



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



November 2020

Description	Number	
	This Month	Last Month
Traffic Citations	213	357
Traffic Warnings	99	131
Parking Tickets	0	18
Investigations – Cases assigned	31	34
Investigations – Cases cleared	4	11
Investigations – Cases remaining open	35	37
Criminal & Non-Criminal Arrests	10	20
Traffic accidents	23	31
PD Dispatcher Initiated Calls for Service	946	Year to date – 11,432
PD Officer Initiated Calls for Service	486	Year to date – 6,883
Total Police Calls for Service	1,432	Year to date – 18,308
Fire Calls for Service Reported to Dispatch	1,487	Year to date – 13,511

ITEMS OF INTEREST

- Chief McConnell met with staff to discuss the smoking ordinance under consideration.
- Chief McConnell attended a meeting with representatives with El Pasoans Fighting Hunger Zoom.
- The police department assisted with COVID testing traffic control twice a week.
- Once again, the police department implemented its contingency plan for COVID response. The contingency plan is implemented to decrease public contact when possible to avoid potential exposure to employees.
- Over the past several months, several employees were quarantined due to COVID exposure.
 - ✓ 9 officers
 - ✓ 8 dispatchers
 - ✓ As of today, all employees are cleared for duty and have returned to work. This information is subject to change at any moment.



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OFFICER COMMENDATION

From: Sergeant Greseth
To: Officer Delgadillo

At a time when law enforcement has incurred a negative image, there are many instances where officers make positive differences in our community but largely are not recognized. As the Sergeant on duty, it is incumbent upon me to draw attention to one such event where an officer went above and beyond by conducting a selfless act to help other persons make their lives better and safer.

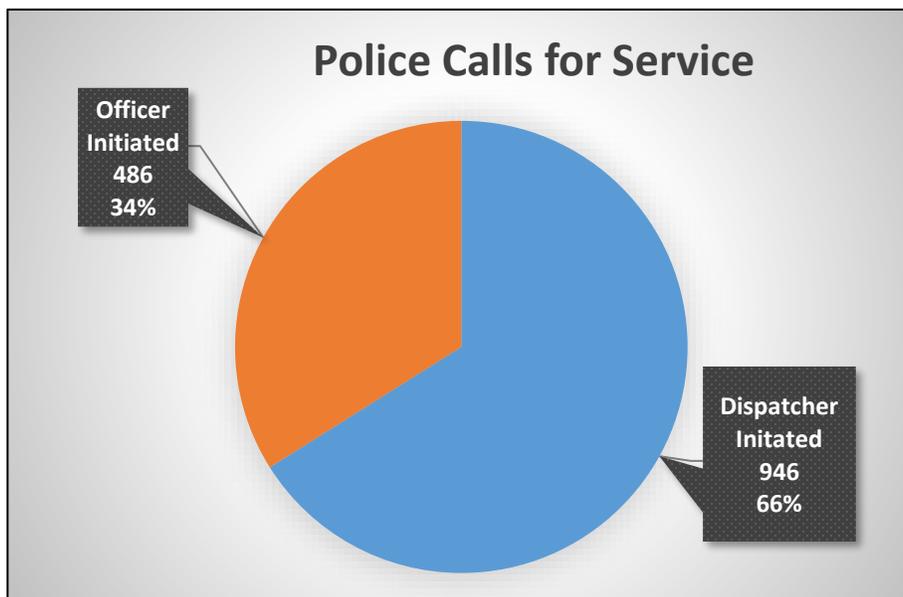
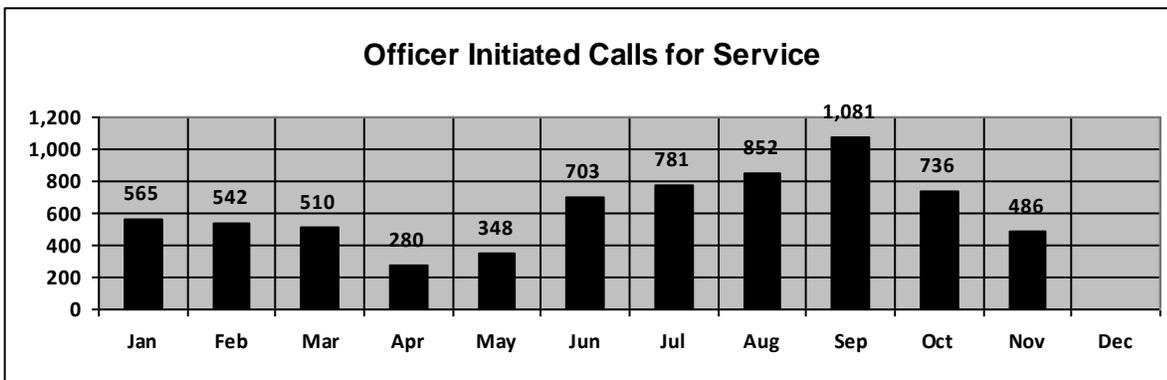
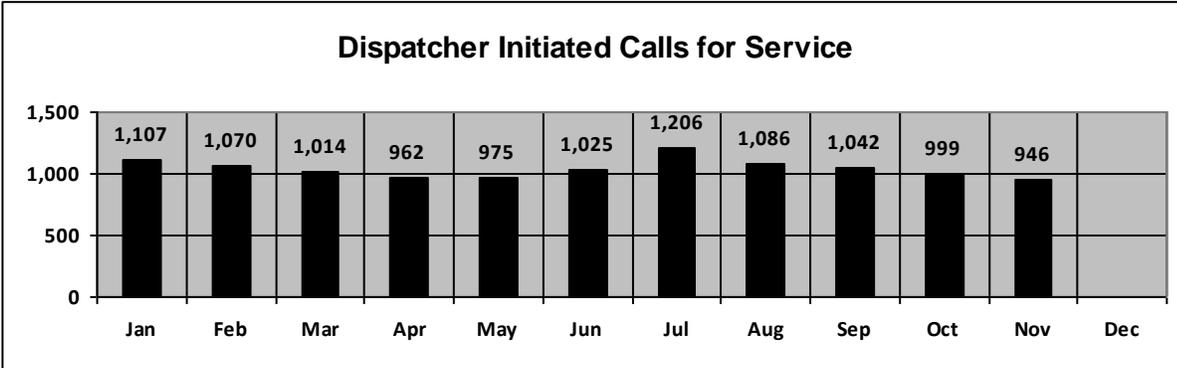
I want to give Officer Delgadillo a very well deserved "Atta boy" for going above and beyond the call of duty on November 30, 2020. Officer Delgadillo conducted a traffic stop, and the offender was arrested for DWI with a child under 15. The offender had his wife in the car with their three small children, not in car seats and unrestrained. While the arrest was turned over to a full crew, Officer Delgadillo stood by for a responsible party to bring three car seats and pick up the spouse and the three children.

After a long delay and a conversation with the offender's wife, it was clear that the responsible party was not bringing three car seats for the children. Officer Delgadillo transported the spouse and the three children to Walmart, where he purchased three car seats so the children could be transported safely. Officer Delgadillo bought the three car seats with his own money, totaling about \$90.00. Officer Delgadillo put his personal opinion aside and did a great thing for those kids. Officers do this because they care about people and strive to help our community, knowing that no one sees the act of goodwill, but they do it anyway.

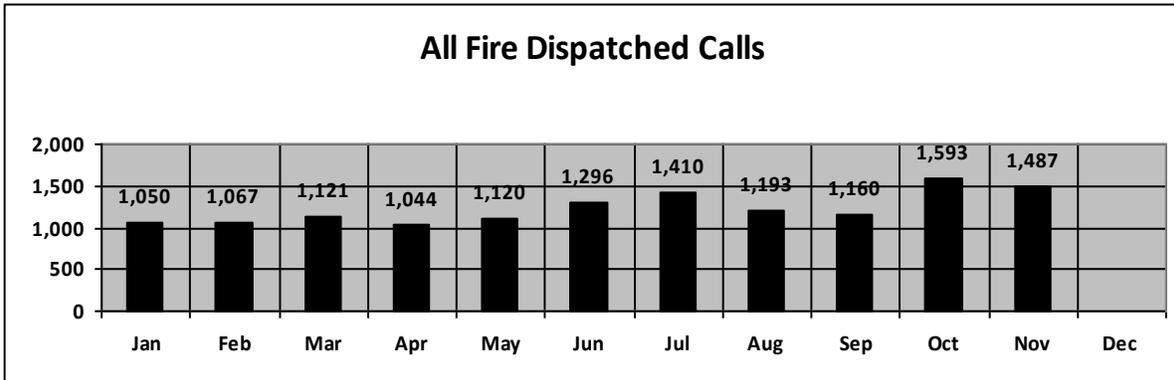
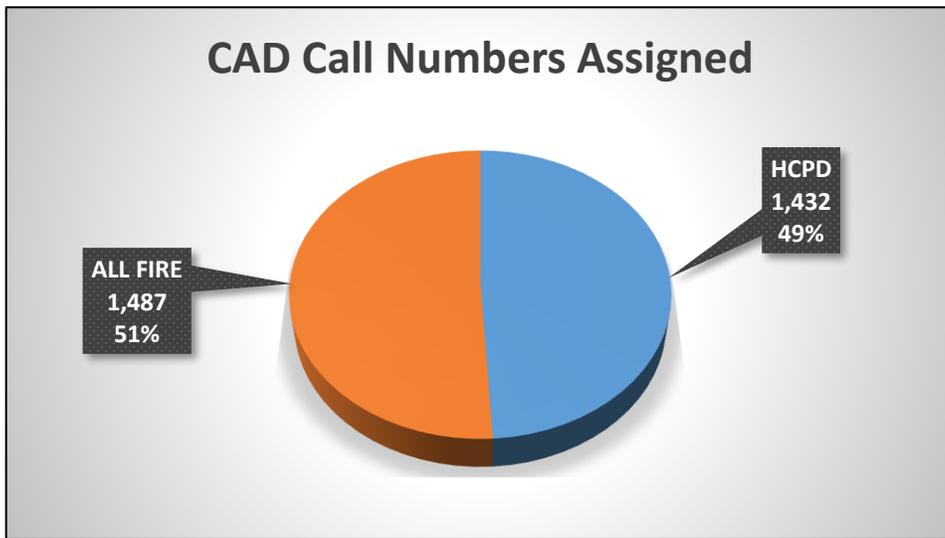
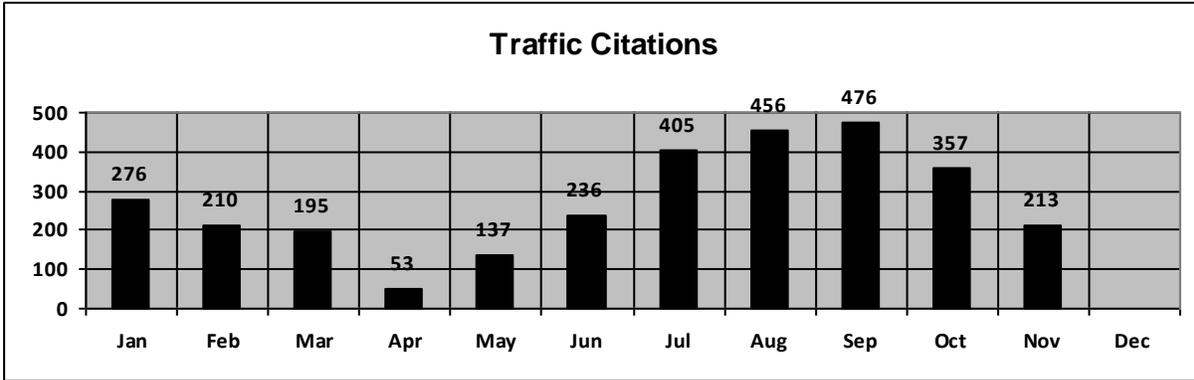
That was good work Officer Delgadillo and thank you for being a positive influence in our community and bringing a positive light upon our department during these difficult times of tension between the communities and law enforcement in our nation.



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COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION

Together as One

The Montana Vista and Horizon Fire Departments responded to a mobile home on fire. Flames and black smoke could be seen from a distance. Multiple callers reported a mobile home fully engulfed in flames, and a car caught fire. The fire was extinguished, and the residence was turned over to the homeowner.



The Clint Fire Department responded to a motor vehicle collision with injuries. The accident involved two vehicles and one occupant trapped inside the car. The fire crews used the Jaws of Life to free the driver. One patient was transported to a local hospital by Life Ambulance.

The Horizon City Fire Department responded to the area of Darrington and Alberton regarding reports of a vehicle on fire. Some reporting parties reported the vehicle was still in motion while in flames. Other reporting parties advised of a fire being extinguished by the owners. The Horizon Fire Department units arrived on scene and reported the vehicle was actively on fire and stretched out a line for extinguishment. The fire crew continued hitting hotspots and eventually cleared the scene.

The Clint and Fabens Fire Departments responded to a vehicle on fire on I-10 westbound near mile marker 47. Multiple callers reported a small passenger vehicle fully engulfed. Upon arrival, fire crews established command and advised of a fully-engulfed vehicle and shut down the right-hand lane. The fire crews extended hoses and initiated a fire attack. The fire was extinguished, and fire units cleared. The scene was then referred to the El Paso Sheriff's Office.

The Socorro Fire Department responded to the area of Gateway East and Horizon regarding a motor vehicle accident. An ESD#2 fire marshal arrived on the scene and requested extrication tools. Once the Socorro Fire Department arrived on the scene, they asked for the Horizon Fire Department's assistance with extrication tools. Two patients were transported to local hospitals. Horizon Boulevard was closed to traffic by TXDOT. The scene was turned over to the Socorro Police Department.

The Horizon Fire Department responded to a gas leak in Socorro. A female drove her vehicle into a residence damaging the structure and a gas meter. Texas Gas was requested to the scene along with a Socorro Building Inspector. Innsbruck Avenue and Armstrong Drive were closed because of gas leaking from the meter. The driver refused medical attention. The fire department cleared shortly after Texas Gas arrived on the scene.

Clint Fire and Socorro Fire Departments responded to a vehicle rollover in Clint. The reporting party advised that the vehicles involved were blocking lanes of traffic. Deputies of the El Paso Sheriff's Office were first to arrive on the scene and assisted in blocking off the roadways. Upon arrival, fire crews located a vehicle on its top in the

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middle of a nearby cotton field. Crews checked for injuries and cleared debris. The scene was then handed over to the El Paso Sheriff's Department.

Deputies of the El Paso Sheriff's Office encountered a head-on collision on Montana Avenue. The Montana Vista Fire Department responded to the scene. Deputies proceeded to close both eastbound and westbound lanes on Montana Avenue. Upon arrival, crews established command and assessed victims for injuries. The Texas Department of Transportation was advised of approximately 150 feet of damage to the median steel cable barrier. Fire units cleared the scene, and the El Paso Sheriff's Office remained on scene to gather information.

The Socorro Fire Department responded to a vehicle rollover on the access road near I-10 westbound by mile marker 37 in Horizon. Callers reported a motor vehicle accident with possible injuries. Fire crews arrived on the scene and established command. The incident command officer advised of a single-vehicle rollover with the vehicle on its rooftop. They also reported that the Department of Public Safety troopers were on the scene. Sheriff's deputies also arrived on the scene and assisted with traffic control as firefighters checked multiple patients for injuries and cleared debris. All fire units cleared, and the scene was handed over to the Department of Public Safety personnel.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Twenty nine support tickets were submitted, completed and closed. Three major projects included:

- Installation of ethernet drops for a new employee computer
- Courts updates that keep failing
- New user computer setups

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

WARRANTS DIVISION & FLEET OPERATIONS

The warrants officer served seven summonses received from the court. Two arrests were made for outstanding traffic warrants. The warrants officer reviewed 15 Child Protective Services cases, which were either closed or filed with the corresponding cases. 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.

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CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS/EVIDENCE

Detectives Rodriguez and Labrado investigated cases ranging from fraud, aggravated assaults, burglary of habitation, and criminal mischief. Detectives investigated four unattended death calls. Investigations concluded the deaths were COVID related. The cases were closed due to no foul play. In addition, the detectives responded to two shooting-related incidents. One of the cases involved serious bodily injuries. Assistance was requested from the El Paso Sheriff's Criminal Investigation Division. The second shooting was related to a dispute. The detectives were able to identify suspects. However, the case was closed due to non-prosecution.

Ten cases were presented by the detectives to the District Attorney's Office for prosecution. Lieutenant Ortega signed 21 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 the District Attorney's Office regarding the first chance program, El Paso County Sheriff's Office, and the Texas Department of Transportation for car seats. Lieutenant Ortega also assisted with two car seat installations at the station.

FORENSICS UNIT

Six open record requests were submitted for video from the officer's body cameras. The District Attorney's Office submitted ten requests for videos ranging from DWI to assaults. Six items were presented to the Texas Department of Public Safety crime lab. The items included drugs and blood kits submitted for analysis. The forensic technician assisted with fingerprinting two people.

CRIME PREVENTION/COMMUNITY SERVICES

Community Concerns

Sergeant Mitre has responded to several community issues reported via Tip411 and telephone. Such concerns and complaints included:

- **Attempted scams via telephone and email.** Several concerned citizens flagged Sergeant Mitre down in regards to unknown people trying to scam them with money or personal information. Sergeant Mitre recommends to remain vigilant. Speak to your family members and spread the word about being suspicious of anyone who makes unsolicited contact requesting payments or any personal information.
- **Holiday Decoration Vandalism.** It is the time of the year when the community decorates their homes with beautiful lights and ornaments. Unfortunately, the time in which a few individuals choose to deface or steal the decorations. Sergeant Mitre recommends to tether decorations whenever possible and install ornaments where they can be seen from inside the home. If available, make use of doorbell or driveway light cameras with motion detection. Most importantly,

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neighbors keep an eye out for one another and report suspicious activity immediately.

COVID-19 Modified Work Assignments

Sergeant Mitre was assigned to the patrol division. She was assigned to the task of addressing common community complaints such as speeders in certain areas and neighborhood traffic issues. In addition, Sergeant Mitre supervised the traffic flow in the area of Darrington Rd at the First Baptist Church during COVID-19 testing.

TRAINING

All Other training was canceled resulting from COVID-19.

Roll call training are short online videos 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.

Roll Call Training topics covered:

- Armor of God (10min)
- Arrest Authority (10 min)
- Arresting Communication (10 min)
- Case Study VA Tech Cho Video (10 min)

Vincible Roll Call

- Resiliency Part 3 Officer Corey Behnke (10min)

TOTAL TRAINING HOURS FOR THE MONTH: 20 hours

Respectfully Submitted,



Mike McConnell
Chief of Police

HCPD Monthly Count Of Calls

El Paso 911 CAD Reports

Report Date: 12/1/2020 2:00:18 AM

Report Date From: 11/1/2020 00:00:00

Report Date To:
11/30/2020 23:59:59

Count of PD Calls:	946
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Count of OV Calls:	486
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Count of MVA Events:	23
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CNTYFD Monthly Count of Events

El Paso 911 CAD Reports

Report Date: 12/1/2020 3:05:26 AM

Report Date From: 11/1/2020 00:00:00

Report Date To: 11/30/2020 23:59:59

Municipality	Count
CLFD	97
FAFD	181
HCFD	425
MVFD	138
SCFD	328
SEFD	137
WVFD	181
Total	1487



Citation Offense Count By Stop Type

Number of TRAFFIC Offenses (for *ALL*)	312
Number of WARNINGS	99
Speeding (1-10 MILES OVER) (3001A)	13
No Drivers License (3103)	12
Speeding (11-20 Miles Over) (3001B)	12
Expired Registration/Plates (3656)	8
Defective Stop Lamp(s) (3170)	8
Fail to Maintain Financial Responsibility (3049)	5
Failed to Signal Turn/Lane Change (3096)	5
Defective Head Lamps (3162A)	4
Drove without Lights (When Required) (3198)	3
Operate Motor Vehicle Without License Plate or with One License Plate (3667)	3
No Seat Belt - Driver (3032)	2
Fail TO Report Change of Address/Name (3264)	2
Fail to Stop Designated Point/Has View of Approaching Traffic (3060)	2
Driving While License Invalid Under Provisions of DL Laws (3101)	2
Improper Turn/Illegal Turn (3014)	2
Violate DL Restriction (3106)	2
Failed to /Signal Intent to Turn (3097)	2
Defective Tail Lamp(s) (3167)	2
Failed to Yield ROW Turning Left (3055)	1
Fail to Stop Designated Point/ Marked Stop Line (3060)	1
Fail to Display Drivers License (3263)	1
Use Equipment Not Authorized (3628)	1
Disregard Official Traffic Control Device (3059)	1
No License Plate Light (3274)	1
Failed to Dim Headlights - Following (3156)	1
Operate Unregistered Motor Vehicle (3668)	1

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Expired Drivers License (3259)	1
Passed- Insufficient Clearance (3018)	1
Number of CITATIONS	213
Speeding (11-20 Miles Over) (3001B)	57
No Drivers License (3103)	33
Fail to Maintain Financial Responsibility (3049)	25
Defective Stop Lamp(s) (3170)	11
Speeding (1-10 MILES OVER) (3001A)	9
Expired Drivers License (3259)	7
Defective Head Lamps (3162A)	6
Fail to Stop Designated Point/Has View of Approaching Traffic (3060)	5
No License Plate Light (3274)	5
Fail TO Report Change of Address/Name (3264)	5
Defective Tail Lamp(s) (3167)	4
Fail to Display Drivers License (3263)	4
Operate Motor Vehicle Without License Plate or with One License Plate (3667)	4
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia (2100)	3
Expired Registration/Plates (3656)	3
Operate Unregistered Motor Vehicle (3668)	3
Fail to Control Speed (3050)	3
Speeding (21-25 Miles Over) (3001C)	2
Passed- Insufficient Clearance (3018)	2
Failed to Yield ROW Turning Left (3055)	2
Open Container (3323)	2
Unsafe Backing (3316)	1
Ran Red Light (3007)	1
Following Too Closely (3017)	1
Failed to Signal Turn/Lane Change (3096)	1
Operate Motor Vehicle Displaying Insigni a Assigned to Another M/V (3666)	1

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Use of Wireless Communication Device (0000H)	1
Speeding (26 + Miles Over) (3001D)	1
Accident Involving Damage to Vehicle (3319)	1
Leaving Child Unattended in a Motor Vehicle (2210)	1
Failed to Yield ROW (Private Drive/Alley/Building) (3056)	1
Operation of ATV on Public Roadway (0000E)	1
Drove without Lights (When Required) (3198)	1
Improper Turn/Illegal Turn (3014)	1
Speeding School Zone (11 - 16) (3001SB)	1
Expired Paper Dealer Plate (0000I)	1
Failed to /Signal Intent to Turn (3097)	1
Fail to Stop Designated Point/ Marked Stop Line (3060)	1
Driving While License Invalid Under Provisions of DL Laws (3101)	1