

Horizon City Police Department



June Report



June 2024

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Mission:

It is the mission of the Horizon City Police Department to provide professional services with integrity and dedication, to preserve life, to enforce the law, and to work in partnership with the community to enhance the quality of life in the Town of horizon City.

Core Values:

- Integrity: The Horizon City Police Department is built upon a foundation of ethical and professional conduct. We are committed to the highest level of moral principles and ethics. All members of the department will adhere to the Law Enforcement Code of Ethics, which is a part of this manual.
- Honesty: We will be always truthful and trustworthy.
- Fairness: We are committed to equal application of the law to offenders and members of the public as well as the equal application of rules and regulations to all members of the department.
- Courage: We are dedicated to meeting all challenges with the courage needed to accomplish our mission.
- Compassion: We understand our role as community caretakers and temper our application of the law with compassion and empathy.

Goals:

- Decrease NIBRS Crimes by 10 percent.
- Increase public awareness of our department through transparency through in person and media communication
- Assist in developing our staff professionally by increasing training hours by 25%
- Achieve Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies Certification for Communications
- Increase our collaborative efforts with other Law Enforcement agencies.

Objectives:

- Provide vigorous preventative and enforcement activities
- Focus on critical thinking and problem-solving skills
- Establish and maintain strong a working relationship with members of our community
- Ensure requests for service from citizens are dispatched promptly
- Ensure public safety responders are provided the necessary tactical and operational equipment and support to carry out their assigned duties
- Provide informational presentations to community members on crime related topics.



This report is designed to provide statistical information illustrating the Horizon Police Department's operations and administrative functions. The statistical information reported will provide staff with guidance for operational planning, workload assessment and statistically compare our productivity to the previous year. It serves to make necessary adjustments in policies and procedures to meet state and national standards for accreditation.

Demographics

The Horizon City Police Department is comprised of 30 officers and 20 communication specialists. The Police Department are entrusted to patrol approximately 8.5 square miles and provide public safety services for approximately 22,000 residents. Our communications Division is charged with providing emergency phone and dispatch services to the Police Department and approximately 170,000 residents for Fire and Emergency Services under Emergency Management District #1 and Emergency Management District #2.

Staffing

The Chief of Police oversees the Assistant Chief and the Communications Manager. The Assistant Chief of Police oversees the 2 Lieutenants and oversees the Detectives and other investigative personnel. The Patrol Lieutenants oversee the Patrol Sergeants. The Communications Shift Supervisors report to the Communications Manager. The Department consists of primarily Four operational divisions.

- Patrol Division overseen by 2 Lieutenants.
- Criminal Investigations Division overseen by a Lieutenant
- Communications Division overseen by the Communications Manager
- Support and Administrative Functions overseen by the Chief of Police

Law Enforcement Positions	Allotted	Current	Vacancy
Chief of Police	1	1	0
Assistant Chief	1	0	1
Lieutenants	3	3	0
Sergeants	3	3	0
Corporals	3	3	0
Detectives	3	2	1
Officers	19	19	0
Crime Scene Technician	1	1	0
Civilians	2	2	0

Communication Positions	Allotted	Current	Vacancy
Communications Manager	1	1	0
Communications Supervisor	3	3	0
Dispatchers	14	13	1

Crime Report



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It is the goal of our Police Department to reduce NIBRS Crimes by 10 percent. Year to date, we are reporting a decrease in part one crimes. Our areas of decrease have been isolated to property crimes. We show a 3.8 % decrease overall compared to last month. Below is the chart designating our specific crime numbers. Below is the chart designating our specific crime numbers.

Part 1 2023-2024	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Total
Murder	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0
Sexual Assault	1	0	5	0	0	0	0	0		0	6
Robbery	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0
Agg. Assault	0	0	0	3	2	0	0	2		0	7
Burglary	2	0	0	0	2	0	1	0		0	5
Larceny	10	7	8	4	8	10	3	2		0	52
Simple Assault	4	6	12	7	13	8	6	8		0	64
Vehicle Theft	2	3	0	0	4	0	2	0		0	11
Total	19	16	25	14	29	18	12	12		0	145





May 2024 to June 2024 Comparison



0% No Decrease or Increase

Crimes Against Persons

Part 1 2024	Dec. 2023	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Murder	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sexual Assault	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Agg. Assault	0	0	3	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Simple Assault	6	12	7	13	8	6	8	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	6	17	10	15	8	6	10	0	0	0	0	0	0



Property Crimes

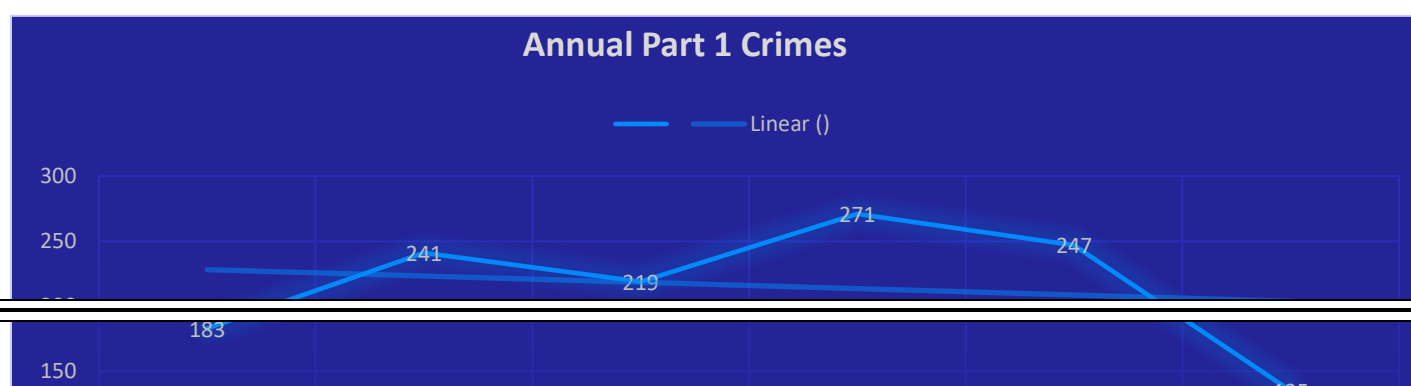


Part 1 2024	Dec. 2023	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Robbery	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Burglary	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Larceny	6	8	4	8	10	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vehicle Theft	4	0	0	4	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	10	8	4	14	10	6	2	0	0	0	0	0	0



Annual Part 1 Crimes

Part 1 Crimes	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Total
Murder	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sexual Assault	9	12	15	4	3	6	41
Robbery	1	1	3	1	1	0	7
Agg. Assault	7	16	17	25	14	5	74
Burglary	17	16	14	23	15	5	90
Larceny	75	82	71	92	88	52	460
Simple Assault	70	107	85	93	90	56	501
Vehicle Theft	4	7	14	33	36	11	105
Total	183	241	219	271	247	135	1,278





Patrol Division

The Patrol Division is commanded by Lieutenant Jesus Ortega. It is comprised of 2 Lieutenants, 3 Sergeants, 3 Corporals and 12 Patrol Officers. They operate 24 hours a day 7 days a week on rotating shifts. The shifts rotate every 56 days while days off rotate every 28 days.

Data Driven Approach to Traffic and Crime Safety

Our Data Driven Approach to Traffic and Crime Safety is our patrol strategy designed to focus on the hot spot areas for accidents and criminal incidents. Below are the hotspot locations and number of contacts charts.

Top 5 Traffic Collision Areas

Location	Crashes
Total Crashes for the month of June	18 (14 less than May)
Horizon Blvd./N. Darrington Rd.	5
S. Darrington Rd./Pawling Dr.	1
N. Darrington Rd./Emigrant Rd.	1
McMahon Ave./Crocker Dr.	1
S. Kenazo Ave./Rudi Keufner St.	1

Traffic Contacts

2024	1	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	YTD
Sgt Juan Nunez	99	93	56	106	90	79							523
Sgt Guillermo Rosas	85	109	59	104	149	169							675
Sgt Heli Sierra	112	193	173	170	241	221							1,110
Administrative Team	37	31	32	55	95	41							291



Traffic Contacts



	Sgt. Juan Nunez	Sgt. Guillermo Rosas	Sgt. John C. Rodriguez	Administrative Team	Total
Dispatched calls	291	269	198	91	849
Self-Initiated calls	201	247	317	168	933
Incident Reports	23	19	20	2	64
Crash Reports	5	4	7	4	20
Total	520	539	542	265	1,866

Arrests

Arrest Breakdown	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	EC	YTD
2023 Felony Arrests	6	6	3	3	8	3							29
2023 Misdemeanor Arrests	16	14	12	25	4	3							74
Sgt. Nunez													
Felony Arrest	4	3	2	1	7	2							19
Misdemeanor Arrest	4	7	3	6	4	1							25
Sgt. Rosas													
Felony Arrest	0	3	0	0	0	0							3
Misdemeanor Arrest	5	3	2	1	0	1							12
Sgt. Heli Sierra													
Felony Arrest	2	0	1	2	1	1							7
Misdemeanor Arrest	7	4	5	16	0	1							33



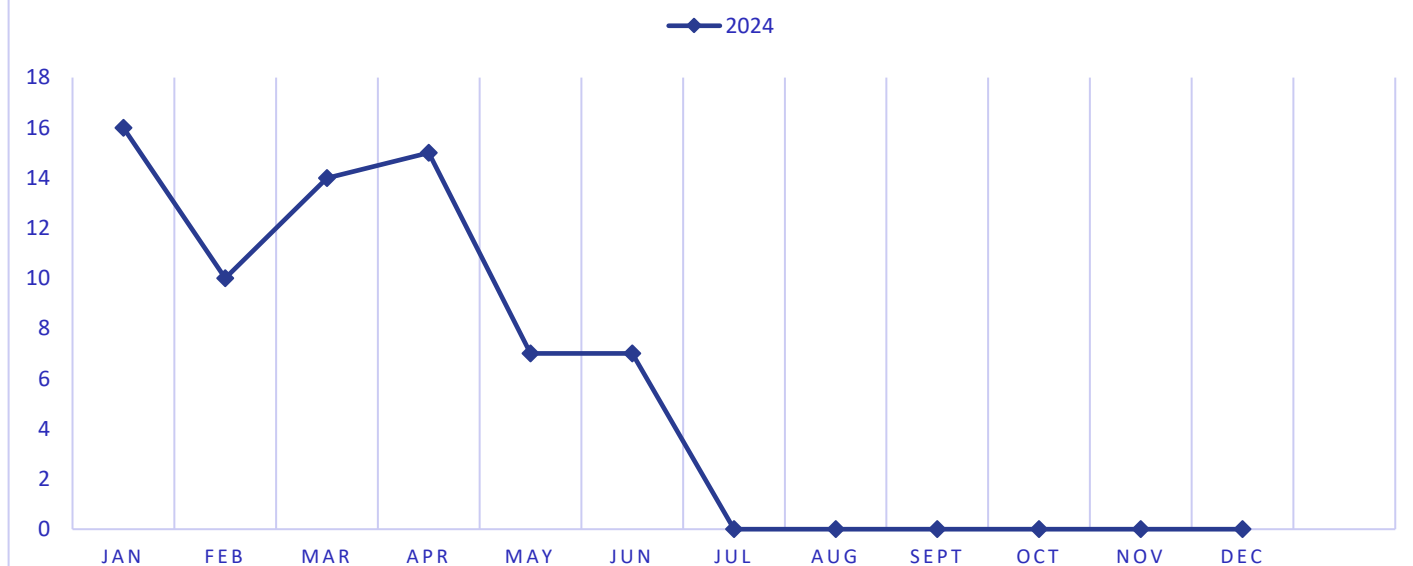
Community Outreach

Officer Heli Sierra has been helping organize community events and presentations. His training included public speaking and developing valuable crime analytic techniques which will help our agency better serve our Horizon City community by identifying patterns, suspects, and helping our patrol officers accomplish the mission of serving by creating a targeted patrol strategy.

ACTIVITY SUMMARY	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	YTD
Presentations	16	10	14	15	7	7							25



PRESENTATIONS



Month to Month Comparison



Criminal Investigations Division

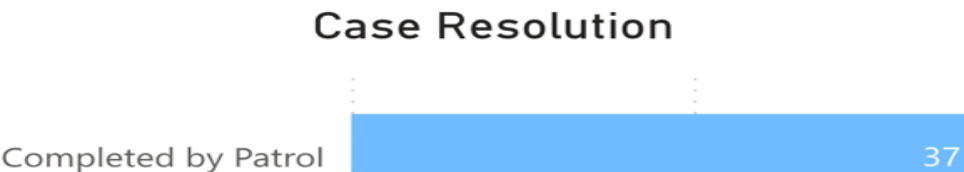
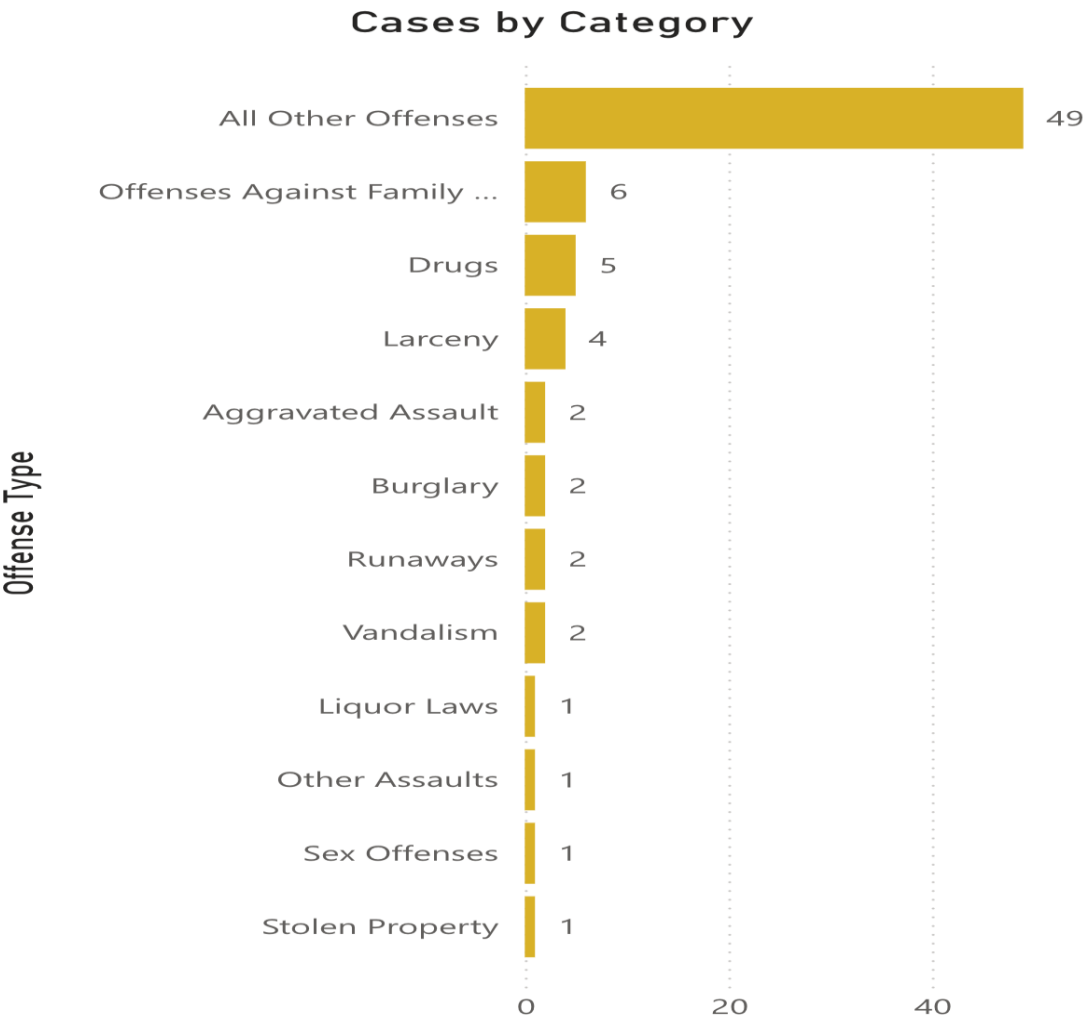
0% Increase or Decrease

Investigations

Lieutenant Kaycee Valdez oversees our Criminal Investigations Division, where a team of dedicated professionals is responsible for examining a broad array of criminal cases. This unit is comprised of three detectives who handle cases ranging from misdemeanors to more serious felony offenses.

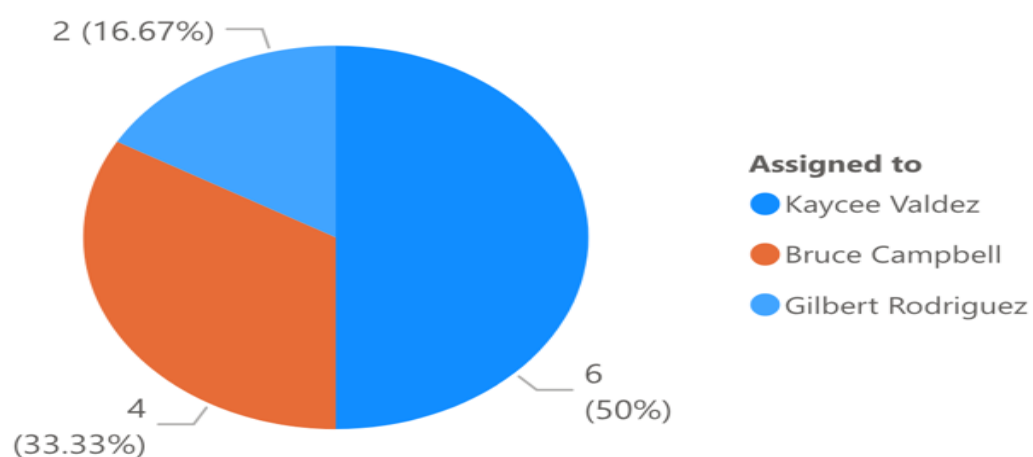


Their job involves digging into these cases, collecting evidence, and working closely with various partners to bring investigations to a conclusion. Lieutenant Valdez and her team are committed to upholding the law and ensuring the safety of our community through their hard work and dedication.





Caseload by Investigator



Case Priority

Filed - No Further Action...

44

Medium

15



Notable Activities for CID, Traffic, Forensics & Warrants Section:

Our forensic technician, Bernadette Ortega identified several cases which could possibly be ready for disposition of evidence. The verification of this case's disposition at the District Attorney's Office could mean that the items could be disposed of, and our evidence room would reclaim valuable storage space. A major



goal for 2024 is to identify these cases and reclaim as much evidence room space as possible. Doing so would prevent the added city expenses of acquiring feasible off site storage or expanding the current evidence room

Traffic Division

Officer Eric Delgadillo assumes the responsibility of enforcing commercial vehicle regulations, conducting thorough inspections to address both minor administrative discrepancies, colloquially referred to as "paper" infractions, and more significant lapses in essential safety equipment maintenance.

His contribution is instrumental in mitigating potential risks that could result in severe accidents. Officer Delgadillo's efforts contribute significantly to upholding road safety standards and ensuring compliance within the commercial transportation sector, as evidenced by his commitment to addressing and rectifying regulatory violations.

Every detailed roadside inspection can take upwards of 2 hours to complete. During the month of December, Officer Eric Delgadillo conducted 12 inspections and found 3 commercial vehicles not road worthy.

We are pleased to introduce our new motorcycle officer, whose role extends beyond traditional ticket enforcement. The strategic advantage of employing a motorcycle officer lies in their exceptional maneuverability through traffic, facilitating the efficient clearance of congested areas and prompt response to emergencies.

The motorcycle's nimble mobility further enables the officer to swiftly traverse the city, providing valuable assistance to fellow officers during calls for service. This enhanced responsiveness and versatility contribute significantly to our overall law enforcement capabilities and community safety efforts. The addition of a motorcycle officer has proven to be an asset in addressing dynamic situations and optimizing our resources for effective public service.

COMMERCIAL VEHICLE ENFORCEMENT	Activity Summary
Commercial Vehicles Inspected	3
Commercial Vehicle Violations	32
Commercial Vehicles Placed Out of Service	2
Commercial Drivers Placed Out of Service	2
Citations Issued	8
Specialized Training Hours	80
Criminal Cases Generated	0
Crash Reports Generated	0
Hours Supporting Patrol Division	16
Training Instructor Hours	8
Hours Participating in Community Events	8



Forensics Unit

Bernadette Ortega is an outstanding asset to our team, serving as our Crime Scene and Evidence Lead. Her remarkable experience sets her among the top professionals in the state. Officer Abraham Diaz also works alongside her in the Crime Scene and Evidence department, contributing their skills to handle forensic evidence and conduct thorough crime scene investigations. Together, they uphold the highest standards of forensic work.

Forensic Unit Responsibilities

Forensics Unit

Bernadette Ortega stands out as a valuable asset to our team, taking on the role of Crime Scene and Evidence Lead with exceptional expertise. Her extensive experience positions her among the top professionals in the state, bringing a wealth of knowledge to our forensic endeavors. Working alongside her is Officer Abraham Diaz, who also plays a pivotal role in the Crime Scene and Evidence department. Together, they seamlessly combine their skills to handle forensic evidence and conduct meticulous crime scene investigations. Their collaborative efforts embody the highest standards of forensic work, ensuring the team excels in accuracy and efficiency.

Forensic Unit Responsibilities

Activity	#
Training Instructor Hours	13.5
In Service Training Hours	0
Hours Spent Processing Evidence	33.5
Hours Spent Managing Evidence Room	19
Hours Spent Processing Open Records Material	22.25
Walk Ins for fingerprints	11
Hours responding to active crime scene	12.5
Number of items submitted to laboratory for analysis	12
Evidence returned from laboratory with leads	1
Total items returned from laboratory	3

Warrants Division and Bailiff

Officer Abraham Diaz assumes a multifaceted role within the law enforcement department, serving as the Court Bailiff and the Warrants Officer. His contributions make him an indispensable member of our law enforcement



team. As the primary point of contact for matters pertaining to the municipal court, convened biweekly, Officer Diaz ensures the seamless functioning of court proceedings.

During the month of January, our fleet underwent a major technological upgrade. Officer Diaz oversaw the installation of the Axon integrated camera system which unifies the dashboard camera/body camera/license plate reader system in our vehicles to the technology worn by the officer while on patrol. With this advancement, our agency is able to go further in transparency and incident-review by means of an intelligent hive camera system which automatically activates based on nearby activation by another officer, vehicle, or by the removal of the officer's firearm or taser from their duty belt.

Communications Division

The Communications Section is overseen by the Communications Manager and is comprised of 3 Communications Shift Supervisors, and 14 Communications Specialists.



Response Times

	Average Call to Arrival	Average Dispatch/Actual to Arrival	Actual	Target
Priority 1-3 Pending to Arrival less than or equal to 8 Minutes	00:04:46	00:03:29	100%	90%
Priority 4-6 Pending to Arrival less than or equal to 12 Minutes:	00:13:12	00:04:38	90.67%	80%
Priority 7-9 Pending to Arrival less than or equal to 15 Minutes:	00:17:14	00:08:06	85.74%	70%

Horizon Police Calls for Service

	Dispatched	Self-Initiated	Mobile Data Terminal Calls	Total
Horizon Police	1,749	1,162	219	2,911

ESD 1 Calls for Service

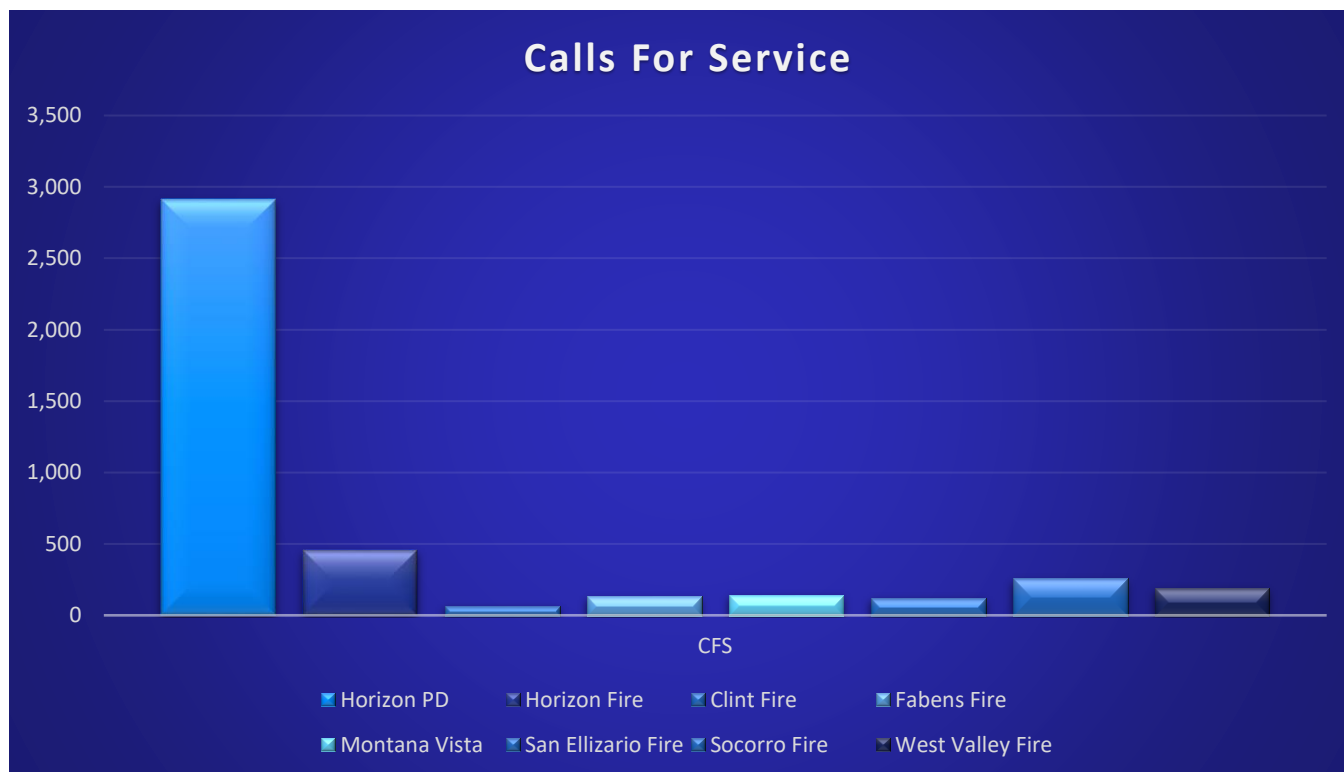
	Alarm	Assist	Brush Fire	Car Fire	Water Gas Leaks	Medical	MVA	Structure Fires	Total
Horizon Fire	28	42	14	3	14/16	283	51	2	453

ESD 2 Calls for Service

	Alarm	Assist	Brush Fire	Car Fire	Water/Gas Leaks	Medical	MVA	Structure Fire	Total
Clint	0	6	4	2	1	47	7	0	67
Fabens	2	8	4	1	1	104	11	1	132
Montana Vista	4	12	12	0	0	97	15	3	143
San Elizario	4	6	7	1	3	91	5	2	119
Socorro	7	14	7	1	4	187	34	3	257
West Valley	17	11	4	0	9	134	11	3	189



Total	34	57	38	5	18	660	83	12	907
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Departmental Significant and Notable Accomplishments



Mobile for Public Safety (MPS) Training

Mobile for Public Safety provides law enforcement personnel in the field with the tools they need to respond immediately, regardless of their location. This extension to Intergraph's Computer Aided Dispatch (I/CAD) makes incident, mapping, and location data available in the field, improving officer's productivity and safety, enabling background checks at the scene, updating officer location and availability status, and reducing the amount of radio traffic in dispatch. The information provided in the course is beneficial to both dispatchers and officers to know the overall system and capabilities. In addition, the course helps to expand the dispatcher's situational awareness and helps both the officer and the dispatcher when system issues arise.



Basic Instructor Course

Shift Supervisor's Stephanie Cortes and Anthony Dominguez attended a weeklong Basic Instructor Course 1014 taught by the Department of Public Safety held at 6055 Threadgill. During the course, trainees learned the processes needed to research, develop, and present material in a measurable presentation. The course taught

trainees how to create lesson plans and instructor biographies approved by the Texas Commission of Law Enforcement (TCOLE). Trainees were assigned to create two lesson plans which had to be presented in front of classmates. The first lesson was a 15-minute presentation. The second lesson was a 30-minute presentation.





On Tuesday, June 4, 2024, Officer V. Hernandez, and Detective A. Labrado met with the University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP) assistant director of Marketing and additional staff regarding the future Heroes Day that will be taking place the first week of September. The goal is for all first responders to come together once again for the second time in a row and be honored throughout the entire game. During the first meeting, other agencies such as El Paso Police Department, Sunland Park Police Department and the Army personnel attended the meeting. The goal is to get as many agencies involved to interact with the El Paso community in order to show them what we do and provide them with opportunities within different departments. Officers will continue to attend following meetings to better prepare for the big final event where thousands of people will attend.



Movies at the Park – June 8 & 21

On Friday June 7, 2024, Horizon City Police Department held the first Movies at the Park of the year. The movie shown for the day was Trolls Band Together. Movies at the park is an outreach event that consists of an



inflatable screen being put up and showing a movie with a projector. The event begins at 6:00PM and usually ends by 10:00PM. Those officers working the event begin gathering all the equipment since 4:00PM and stay afterwards to put everything back. Mostly all of the administrative officers participated in the event and several Explorers also helped with the event as well at the Public Works Department. During the event, there were games for children to be a part of that were coordinated by one of the officers and prizes were given to the winners. The games consisted of different water balloon games. Multiple vendors and food

trucks participated in the event and were able to promote, recruit and sell their merchandise at the event. On June 21st the featured film was MIGRATION. Two more movies remain in the program and will be shown during the month of July.

SK8 4KIDS Competition

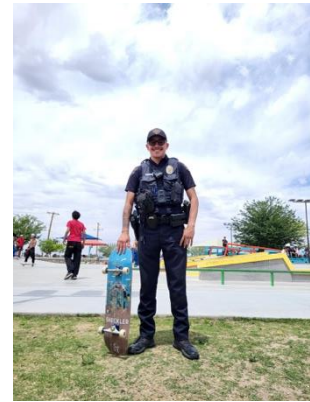


On Saturday, June 8, 2024, Horizon City Police Department along with SK8 4KIDS non-profit organization



hosted the very first HCPD SK8 Series. The event took place early in the morning and lasted until the afternoon at our local Desmond Corcoran Park. There were multiple vendors at the event, selling and promoting their businesses. Food trucks were also at the event for people to purchase fresh drinks or food as they watched the competition. SK8 4KIDS oversaw registering people who were interested in participating in the competition which consisted of different categories such as beginners, intermediate, advance and females.

Some of the sponsors for the event consisted of Raising Cane's Chicken, Hooters, The Sushi Plug, Urban Air Adventure Park, 99 Skateboards, and Meta Power. It was a great turnout at the very first competition and we look forward for the next one. We look forward in strengthening our relationship with everyone in the skating community and we hope to continue having these types of events as we greatly value the passion these young individuals have for the sport.



Groundbreaking Meeting

On Tuesday, June 18, 2024, Lt. Valdez, Police Chief M. Vargas and Officer V. Hernandez met with Public Works employees and City Clerk to discuss details regarding Horizon City Police Department and Municipal Courts new headquarters groundbreaking ceremony. The first meeting consisted of discussing a day and time for the ceremony as well as personnel who will be allowed to attend as well as additional details to have a memorable

ceremony. A groundbreaking ceremony for a new police headquarters marks a significant milestone in the city's law enforcement and community. We hope city officials, as well as our local and outside agency police officers and residents join for this special day.



Ruidoso Drop-off Donations

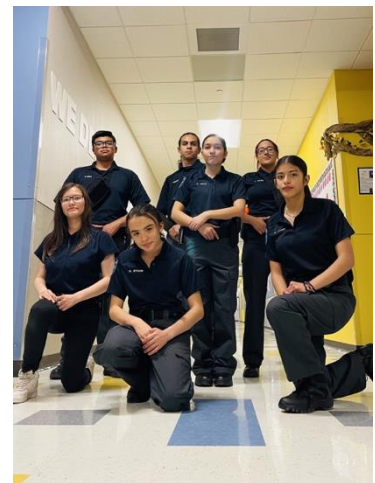


On Thursday, June 20 and Friday, June 21, 2024, Horizon City, its residents, Horizon City Police Department and Horizon Fire Department came together for a great cause. After learning of the tragic fires happening in the Ruidoso, New Mexico area, the whole community and first responders took it upon themselves to establish a donation drop off at our local Walmart Supercenter. Munoz Trucking was kind enough to lend one of their tractors as well as a trailer to take the donations as well as proving a driver to take all donations and drop them off at Ruidoso for all those in need. Officers with the police department, city employees, Munoz trucking personnel, firefighters, and residents assisted by working and/or volunteering their time to take on the donations being dropped off by our community. HCPD and HCFD shared a flyer with the community stating what the priority items needed were. Those items included non-perishable items, children's diapers, baby food, canned food, adult diapers, clothing of all sizes, water, snacks, toiletries and sheets and blankets. For two days, donations were being accepted and people spread the word as they were eager to help our New Mexico neighbors. After all donations were completed, Munoz Trucking driver was scheduled to drop off all items Saturday morning to which it was successfully done along with one HCPD officer. HCPD is proud and honored to have been part of organizing this Ruidoso Relief Donation Drop-Off as we continue to effectively come together as a whole community and make a meaningful impact on the lives of those who need it the most.



Explorer Program

For the month of June, Officer V. Hernandez and Lt. Valdez were able to meet three times with the Explorer Program. The first meeting consisted of these young individuals assisting officers at our very first showing of Movies at the Park. They met with officers at Horizon City Police Department at 4:30PM and continued assisting at the park until 10:00PM. These young individuals assisted by showing presence and reporting any issues they would come across. The second meeting was held at Horizon City Police Department where the Explorers took a friendly test to refresh them on their ten codes and phonetic alphabet. Officer Hernandez introduced these young individuals to Driving While Intoxicated cases. Officer Hernandez briefly explained these young individuals how officers handle a DWI case and was able to show them videos. During the third meeting, these young individuals met with Lt. Valdez for the second showing of Movies at the Park at our local Desmond Corcoran Park.





Coffee With A Cop – June

Our agency held its monthly Coffee With a Cop event at Starbucks on June 27th. Many of our community members stopped in to express their appreciation for our police officers. The Sheriff's Office was also present, along with Horizon Fire to field any questions from community members residing outside the town of Horizon City.

Coffee With a Cop



Officer Staff and Recognition



Communications Shift Supervisor Sheila Tarango and communications specialists Irlanda Huerta, Julie Nava, and Mirna Sierra attended the Understanding Targeted Cyber Attacks training at the El Paso 911 Regional Communications Center. Attendees were provided with basic concepts related to targeted cyber attacks. The training focused on the attacker's methods used during each phase of a targeted cyber-attack. Strategies were also provided for preparation, response, and recovery from a targeted cyber-attack. Everyone is susceptible to be a victim of a cyber-attack. Cybersecurity awareness and understanding is key to protect oneself from a cyber-attack.

During the month of June, our detective squad achieved significant milestones by successfully closing several sensitive child and sexual abuse cases, ensuring that the accused perpetrators were brought closer to justice. Additionally, our task force-assigned detective continues to collaborate with the FBI Major Crime Unit, aiding in the resolution of cases under federal jurisdiction.

Furthermore, all members of our detective squad actively participated in the "Movies in the Park" program, which offers a safe and enjoyable entertainment venue for hundreds of Horizon City residents. This initiative not only fosters community engagement but also provides our dedicated detectives with a much-needed breather from the intense critical thinking and tragic situations they encounter daily.

While on a routine traffic stop, Officer Trevino was almost struck by an oncoming vehicle who failed to properly yield to him. Officer Trevino then conducted a traffic stop on that vehicle to further investigate. After meeting with the driver, he admitted that he wanted to crash his vehicle into someone or something. Officer Trevino determined that the driver was going through a mental crisis and got him the help that he needed. If it wasn't for Officer Trevino's quick thinking, the young man could have taken his life or the innocent life of another.

Cpl. C. Zeiger, Officers E. Delgadillo, A. Diaz, and N. Ortega completed an intensive two-week specialized training which taught the required skills used during motorcycle crash investigations. The STI team investigates all traffic accidents involving serious bodily injury or death, so it is imperative that they continue to attend specialized trainings in order to complete their investigations to the best of their ability.

Great Work

Robert Herrera exemplifies the qualities of a true team player, consistently performing his duties with reliability and proactively assisting his coworkers. Robert volunteers to help without hesitation, frequently offering to cover shifts. He is punctual and has an excellent attendance record. Additionally, he demonstrates a commitment to continuous improvement by asking questions when



needed and promptly correcting any mistakes. Robert consistently maintains a positive attitude from the moment he arrives until the end of his shift.