bureau (2000) relevant to the number of households in a particular jurisdiction that have access to vehicles while controlling for race and ethnicity. It should be noted that census data presents challenges to any effort made at establishing a fair and accurate racial profiling analysis. In other words, census data contains information on all residents of a particular community, regardless of the fact they may or may not be among the driving population.

The Horizon City Police Department opted to use this form of comparison (i.e., census data relevant to households with vehicles) in an attempt to demonstrate its “transparency” before the community. The Fair Roads Standard data obtained is relevant to the Town of Horizon City.

Finally, a third type of analysis was conducted while using the 2007--2010 traffic and motor vehicle contact data. Specifically, all contacts made in 2010 were compared to similar figures reported from 2007 to 2010. When considering this analysis, it was determined that comparing four years of contact data may highlight possible areas of consistency with regards to overall police contacts. In other words, the four-year comparison has the potential of revealing indicators that a trend of police-initiated contacts with regards to members of a specific minority group, is in fact, developing. The overall analysis of data indicates that findings suggest that the Horizon City Police Department does not currently experience a problem regarding racial profiling practices. This is supported by the fact that it has not received any complaints from its citizens regarding officer misconduct associated with racial profiling practices.

Tier 1 - 2010 Motor Vehicle-Related Contact Analysis

The Tier 1 data collected in 2010 showed that continuing effort to collect police contact data, along with the monitoring and evaluation of video recorded traffic stops by officers will assure an on-going evaluation of the Horizon City Police Department practices. This will allow for the citizens of the community to benefit from professional and courteous service from their police department.

Fair Roads Standard Analysis

When comparing traffic contacts to the census data relevant to the number of “households” in Town of Horizon City who indicated, in the 2000 census, that they had access to vehicles, the analysis produced the following findings:

The Horizon Police department is in compliance and has not received any complaints on Racial Profiling, and the department will continue to strive with professionalism.

Summary

In the final analysis, after compiling the police contact data for the year 2010, it was found that the Horizon City Police Department is within acceptable limits and variance standards.

This year’s findings suggest that the Horizon City Police Department does not currently experience a problem regarding racial profiling practices. This is supported by the fact that it has not received any complaints from its citizens regarding officer misconduct associated with racial profiling practices.

The continuing effort to collect police contact data, along with the monitoring and evaluation of video recorded traffic stops by officers will assure an on-going evaluation of the Horizon City Police Department practices. This will allow for the citizens of the community to benefit from professional and courteous service from their police department.

In addition, all HCPD Officers have continued the mandatory training requirements from TCLEOSE which includes Racial Profiling classes. The Horizon City Police Department has now, and in the past, operated under specific guidelines of professionalism, core values, and fairness to all persons regardless of race, ethnicity, or national origin.

The Horizon City Police Department will always strive to provide the highest quality police service, preserving human rights, lives, and property, while attempting to achieve the mission and goals of the department, the city, and the community. The Department is committed to the highest professional standards, working in partnership with our citizens to solve problems together and meet the challenges of reducing crime, creating a safer environment, and improving the overall quality of life for all of our citizens.