



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



**June 2020**

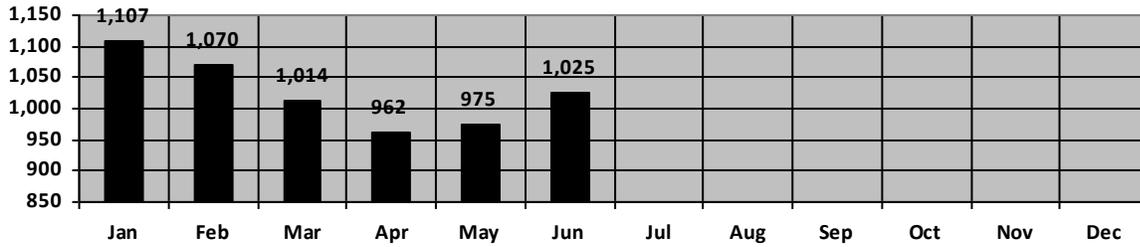
| Description                                 | Number     |                      |
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|   | This Month | Last Month           |
| Traffic Citations                           | 236        | 110                  |
| Traffic Warnings                            | 84         | 27                   |
| Parking Tickets                             | 6          | 3                    |
| Investigations – Cases assigned             | 41         | 40                   |
| Investigations – Cases cleared              | 3          | 4                    |
| Investigations – Cases remaining open       | 38         | 33                   |
| Criminal & Non-Criminal Arrests             | 16         | 19                   |
| Traffic accidents                           | 39         | 18                   |
| Dispatcher Initiated Calls for Service      | 1,025      | Year to date – 6,153 |
| Officer Initiated Calls for Service         | 703        | Year to date – 2,948 |
| Total Police Calls for Service              | 1,728      | Year to date – 9,101 |
| Fire Calls for Service Reported to Dispatch | 1,296      | Year to date – 6,698 |

**ITEMS OF INTEREST**

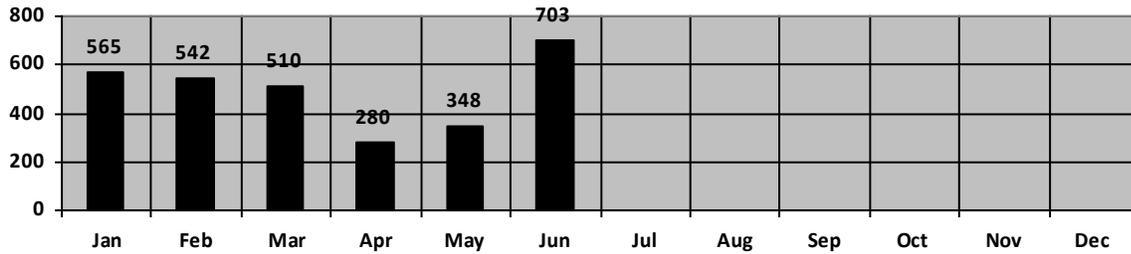
- Chief McConnell attended an online animal services presentation from the City of El Paso. The city has limited the number of animals accepted into their animal shelter because of significant budget cuts and COVID-19. These operational changes have caused changes to our ability to accept animals, except in emergent situations. Additionally, El Paso County has transferred its animal field services program from the Sheriff to a newly created county animal welfare system. A meeting is scheduled in July to determine how the county is dealing with the operational changes at the city animal shelter and how that affects Horizon City.
- Chief McConnell met with the new facilities architect several times during the month.
- Chief McConnell attended a presentation from the El Paso District Attorney's Office concerning the First Chance Program. The program provides for alternative handling of minor marijuana possession cases under 2 and 4 ounces, and drug-free zone.
- Chief McConnell and ESD1 Chief Menendez met with Elite Transport Service to share information concerning their services to Horizon City. We intend to meet monthly to maintain a positive working relationship between our operations.



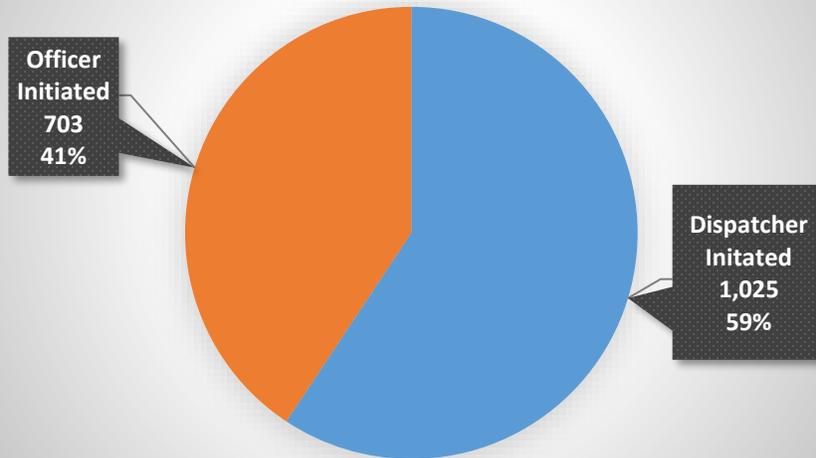
### Dispatcher Initiated Calls for Service

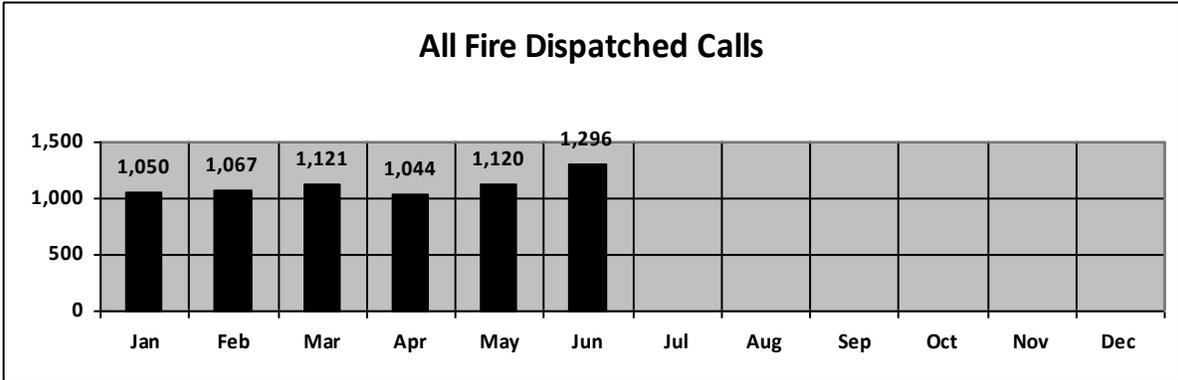
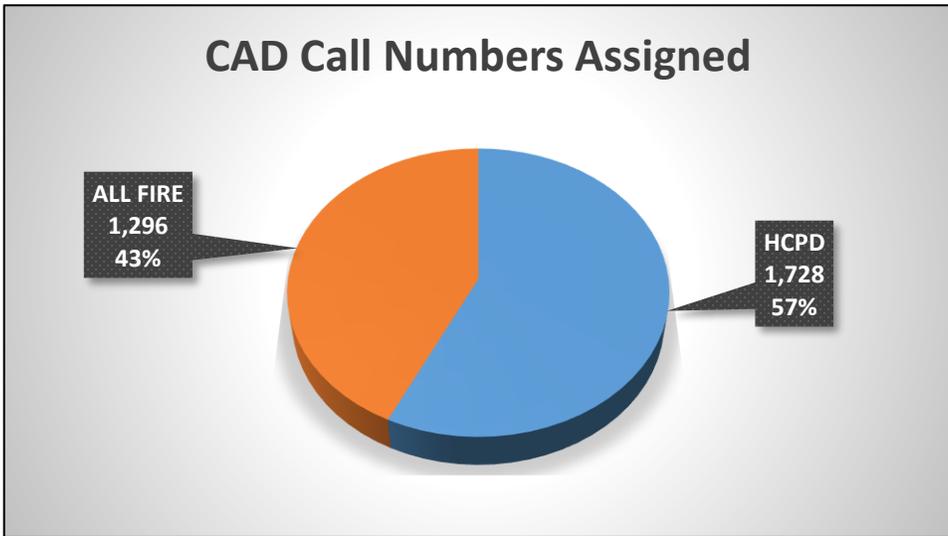
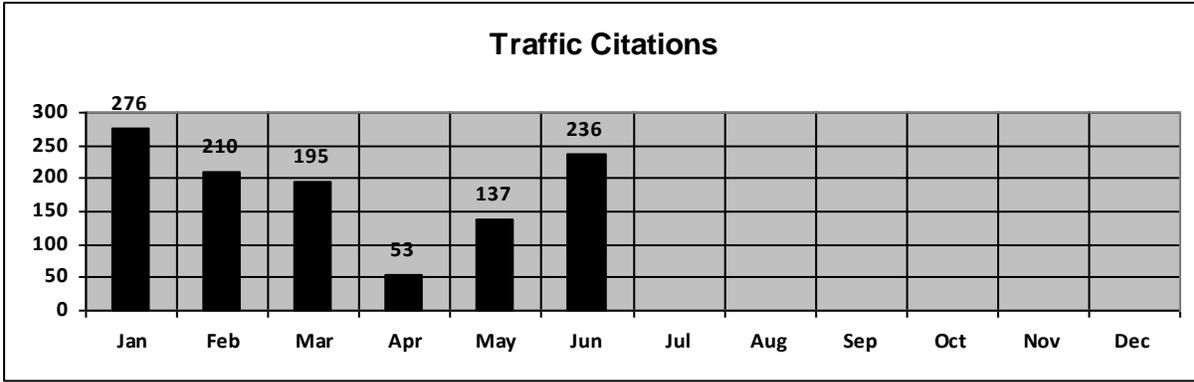


### Officer Initiated Calls for Service



### Police Calls for Service





## COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION *Together as One*

The Horizon, Socorro, and Clint Fire Departments responded to a mobile home fire in Sparks. Multiple callers advised the mobile home was fully engulfed involving an electric pole. The El Paso Electric Company and a County Fire Investigator were requested shortly after the fire department's arrival. The El Paso Sheriff's Office deputies assisted with road closures and traffic control. The fire was extinguished, and the units cleared the scene.



The Horizon and Socorro Fire Departments responded to reports of a structure fire in Sparks. Once on the scene, units encountered an electrical issue stemming from an extension cord. The fire was extinguished before the fire department's arrival.

The West Valley Fire Department responded to a structure fire in Canutillo. The Mesilla Valley Regional Dispatch Authority was contacted to request mutual aid. Once on the scene, the fire crew found a mobile home fully engulfed. The Red Cross was contacted due to the total loss of the home and belongings. A fire marshal, El Paso Electric, and Texas Gas Service also responded to the scene.

The Socorro, Horizon, and Tribal Fire Departments responded to a structure fire in Socorro. Officers with the Socorro Police Department arrived at a business that was showing smoke coming from the air conditioning unit on the roof. The Socorro Police assisted with blocking oncoming traffic on Horizon Boulevard. The electric company was requested for damage to an electrical pole, a fire marshal responded, and all other units cleared the scene.

The Montana Vista Fire Rescue responded to a vehicle fire on a dirt road in Montana Vista. Callers advised of a large fire and explosion sounds coming from the vehicle. Once on scene, Montana Vista Fire crews advised the vehicle was fully engulfed. The El Paso Sheriff's Office and a fire marshal unit were requested to the scene. The fire was extinguished, and the scene was referred to deputies with the El Paso Sheriff's Office.

The Montana Vista Fire Rescue reported a motor vehicle accident in front of the Montana Vista Fire Department station. Fire crews were on the scene immediately and advised of a single-vehicle rollover and extensive damage. Deputies with the El Paso Sheriff's Office assisted in shutting down east and westbound lanes of Montana Avenue. The Texas Department of Transportation responded in reference to approximately 300 feet of guardrail damage. All fire units cleared, and the scene was released to the El Paso Sheriff's Office.

The Clint, Socorro, and Ysleta Del Sur Pueblo Fire Departments responded to a structure fire in San Elizario. Upon arrival, fire crews advised the living room of the vacant home was on fire and initiated an offensive fire attack. Three firefighters entered the structure and began an interior attack. All personnel safely exited the building. Fire crews then initiated ventilation on the structure. The fire was extinguished, and the scene was referred to the Fire Marshal.

The Socorro, Horizon, and Ysleta Del Sur Pueblo Fire Departments responded to a residential structure fire in Socorro. Multiple callers advised of a small storage shed fully engulfed. Arriving units confirmed that the small structure was engulfed, and the fire was spreading to brush nearby. The fire was extinguished, and the scene was released to the El Paso Sheriff's Office.

## **COVID-19 ACTIVITIES**

The police department has resumed mostly normal operations with the inclusion of PPE. None of our employees have tested positive. Chief McConnell helped facilitate the COVID-19 testing in Horizon City by arranging a suitable location.

Our officers continue to respond to every call for service in real-time and with the necessary staffing to address the need. We have been able to obtain the required PPE for our employees. PPE supplies are easier to purchase at this time compared to the beginning of the pandemic.

## **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

Thirty seven support tickets were submitted, completed and closed, including three major projects. The two remaining tickets have been escalated to Tyler support and awaiting a response. The major projects included:

- Installation of Zoom, YouTube, Google Account for court department
- Installation of Watch Commander for the detective
- Nuance Dragon Demo installation
- Pushing Tyler update

In addition to the major projects above, IT staff responded to a variety of tech support requests.

## **WARRANTS DIVISION & FLEET OPERATIONS**

The warrants officer received two summons from the court for service. There were no arrests for outstanding traffic warrants. Twelve Child Protective Services cases were reviewed, 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 feet social distancing while people were entering the court. Five patrol units were taken to the shop for maintenance.

## **CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS/EVIDENCE**

Detectives Rodriguez and Labrado investigated cases ranging from an accident involving property damage, aggravated assault, fraud, thefts, sexual assaults. Sexual assault cases continue to increase. The detectives presented two cases to the District Attorney's Office for prosecution. Lieutenant Ortega signed 51 cases at the District Attorney's Office and were accepted for prosecution. Lieutenant Ortega attended several meetings via zoom with EPPD, Border Patrol, District Attorney's Office on the First Offender's Program, and Texas Department of Transportation. Lieutenant Ortega attended the monthly crisis negotiation training.

## **FORENSICS UNIT**

The evidence technician conducted six open records requests for video from the officer's body cameras. The District Attorney's Office submitted 13 requests for videos for cases ranging from DWI to assaults. The Texas Department of Public Safety crime laboratory reopened, and the technician submitted 13 drug and blood kits for analysis.

The special ops section continued to assist several local churches in the Horizon area with traffic control during their food distribution. Observations were also conducted for statistical data for DDACTS.

## **CRIME PREVENTION/COMMUNITY SERVICES**

### **Coffee With A Cop**

Coffee With A Cop was postponed due to COVID-19.

### **Child Passenger Seat Inspections**

Sergeant Mitre received an extension to renew her child safety seat certification due to the issuing entity closing down for the month due to COVID-19. Sergeant Mitre conducted two car seat inspections. The first inspection was conducted at Walmart when a member of the community approached Sergeant Mitre for assistance. The second inspection took place during a food pantry distribution event.

### **Explorer Program**

The explorer program conducted online meetings via ZOOM, an online meeting service. Virtual meetings took place on the following dates:

June 3

June 17

June 10

June 24

### **Citizen Police Academy on Hold**

Citizen Police Academy remains on hold due to COVID-19.

### **Community Presentations & Other Community Events**

Sergeant Mitre gave a presentation to a group of student drivers at the West Texas Driving Academy. Sergeant Mitre presented tips on how to safely interact with police during traffic stops and a general refresher of what to do in the case of an accident. The presentation also covered the importance of not texting and driving. The Horizon City Police Department also participated in various community parade-style celebrations.

June 6 – HHS Graduation

June 8 – Child Birthday

June 6 – Adult Birthday

### **D.A.R.E.**

D.A.R.E. instruction was postponed due to COVID-19

### **Facebook Live & Other Social Media Activity**

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Social media activity was kept to a minimum due to seemingly ongoing social tension regarding a national police interaction event.

### **Movies in the Park**

Our flagship summer program was sadly canceled as a result of COVID-19 uncertainties.

### **COVID-19 Modified Work Assignments**

Sergeant Mitre was assigned to patrol division, where she worked various shifts to provide sufficient coverage. She was also given the additional task of addressing common community complaints such as speeders in certain areas and neighborhood traffic issues.

## TRAINING

**Taser Transition course ( 2 hours):** Course is designed for the offices to become familiar with the X2 taser and its use. Attended by Mitre, Avitia, Diaz, Phillips, Soria, and Alvarez.

**Taser Recertification User update (2 hours):** Course is designated to assist officers in keeping up to date in the use and applicability. Attended by Mitre, Avitia, Diaz, Phillips, Soria, and Alvarez.

**First Chance Program (30 min):** Course covered a new First chance offenders program for individuals that were caught with less than 4 ounces of marijuana. Attended by McConnell, Delgadillo, Flores, Rico, Crespo, Nunez, and Ortega.

### **Roll Call Training topics covered:**

- Defeating the draw from the back (10 min)
- Cross grab weapon retention (10 min)
- Administrative reload from the holster (5 min)
- Administrative load outside the holster (5 min)
- A different look at weapon disarming (15 min)

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 every week.

***TOTAL TRAINING HOURS FOR THE MONTH: 45 hours***

Respectfully Submitted,



Mike McConnell  
Chief of Police

## Citation Offense Count By Stop Type

| Number of TRAFFIC Offenses (for *ALL*)                               | 320 |
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| Number of CITATIONS  | 236 |
| Speeding (11-20 Miles Over) (3001B)                                  | 64  |
| No Drivers License (3103)  | 42  |
| Fail to Maintain Financial Responsibility (3049)                     | 34  |
| Defective Stop Lamp(s) (3170)  | 9   |
| Speeding (1-10 MILES OVER) (3001A)                                   | 8   |
| Speeding (21-25 Miles Over) (3001C)                                  | 7   |
| Fail to Stop Designated Point/Has View of Approaching Traffic (3060) | 6   |
| Ran Red Light (3007)   | 5   |
| Driving While License Invalid Under Provisions of DL Laws (3101)     | 5   |
| Violate DL Restriction (3106)  | 4   |
| Fail to Control Speed (3050)   | 3   |
| Fail to Display Drivers License (3263)                               | 3   |
| Expired Drivers License (3259)                                       | 3   |
| Improper Turn/Illegal Turn (3014)                                    | 3   |
| Fail to Stop Designated Point/ Marked Stop Line (3060)               | 3   |
| Speeding (26 + Miles Over) (3001D)                                   | 3   |
| Fail TO Report Change of Address/Name (3264)                         | 3   |
| Defective Tail Lamp(s) (3167)  | 2   |
| No Seat Belt - Driver (3032)   | 2   |
| Failed to Yield ROW (Private Drive/Alley/Building ) (3056)           | 2   |
| Failed to Yield ROW Turning Left (3055)                              | 2   |
| Operate Unregistered Motor Vehicle (3668)                            | 2   |
| Display Unclean License Plates/Obstrcted (3658)                      | 2   |
| Failed to Stop (Alley/Driveway/Bld) (3138)                           | 2   |
| Fail to Give Information/Render Aid (3045)                           | 1   |
| Fail to Yield Row Changing Lanes (3288)                              | 1   |

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## Citation Offense Count By Stop Type

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| Defective Head Lamps (3162A)   | 1         |
| Failed to Yield ROW at Open Intersection (3054)                      | 1         |
| Open Container (3323)  | 1         |
| Turned Right from Wrong Lane (3012)                                  | 1         |
| Following Too Closely (3017)   | 1         |
| Operation of Vehicle by New State Resident (0001)                    | 1         |
| Possession of Drug Paraphernalia (2100)                              | 1         |
| No License Plate Light (3274)  | 1         |
| Unsafe Speed/Too Fast for conditions (3002)                          | 1         |
| Littering/Illegal Dumping (3358)                                     | 1         |
| Fail to Stop-Designated Point/Crosswalk (3060)                       | 1         |
| Cut Across Driveway/Private Property to Make Turn (3081)             | 1         |
| Unsafe Backing (3316)  | 1         |
| Defective Parking Lamp(s) (3174)                                     | 1         |
| Failed to Yield at Yield Intersection (3053)                         | 1         |
| <b>Number of WARNINGS</b>  | <b>84</b> |
| Speeding (11-20 Miles Over) (3001B)                                  | 23        |
| Speeding (1-10 MILES OVER) (3001A)                                   | 8         |
| No Drivers License (3103)  | 8         |
| Fail TO Report Change of Address/Name (3264)                         | 8         |
| Fail to Maintain Financial Responsibility (3049)                     | 5         |
| Defective Stop Lamp(s) (3170)  | 5         |
| Operate Unregistered Motor Vehicle (3668)                            | 3         |
| Fail to Stop Designated Point/Has View of Approaching Traffic (3060) | 3         |
| Driving While License Invalid Under Provisions of DL Laws (3101)     | 3         |
| Expired Registration/Plates (3656)                                   | 2         |
| Unrestrained Child 8 YOA or Younger (3031A)                          | 2         |
| Improper Turn/Illegal Turn (3014)                                    | 2         |
| Failed to Yield Right of Way (3005C)                                 | 1         |

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## Citation Offense Count By Stop Type

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| Child Under 17 Not Secured by Safety Belt (3034)                             | 1 |
| Speeding (26 + Miles Over) (3001D)   | 1 |
| Drove On Wrong Side of Divided Road (3088)                                   | 1 |
| Wrong or Obscured License Plate (3657)                                       | 1 |
| Expired Paper Dealer Plate (0000I)   | 1 |
| Operate Motor Vehicle Without License Plate or with One License Plate (3667) | 1 |
| Ran Red Light (3007)   | 1 |
| Fail to Stop Designated Point/ Marked Stop Line (3060)                       | 1 |
| Failed to Yield ROW Turning Left (3055)                                      | 1 |
| Defective Parking Lamp(s) (3174)   | 1 |
| Restriction Violation - CDL (3306)   | 1 |

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| <b>Number of NON-TRAFFIC Offenses (for *ALL*)</b> | <b>2</b> |
| <b>Number of CITATIONS</b>                        | <b>2</b> |
| Open Container (3323)                             | 1        |
| Speeding (1-10 MILES OVER) (3001A)                | 1        |

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| <b>Number of PARKING Offenses (for *ALL*)</b>                       | <b>6</b> |
| <b>Number of CITATIONS</b>  | <b>4</b> |
| Parked in Prohibited Area - \$53.00 (3553)                          | 2        |
| Parked In a Handicapped Zone/Parking - \$86.00 (9000)               | 1        |
| Park/Stand in Front of Public/Private Drive - \$53.00 (3552)        | 1        |
| <b>Number of WARNINGS</b>   | <b>2</b> |
| Stopping/Standing on Parking Prohibited Area (3556)                 | 1        |
| Parked w/ Wheels Over 18 In From Curb/Edge of Rdwy - \$53.00 (3564) | 1        |

# HCPD Monthly Count Of Calls

El Paso 911 CAD Reports

Report Date: 7/1/2020 2:00:29 AM

Report Date From: 6/1/2020 00:00:00

Report Date To: 6/30/2020 23:59:59

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| Count of PD Calls: | 1025 |
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| Count of OV Calls: | 703 |
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| Count of MVA Events: | 39 |
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# CNTYFD Monthly Count of Events

Report Date: 7/1/2020 3:54:15 AM

El Paso 911 CAD Reports

Report Date From:

6/1/2020 00:00:00

Report Date To:

6/30/2020 23:59:59

| <b>Municipality</b> | <b>Count</b> |
|---------------------|--------------|
| CLFD                | 88           |
| FAFD                | 111          |
| HCFD                | 435          |
| MVFD                | 156          |
| SCFD                | 233          |
| SEFD                | 121          |
| WVFD                | 152          |
| <b>Total</b>        | <b>1296</b>  |