

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 commination.
- Assist in developing our staff professionally by increasing training hours by 25%
- Achieve Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies Certification for Communications
- Increase our collaborative efforts with other Law Enforcement agencies

Objectives:

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

Horizon City Police Department Monthly Report

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

Demographics

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

Staffing

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

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

Law Enforcement Positions	Allotted	Current	Vacancy
Chief of Police	1	1	0
Assistant Chief	1	1	0
Lieutenants	2	2	1
Sergeants	3	3	0
Corporals	3	3	0
Detectives	3	3	0
Officers	22	21	1
Crime Scene Technician	1	1	0
Civilians	2	2	0

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

Administrative

FY 2023-2024 Budget	Original Budget	Available Budget	Encumbrances	Requisitions	Percentage Remaining
PD	\$2,278,599.00	\$ 2,114,987.84	\$ 124,607.82	\$ 8,852.26	92.82 %
Communications	\$871,341.00	\$817,594.31	\$ 28,648.88	\$ 27,555.59	93.83 %

Leave	Police Department	Communications
OT	185	122.50
Comp	128.50	4
PTO	540	152
LWO	0.50	0
Military	0	0
Training	524.50	0
Funeral	16	0
Personal	8	16
Holiday	0	0
Injury	0	0
Suspension	0	0

Overtime	Amount Appropriated FY 2023-2024	Amount Expended October 2023	Balance	Percentage Remaining 2023 YTD
PD	\$ 68,712.00	\$ 6,140.86	\$ 62,571.14	91.06%
Communications	\$ 44,999.00	\$ 2,665.97	\$ 42,333.03	94.08 %

Sergeants	Nunez	Guillermo	Rodriguez	Administrative	Total
Gas Used	160.76	177.49	286.4	179.76	626.92
Miles Driven	275	289	275	200	1039
Miles per Gallon	2.85	3	3.5	3.8	13.15

OPERATIONAL SUMMAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTALS
GAS USED (GAL)	1,643	1,520	1,685	1,587	2,134	2,245	1,908	2,013	1,744	2,123			18,602
MILES DRIVEN	8,859	7,894	8,056	6,488	9,078	10,021	18,595	7,813	8,269	8,390			93,463
MILES/GALLON	5.39	5.19	4.80	4.00	6.60	4.46	9.76	3.88	4.74	3.95			52.77

According to the Wex gasoline report there was a 37.9 % increase in gas usage, compared to the month of September.

Crime Report

It is the goal of our Police Department to reduce NIBRS Crimes by 10 percent. Year to date, we are reporting a increase in part one crimes. Our areas of increase have been isolated to property crimes. We show a 100 % 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	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
Sexual Assault	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0		2
Robbery	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2		1
Agg. Assault	3	4	0	2	2	0	0	0	1	2		14
Burglary	2	3	1	1	1	1	3	0	0	1		13
Larceny	7	7	3	12	5	4	9	12	6	7		72
Simple Assault	3	7	10	7	11	5	11	12	4	10		80
Vehicle Theft	3	4	3	3	1	4	2	5	1	4		30
Total	19	25	17	26	21	14	25	29	12	24		212



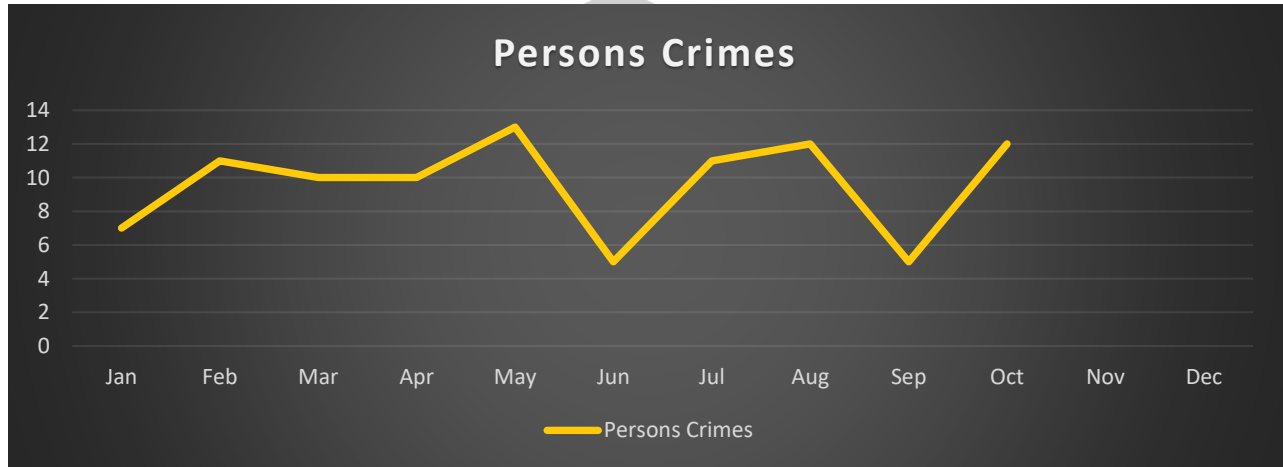
Month to Month Comparison



+100% Increase

Crimes Against Persons

Part 1 2023	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Murder	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0
Sexual Assault	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0			2
Agg. Assault	3	4	0	2	2	0	0	0	1	2			14
Simple Assault	3	7	10	7	11	5	11	12	4	10			80
Total	7	11	10	10	13	5	11	12	5	12	0	0	96



Property Crimes

Part 1 2023	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Robbery	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0			1
Burglary	2	3	1	1	1	1	3	0	0	1			13
Larceny	7	7	3	12	5	4	9	12	6	7			72
Vehicle Theft	3	4	3	3	1	4	2	5	1	4			30
Total	12	14	7	16	8	9	14	17	7	12	0	0	116

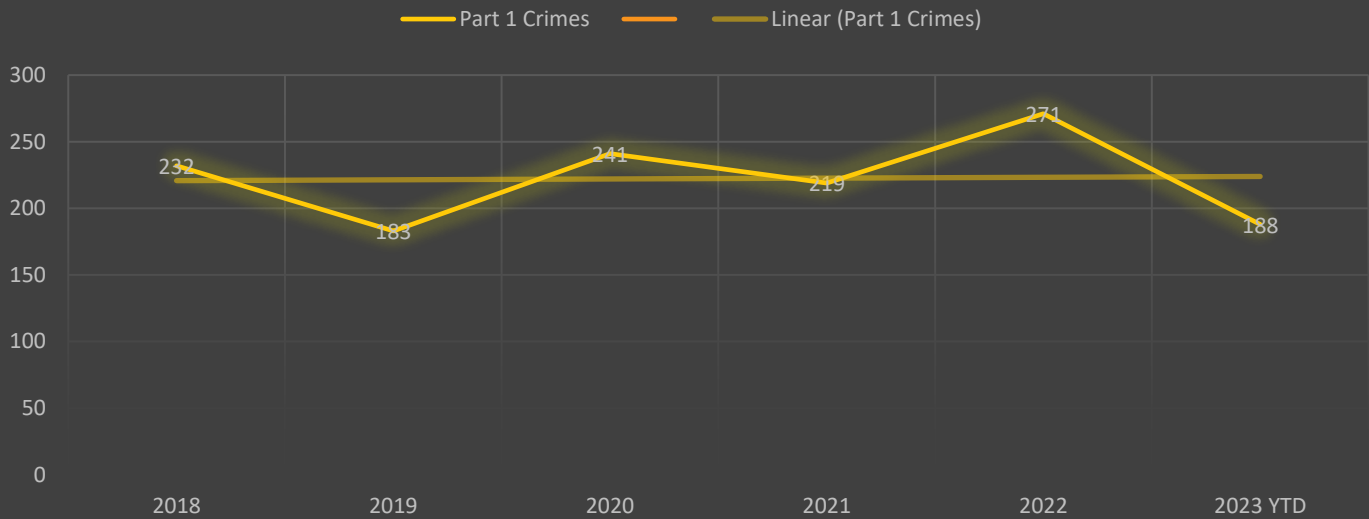


Annual Part 1 Crimes

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.

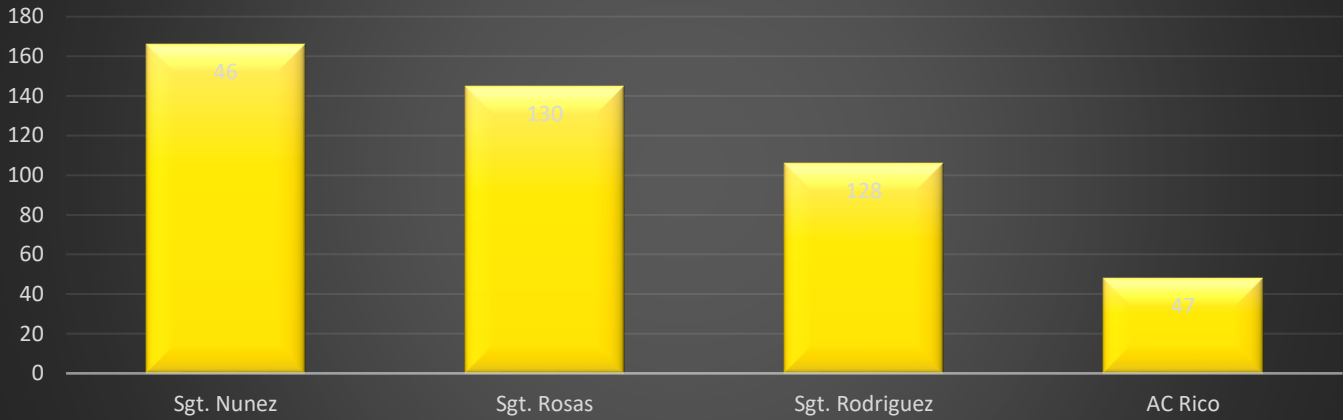
Top 5 Traffic Collision Areas

Location	Crashes
Horizon/Darrington	4
Horizon/ Rodman	2
Horizon/ Eastlake	2
Escalera/Nazareno	2
Eastlake/Darrington	1

Traffic Contacts

2023	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	YTD
Sgt Juan Nunez	56	36	48	119	271	64	33	87	46	166		926
Sgt Guillermo Rosas	130	82	63	56	80	108	150	41	130	145		985
Sgt John Rodriguez	53	36	99	66	61	45	84	77	128	106		755
Administrative Team	20	78	53	52	97	40	34	36	47	48		505

Traffic Contacts



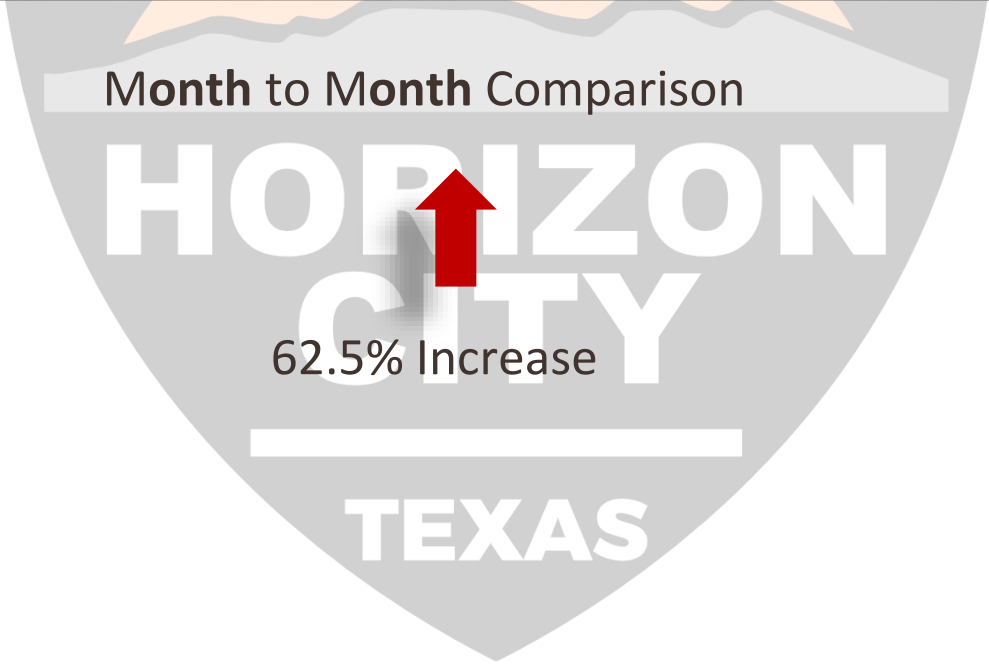
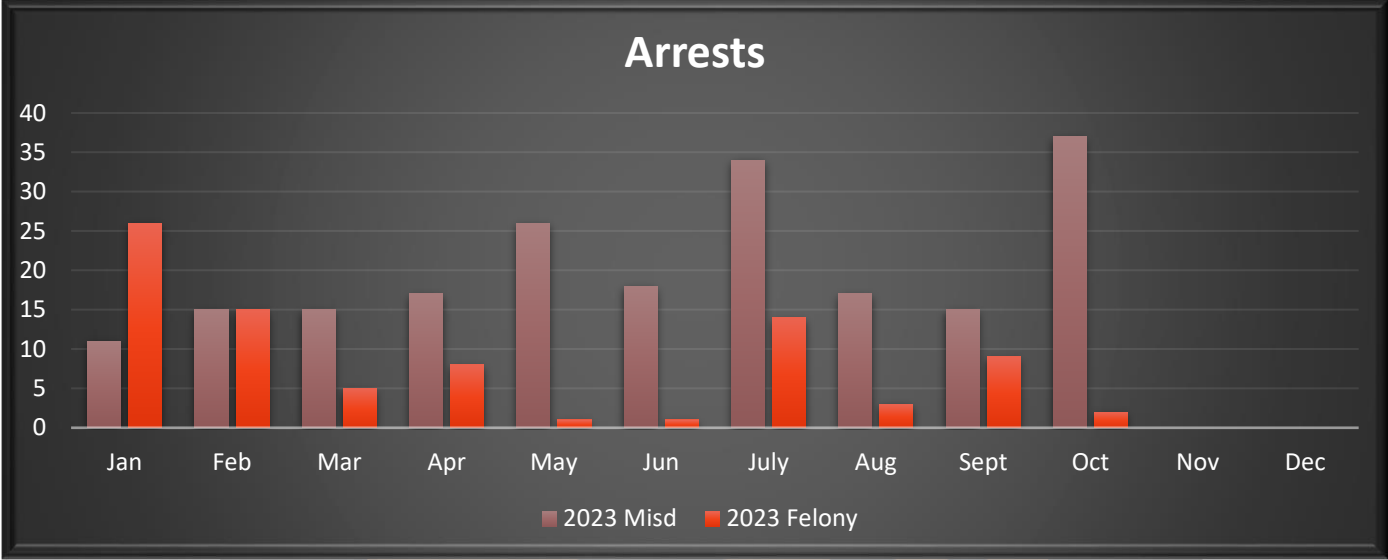
Calls for Service

	Sgt. Juan Nunez	Sgt. Guillermo Rosas	Sgt. John C. Rodriguez	Administrative Team	Total
Dispatched calls	403	442	291	128	1264
Self-Initiated calls	309	390	267	204	1170
Incident Reports	22	40	19	5	86
Crash Reports	16	9	10	1	36
Total	750	881	587	338	20448

Arrests

Arrest Breakdown	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	YTD
2023 Felony Arrests	11	15	5	8	1	1	14	0	9	2		64
2023 Misdemeanor Arrests	26	15	15	17	26	18	34	11	15	37		177
Sgt. Nunez												
Felony Arrest							12	2	1	0		
Misdemeanor Arrest							22	0	3	15		
Sgt. Rosas												
Felony Arrest							0	1	3	0		
Misdemeanor Arrest							6	5	3	11		

Sgt. John Rodriguez												
Felony Arrest								2	0	3	2	
Misdemeanor Arrest								5	1	8	10	

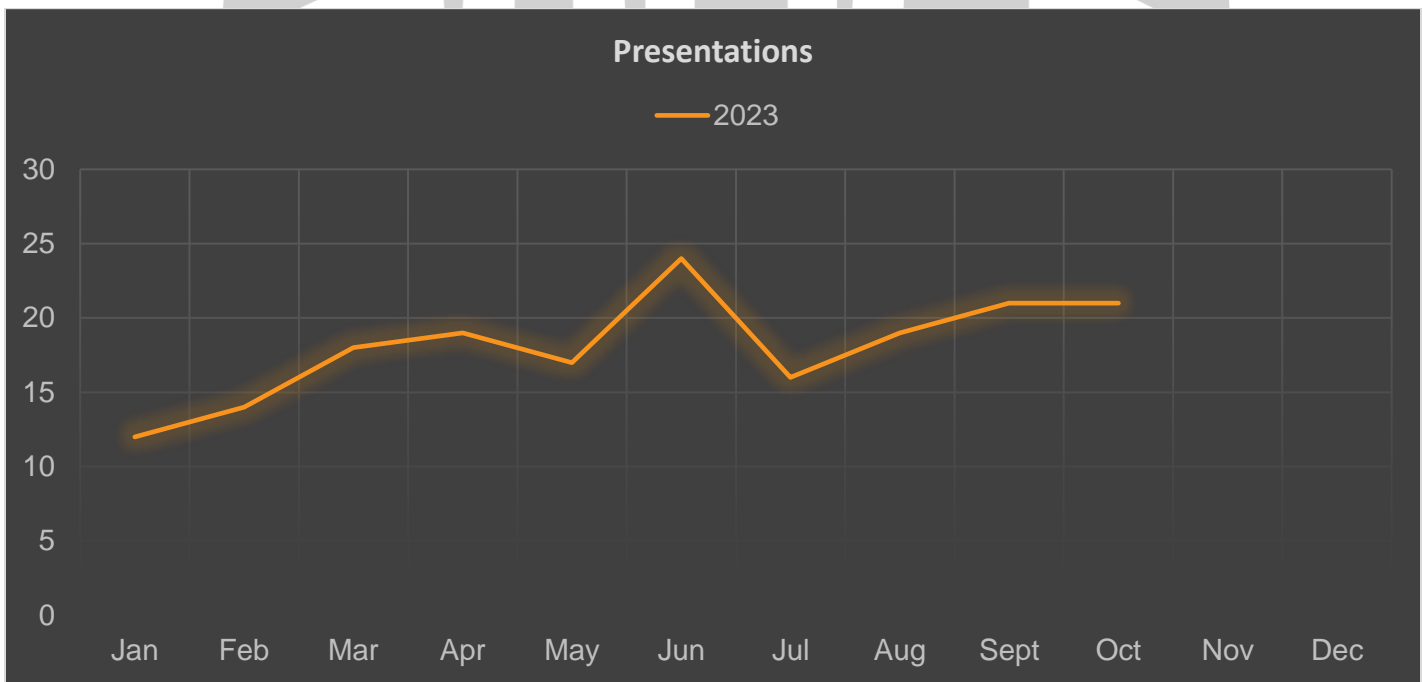


Community Outreach & Public Relations

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	19	17	24	16	19	21	21			120

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Month to Month Comparison



0% Increase

Criminal Investigations Division

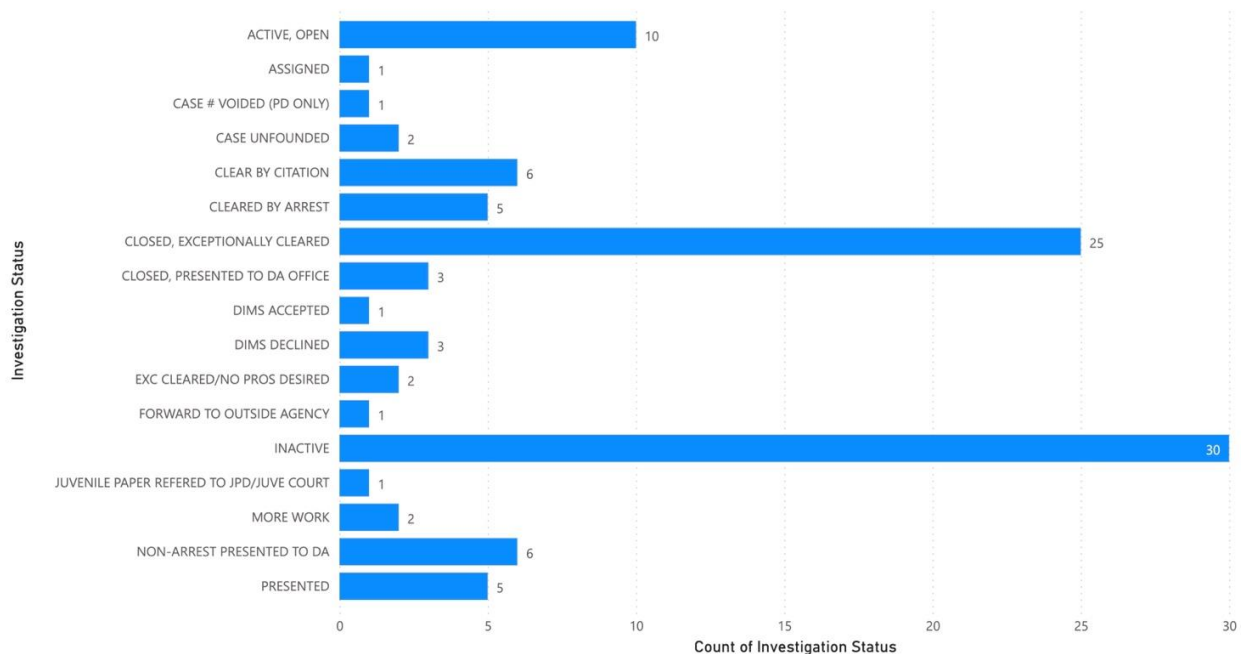
Investigations

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

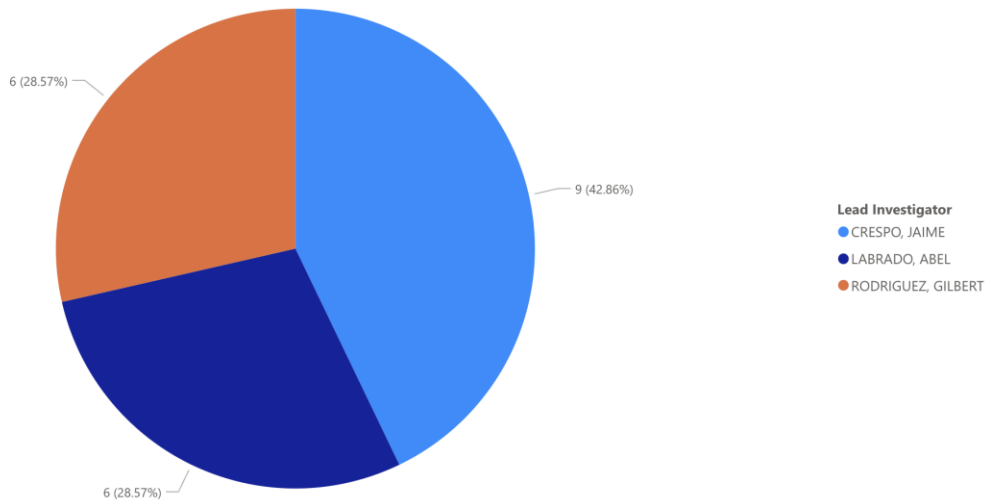
Their job involves digging into these cases, collecting evidence, and working closely with various partners to bring investigations to a conclusion. Lieutenant Valdez and her team are committed to upholding the law and ensuring the safety of our community through their hard work and dedication.

Investigation Status

Number of cases by investigation status.

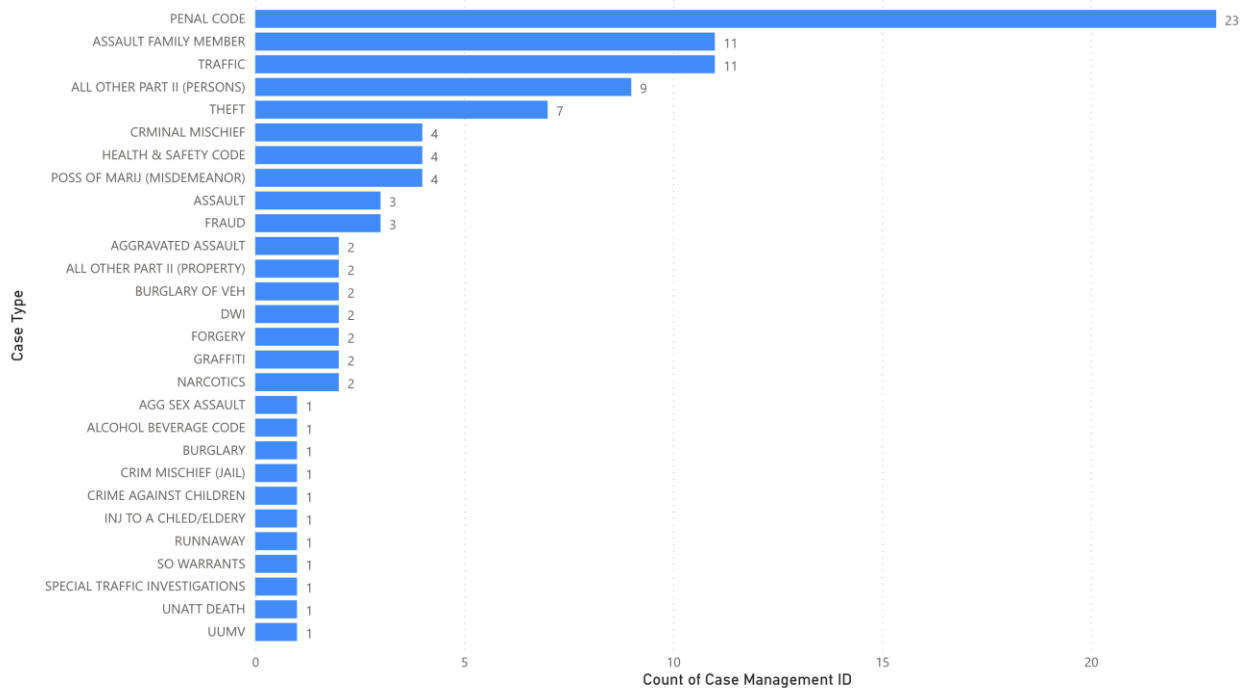


General Case Load In October



Case Type

Number of cases by investigation status.



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

Training attended in October 2023.

- On October 11, 2023, CID Detectives attended New Legislative Updates on Sexual Assault at EPSO.

- On October 16, 2023, the city held training for Sexual and Workplace Harassment.
- On October 24-26, 2023, CID Detectives attended a conference on Crimes Against Children. The two-day training classes prepared our officers with tools to investigate these horrible crimes.

Traffic Division

Officer Eric Delgado is entrusted with the responsibility of overseeing the meticulous enforcement of commercial vehicle regulations. His duties encompass the diligent inspection of commercial vehicles, where the spectrum of potential violations uncovered spans from relatively minor administrative discrepancies, often referred to as "paper" infractions, to significantly more perilous instances of negligence in maintaining essential vehicle safety equipment.

These critical equipment violations, if left unchecked, have the potential to culminate in catastrophic accidents, underscoring the essential role Officer Delgado plays in ensuring road safety and regulatory compliance within the commercial transportation sector.

Every detailed roadside inspection can take upwards of 2 hours to complete. During the month of October, Officer Eric Delgado conducted over 20 inspections and discovered over 40 violations.

Forensics Unit

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

Forensic Unit Responsibilities

Activity	#
Hours of in-service training	1
Hours of training given	4
Hours pieces of evidence were processed	13
Pieces of evidence were received	46
Pieces of evidence were released	0
Record requests were released	25
Latent Prints were collected at crime scenes	0
Latent Prints compared	0

Positive Latent Identifications	1
Latent Produced	0
Supplement Reports	24
I.D.'s was made	7
Walk ins for fingerprints	0
Field non-crime scene evidence related.	7
Field crime scene evidence requests	6
Walk-in Crime Scene Evidence Related	2
Redaction of Cases	3
Redaction Process hours	10.5
Redaction Videos Completed	1
Positive Latent Identifications	1
Photographs at Crime Scenes were taken	70
E-Trace Submissions	0
E-Trace HITS	0
NIBIN Submissions	0
NIBIN HITS	0
Test Fire Completed	0
Test Fire HITS	0
Court (Hrs)	0

Warrants Division and Bailiff

Officer Abraham Diaz fulfills a multifaceted role within the law enforcement department, acting as both the Court Bailiff and the Warrants Officer. Officer Abraham Diaz plays a crucial role in our law enforcement team. He's the go-to person for handling matters related to the municipal court, which is held twice a week. In this role, he ensures everything runs smoothly in the court.

In addition, he's responsible for serving summonses. These are notices given to people involved in cases with witnesses or juveniles, and he handles them as needed, making sure they reach the right people. Officer Diaz's hard work in these areas shows his dedication to keeping our community safe and our law enforcement operations running smoothly.

Officer Diaz also takes care of executing traffic warrants, collecting bond, and making sure those who need to appear in court are brought in. To keep our police vehicles in top shape, he regularly drives them to maintenance services.

Traffic Division

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

- On September 12, 2023, Officer Delgadillo conducted 3 semi-trailers follow ups at Rifton Drive parked on the roadway. 1 CVE inspection with 7 violations

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

Response Times 00:12:50

	Average Call to Arrival	Average Dispatch to Arrival	Actual	Target
Priority 1-3 Pending to Arrival less than or equal to 10 Minutes	00:10:04	00:07:59	100%	90%
Priority 4-6 Pending to Arrival less than or equal to 34 Minutes:	00:10:09	00:05:28	100%	80%
Priority 7-9 Pending to Arrival less than or equal to 52 Minutes:	00:15:25	00:07:26	100%	70%

Horizon Police Calls for Service

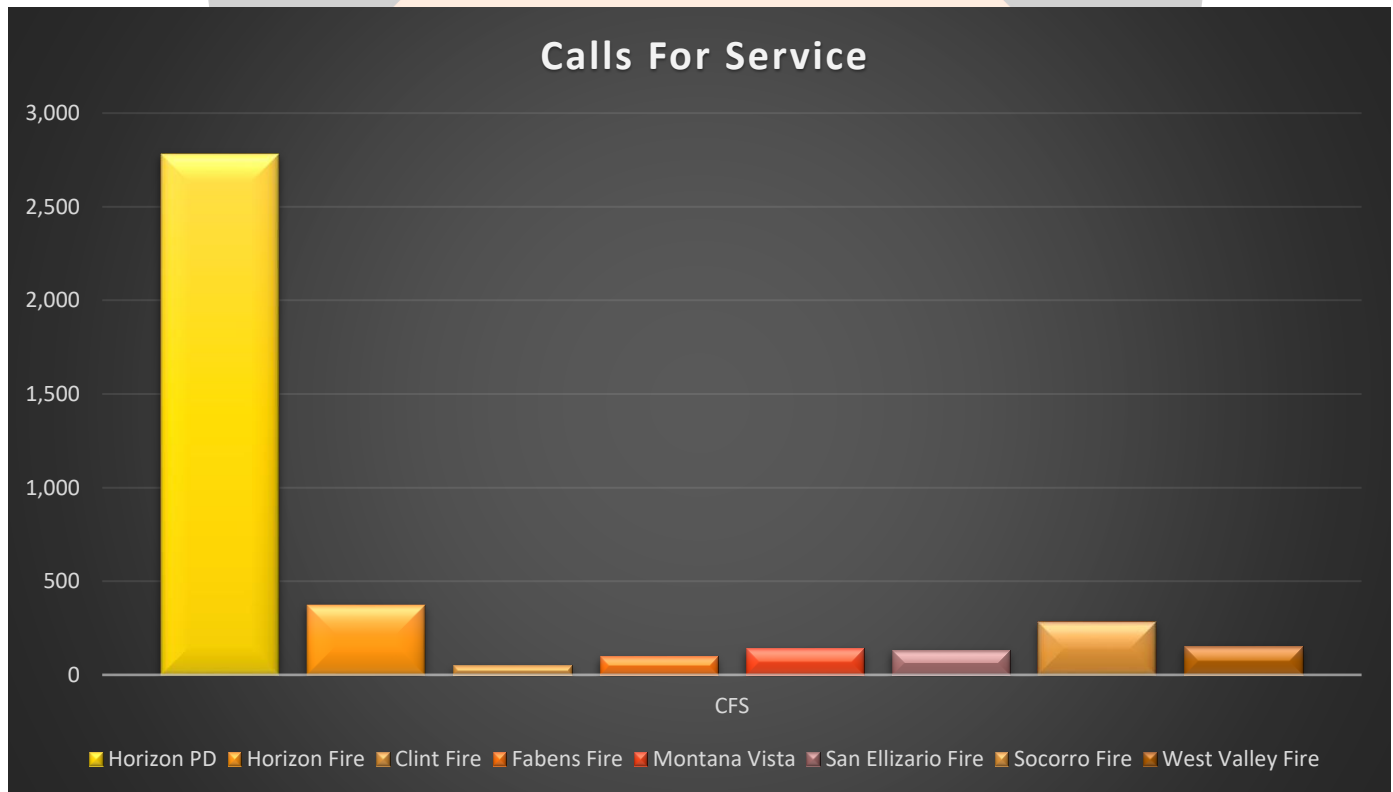
	Dispatched	Self-Initiated	Mobile Data Terminal Calls	Total
Horizon Police	1,741	787	253	2,781

ESD 1 Calls for Service

	Alarm	Assist	Brush Fire	Car Fire	Water Gas Leaks	Medical	MVA	Structure Fires	Total
Horizon Fire	36	22	6	1	14	236	53	4	372

ESD 2 Calls for Service

	Alarm	Assist	Brush Fire	Car Fire	Water/ Gas Leaks	Medical	MVA	Structure Fire	Total
Clint	1	4	3	0	2	35	4	1	50
Fabens	3	4	4	1	1	74	10	0	97
Montana Vista	6	8	9	0	5	104	8	0	140
San Elizario	6	3	2	0	8	107	7	1	134
Socorro	14	8	3	1	7	209	35	3	280
West Valley	10	7	10	2	8	102	11	1	151
Total	40	34	31	4	30	598	75	6	818



Departmental Significant and Notable Accomplishments:

Career Day at Eastlake High School

Telecommunicator Adilene Rendon attended career day at Eastlake High School. She provided information on the requirements to become a communications specialist and what the job encompasses. In addition, Adilene had the opportunity to suit up with the fire department gear. Interviews for communications specialists were held on Tuesday October 17th. Three interviewees were selected. The communications division welcomed Vincent Silva to the team.



New Consolette Demo

The communications manager and IT attended the Motorola consolette MCC7500E project staging demo in Albuquerque, New Mexico. At the staging, the communications manager was able to see the different functionalities to the new radio system. The radio equipment installation is scheduled to begin in the coming days.

Horizon City National Night Out!

On Tuesday, October 3rd, 2023, Horizon City Police Department along with the community celebrated Horizon City's biggest event of the year, National Night Out. National Night Out is an event that takes place annually across the world to promote law enforcement and community partnerships to make our communities safer and enhance our relationships. Like previous years, Horizon City Police Department and Horizon City Fire Department worked closely with each other along with 50+ community partners and 10+ different law enforcement agencies to have a successful event for our community. What took several weeks of preparation began by having Naval Air land their helicopter and Horizon City Police Department Honor Guard Team present the colors followed by Vianey Molina singing the National Anthem as skydivers landed. Pastor Wes Phillips provided everyone with a prayer and District Attorney Bill Hicks addressed our community. During the event there were multiple presentations to include Horizon High School Dance, Lucha Libre, Horizon City Athletics, Eastlake High School Cheer, Eastlake High School Dance, Drumlines (Horizon vs. Eastlake), Fire Department vs. Police Department Tug-o-War, Fire Department and Police Department Hot Dog eating contest. In between presentations, people would gather at the center of the stage and enjoy themselves along with family and friends as they danced throughout the night. Raffles were also being announced at the stage for people to get the opportunity to win prizes from different businesses. A twelve-minute firework show was displayed at the end of the event, where the community, local businesses, fire departments and law enforcement agencies celebrated the end of a successful night. There was an estimate of 1,000 people at this year's National Night Out and we are glad our biggest event of the year continues to grow, and more relationships are being built between the community and our law enforcement agencies to better help protect and serve.



Online Interview

On Wednesday, October 4th, 2023, Community Relations Officer Sierra partook in a Livestream interview with Tu Luz Radio about the cancer run that HCPD was supporting Lulu's Foundation Seeds of Love in. The interview consisted of letting the public know about the race and how it benefited the foundation. Officer Sierra also got to inform the radio station about the importance of law enforcement and community policing. The founder of the race, Carla Hernandez, also spoke on the partnership they had with HCPD and the appreciation for the police department as it had helped their foundation multiple times at different functions. This is the second year that HCPD has assisted with this event and the first time speaking with a radio station to promote such an event. Tu Luz Radio also included HCPD on the back cover of a local magazine as one of the sponsors for the race with the promotion of the event.



TxDOT Car Seat Check-Up Event

On Friday, October 6th, 2023, Community Relations Officer (CRO), V. Hernandez assisted the Texas Department of Transportation with a Car Seat Check-Up Event that took place at our local Walmart. Monica O’Kane with TxDOT advised CRO Hernandez their yearly Child Passenger Safety Technician Certification Training took place the first week of October and Friday was their testing date to get certified and can provide education to families in the community. CRO Hernandez and TxDOT staff met early Friday morning to set up and met with Walmart staff who were kind enough to donate over \$600 worth of car seats. CRO Hernandez conducted a livestream video on Horizon City Police Department’s Facebook page encouraging people to stop by to receive proper education on how to safely install their children’s car seats. The students that participated in the Child Passenger Safety Technician Certification Training included El Paso Fire Department, Constables, Department of Public Safety and El Paso Police Department. The event took place for approximately two hours and approximately 15 to 20 kids got their car seat properly installed.



Cancer Run

On Saturday, October 7th, 2023, Officers from HCPD assisted in the annual Breast Cancer Awareness race with Lulu’s Foundation Seeds of Love. Officer Sierra was able to reserve Horizon Mesa Park for the event and assist with traffic control for the day. The race consisted of a 1.5-mile fun run and a competitive 3-mile race with a \$500 prize for first place. Officer Sierra planned the route alongside Public Works to determine the roadblocks and locations officers needed to be present for traffic control. The event took place from 8am-11am with the fun race being the first half of the event and the competitive race beginning shortly after. The route for the race began at the intersection of Desert Wind and Desert Mist and marked with cones and barrels at the halfway point for runners and competitors to return. During the event, officers handed out water and checked on the runners to ensure they were able to continue competing. After the race, officers were welcomed to hang out at

the park and meet and interact with the public.



Youth Corp Hiking Day

On Tuesday, October 10th, officers from HCPD took out the Youth Corp. program to the hiking trails at Huevo Tanks State Park. Officer E. Perez, Corporal B. Avitia, Crime Scene Investigator B. Ortega and an intern with prior military experience accompanied the group in case of any medical emergency during the hiking trail. The hiking trail began with a small presentation about the rules of the park and what precautions were needed to have a safe hike. The group was divided into 4 to maintain a closer look in case any situation occurred. The hike took approximately two and a half hours. During this time, some kids from the group pushed themselves to overcome obstacles such as fears of heights and experienced what overcoming that obstacle felt like. After the hike, the group was taken to lunch at Dave and Busters. At Dave and Busters, the Youth Corp. got to play at the arcade, eat lunch and interact in a more social manner with their fellow peers and mentors. This field day was done as an expression of gratitude towards the Youth Corp. for the help they had provided HCPD throughout the year at events and functions.



HCPD 4th Car Seat Check-Up Class

On Friday, October 13th, 2023, Officers with Horizon City Police Department conducted their 4th Car Seat Check-Up Event that took place at City Hall. The goal of being able to provide the best service to our community and conduct these types of classes for parents to safely transport their children continues to be an important role at Horizon City Police Department. During this 4th class, Officers noticed a smaller number of parents and children showing up, but officers were glad to be able to provide the proper education for their children's safety. Officers were able to provide education for five kids between the ages of 9 months old to 5 years of age. Officers also provided education to one expecting mother and were able to provide three brand new car seats to three kids. Horizon City Police Department continues to promote these Car Seat Check-UP Classes through the police department's Facebook page and will continue to provide their services by _____ appointment twice a month.



Resilience Fitness Studio Grand Opening

On Saturday, October 14th, 2023, Community Relations Officers H. Sierra and V. Hernandez attended Resilience Fitness Studio Grand Opening along with other local businesses. CRO's participated in the event for approximately three to four hours and provided any requested information from the community. Different vendors such as EP Strong Supplements, Integrity Pest and Termite, Walmart, Supplement Xpress, Explore360 Travel Agency, Latin X 94.3 Radio Station supported the event and promoted their services. Resilience Fitness Studio Staff had different raffles every hour providing attendees the opportunity to win Resilience Fitness merchandise and membership discounts. Daniel Miller, who is one of the owners of Resilience Fitness Studio, provided a demonstration to both CRO's and explained the gym equipment. Mr. Miller also mentioned all first responders, military, and teachers will be receiving a discount for signing up at the gym.



Templo Bethesda Casa De Gracia Meet and Greet

On Saturday, October 14th, 2023, Community Relations Officers H Sierra and V. Hernandez took part in a Meet and Greet at a local church, Templo Bethesda Casa De Gracia. Upon their arrival, both CRO's turned on their marked patrol vehicle's lights and sirens to let the children know Horizon City Police Department had arrived. Officers parked their units to be displayed and several photographs were taken with the kids and their parents. Officers set up a table with some merchandise that was gifted to both children and adults. Officers were fed brisket nachos and hot dogs along with aguas frescas and cookies. The Pastor and his wife mentioned they had only been in that church for a couple of months. Prior to coming to Texas, the Pastor mentioned they had arrived from New York but were originally from Puerto Rico. The reason why they had moved to Texas is because the church was about to close, and they took it upon themselves to bring back together citizens from the community. They expressed their interest in having a good working relationship with law enforcement and we expect to have upcoming collaborations with their staff to build new relationships and show them we are there to serve and protect our community and those around

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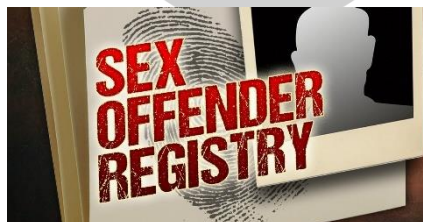
Border Youth Athletic Association Meeting

On Saturday, October 14th, 2023, Horizon City Police Department and Horizon City Fire Department were invited by Lady Longhorns Softball team to join them at a small cookout at Desmond Corcoran Park to thank first responders for their service. Community Relations Officers H. Sierra and V. Hernandez along with patrol officers V. Gamboa, R. Miramontes, J. Rodriguez, B. Campbell and Mayor Renteria joined the Lady Longhorns during their evening cookout. While coaches and parents cooked, the officers enjoyed a friendly softball game with the team players. Hot dogs and soft drinks were provided to all police officers and firefighters while everyone got to engage in conversation. The goal is to continue to have proactive engagement with the community and have a positive impact to build stronger relationships not only with parents or adults but with our youth.



Sex Offender Home Verifications

On Tuesday, October 17th and Thursday, October 19th, Community Relations Officers H. Sierra, V. Hernandez, and Patrol Officer C. Morales assisted Sgt. Rosas by conducting Sex Offender Home Verifications. As Halloween is approaching, Horizon City Police Department wants to assure kids will be safe as they go Trick or Treating on Tuesday, October 31st. By conducting home verifications, officers also made sure no Halloween decorations were being displayed at their homes that would attract children to stop by. Officers split the home verifications by conducting all verifications on the North side on Tuesday and the South side on Thursday. Officers went to every registered sex offender's residence and confirmed no residence had any Halloween decorations. During the home verifications, officers were able to verify information on eight individuals. Horizon City Police Department will be conducting additional home verifications in the future to keep track of every registered sex offender that lives within city jurisdiction to keep all our children safe and decrease the possibility of them reoffending.



Eastlake High School Work Fair

On Wednesday, October 18th, 2023, Officer Sierra, Officer Hernandez, and Dispatcher Rendon attended Eastlake High School for their annual Work Fair. Socorro Independent School District gathered over 2,200 students from the high schools and took them to Eastlake High School to attend the work fair. Employers from all over El Paso partook in the outreach to show students what their career options were once they graduated. The presentation began with the introduction of Dispatcher Rendon and a description of what being part of the Emergency Communications team was since that position began hiring at the age of 18. It was then followed by the police department explaining that once they were the appropriate age, they can apply to be sent to the Sheriff's Office Academy to obtain their Basic Peace Officer License. Officer Sierra and Hernandez then explained the hiring process, the benefits, salary, expectations, and requirements for the police department. Different aspects of policing were also explained to them: Community Relations, CSI, CID, Patrol. The last part of the presentation consisted of the officers explaining what the Youth Corp. program was and how it could benefit them in the long run. Officers also demonstrated how to properly apply handcuffs, gave them a tour of the interior of the units as well as how they operate and explained how and why arrestees are safely transported in the back of the unit. This is the second year HCPD assists EHS with their Work Fair.



Horizon High School Homecoming Parade

On Wednesday, October 18th, 2023, Horizon City Police Department along with El Paso County Sheriff's Office, Constables Precinct #6 and #4, and Horizon City Fire Department assisted Horizon High School staff with traffic control as they celebrated their 2023 Homecoming Parade. Officers and firefighters from all agencies met at Horizon City Police Department where their assignments were provided, and all assisting personnel were briefed on what to expect. Approximately 24 law enforcement officers and firemen combined, assisted with traffic control. The Horizon City Police Department and Horizon City Fire Department also assisted by providing three UTV's to have faster transportation as needed. Several floats took part in the parade along with car teams displaying their modified vehicles. Every year, the parade keeps getting bigger and longer and as a department we are glad to be able to assist in such a fun and memorable day to keep everyone safe.



HCPD 5th Car Seat Check-Up Class

On Friday, October 20th, 2023, Officers with Horizon City Police Department conducted their 5th Car Seat Check-Up Class that once again took place at City Hall. During this 5th class, Officers were able to provide proper car seat education to five parents and properly installed car seats for six kids. For this class, the kids’ ages ranged between two months old and 5 years of age. A total of four brand new car seats were also provided. Horizon City Police Department continues to promote these Car Seat Check-Up Classes through the police department’s Facebook page and the goal will continue to provide our services by appointment twice a month to ensure parents receive the proper education on how to safely transport their children.



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Monthly Gathering

On Thursday, October 25th, 2023, Officer Sierra held a monthly gathering at Applebee’s on Horizon Boulevard. The idea was to give the newly opened restaurant an opportunity to get business as they are new in the area. There were approximately 40 people that attended the event. The Mayor of Horizon City Andy Renteria, Alderwoman Laura Urrutia, employees from the municipal court and Public Works also attended the event. Attendees were introduced to the mayor and others so that they could familiarize themselves with those that serve the city and community. Officer Sierra also introduced himself to the public individually and asked about their concerns, questions, or any issues that they felt needed to be addressed. The dinner lasted 2 hours and the check was covered by the police department to say “thank you” to those in attendance.



Top Golf Tip a Cop

On Friday, October 27th, 2023, Lieutenant J. Ortega, Sargeant J. Nunez and Community Relations Officer H. Sierra helped the Special Olympics of Texas at their Top Golf "Tip a Cop" event. They spoke to the customers at the venue about the importance of these events and how their support made a difference. The funds collected during these functions are used for the athletes and their sport competitions throughout Texas. They also allow law enforcement to participate, encourage and support these athletes throughout Texas in competitions they take part in. HCPD was able to play golf with the athletes during this event and had taken the chance to take care of their lunch. Officers were also able to surprise Beto with a birthday dessert and sang Happy Birthday as it was his birthday the next day. These officers were able to gather \$410 for this organization at the end of their afternoon.



This is the eighth event of the year HCPD was able to participate in with the Special Olympics. The event for the Special Olympics lasted from 12pm-4pm.



IDEA's Trunk or Treat

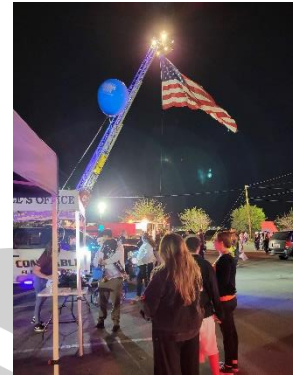
On Friday, October 27th, 2023, Lieutenant J. Ortega, Sargeant J. Nunez and Community Relations Officer H. Sierra took part in IDEA Horizon Vista's Trunk or Treat afternoon along with other members of the community. Officers were there for two hours as part of the event. They decorated one of their units with Halloween decorations for the kids to enjoy and passed out candies, balloons, and other goodies. They interacted with the public and gave a few scares as well. Officers obtained the candy from their local Walmart as a donation as well as some decoration to put on the unit. This is the second year HCPD has been a part of a Trunk or Treat event. It is important for the police to interact with kids at an early age in a positive manner to establish a rapport with them and have them become comfortable to approach law enforcement if they ever need assistance or even if they want to say a quick "hello". HCPD takes pride in promoting a positive professional relationship with the community beginning at a young age.



Socorro National Night Out/Trunk or Treat

On Friday, October 27th, 2023, Patrol Officer J. Rodriguez, and Community Relations Officer V. Hernandez attended Socorro's 2023 National Night Out at Rio Vista Center.

Multiple vendors supported the event and promoted their services as people walked around informing themselves about the vendors duties and/or responsibilities. The event took place between 6:00PM to 10:00PM. Officers with Horizon City Police Department greeted hundreds of kids and parents as they were giving away Halloween candy, Horizon City PD merchandise and flyers with safety information that was provided by Texas Department of Transportation. Constables Precinct #6 along with Horizon City Fire Department joined Socorro PD at their event. At the end of the night, Socorro PD hosted a Halloween costume contest where Officer Hernandez along with an officer from Socorro PD, a firefighter from Horizon City FD and Socorro FD



were assigned as the judges. The contest was divided into different age groups and every participant was called to the stage where judges would rate the costume from 1 to 5. Each age group had a winner and received a plaque. Horizon City PD enjoys being part of these community outreach events not only to build good working relationships with other law enforcement agencies but most importantly with the citizens of our community.



KVIA Interview

On Monday, October 30th, 2023, Officer H. Sierra took a last-minute interview through Zoom. Officer Sierra received a call from KVIA's reporter Isabella Martinez the day prior advising him she was looking for a police department who can provide some quick tips for a safe Halloween and Trick or Treat Tuesday. The interview was set up at 1300 hours and would last approximately 10 minutes. During the interview, Officer Sierra recommended parents to keep a close eye on



their children and to not let them wander off without adult supervision. He also stated that it was important for kids to wait until all their candy was checked at home by an adult and to only eat candy that was already packaged and unopened. He gave the recommendation for children to have something reflective on the child's costume for vehicles to see clearly and to provide them with glow sticks or a flashlight for more visibility. Officer Sierra also wanted to remind drivers to be attentive to the roadways and watch out for pedestrians that may cross the road unannounced as pedestrian traffic would be greater on that day. Officer Sierra let KVIA know Horizon City Police Department would have

bike patrol officers around the community to help keep trick or treaters safe and that the fire department would be going around handing out glow sticks for kids to become more visible during the night hours. Officer Sierra ended the interview by inviting the public to join HCPD's Trunk or Treat on Halloween at 14400 Golden Eagle at the Golden Eagle Park in Horizon City.



Horizon High School Fall Festival

On Monday, October 30th, C.R.O. H. Sierra, and Patrol Officer J.C. Rodriguez attended Horizon High Schools Fall Festival. The event lasted from 5pm through 8pm and was created to bring school spirit back to the high school and gather the community. The event was free of charge and many school clubs had different booths where they sold different goods to benefit their school club. HCPD brought police department merchandise to give to the public for free during the festival. Attendees were able to enter a raffle by following the department's social media. For every department account they



followed, they received a raffle ticket to increase their chances of winning. Officers raffled water bottles, tumbler cups, and two Starbucks gift bags to the last two tickets drawn. HCPD also handed out candy to the kids that was purchased by them and gave parents safety flyers about keeping kids buckled in their seats, seatbelt reminders, and magnets from the police department with a phone number to call for emergency and for non-emergency. HCPD met with the principal and let him know that the police department was there to support the school in whatever way they could.

Trunk Or Treat

On Tuesday, October 31st, 2023, HCPD held a Trunk or Treat at 14400 Golden Eagle at Golden Eagle Park. The event lasted from 5:00pm up to 6:00pm and was put together by Community Relations Officer H. Sierra. The department purchased 150 pizzas from their local Peter Piper Pizza to give away to the kids that formed part of the Trunk or Treat. Officer Sierra was able to receive 100 Raising Cane's Kids Combos as a donation from the chain restaurant to also hand out to the trick-or-treaters and 95 free ice cream cone coupons to hand out from the local Burger King. HCPD also received \$200 worth of candy from Walmart to distribute to those that attended the trunk or treat. Over 400 kids formed part of the trunk or treat and showed off their costumes. Chief Vargas, Lieutenant Ortega and Valdez, Mayor Andy Renteria and former alderwoman Samantha Corral assisted Officer Sierra with the event. Patrol officers and Bike Patrol also assisted with traffic control to ensure all vehicles were parked properly and for everyone to remain in their vehicles. The organization of this year's event was created to show unity between the police department and the community as well as to create a safe place for families to go trick or treating.



EPCC Interview

On Tuesday, October 31st, 2023, Community Relations Officer Sierra was at the trunk or treat for the police department when 2 students and their parent asked him if they could interview him about his role in the community for a school paper from El Paso Community College. Officer Sierra provided the interview and answered the questions given to him. Officer Sierra explained to the students how the CRO position was important in the sense that it showed the other side of policing that not many people knew. The CRO allows people to see that law enforcement is more than taking people to jail and giving tickets. He also explained the process and steps taken to create and carry out events throughout the year. The stages that creating National Night Out, parades and other events have so that they can be successful in the end. Officer Sierra was asked about the gratification of the position by the students. Officer Sierra explained that the build up to the big events is something that can be stressful during the planning portion of it but once it was it as taking place became very rewarding. He also explained that afterward, it was a 2- or 3-day period where he had to get into a different mentality to prepare for the next event. The students also got candy from the trunk or treat and were able to take a picture with Officer Sierra.

Commendable Actions:

Communications:

This month we would like to recognize Communication Specialist Irlanda Heredia for her remarkable work she does with the Communications Section. She has been determined to be a great asset to the division because of her outstanding work ethic. She always has a positive attitude in dispatch. She is approachable, helpful, and knowledgeable. Her actions within the division are within the highest standards of the Horizon Police Department.

Police:

FTO School

During the month of October, several Field Training Officer positions became available and our officers were excited to interview for an opportunity to contribute to the future officer development of our agency. Three were chosen and will be attending a week-long Field Training Officer which will be held at the El Paso County Sheriff's Office Regional Training Academy in December.

Field Training Officers (FTOs) are crucial in law enforcement for several reasons. They train and mentor new or less experienced officers, ensuring they understand and adhere to departmental policies and ethical standards. FTOs help build confidence, instill community policing values, and emphasize safety and professionalism. Their role contributes to maintaining quality, consistency, and the effectiveness of the police force.

The New Motorcycle Officer

Our agency is expanding its directed traffic enforcement services. With our current Motor Unit now specialized in Commercial Vehicle Enforcement, the single motorcycle enforcement torch must be passed on. By working in tandem, a Motorcycle Traffic Enforcement Unit and a Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Unit can have a positive impact on traffic safety within the community. The Motorcycle Unit can focus on monitoring and regulating the behavior of all road users, particularly in congested or

challenging traffic situations. Simultaneously, the Commercial Vehicle Unit can enforce strict regulations on commercial vehicles, ensuring they are following safety standards and reducing the potential risks posed by these larger vehicles on the road. Together, they create a safer traffic environment for the entire community, addressing both everyday traffic violations and the safety of commercial transport, ultimately promoting overall road safety.

Great Teamwork!

We would like to recognize Officer Nicholas Ortega and Officer Carolyn Morales for their continued hard work and dedication to HCPD. Both officers have been called in numerous times to assist a sort handed shift along with being team players in having split days off or coming in on a short notice due to staffing problems. These two officers are young in their career but have shown great teamwork and selflessness. Both officers have great work ethics are on time for their shift day in and day out along with a positive attitude. Both officers have expanded their role in the department with Officer Ortega now being part of motors and Officer Morales now a part of Honor Guard. Their drive to excel and pursue their careers is more than evident and is admirable and an example for other fellow officers.

Technological Improvements

One of this month's significant accomplishments will be improvements Lt. Valdez has made to some of the department forms for the month of October. This has overall improved the department's functionality, and it will save a lot of time collecting data information for the monthly report. The new format will help each section know where they stand in their responsibilities. Her innovation has created cost saving in the form of time it takes for our staff to complete this task. Outstanding work!

Outstanding Patrol Work

This month, 3rd shift has done a good job in ensuring they are keeping the city safe. They recorded multiple arrests during their shift. They have done a great job overall.