



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



December 2020

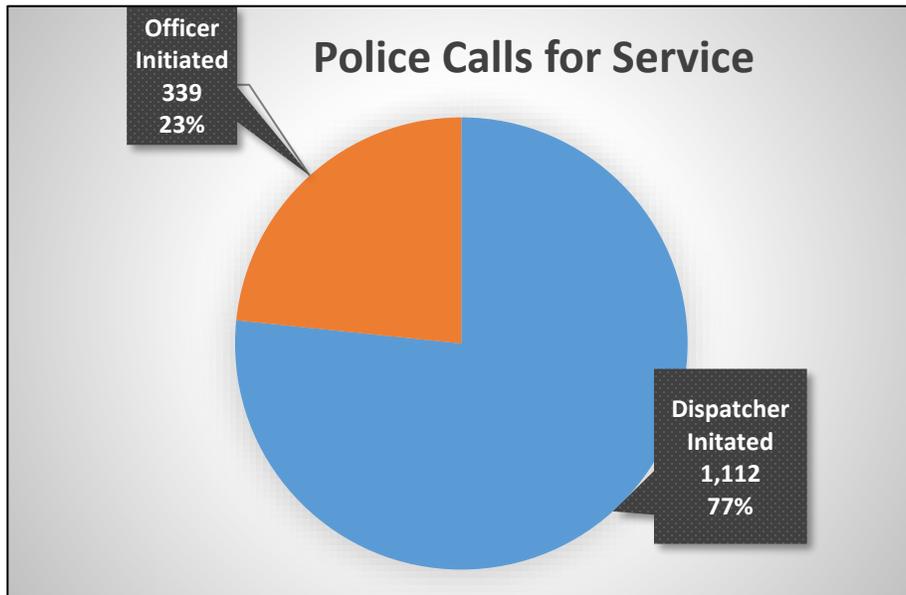
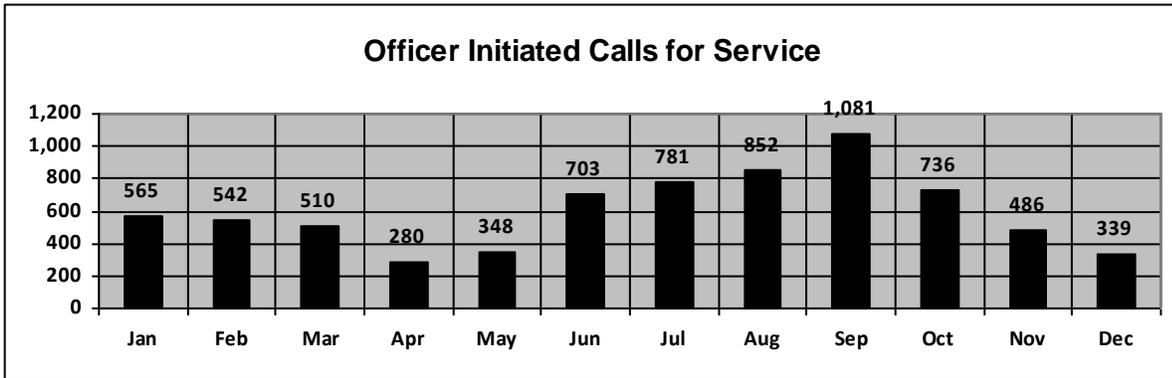
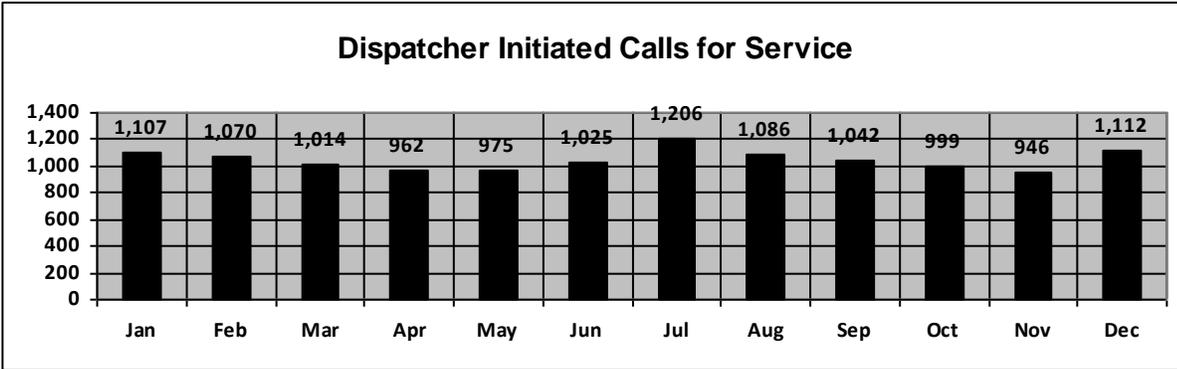
Description	Number	
	This Month	Last Month
Traffic Citations	86	213
Traffic Warnings	60	99
Parking Tickets	14	0
Investigations – Cases assigned	28	31
Investigations – Cases cleared	11	4
Investigations – Cases remaining open	17	35
Criminal & Non-Criminal Arrests	10	10
Traffic accidents	21	23
PD Dispatcher Initiated Calls for Service	1,112	Year to date – 12,544
PD Officer Initiated Calls for Service	339	Year to date – 7,222
Total Police Calls for Service	1,451	Year to date – 19,766
Fire Calls for Service Reported to Dispatch	1,267	Year to date – 14,778

ITEMS OF INTEREST

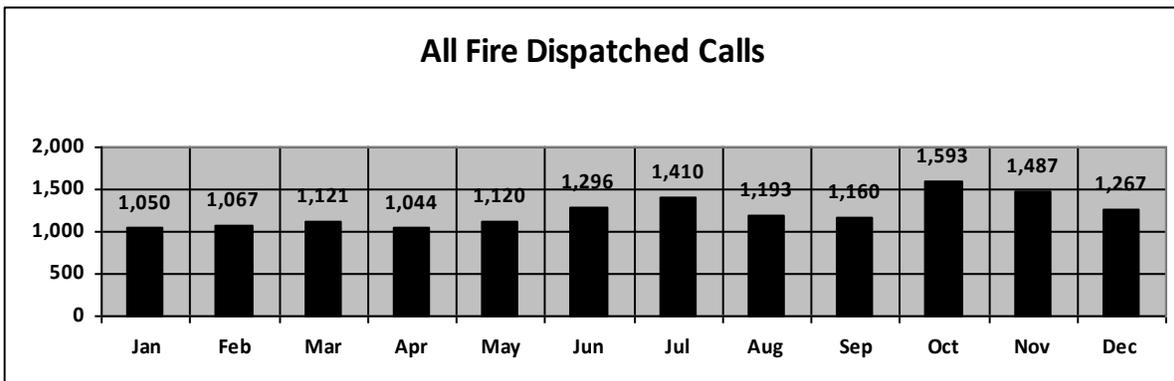
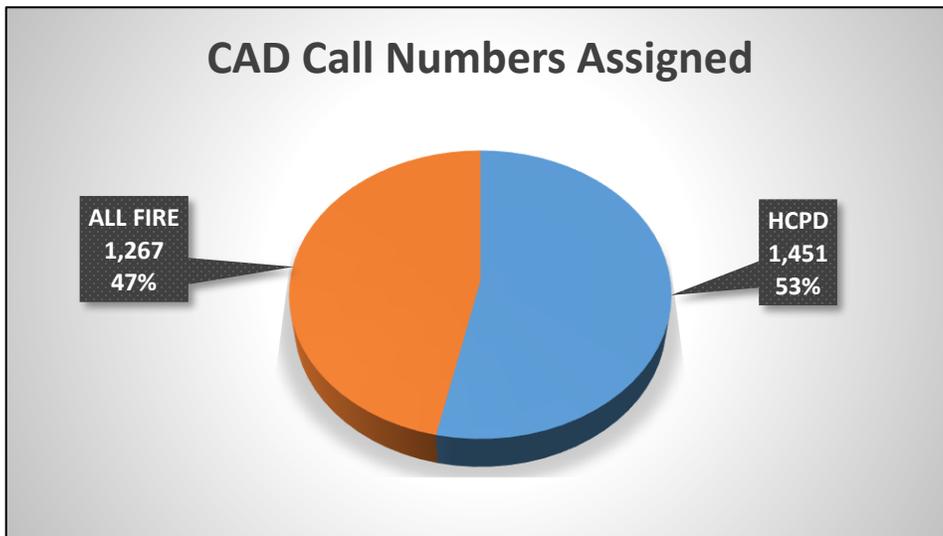
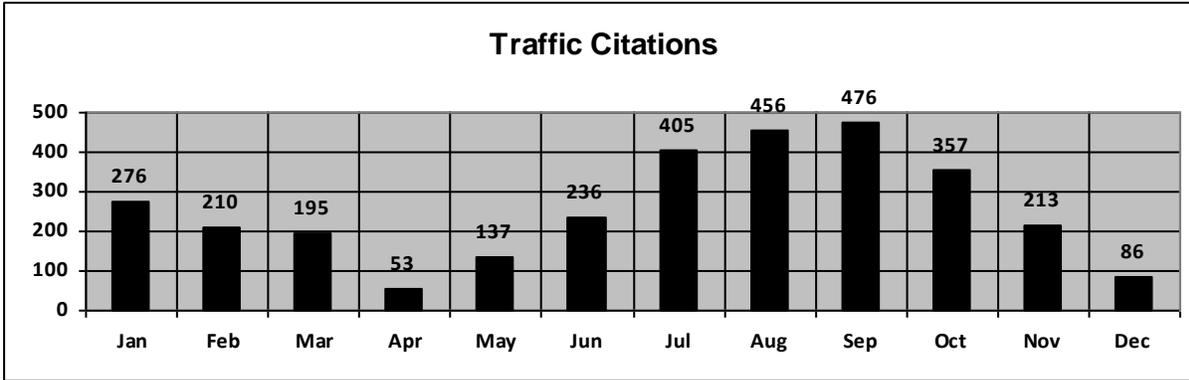
- Chief McConnell attended the EPCC Law Enforcement Training Academy, fall 2020 Advisory Board Meeting, where he serves as the board chair.
- Chief McConnell participated in a meeting regarding the El Paso County Hazard Mitigation plan.
- The police department assisted with COVID testing traffic control twice a week.



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COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION

Together as One

The West Valley Fire Department responded to the area of Timothy Road in Canutillo. Multiple callers advised of a large fire but could not ascertain what was on fire. One caller reported a nearby gas tank. Once on scene, the West Valley Fire Department units advised a La Union firefighter already conducting a fire attack and managing to control brush fire. The fire crews on scene were able to extinguish the fire within minutes.



The Montana Vista Fire Department responded to a vehicle fire in the area of Montana Vista. The caller advised of a fully engulfed vehicle in the desert. Upon arrival, fire units confirmed the vehicle was fully engulfed and reported it was located underneath high power lines. The vehicle was extinguished, and the scene was turned over to the El Paso Sheriff's Office.

The Fabens Fire Department responded to a motor vehicle accident in Tornillo involving a tractor and a passenger vehicle. Once on scene, fire units determined the vehicle was stuck underneath the tractor. Deputies with the El Paso Sheriff's Office advised that the vehicle's damage was so extensive that the make and model were unrecognizable. Fire units assisted and cleared the scene.

The Socorro, Ysleta Del Sur Pueblo, Clint, and San Elizario Fire Departments responded to a structure fire with an electrical hazard in Socorro. Callers advised of a shed and an electrical pole fully engulfed. El Paso Electric responded to the scene due to the electrical hazard of the pole on fire. Fire units advised there were propane tanks inside of the burning shed. The fire was extinguished, and the scene was turned over to the Socorro Police Department.

The Clint, Socorro, and Ysleta Del Sur Pueblo Fire Departments responded to a residential structure fire in Clint. The homeowner advised that smoke and flames were visible inside of one of the bedrooms in the home. Upon arrival, fire units established command and initiated an offensive fire attack. The Red Cross services were requested and then canceled after contact was made with a family member of the displaced family. The fire was extinguished, and fire crews cleared the scene.

The West Valley Fire Department responded to a structure fire in Canutillo. Initial reports indicated possible domestic violence at the residence. The El Paso Sheriff's Office deputy was the first on scene and advised of smoke coming from underneath the trailer. Once the West Valley Fire Department units arrived, they soon discovered a pot of food left on the stove, causing the trailer to smoke. All the smoke was cleared from the residence, and the scene was turned over to the El Paso Sheriff's Office.

The Horizon, Socorro, Montana Vista, Clint Fire, Ysleta Del Sur, and El Paso Fire Departments responded to a large fire in Sparks. Over 25 fire units of 6 departments worked together in a coordinated effort to extinguish the flames for over 12 hours.

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Multiple callers advised of extremely large flames and dense black smoke in the area. Reporting parties also described hearing explosions coming from multiple semi-trucks on fire. There was also a building that was reported to have caught fire as well. Upon arrival, units established command and requested additional resources and manpower. The incident command advised of several trucks and a vacant structure fully engulfed. Fire crews aggressively fought the fire for hours, depleting resources quickly. The El Paso Fire Department provided the Mobile Air apparatus to assist in refilling air bottles. The Montana Vista Fire Department supplied the fire suppression effort with large amounts of foam. The El Paso Sheriff's Office assisted with traffic control and hose protection. The fire was contained, and a fire investigator was called to the scene. The fire was extinguished after several hours and crews cleared, and the scene was turned over to the fire investigator.

The Socorro, Tribal, and San Elizario Fire Departments responded to a fully engulfed shed fire in Socorro. Smoke and flames could be seen by drivers passing by. Several callers reported a barn on fire. The fire was threatening a home and animals on the property. Once on scene, firefighters began to attack the fire. Tribal fire cut the chain to a gate to free the animals. The scene was turned over to an El Paso County Emergency District #2 Fire Marshal for further investigation.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Twenty two support tickets were submitted, completed and closed to include two major projects. The major projects included:

- WatchGuard Video storage
- Teams and YouTube live stream integration.

In addition to the major projects above, IT staff responded to various tech support requests.

WARRANTS DIVISION & FLEET OPERATIONS

The warrants officer received 13 summonses from the court. There were three arrests for outstanding traffic warrants. The warrants officer reviewed seven Child Protective Services cases. These cases were reviewed and closed or filed with the corresponding case due to allegations of neglect. Bailiff duties were conducted during court proceedings via zoom. The bailiff assisted with maintaining the six-foot distance while people entered the court for payment services.

Five patrol units were taken to the city fleet services for maintenance.

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CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS/EVIDENCE

Detectives Rodriguez and Labrado investigated cases ranging from a burglary of a building, injury to a child, criminal mischief, and criminal assault. Detectives investigated six additional unattended death calls. Investigations concluded all deaths were COVID related. The cases were closed due to medical reasons. No foul play was noted in the investigation.

Detectives presented 11 cases to the District Attorney's Office for prosecution. Lieutenant Ortega signed 31 cases at the District Attorney's Office, which were accepted for prosecution. Lieutenant Ortega attended several meetings via zoom as well as in person. Some of the meetings were with STARS, El Paso County Sheriff's Office, JOIC, and Border Patrol Ysleta station. Officer Zeiger attended a de-escalation training at EPCC. Lieutenant Ortega and both detectives attended several training events via zoom.

FORENSICS UNIT

The evidence technician conducted eight open records requests for video from the officer's body cameras. The District Attorney's Office submitted 12 requests for videos for cases ranging from DWI to assaults. Seven items were presented to the Texas Department of Public Safety crime lab to include drugs and blood kits submitted for analysis. The Forensic Technician submitted two fingerprint cards to EPPD for analysis.

CRIME PREVENTION/COMMUNITY SERVICES

Sergeant Mitre responded to stop sign violation complaints in the areas of Desert Mist and Desert Spring. Sergeant Mitre conducted traffic stops in the Desert Mesa neighborhood, specifically targeting stop sign violations. Enforcement will continue throughout January 2021.

Child Passenger Seat Inspections

There was one request for child passenger seat inspection. Sergeant Mitre conducted fresh installations of two brand new car seats for a set of newborn twins. Sergeant Mitre is available by appointment to inspect or install child safety seats at the Horizon City Police Department or at the requestor's location is preferable.

Explorer Program

The explorer program met once via ZOOM. We are in the process of evaluating and brainstorming the next generation methodology for resuming our program while promoting social distance for our team's safety.

Community Presentations & Other Community Events

The Horizon City Police Department partnered up with IDEA Public School on December 19 during their first Drive-in family movie night. The event was a fundraiser to

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benefit the school's programs. Approximately 20 cars with families attended the event. The Horizon City Police Department assisted with traffic control and remained present for the duration of the event.

TRAINING

De-Escalation-1849 (8 Hours): The purpose of this course is to improve the response of Peace Officers to incidents that involve persons in crisis, who are behaving erratically. Attended by: Alvarez, Rosas, and Zeiger

Sexual Assault on Children (8 hours): Three perspective on understanding, investigating, prosecuting and supervising adults who commit sexual assault on children. Attended by: Ortega, Labrado, and G. Rodriguez

Canine Encounters-4065 (4 hours): Purpose of this course is to cover Texas State Animal Laws, recognizing and understanding canine behavior. Attended by: Diaz, Chavez, and H. Sierra

Roll call training are short online videos that are intended for the officers to review before their tour of duty. It is meant to keep the officer focused and aware of the possibilities in which anything can happen at any moment during their shift. All officers are assigned Roll Call on a weekly basis.

Roll Call Training topics covered:

- Columbine Library- 5 minutes
- Asking for Cooperation- 5 minutes
- Assessing the Threat level of Dogs- 10 minutes
- Virginia Tech Memorial Video- 10 minutes

Vincible Roll Call:

- COVID law Enforcement Deaths and Updates- 10 minutes
- Let it Breath- 10 minutes
- Freedom Audits- 10 minutes
- Lethal Force Options- 10 minutes

TOTAL TRAINING HOURS FOR THE MONTH: 87 hours

Respectfully Submitted,



Mike McConnell
Chief of Police



Citation Offense Count By Stop Type

Number of TRAFFIC Offenses (for *ALL*)	146
Number of CITATIONS	86
No Drivers License (3103)	16
Fail to Maintain Financial Responsibility (3049)	11
Speeding (11-20 Miles Over) (3001B)	8
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia (2100)	4
Expired Registration/Plates (3656)	4
Speeding (21-25 Miles Over) (3001C)	3
Fail to Control Speed (3050)	3
Fail TO Report Change of Address/Name (3264)	3
Ran Red Light (3007)	3
Defective Head Lamps (3162A)	2
Display Unclean License Plates/Obstrcted (3658)	2
Fail to File Accident Report (3286)	2
Violate DL Restriction (3106)	2
Operate Motor Vehicle Without License Plate or with One License Plate (3667)	2
Failed to Yield ROW Turning Left (3055)	2
Fail to Stop Designated Point/Has View of Approaching Traffic (3060)	2
Drove without Lights (When Required) (3198)	2
Speeding (26 + Miles Over) (3001D)	1
Theft Under \$100.00 (1020)	1
Failed to /Signal Intent to Turn (3097)	1
Expired Paper Dealer Plate (0000I)	1
Driving While License Invalid Under Provisions of DL Laws (3101)	1
Drove Wrong Side of Road (3015F)	1
Possession of Alcohol By Minor (3800)	1
Turned Left from Wrong Lane (3011)	1
Defective Stop Lamp(s) (3170)	1

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Citation Offense Count By Stop Type

Use Equipment Not Authorized (3628)	1
Failed to Yield Right of Way (3005C)	1
Fail to Display Drivers License (3263)	1
Littering/Illegal Dumping (3358)	1
Unsafe Backing (3316)	1
Expired Drivers License (3259)	1
Number of WARNINGS	60
Speeding (11-20 Miles Over) (3001B)	28
Speeding (1-10 MILES OVER) (3001A)	8
No Drivers License (3103)	5
Defective Stop Lamp(s) (3170)	3
Fail to Maintain Financial Responsibility (3049)	2
Failed to /Signal Intent to Turn (3097)	2
Fail TO Report Change of Address/Name (3264)	2
Speeding (26 + Miles Over) (3001D)	2
Defective Tail Lamp(s) (3167)	1
Operate Motor Vehicle Without License Plate or with One License Plate (3667)	1
Ran Red Light (3007)	1
Fail to Comply with Requirements on Striking Unattended Vehicle (3272)	1
Fail to Display Drivers License (3263)	1
Failed to Signal Turn/Lane Change (3096)	1
Speeding (21-25 Miles Over) (3001C)	1
Expired Registration/Plates (3656)	1

Number of PARKING Offenses (for *ALL*)	14
Number of WARNINGS	3
Parked Facing Traffic - \$53.00 (3561)	2
Storing of Motor Vehicle - Abandoned \$139.00 (0093A)	1
Number of CITATIONS	11

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Parked Facing Traffic - \$53.00 (3561)	6
Parking on Front or Side Yard- \$53.00 Not a moving Violation (0093C)	2
Parked in Prohibited Area - \$53.00 (3553)	1
Park/Stand in Front of Public/Private Drive - \$53.00 (3552)	1
Parked In a Handicapped Zone/Parking - \$86.00 (9000)	1

Number of NON-TRAFFIC Offenses (for *ALL*)	1
Number of WARNINGS	1
Noise Disturbance (0049A)	1

CNTYFD Monthly Count of Events

El Paso 911 CAD Reports

Report Date: 1/1/2021 4:16:57 AM

Report Date From: 12/1/2020 00:00:00

Report Date To: 12/31/2020 23:59:59

Municipality	Count
CLFD	64
FAFD	139
HCFD	425
MVFD	135
SCFD	251
SEFD	102
WVFD	151
Total	1267

HCPD Monthly Count Of Calls

El Paso 911 CAD Reports

Report Date: 1/1/2021 2:00:21 AM

Report Date From: 12/1/2020 00:00:00

Report Date To:
12/31/2020 23:59:59

Count of PD Calls:	1112
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Count of OV Calls:	339
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Count of MVA Events:	21
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