



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



**March, 2019**

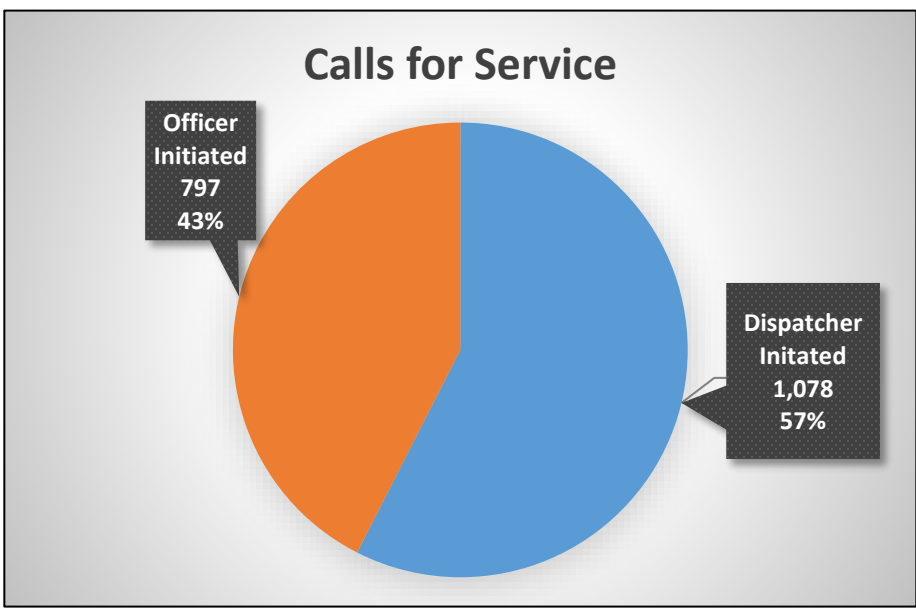
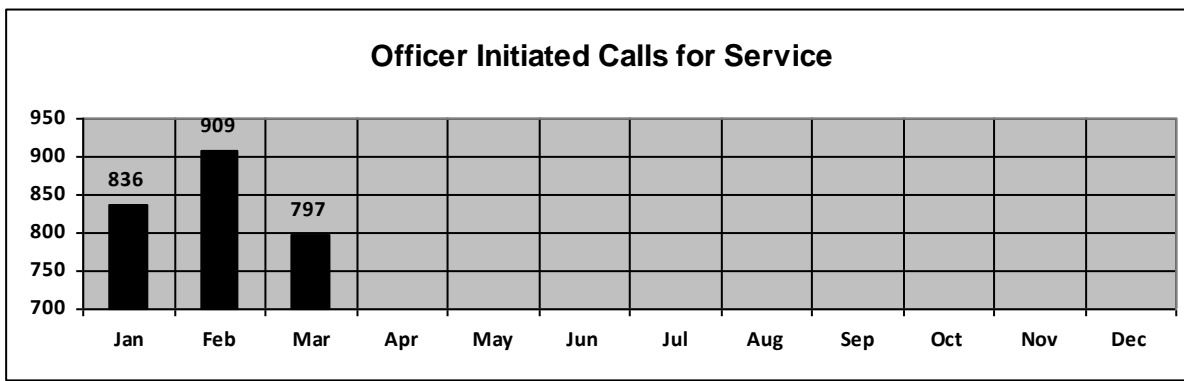
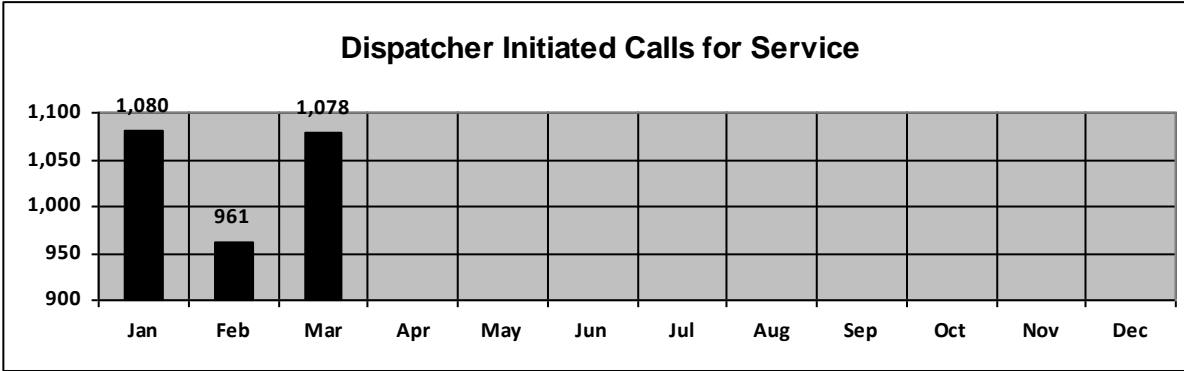
Description	Number	
	This Month	Last Month
Traffic Citations	374	451
Traffic Warnings	99	93
Parking Tickets	9	5
Investigations – Cases assigned	15	7
Investigations – Cases cleared	13	6
Investigations – Cases remaining open	7	8
Criminal & Non-Criminal Arrests	29	15
Traffic accidents	36	36
Dispatcher Initiated Calls for Service	1,078	Year to date –3,119
Officer Initiated Calls for Service	797	Year to date – 2,542
Total Police Calls for Service	1,875	Year to date –5,661
Fire Calls for Service Reported to Dispatch	1,128	Year to date – 3,273

**ITEMS OF INTEREST**

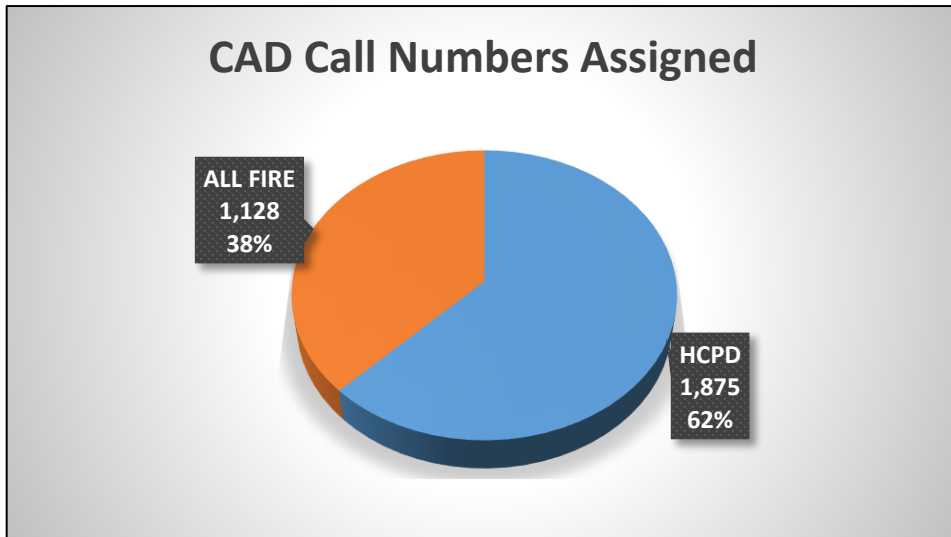
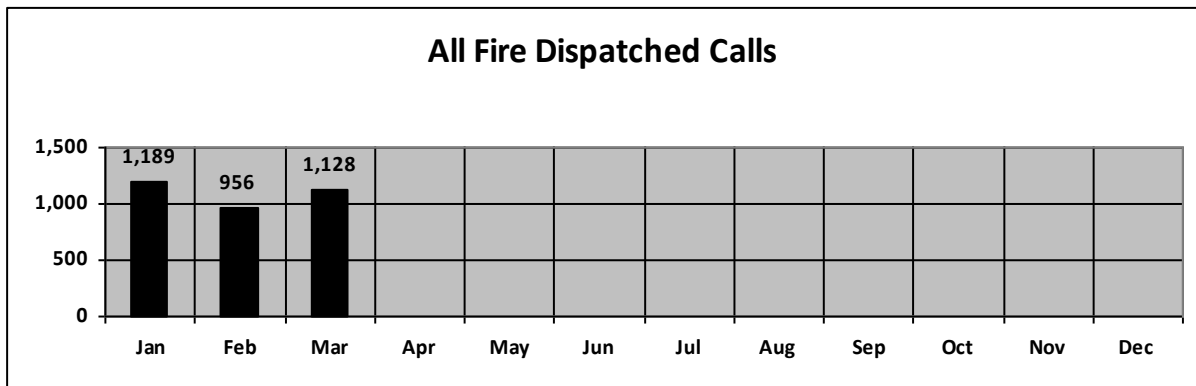
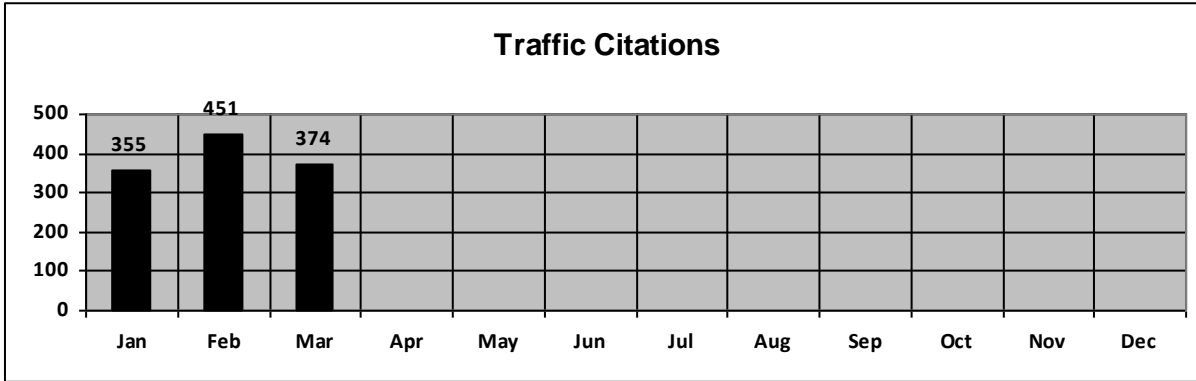
- Chief McConnell attended a ribbon cutting for the El Paso Physical Therapy Group at 13791 Horizon Blvd Suite A-1.
- Chief McConnell presided over an El Paso County 911-District Board Meeting.
- Chief McConnell attended a training event concerning the Federal Equitable Sharing program and requirements.
- Chief McConnell presented his grant request for 24 portable radios to members of the grant review committee at the Rio Grande Council of Government. City Council previously approved this grant application. There were more requests for funds than the availability of funds in the grant pool. We have been notified that we are scheduled to receive 51% of our grant request or (\$53,196.88). This is great news that will allow us to purchase 12 portable radios!
- Chief McConnell and members of the police department attended the groundbreaking ceremony for the Rancho Desierto Bello Park.



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### COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION

*Together as One*

One telecommunicator attended a three day Trauma Affected Veterans training. She was able to role play and understand how certain situations such as a traffic stop can trigger PTSD (post-traumatic stress disorder) in some veterans. Two other telecommunicators attended the Positive Interaction with Difficult People by the Healthy Dispatcher group training held at the 911 District building. The training centered on creating a positive environment and how to team-build.



The communications manager and morning shift supervisor attended the Transformational Communications Center Leadership training held at the 911 District building. The training provided information on the principles of effective supervision, along with tools to demonstrate leadership in all areas of work. The new telecommunicator attended the full access NCIC TCIC course. The communications manager, second shift supervisor and a telecommunicator attended an iCAD training/refresher course.

Congratulations to Rebekah Arceo upon her promotion to third shift supervisor. She has 4 years of experience as a telecommunicator.

The following are samples of FD calls this month: Clint and Fabens Fire Departments responded to a rollover on I-10 west. Units arrived on scene and located a semi-trailer on its side blocking the on ramp. The El Paso Sheriff's Office deputies and a Texas State Trooper assisted with traffic control. TXDOT was notified of a damaged metal barrier and major damage to the road. No injuries were reported.

Socorro Fire Department responded to a brush fire in Socorro. Once on scene, they requested an additional fire department due to the fire quickly spreading in the desert area behind the residences on the street. The Socorro Police Department closed the streets near the brush fire. The fire department remained on scene for approximately 3 hours.

Montana Vista, Horizon and Clint Fire Departments responded to a structure fire in Montana Vista. Upon arrival, the fire department found a wall and wooden stove that caught on fire. The fire department cleared approximately one hour later.

Clint, Socorro and San Elizario Fire Departments responded to a structure fire in Clint. Several calls were received in reference a workshop and vehicle on fire. The workshop was fully engulfed in flames upon the fire department's arrival. The fire was extinguished in approximately an hour. El Paso Electric was requested to the scene. The fire department cleared approximately two hours later. The scene was turned over to the Fire Marshal for further investigation.

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Fabens, Clint and San Elizario Fire Departments responded to a structure fire involving a recreational vehicle in Fabens. The motor home was unoccupied at the time of the incident. The fire was extinguished in approximately thirty minutes. The American Red Cross was requested to the scene by the El Paso Sheriff's Department.

### **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

From the 98 support tickets that were submitted, 96 were completed and closed including five major projects. The remaining two tickets are pending because of issues needing to be further investigated and resolved. These issues are related to scanning on the server which need to be restart and the distress button install in one of dispatch computer. The major projects included:

- Setup up remote desktop for user
- Remove parallels
- Train and educate users to use remote desktop
- Resolve WatchGuard issues after software upgrade
- Setup three Getac computers

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 received 45 summons for service and all summons were successfully served. Ten people were arrested for traffic warrants. Collections were made on traffic warrants and those unable to post bond were booked into the El Paso County Jail. The warrants officer reviewed seven CPS cases which were reviewed and closed, or filed with the corresponding case due to allegations of neglect. The warrants officer took nine vehicles to the shop for oil changes and repairs. Bailiff duties were conducted during court proceedings.

### **CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS/EVIDENCE**

Detective Nunez and Detective Labrado investigated cases ranging from conduct in need of supervision, pornography, and burglary of building. Detectives were called out to investigate a burglary of building. During the course of the investigation, detectives discovered a large amount of narcotics. Investigation continues with the assistance of HSI and DPS. Several meetings were attended including SOCAP and JOIC. Lieutenant Ortega signed 25 cases at the District Attorney's Office that were accepted for prosecution.

### **FORENSICS UNIT**

Evidence technician conducted five open records requests for video from the officer's body cameras. The District Attorney's office submitted ten requests for videos from cases ranging from DWI to assaults. Fourteen items of evidence were submitted to the Texas Department of Public Safety for drug analysis. The forensics tech also assisted in processing ten finger prints. There was a total of one call out for the month.

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### HONOR GUARD ACTIVATION

On March 24, 2019, we activated our Honor Guard following a request from the El Paso County Sheriff's Office regarding the death of Deputy Peter Herrera who succumbed to injuries after being shot while on-duty. Upon notification, a Horizon City police officer was sent out to Del Sol medical center as a representative for the department.



On Tuesday, March 26, 2019, a four-man honor guard detail was sent to the county morgue and assisted in escorting Deputy Peter Herrera to the Funeraria del Angel Martin Central located at 3839 Montana Avenue. Honor guard assisted with escort and traffic control. Honor guard arrived at mentioned location conducted cordon ceremony and began to conduct honor watch for Deputy Peter Herrera. Honor guard detail assisted until 0000 hours that day.

On Wednesday, March 27, 2019, Horizon City Honor Guard arrived at 12501 Montana Avenue for briefing on events for the day. Once briefing was conducted, units proceeded to the El Paso International Airport to retrieve the 911 Memorial Flag that was being flown in. The honor guard detail assisted in numerous ways: Part of the detail was in cordon detail in the terminal and one member of the honor guard went upstairs with the sheriff's honor guard to receive the flag from the plane and assisted in escorting it downstairs to one of the sheriff's units. Escort was conducted to the Funeraria de Angel Martin Central where 911 flag was placed next to Deputy Peter Herrera. Honor watch was conducted.

At 1330 hours cordon ceremony was conducted and Deputy Peter Herrera was loaded into the hearse and taken to the Clint station to say his final farewell to the citizens of Clint, which was the area that he patrolled. From there, escort was conducted to 1460 George Dieter Drive, Martin Funeral Home East. Honor watch was conducted. Horizon City Honor Guard was requested to assist until 2200 hours, when other agencies took over honor watch.

On Thursday, March 28, 2019, honor guard attended a meeting for rosary ceremony preparation. Half of the honor guard proceeded to the evergreen cemetery and the other half proceeded to Martin Funeral Home East for honor watch. At 1330 hours, honor guard assisted with escorting Deputy Peter Herrera to 12220 Vista del Sol Drive, St. Francis Xavier Cabrini Church, where rosary ceremony was to be conducted. Deputy Peter Herrera was placed inside the church and honor watch was conducted. Different agencies arrived and provided assistance with honor watch. Agencies from New York, Chicago, Buffalo, Illinois, Las Cruces, Deming, Lordsburg, New Mexico state and several East Texas agencies were also in attendance. I was approached by Sergeant Mariano Valle, who requested that I take over command and supervise the honor guard rotation of agencies and that the proper honor watch time was monitored.

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On Friday, March 29, 2019, Horizon City Honor Guard arrived at 12220 Vista del Sol Drive and assisted with honor watch duties. Ceremony was conducted at the church, where two of the Horizon City Honor Guard assisted with carrying the 911 Memorial Flag. Once Deputy Peter Herrera was placed inside the church, Horizon City Honor Guard departed the location and proceeded to 12400 Montana Avenue, Evergreen Cemetery East. One member was assigned to do color guard detail and the other four were assigned to do honor guard cordon. Services ended at approximately 1530 hours.

On Saturday, March 30, 2019 one member of the Horizon City Honor Guard proceeded to the El Paso County Coliseum, where he assisted with flag honor at the opening of the El Paso Rhinos.

On Monday, April 1, 2019, two members of the Horizon City Honor Guard assisted the sheriff's department in walking Deputy Peter Herrera's daughter back to school after being out for her father's funeral.

### **Equipment Used:**

Honor guard used units 6319 and 6212 for the detail.

### **Overtime Accrued:**

For the five-day honor detail, 94.5 hours of overtime were accrued.

The El Paso County Sheriff's Department is very grateful to the Horizon City Chief and appreciate of the assistance that was provided by the Horizon City Honor Guard. In assisting with the El Paso County Sheriff's Honor Guard detail Horizon City received not just local but national recognition.

## **CRIME PREVENTION ACTIVITIES**

### **Coffee with a Cop**

Our agency held the first Coffee with a Cop event of 2019 on March 19. Officers present at the event included members of our CID and patrol divisions as well as our Chief of Police. During this CWC session, officers present visited and conversed with members of our community who brought concerns regarding the operation of all-terrain vehicles in city neighborhoods. Another topic which came up was Movies in the Park 2019 where member's present discussed movie options with the movie selection committee and a movie line up for this summer was proposed. Coffee with a Cop events happen monthly dates and times are posted on our official website and social media outlets.

### **GECU & Carefree Homes Grand Opening**

Sgt. Mitre and select members of our police explorer team were present at the grand opening event presented by GECU and Carefree Homes in one of the newest neighborhoods in Horizon City located just behind the local Walmart. Horizon City is

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known for its community growth and this neighborhood grand opening welcomed families new to our city, as well as prospective home buyers. Sgt. Mitre and the explorers provided brochures on our TIP 411 system as well as child safety activity & fingerprint booklets.

### **Career Day at Desert Hills Elementary**

Sgt. Mitre participated in a career day activity on March 13. Sgt. Mitre spoke with children in Kinder – 5<sup>th</sup> grade regarding a career path in law enforcement. Sgt. Mitre spoke of the importance of technology and mathematics in law enforcement and collision investigations. Children were allowed to climb into one of our newly redesigned police vehicles to get an up-close look at the equipment in the driver and passenger compartment as well as the rear prisoner compartment.

### **Career Day at Carrol T. Welch Elementary**

Officer Zeiger participated in a career day activity on March 29. Officer Zeiger spoke with children in Kinder – 5<sup>th</sup> grade regarding a career path in law enforcement. Officer Zeiger displayed our off-road vehicle and the school children were allowed to climb in to have a close up look at the driver controls and emergency lighting equipment.

### **Career Day at Horizon Middle School**

Officer Crespo participated in a career day activity on March 29. Officer Crespo spoke with children in 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade regarding a career path in law enforcement. Officer Crespo set up with a table in the gymnasium where he displayed some of a police officer's daily equipment and patrol rifle.

### **Explorer Program**

Enrollment and participants of the explorer program declined throughout the month of March to approximately 6 members in the Junior Explorer group and rose to 4 members in the primary program. The junior explorers are children who are enrolled in 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grades. Other members are 13 – 21 years of age and attend high school, early college programs, or college and university programs. The decline is expected during the month of March due to spring break and also spring extracurricular activities.

Activities for the month of March included regularly scheduled weekly meetings on Wednesdays from 6pm - 8pm

March 6- No Meeting

March 13- Firearms/ Airsoft/ Paintball Safety

March 20- Target Practice with Paintball

March 27- No Meeting

### **Planning for Horizon City Summer Festival**

Plans are underway for the summer event of 2019. Features of the event:

- Inflatable rides and children activities (5 pm to 9 pm)
- Vendors activities
- Various youth & children performances throughout the evening



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- Food trucks availability
- Face painting
- Dunk tank (volunteers needed)
- National Anthem at 9:00 pm followed by Mayoral comments
- Fireworks (9:30 pm)
- Movies in the Park (10 pm)

Marketing and fundraising efforts have begun.

### **Movies in the Park 2019**

The movie selection committee met on March 19<sup>th</sup> and a selection of family friendly films were submitted for approval from the film licensing entity. Once approved, the list will be officially released. The Movies in the Park program continues to be fantastic summer tradition for the families in our community. The proposed line up for this summer:

June 1	Spiderman: Into the Spiderverse
June 8	Ralph Breaks the Internet
June 15	Bernie the Dolphin
June 22	Sgt. Stubby
June 29	Mary Poppins
July 6	Lego Movie 2
July 13	Captain Marvel
July 20	Hotel Transylvania 3
July 27	How to Train Your Dragon: The Hidden World

Marketing and fundraising efforts will begin upon the approval of the line-up.

### **EMPLOYEE TRAINING**

**Civilian Interaction Training (2hours):** Course includes instruction to drivers on how they should react and communicate with officers during a traffic stop Officers also received best practice instruction on their expected behaviors and reactions during citizen contact. Attended by Rosas, Archer, Greseth, H. Sierra, Campbell, Gonzalez

**De-Escalation (8 hours):** This course is to improve the response of Peace Officers to incidents that involve persons in crisis, who are behaving erratically, and emphasizing public safety is at the heart of this training process. Attended by Campbell, Avitia, H. Sierra, B. Sierra

**Firearms (16 hours):** Course is a refresher on firearms safety and use. The officers are required to qualify. Attended by Vasquez, Rosas, Gonzalez, J. Rodriguez, Archer, G. Rodriguez, JC Rodriguez, Delgadillo, M. Sierra, H. Sierra, Diaz, Avitia, Tucker, Dominguez, Martinez

**Trauma Affected Veterans (24 hours):** Course aims to provide a framework for Law Enforcement, and Telecommunicators to have a basic understanding about military

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culture, traumas, triggers and stressors, and de-escalation techniques when encountering Veterans in crisis. Attended by Ortega, B. Sierra, Delgadillo

**Less than Full Access (8 hours):** This course is designed for operators who perform NCIC/TCIC functions at any level lower than full access. Generally this pertains to inquiry only, including mobile data terminals (MDT). Operators must receive this training. Attended by H. Sierra, Diaz.

***TOTAL TRAINING HOURS FOR THE MONTH: 372 hours***

Respectfully Submitted,



Mike McConnell  
Chief of Police

# CNTYFD Monthly Count Of Calls

Report Date: 3/1/2019 12:00:00 AM  
Report Date From: 3/1/2019 0:00  
Report Date To: 3/31/2019 23:59

El Paso 911 CAD Reports

**Count of CNTYFD Calls: 1128**

## Count of all Events

County Fire Dept Detailed	
CLFD	68
FAFD	85
HCFD	294
MVFD	98
SCFD	266
SEFD	151
WVFD	166

# HCPD Monthly Count Of Calls

El Paso 911 CAD Reports

Report Date: 4/1/2019 2:00:51 AM

Report Date From: 3/1/2019 00:00:00

Report Date To: 3/31/2019 23:59:59

Count of PD Calls:	1078
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Count of OV Calls:	797
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Count of MVA Events:	36
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## Citation Offense Count By Stop Type

Number of PARKING Offenses (for *ALL*)	9
<b>Number of CITATIONS</b>	<b>9</b>
Parked In a Handicapped Zone/Parking - \$86.00 (9000)	4
Parked Facing Traffic - \$46.00 (3561)	4
Parked w/ Wheels Over 18 In From Curb/Edge of Rdwy - \$46.00 (3564)	1

Number of TRAFFIC Offenses (for *ALL*)	473
<b>Number of WARNINGS</b>	<b>99</b>
Speeding (11-20 Miles Over) (3001B)	25
Speeding (1-10 MILES OVER) (3001A)	13
Operate Motor Vehicle Without License Plate or with One License Plate (3667)	5
Fail to Display Drivers License (3263)	5
No Drivers License (3103)	5
Defective Stop Lamp(s) (3170)	5
Defective Head Lamps (3162A)	5
No License Plate Light (3274)	4
Fail to Maintain Financial Responsibility (3049)	4
Fail TO Report Change of Address/Name (3264)	3
Defective Tail Lamp(s) (3167)	3
Failed to Signal Turn/Lane Change (3096)	2
Drove without Lights (When Required) (3198)	2
Violate DL Restriction (3106)	2
Expired Paper Dealer Plate (0000I)	2
Fail to Stop Designated Point/ Marked Stop Line (3060)	2
Failed to Yield R.O.W. at Stop intersection (3005D)	1
Illegal Pass on Right (3020)	1
Fail to Stop Designated Point/Has View of Approaching Traffic (3060)	1
Failed to /Signal Intent to Turn (3097)	1

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## Citation Offense Count By Stop Type

Unrestrained Child 8 YOA or Younger (3031A)	1
No Seat Belt- Passenger (3033)	1
Failed to Yield ROW Turning Left (3055)	1
Child Under 17 Not Secured by Safety Belt (3034)	1
Disregard Pedestrian Control Signal (3582)	1
Failed to Yield at Yield Intersection (3053)	1
Change Name/Mailing Address Later Than 30 Days (CDL) (3302)	1
Driving While License Invalid Under Provisions of DL Laws (3101)	1
<b>Number of CITATIONS</b>	<b>374</b>
Speeding (11-20 Miles Over) (3001B)	73
No Drivers License (3103)	44
Fail to Maintain Financial Responsibility (3049)	38
Defective Stop Lamp(s) (3170)	32
Expired Registration/Plates (3656)	26
Speeding (1-10 MILES OVER) (3001A)	17
Cut Across Driveway/Private Property to Make Turn (3081)	14
Illegal Pass on Right (3020)	13
Fail to Display Drivers License (3263)	9
Driving While License Invalid Under Provisions of DL Laws (3101)	8
Operate Motor Vehicle Without License Plate or with One License Plate (3667)	6
Ran Red Light (3007)	5
Speeding School Zone (11 - 16) (3001SB)	5
Fail to Control Speed (3050)	5
Defective Head Lamps (3162A)	4
Expired Paper Dealer Plate (0000I)	4
Violate DL Restriction (3106)	4
D.O.C. Fighting with Another (1175)	4
Failed to Yield Right of Way (3005C)	4
Expired Drivers License (3259)	3

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## Citation Offense Count By Stop Type

Defective Tail Lamp(s) (3167)	3
Fail to Stop Designated Point/ Marked Stop Line (3060)	3
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia (2100)	3
Fail to Properly Restrain a Dog (0088)	3
Fail TO Report Change of Address/Name (3264)	3
Theft Under \$100.00 (1020)	2
Fail to Stop Designated Point/Has View of Approaching Traffic (3060)	2
Speeding School Zone (1 -10 Miles Over) (3001SA)	2
Wrong or Obscured License Plate (3657)	2
Failed to Yield ROW Turning Left (3055)	2
Speeding (21-25 Miles Over) (3001C)	2
Operate Unregistered Motor Vehicle (3668)	2
Unrestrained Child 8 YOA or Younger (3031A)	2
Trnsport Loose material/Unsecure Load (3629)	2
Speeding (26 + Miles Over) (3001D)	2
Failed to Yield at Yield Intersection (3053)	1
Failed to Signal Turn/Lane Change (3096)	1
Curfew (0038)	1
Fail to Stop-Designated Point/Crosswalk (3060)	1
Crossing Physical Barrier (3028)	1
Turned Across Drivding Section/Median (3076)	1
Drove Wrong Side of Road (3015F)	1
Following Too Closely (3017)	1
Child Under 17 Not Secured by Safety Belt (3034)	1
Failed to Yield ROW to Emergency Vehcile (3057)	1
No Motor Cycle Endorsement (3112)	1
No License Plate Light (3274)	1
Failed to Yield R.O.W. at Stop intersection (3005D)	1
Display Unclean License Plates/Obstrcted (3658)	1

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No Seat Belt- Passenger (3033)	1
Failed to Yield ROW at Open Intersection (3054)	1
Equipment/Missing or None (3627)	1
Failed to Drive in an Single Lane (3070)	1
Failed to Yield ROW (Private Drive/Alley/Building ) (3056)	1
Fail to Yield Row Changing Lanes (3288)	1
Turned Left from Wrong Lane (3011)	1