



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



March 2021

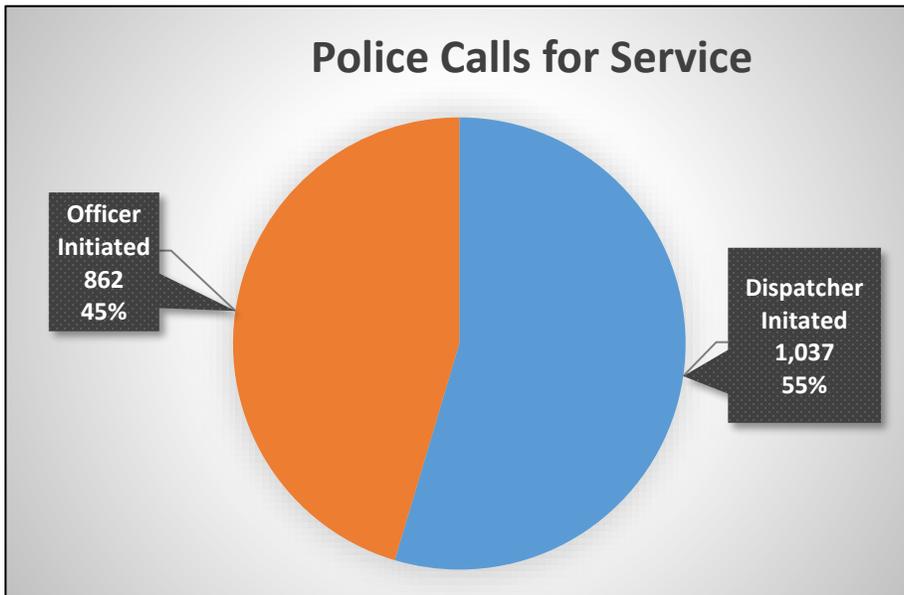
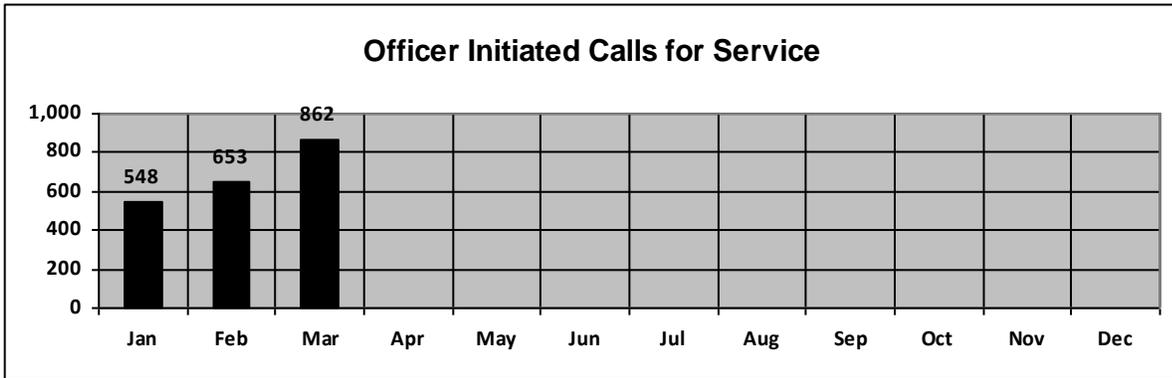
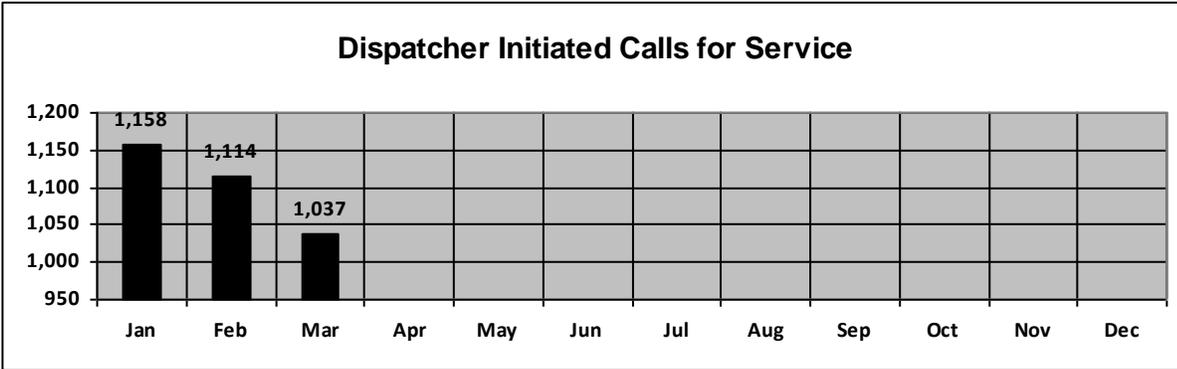
Description	Number	
	This Month	Last Month
Traffic Citations	364	259
Traffic Warnings	180	98
Parking Tickets	26	8
Investigations – Cases assigned	18	10
Investigations – Cases cleared	10	9
Investigations – Cases remaining open	6	8
Criminal & Non-Criminal Arrests	14	13
Traffic accidents	34	23
PD Dispatcher Initiated Calls for Service	1,037	Year to date – 3,309
PD Officer Initiated Calls for Service	862	Year to date – 2,063
Total Police Calls for Service	1,899	Year to date – 5,372
Fire Calls for Service Reported to Dispatch	1,340	Year to date – 3,737

ITEMS OF INTEREST

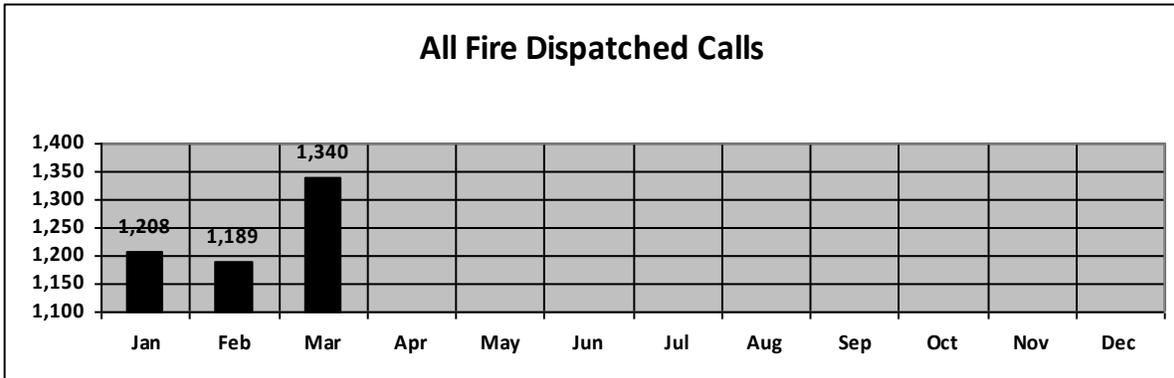
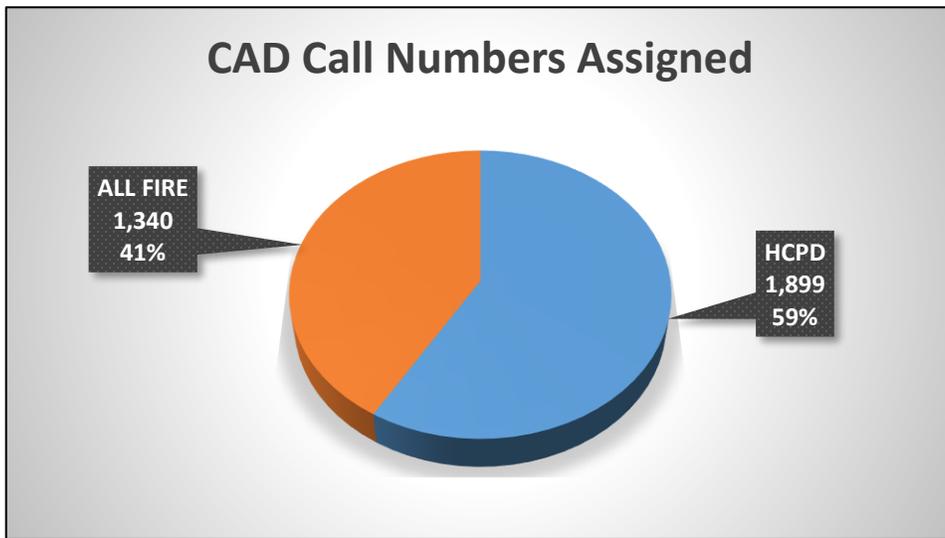
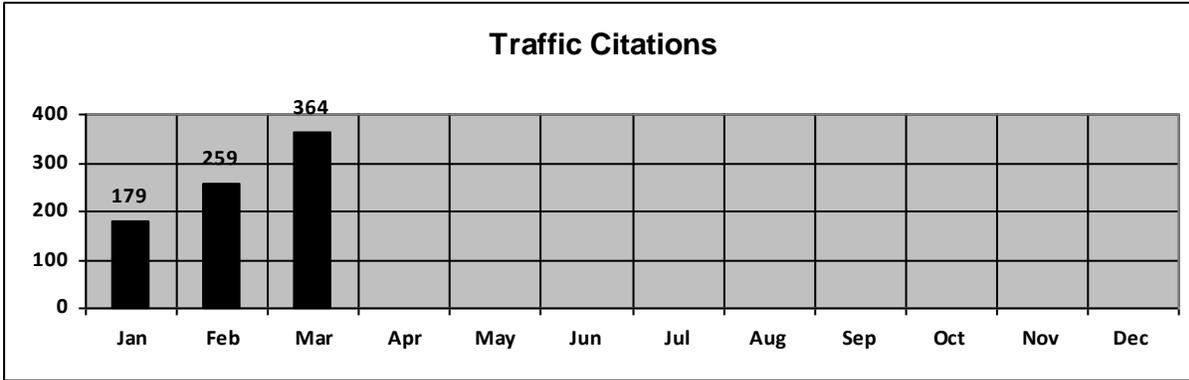
- Chief McConnell attended the Texas Police Chief Leadership Series training conference in Nacogdoches. TCOLE requires this biennial training for state police chiefs licensure.
- Chief McConnell presented the \$738,000 grant application for radio dispatching equipment to the RGCOG First Responder Preparedness Group. We were initially intending on applying for a statewide grant that was specifically designed to improve PSAP capabilities. Unfortunately, the COVID 19 pandemic caused a lack of funding for that program. The grant we applied for was initially set to be nationally competitive. However, with the change in a presidential administration, the rules were changed, and this grant became locally competitive. Not being enough grant funds available to fund this project (and all of the others simultaneously), our grant application was not approved for funding. There are two other funding sources and options the RGCOG are reviewing.



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COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION

Together as One

The Horizon, Clint, and Socorro Fire Departments responded to a structure fire in Horizon. The call initially came in as a brush fire with furniture and bicycles burning outside of the residence. Additional departments were immediately dispatched due to the fire spreading to the bottom of the mobile home. Once on scene, Horizon Fire extinguished the fire. Power to the mobile home was shut off, and the scene was turned over to the homeowner. All units cleared shortly after.



The San Elizario and Ysleta Del Sur Pueblo Fire Departments responded to the area Socorro concerning a cat on a telephone pole unable to come down independently. The reporting parties advised the cat was very close to the wires and had been there for approximately 12 hours. Once on scene, Ysleta Del Sur Pueblo Fire Department reported it would be too dangerous to send fire department personnel to retrieve the cat, opting to refer the incident to animal control.

The Montana Vista Fire Department responded to a gas leak in the Montana Vista district. The call originated from the Texas Department of Public Safety. A trooper requested the fire department investigate a gas leak coming from a meter struck by a vehicle during a pursuit. Upon arrival, units advised of a passenger vehicle that had caused extensive damage to a gas meter and requested the Texas Gas Company to respond to a large gas leak at the scene. Deputies with the El Paso Sheriff's Office assisted in securing the scene for first responders. Texas Gas Company was able to control the leak, and fire crews cleared the scene.

The Horizon, Clint, and Socorro Fire Departments responded to a structure fire in Horizon. Smoke and flames were seen coming from a shed. The shed was not attached to any major structures, but the fire quickly spread and threatened other structures close by. The El Paso Sheriff's Office and Department of Public Safety arrived on the scene to assist the fire department with equipment protection. All units cleared once it was determined the fire was fully extinguished, and there were no potential hazards left. There were no injuries or significant damage reported.

The West Valley Fire Department and La Union Fire Departments responded to a large brush fire outside of a cabinet shop in Canutillo, Texas. Once on scene, the fire department reported a 20x20 lot with debris on fire. The West Valley Fire Department cleared after the fire was extinguished. The scene was turned over to La Union Fire Department.

The Fabens Fire Department responded to a vehicle fire a few miles away from the Fabens Exit. A vehicle caught fire and exploded on the interstate heading East. Once the fire was extinguished, firefighters helped the vehicle owner access the trunk to

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retrieve personal belongings. The vehicle was broken down before loading it onto a tow truck for safe transport. All units cleared once the road was cleared from debris. The Horizon City Fire Department responded to a gas leak. The reporting party, who was with the construction company on site, advised of a possible residential main break. Once on scene, the fire crew advised of a hazard from a blowing gas line and machinery still on top of the main line. Once Texas Gas with heavy machinery arrived, the line was successfully shut off. Horizon Fire cleared, and the scene was turned over to Texas Gas.

The Horizon City Fire Department responded to a motor vehicle accident in Horizon. The call was initiated by a Horizon City Police officer who witnessed the accident through the rearview mirror. The officer advised dispatch of a possible accident. Roadways were blocked off by the Horizon City Police Department and the El Paso Sheriff's Office. One occupant was extricated from the vehicle. Three patients were transported to local hospitals, and the scene was turned over to law enforcement for further investigation.

The San Elizario and Clint Fire Departments responded to a single-vehicle accident in Clint. Several callers advised of a vehicle rollover with possible injuries and gasoline leaking from the vehicle. Soon after the fire department's arrival, the incident commander confirmed that extrication was needed and requested additional resources from incoming units. Deputies with the El Paso Sheriff's Office closed off the roadways and secured the scene for first responders. Members of multiple other agencies were requested to the scene. All fire units cleared, and the scene was referred to other investigators on scene.

The Horizon, Clint, and Socorro Fire Departments responded to a structure fire at the Family Dollar located in Horizon. An employee called to report the smell of smoke inside the store. The employee did not see the flames, only smoke coming from under a cooler. Once on scene, the fire department located a small amount of smoke emanating from one of the coolers caused by an electrical shortage. The power was shut off to the cooler. The scene was turned over to the store manager.

WARRANTS DIVISION & FLEET OPERATIONS

The CID Lieutenant served 34 summonses from the Horizon City Municipal Court. There were five arrests for outstanding traffic warrants. The CID Lieutenant reviewed ten Child Protective Services cases. These cases were reviewed and closed. Bailiff duties were conducted during court proceedings via zoom. Six 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 burglary of motor vehicle, theft of a firearm, sexual assault, and identity theft. Detectives responded to unattended deaths calls which were investigated and ruled out as medical-related. Detectives Rodriguez and Labrado responded to investigate a possible kidnapping/aggravated assault case. The detectives presented six cases to the District Attorney's Office for prosecution. Lieutenant Ortega signed 25 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 El Paso County Sheriff's Office Gang Unit, El Paso Police Department Special Ops Unit, and the grant's coordinator from the El Paso Sheriff's Office.

FORENSICS UNIT

The evidence technician conducted 18 open records requests for video from the officer's body cameras. The District Attorney's Office submitted 14 requests for videos for cases ranging from DWI to assaults. There were 12 items submitted to the Texas Department of Public Safety crime lab for analysis, including drugs and blood kits.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Fifty one support tickets werer submitted, closed and completed, to include four major projects. The major projects included:

- WatchGuard Videos storage
- City Council laptops deployment
- New dispatch setup
- Network ethernet drops

In addition to the significant projects above, IT staff responded to various tech support requests throughout the month.

TRAINING

Special Investigative Topics-3232 (8 hours): The purpose of this course is to recognize the stigma against reporting abuse, child abuse, neglect, family violence, sexual assault, and sex offenders. Will provide the learner with relevant laws and statistics surrounding each topic.

Attended: M. Hernandez, and V. Hernandez

Body Worn Cameras-8158 (2 hours): The purpose of this course is for law enforcement agencies that operate a body-worn camera program shall adopt a policy for the use of body-worn cameras. Body-worn cameras are activated only for law enforcement purposes, and the policy must include guidelines for these purposes.

Attended: Delgadillo, Hart, G. Rodriguez, and Alvarez

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Civilian Interaction-30418 (2 hours): The course reviews SB30 along with its updates, the seven-step violator contact method, the roles and responsibilities of officers during traffic stops, expected behavior from civilians, and even the laws surrounding visual or audio recording of traffic stops. The course was completed online through Police One Academy. Attended: Alvarez

Culture Diversity-3939 (8 hours): By taking this intermediate course, the students will examine the factors that make up our individual cultures and the ways by which culture and law enforcement can merge. The course was completed online through Police One Academy. Attended: Alvarez

Intoxilyzer Operator Training Course-3851 (28 hours): This course will State certify the peace officer as a Texas Breath Alcohol Testing Program Intoxilyzer 9000 operator. Breath test operators are called upon to administer breath alcohol tests on subjects arrested for DWI-related offenses. Attended: Avitia and Diaz

Human Trafficking Law Enforcement Training Series (1 hour): Students will learn the very early stages of an investigation. Traffickers can be mobile, victims can be uncooperative, and these cases can be challenging in many aspects. The course provides a resource to the student/officer so that they can hold these offenders accountable. The course was provided online by Texas Attorney General Office. Attended: Labrado, and G. Rodriguez

In-house Training:

Defensive Tactics/ ASP Basic Integrated Certification (8 hours): Integrated baton, restraint, light training, operational use of the ASP tactical products such as presentation, striking techniques, restrain application and lighting use. Training consists of a written examination and a physical performance test (Redman). Attended: G. Rodriguez, Avitia, M. Hernandez, H. Sierra, Mitre, Alvarez, Campbell, JC Rodriguez, Vasquez, Perez, Chavez, Labrado, J. Rodriguez, Hart, Rosas, Ortega, Diaz, V. Hernandez, Delgadillo, M. Sierra, and Zeiger.

Department Policy- 3.1 Basic Training Requirements

C. In-service Training (TBP: 3.06)

2. In each two-year cycle, sworn officers must receive the following training: **a. hands-on arrest and/ or defensive tactics training.**

Defensive Tactics/ Asp training was due for 2020. Due to COVID-19 and social distancing restrictions, training had to be postponed for this year.

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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 weekly.

Roll Call Training (Police One Academy) topics covered:

Law Enforcement Writer- 10 minutes
Be the One- 5 minutes
Blair Shooting- 5 minutes
Blast Ball- 10 minutes

Vincible Roll Call:

Contact and Cover Revisited- 10 minutes
Welfare Checks- 10 minutes
Bystander Videos- 10 minutes

TCOLE Certificate Awards:

Abel Labrado- Awarded **Master Peace Officer Certification.**

TOTAL TRAINING HOURS FOR THE MONTH: 284

Respectfully Submitted,



Mike McConnell
Chief of Police

CNTYFD Monthly Count of Events

Report Date: 4/1/2021 4:00:04 AM

El Paso 911 CAD Reports

Report Date From: 3/1/2021 00:00:00

Report Date To: 3/31/2021 23:59:59

Municipality	Count
CLFD	76
FAFD	166
HCFD	408
MVFD	121
SCFD	290
SEFD	109
WVFD	170
Total	1340

HCPD Monthly Count Of Calls

El Paso 911 CAD Reports

Report Date: 4/1/2021 2:00:26 AM

Report Date From: 3/1/2021 00:00:00

Report Date To: 3/31/2021 23:59:59

Count of PD Calls:	1037
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Count of OV Calls:	862
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Count of MVA Events:	34
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Citation Offense Count By Stop Type

Number of PARKING Offenses (for *ALL*)	26
Number of CITATIONS	21
Parked Facing Traffic - \$53.00 (3561)	13
Illegal Parking of Large Trucks/Tractor/Trailer \$53.00 (0093B)	3
Parked in Prohibited Area - \$53.00 (3553)	3
Parking/Standing w/i 15 Ft of Fire Hydrant - \$53.00 (3569)	1
Park/Stand w/ 30 Ft of A Traffic Control Device - \$53.00 (3572)	1
Number of WARNINGS	5
Parked Facing Traffic - \$53.00 (3561)	4
Illegal Parking of Large Trucks/Tractor/Trailer \$53.00 (0093B)	1

Number of TRAFFIC Offenses (for *ALL*)	544
Number of WARNINGS	180
Speeding (11-20 Miles Over) (3001B)	33
Speeding (1-10 MILES OVER) (3001A)	30
No Drivers License (3103)	15
Fail to Maintain Financial Responsibility (3049)	14
Defective Head Lamps (3162A)	12
Defective Stop Lamp(s) (3170)	10
Fail to Stop-Designated Point/Crosswalk (3060)	6
Operate Motor Vehicle Without License Plate or with One License Plate (3667)	6
Expired Registration/Plates (3656)	6
Fail to Display Drivers License (3263)	5
Failed to /Signal Intent to Turn (3097)	4
Improper Turn/Illegal Turn (3014)	4
Fail to Stop Designated Point/ Marked Stop Line (3060)	3
Operate Unregistered Motor Vehicle (3668)	3
Drove without Lights (When Required) (3198)	3



Citation Offense Count By Stop Type

No License Plate Light (3274)	3
Fail to Stop Designated Point/Has View of Approaching Traffic (3060)	3
Violate DL Restriction (3106)	2
Fail TO Report Change of Address/Name (3264)	2
Display Unclean License Plates/Obstrcted (3658)	2
Ran Red Light (3007)	2
Failed to Yield to Pedestrians In Crosswalk (3116)	1
Expired Paper Dealer Plate (0000I)	1
Violate Operating Hours - Minor (Under 18) (3202)	1
Speeding (26 + Miles Over) (3001D)	1
Failed to Yield ROW to Emergency Vehcile (3057)	1
Expired Drivers License (3259)	1
Speeding School Zone (11 - 16) (3001SB)	1
Turned Left from Wrong Lane (3011)	1
Drove Center Lane (Not Passing/Not Turning Left) (3089)	1
Failed to Yield ROW Turning Left (3055)	1
Failed to Signal Turn/Lane Change (3096)	1
Defective Tail Lamp(s) (3167)	1
Number of CITATIONS	364
Speeding (11-20 Miles Over) (3001B)	88
No Drivers License (3103)	71
Fail to Maintain Financial Responsibility (3049)	40
Defective Stop Lamp(s) (3170)	26
Expired Registration/Plates (3656)	17
Fail to Stop Designated Point/Has View of Approaching Traffic (3060)	16
Speeding (1-10 MILES OVER) (3001A)	15
Operate Motor Vehicle Without License Plate or with One License Plate (3667)	10
Fail to Display Drivers License (3263)	8
Failed to Yield ROW Turning Left (3055)	6



Citation Offense Count By Stop Type

Fail to Control Speed (3050)	5
Speeding (21-25 Miles Over) (3001C)	4
Ran Red Light (3007)	4
Speeding (26 + Miles Over) (3001D)	4
Violate DL Restriction (3106)	4
Speeding School Zone (11 - 16) (3001SB)	3
Fail to Stop-Designated Point/Crosswalk (3060)	3
Disregard Official Traffic Control Device (3059)	2
Expired Drivers License (3259)	2
Fail to Properly Restrain a Dog (0088)	2
Fail to Stop Designated Point/ Marked Stop Line (3060)	2
Failed to /Signal Intent to Turn (3097)	2
Improper Turn/Illegal Turn (3014)	2
Fail TO Report Change of Address/Name (3264)	2
Defective Head Lamps (3162A)	2
Use of Wireless Communication Device (0000H)	1
Operation of Vehicle by New State Resident (0001)	1
Failed to Yield to Pedestrians In Crosswalk (3116)	1
Speeding School Zone (1 -10 Miles Over) (3001SA)	1
Unsafe Backing (3316)	1
Open Container (3323)	1
Driving While License Invalid Under Provisions of DL Laws (3101)	1
Fail to Yield Row Changing Lanes (3288)	1
Cut Across Driveway/Private Property to Make Turn (3081)	1
Failed to Pass to Right Safely/Improper Passing (3022)	1
Turned When Unsafe (3080)	1
Turned Left from Wrong Lane (3011)	1
Speeding School Zone 17 + Miles (3001SC)	1
Failed to Yield R.O.W. at Stop intersection (3005D)	1



Citation Offense Count By Stop Type

Possession of Drug Paraphernalia (2100)	1
Defective Turn Signal Lamp(s) (3172)	1
Drove on Wrong Side of Road/Intersection (3015B)	1
Display Unclean License Plates/Obstrcted (3658)	1
Wrong or Obscured License Plate (3657)	1
Expired Paper Dealer Plate (0000I)	1
Child Under 17 Not Secured by Safety Belt (3034)	1
Failed to Yield Right of Way (3005C)	1
Possession of Alcohol By Minor (3800)	1
Equipment/Missing or None (3627)	1