



# HORIZON CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

May 2024

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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 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.

## 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 33 officers and 18 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	0	1
Lieutenants	3	2	1
Sergeants	3	3	0
Corporals	3	3	0
Detectives	3	3	0
Officers	19	17	2
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



## Administrative

FY 2023-2024 Budget	Original Budget	Available Budget	Encumbrances	Requisitions	Percentage Remaining
PD	\$2,278,2599.00	\$825,436.53	\$142,880.67	\$3,898.23	36.23%
Communications	\$871,341.00	\$367,435.11	\$4,500.00	\$26,707.00	43.16%

Leave	Police Department	Communications
OT	315.75	309.75
Comp	425.14	24
PTO	1,865.00	343.25
LWO	0	0
Military	0	160
Training	996.25	168
Funeral	0	16
Personal	40	16
Holiday	0	0
Injury	0	0
Suspension	0	0

Overtime	Amount Appropriated FY 2022-2023	Amount Expended May 2024	Balance	Percentage Remaining 2022
PD	\$ 68,712	\$ 7,177.65	\$ -12,801.17	-18.63 %
Communications	\$44,999.00	\$4,081.56	\$3,508.40	7.80%

OPERATIONAL SUMMARY	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTALS
<b>GAS USED (GAL)</b>	2,224	2,000	1,762	1,872	1,892	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>9,750</b>
<b>MILES DRIVEN</b>	10,068	10,120	8,796	9,387	9,395	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>38,371</b>
<b>MILES/GALLON</b>	4.10	5.06	4.99	6.00	5.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	<b>25.15</b>

According the Wex gasoline report there was a 1.07 % increase in gas usage, compared to month of April.

## Crime Report

It is the goal of our Police Department to reduce NIBRS Crimes by 10 percent. Year to date, we are reporting an increase in part one crimes. Our areas of increase have been isolated to property crimes. We show a 33.33% decrease overall compared to last month. Below is the chart designating our specific crime numbers. Below is the chart designating our specific crime numbers.

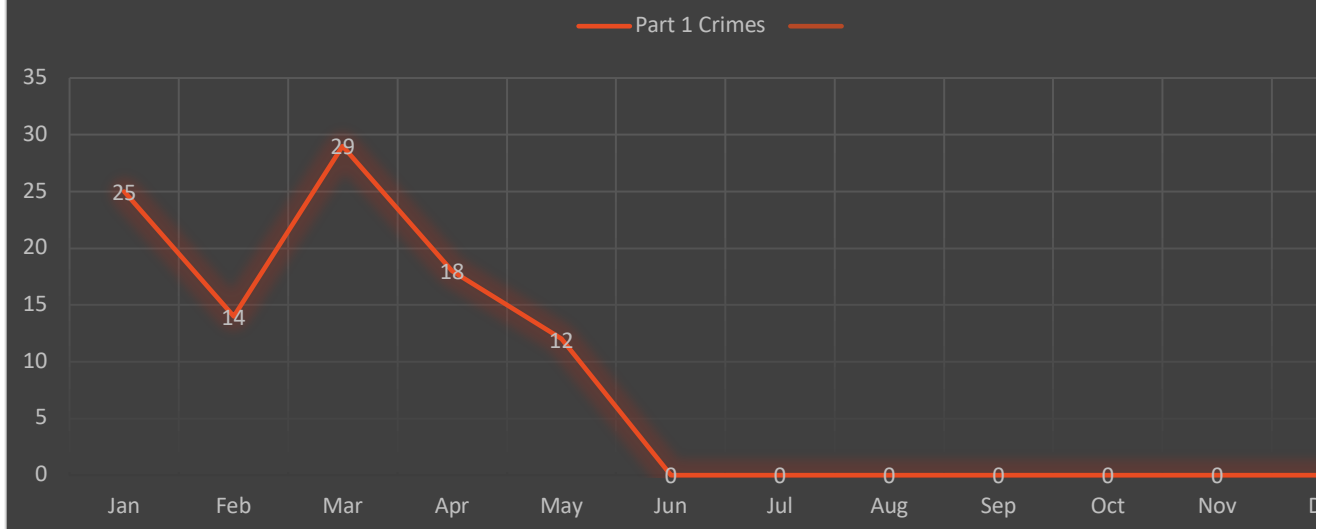
### Crimes Against Persons

<b>Murder</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Sexual Assault</b>	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
<b>Agg. Assault</b>	0	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
<b>Simple Assault</b>	12	7	13	8	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	46
<b>Total</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>56</b>

### Property Crimes

Part 1 2023	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
<b>Robbery</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Burglary</b>	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
<b>Larceny</b>	8	4	8	10	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	33
<b>Vehicle Theft</b>	0	0	4	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>42</b>

### Monthly 2024 Part 1 Crimes



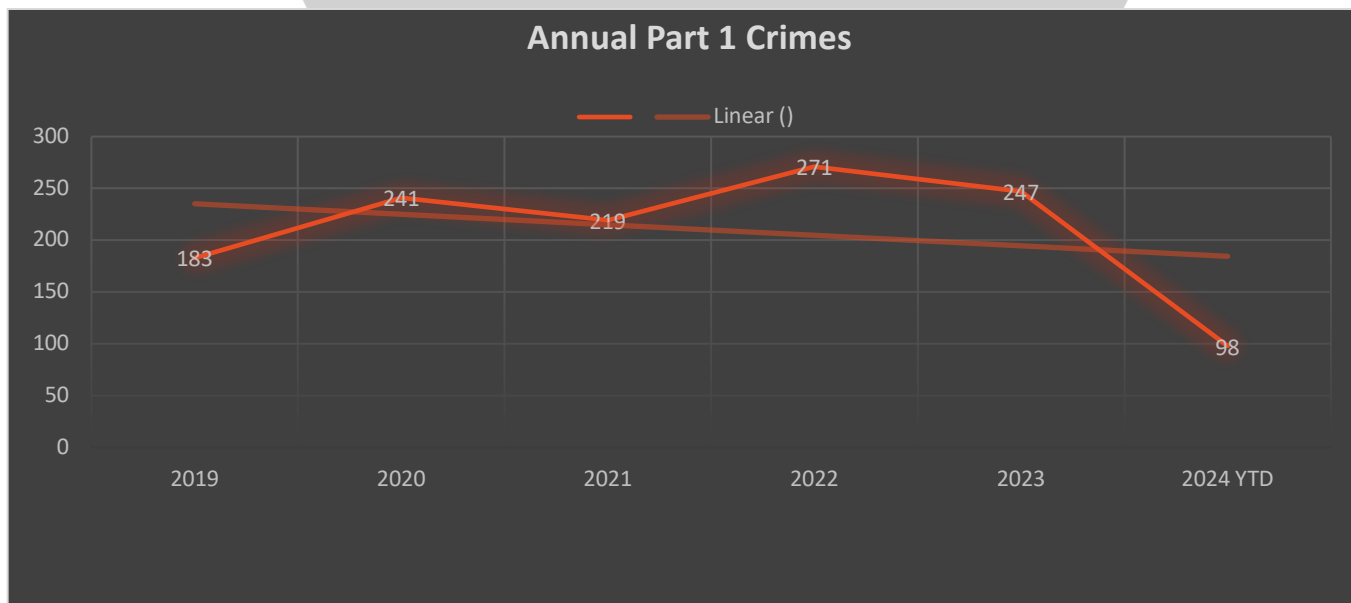
## April to May Comparison



33.33 % Decrease

### Annual Part 1 Crimes

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



## Patrol Division

The Patrol Division is commanded by Lieutenant Jesus Ortega for day shift and Lieutenant Kaycee Valdez for night shift. 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.

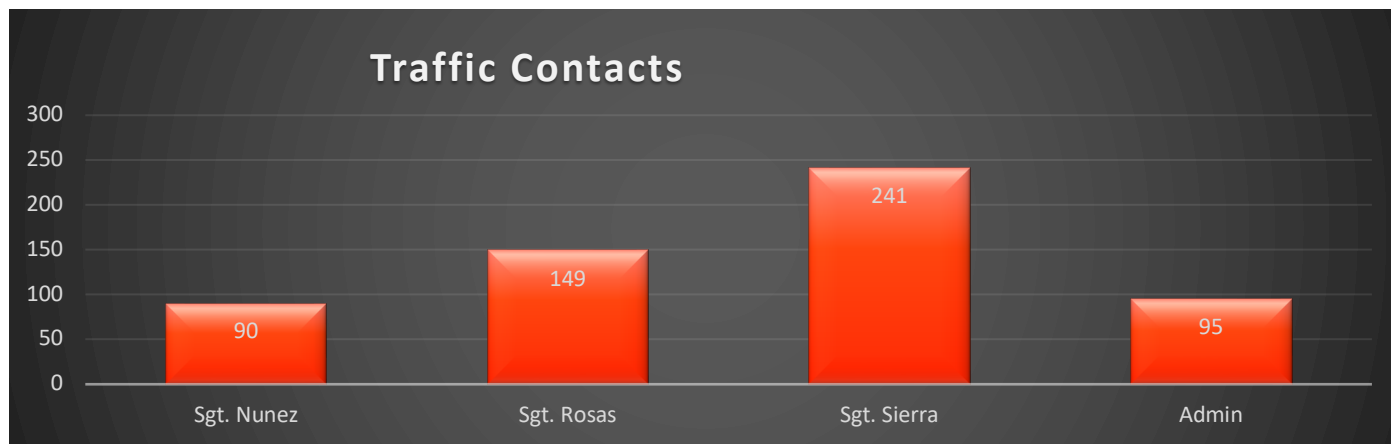
### Top Traffic Collision Areas

Location	Crashes
<b>Total Crashes for the month of May</b>	<b>32 (4 less than April)</b>
Horizon Blvd./N. Darrington Rd.	2
Horizon Blvd./S. Kenazo Ave.	2
Horizon Blvd./Crocker St.	1
Horizon Blvd./Rodman St.	1
S. Darrington Rd./Rudi Keufner St.	1

2024	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	YTD
Sgt. Juan Nunez	1	13	10	14	9								47
Sgt. Guillermo Rosas	12	1	13	15	10								51
Sgt. Heli Sierra	13	6	3	7	9								38
Administrative Team	5	5	2	0	4								16

### Traffic Contacts

2024	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	YTD
Sgt. Juan Nunez	99	93	56	106	90								444
Sgt. Guillermo Rosas	85	109	59	104	149								506
Sgt. Heli Sierra	112	193	173	170	241								889
Administrative Tea	37	31	32	55	95								250



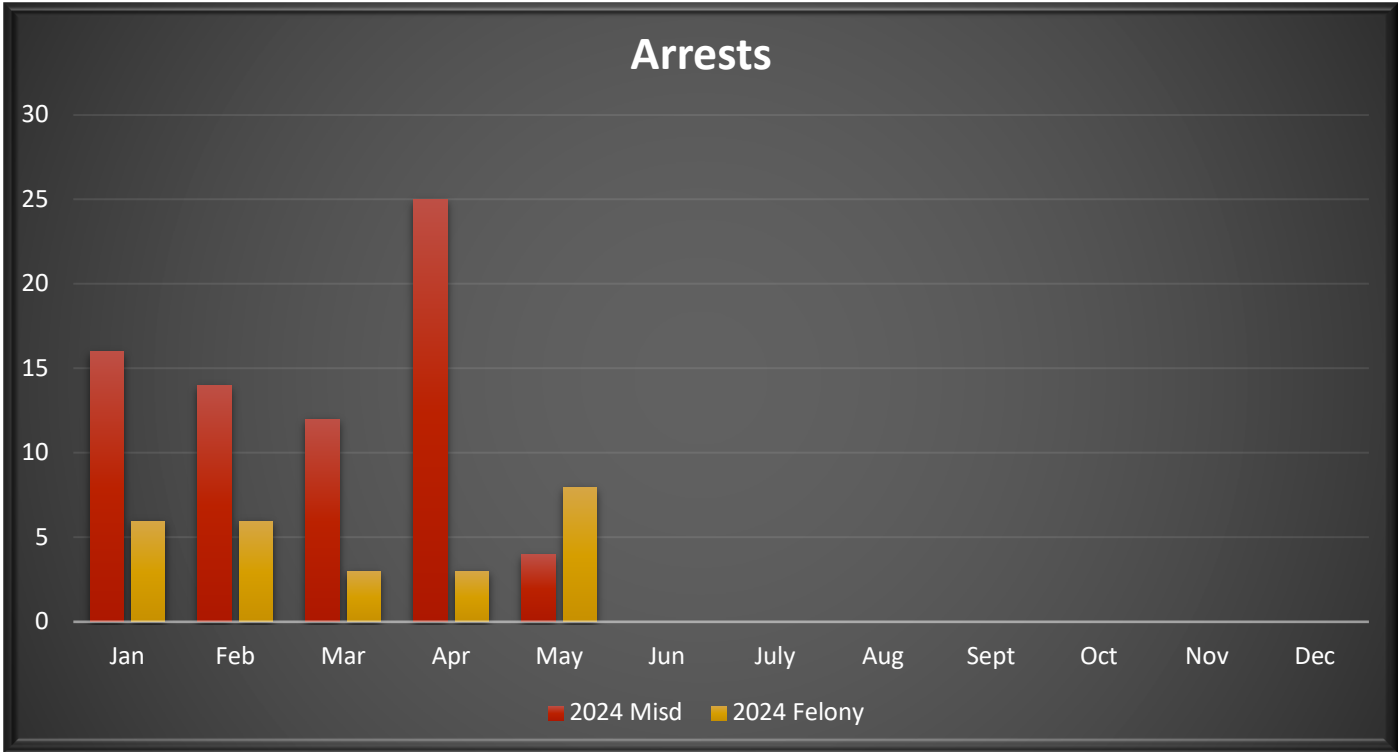
### Calls for Service

Monthly	Sgt. Juan Nunez	Sgt. Guillermo Rosas	Sgt. Heli Sierra	Administrative Team	Total
Dispatched calls	300	259	311	91	961
Self-Initiated calls	215	229	381	168	993
Incident Reports	15	23	27	2	67
Crash Reports	9	10	9	4	32
Total	539	521	728	265	2,053

### Arrests

Arrest Breakdown	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	YTD
2024 Felony Arrests	6	6	3	3	8								26
2024 Misdemeanor Arrests	16	14	12	25	4								71
<b>Sgt. J. Nunez</b>													
Felony Arrests	4	3	2	1	7								17
Misdemeanor Arrests	4	7	3	6	4								24
<b>Sgt. G. Rosas</b>													
Felony Arrests	0	3	0	0	0								3
Misdemeanor Arrests	5	3	2	1	0								11
<b>Sgt. H. Sierra</b>													
Felony Arrests	2	0	1	2	1								6
Misdemeanor Arrests	7	4	5	16	0								32





Month to Month Comparison

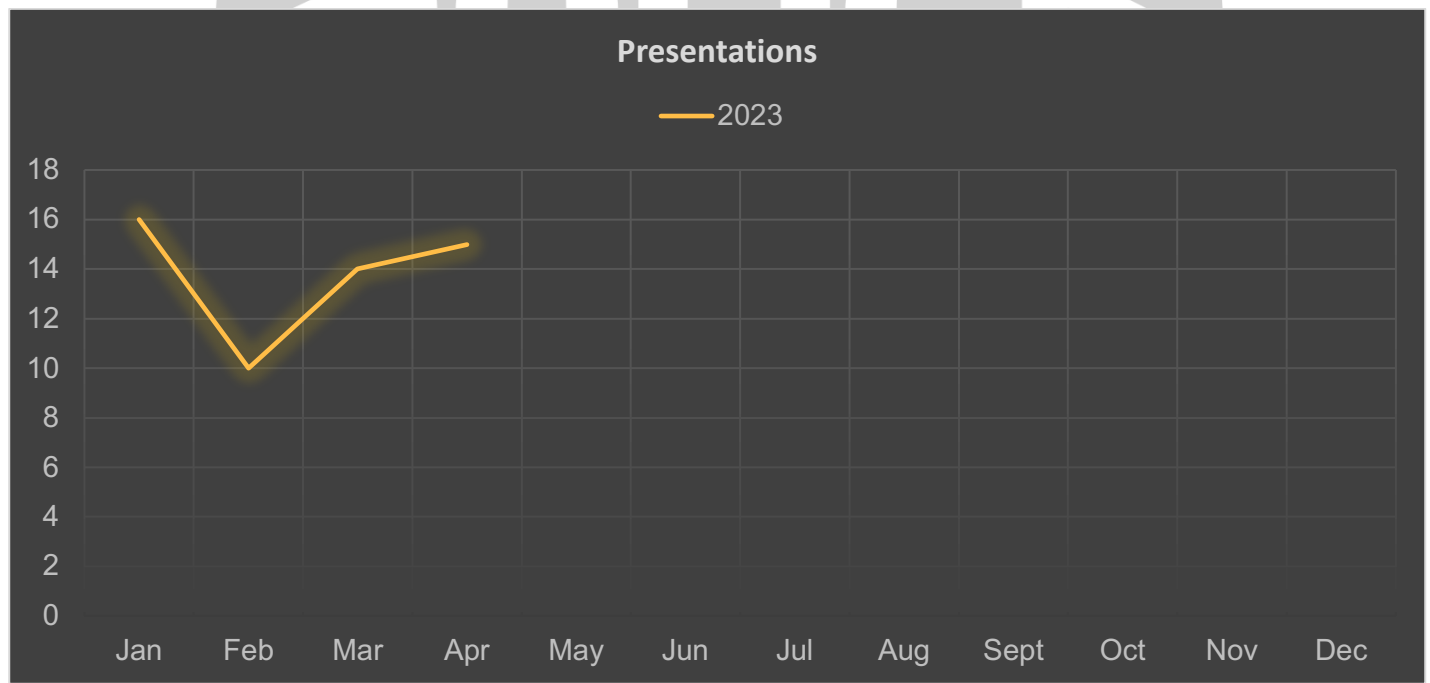
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57.14 % decrease from April 2024

## Community Outreach & 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 SUMMA	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	YTD
2024 Presentations	16	10	14	15	7								25



April 2024 to May 2024 Comparison



52% Decrease

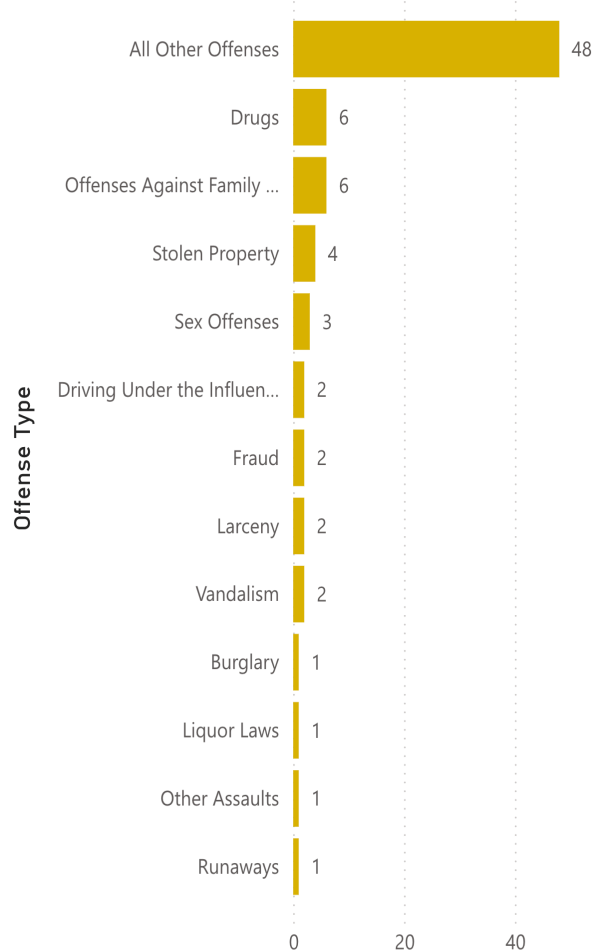
## Criminal Investigations Division

### Investigations

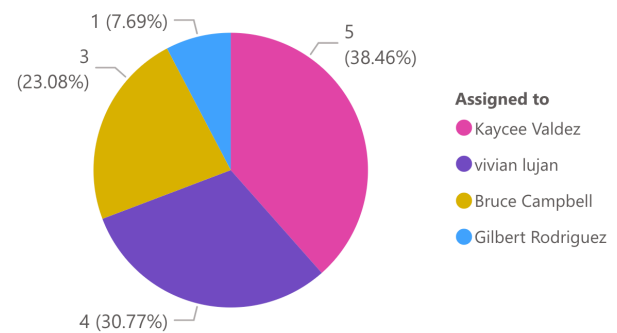
Lieutenant Kaycee Valdez leads our Criminal Investigations Division, overseeing a team of three detectives. They handle a wide range of cases, from misdemeanors to serious felonies, working diligently to collect evidence and collaborate with various partners for thorough investigations.

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.

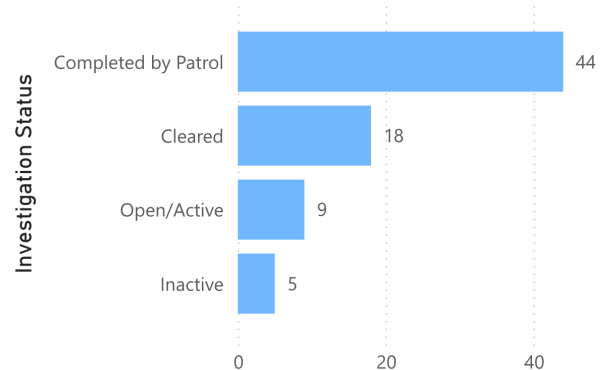
May 2024 Cases by Category

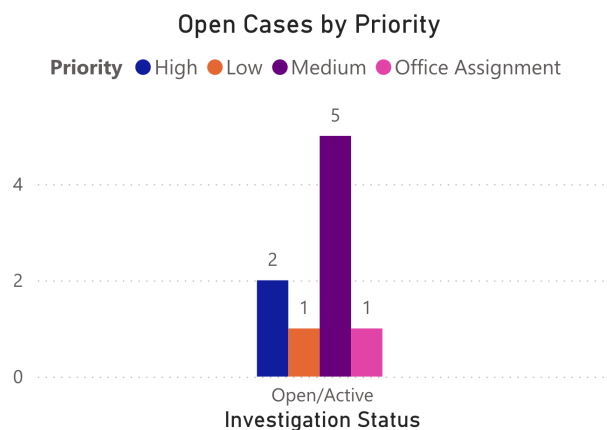
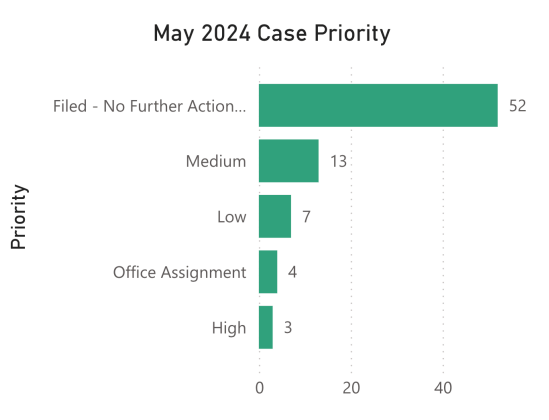


May 2024 Caseload by Investigator



May 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.

COMMERCIAL VEHICLE ENFORCEMENT	Activity Summary
Commercial Vehicles Inspected	7
Commercial Vehicle Violations	61
Commercial Vehicles Placed Out of Service	4
Commercial Drivers Placed Out of Service	0
Citations Issued	2
Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Training (hrs.)	120
Criminal Cases Generated	0
Crash Reports Generated	0
Hours Spent Accident Investigation	6
Training Instructor Hours	32
Hours Participating in Community Events	10

<b>MOTORCYCLE TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT</b>	<b>Activity Summary</b>
Number of Traffic Contacts	<b>39</b>
Number of Crash Reports	<b>2</b>
Number of Criminal Reports	<b>2</b>
Hours spent accident investigation	<b>8</b>
Hours Participating in Community Events	<b>4</b>
Specialized Training Hours	<b>80</b>
Hours Spent Supporting Patrol Division	<b>10</b>

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.

### **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**

<b>Activity</b>	<b>#</b>
Training Instructor Hours	<b>6.25</b>
In Service Training Hours	<b>.25</b>
Hours Spent Processing Evidence	<b>83</b>
Hours Spent Managing Evidence Room	<b>17.25</b>
Hours Spent Processing Open Records Material	<b>24</b>
Walk Ins for fingerprints	<b>9</b>
Hours responding to active crime scene	<b>5</b>
Number of items submitted to laboratory for analysis	<b>9</b>
Evidence returned from laboratory with leads	<b>9</b>
Total items returned from laboratory	<b>2</b>



### Warrants Division/Bailiff/Vehicle Maintenance & Support Services

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.

7 traffic warrants for Horizon City Municipal Court were executed during the month of May all of which were referred to the municipal court where the arrestees made bond and court arrangements.

Executing traffic warrants and referring arrestees to the municipal court benefits the community by enhancing public safety and promoting legal compliance. Addressing outstanding warrants ensures that individuals who might be driving illegally are held accountable, reducing the risk of traffic incidents and improving road safety. Additionally, this process encourages adherence to traffic laws, fostering a culture of lawfulness and responsibility among drivers.

All vehicles in the fleet are operational and in service.

### **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.

<b>SORT Program Activities</b>	<b>Hours</b>
Hours Dedicated to SORT Program	25
Hours Dedicated to Community Relations Program	47
Hours Dedicated to Patrol Support	25
Hours Dedicated to Specialized Training	140
Hours Dedicated to Specialized Teams	14

## 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	00:06:13	00:03:41	100%	90%
Priority 4-6 Pending to Arrival less than or equal to 12 Minutes:	00:15:22	00:06:13	73.17%	80%
Priority 7-9 Pending to Arrival less than or equal to 15 Minutes:	00:16:48	00:07:25	90.14%	70%

### Horizon Police Calls for Service

	Dispatched	Self-Initiated	Mobile Data Terminal Calls	Total
Horizon Police	1,737	988	332	3,057

### ESD 1 Calls for Service

	Alarm	Assist	Brush Fire	Car Fire	Water Gas Leaks	Medical	MVA	Structure Fires	Total
Horizon Fire	41	31	13	6	12	300	56	4	463

### ESD 2 Calls for Service

	Alarm	Assist	Brush Fire	Car Fire	Water/ Gas Leaks	Medical	MVA	Structure Fire	Total
Clint	3	6	4	2	3	50	5	0	73

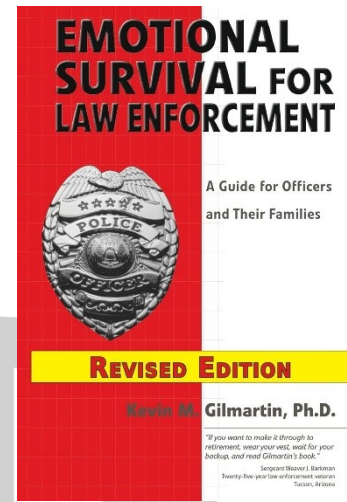
Fabens	3	6	3	0	3	69	15	0	99
Montana Vista	7	10	4	3	2	115	17	2	160
San Elizario	2	6	5	2	2	123	5	2	147
Socorro	9	15	7	4	9	196	32	1	273
West Valley	10	14	8	0	9	107	9	3	160
Total	34	57	31	11	28	660	83	8	912



## Departmental Significant and Notable Accomplishments:

### Emotional Survival for Law Enforcement Course

Communications Specialist Irlanda Huerta and Ericka Gonzalez attended the Emotional Survival for Law Enforcement Course at 680 E. University Ave. in Las Cruces. Dr. Kevin Gilmartin instructed the course based on his book *Emotional Survival for Law Enforcement A Guide for Officers and Their Families*. The course provided insight for both law enforcement officers and their family members to better understand the emotional impact of the law enforcement profession and how to deal with its challenges. Officers were educated on how to cope with being on high alert and preventive strategies to counteract the physiological and emotional impacts of law enforcement work. Attending families were educated on how they can help officers maintain balance and healthy lifestyles.



### De-escalation Techniques Course



Julie Nava, Leslie Nunez and Sonya Dozier attended the eight-hour de-escalation training held at the El Paso Community College Law Enforcement Training Academy. This course is required to be in compliance with the Texas Police Chief Association Best Practices Accreditation Program. At the training, attendees learned de-escalation techniques to limit the use of force in public interactions. De-escalation improves officers' response to incidents involving people in crisis who are behaving erratically. It underlines public and officer safety while teaching tactical de-escalation to reduce the intensity of an encounter with a suspect.



Human Resources Mary Ann Cox, Communications Manager Elva Ramos, and Police Officer Carolyn Morales attended Trails to Success JobCon 2024 held at the San Elizario High School.

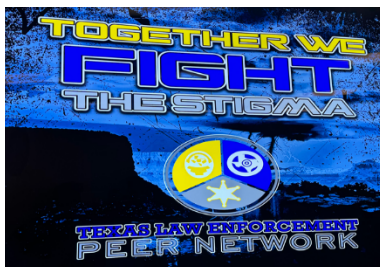
Students from Fabens, San Elizario, and Clint High Schools attended the event. Students were given information

on what entails to become a Communications Specialist and Police Officer for the Horizon City Police Department. They were also given information on the great benefits the department offers. The job fair was a great opportunity for high school senior students to expand their options when they graduate from school.

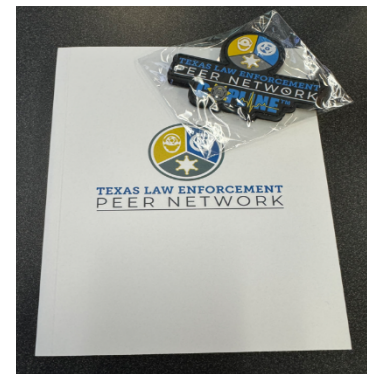


### **The Public Safety Group: Am I just the Dispatcher?**

The class is designed to motivate the new and the veteran telecommunicator and discusses such topics as professionalism, respect, teamwork, the future of 9-1-1, dealing with negative attitudes, and being the best. This motivational session will take an in-depth look at the job you do every day.



Communications Manager Elva Ramos and Shift Supervisor Anthony Dominguez attended the two-day Texas Law Enforcement Peer Network (TLEPN) Peer to Peer Training held at the El Paso Sheriff's Office Region VII Training Academy. TLEPN is a statewide program originally created to give Texas Law Enforcement Officers access to train peers to address stressors, trauma, fatigue and other needs to combat burnout and end police suicide and self-harm. The program is accessible to first responders and 911 communications personnel. During the training, participants are trained and mentored to help fellow law enforcement officers to manage the stressors of life, on





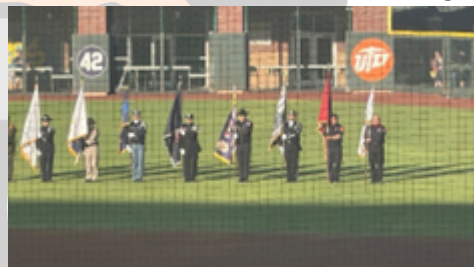
and off duty peer and officers in need can confidentially download a software application on to their smart phones to reach out for help.

### **1<sup>st</sup> Responders Night at Chihuahua's Game**



On Thursday, May 2, 2024, officers from the Horizon City Police Department Honor Guard Team were provided with the opportunity to participate on the First Responders Night as the El Paso Chihuahuas took on Sugar Land Space Cowboys. The First Responders Night was meant to honor all first responders, to include those who paid the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty. Multiple agencies, federal, state, and local came together to showcase their marked units for the community. Medics and multiple fire departments also joined the

vehicle display. This type of engagement provided community members the opportunity to interact with different law enforcement agencies and ask any questions they had. Officers from HCPD were able to represent the department flag out on the field during the National Anthem. Officers from HCPD were also able to give free blue glowsticks to those in attendance to show support to all law enforcement. To end the night, officers from different agencies gathered at a private section where they got to enjoy the rest of their night with fellow officers, their families, and friends as they ate dinner and watched the game. First Responders Night was a successful event that honored all first responders and paid tribute to all fallen heroes. We will continue to remember their bravery and sacrifice and we will make sure we continue protecting and serving our communities.



### **Horizon City PD Honor Guard Team Details**

On Saturday, May 11, 2024, Officer Morales, Corporal Avitia, Detective Labrado and Officer Hernandez assisted Horizon City Fire Department (HCFD) and Socorro Police Department (SPD) with the presentation of colors for their community events.

HCFD celebrated their 50th anniversary event not only to celebrate all their accomplishments but also wanting to celebrate with our community about their future accomplishments. The celebration took place at their Central Fire Station, where they had kid's activities, performances by local schools and organizations, food trucks, raffles, firefighting demonstrations and ended their night with a firework show. SPD celebrated the Rio Vista Farm that was officially designated as a National Historic Landmark. Their event also consisted of SPD and HCPD doing a multiagency presentation of colors. Followed



by that, the community got to enjoy different performances, food, and vendors to end their night as they celebrated another great achievement for their city.

### **Border Challenge 2024 Competition**

On Saturday, May 11, <sup>2024</sup>, Officers from the Horizon City Police Department, and it's Explorers headed to Riverside High School for an all-day competition. Officers in charge of the program spent multiple weeks training and teaching these young individuals different law enforcement scenarios that they were going to face the day of the competition. The Border Challenge tested their skills in various scenarios as they competed against other young individuals from other law enforcement agencies. HCPD Explorers secured 2<sup>nd</sup> place in all scenarios that included, subject with a gun, mental health crisis, building search and active shooter/hostage negotiation. We are proud to say these young individuals dedicated two-hours twice a week for six weeks, practicing for their big day. They demonstrated determination and teamwork. Overall, we look forward in continuing nurturing their personal development further through this program.



### **Click It or Ticket Campaign 2024**

On Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Lt. JC. Rodriguez and Officer V. Hernandez attended the Click It or Ticket Campaign that was hosted by the Texas Department of Transportation. The campaign took place at the Upper Tom Lea Park early in the morning where multiple agencies such as El Paso Police Department, Texas Department of Public Safety, Socorro Police Department supported the campaign. There were different speakers at the campaign that shared great information and encouraging words to the media to put out to the public when it comes to buckling up. Officer



Hernandez was one of the speakers at the campaign where she got to share a personal story about losing a family friend early this year due to a motor vehicle accident and no seatbelt being used. Our goal is to continue spreading awareness on



the importance of always wearing a seatbelt when riding in a motor vehicle. We strongly believe that seatbelts save lives, and we will make sure we encourage our community to always buckle up!

### **11<sup>th</sup> Curbside Car Seat Class**

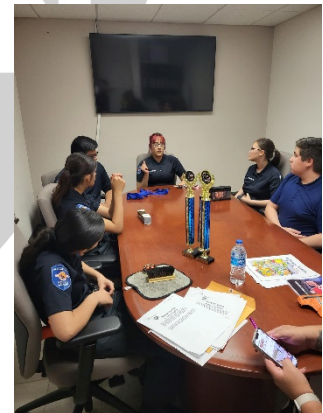
On Friday, May 31, 2024, Officers from the Horizon City Police Department hosted their 11<sup>th</sup> curbside car seat class for the community. Just like prior car seat classes, this class also took place at Town of Horizon City Hall parking lot. Officer Hernandez spoke with over 10 parents and made an appointment for 12 kids total. When



Officer Hernandez speaks to each parent, Officer Hernandez ensures she explains the process to the parents and advises them they can expect to be provided with car seat education as well as proper car seat installations. For the month of May, 12 kids and parents had an appointment for the class and a total of 5 car seats were able to be provided to kids/parents, including soon to be mothers currently on their third trimester. Horizon City Police Department currently has three active Child Passenger Safety Technicians (CPST) and is looking forward in sending two additional officers to receive their CPST certification to be able to better serve our community and ensure the safety of our children.

### **Explorer Program**

On Thursday, May 9, Saturday, May 11, and Thursday May 16, 2024, Officers from the Horizon City Police Department met with the explorers for their weekly meetings. On Thursday, May 9, Officer Hernandez met one last time with the explorers at IDEA Horizon Campus to have them practice room clearing before their competition. For two hours, the explorers were given different scenarios where they were responsible to clear two hallways and handle any situation that arose. On Saturday, May 11, four explorers met at Riverside High School early in the morning for their competition. During the competition, they took part of four different scenarios where they obtained second place in all four. On Thursday, May 16, Officer Hernandez went over the competition final scores and debriefed with all explorers. The four explorers that competed Saturday morning shared their experience with the rest of the group and discussed how to improve for any other future competitions. Explorers expressed how much fun they had and how they enjoyed being part of that competition along with other groups. Horizon City Police Department will ensure these young individuals continue to learn and have fun, since they are our future, and they have a lot of potential for many accomplishments to come.



### Crisis Intervention Training

On May 6, 2024, through May 24, 2024, Officer E. Delgadillo, Officer R. Miramontes and Officer V. Hernandez attended a three-week Crisis Intervention Training Academy (CIT) at El Paso Community College Law Enforcement Training Academy that was hosted by Emergence Health Network Crisis Intervention Team. The class consisted of officers from different police departments such as Horizon City Police Department, Socorro Police Department, Canutillo ISD, El Paso County Sheriff's Office, and El Paso Police Department. The three weeklong training consisted of introducing officers to different mental illnesses. This training also helped these officers better understand the behavior of individuals who have a mental illness and how their behavior may vary depending on the mental illness. Mental illnesses and different disorders that were discussed throughout the three weeks consisted of anxiety and panic, obsessive compulsive disorder, depression, bipolar disorder, schizophrenia, personality disorder, substance use, posttraumatic stress disorder, autism spectrum disorder and intellectual developmental disorders, trauma, and dementia. Officers underwent though different PowerPoints and discussion every Monday through Thursday and on Fridays, they would go through scenarios to demonstrate their skills and abilities to de-escalate. During the last week, their final consisted of an all-day "Scenario Day," where officers were paired up and underwent seven different scenarios. Overall, it was a great training for officers to receive because law enforcement officers often interact with individuals experiencing mental health crisis. Proper training in mental health and crisis intervention can lead to more effective, compassionate and safe interactions reducing the likelihood of causing any harm or escalation



### Officer and Staff Recognition

Officer Arredondo recently completed an intensive two-week rope technician training which teaches the required skills used during search and rescue callouts. Such skills include rappelling, raising and lowering systems, and patient packaging. The search and rescue team are a multi-agency team dedicated to aiding persons who are in distress, locating them and providing medical care to save lives.

Officer Arredondo responded to a call for service at the DK Gas Station located on Horizon Blvd. in reference to a subject that threatened the clerk with a knife during a beer run. The responding officers worked diligently during the investigation process and located the subject shortly after.

The subject was arrested and booked into the El Paso County Detention Facility.

Officer Garza assisted the Hospice of El Paso, El Paso Police Department, and the El Paso County Sheriff's Office in a special event this month that honored a very special young man. A multi-agency parade was held in his honor to grant him his wish of becoming a law enforcement officer where he was badged by Sheriff Wiles. The participating agencies also provided him with department patches and challenge coins as a token of their appreciation.

Ericka Gonzalez has considerably dedication as a telecommunicator. She always goes above and beyond to assist the public as well as her co-workers and patrol officers. If help is needed in any way, she is always available to assist. Your hard work is truly appreciated!