

# HORIZON CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT



**MARCH 2023**

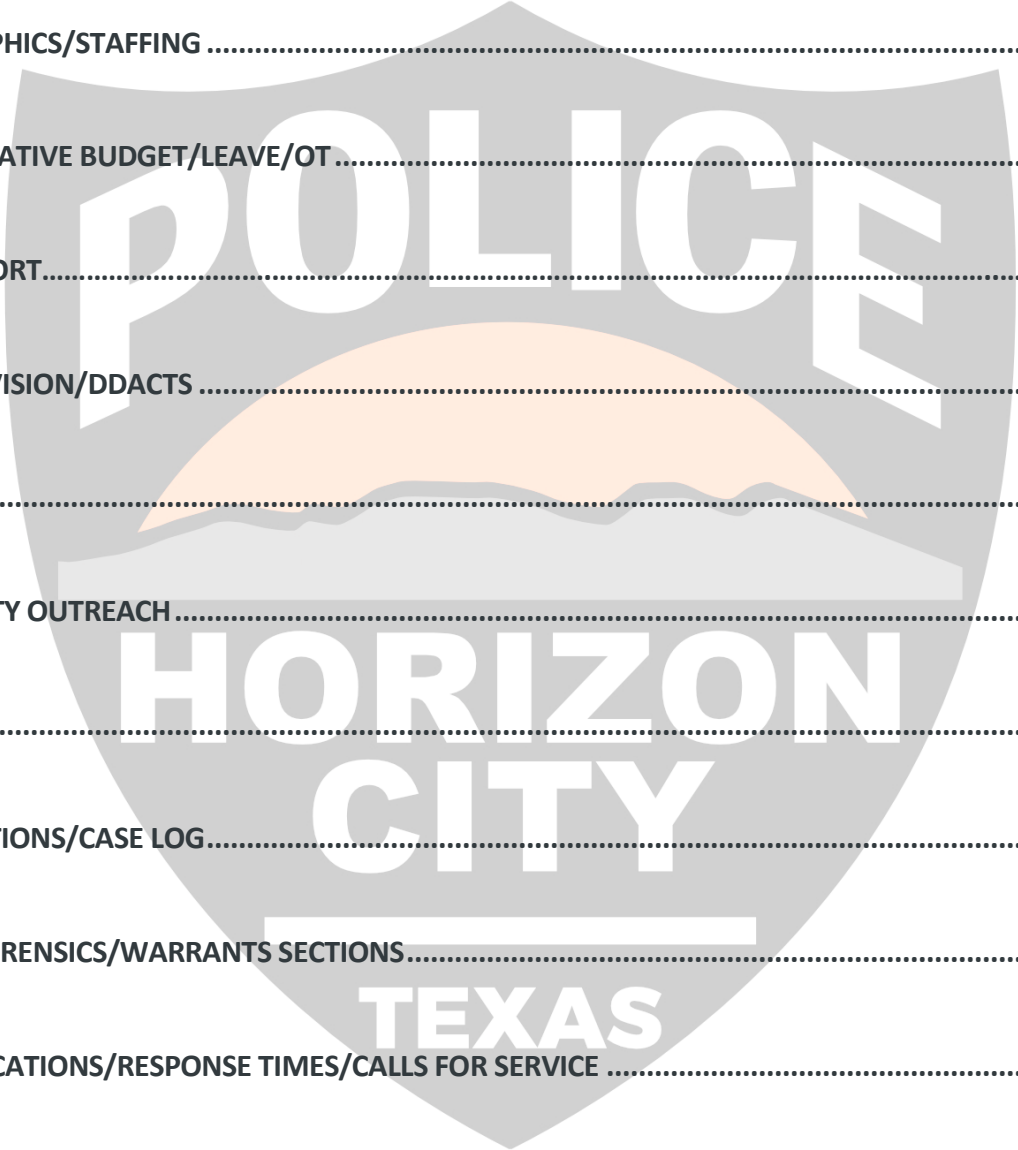
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**MONTHLY REPORT**

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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	19	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	16	11	5

## Administrative

FY 2022-2023 Budget	Original Budget	Available Budget	Encumbrances	Requisitions	Percentage Remaining
PD	\$1,962,206.00	\$1,014,370.98	\$ 54,853.05	\$ 27,748.33	51.70 %
Communications	882,042.00	541,126.60	\$ 5,508.50	\$ 5,324.02	61.35 %

Leave	Police Department	Communications
OT	286.50	98.75
Comp	52	29.17
PTO	450	128.50
LWO	1	2.25
Military	16	0
Training	1,245	136
Funeral	40	0
Personal	16	0
Holiday	0	0
Injury	32	0
Suspension	0	0

Overtime	Amount Appropriated FY 2021-2022	Amount Expended January 2023	Balance	Percentage Remaining 2022
PD	\$ 50,129.00	\$ 6,518.19	\$ 6,480.43	11.15 %
Communications	\$ 50,384.00	\$ 1,853.34	\$ 26,131.17	51.86 %

Sergeants	Sgt. Juan Nunez	Sgt. Guillermo Rosas	Sgt. John Rodriguez	Administrative	Total
Gas Used	47.78	43.38	92.90	84.31	268.37
Miles Driven	287	457	650	700	2094
Miles per Gallon	6.0	10.5	7.0	8.3	7.95

OPERATIONAL SUMMARY	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTALS
<b>GAS USED (GAL)</b>	1643	1520	1685										<b>4848</b>
<b>MILES DRIVEN</b>	8859	7894	8056										<b>24809</b>
<b>MILES/GALLON</b>	5.39	5.19	4.8										15.39

According to the Wex gasoline report there was a 10.85 % increase in gas usage, compared to month of February.

## 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									0
Sexual Assault	1	0	0									1
Robbery	0	0	0									0
Agg. Assault	3	4	0									7
Burglary	2	3	1									6
Larceny	7	7	3									17
Simple Assault	3	7	10									20
Vehicle Theft	3	4	3									10
<b>Total</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>17</b>									<b>61</b>



February 2023 to March 2023 Comparison



-32% Decrease

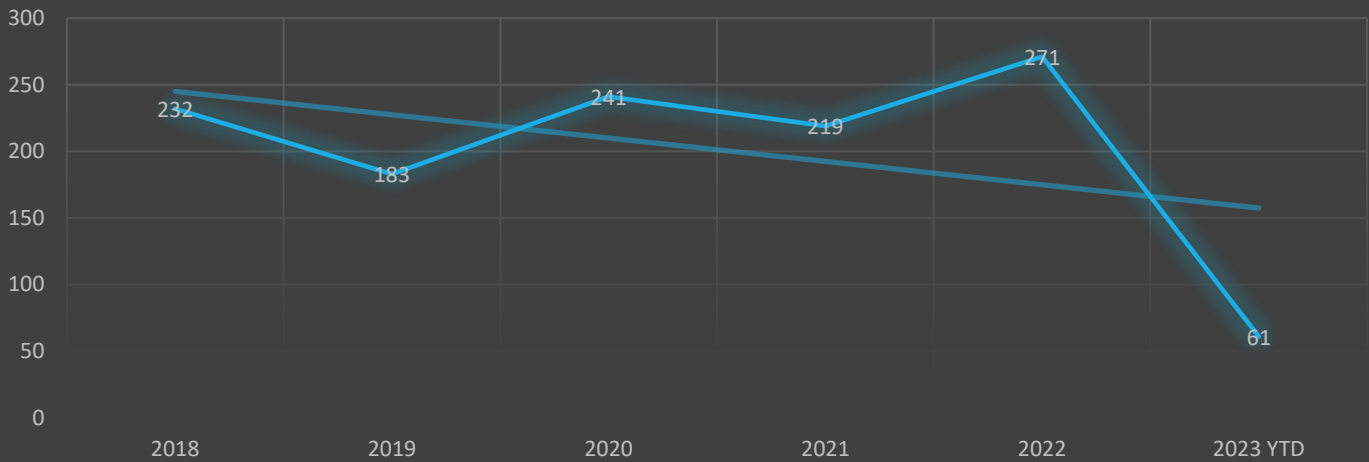
## Annual Part 1 Crimes

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
<b>Total</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>241</b>	<b>219</b>	<b>271</b>	<b>1146</b>

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### Annual Part 1 Crimes

— Part 1 Crimes — Linear (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

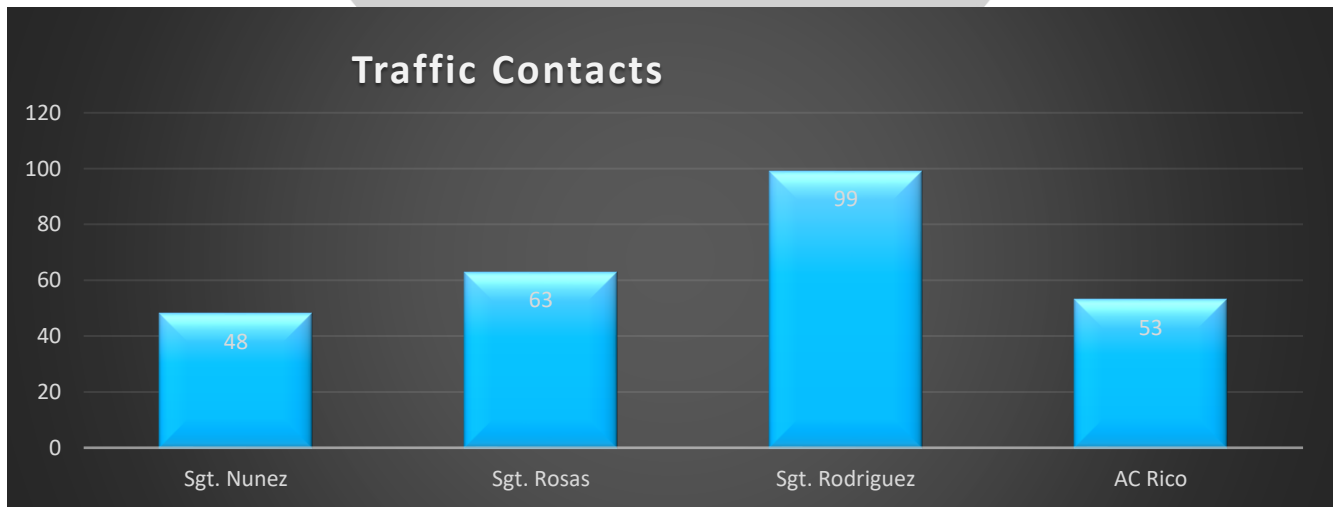
Our Data Driven Approach to Traffic and Crime Safety is our patrol strategy designed to focus on the hot spot areas for accidents and criminal incidents. Below are the hotspot locations and number of contacts charts.

## Top Traffic Collision Areas

Location	Crashes
Horizon/Darrington	6
Eastlake/Darrington	0
Horizon/Kenazo	1
Eastlake/ Horizon Mesa	0
Eastlake/Kenazo	0

## Traffic Contacts

2023	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	YTD
Sgt Juan Nunez	56	36	48									140
Sgt Guillermo Rosas	130	82	63									275
Sgt John Rodriguez	53	36	99									188
Administrative Team	20	78	53									151





**Calls for Service**

	Sgt. Juan Nunez	Sgt. Guillermo Rosas	Sgt. John Rodriguez	Administrative Team	Total
Dispatched calls	312	156	208	208	884
Self-Initiated calls	113	349	206	226	894
Incident Reports	48	20	23	7	98
Crash Reports	17	8	8	0	33
<b>Total CFS</b>	<b>490</b>	<b>533</b>	<b>445</b>	<b>441</b>	<b>1909</b>

**Arrests**

ACTIVITY SUMMARY	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	YTD
<b>2023 Felony Arrests</b>	11	15	5									31
<b>2023 Misdemeanor Arrests</b>	26	15	15									56



February 2023 to March 2023 Comparison

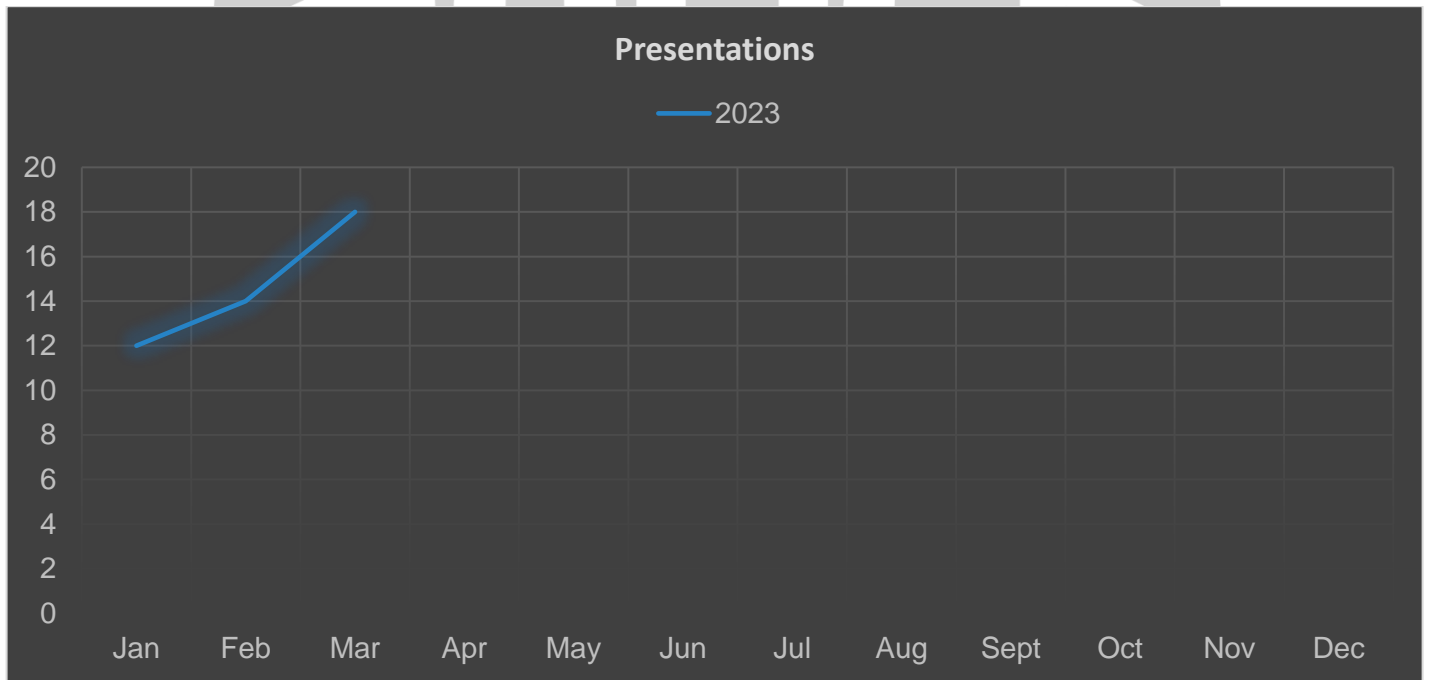


-33% Decrease

## 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	18										44



February 2023 to March 2023 Comparison



28% 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.

<b>Activity</b>	<b>#</b>
Case Submitted to the DA's for prosecution	2
Case submitted to the DA's Office for prosecution that were accepted	7
Case declined by the DA's Office for prosecution	2
Cases Signed at DA's Office by CID Detectives.	3
Cases approved by CID Supervisor generated by CID/Traffic/Warrants/Lt's	33
Cases assigned to CID Detectives/Traffic	24
Supplement completed and approved that was completed by CID & Forensics	32
Cases were Closed/Cleared by CID and Special Traffic Investigations	13
Cases were Inactivated due to lack of leads or prosecutorial evidence	26
Cases that were Unfounded	1
Non-Prosecution from Complainant	2
CPS Cases Approved	2

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

- Detectives G. Rodriguez & Crespo responded to a call out on an Unattended Death.
- Detective Labrado assisted patrol due to shift shortage on March 8, 2023.
- On March 12, 2023, Detective Labrado assisted H.S.I. in an operation to attempt to arrest a subject for possession of a large amount of narcotics.
- On March 14, 2023, presented a Certificate of Appreciation to the El Paso County Sheriff's Emergency Response Team on behalf of Chief Vargas and the Horizon City Police Department.
- Command Staff assisted Chief Vargas presenting the Annual Report for 2022 at the regularly scheduled city council meeting on March 14, 2023.
- Forensics Lead responded and processed a Recovered Stolen Vehicle on Saturday March 18, 2023.
- Detective Labrado assisted patrol on March 20, 2023, due to shortage on first shift.
- Detective Labrado assisted patrol on March 23, 2023, due to shortage on first shift.
- Week of March 27 to March 31 Officers Diaz and Delgadillo conducted quarterly inspections and emergency equipment inventory for the quarter.
- On March 31, 2023, the Special Traffic Investigator unit, Detectives Rodriguez and Crespo, and Forensics Lead were dispatched to the South side of Horizon City to handle a Hit & Run Accident involving serious injuries one subject was taken into custody and charged for the accident.

### Training attended in March

- Officer Delgadillo attended the last two weeks of Commercial Vehicle Inspections training in Austin Texas the first week of March 2023.

- Forensics Lead attended Drone training from March 1 to March 3.
- Officer Diaz attended a week’s training for ALERRT from March 6 to March 10, 2023.
- COMSAR officers attended monthly training at ESD 1 on March 7, 2023.
- COMSAR officers assisted with a live scenario on March 14, 2023.
- Detective Crespo attended on-line Less Than Lethal Impact Munitions Training on March 15, 2023.
- Detective Crespo provided CPR training on March 21, 2023.
- Members from STI attended Pedestrian Collision Investigation training from March 20 to March 24, 2023.
- AC Rico attended EGrants training at HCPD with Monica from TXDOT on March 27, 2023.
- S.T.I. officers had in-house training on March 27, 2023.
- Officer Delgadillo provided training to officers for Less than Lethal on March 29, 2023.
- WRAP training for C.I.D. and for other officers on March 30, 2023.

**Meetings**

- CID detectives attended SAR meeting on March 2, 2023
- AC Rico attended the Sustainability Urban Workshop on March 2, 2023.
- AC Rico attended a TXDOT Coalition on March 9, 2023.
- AC Rico attended a El Paso Issues meeting with the Special Advisor to the Governor on March 13, 2023.
- AC Rico and Detective Labrado attended a Multi-Agency Anti-Crime Task Force meeting at JPD on March 16, 2023.
- C.I.D. staff meeting on March 17, 2023.
- AC Rico attended the R.E.M. monthly meeting through Zoom on March 24, 2023.
- Detective Labrado attended the J.O.I.C. meeting attended the weekly meeting through Zoom on March 24, 2023.
- Command Staff Leadership meeting on March 28, 2023.

**Criminal Investigations Case Log:**

**Detective Abel Labrado:**

Case	Assigned	Offense	Current Status	
1. 2207057	08/02/22	Theft Motor Vehicle	Active	10/07/22
2. 2208037	08/12/22	Theft Motor Vehicle	Active	10/10/22
3. 2208028	08/17/22	Theft Motor Vehicle	Active	08/11/22
4. 2209053	09/26/22	Burglary of Habitation	Active	10/10/22
5. 2209059	09/26/22	Burglary of Habitation	Active	10/10/22
6. 2210006	10/07/22	Public Threat to Publish	Active	10/10/22
7. 2210030	10/12/22	Fraud	Active	10/12/22
8. 2210071	10/26/22	Theft Motor Vehicle-Recovered	Active	10/26/22
9. 2211031	11/15/22	Forgery	Active	11/11/22
10. 2211097	12/07/22	Theft of Motor Vehicle	Active	12/04/22
11. 2212012	12/04/22	Burglary of Habitation	Active	12/08/22
<b>CASES ASSIGNED MAR</b>				
1. 2302090	03/01/23	Criminal Mischief	Inactive	03/07/23

2. 2310072 10/26/23	Burglary of Vehicle	Inactive	03/14/23
3. 2211034 11/15/22	Criminal Mischief	Closed	03/15/23
4. 2302057 03/02/23	Theft of Property	Inactive	03/16/23
5. 2302064 03/02/23	Duty Upon Striking	Inactive	03/16/23
6. 2303044 03/15/23	Theft of Motor Vehicle	Inactive	03/16/23
7. 2303055 03/18/23	Theft of Motor Vehicle	Active	03/19/23
8. 2303048 03/16/23	Theft U \$100	Active	03/24/23
9. 2303074 03/23/23	Terroristic Threat	Active	03/25/23
10. 2303090 03/30/23	Terroristic Threat	Cleared	03/30/23
<b>CASES CLOSED IN MAR</b>			
1. 2212033 12/12/22	Sexual Assault	Unfounded	03/01/23
2. 2301040 01/16/23	Sexual Assault	Inactive	03/01/23
3. 2302008 02/13/23	Burglary of Building	Inactive	03/02/23
4. 2302096 02/27/23	Duty Upon Striking	Clear	03/02/23
5. 2302055 02/13/23	Theft O \$750	Inactive	03/02/23
6. 2301062 01/27/23	Criminal Mischief	Inactive	03/06/23
7. 2211079 12/04/22	Theft O \$150k	Clear	03/06/23
8. 2301116 01/31/23	Criminal Mischief	Inactive	03/27/23
9. 2301049 02/10/23	Theft of Property o \$750	Inactive	03/06/23
10. 2302025 02/07/23	Graffiti Property	Inactive	03/06/23
11. 2302090 03/01/23	Criminal Mischief	Inactive	03/07/23
12. 2212062 12/26/23	Fraud	Closed	03/14/23
13. 2212016 12/13/23	Burglary of Habitation	Inactive	03/14/23
14. 2210072 10/26/23	Burglary of Vehicle	Inactive	03/14/23
15. 2211034 11/15/23	Criminal Mischief	Closed	03/15/23
16. 2302057 03/02/23	Theft of Property	Inactive	03/16/23
17. 2302064 03/02/23	Duty Upon Striking	Inactive	03/16/23
18. 2302048 03/02/23	Criminal Mischief	Inactive	03/16/23
19. 2211034 11/15/22	Criminal Mischief	Closed	03/16/23
20. 2303044 03/15/23	Theft of Motor Vehicle	Inactive	03/28/23
21. 2303090 03/30/23	Terroristic Threat	Non-Pros	03/30/23

Detective Gilbert Rodriguez:

Case	Assigned	Offense	Current Status
1. 2205050 05/11/22		Injury to a Child	Active 05/12/22
2. 2205067 05/16/22		Harassment	Active 05/16/22
3. 2206032 06/08/22		Public/Threat to Publish	Active 06/15/22
4. 2207134 07/31/22		Burglary of Building	Active 08/03/22
5. 2209100 09/28/22		Indecency w/Child	Active 09/29/22
6. 2211030 11/08/22		Theft	Active 11/12/22
7. 2211101 11/29/22		Theft	Active 12/07/22
8. 2212032 12/10/22		Theft	Active 12/12/22

9.	2212028 12/09/22	Criminal Mischief	Active	12/15/22
10.	2301032 01/12/23	Burglary of Vehicle (HP)	Active	01/13/23
11.	2301006 01/03/23	Fraud	Active	01/13/23
12.	2301025 01/08/23	Credit Card Abuse	Active	01/13/23
13.	2301023 01/16/23	Criminal Mischief	Active	01/27/23
14.	2301051 01/20/23	Theft	Active	01/27/23
15.	2301052 01/23/23	Criminal Mischief	Active	01/27/23
16.	2301054 01/15/23	Criminal Mischief	Active	01/27/23
17.	2301067 01/20/23	Arson	Active	01/24/23
18.	2301085 01/27/23	Credit Card Abuse	Active	01/27/23
19.	2302018 02/06/23	Theft of Motor Vehicle	Active	02/10/23
20.	2302035 02/09/23	Burglary of Habitation	Active	02/10/23
<b>CASES ASSIGNED IN MAR</b>				
1.	2302115 02/28/23	Criminal Mischief	Active	03/17/23
2.	2302004 03/02/23	Possession of Drug Paraphernalia	Clear	03/02/23
3.	2211064 03/02/23	Unattended Death	Clear	03/02/23
4.	2303022 03/07/23	Child In Need of Supervision	Active	03/08/23
5.	2303040 03/14/23	Theft of Property O \$100	Active	03/15/23
6.	2302077 02/20/23	Criminal Mischief	Active	03/17/23
7.	2303074 02/23/23	Terroristic Threat	Active	03/25/23
<b>CASES CLOSED IN MAR</b>				
1.	2302004 03/02/23	Possession of Paraphernalia	Clear	03/02/23
2.	2301087 01/29/23	Online Solicitation	Non-Pros	03/02/23
3.	2210064 01/24/23	Publish Threaten to Publish	Inactive	03/02/23
4.	2211064 03/01/23	Unattended Death	Closed	03/02/23
5.	2210011 10/04/22	Theft of Motor Vehicle	Inactive	03/02/23
6.	2209095 09/26/22	Theft of Motor Vehicle	Clear	03/23/23

Detective Jaime Crespo:

Case	Assigned	Offense	Current Status	
1.	2301046 01/15/23	Criminal Mischief	Active	01/03/23
2.	2301114 01/31/23	Theft	Active	01/31/23
3.	2301093 02/06/23	Burglary of Vehicle	Active	02/10/23
4.	2301101 01/27/23	Burglary of Vehicle	Active	02/10/23
5.	2301104 01/27/23	Burglary of Vehicle	Active	02/10/23
6.	2301105 01/28/23	Burglary of Vehicle	Active	02/10/23
7.	2301106 01/28/23	Burglary of Vehicle	Active	02/10/23
8.	2301107 01/28/23	Burglary of Vehicle	Active	01/29/23
9.	2302099 02/24/23	Theft of Property O \$30	Active	02/27/23
<b>CASES ASSIGNED IN MAR</b>				
1.	2302071 02/18/23	Theft of Property O\$2,500	Active	03/07/23

2.	2303008	03/03/23	Unattended Death	Active	03/03/23
3.	2302060	03/03/23	Criminal Mischief	Inactive	03/07/23
4.	2303017	03/06/23	Theft of Property O \$100	Active	03/13/23
5.	2303057	03/19/23	Theft U \$100	Active	03/22/23
<b>CASES CLOSED IN MAR</b>					
1.	2302001	01/31/23	P.O.M	Clear	03/06/23
2.	2301091	01/29/23	Exploitation	Clear	03/06/23
3.	2211095	01/05/22	Theft U \$100	Inactive	03/08/23
4.	2301028	01/11/23	Burglary of Habitation	Inactive	03/14/23
5.	2301018	01/07/23	Theft O \$750	Inactive	03/16/23
6.	2212080	01/03/23	Theft of Property O \$750	Inactive	03/16/23
7.	2301095	01/25/23	Unattended Death	Clear	03/17/23
8.	2301016	01/13/23	Theft of Property O \$750	Inactive	03/17/23
9.	2301060	02/02/23	Theft of Property O \$,2500	Inactive	03/20/23
10.	2301078	01/27/23	Deadly Conduct	Inactive	03/27/23
11.	2312085	01/03/23	Theft of Motor Vehicle	Clear DA	03/28/23
12.	2302060	03/03/23	Criminal Mischief	Inactive	03/29/23
13.	2301094	02/05/23	Burglary of Vehicle	Inactive	03/31/23

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% 2 Runaways
Abel Labrado	42	10	0	0	11	6	1	14	50%
Gilbert Rodriguez	32	6	2	9	9	4	0	2	18.75%
Jaime Crespo	28	6	6	3	0	3	1	9	46.42%
Eric Delgado	6	3	2	0	0	0	0	1	16.6%

Runaway cases remain active until the juvenile is located and safely returned to their parents.

Case	Assigned	Offense	Active/Closed		
1.	2208051	08/11/22	Missing Person (AC Rico)	Active	08/11/22
2.	2210063	10/22/22	Runaway (AC Rico)	Active	10/26/22
<b>CASES ASSIGNED IN MAR</b>					
1.	2303091	03/30/23	Runaway (Det. Crespo)	Active	03/30/23
2.	2303095	03/30/23	Runaway (Det. G. Rodriguez)	Active	03/30/23
<b>CASES CLOSED IN MAR</b>					
1.	2303091	03/30/23	Runaway (Det. Crespo)	Closed	03/31/23

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	Active 01/13/2023
49492864 01/26/23	Fam. V	Active 01/26/2023
<b>CASES CLOSED IN MAR.</b>		
94474648 01/10/23	Neglect	Unfounded 03/10/2023
49492864 01/26/23	Fam V.	Unfounded 03/15/2023

### Traffic Division

Officer Eric Delgadillo is assigned to conduct traffic enforcement and accident investigations. He is assigned as our only motorcycle officer. Officer Delgadillo was in training in Austin for the first two weeks of March and handling administrative duties for the last two weeks of March 2023.

Traffic Accident Reports	Written Warnings	Citations
0	0	0
Traffic Criminal Investigations	Arrests from Investigations	Active Cases
0	0	0

### Traffic Criminal Investigations Case Log

Traffic Officer Delgadillo:

Case	Assigned	Offense	Active/Closed
1. 2301080	01/25/23	Duty Upon Striking	Active 02/02/23
2. 2302003	02/01/23	Duty Upon Striking	Active 02/10/23
3. 2302075	02/20/23	Duty Upon Striking	Inactive 03/19/23
4. 2302079	02/22/23	Duty Upon Striking	Active 03/02/23
<b>CASES ASSINGED IN MAR</b>			
1. 2303031	03/10/23	Duty Upon Striking	Active 03/15/23
2. 2303100	03/31/23	Duty Upon Striking	Active 03/31/23
<b>CASES CLOSED IN MAR</b>			
1. 2302075	02/20/23	Duty Upon Striking	Inactive 03/19/23



## 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.

- 8 units were transported to the shop for service.

	Served
Court Summons	11
Warrants	3
Case Prep for City Pros.	Completed by Patrol
HCMC Court Hearings	5

Money Collected from Warrants: \$8,350

## Communications Section

The Communications Section is overseen by the Communications Manager and is comprised of 3 Communications Shift Supervisors, and 13 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 10 Minutes	00:06:55	00:04:47	100%	90%
Priority 4-6 Pending to Arrival less than or equal to 34 Minutes:	00:14:59	00:05:58	100%	80%
Priority 7-9 Pending to Arrival less than or equal to 52 Minutes:	00:15:29	00:07:19	100%	70%

## Horizon Police Calls for Service

	Dispatched	Self-Initiated	Mobile Data Terminal Calls	Total
Horizon Police	1,060	1,253	350	2,663

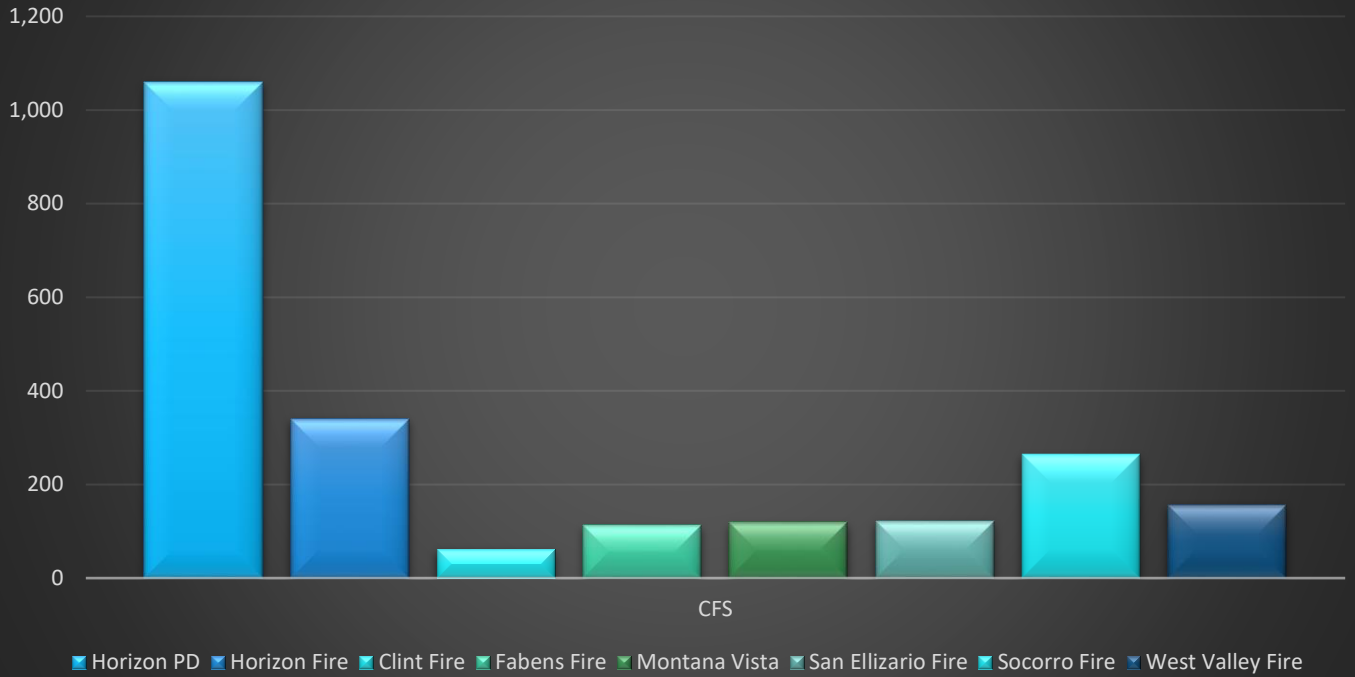
## ESD 1 Calls for Service

	Alarm	Assist	Brush Fire	Car Fire	Water Gas Leaks	Medical	MVA	Structure Fires	Total
Horizon Fire	27	14	7	4	13	228	42	4	339

## ESD 2 Calls for Service

	Alarm	Assist	Brush Fire	Car Fire	Water/ Gas Leaks	Medical	MVA	Structure Fire	Total
Clint	2	2	6	0	1	34	17	0	62
Fabens	2	7	12	2	1	78	8	2	112
Montana Vista	1	8	12	1	5	81	10	0	118
San Elizario	1	3	11	1	2	92	11	1	122
Socorro	9	13	11	1	6	193	27	4	264
West Valley	5	6	9	2	8	113	12	1	156
<b>Total</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>591</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>834</b>

## Calls For Service



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## Departmental Significant and Notable Accomplishments:

### Certifications

Seven telecommunicators attended the 24-hour mandated TCIC/TLETS Full Access Operator Training Course. This course is for operators who perform all TCIC/NCIC functions, including inquiry, entry, modification, clearing, canceling, and III functions. In addition, two recently hired communications specialists attended the four hour CPR course. The CPR course is a requirement prior to telecommunicators attending the Emergency Medical and Fire Emergency Dispatch training.



### Grant Presentation

On March 6<sup>th</sup>, the communications manager and assistant presented the Portable Radio Enhancement Project grant proposal in front of several board members at the El Paso County 911 District. The grant proposal was sought to request 12 APX8000 multi-band handheld radios.

### Grant Award



**MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS**

The police chief, communications manager and assistant met with Motorola Solutions Representatives regarding the Five MCC7500 Radio Console Project. During the meeting, the design review was discussed. The Radio Console Project was allotted through a state grant.

### Emergency Management Collaboration

The communications manager and shift supervisors had a meet and greet with El Paso City-County Office of Emergency Management Lead Planner Leroy Granado. Several issues such as active shooter scenarios, immigration, assistance, and weather-related calls were discussed.



### Excellent Juvenile Arrest



On March 30, 2023, Horizon City Police Officers responded to a Terroristic Threat at one Horizon Middle School. The patrol officers jumped on it and helped investigate as soon as school started. Detective Labrado was the detective assigned to the case. Through the collaborative effort of Cpl. Cameron Zeiger and Detective Abel Labrado, they were able to identify the suspect. Consequently they arrested one juvenile who was taken into custody and referred to J.P.D.

### **Proactive Patrol**

The Horizon City Police Department 3<sup>rd</sup> Shift under the leadership of Sergeant Guillermo Rosas and his crew did an excellent job with their patrol tactics during the graveyard shift. This reflected on a lower crime rate. The Horizon City index crimes were low this month and a experienced a significant decrease for the month. Thanks to their proactive patrol techniques in checking businesses, subjects and city parks, their tactics played a significant role in the crime rate dropping for the month. Excellent work 3<sup>rd</sup> Shift!

### **Productive Officer**

During this past month Officer Nicholas Ortega did an outstanding job on getting criminals off the street. He recorded the highest number of arrests superseding all staff for the month. Officer Ortega did an excellent job. He was very proactive which reflects on the number of arrests he made. Outstanding work Officer Ortega!

### **Great Roadside Investigation**

On March 13, 2023, during the overnight shift, Corporal Vasquez, while conducting a roadside investigation during a traffic stop, discovered that the driver and were in possession of drug paraphernalia. During the interaction, Corporal Vasquez developed rapport with the subjects and did an outstanding job of being objective and professional when one of the subjects confided personal issues and their problem with substance abuse. Corporal Vasquez encouraged the subject to reconnect with his family and seek professional support.

### **Road Rage Investigation Leads to Great Arrest**

On March 16, 2023, second shift officers responded to a report of road rage in the area of Horizon Blvd. and Darrington Rd. Officers located the suspect vehicle near the intersection of Kenazo Ave. and Horizon Blvd. During the investigation, officers developed probable cause to charge the driver, who was also in possession of a handgun, with DWI, Resisting Arrest, and Assault on a Peace Officer, as the subject was highly combative and violent.

### **Outstanding Investigations**

During the month of March, officers investigated two separate events involving threats to school campuses. In each incident, the swift investigation conducted by responding officers uncovered probable cause to charge two juveniles for the threats they made to their respective campuses. Each juvenile was referred to the Juvenile Justice Center.

### Excellent Hit and Run Investigation

On March 31, 2023, officers responded to a hit and run accident involving a pedestrian. Responding officers conducted a full investigation which resulted in the arrest of the suspected driver. Officers took statements on scene, reviewed home security footage of the incident with neighbors, and coordinated the preservation of evidence and complex process of creating a laser diagram of the crime scene with sophisticated equipment.

### Speed Trailer Deployment

On Friday 03/02/2023, Officer H. Sierra and Officer Hernandez deployed the newly acquired speed trailer to assist in heavy traffic areas in Horizon City. The purpose of the speed trailer is for drivers to be aware of their speed and to see that areas are being monitored. Officers will be working with the software as they collect more data to get a range of speed in the area as well as lowest speeds, highest speeds, and the number of vehicles driving at those speeds in any period of time. The speed trailer was placed in the area of 17000 Darrington Rd. for a month and will be moving to a different location for the month of April. The speed trailer will be moved monthly.



### IDEA RUN

On Saturday 03/04/2023, 3 HCPD Officers attended a 1 mile run for a Health Fair that IDEA Rio Vista Campus had invited them to the previous week. Although it had been short notice, officers participated to continue showing support for the school and continue to improve their close working relationship. Officers met with school staff, took pictures, stretched with Chico the mascot for



the Chihuahua's and ran the mile run. Participants received a medal at the end of the race and snacks to enjoy. Officers from HCPD participated in 3 runs during the month of March and CRO's are looking for ways to promote a healthier lifestyle within the department.



## S.O.R.T



On Monday, March 6<sup>th</sup> and March 20<sup>th</sup>, CRO Hernandez attended Sex Offender Registry and Tracking Unit with El Paso County Sheriff's Office (EPCSO). Every other Monday, HCPD continues assisting EPCSO in registering new sex offenders or entering any updated personal information to have the most accurate information on all individuals and know their whereabouts. Officer Hernandez and Officer Sierra continue learning how



to navigate through the County's and State's website. The goal for HCPD is to take up on the task of keeping track of the sex offenders that are within Horizon City jurisdiction.

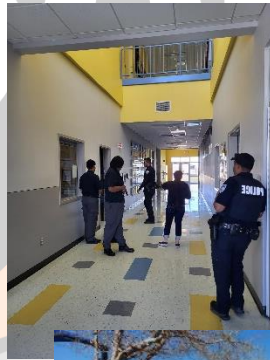
## Walmart Donations

On Tuesday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Officer Sierra and Officer Hernandez met with Sam Mullins who is the Academy Team Lead along with other Walmart staff. Walmart donated HCPD over 16,000 Easter Eggs for the yearly Easter Egg Hunt that takes place in one of Horizon City Parks. Walmart mentioned to Officers, that the previous TV that was donated by them along with the TV mount could be raffled once the Easter Egg Hunt took place. Officer Sierra and Officer Hernandez also got the opportunity to meet with the new store manager.



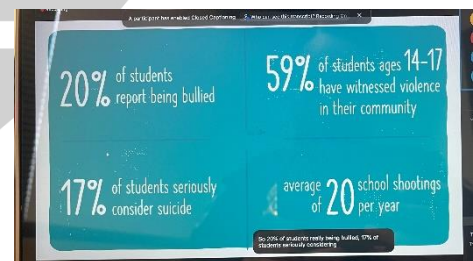
## HCPD Explorers

For the month of March, Officer Sierra and Officer Hernandez had seven meetings with the Explorers. The first week of the month, Explorers continued practicing handcuffing techniques as some of them needed more exposure and practice to be more effective on their handcuffing. For the second week, Explorers were exposed to different domestic family violence scenarios and were provided with feedback by multiple officers. On that same week, Explorers attended a meeting with El Paso Police Department Explorers where they were combined and practiced clearing buildings. On the third week, Explorers took part of Active Shooting training at IDEA Public School where they were given multiple scenarios and they had to assess the situation and act. On the fourth- and fifth-week meetings, Explorers assisted officers with filling Easter Eggs with candy for the yearly Easter Egg Hunt event that would take place at the Golden Eagle Park in Horizon City.



## Say Something Program

On Thursday, March 9th, 2023, CRO Hernandez attended a 2.5-hour Sandy Hook Promise- Say Something Virtual Training provided by Texas School Safety Center. The "Say Something" program is to help students understand and recognize warning signs and threats within their school campuses or outside of school involving their peers. It is also important for students to take those warning signs and or threats seriously and act immediately by saying something to someone they trust and that can help. The training was given by two instructors, one located in Laredo, Texas and the second one in Reno, Nevada. The training consisted of four parts where attendees were demonstrated how school staff can show students how to implement that program in their campuses and create a culture of support within their school community. Attendees shared their opinions and ideas on how the program can be introduced and be implemented in their district in order to bring students together and be there for one another.





### TXDOT In-Person Meeting

On Thursday 03/09/2023, Assistant Chief Rico and CRO Sierra attended the quarterly in person meeting that is held at TXDOT El Paso District Headquarters. The topic of the meeting was how the state of Texas has been working to continue improving the sidewalks and roadways so that they fall within regulations under the Americans with Disability Act. They had special presenter Sandra Sierra, coordinator with the ADA for TXDOT provide this presentation. She demonstrated poor roads throughout Texas and how they've been affecting people with disabilities such as wheelchairs, or pedestrians who suffer from blindness. She spoke about how vehicles parking inadequately on sidewalks also pose an issue for those in wheelchairs and how peace officers are important to this issue. The goal for Texas is to be a state where every pedestrian can use sidewalks without having to worry about its condition or a person's disregard for others' needs.



### Wing Eating Competition

On Thursday 03/09/2023, CRO's Sierra and Hernandez sat down with the owner of Toro Burger/Wing Daddy's and SOTX Unified Champion School Specialist Nydia to discuss a wing eating competition during one of the Movie at the Park showings. Officers got to taste different wing sauces and came to an agreement where Wing Daddy's will be the Sponsor for the Wing Eating competition. The competition is still under debate whether it will be on who can eat the spiciest wing sauce or who can eat the most wings in a timed event. There's a second meeting that will take place in May to determine if the competitors will be the athletes from Special Olympics, the public, HCPD, or an integrated contest.



## RAIZ Grand Opening

On Thursday 03/09/2023, CRO attended the grand opening for the new RAIZ Credit Union Branch on Lomaland. Officer Sierra was invited to the opening and began a rapport with the bank as they are involved with funding community projects. The institution donated thousands of dollars to non-profit organizations in El Paso to support them and continue to grow those organization's resources. Officer Sierra spoke with branch employees about the Explorer Program and the necessity of the program which RAIZ showed interest in. The involvement of the police department in the community was brought up by RAIZ and expressed their gratitude for that involvement. HCPD was invited to RAIZ' coffee event in Horizon City so that more officers can get acquainted with the bank in its jurisdiction. RAIZ provided all guests at the grand opening with food, drinks and had musicians at their location.



## Operation Mater Continued

On Monday 03/13/2023 and Tuesday 03/14/2023, CRO's and Patrol conducted a 6-hour area 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 South side of Horizon City. If officers noticed vehicles not in compliance with the city ordinance, officers "red tagged" the vehicles. Among all officers, there were 121 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 8 vehicles were towed at the owner's expense and the rest of the vehicles were removed. Officers we're not able to complete the full operation but will continue to follow up in the month of April. The purpose of the 6-hour plan was to have our city streets looking clean and have the city within compliance with our ordinance.



## TXDOT

On Thursday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Officer Sierra attended a meeting with the Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) and he was provided with TXDOT Click It or Ticket It flyers. On Thursday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Officer Sierra and Officer Hernandez drove around Horizon City and spoke with several businesses as to whether they would be able to display the flyers for the public. The flyers encourage people to use their seat belt as vehicle crashes in the State of Texas are a leading cause of death among teens and young people between the ages of 15 to 20. The goal is to raise awareness and encourage everyone that gets into a motor vehicle to use their seat belt and attempt to prevent the death toll on motor vehicle accidents.



## Coffee with a Bank

On Friday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023, CRO Sierra and CRO Hernandez attended Coffee with a Bank event to support Raiz Federal Credit Union at local Amber's Coffee shop. Staff from Raiz Federal Credit Union has shown support to our Police Department on previous Coffee with a Cop events when they have taken place at local Amber's Coffee Shop. Raiz Federal Credit Union mentioned to officers they usually have their Coffee with a Bank events throughout the City of El Paso and had decided to bring their event to the community of Horizon City. Officers were glad to have attended their event and met multiple employees from local Raiz Federal Credit Union as well as staff from different locations throughout El Paso.



### Coffee with a Cop

On Saturday 03/18/2023, Officers from HCPD held their monthly Coffee with a Cop at Starbucks. Officers had the opportunity to take customers' orders and greet them at the drive-thru window of the establishment. The Coffee with a Cop is a monthly event, but HCPD tries to make it an experience that can change from time to time for those who attend. The coffee is purchased by the department and invites the community to join them and ask them any questions they might have. The event was a 2-hour event and had positive feedback on the interaction it had with the public. Officers also did 2 Facebook Live videos where CRO's invited the public to attend and inform them about other upcoming events.



### STI Training for Collision with Pedestrians

On March 20<sup>th</sup> through March 24<sup>th</sup>, CRO H. Sierra and the rest of the STI Team from HCPD attended 40 hours of training along with DPS, UTAH State Police, and EPPD on Pedestrian Collision Investigations training. The training consisted of officers learning mathematical formulas they could use during the STI investigations. Officers were presented with information on how to recognize crucial parts of the investigation during pedestrian collision. Whether it was the speed of the vehicle or the part of the vehicle that hit them as well as patterns that were seen over the years, officers learned a number of things to recognize what type of investigation they were dealing with. One of the training days included officers using actual vehicles to collide into a crash dummy so that officers can gather the calculations needed to determine the speed of the vehicle at the time of the collision. Agencies also shared the software and equipment they used to see the pros and cons of what their agencies used during STI call outs. HCPD had an in-house STI training the following Monday.



## Safe Riders



On Tuesday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023, Patrol Lt. Ortega, Warrants Officer A. Diaz and CRO V. Hernandez attended a virtual Safe Riders Distribution Program Partner Training. Lt. Ortega applied for a grant with Texas Health and Human Services to be able to form part of the Safe Rider's program and be able to serve as an education and training resource to

our community. The training consisted of showing officers the education and distribution options as well as in person and virtual training that can be provided to parents or primary caregivers to ensure their child's safety. HCPD is excited to form part of this program and be able to assist in reducing the number of unrestrained children in the State of Texas.

## Honor Guard

Horizon City Police Department Honor Guard Team consists of 7 Honor Guard members. Every officer takes pride in being part of the Honor Guard Team and for being able to provide ceremonial services to our fallen brothers and sisters. On Thursday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023, Officer Avitia and Officer Hernandez attended the monthly training that U.S Border Patrol offers. The training consists of officers practicing drills numerous number of times. The drills consist of presenting the colors, the folding of the U.S flag, honor watch and gun salute by the rifle squad. Every month HCPD sends one or two officers to train along with Border Patrol Agents and outside agencies. The goal is to perfect every move and honor our fallen brothers and sisters before they are put to rest.



## Horizon High School Health Fair

CRO's attended Horizon High School's Health Fair on Saturday 03/25/2023 to promote a healthier lifestyle for the community. HCPD joined dozens of community partners to bring health awareness and overall safety awareness to the public. Officers distributed flyers and handouts that were previously provided by TXDOT to bring safety awareness such as wearing seatbelts, the importance of car seats and the dangers of leaving children in the vehicles. HCPD were also able to raffle out 3 gift cards and a coffee maker to those that followed their social media (Facebook) page. The event lasted 4 hours and was an opportunity for HCPD to show the community our involvement with schools in our area. Offices spoke with Clint ISD and shared their interest in being made a part of their events and show their support while at the health fair.



## Paw-Fest

On Saturday, March 25th, 2023, HCPD was invited by the Women's Council of Realtors to their collaboration with El Paso Animal Services event that took place at Ponder Park in El Paso. The event consisted of having a dog trainer teach the public how they can have their dogs do different types of tricks. During the event, people could also have their dogs microchipped as well as giving the community the opportunity to give six different dogs a forever home free of charge. Officer Sierra and Officer Hernandez sold raffle tickets to the public to win four \$50 gift cards that were donated by Walmart. All the proceeds that were made from the raffle tickets were donated to El Paso Animal Services. HCPD is always happy to show other departments and businesses their support and officers really enjoyed meeting people and their fur babies.



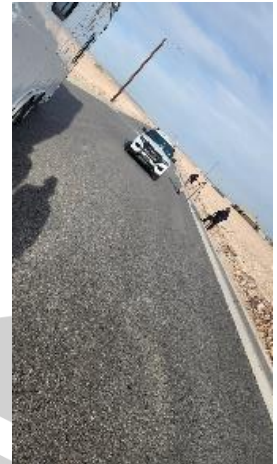
## Peter Herrera Run Memorial

On Sunday 03/26/2023, HCPD had a total of 10 officers and 5 family members run in the 4<sup>th</sup> annual Peter Herrera's Memorial Run. Chief of Police M. Vargas sponsored 6 Officers to participate in the run. The participants were from different divisions including CID, CSI, Patrol, CRO's, and administrative division Chief Vargas and Assistant Chief Rico. This was the 3<sup>rd</sup> race of the month and he second that as a distance of 5K. Officers from HCPD showed solidarity and support with EPCSO by gathering a group of that size as Horizon City PD has not had a big involvement in previous races such as that one. The race was held at Ascarate Park and began at 0730 hours. After the race, Officers stayed at the event until 1000 hours to continue interacting with officers from other agencies and were able to meet new officers as well. Runners from HCPD all wore shirts that displayed the department's name and badge to display uniformity and to show HCPD's involvement once again.



### STI Training

On Monday 03/27/2023, CRO Sierra attended an in-house training where one of STI's new members was integrated. The training included deploying the Command Center as it will be providing shelter from elements and used for storage during some investigations as well as using the Trimble Equipment for the first time. Officers were able to determine the speed of the vehicle and also see what the areas of improvement were. Although improvement was needed in some areas, STI saw it as an opportunity to learn from mistakes and make the team more efficient for the next training or call out. This was demonstrated during the call out STI received in April and with the success of that investigation resulting in an arrest. The training was a 6-hour training and officers were given different roles for the investigation. A drone operated by Cpl. Zeiger was also used to facilitate points that were needed to recreate the scene.



### S.O.R.T Training

On Tuesday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023, both CRO's, Officer Sierra and Officer Hernandez attended a 4-hour in person training regarding Sex Offender Registration and Tracking Unit. The 4-hour training was instructed by Deputy Joe Rodriguez who is also the Deputy who guides Officer Sierra and Officer Hernandez enter any information into the County's or State's website. The training consisted of Deputy Rodriguez showing multiple videos in reference to sex offenders as well as providing officers with statistical information about sex offenders in the County of El Paso, as well as the State of Texas. Officers were demonstrated the type of documentation that is needed whenever registering a new sex offender or updating any new information. The goal is to have officers familiarize themselves how the Sex Offender system works, seen as HCPD is looking forward in implementing their own Sex Offender Registry and Tracking Unit.



## SOTX

On Tuesday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Officer Sierra and Officer Hernandez attended a meeting with Program Director Coles Webber, Unified School Specialist Nydia Carrizosa and Chief Operating Officer Norm Arias from Special Olympics Texas. The meeting consisted of discussing multiple future events that HCPD will be taking part in. SOTX invited HCPD to be part of the Opening Ceremony Run that will be taking place April 22<sup>nd</sup> at Franklin High School for a Track event. HCPD will be having officers volunteer for the Track event as well as on May 13<sup>th</sup> for a basketball game. SOTX will also be hosting a kickball game on June 10<sup>th</sup> for officers and their athletes to enjoy some time together and have the officers familiarize themselves with their athletes.



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## Cane's Chicken



On Tuesday, 03/28/2023, Officer Sierra met with the General Manager from Cane's Chicken located on Zaragoza and Montwood to discuss how they could help in keeping students safe on the road. Manager Geny provided Officer Sierra with 150 certificates for a chicken sandwich as a reward for a seatbelt check at one of the schools HCPD will do in May. Cane's Chicken provided HCPD with their support on their 2022 National Night Out by providing all officers and fire fighters who assisted in the event with a meal at no cost. Officer Sierra also presented a Certificate of Appreciation to the manager for the assistance they provided during that event. Manager Geny and Officer Sierra agreed to continue working together throughout the year on different events. Cane's was also kind enough to treat Officer Sierra to lunch at their restaurant at no cost.

## The WRAP



On Thursday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023, several HCPD officers attended a two-part training regarding Wrap Safety Restraint Application. The first part of the training was virtually by having the instructor explain the way the Wrap is used. The second part of the training was hands on, and it involved officers to incorporate the wrap among themselves. Officers learned the Wrap is designed to stop any conflict they may encounter and achieve fast de-escalation once the subject is safely restrained.

