



HORIZON CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT



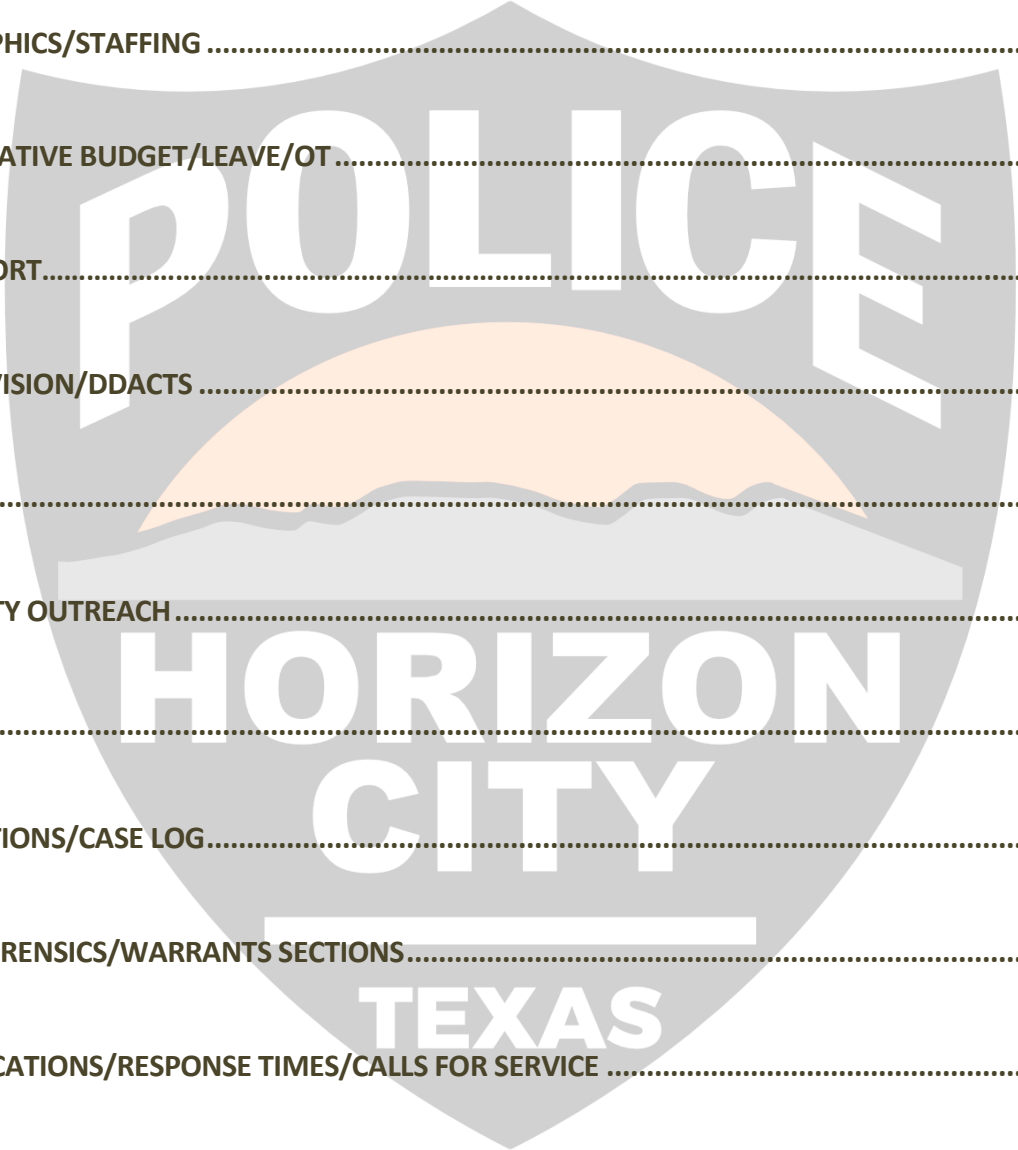
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MONTHLY REPORT

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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 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	2	2	0
Sergeants	3	3	0
Corporals	3	3	0
Detectives	3	3	0
Officers	20	20	0
Crime Scene Technician	1	1	0
Civilians	2	2	0

Communication Positions	Allotted	Current	Vacancy
Communications Manager	1	1	0
Communications Supervisor	3	2	1
Dispatchers	16	12	4

Administrative

FY 2022-2023 Budget	Original Budget	Available Budget	Encumbrances	Requisitions	Percentage Remaining
PD	\$1,962,206.00	\$1,234,649.02	\$ 0	\$ 9,592.10	62.92 %
Communications	\$882,042.00	\$622,935.30	\$0	\$0	70.62%

Leave	Police Department	Communications
OT	99.50	77.78
Comp	102.00	20.00
PTO	396.00	194.72
LWO	0	.60
Military	0	0
Training	680.00	22.00
Funeral	88	0
Personal	16	0
Holiday	0	Floating 32.00
Injury	0	0
Suspension	0	0

Overtime	Amount Appropriated FY 2021-2022	Amount Expended January 2023	Balance	Percentage Remaining 2022
PD	\$ 50,129.00	\$ 7,143.30	\$ 12,998.62	22.90 %
Communications	\$50,384.00	\$1,023.27	\$27,984.51	55.54%

OPERATIONAL SUMMARY	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTALS
GAS USED (GAL)	1643	1520											3163
MILES DRIVEN	8859	7894											16753
MILES/GALLON	5.39	5.19											5.2965539

According the Wex gasoline report there was a -7.49 % decrease in gas usage, compared to 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 an increase in part one crimes. Our areas of increase have been isolated to property crimes. We show a 25% increase 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	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Total
Murder	0	0										0
Sexual Assault	1	0										1
Robbery	0	0										0
Agg. Assault	3	4										3
Burglary	2	3										2
Larceny	7	7										7
Simple Assault	3	7										3
Vehicle Theft	3	4										3
Total	19	25										44



January 2023 to February 2023 Comparison

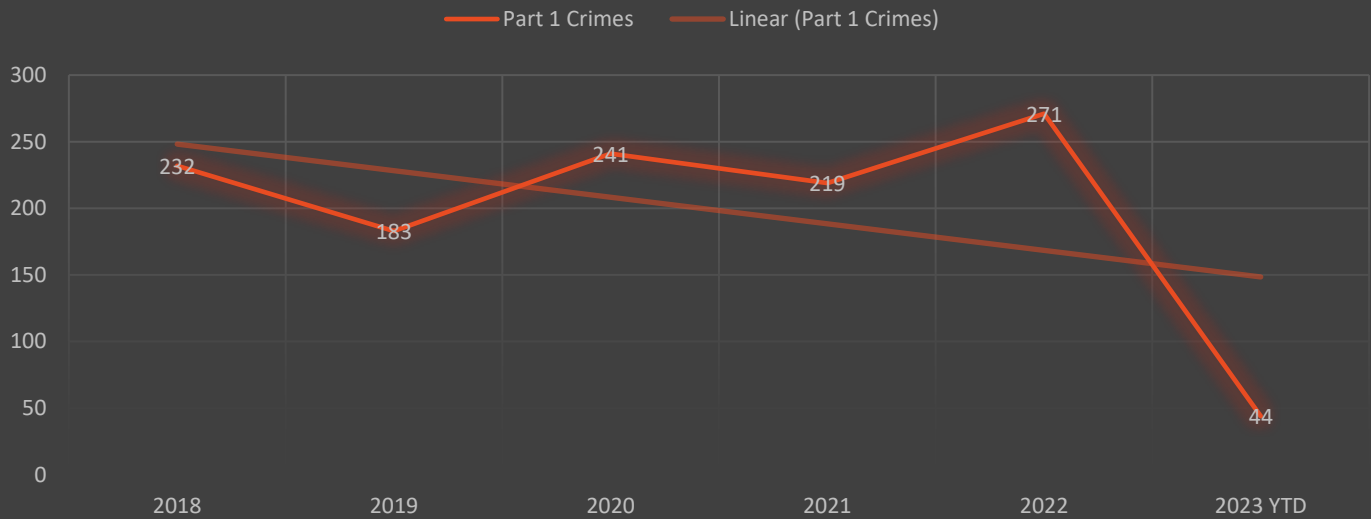


25% Increase

Annual Part 1 Crimes

Part 1 Crimes	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Total
Murder	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sexual Assault	11	9	12	15	4	51
Robbery	6	1	1	3	1	12
Agg. Assault	9	7	16	17	25	74
Burglary	26	17	16	14	23	96
Larceny	93	75	82	71	92	413
Simple Assault	81	70	107	85	93	436
Vehicle Theft	6	4	7	14	33	64
Total	232	183	241	219	271	1146

Annual Part 1 Crimes



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

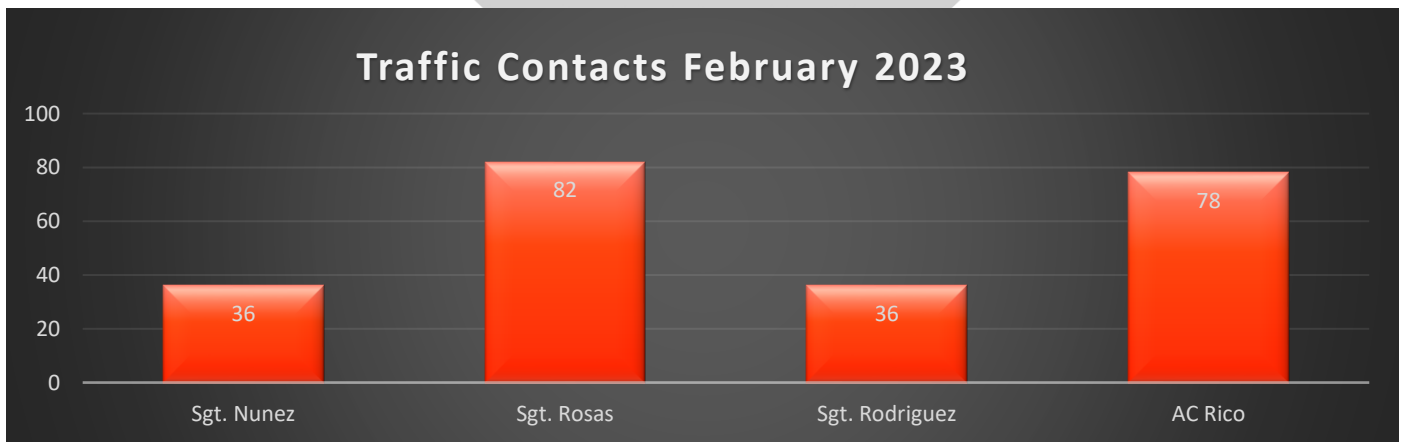
Our Data Driven Approach to Traffic and Crime Safety is our patrol strategy designed to focus on the hot spot areas for accidents and criminal incidents. Below are the hotspot locations and number of contacts charts.

Top Traffic Collision Areas

Location	Crashes
Horizon/Darrington	1
Eastlake/Darrington	0
Horizon/Kenazo	1
Eastlake/ Horizon Mesa	1
Eastlake/Kenazo	0
Horizon/Ascencion	0
Darrington/Kenazo	0

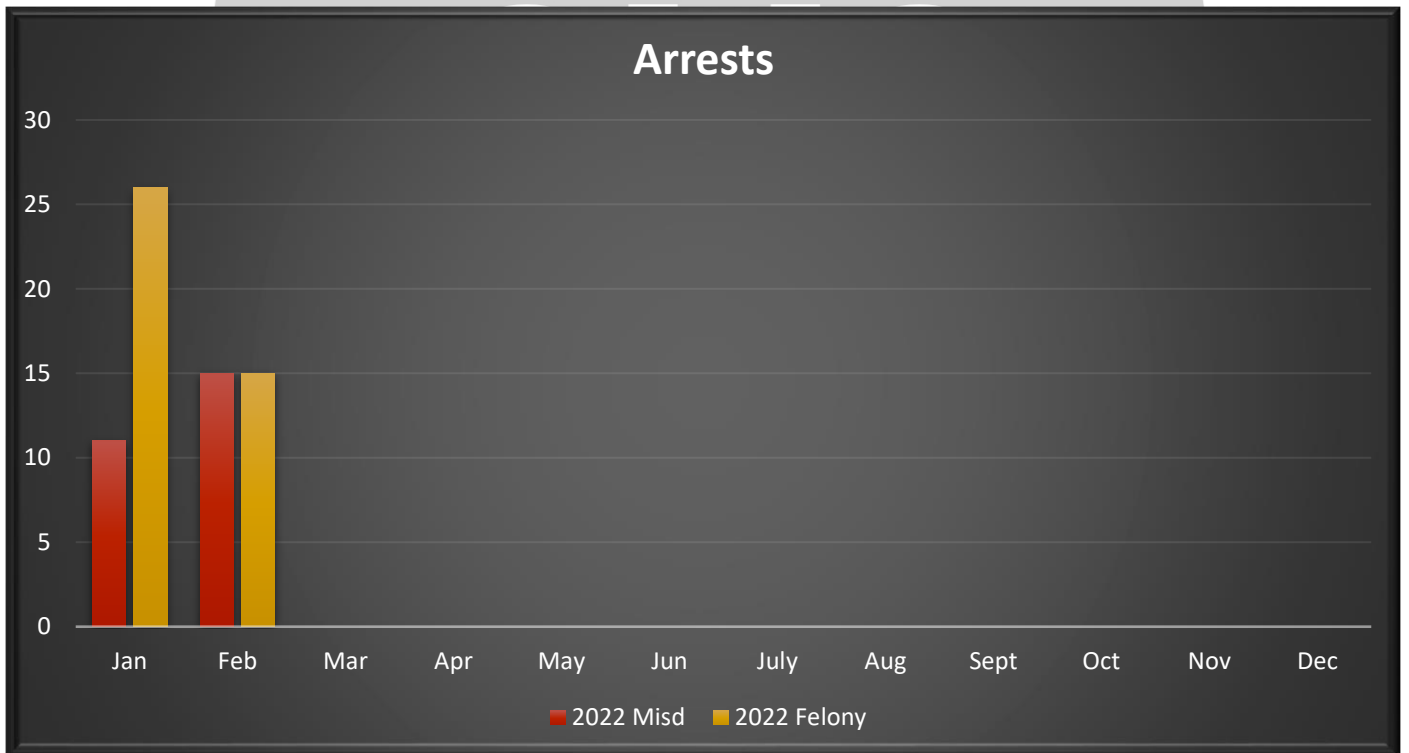
Traffic Contacts

2023	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	YTD
Sgt Juan Nunez	56	36										56
Sgt Guillermo Rosas	130	82										130
Sgt John Rodriguez	53	36										53
AC Rico	20	78										20



Arrests

ACTIVITY SUMMARY	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	YTD
2022 Felony Arrests	11	15										26
2022 Misdemeanor Arrests	26	15										41



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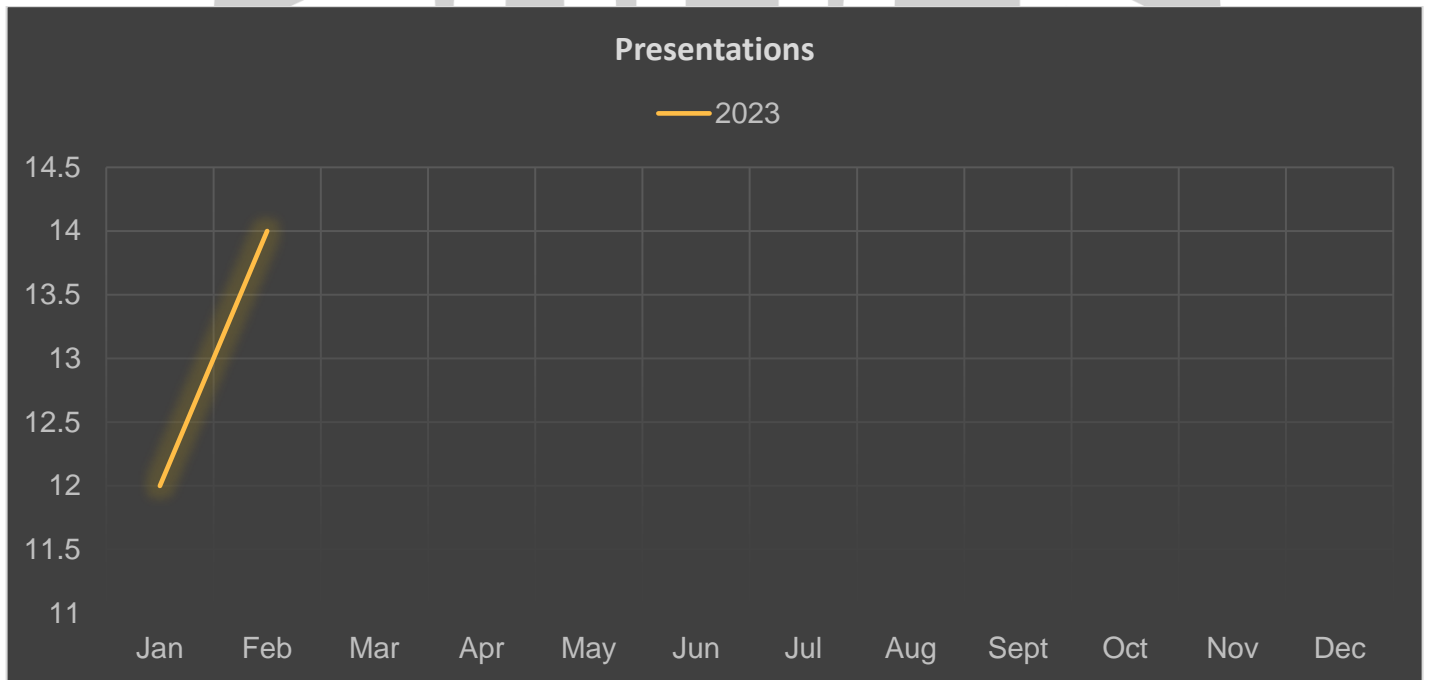


-18% Decrease

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 SUMMARY	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	YTD
2023 Presentations	12	14											25



January 2023 to February 2023 Comparison



16% Increase

Criminal Investigations Division

Investigations

Assistant Chief of Police Manuel Rico Jr. is responsible for the Criminal Investigations Division. The division consists of one supervisor and three detectives. The unit investigates cases ranging from Theft of Motor Vehicle, Thefts, Fraud, Deceptive Business Practice, Runaways, Assault, and Burglary of Habitation.

Activity	#
Case Submitted to the DA's for prosecution	1
Case submitted to the DA's Office for prosecution that were accepted	9
Case declined by the DA's Office for prosecution	0
Cases Signed at DA's Office by CID Detectives.	5
Cases approved by CID Supervisor generated by CID/Traffic/Warrants/Lt's	15
Cases assigned to CID Detectives/Traffic	13
Supplement completed and approved that was completed by CID & Forensics	29
Cases were Closed/Cleared by CID and Special Traffic Investigations	2
Cases were Inactivated due to lack of leads or prosecutorial evidence	7
Cases that were Unfounded	4
Non-Prosecution from Complainant	2
CPS Cases Approved	7

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

- Detectives Labrado and Crespo completed five background investigations for communications.
- Detectives Crespo, Rodriguez and Labrado patrolled burglary suppression the week of January 30 to February 3rd, 2023.
- Detective Crespo assisted with Red Tagging Operation on February 6, 2023.
- CID Section attended Coffee with a deputy on February 17, 2023.
- Administration conducted patrol operation on February 28, 2023.

Training attended in January

- Detective Labrado attended on-line training on February 1, Legislative Updates
- Detective Labrado attended Cyber Security on-line training on February 7, 2023.
- Detectives Rodriguez & Crespo attended a three-day training for Interview & Interrogation the week of February 8-10.
- Detective Crespo and I attended Red Dot Training at the EPSO Academy on February 2 that was taught by Officer Delgadillo.
- Detective Crespo provided a CPR training class for ten employees.
- AC Rico finished the Intro to LEMIT on February 19, 2023.
- Officer Delgadillo attended a three-week training in Austin for Commercial Vehicle Inspections.
- AC Rico attended NIBRS training on February 22, 2023.

Meetings

- Chief Vargas and Assistant Chief Rico met with Juvenile Department staff at J.P.D. on February 3, 2023.
- C.I.D. meeting on February 16, 2023.
- Command Staff meeting on February 16, 2023.
- CID attended a Detective meeting at EPSO with other detectives from multiple surrounding agencies.

Criminal Investigations Case Log:

Detective Abel Labrado:

Case	Assigned	Offense	Current Status
1. 2207057	08/02/22	Theft Motor Vehicle	Active
2. 2208037	08/12/22	Theft Motor Vehicle	Active
3. 2208028	08/17/22	Theft Motor Vehicle	Active
4. 2209053	09/26/22	Burglary of Habitation	Active
5. 2209059	09/26/22	Burglary of Habitation	Active
6. 2210006	10/07/22	Public Threat to Publish	Active
7. 2210030	10/12/22	Fraud	Active
8. 2210071	10/26/22	Theft Motor Vehicle-Recovered	Active
9. 2210072	10/26/22	Burglary of Vehicle	Active
10. 2211031	11/15/22	Forgery	Active
11. 2211034	11/15/22	Criminal Mischief	Active
12. 2211097	12/07/22	Theft of Motor Vehicle	Active
13. 2212012	12/04/22	Burglary of Habitation	Active
14. 2212016	12/13/22	Burglary of Habitation	Active
15. 2212033	12/12/22	Sexual Assault	Active
16. 2211079	12/04/22	Theft (over \$150K Under \$300K)	Active
17. 2212062	12/26/22	Fraud	Active
18. 2301062	01/27/23	Criminal Mischief	Active 01/27/23
19. 2301116	01/31/23	Criminal Mischief	Active 01/23/23
CASES ASSIGNED FEB			
1. 2302096	02/27/23	Duty Upon Striking	Active 02/27/23
CASES CLOSED IN FEB			
1. 2212056	12/20/23	Unattended Death	Closed 02/01/23
2. 2302039	02/11/23	Deadly Conduct	Cleared 02/14/23
3. 2301040	01/12/23	Sexual Assault	Closed 02/20/23
4. 2301109	01/28/23	Burglary of Vehicle	Inactive 02/20/23
5. 2301045	01/14/23	Deadly Conduct	Inactive 02/22/23
6. 2302008	02/06/23	Burglary of Building	Inactive 02/22/23
7. 2301036	01/11/23	Identity Theft	Inactive 02/23/23

Detective Gilbert Rodriguez:

Case	Assigned	Offense	Current Status
1. 2205050	05/11/22	Injury to a Child	Active
2. 2205067	05/16/22	Harassment	Active
3. 2206032	06/08/22	Public/Threat to Publish	Active
4. 2207134	07/31/22	Burglary of Building	Active
5. 2209100	09/27/22	Indecency w/Child	Active
6. 2209095	09/26/22	Theft of Motor Vehicle	Active
7. 2210064	10/22/22	Burglary of Vehicle	Active
8. 2211030	11/08/22	Theft	Active
9. 2211101	11/29/22	Theft	Active
10. 2212032	12/10/22	Theft	Active
11. 2212028	12/15/22	Criminal Mischief	Active
12. 2212058	01/04/23	Deceptive Business Practice	01/04/23 Active
13. 2301032	01/12/23	Burglary of Vehicle (HP)	01/13/23 Active
14. 2301006	01/03/23	Fraud	01/13/23 Active
15. 2301023	01/16/23	Criminal Mischief	01/27/23 Active
16. 2301052	01/23/23	Criminal Mischief	01/27/23 Active
17. 2301085	01/27/23	Credit Card Abuse	01/27/23 Active
CASES ASSIGNED IN FEB			
1. 2302018	02/06/23	Theft of Motor Vehicle	02/10/23 Active
2. 2302035	02/09/23	Burglary of Habitation	02/10/23 Active
CASES CLOSED IN FEB			
1. 2210057	10/20/22	Aggravated Sexual Assault	02/27/23 Ref/Agency
2. 2211064	11/16/22	Unattended Death	02/28/23 Closed
3. 2301087	01/29/23	Online Solicitation	02/27/23 Closed
4. 2210011	10/24/22	Theft of Motor Vehicle	02/27/23 Inactive
5. 2301025	01/08/23	Criminal Mischief	02/28/23 Closed

Detective Jaime Crespo:

Case	Assigned	Offense	Current Status
1. 2212080	12/31/22	Theft \$750<\$2,500	01/03/22 Active
2. 2212085	01/03/22	Theft of Motor Vehicle	01/03/22 Active
3. 2211095	01/05/22	Theft Under \$100	01/05/22 Active
4. 2301028	01/11/22	Burglary of Habitation	01/13/22 Active
5. 2301016	01/08/22	Theft \$750	01/13/22 Active
6. 2301018	01/07/22	Theft \$750	01/13/22 Active
7. 2301046	01/15/22	Criminal Mischief	01/18/22 Active
8. 2301060	01/20/23	Theft of Property	01/20/23 Active
9. 2301078	01/24/23	Deadly Conduct	01/27/23 Active

10.	2301091	01/29/23	Exploitation	01/29/23	Active
11.	2301114	01/31/23	Theft	01/31/23	Active
CASES ASSIGNED IN FEB					
1.	2301093	02/06/23	Burglary of Vehicle	02/10/23	Active
2.	2301094	02/05/23	Burglary of Vehicle	02/10/23	Active
3.	2301101	01/27/23	Burglary of Vehicle	02/10/23	Active
4.	2301104	01/27/23	Burglary of Vehicle	02/10/23	Active
5.	2301105	01/28/23	Burglary of Vehicle	02/10/23	Active
6.	2301106	01/28/23	Burglary of Vehicle	02/10/23	Active
7.	2301107	01/28/23	Burglary of Vehicle	02/10/23	Active
8.	2302099	02/24/23	Motor Vehicle Theft	02/24/23	Active
CASES CLOSED IN FEB					
1.	2302001	01/31/23	P.O.M	02/01/23	Closed
2.	2211100	11/28/22	Criminal Mischief	02/28/23	Inactive
3.	2212030	12/17/22	Criminal Mischief	02/28/23	Inactive

Detective	# of cases assigned	Active Cases Under 30 Days	Active Cases Under 60 Days	Active Cases Under 90 days	Active Cases Over 90 days	Cases Cleared:	Cases Presented	Inactive	%rate of assigned to clearance
Manuel Rico	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0% Runaways
Abel Labrado	26	1	2	6	11	1	1	4	23.08% All Cases
Gilbert Rodriguez	24	2	6	2	9	3	0	2	20.8% All Cases
Jaime Crespo	22	8	11	0	0	1	0	2	13.63% All Cases
Eric Delgadillo	5	1	3	1	0	0	0	0	0% MVA Hit & Runs

Runaway cases remain active until the juvenile is located and safely returned to their parents and are being handled by Assistant Chief Rico

Case	Assigned	Offense	Active/Closed
1.	2208051 08/11/22	Missing Person	08/11/2022 Active
2.	2210063 10/22/22	Runaway	10/26/2022 Active
CASES CLOSED IN JAN.			

The CID Supervisor screens CPS Facsimiles, and they are either assigned to a detective for follow-up, filed with an existing case or closed with no investigation required.

CPS Case # Assigned	Offense	Active/Closed
49474648 01/10/23	Neglect	01/13/2023 Active
49492864 01/26/23	Fam. V	01/26/2023 Active
CASES CLOSED IN FEB.		
49478285 01/12/23	Assault	02/08/2023 Unfounded
49490002 01/22/23	Welfare Ck	02/08/2023 Unfounded
77132352 01/13/23	Neglect Supervision	02/22/2023 Unfounded
49474735 01/10/23	Neglect	02/23/2023 Unfounded
49490237 01/22/23	Welfare	02/23/2023 Ck Ok
49497754 01/27/23	Neglect	02/01/2023 No F/U Req.
77204205 01/29/23	Sexual Assault	02/08/2023 Closed

Traffic Division

Officer Eric Delgadillo is assigned to conduct traffic enforcement and accident investigations. He is assigned as our only motorcycle officer.

Traffic Accident Reports	Written Warnings	Citations
2	2	6

Traffic Criminal Investigations	Arrests from Investigations	Active Cases
4	0	4

Traffic Criminal Investigations Case Log

Traffic Officer Delgadillo:

Case	Assigned	Offense	Active/Closed
1. 2212064	12/23/22	Duty Upon Striking	12/29/2022 Active
2. 2212075	01/01/23	Duty Upon Striking	01/03/2022 Active
3. 2212079	01/01/23	Duty Upon Striking	01/03/2022 Active
4. 2301080	01/27/23	Duty Upon Striking	01/27/2023 Active
CASES ASSINGED IN FEB			
1. 2302003	02/01/23	Duty Upon Striking	02/10/23 Active
CASES CLOSED IN FEB			

Forensics Unit

Bernadette Ortega is our new Crime Scene and Evidence Lead. Officer Abraham Diaz is also assigned to Crime Scene and Evidence.

Forensic Unit Responsibilities

Activity	#
Hours of in-service training	2
Hours of training given	5.2
Hours pieces of evidence were processed	8
Pieces of evidence were received	49
Pieces of evidence were released	30
Record requests were released	25
Latent Prints were collected at crime scenes	6
Supplement Reports	31
I.D.'s was made	2
Walk ins for fingerprints	0
Filed non-crime scene evidence related.	2
Crime Scene Evidence was requested	0
Field crime scene evidence requests	8
Walk-in Crime Scene Evidence Related	10
Redaction of Cases	1
Redaction Process hours	5
Redaction Videos Completed	2
Positive Latent Identifications	7
Photographs at Crime Scenes were taken	5

Warrants Division and Bailiff

Officer Abraham Diaz serves as the Court Bailiff and Warrants Officer. He is responsible for serving as the municipal court bailiff and executing traffic and criminal warrants. Officer Diaz is also responsible for fleet maintenance.

- 9 units were transported to the shop for service.

	Served
Court Summons	11
Warrants	4
Case Prep for City Pros.	Completed by Patrol
HCMC Court Hearings	4

Money Collected from Warrants: \$1,055

Communications Section

The Communications Section is overseen by the Communications Manager and is comprised of 3 Communications Shift Supervisors, and 13 Communications Specialists.

	Average Call to Arrival	Average Dispatch to Arrival	Actual	Target
Priority 1-3 Pending to Arrival less than or equal to 10 Minutes	00:10:00	00:05:20	100%	90%
Priority 4-6 Pending to Arrival less than or equal to 34 Minutes:	00:10:44	00:05:57	100%	80%
Priority 7-9 Pending to Arrival less than or equal to 52 Minutes:	00:13:00	00:07:08	100%	70%

Response Times

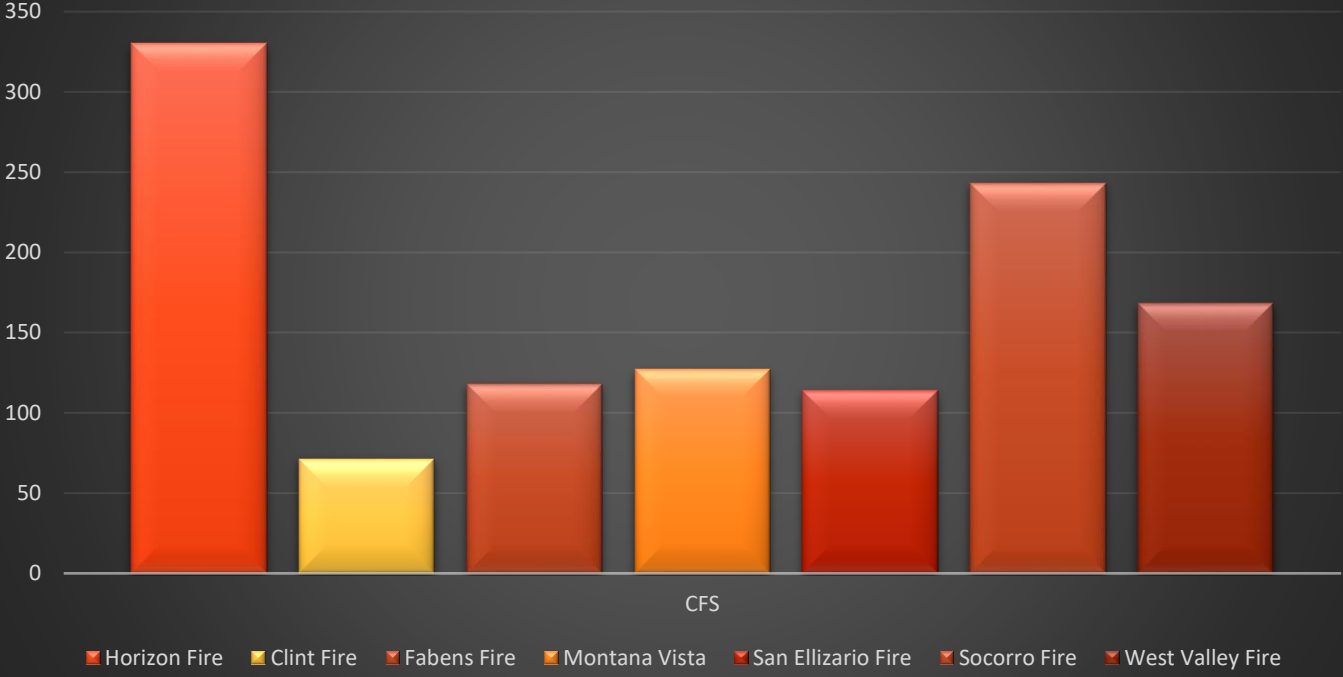
ESD 1 Calls for Service

	Alarm	Assist	Brush Fire	Car Fire	Water Gas Leaks	Medical	MVA	Structure Fires	Total
Horizon Fire	24	37	13	2	18	202	33	1	330

ESD 2 Calls for Service

	Alarm	Assist	Brush Fire	Car Fire	Water/ Gas Leaks	Medical	MVA	Structure Fire	Total
Clint	1	6	3	0	3	50	6	2	71
Fabens	2	12	11	0	5	81	4	3	118
Montana Vista	4	8	3	0	6	94	8	4	127
San Elizario	1	12	3	0	3	87	7	1	114
Socorro	16	20	7	3	5	145	44	3	243
West Valley	10	11	12	4	7	107	12	5	168
Total	34	69	39	7	29	564	81	18	841

Fire Calls For Service



Departmental Significant and Notable Accomplishments:

Grant Opportunity

The communications manager Elva Ramos, with the assistance of a communications specialist Irlanda Huerta, completed and submitted the application for Fiscal Year 2024 Homeland Security Program. If approved, the grant funds will assist Horizon City Police Department in purchasing handheld radios that are multi-band capability.



Professional Development

Future communications specialists are currently undergoing the hiring process. The communications division continues seeking any person interested in becoming a 9-1-1 hero! Communications specialists Marcela Portillo, Jasmine Moran, and Isabel Cano attended the mandated TCIC/TLETS full access three-day course.

Specialized Training

Communications Specialists Anthony Dominguez and Jasmine Moran attended Preventing Telecommunicator Tunnel Vision Training held at El Paso Regional Communications Center.



Telecommunicators identified and discussed common problem areas they experience in the performance of their duties. They learned tips and tools to help identify and correct problems to ensure the team succeeds.

Technological Assistance

The communications division underwent training to implement Prepared Live. Prepared Live is a web-based software that allows telecommunicators access to live video, audio, location, and still imagery from individual caller's mobile devices. The communications center will use this available resource to gain information about an incident with the intent to relay critical details and situational awareness to responding units.

The logo for Prepared Live consists of the words "PREPARED LIVE" in a bold, sans-serif font. "PREPARED" is in white and "LIVE" is in blue. To the right of the text is a small orange and yellow flame icon.

Fire Commendations

On Sunday February 26th, communications specialists Grisell Acosta, Anthony Dominguez, and Elena Chavez received commendations from Fire Chiefs Menendez and Trevizo for handling multiple emergency and non-emergency along with dispatching forty-seven calls for service regarding the high winds. Good Job!

Excellent Investigation



On February 9th, Officer Miramontes responded to the area of Pawling and Darrington Rd. to reports of road rage between two motorists which included gunfire. The timely and thorough investigation conducted by Officer Miramontes and his peers uncovered the identity of the suspect after extensive investigation, interviews, and review of digital video footage. Ultimately the suspect in the shooting was apprehended and booked into the El Paso County Detention Facility.

Excellent Juvenile Arrest

On February 17th, Officers Ortega and Chavez responded to the local Peter Piper Pizza eatery after patrons reported that a young man was using a knife to threaten a person. The swift response and investigation conducted by officers determined probable cause to charge a juvenile male with aggravated assault. The juvenile was apprehended and referred to the juvenile justice center.



Outstanding Arrest



On February 22nd, Officer Campbell was conducting neighborhood patrol in the area of Argyle and located two suspicious vehicles. Upon further investigation, Officer Campbell determined that a male was communicating with a female who had a protective order against him. The male was a confirmed gang member and was taken into custody, charged with Violation of Protective Order. The male was booked into the El Paso County Detention Facility without further incident.

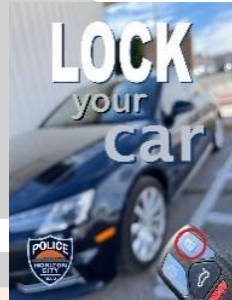
Great Arrest

Detective Labrado was called out on a Deadly conduct case on February 10, 2023. Officer Campbell and Sergeant Rosas were the initial responding officers, they did an excellent job on the initial investigation and containing the crime scene. Detective Labrado arrived on scene and began to conduct his investigation and processing the scene. Detective Labrado canvassed the neighborhood and obtain sufficient evidence to complete his investigation and obtain an arrest warrant on the suspect that he was able to identify. Detective Labrado took his time and utilized his expertise that assisted him in clearing this case by having an arrest warrant. From the beginning of the call to the end of the investigation these three individuals worked very well as a team and reached their goals and objectives of identifying the suspect and clearing the case with a warrant.



Interview for Vehicle Burglaries

On Friday 02/03/2023, Officer Sierra spoke with KVIA through Zoom for an interview about vehicle burglaries that had been taking place in the city. The interview consisted of PIO Sierra explaining the circumstances around the burglaries, preventative measures for the burglaries and how the police department was working with the community to decrease the number of incidents. The interview was posted on their Facebook Story Reels and Website. Telemundo and Univision used the information from the interview as well for their websites and social media.



Career Day



On Friday 02/03/2023, Officer E. Garza from Patrol assisted CROs in presenting to Horizon High School's Criminal Justice class for their Career Day. The presentation was from 0800 to 1300 hours and consisted of multiple classrooms that Officer Garza presented to. She explained the beginning of her career as a dispatcher and the steps she took towards becoming a police officer. She explained the challenges she faced during the police academy as a Cadet and what she experiences as a police officer from HCPD. The groups she presented were from 9th grade up to 12th grade. Officer Garza answered questions at the end of each presentation.

Polar Plunge

CRO V. Hernandez coordinated with the Special Olympics from Region 19 and with Patrol to work together in participating at the Polar Plunge at the Cohen Water Park on Saturday 02/04/2023. This was the second time HCPD assisted the Special Olympics at an event. Horizon City Police Department was the only law enforcement agency who assisted in the event and had the participation of Officers B. Avitia, E. Garza and V. Lujan. The event consisted of the officers taking a dip in a cold pool that was 52 degrees Farenheit and sliding the water slides and interacting with some of the athletes for Region 19. Chief Vargas sponsored the officers who participated and all proceeds were for the Special Olympics.



Honoring Trooper Salas and Mooney

CRO Sierra and Warrant Officer Diaz assisted DPS in honoring Special Agent Anthony Salas and Sergeant Paul Mooney on Saturday 02/04/2023. Both officers helped provide sound for the memorial with speakers and the sound booth for presenters to use. The event was held in honor of both officers who died and held at the DPS station on Scott Simpson. Special Agent Salas passed after a fatal vehicle accident during a special operation in 2022 and Sgt. Mooney passed away after losing his fight to Cancer in 2021. Friends, relatives, and law enforcement agencies were in attendance for the 2-hour memorial and ended with DPS honoring both officers with a fallen trooper monument.



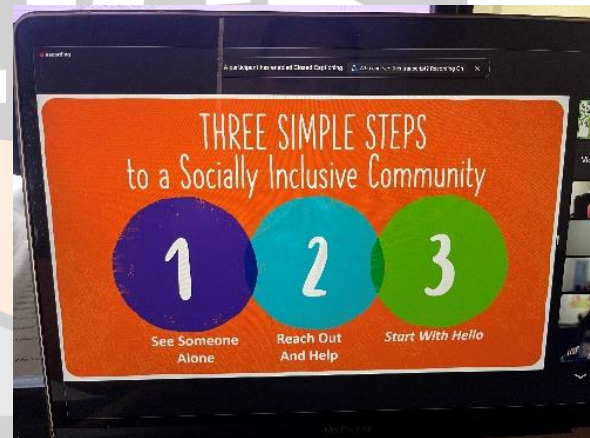
Operation Mater

On Monday, February 6th, 2023, a total of 7 officers from the patrol and administrative division formed part of a two-part 6-hour plan to check for vehicles that were incapable of being operated, dismantled or wrecked and parked on public property in Horizon City. Officers were given different sections to check individually. The 6-hour plan began on the North side of Horizon City and officers then proceeded to move to the South side. If officers noticed vehicles not in compliance with the city ordinance, officers “red tagged” the vehicles. Among all officers, there were 129 vehicles red tagged that were not within compliance with the city ordinance. Registered owners are given a 15-day period to remove the vehicles or have them within compliance and if owners fail to do that, the vehicles are impounded at the owners’ expense. Both Community Relations Officers conducted a follow-up after a 15-day period and a total of five vehicles were towed at the owner’s expense and the rest of the vehicles were removed. The purpose of the 6-hour plan was to have our city streets looking clean and have the city within compliance with our ordinance.



Start with Hello Training

On Tuesday, February 7th, CRO Hernandez attended a 2.5-hour Sandy Hook Promise- Say Something Virtual Training provided by Texas School Safety Center. The “Start with Hello” program is a violence prevention program for grades K-12 to help the youth minimize social isolation and empathize with others. Individuals from different professions such as elementary teachers, principals, directors, counselors, nurses and law enforcement formed part of the training. Participants were introduced to a “Start with Hello Program Cycle” that taught teachers how to introduce the program to their classrooms and how to get them to engage to help the program grow. For law enforcement it was great educational training to see that students are encouraged to be there for each other and prevent any violence from happening or to simply reach out to somebody if they believe any type of help is needed.



Coat Donation

On Tuesday, February 7th, 2023, Officer Hernandez met with Horizon High School Cheer Coach Michelle Hernandez and several cheerleaders who donated clothing for those families in need. Last year, HCPD had a coat drive for those families in need and due to the coach and cheerleaders being out in competitions, they were unable to donate the clothing. Coach Hernandez reached out to CRO's and provided officers with the donations. Officers donated the clothing that included sweaters, t shirts and socks to Pastor Gabe Solis from Harvest Christian Center. Pastor Solis advised he'd donate the clothing to those families in need.



FSD Low Light Training

On Wednesday 02/08/2023, CRO Hernandez and CRO Sierra assisted in a low light training for their newly assigned handgun, red dot sight and light. The training started at 0500 hours at the El Paso County Sheriff's Office shooting range. The purpose of the training was to expose officers to a scenario where there was low visibility and where they can put their equipment into effect. This was also an attempt to train with a different agency and possibly further the inclusion of HCPD in hands on training with the Sheriff's Office. The training included the qualification on the firearms at a distance starting at 20 yards and carrying out different drills that included different positionings and targeting during the exercises as the distance started closing in. 4 different agencies participated in the training and both CROs qualified with their weapons.



Kindness Day

CRO's Hernandez and Sierra were invited by Carroll T Welch to attend their Kindness Day Celebration on Monday February 13th, 2023. The school had a Ribbon cutting inauguration for their kindness garden to celebrate their Kindness Month. The purpose of the garden is that every time a student encounters a kind act or does an act of kindness, they are to decorate a rock and add it to the garden. The officers were able to take part of this special event and got to hear the school's music class put together a performance by the students. HCPD was able to take pictures and partake in snacks provided by the school. The principal, teachers and Alderwoman Samantha Corral were able to give a speech to the teachers and students encouraging them to continue making the garden bigger and bigger to continue encouraging kind acts throughout the school and community. Horizon City Police Department continues to participate in events and ceremonies with the schools to keep improving the rapport with faculty and students as well as to continue growing the trust with the city's youth through the education system.



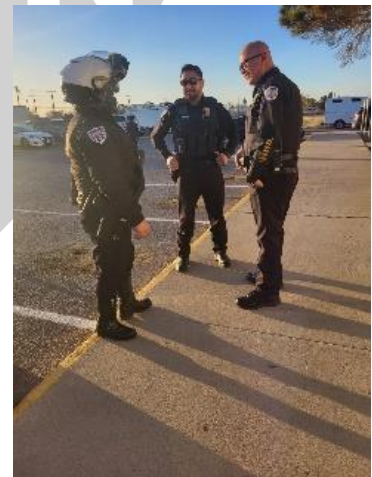
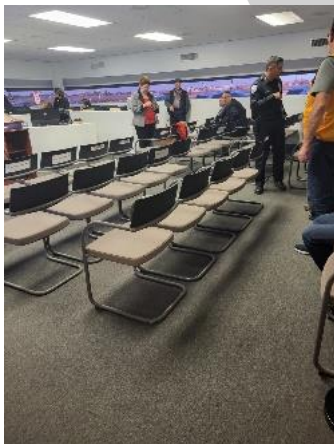
Meeting with Special Olympics

On Tuesday February 14, 2023, Chief Vargas and CRO H. Sierra and V. Hernandez met with the Special Olympics from Region 19 to see what the Horizon City Police Department can do to help out. In the meeting, it had been discussed that there was a need for more attendance from law enforcement at sporting events. Nydia who is one of the event coordinators mentioned that athletes were very excited any time any law enforcement officer was present at a sporting event. She talked about the importance that law enforcement plays in their athlete's events. Three sporting events will be held in the following months and Chief Vargas expressed his interest and guaranteed more involvement from the police department. Officers will help for their first sporting event the month of March for a basketball game. Nydia stressed the importance of attendance so that their athletes could familiarize themselves with the officers and become more comfortable as well as for officers to work on their rapport with the athletes in the months to come.



Security Detail

On Tuesday 02/14/2022, CRO V. Hernandez and CRO H. Sierra assisted in providing a security detail for United States Representative from Texas Veronica Escobar while she spoke at the Horizon City Municipal Court for a City Council Meeting. The detail was a brief 2 hours that had officers watching for any potential threats that may surface. Warrant Officer A. Diaz, Motor Unit E. Delgado, Lieutenant Ortega and both CRO's were used for the security detail. There was no incident during Mrs. Escobar's visit.



SOTX and HCPD

HCPD was fortunate enough to have been invited by Special Olympics Texas - Greater El Paso Area to attend SOTX State Leadership Conference in Lakeway, Texas! The conference took place from February 16th-18th. Approximately over 300+ people formed part of this years conference. The conference consisted of multiple individuals such as SOTX CEO, school principals and teachers as well as different law enforcement personnel giving presentations of their involvement with the organization. Several Special Olympics athletes also shared their personal stories and explained how SOTX has made such a positive impact in their life. HCPD also got the opportunity to carry the “Flame of Hope” along a Special Olympic athlete into the Opening Ceremony representing West Texas in order to kick off the Winter games! Officers are excited to begin establishing a great relationship with SOTX personnel and most importantly with the special Olympics athletes themselves!!



Coffee with a Cop

On Tuesday 02/21/2023, Community Relations Officer V. Hernandez took part in HCPD’s monthly Coffee with a Cop at Amber’s Coffee Bar. The goal of this community outreach is to meet new people from the city, answer any questions that may surface, create and build on the trust that the department has gained with the community and of course to enjoy some coffee and pastries that are provided by the police department. For the Coffee with a Cop from February, Warrants Officer A. Diaz, Patrol Sergeant J.C. Rodriguez and Patrol Lieutenant J. Ortega joined citizens for any questions that might surface. This type of outreach is always a good way of interacting with the people from Horizon City and for the police officers to get to know those that they serve with pride.



Addressing the Rise of Social Media Threats in Schools

On Tuesday 02/21/2023, Chief Vargas and PIO Sierra attended a multi-Agency press conference created by the FBI along with law enforcement agencies and prosecutorial agencies in El Paso to address the rising surge of social media threats in El Paso schools. Collaboration and cooperation among all law enforcement agencies is the key to addressing these sorts of threats and in keeping schools safe. Those that gave a statement during the press conference included that any threat toward any school, whether hoaxes or not, would be investigated regardless of how it was made and prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. This was a press conference where media outlets from El Paso attended to get the message across to everyone who might listen and who might be affected by it. Part of the message was for students in El Paso County to be safe, feel safe and have a healthy environment for their studies while knowing that law enforcement is ready for any threat at any time. In 2022, there were almost 6000 school threats reported to the FBI, which is a 60% increase from 2021.



Explorer Forensics Training

On Wednesday, February 8th, 15th and 22nd, 2023 CRO's Sierra and Hernandez had their monthly meetings with the Explorers. On March 8th, Explorers continued practicing their felony stops to better their approach and their knowledge when encountering or engaging in dangerous situations where a felony stop is necessary for their safety. On March 15th, Explorers were introduced to Domestic Family Violence service calls. Officers and Explorers were part of different scenarios to see how the Explorers would approach the situation and were given feedback on how to improve their investigation. On March 22nd, HCPD's Crime Technician, Bernadette Ortega, introduced Explorers to Crime Scene Investigations. Explorers got the opportunity to go hands on to process several items for fingerprints, were shown how iodine is used and were able to hear multiple personal stories that Crime Technician Ortega shared with them. Explorers are improving day by day and that is what the Explorer Program is about, to teach these young individuals as much as possible for them to broaden their knowledge.

