



**00Horizon City Police Department  
Monthly Activity Report  
Chief of Police, Michael G. McConnell, PhD**



**May 2020**

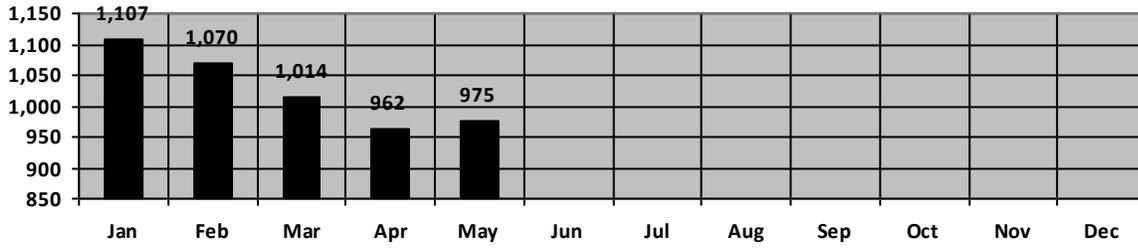
Description	Number	
	This Month	Last Month
Traffic Citations	110	53
Traffic Warnings	27	9
Parking Tickets	3	17
Investigations – Cases assigned	40	37
Investigations – Cases cleared	4	14
Investigations – Cases remaining open	33	24
Criminal & Non-Criminal Arrests	19	11
Traffic accidents	18	24
Dispatcher Initiated Calls for Service	975	Year to date –5,128
Officer Initiated Calls for Service	348	Year to date – 2,245
Total Police Calls for Service	1,323	Year to date –7,373
Fire Calls for Service Reported to Dispatch	1,120	Year to date – 5,402

**ITEMS OF INTEREST**

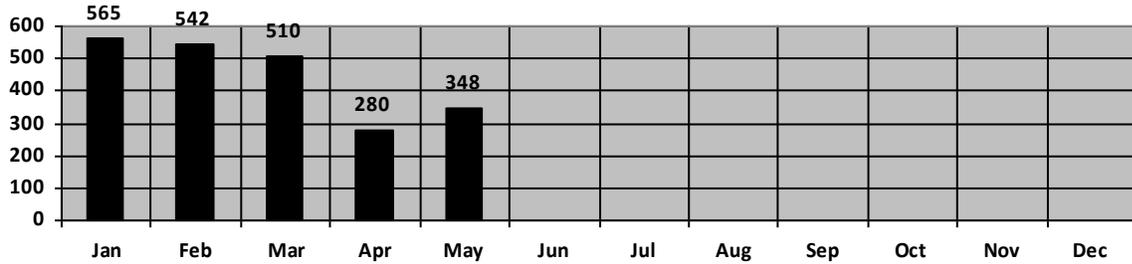
- Chief McConnell completed five classes spanning 8-months from Arizona State University, resulting in receiving the CPM (Certified Public Manager) credential. The course provides intensive leadership and management best practices for public sector employees.
- Chief McConnell continues to attend COVID-19 related meetings and activities with the El Paso County Emergency Operations Center, County Judge, Texas Department of Emergency Management, and the El Paso Sheriff’s Department.
- Chief McConnell attended a regular El Paso County 911 District Board of Managers meeting. The Board of Managers authorized the District Director to make the annual operating budget presentations to the various city and county officials over the next several months.



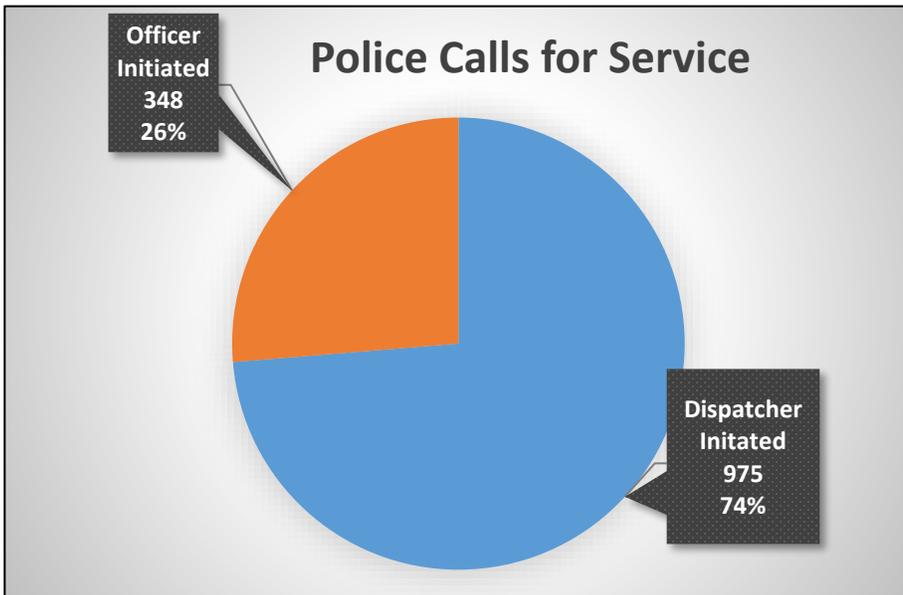
### Dispatcher Initiated Calls for Service

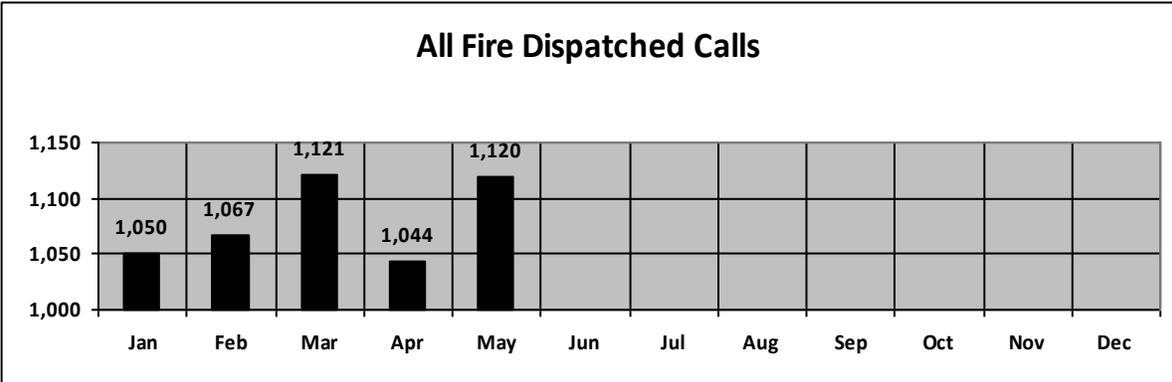
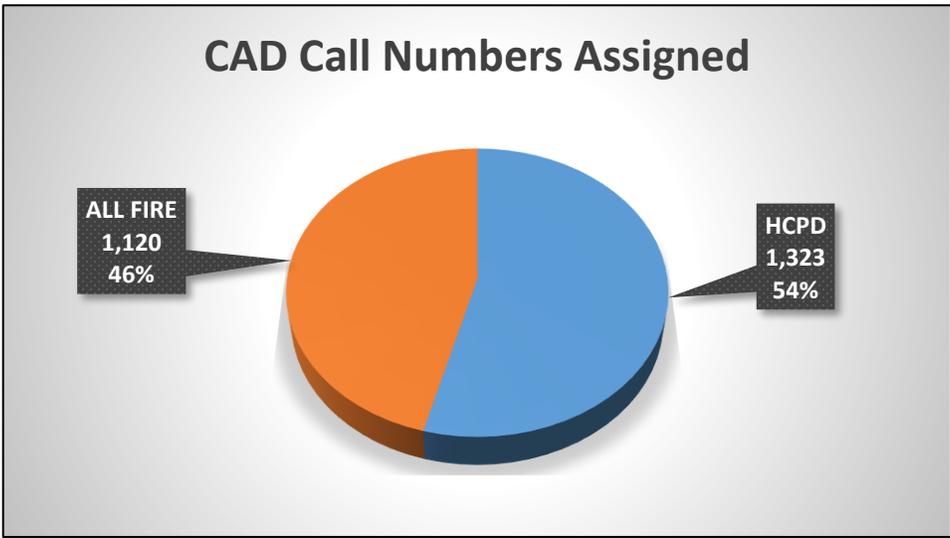
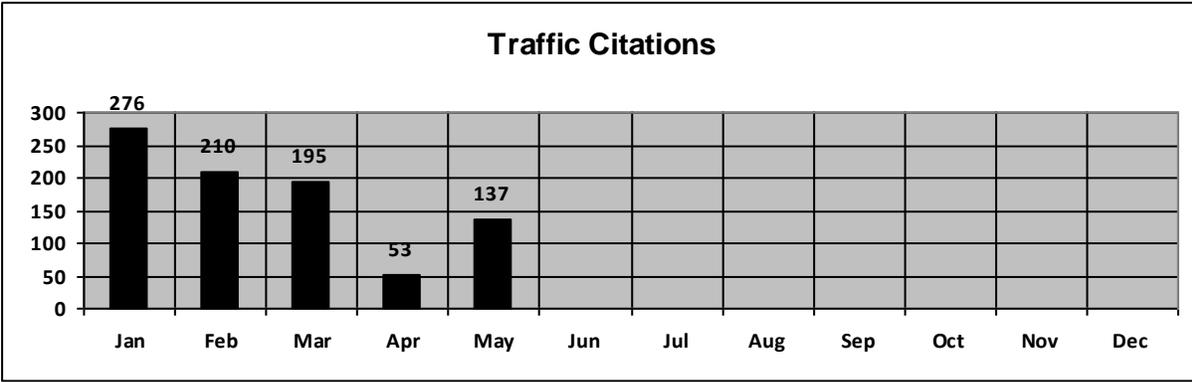


### Officer Initiated Calls for Service



### Police Calls for Service





## COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION

### *Together as One*

The Horizon Fire Department responded to a vehicle fire in Horizon. Upon arrival, firefighters found a diesel truck engulfed in flames; the diesel tank exploded before the fire department's arrival. The truck was located inside an open shop with no nearby structures. The fire was brought under control and extinguished minutes after. The Fabens Fire Department responded to reports of a baseball field on fire at Swig Park. Once on the scene, the fire crews advised of a large 100 x100 fire that was spreading. The fire crews were able to extinguish the fire.



Dispatch received reports of smoke in the area of Socorro. The Socorro, Clint, and the Ysleta Del Sur Pueblo Fire Departments responded. While en route, dispatch advised the units of receiving additional information of a canal on fire. Once on the scene, units found a shed on fire and a small brush fire. Units continued to extinguish hotspots, and breakers were shut off. The fire marshal responded and conducted an investigation.

Horizon, Clint, Fabens, Socorro, Montana Vista, and the West Valley Fire Departments responded to a commercial structure fire in Horizon. A total of 29 units responded to extinguish the fully engulfed building. The incident fire command advised the fire was quickly spreading throughout the building, as well as to brush outside of the building, causing multiple brush fires around the structure. Deputies with the El Paso Sheriff's Office shut down surrounding streets and assisted with traffic control. A fire investigator was requested to the scene. The Lower Valley Water Department assisted in boosting water pressure as multiple units ran out of water. The fire was extinguished, all units cleared, and the Fire Marshal continued investigation.

Clint, Fabens, Socorro, and Ysleta Del Sur Pueblo Fire Departments responded to a structure fire in San Elizario. Several callers reported an unoccupied mobile home was fully engulfed. Upon arrival, units advised of a trailer fully engulfed, and it was not known if any occupants were inside at the time. Fire crews investigated and completed and interior search of the home and were able to confirm that the residence was unoccupied. The fire was contained, and a fire investigator was requested to the scene. Utilities were shut off, and assistance from Texas Gas and El Paso Electric was requested. All fire units cleared, and the scene was released to the fire marshal unit.

The West Valley Fire Department responded to the Love's Truck Stop in Anthony, Texas, regarding a motor vehicle accident involving two semi-tractor trailers. No injuries were reported when El Paso Sheriff's Deputies arrived on the scene. However, deputies advised of a large oil spill as a result of the accident. Fire crews advised of approximately 40 to 50 gallons of fuel spilled by one of the tanks. Environmental Services was requested to the scene because of a potential hazard in the desert caused by the leak. The spill was contained, and fire units cleared the scene.

## **COVID-19 ACTIVITIES**

The police department continues to operate on a modified work schedule, but we are ramping our operations up as the area is reopening. None of our employees have tested positive. Chief McConnell helped facilitate the COVID-19 testing in Horizon City by arranging a suitable location. There have been three COVID-19 test days so far, with more in the planning stages.

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**

From the 34 support tickets that were submitted, 32 were completed and closed, including three major projects. The two remaining tickets have been escalated to Tyler support and awaiting a solution. The major projects included:

- Installation signature pads for courts
- Installation of intercom for the police department
- Installation of the Zoom setup for courts

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

## **WARRANTS DIVISION & FLEET OPERATIONS**

The warrants officer did not receive summons from the court due to COVID 19. His work schedule was modified and assigned to patrol during the pandemic. There were no arrests for outstanding traffic warrants. The warrants officer reviewed 13 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 feet distance while people were entering the court.

## **CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS/EVIDENCE**

Detectives Rodriguez and Labrado investigated cases ranging from Fraud ID, online solicitation, and sexual assaults. The detectives investigated an aggravated assault case (shooting) that occurred at the 13900 block of Horizon Blvd. The case was investigated and was cleared by arrests. Sexual Assault caseload for detectives increased. Detectives presented five cases to the District attorney's office for prosecution. Lieutenant Ortega signed forty cases at the District Attorney's Office, which were accepted for prosecution. Lieutenant Ortega attended several meetings via zoom. Some of the meetings were with STARS and Border Patrol. Lieutenant Ortega attended the monthly eight hour Crisis Negotiation training.

## **FORENSICS UNIT**

The evidence technician conducted four open records requests for video from the officer's body cameras. The District Attorney's Office submitted nine requests for videos for cases ranging from DWI to assaults. The Texas Department of Public Safety crime laboratory opened. Drugs were dropped off and blood kits that were submitted for analysis.

The special ops section continued to assist several local churches in the Horizon area with traffic control during their food distribution. They also helped with traffic control on one site that was conducting COVID 19 testing.

## **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 one installation on a brand new car seat.

### **Explorer Program**

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

May 6	May 20
May 13	May 27

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

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

### **Other Community Events**

HCPD participated in various community parade-style celebrations.

May 13 – HHS Valedictorian Graduation	May 30 – Baby Shower
May 20 – Birthday	May 30 – HHS Graduation
May 24 – HHS Graduation	May 31 – FME Birthday
May 29 – HHS Graduation/ 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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Sergeant Mitre hosted various Facebook Live sessions and these videos provided ongoing information on Coronavirus testing sites and dates.

### **Movies in the Park**

Our flagship summer program was sadly cancelled due to COVID-19 uncertainties.

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

Sergeant Mitre was assigned to patrol division, where she works various shifts to provide sufficient coverage.

### **Important Upcoming Events**

*HC Summer Festival or Fireworks Show scheduled for August 29.*

## **TRAINING**

### Roll Call Training topics covered:

Active Shooter response (5 min)

Active Shooters in our schools (10 min)

Active Shooter Training (10min)

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.

### **Other training was canceled due to COVID 19**

***TOTAL TRAINING HOURS FOR THE MONTH: 9 hours***

Respectfully Submitted,



Mike McConnell  
Chief of Police



## Citation Offense Count By Stop Type

<b>Number of PARKING Offenses (for *ALL*)</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Number of CITATIONS</b>	<b>2</b>
Parked In a Handicapped Zone/Parking - \$86.00 (9000)	1
Illegal Parking of Large Trucks/Tractor/Trailer \$53.00 (0093B)	1
<b>Number of WARNINGS</b>	<b>1</b>
Parked w/ Wheels Over 18 In From Curb/Edge of Rdwy - \$53.00 (3564)	1

<b>Number of TRAFFIC Offenses (for *ALL*)</b>	<b>137</b>
<b>Number of CITATIONS</b>	<b>110</b>
Speeding (11-20 Miles Over) (3001B)	25
No Drivers License (3103)	23
Fail to Maintain Financial Responsibility (3049)	19
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia (2100)	5
Speeding (21-25 Miles Over) (3001C)	5
Fail to Stop Designated Point/Has View of Approaching Traffic (3060)	5
Ran Red Light (3007)	4
Fail to Control Speed (3050)	2
Theft Under \$100.00 (1020)	2
Failed to Yield ROW Turning Left (3055)	2
Open Container (3323)	2
No Seat Belt- Passenger (3033)	2
Fail to Display Drivers License (3263)	1
Duties Upon Striking a Fixed Object (3273)	1
Fail to File Accident Report (3286)	1
Negligent Collision (3312)	1
Improper Turn/Illegal Turn (3014)	1
Following Too Closely (3017)	1
Speeding Over 15MPH (CDL Only) (3039)	1



## Citation Offense Count By Stop Type

Speeding (1-10 MILES OVER) (3001A)	1
Speeding (26 + Miles Over) (3001D)	1
Failure to Identify (1130)	1
No Seat Belt - Driver (3032)	1
Defective Stop Lamp(s) (3170)	1
Drove Wrong Side of Road (3015F)	1
Unsafe Speed/Too Fast for conditions (3002)	1
<b>Number of WARNINGS</b>	<b>27</b>
Speeding (1-10 MILES OVER) (3001A)	8
Speeding (11-20 Miles Over) (3001B)	4
Expired Paper Dealer Plate (0000I)	2
No Drivers License (3103)	2
Fail to Stop Designated Point/Has View of Approaching Traffic (3060)	2
Operate Motor Vehicle Without License Plate or with One License Plate (3667)	2
Fail TO Report Change of Address/Name (3264)	2
Expired Registration/Plates (3656)	1
Fail to Stop Designated Point/ Marked Stop Line (3060)	1
No Seat Belt- Passenger (3033)	1
Restrictions on Windows (3231)	1
Wrong or Obscured License Plate (3657)	1

# CNTYFD Monthly Count of Events

Report Date: 6/1/2020 3:41:41 AM

El Paso 911 CAD Reports

Report Date From:

5/1/2020 00:00:00

Report Date To:

5/31/2020 23:59:59

<b>Municipality</b>	<b>Count</b>
CLFD	67
FAFD	102
HCFD	372
MVFD	94
SCFD	253
SEFD	112
WVFD	120
<b>Total</b>	<b>1120</b>

# HCPD Monthly Count Of Calls

El Paso 911 CAD Reports

Report Date: 6/1/2020 2:00:09 AM

Report Date From: 5/1/2020 00:00:00

Report Date To:  
5/31/2020 23:59:59

Count of PD Calls:	975
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Count of OV Calls:	348
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Count of MVA Events:	18
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