



HORIZON CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT



March 2024

MONTHLY REPORT

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Introduction

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 commination.
- 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.

Horizon City Police Department Monthly Report

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 the Assistant Chief
- 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	1	0
Lieutenants	3	3	0
Sergeants	3	2	1
Corporals	3	3	0
Detectives	3	3	0
Officers	21	21	1
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	12	2

Administrative

	Original Budget	Available Budget	Encumbrances	Requisitions	Percentage Remaining
PD	\$2,278,599.00	\$1,187,596.44	\$ 88,493.14	\$ 6,226.14	52.12 %
Communications	871,341.00	498,221.21	\$38,403.48	\$ 4,060.64	57.73 %

	Amount Appropriated FY 2022-2023	Amount Expended February 2024	Balance	Percentage Remaining 2024 YTD
PD	\$ 68,712.00	\$ 11,723.39	\$ 1,864.16	2.71 %
Communications	\$ 44,999.00	\$ 1,466.54	\$ 12,108.84	26.91 %

Pay Codes	Police Department	Communications
OT	378.25	85.50
Comp	128.50	8
PTO	1,073.24	287.50
LWO	152.14	0
Military	0	240
Training	941	90
Funeral	48	16
Personal	48	8
Holiday	0	0
Injury	0	0
Suspension	0	0

Sergeants	Sgt. Juan Nunez	Sgt. Guillermo	Sgt. John Rodriguez	Administrative	Total
Gas Used	183.32	127.32	177.98	106.61	595.23
Miles Driven	229	280	110	100	719
Miles per Gallon	3.97	6.99	2.96	2.98	16.9

OPERATIONAL SUMMARY	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTALS
GAS USED (GAL)	2,224	2,000	1,762	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5,986
MILES DRIVEN	10,068	10,120	8,796	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20,188
MILES/GALLON	4.10	5.06	4.99	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	14.15

According to the Wex gasoline report there was a 13.08 % decrease in gas usage, compared to the month of January.

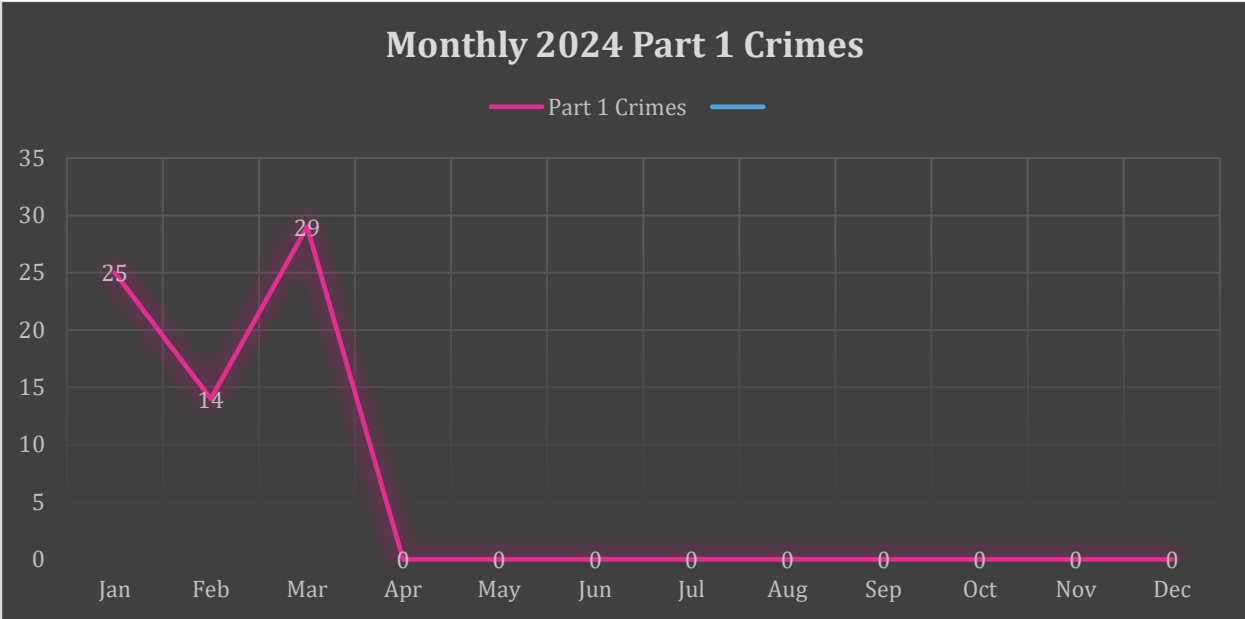
Crime Report

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 52 % 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 Crimes	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Total
Murder	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sexual Assault	9	12	15	4	3	43
Robbery	1	1	3	1	1	7
Agg. Assault	7	16	17	25	14	79
Burglary	17	16	14	23	15	85
Larceny	75	82	71	92	88	408
Simple Assault	70	107	85	93	90	445
Vehicle Theft	4	7	14	33	36	94
Total	183	241	219	271	247	1161

February 2024 to March Comparison

52% Increase



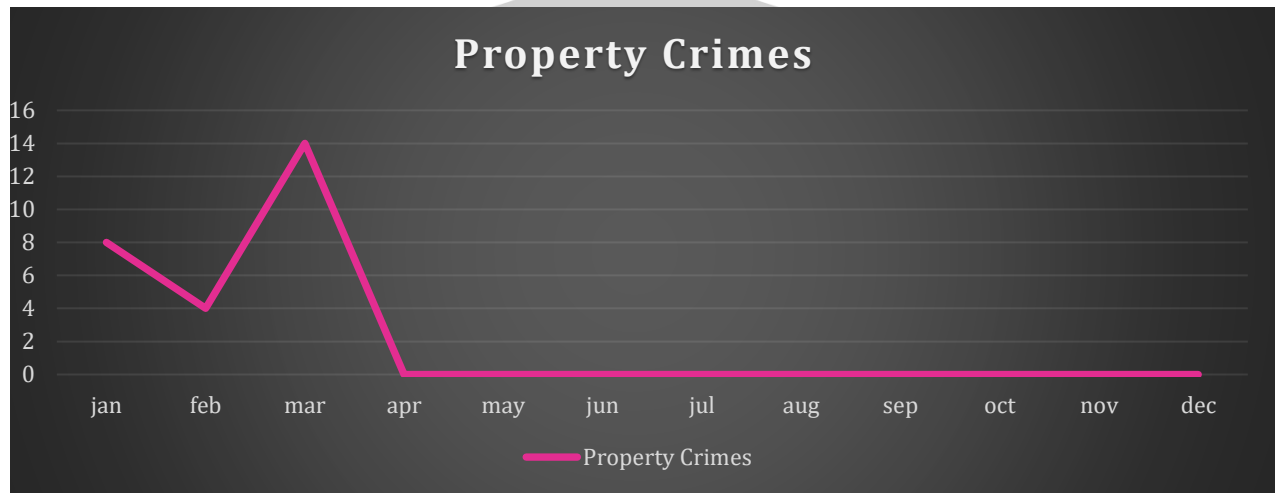
Crimes Against Persons

Murder	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sexual Assault	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Agg. Assault	0	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Simple Assault	12	7	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	32
Total	17	10	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	42



Property Crimes

Part 1 2023	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Robbery	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Burglary	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Larceny	8	4	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20
Vehicle Theft	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Total	8	4	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	26

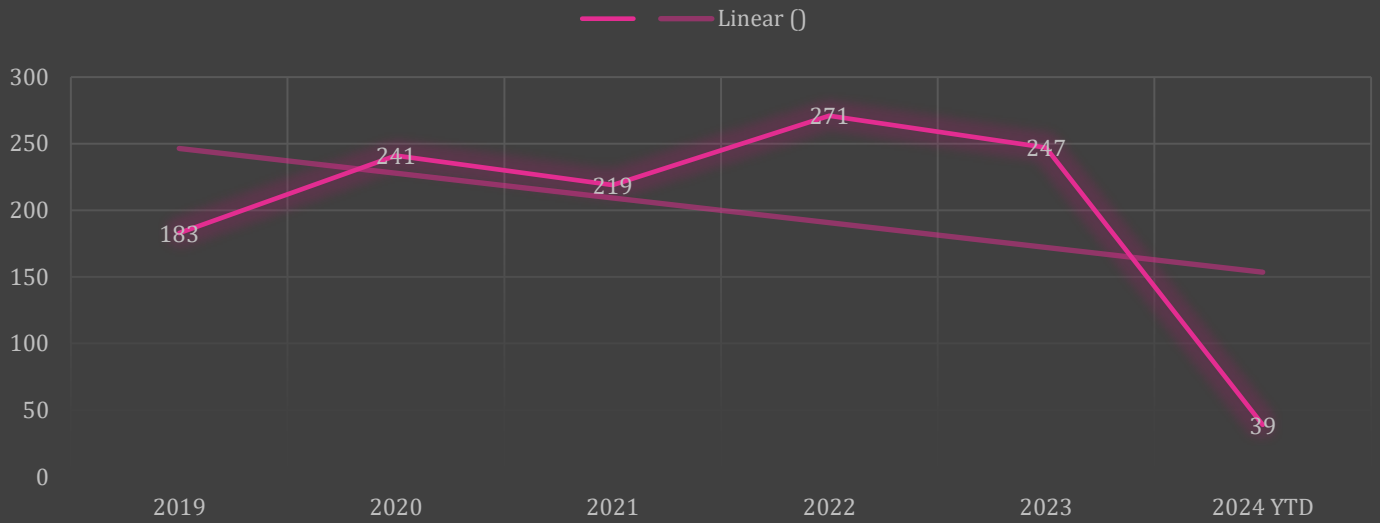


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Patrol Division

The Patrol Division is commanded by Lieutenant Jesus Ortega, newly promoted Lieutenant John C. Rodriguez. Daily activity data is compiled and analyzed by Lieutenant Kaycee Valdez. The division 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.

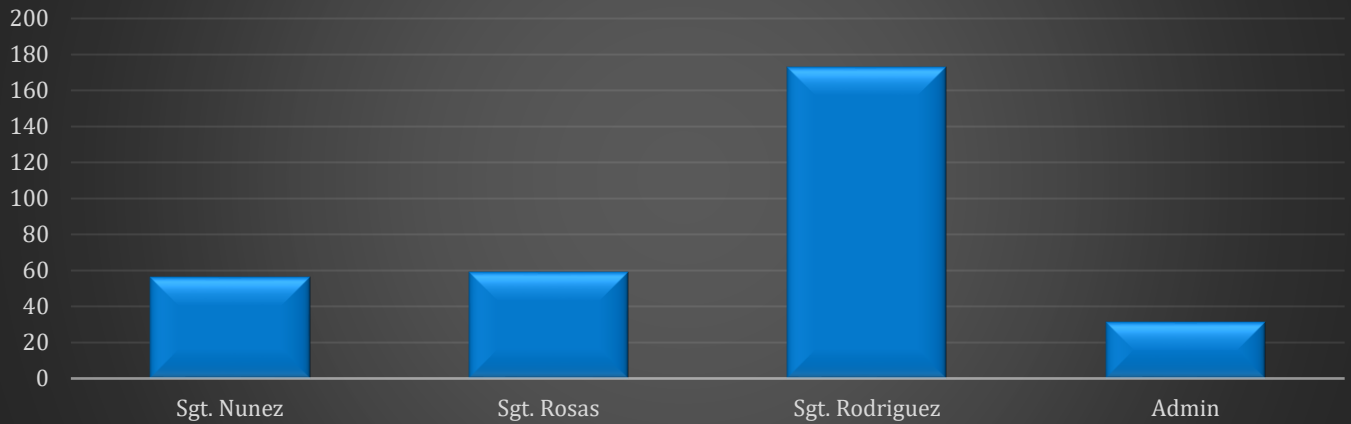
Top 5 Traffic Collision Areas

Location	Crashes
TOTAL CRASHES February	28 (3 More than February)
Darrington/ Rudi Kuefner	3
Horizon/Rodman	2
Darrington/S. Kenazo	2
Horizon/ Breaux	2
Horizon/Darrington	2

Traffic Contacts

2024	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	YTD
Sgt Juan Nunez	99	93	56										248
Sgt Guillermo Ro	85	109	59										253
Sgt John Rodrigu	112	193	173										478
Administrative Team	37	31	32										68

Traffic Contacts



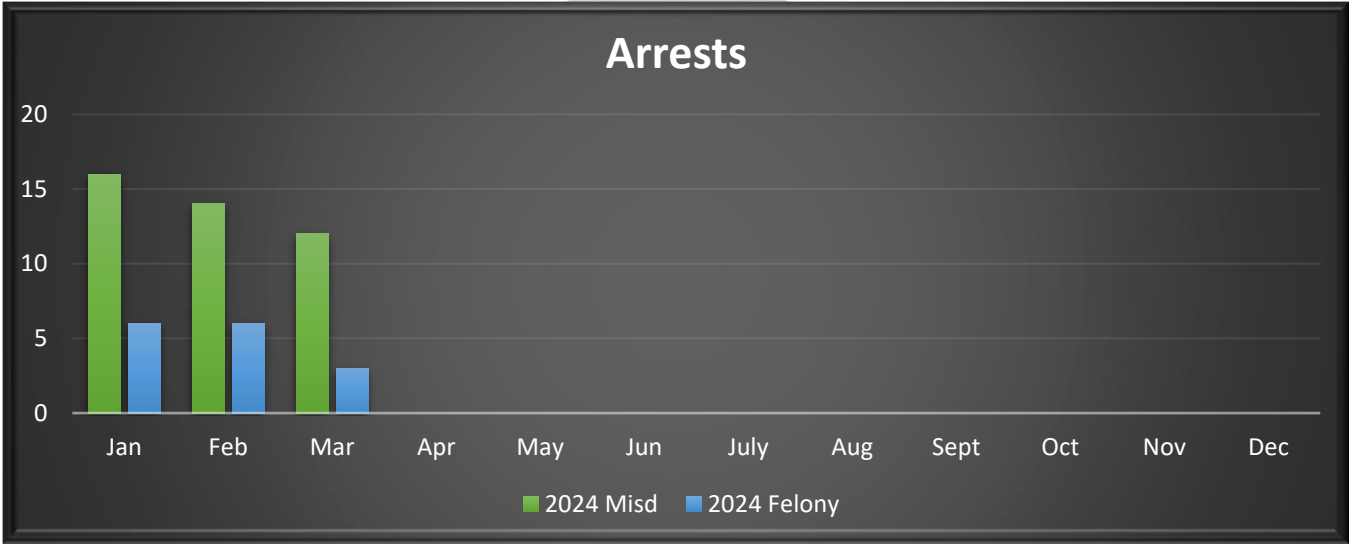
Calls for Service

Monthly	Sgt. Juan Nunez	Sgt. Guillermo Rosas	Sgt. John C. Rodriguez	Administrative Team	Total
Dispatched calls	270	210	308	106	894
Self-Initiated calls	111	217	216	79	623
Incident Reports	31	25	20	4	80
Crash Reports	10	14	3	2	29
Total	422	466	547	191	13008

Arrests

Arrest Breakdown	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	YTD
2024 Felony Arrest	6	6	3										15
2024 Misdemeanor Arrests	16	14	12										45
Sgt. Nunez													
Felony Arrest	4	3	2										7
Misdemeanor Arrest	4	7	3										11
Sgt. Rosas													
Felony Arrest	0	3	0										3

Misdemeanor Arrest	5	3	2										8
Sgt. John Rodriguez													
Felony Arrest	2	0	1										2
Misdemeanor Arrest	7	4	5										11



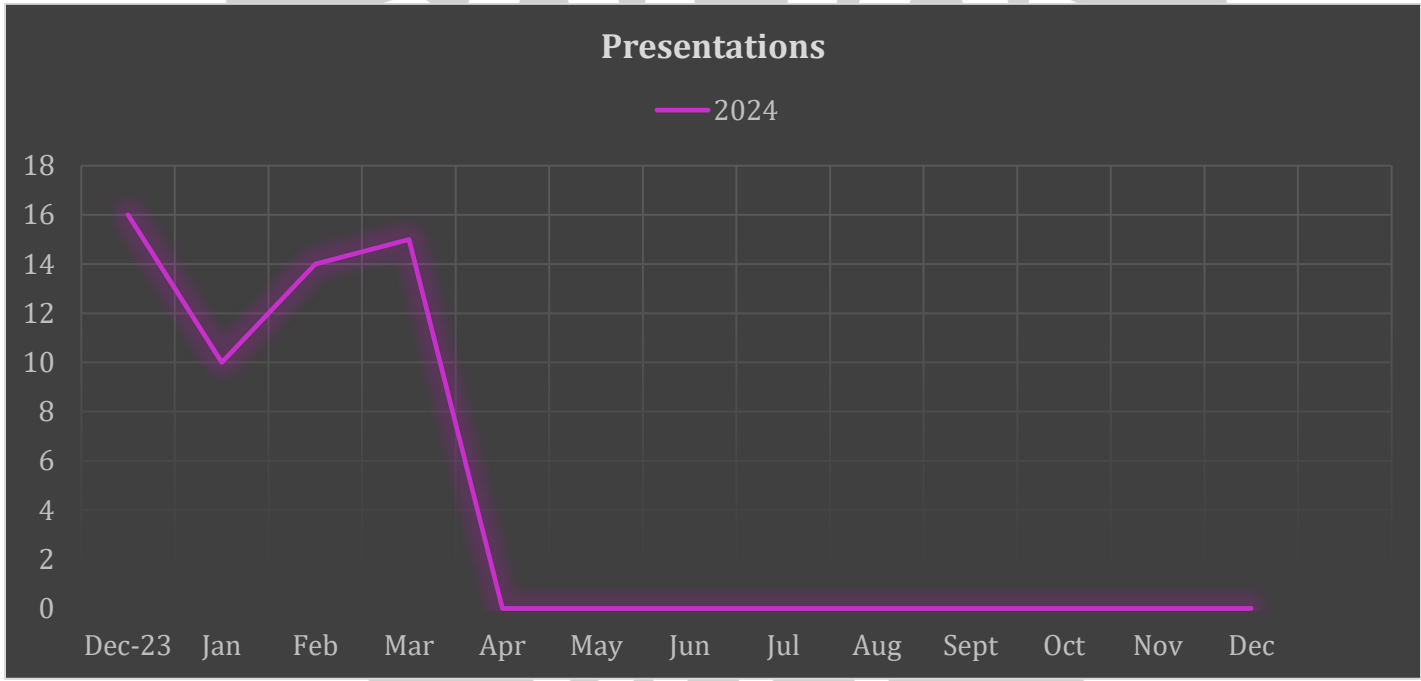
Month to Month Comparison

25% decrease from February 2024

Community Presentations and Public Relations

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	Dec 2023	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	YTD
2024 Presentation	16	10	14	15										



Month to Month Comparison
7 % Increase



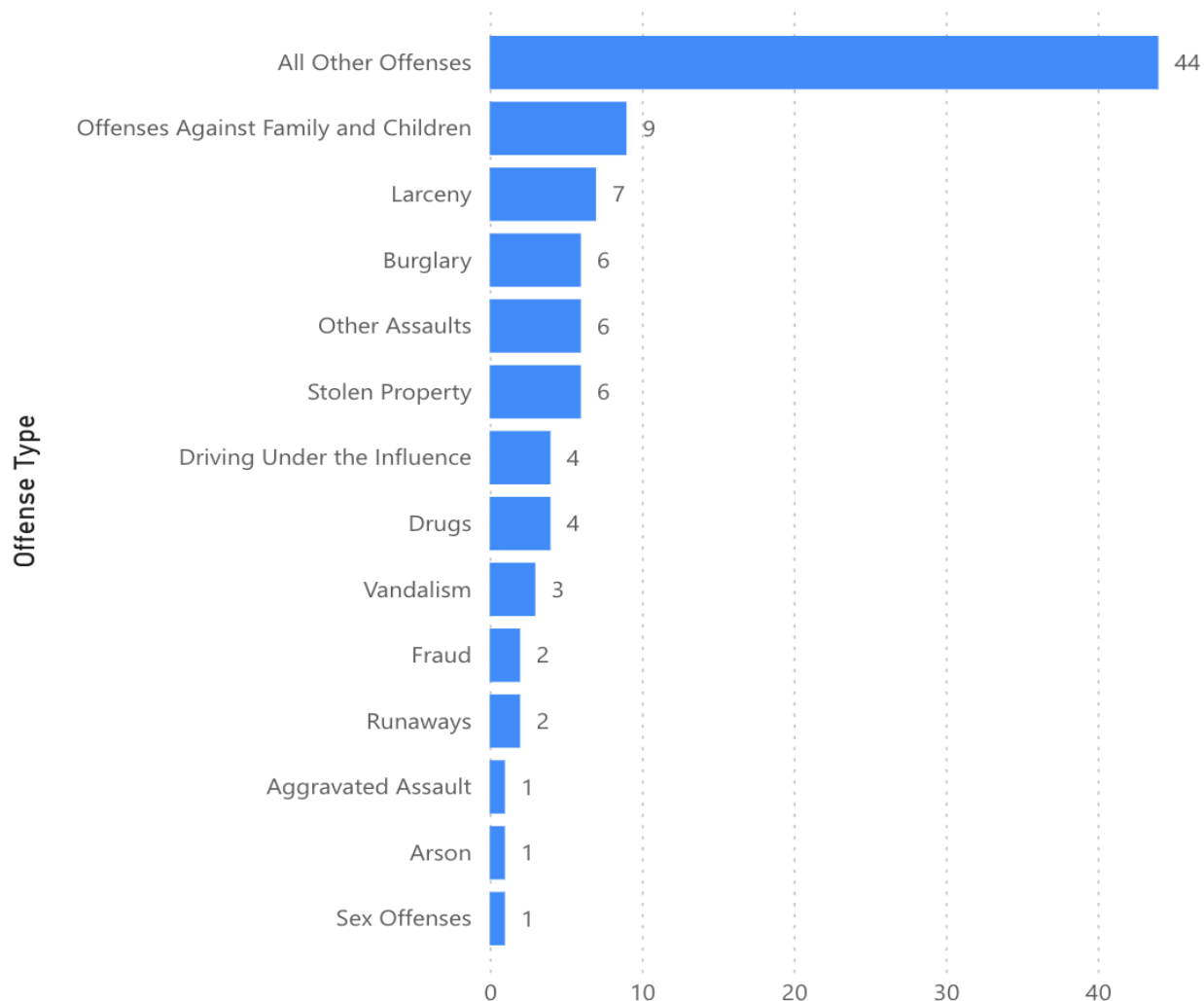
Criminal Investigations Division

Investigations

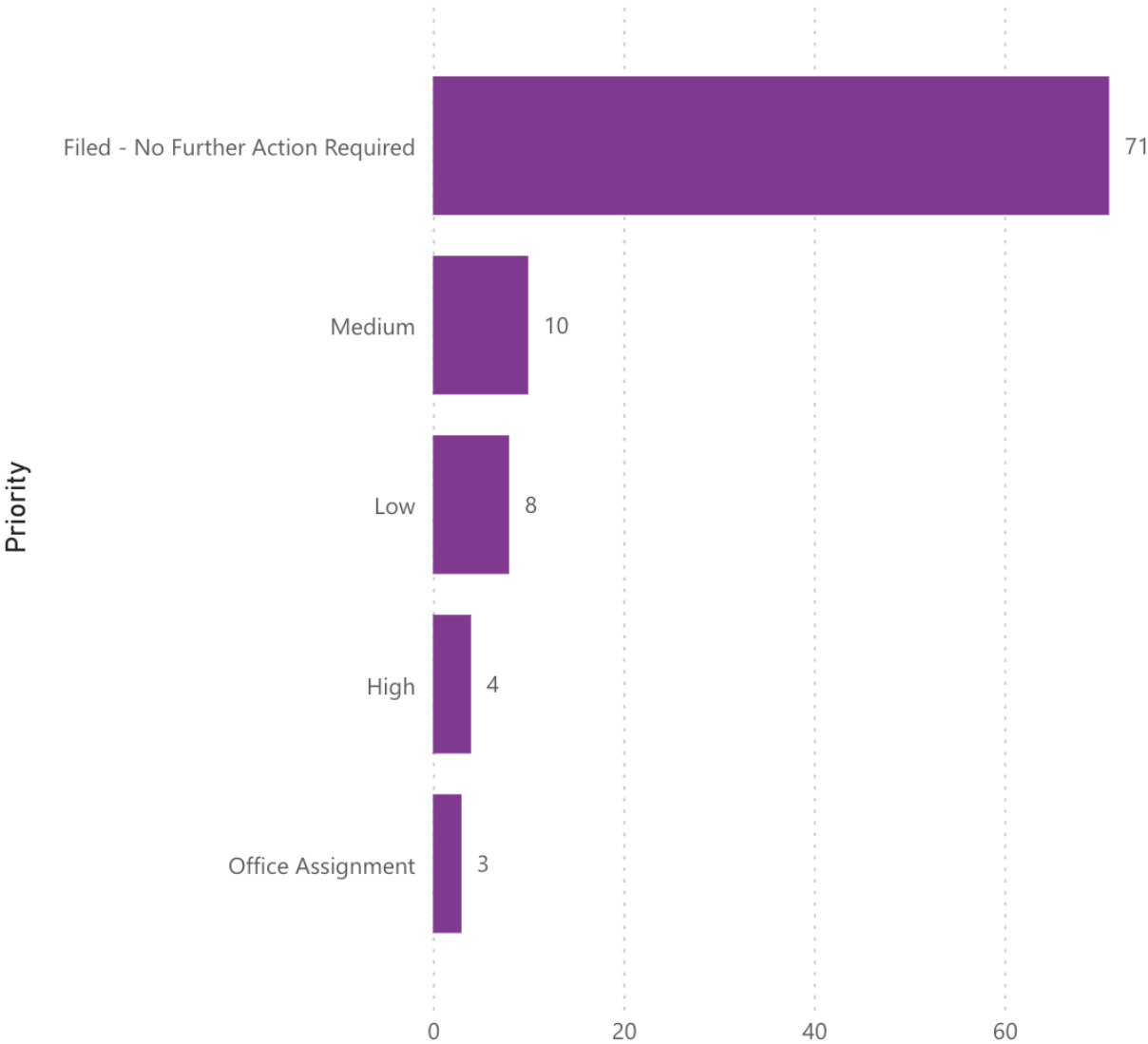
Lieutenant Kaycee Valdez leads our Criminal Investigations Division, overseeing a team of three detectives. They handle a wide range of cases, from misdemeanors to serious felonies, working diligently to collect evidence and collaborate with various partners for thorough investigations.

Lieutenant Valdez and her team are dedicated to upholding the law and ensuring community safety. Their focus spans across different criminal activities, with a commitment to justice and effective collaboration with other law enforcement agencies, forensic experts, and legal professionals.

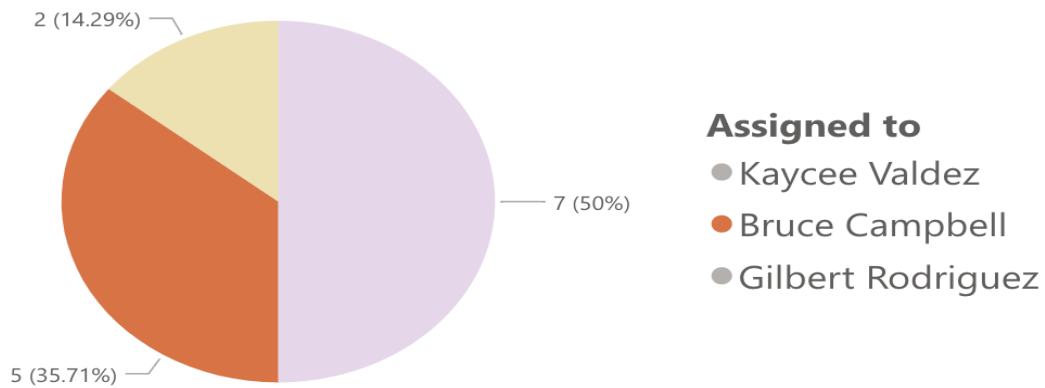
March Reports by Offense Type



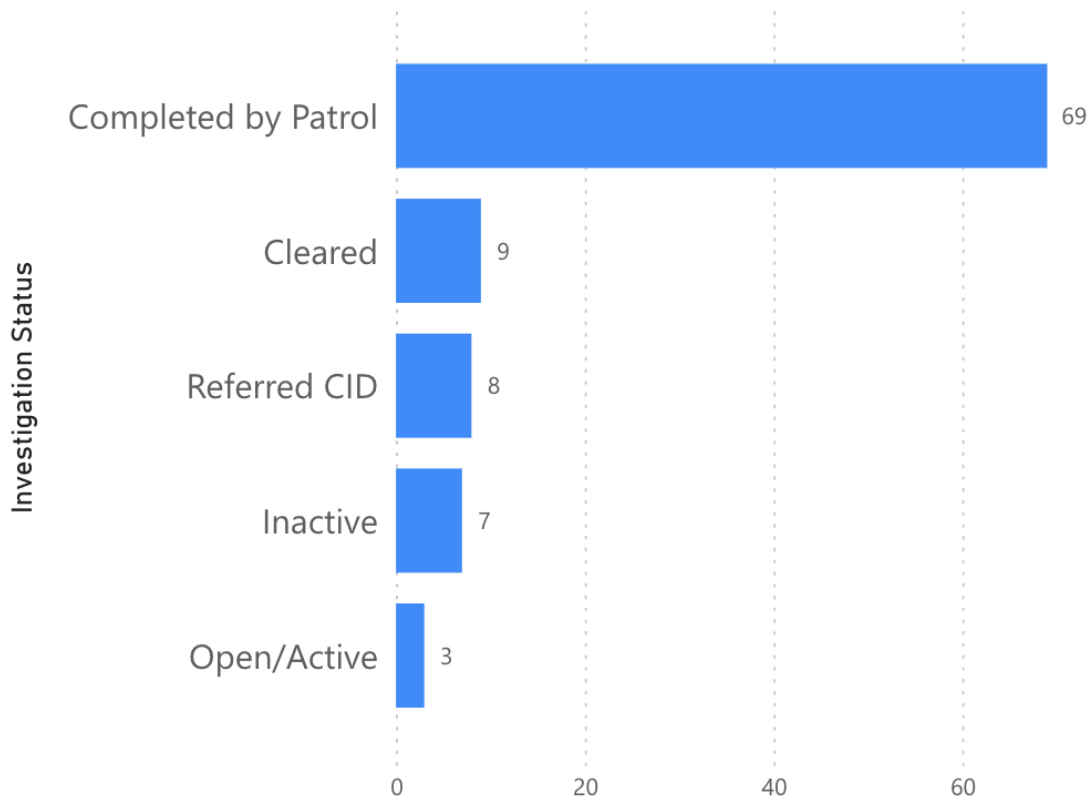
March Case Priority



March 2024 Caseload by Investigator



March 2024 Case Resolution



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 March, Officer Eric Delgadillo conducted 8 inspections and found 6 commercial vehicles not road worthy.

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	8
Commercial Vehicle Violations	79
Commercial Vehicles Placed Out of Service	6
Commercial Drivers Placed Out of Service	1
Citations Issued	1
Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Training (hrs.)	2
Criminal Cases Generated	0
Crash Reports Generated	0
Training Instructor Hours	85
Hours Participating in Community Events	10

MOTORCYCLE TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT	Activity Summary
Number of Traffic Contacts	35
Number of Crash Reports	3
Number of Criminal Reports	0
Hours spent specialized investigation	40
Hours Participating in Community Events	10

Specialized Training Hours	40
Hours Spent Supporting Patrol Division	8

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	5.5
In Service Training Hours	30
Hours Spent Processing Evidence	83
Hours Spent Managing Evidence Room	3
Hours Spent Processing Open Records Material	44
Walk Ins for fingerprints	2
Hours responding to active crime scene	22
Number of items submitted to laboratory for analysis	25
Evidence returned from laboratory with leads	4
Total items returned from laboratory	30

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.

SORT Program

Our SORT program is led by Officer Victoria Hernandez. SORT stands for "Sex Offender Registry and Tracking". The program is designed to maintain a database of individuals convicted of sex offenses, providing law enforcement with the tools to monitor and track registered sex offenders within our jurisdiction. Our program is currently under development and will empower our agency to monitor these individuals closely.

SORT Program Activities	Hours
Hours Dedicated to SORT Program	22
Hours Dedicated to Community Relations Program	59.5
Hours Dedicated to Patrol Support	18
Hours Dedicated to Specialized Training	16
Hours Dedicated to Specialized Teams	4

Communications Section

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 to Arrival	Actual	Target
Priority 1-3 Pending to Arrival less than or equal to 8 Minutes	00:05:08	00:02:52	100%	90%
Priority 4-6 Pending to Arrival less than or equal to 12 Minutes:	00:12:19	00:07:08	100%	80%
Priority 7-9 Pending to Arrival less than or equal to 15 Minutes:	00:17:24	00:07:13	85.06%	70%

Horizon Police Calls for Service

	Dispatched	Self-Initiated	Mobile Data Terminal Calls	Total
Horizon Police	1,494	700	231	2,425

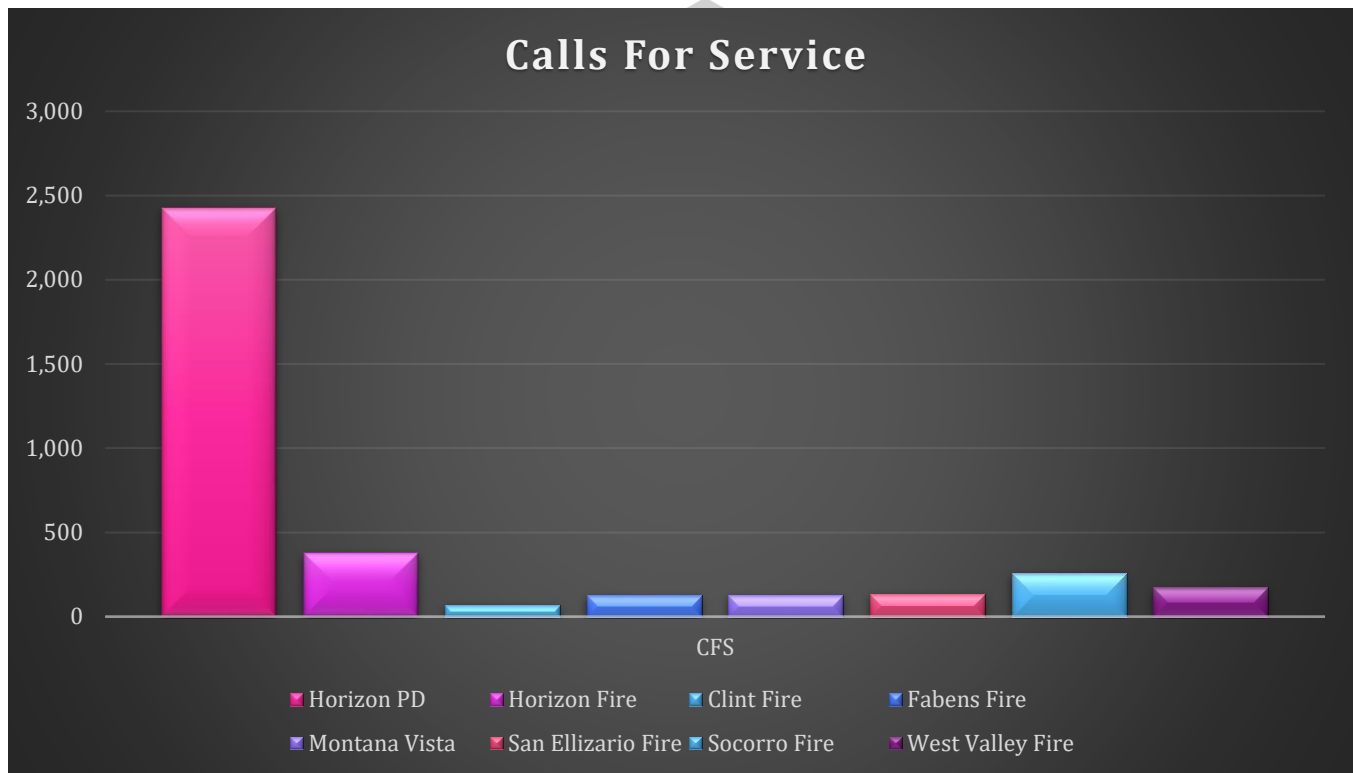
ESD 1 Calls for Service

	Alarm	Assist	Brush Fire	Car Fire	Water Gas Leaks	Medical	MVA	Structure Fires	Total
Horizon Fire	26	42	13	4	15	228	44	7	379

ESD 2 Calls for Service

	Alarm	Assist	Brush Fire	Car Fire	Water/ Gas Leaks	Medical	MVA	Structure Fire	Total
Clint	1	5	4	0	2	42	11	2	67
Fabens	11	11	12	0	3	77	10	2	126
Montana Vista	3	6	7	2	2	92	14	2	128

San Elizario	2	10	9	0	2	103	8	1	135
Socorro	7	26	9	4	13	160	38	0	257
West Valley	9	10	7	2	3	115	25	1	172
Total	33	68	48	8	25	589	106	8	885



Departmental Significant and Notable Accomplishments:

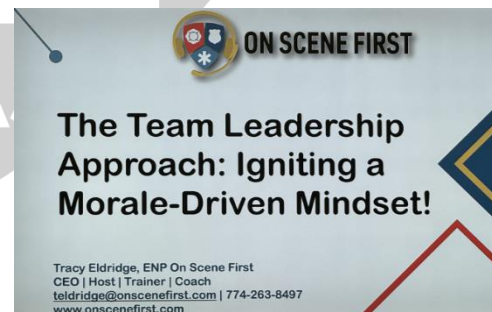
Telecommunicators Jasmine Moran and Adilene Rendon went on a ride along with the Horizon Fire Department. The ride along allowed them to see in detail what firefighters do and what obstacles they may face. They were given a tour of the fire station. The experience gave Jasmine and Adilene a new perspective of the day to day of a fire fighter.



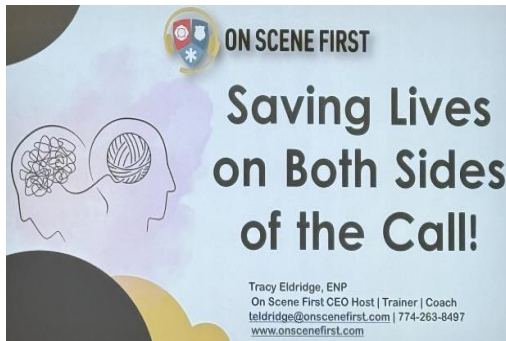
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The Communications Manager Elva Ramos and Communications Specialist Irlanda Huerta attended the Saving Lives on Both Sides of the Call and Morale Driven Leadership trainings. The Saving Lives on Both Sides of the Call training addressed the importance of 911 professional's mental health. 911 professionals are at high3 risk of developing burnout and trauma due to the highly demanding job. By recognizing the signs and asking for help, a life of a 911 professional can be saved.



The Morale Driven Leadership training discussed the importance of being a good leader as a 911 professional. The role of a good leader applies to supervisors and subordinates. During the training, the instructor provided an assessment using the acronym DISC. The DISC assessment provides four main personality profiles. The purpose of the assessment is for 911 professionals to better understand themselves and each other, leading to better communication and the ability to set reasonable expectations



On Friday, March 1, 2024, Community Relations Officer H. Sierra and Patrol Officer B. Duarte joined Frank Macias Elementary School to be part of their Dr. Seuss Read Out Loud Day. For two hours, they read in both English and Spanish to 3 separate classes, ranging from Kinder up to 3rd grade. After reading to them, HCPD was able to answer questions from some of the students and explained to them what their role as police officers meant. Aside from reading, they got to play some "Simon Says" with one of the kindergarten classes. HCPD also took pictures with students and got to ask them



questions about what they thought police officers did on their daily activities. HCPD has attended multiple events with the school in the past such as Career Days, and donated items such as an XBOX to raffle items as an incentive for attendance. HCPD finds that the earlier they get to interact with young individuals in positive ways, the sooner these individuals can start forming positive memories for them.

Welcoming Dave's Hot Chicken

On Monday March 3, 2024, Officer H. Sierra and Lieutenant Ortega went to the newly opened Dave's Hot Chicken located on 12261 Eastlake Boulevard. Although the business is out of Horizon City jurisdiction, HCPD always looks to



collaborate with any business that can help with engagement in the community. HCPD met with District Leader Jorge Frausto and discussed upcoming events

including the Easter Egg Hunt taking place April 6 which he let officers know he'd be a part of. Officers and Mr. Frausto gave a brief introduction and their roles with the department and market. Mr. Frausto expressed his interest in being as active as possible in any events that HCPD put out for the public and let HCPD know he could be counted on to support the police department and the city. Mr. Frausto

then provided Lt. Ortega and Officer Sierra with lunch as part of their meeting to give them an idea of the food Dave's Chicken served.



EPPC Criminal Justice Expo

On Wednesday March 6, 2024, Patrol Officer V. Lujan and Community Relations Officer H. Sierra attended the El Paso Community College Criminal Justice Exposition at their Valle Verde Campus. Officer Sierra recently received the department's Recruiter assignment and used this opportunity

to take employment brochures, informational handouts, water bottles, tumblers, and other departmental merchandise. The

expo. lasted from 9:00a.m.-1:00p.m. and multiple law enforcement agencies formed a part of the event. Officers were able to meet with students and interact with them. Some of the students stopped to ask about the profession while others just wanted some of the merch offered. Officers also met with approximately 10 students who showed interest in

a career as an Emergency Communication Specialist or Police Officer with the department. Officer Sierra provided them with pay, incentives, career description, requirements, testing procedures etc. Officer Sierra also set up a day where he could meet with them to provide them further information on the job and after the meeting, provide them with a ride along packet and application.



Job Corp Meeting

On Thursday, March 7, 2024, Officer Sierra met with the Public Information Officer from El Paso County Sheriff's Office and the Advance Career Training Coordinator from JobCorp. The purpose of



the meeting was to look at the possibility of introducing students into the Community Relations Division with S.O. and HCPD as part of a work-study program. The group discussed the law enforcement program from the school and how the agencies can help the students in furthering their interest in law enforcement. It was decided that the group of 8 students could be divided between both agencies and take part of a 2-week participation curriculum in which they shadowed officers from different divisions and assisted them in their

duties. They would also do ride alongs with officers from the Patrol Division to see what being a police officer involved. At the end of the 2 weeks, HCPD would provide the student a letter of completion stating the program was done in a satisfactory manner. A Memorandum of Understanding was created and sent to Officer Sierra and is pending review by the police department. Once the meeting concluded, PIO Tena and Officer Sierra were given a walk-through of the facility where they looked at some of the training rooms they had for other students. HCPD is looking to work alongside JobCorp in the upcoming months and start with 3 students and create a learning environment that can result in future police officers.



Lulu's Foundation Video

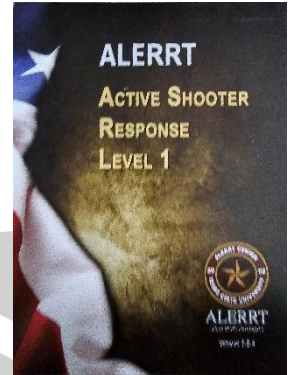
On Friday March 8, 2024, Community Relations Officer H. Sierra met with Carla Hernandez and Lulu's Foundation to record a video where HCPD shows the support towards the non-profit organization. HCPD helped the foundation for the past 2 years for their Cancer Run in Horizon City and involved the community to be a part of these events. The video was recorded with the purpose of encouraging others to look for help and be proactively seek assistance if there is a diagnosis of cancer. The recording of the video was done at Amber's Coffee during the morning hours and concluded within the hour. Officer Sierra shared a personal story of cancer being in his family as a way of empathizing with other viewers who might be going through certain circumstances. He invited viewers to help in ways of volunteer work, emotional support and by spreading awareness and knowledge of the foundation so that more people can be helped by the foundation. Lulu's Foundation is looking to help 300 women who are diagnosed with cancer this year and provide them emotional support as well as monetary assistance that is made through fundraisers and covering other expenses to alleviate the burden of the disease.



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ALERRT Interview

On Tuesday March 12, 2024, Officer Sierra was part of the ALERRT (Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training). ALERRT has become a requirement for peace officers in the State of Texas to better prepare law enforcement during active shooter situations. He was advised by the trainers that Univision 26 would be taking part of the training as a volunteer for an hour and was asking for an interview referencing the training. The interview was to be



conducted in Spanish by Sergeant Frank Almada with the Constable Office from Precinct 1 and Public Information Officer H. Sierra. During the interview, Officer Sierra explained the importance of the training especially when multiple law enforcement agencies joined the training and could all respond in the same manner to an active shooter situation. He expressed the interest of HCPD in keeping the community safe as there are 10 schools in the jurisdiction of the city and many more in the area that could require the police department to respond. Officer Sierra gave a brief description as to what the training required from law enforcement such as teamwork, communication, reliability, and preparation which were all provided by ALERRT. HCPD has also began training civilians in the CRASE (Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events) training which aims to prepare others that are not in law enforcement on how to respond to an active shooter situation.

Special Olympics Opening Season

On Saturday March 16, 2024, Community Relations Officer H. Sierra met with the Special Olympics at the Eastside Regional Recreation Center to join them for their opening game of Basketball Tournament. Dozens of Special Olympic teams gathered at the recreation center to represent their team. Officer Sierra was the only law-enforcement agency at the function and was able to carry the torch alongside 4 of the athletes for the beginning of their basketball tournament. Officer Sierra interacted with a few of the athletes and met up with some athletes he had met in the past at previous events. He was able to purchase some merchandise for himself and the athletes to support the organization. HCPD has become more involved in the past two years and made strong bonds with some of the volunteers and athletes through reliability and dependability when it comes to the attendance of these important events. HCPD will continue participating in the summer games and continue supporting the Special Olympics throughout the year as it has in the past.



SK8 Session



On Saturday March 16, 2024, Community Relations Officer H. Sierra and Patrol Officer B. Duarte met at the Desmond Corcoran Park to meet with SK8 4 Kids, a non-profit skating organization. Officer Sierra spoke with Luis "Dino" from SK8 4KIDS over the phone earlier that week, and after just a few minutes, agreed to meet his team and see how HCPD



could help. While on some downtime from Patrol, Officer Duarte joined Officer Sierra at the skate park on Veny Webb and took part of their St. Patty's SK8 Series. Officer Duarte let Officer Sierra know he skated as a hobby and



Officer Sierra convinced him to bring out his skateboard and join the skaters. Officers got to talk to some of the competitors, ranging from 6-year-old to young adults and were able to build rapport with some of them. They got to meet vendors, sponsors and other member of the organization. More importantly, HCPD demonstrated that someone who is an authority figure still has the same interests as our youth. HCPD understands the importance of our youth having positive interactions with law enforcement and that law enforcement remembers what it was like to need guidance during a crucial part of our lives. Officer Duarte played a game of SK8 against 1st place winner of the Beginners category Gilbert and bought him a sweater after the friendly competition. Luis and Officer Sierra plan to make a skating competition on June 8, 2024 and Luis let Officer Sierra know the name of the competition would be named the Horizon City

PD SK8 Series, hoping that this becomes a tradition in the city with law enforcement supporting them at the competitions.

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Social Emotional Learning Night at Carroll T. Welch

On Thursday, March 21, 2024, Horizon City Police Officers H. Sierra and V. Hernandez joined Carroll T. Welch Elementary School for their Social-Emotional Learning event. Community Relation Officers helped the elementary school promote the importance of social-emotional learning, mental health, and personal well-being. Officers joined other community partners and interacted with students, colored as part of a mental health exercise, and answered questions presented by the students. Just like we encourage our community to engage in healthy coping mechanisms and to take care of their mental health, we also want to them know we're here if they need someone to talk to.

Officers also provided families with information about the services their local law enforcement offers to the community and encouraged the families to continue to build good relationships amongst each other.



HCPD Curbside Car Seat Class #9

On Friday, March 22, 2024, officers from the Horizon City Police Department (HCPD) conducted their 9th Curbside Car Seat Class at Horizon City Hall for the entire day. For the month of March Officer V. Hernandez made appointments for ten families for a total of twenty kids. There was a total of 14 kids that made it to their appointment and got their current car seats inspected.



Out of the 14 kids that showed up, 12 of them needed a car seat therefore, a brand-new car seat was provided to them at no cost. HCPD continues to look forward to conducting their monthly curbside car seat classes to ensure the safety of infants and young children during vehicular travel. HCPD wants to bring awareness and emphasize to parents the

importance of securing their child in a car seat to reduce the risk of injury or death even when they will be traveling for a short distance.



IDEA Spring Festival 2024

On Friday, March 22, 2024, once officers from the Horizon City Police Department concluded their monthly curbside car seat class, they took part of IDEAS's Spring Festival at IDEA Horizon Vista in Horizon City. The evening consisted of multiple community partners coming together at IDEA's parking lot and displaying games, gear, and educational information for the families. Officers from HCPD displayed some of their gear and allowed students and parents to try on their tactical vests and ballistic shield for them to get a photograph. HCPD loves to take part of these events because the interactions the officers have with our children foster trust, respect, and a sense of safety within our community. These interactions also can inspire young minds to consider a career in law enforcement and promotes diversity within the force.



4th Annual Peter John Herrera 5K Run/Walk



On Sunday, March 24, 2024, officers from the Horizon City Police Department joined the 4th Annual Peter John Herrera Memorial 5K Run/Walk that took place early in the morning at Ascarate Park. Hundreds of



participants gathered to honor the memory of Deputy Peter John Herrera who made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty back in 2019. All the proceeds that were funded from the event will be going towards Deputy Peter John Herrera Scholarships Fund to assist those interested in law enforcement careers. This is the second-year officers from the Horizon City Police Department gather for this great cause. Participating in this event serves as a tribute to Deputy Peter J. Herrera and the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty, honoring his courage, dedication, and selflessness. This also serves as a sense of community solidarity, bringing together many individuals that show their support for law enforcement and the families affected.

Coffee with a Cop

On Tuesday March 26, 2024, the Horizon City Police Department held their monthly Coffee with a Cop at their local coffee shop at Amber's Coffee Bar. HCPD invites the community to join them at this event to ask them questions or bring up any concerns. By inviting them to a public place in a social environment, HCPD facilitates those who may be intimidated by police, to relax a bit and enjoy the day with a coffee. HCPD was joined by El Paso County Sheriff's Office, Horizon Fire and Horizon City Mayor Andy Renteria at the event. Because they work so closely together, HCPD joins



other first responders that way if someone who brings up a concern or question that one agency can't answer, the other can. HCPD was able to treat all attendees to a coffee of their choice and a pastry as a thank you for their attendance. The next coffee with a cop will be held toward the end of the month and include the PIOs from other agencies so they can continue networking. The goal is always the same and has top importance when it comes to working together between agencies, that is to keep

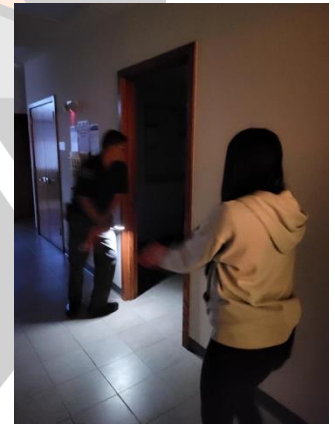
everyone safe.

Youth Core Weekly Meetings

On Wednesday, March 6, Friday March 15, Thursday March 21, and Tuesday, March 26, 2024, Horizon City Police Department Officers H. Sierra and V. Hernandez were able to conduct their weekly meetings in regard to the Youth Core Program. During the first meeting of the month, these young individuals were once again, exposed to "mock traffic stops." Officers have been working continuously with all young individuals in learning the ten-codes used in the department along with the phonetic alphabet for these young individuals to be able to properly



conduct their radio traffic when handling a traffic stop. These young individuals repetitively conducted "mock traffic-stops" and were given feedback on the seven-step violator. Officer Sierra advised these young individuals and parents about an upcoming local competition between local law enforcement Youth Core/Explorers Program. During the second, third and fourth week, officers exposed these young individuals to room-clearing since they will be seeing these types of scenarios during the competition. These type of friendly competitions against local young individuals or explorers provides a platform for them to learn about



teamwork and personal development. This also provides an opportunity for these young individuals to showcase their skills, knowledge, and abilities in various law enforcement scenarios. Lastly, it provides value as they learn to collaborate with their teammates to overcome any obstacle and achieve a common goal while also having fun and enjoying themselves

Officer and Staff Recognition:

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During the month of March our patrol officers responded to calls as usual, but our overnight team came across a unique incident where a vehicle was burglarized and a stolen credit card was used to make a purchase at our local Whataburger establishment. Thanks to the great relationship we have with our community, our officers were able to establish the identity of the person who used the card and located their vehicle in the middle of the night. The stolen card was recovered from the cup holder of the suspect vehicle and an arrest was made for credit/debit card abuse.

Arson Incident

Officers responded to a house fire on Danube St. after a Fedex driver who was in the area observed the fire and called for emergency response. Upon arrival, our officers and the HC Fire Department forced entry to attempt evacuation where Sgt. Nunez and Sgt. Rosas were able to evacuate the family pet, no small feat as the family pet was a large dog, terrified at the smoke. The dog was able to be secured out in fresh air in a kennel which our officers also retrieved from the inside of the home after a third round of going in and out of the burning home to save the animal as HCFD worked to extinguish the blaze.

Supervisors and CRO H. Sierra attended the ALERRT Active Shooter Training

Supervisors and Officers attended the Ballistic Shield Training

Cpl. Zeiger, Officer N. Ortega and B. Ortega attended the Digital Crime Scene Photography training in Mesilla, New Mexico

Chief Vargas, Lt. Rodriguez and the honor guard team participated in the 4th Annual Peter Herrera Memorial 5k Run.

Officer D. Trevino conducted a traffic stop in which he discovered crystal meth, cocaine, THC Gummies, THC cigarettes, marijuana and \$5,900 in cash.

Adilene Rendon is always involved in helping others and does not shy away from taking additional responsibilities. Adilene assisted with ideas to celebrate telecommunicator week. She was very involved and interested in the project. Adilene volunteered in helping train one of the communications division's trainee. Thank you!

Jasmine Moran exemplifies outstanding qualities as an employee, displaying a consistently positive attitude. She arrives to work prepared and is always cooperative. Jasmine is a true team player who welcomes new challenges and projects. Her easygoing nature and contagious laughter contribute to a cheerful atmosphere in the workplace. Keep up the good work environment!

Ericka Gonzalez is a hard worker who goes above and beyond to assist her coworkers, officers, and the public. She is always cheerful and has great attendance. Thank you for your hard work!

Additional Significant Accomplishments

During the month of March our agency conducted a significant upgrade in body armor for our police officers. Our officers saw the addition of chest and back body armor plates which when used in conjunction with our modular body armor system, provide our officers with an added layer of protection against rifle ammunition.

As part of our efforts to keep not just the community safe, but also our officers, the use of ballistic protective shields was added to the tools available to our officers. The shield works as a portable wall capable of withstanding heavy fire from handguns and rifles. Although heavy, this potentially lifesaving tool is a critical addition for our officers.

"I had the opportunity of attending the Ballistic Shield Training that was hosted by Officer E. Delgadillo and A. Diaz. This is the first time I attend a ballistic shield training and it was a bit challenging but a great training to attend for us to expand our resources whenever we face a situation or incident where it will be needed. I believe this is truly a huge accomplishment not only for myself but for the department as every officer is getting certified to effectively utilize this type of protective gear."

-Officer Victoria Hernandez

Horizon City PD was able to conducted the 9th curbside car seat class for our community. Due to our limited car seat inventory, we had limited our classes to 7 or 8 kids per class. As soon as we received our shipment, for the month of March, 20 children were scheduled for our 9th class. Out of those twenty kids, 14 of them attended, and 12 of them were able to receive a car seat. This is another great accomplishment for the department since our goal is to educate every family we can about the importance of safe travels for their children. Wearing a seat belt and having our children in their appropriate car seats can save their lives.