



HORIZONCITY
POLICE DEPARTMENT

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**MONTHLY
REPORT**



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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.



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.

- The Patrol Division is overseen by 1 Lieutenant.
- Criminal Investigations Division overseen by a Lieutenant
- Communications Division overseen by the Communications Manager
- Support and Administrative Functions overseen by the Chief of Police

Law Enforcement Positions	Allotted	Current	Vacancy
Chief of Police	1	1	0
Assistant Chief	1	0	1
Lieutenants	3	3	0
Sergeants	5	3	2
Corporals	2	2	0
Detectives	4	4	0
Officers	17	14	3
Crime Scene Technician	2	2	0
Civilians	2	2	0

Communication Positions	Allotted	Current	Vacancy
Communications Manager	1	1	0
Communications Manager Assistant	1	1	0
Communications Supervisor	3	3	0
Dispatchers	13	11	2

Administration



FY 2024-2025 Budget	Original Budget	Available Budget	Encumbrances	Requisitions	Percentage Remaining
PD	\$2,507,969.00	\$1,979,263.91	\$193,290.92	\$13,012.72	78.92%
Communications	\$897,741.00	\$711,942.10	\$33,507.00	\$ 28,698.49	79.33 %
Overtime	Amount Appropriated FY 2024-2025	Amount Expended December 2024	Balance	Percentage Remaining 2024	
PD	\$68,500.00	\$ 16,687.64	\$ 33,712.77	49.94 %	
Communications	\$44,999.00	\$6,417.39	\$ 32,005.44	71.12 %	

Pay Codes	Police Department	Communications
OT	542.75	342.75
Comp	147.55	0
PTO	525.44	289.25
LWO	240	240
Military	0	16
Training	411.5	64
Funeral	16	0
Personal	24	16
Holiday	360.50	56.25
Injury	0	0
Suspension	0	0

Sergeants	Sgt. G. Rosas	Sgt. H. Sierra	Sgt. A. Diaz	Cpl. B. Avitia	Total
Gas Used	62.95	67.18	61.49	78.37	269.99
Miles Driven	500	406	246	318	1,470
Miles per Gallon	7.94	6.04	4	4.06	22.04

Fuel Usage Summary	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTALS
GAS USED (GAL)	2,224	2,000	1,762	1,872	1,892	1,830	1,999	1,940	1,767	2,037	1,815	1613	22,751
MILES DRIVEN	10,068	10,120	8,796	9,387	9,395	9,317	9,391	10,100	9,449	11,780	9,986	7332	96,009
MILES/GALLON	4.10	5.06	4.99	6.00	5.00	5.09	4.70	5.21	5.35	5.78	5.50	4.55	61.33

Crime Report



It is the goal of our Police Department to reduce NIBRS Crimes by 10 percent. Year to date, we report an increase in part one crimes. Our areas of increase have been isolated to property crimes. We show a 62.5% increase overall compared to last month. Below is the chart designating our specific crime numbers.

Part 1 2024	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sept	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
Murder	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sexual Assault	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	7
Robbery	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Agg. Assault	0	3	2	0	0	2	0	2	3	1	0	0	13
Burglary	0	0	2	0	1	0	12	1	1	1	0	0	18
Larceny	8	4	8	10	3	2	3	4	6	13	5	8	74
Simple Assault	12	7	13	8	6	8	8	8	8	11	6	9	104
Vehicle Theft	0	0	4	0	2	0	5	2	2	0	0	4	19
Total	25	14	29	18	12	12	29	17	21	27	11	21	236





November 2024 to December 2024 Comparison



62.5 % Increase

Crimes Against Persons

Part I 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	0	0
Sexual Assault	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	6
Agg. Assault	0	3	2	0	0	2	0	2	3	0	0	0	12
Simple Assault	12	7	13	8	6	8	8	8	8	11	6	9	104
Total	17	10	15	8	6	10	8	10	12	11	6	9	122



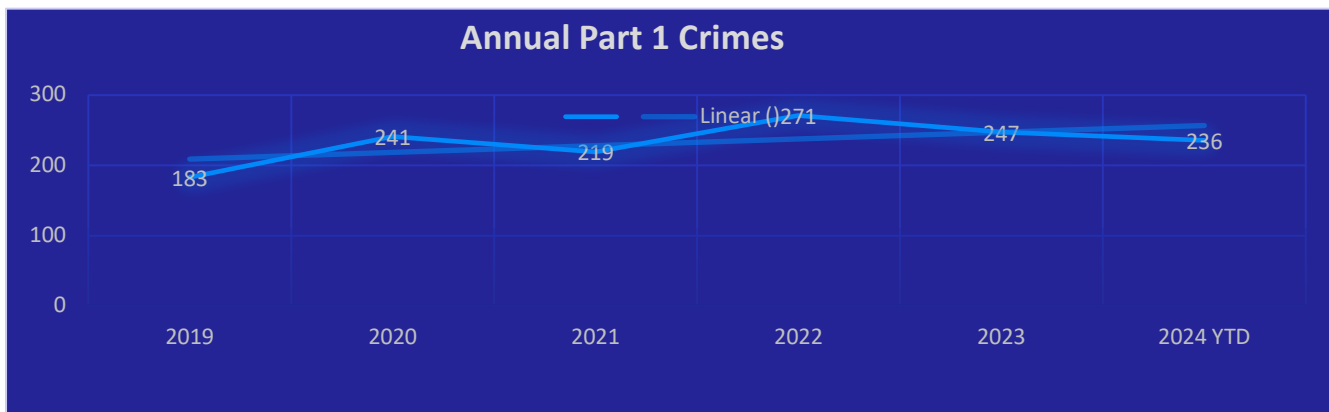


Property Crimes

Part 1 2024	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Robbery	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Burglary	0	0	2	0	1	0	12	1	1	1	0	0	18
Larceny	8	4	8	10	3	2	3	4	6	13	5	8	74
Vehicle Theft	0	0	4	0	2	0	5	2	2	0	0	4	19
Total	8	4	14	10	6	2	21	7	9	14	5	12	112



Annual Part 1 Crimes





Part 1 Crimes	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Total
Murder	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sexual Assault	9	12	15	4	3	7	50
Robbery	1	1	3	1	1	1	8
Agg. Assault	7	16	17	25	14	13	92
Burglary	17	16	14	23	15	18	103
Larceny	75	82	71	92	88	74	482
Simple Assault	70	107	85	93	90	104	549
Vehicle Theft	4	7	14	33	36	19	113
Total	183	248	219	271	247	236	1,397

The Patrol Division is commanded by Lieutenant John C. Rodriguez. Daily activity data is compiled and analyzed in conjunction with our criminal investigations and crime preventive divisions. The division is comprised of 1 Lieutenant, 3 Sergeants, 3 Corporals and 12 Patrol Officers. They operate 24 hours a day 7 days a week on 12-hour shifts. The shifts and days off rotate every 56 days.

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

Top 5 Traffic Collision Areas

Location	Crashes
Total Crashes for the month of December	33 (2 less than Nov.)
Horizon Blvd./N. Darrington Rd.	3
Horizon Blvd./S. Kenazo Ave.	2
N. Darrington Rd./Eastlake Blvd.	2
McMahon/N. Kenazo Ave.	2
Desert Mist./Eastlake Blvd.	1

Traffic Contacts

Traffic Contacts

Officer	Traffic Contacts
Sgt. Diaz	55
Sgt. Rosas	45
Sgt. Sierra	20
Cpl. Avitia	55

Arrests

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Felony Arrests	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	3	0	10
Misdemeanor Arrests	5	3	2	1	0	1	0	2	2	6	2	1	25
Sgt. H. Sierra													
Felony Arrests	2	0	1	2	1	1	0	1	0	0	2	0	10
Misdemeanor Arrests	7	4	5	16	0	1	2	5	11	4	2	0	57
Cpl. B. Avitia													
Felony Arrests										0	1	1	2
Misdemeanor Arrests										4	0	0	4

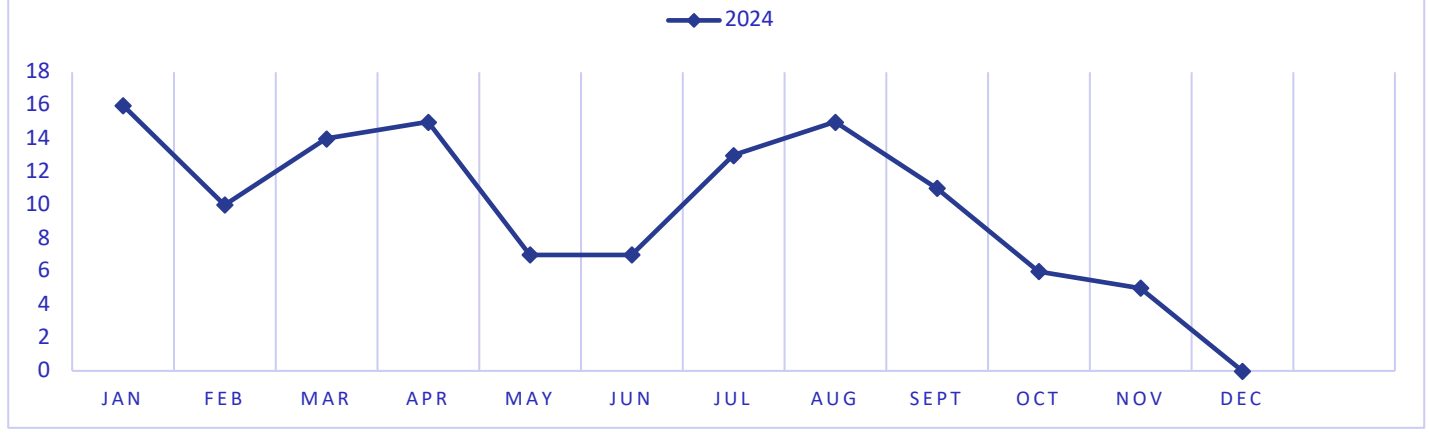


Officer Victoria Hernandez has been helping organize community events and presentations. His training included public speaking and developing valuable crime analytic techniques which will help our agency better serve our Horizon City community by identifying patterns, suspects, and helping our patrol 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
Presentations	16	10	14	15	7	7	13	15	11	6	5	1	120



PRESENTATIONS

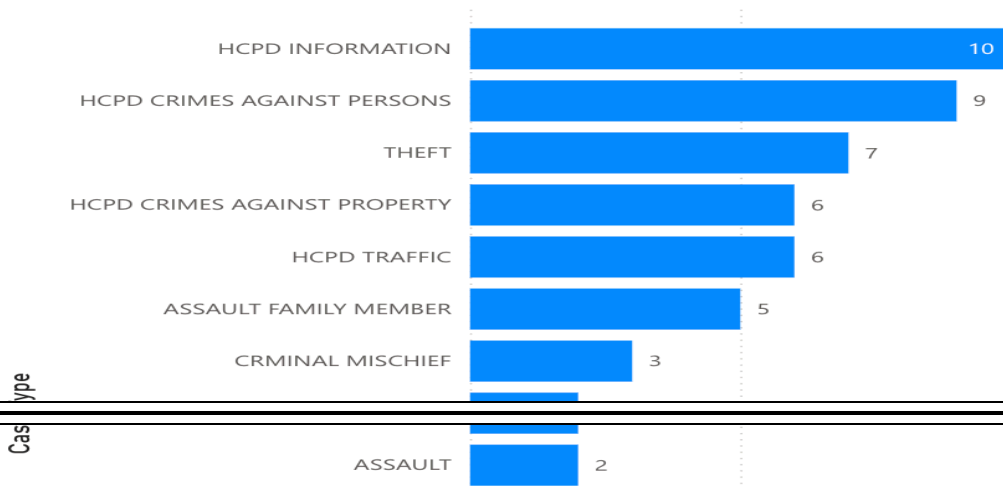


Investigations

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

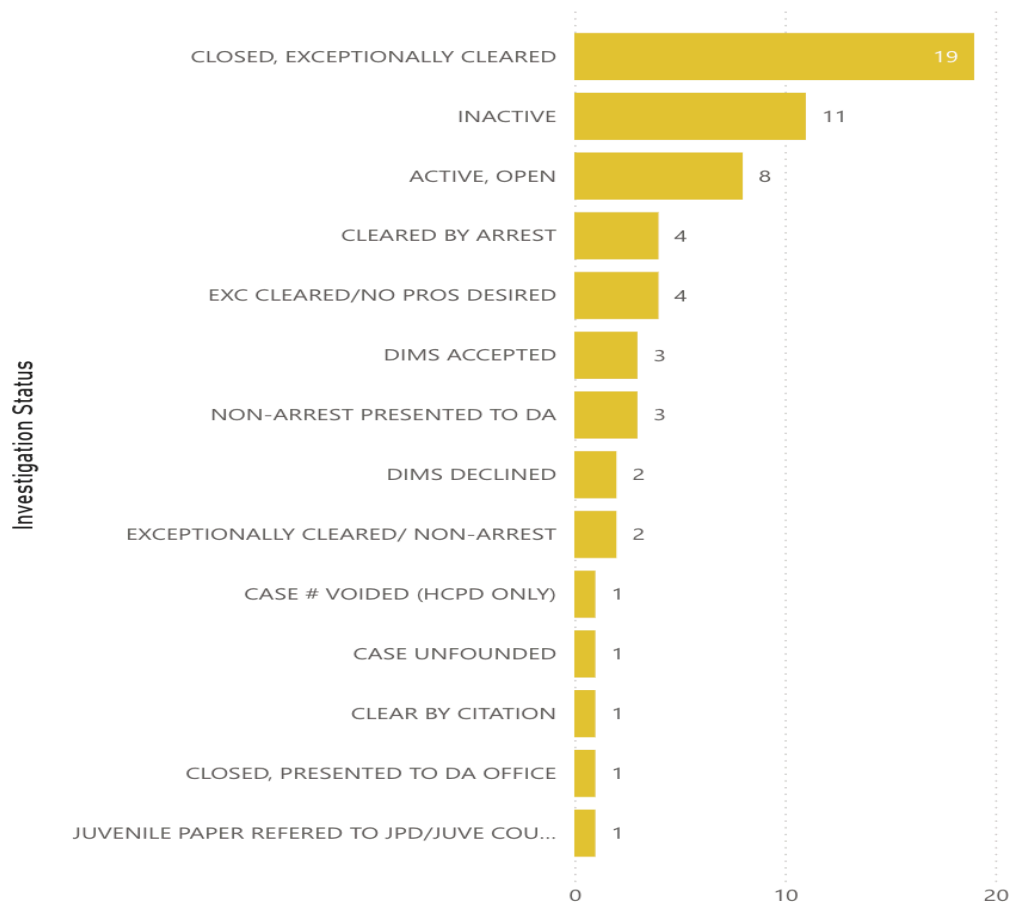
Lieutenant Valdez and her team are dedicated to upholding the law and ensuring community safety. Their focus spans across different criminal activities, with a commitment to justice and effective collaboration with other law enforcement agencies, forensic experts, and legal professionals.

December Case Load by Category



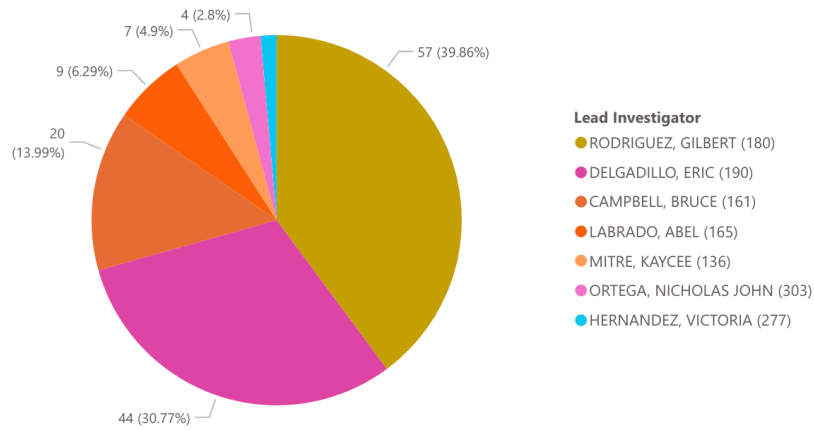


December Case Resolution

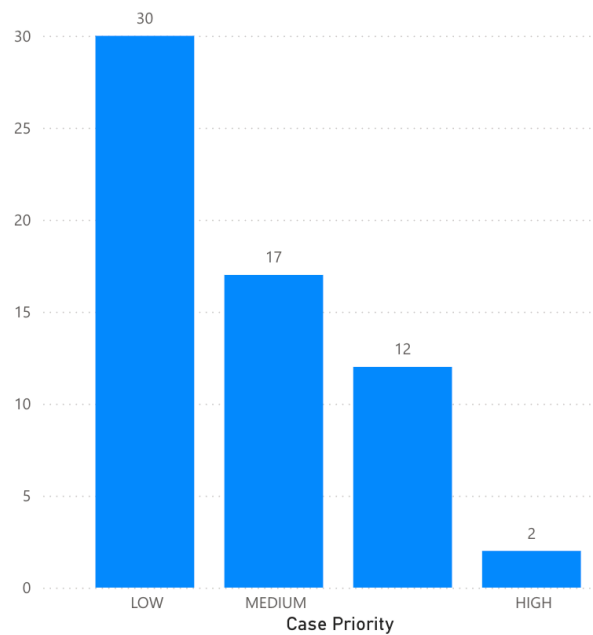




Caseload by Investigator



December Case Priority





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

Traffic Division

Officer Eric Delgadillo assumes the responsibility of enforcing commercial vehicle regulations, conducting thorough inspections to address both minor administrative discrepancies, colloquially referred to as "paper" infractions, and more significant lapses in essential safety equipment maintenance.

His contribution is instrumental in mitigating potential risks that could result in severe accidents. Officer Delgadillo's efforts contribute significantly to upholding road safety standards and ensuring compliance within the commercial transportation sector, as evidenced by his commitment to addressing and rectifying regulatory violations.

Every detailed roadside inspection can take upwards of 2 hours to complete. During the month of December, Officer Eric Delgadillo conducted 3 inspections and found 2 commercial vehicles not road worthy.

COMMERCIAL VEHICLE ENFORCEMENT		Activity Summary
Traffic Contacts		9
Written Warnings		2
Citations		22
Crash Reports		2



Criminal Reports	2
Number of Arrests	0
Hours Spent Supporting Patrol Division	6
Quarter Master Support Hours	17
Specialized Training Hours	0
Hours as Training Instructor	0
Hours Spent Accident Investigation	28
Hours Spent Participating in Community Events	20
Commercial Vehicle Inspections	9
Commercial Vehicles Placed Out of Service	6
Drivers Placed Out of Service	3
Commercial Vehicle Violations Found During Inspections	67
Hours Supporting Fleet Management	15

MOTORCYCLE TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT	Activity Summary
Number of Traffic Contacts	0
Number of Written Warnings	0
Number of Citations	0
Number of Arrests	0
Number of Crash Reports	0
Number of Criminal Reports	0
Quarter Master Support Hours	0
Hours spent accident investigation	0
Hours Participating in Community Events	0
Specialized Training Hours	0
Hours Supporting Patrol Division	0
Hours Supporting Fleet Management	0

The motorcycle's nimble mobility further enables the officer to swiftly traverse the city, providing valuable assistance to fellow officers during calls for service. This enhanced responsiveness and versatility contribute significantly to our overall law enforcement capabilities and community safety efforts. The addition of a motorcycle officer has proven to be an asset in addressing dynamic situations and optimizing our resources for effective public service.

Forensics Unit



Forensic Unit Responsibilities

Bernadette Ortega stands out as a valuable asset to our team, taking on the role of Crime Scene and Evidence Lead with exceptional expertise. Her extensive experience positions her among the top professionals in the state, bringing a wealth of knowledge to our forensic endeavors. Working alongside her is Officer Abraham Diaz, who also plays a pivotal role in the Crime Scene and Evidence department. Together, they seamlessly combine their skills to handle forensic evidence and conduct meticulous crime scene investigations. Their collaborative efforts embody the highest standards of forensic work, ensuring the team excels in accuracy and efficiency.

Forensic Unit Responsibilities

Activity	#
Training Instructor Hours	25
In Service Training Hours	1.5
Hours Spent Processing Evidence	16.5
Hours Spent Managing Evidence Room	15
Hours Spent Processing Open Records Material	20.5
Walk Ins for fingerprints	2
Hours responding to active crime scene	7
Number of items submitted to laboratory for analysis	2
Evidence returned from laboratory with leads	0
Total items returned from laboratory	0

Warrants Division and Bailiff

Officers who take on the bailiff assignment perform a multifaceted role within the law enforcement department, serving as the Court Bailiff and the Warrants Officer. Their contributions make them an indispensable member of our law enforcement team. As the primary point of contact for matters pertaining to the municipal court, convened biweekly, the officers ensure the seamless functioning of court proceedings.



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

During the month of December the bailiff assignment went vacant due to staffing issues faced by the department. We anticipate assigning an officer to the court in the coming months of February/March.

SORT Program

Our SORT program is temporarily on hold as the officer assigned to it earned a promotion to detective. WE anticipate that the SORT program will resume in February/March 2025.

SORT Program Activities	Hours
Hours Dedicated to SORT Program	0
Hours Dedicated to Community Relations Program	0
Hours Dedicated to Patrol Support	0
Hours Dedicated to Investigation	0
Hours Dedicated to Fleet Support	0
Hours Dedicated to Specialized Training	0
Hours Dedicated to Specialized Teams	0



Communications Division

The Communications Section is overseen by the Communications Manager and is comprised of 3 Communications Shift Supervisors, and 12 Communications Specialists.

Response Times

	Average Call to Arrival	Average Dispatch to Arrival	Actual	Target
Priority 1-3 Pending to Arrival less than or equal to 8 Minutes	00:05:58	00:03:58	100%	90%
Priority 4-6 Pending to Arrival less than or equal to 12 Minutes:	00:14:19	00:07:27	81.75%	80%
Priority 7-9 Pending to Arrival less than or equal to 15 Minutes:	00:18:07	00:07:41	79.53%	70%

Horizon Police Calls for Service

	Dispatched	Self-Initiated	Mobile Data Terminal Calls	Total
Horizon Police	1,492	867	275	2,454

ESD 1 Calls for Service

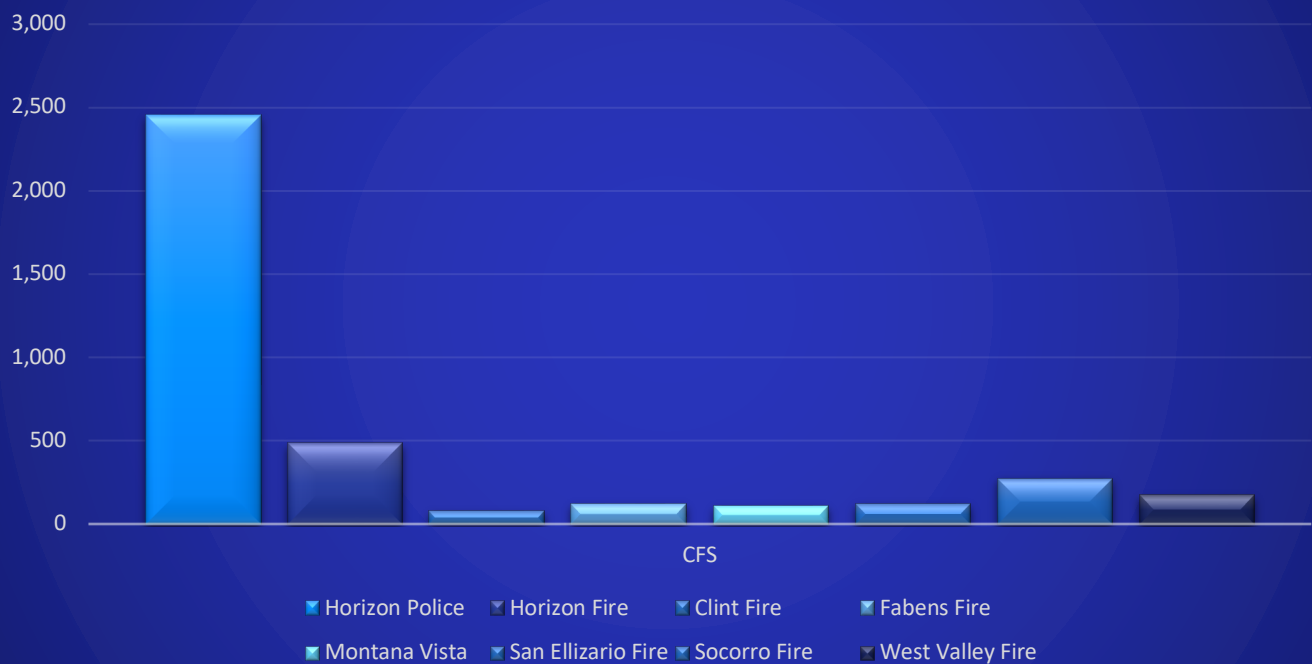
	Alarm	Assist	Brush Fire	Car Fire	Water Gas Leaks	Medical	MVA	Structure Fires	Total
Horizon Fire	50	41	15	4	20	308	42	2	482



ESD 2 Calls for Service

	Alarm	Assist	Brush Fire	Car Fire	Water/Gas Leaks	Medical	MVA	Structure Fire	Total
Clint	2	0	3	1	2	61	7	1	77
Fabens	9	6	8	0	1	92	4	1	121
Montana Vista	4	2	8	0	5	73	14	2	108
San Elizario	2	4	4	0	6	94	7	3	120
Socorro	12	9	4	0	8	193	43	5	274
West Valley	15	14	12	2	6	106	15	1	171
Total	44	35	39	3	28	619	90	13	871

Calls For Service





On Scene First: Saving Lives on Both Sides of The Call



ON SCENE FIRST

Telecommunicators Jasmine Moran and Mirna Sierra First responders attended the eight our course Saving Lives on Both Sides of the Call held at the El Paso Regional Communications Center. are accustomed to prioritizing others over themselves. The

course aims to provide first responders with essential knowledge and tools to address their own mental health and wellness particularly PTSD, and emphasize the importance of self-care. Recognizing that first responders often prioritize others over themselves. The course explores a comprehensive PTSD timeline, covering events leading to PTSD, risk factors, triggers, warning signs, diagnosis, and avenues for seeking help and supporting others in their journey. Focusing on mental health not only enhances personal resilience but also strengthens the ability to nurture and support colleagues, friends, and family. When first responders take time to care for themselves, they are better equipped to face the challenges of their roles, ultimately saving lives on both sides of the call—whether on the scene or in their own lives.

Christmas Parade



On Saturday December 7, 2024, Horizon City Police Department assisted the Town of Horizon City with road closures for the yearly Christmas Parade. The parade ran a course of approximately 2 miles due to modifications made due to current construction taking place around the city. The parade started at Ryderwood Ave and Ashford St like previous years, it went through Eastlake Blvd and Kenazo Ave and came to an end at Desert Hills Elementary. A total of 28 personnel assisted with traffic control and safety measures to include assistance from HCPD officers, Town of Horizon City Code enforcement, Town of Horizon City Streets Department, Constables Office Precincts 1 and 6, Socorro ISD Police Department, FBI, Horizon City Fire Department and El Paso County Sheriff's Office. It was a great turnout for the community, and many expressed how much they liked the modified route that took place this year. The parade took approximately two and a half hours to end. HCPD will continue working and looking forward in assisting and providing better safety measurements for the community each year the Christmas Parade takes place as it has become a cherished tradition that strengthens community bonds and creates lasting

memories for everyone involved.





Officer Staff and Recognition



On Saturday, December 14th, dispatch received a high priority call involving a subject with a gun. Telecommunicators Marcela Portillo, Julie Nava, and Samantha Gonzalez worked together as a cohesive team, demonstrating exceptional professionalism and calmness under pressure. They remained focused and ensured the safety of both our officers and everyone at the scene. Their quick thinking and effective communication helped ensure that all necessary resources

were requested and dispatched promptly to handle the situation. Their teamwork and dedication to keeping everyone safe were truly outstanding. Thank you ladies! Ericka Gonzalez has considerably dedication as a telecommunicator. She always goes above and beyond to assist the public with a professional demeanor as well as her co- workers and patrol officers. If help is needed in any way, she is always available to assist when needed. She doesn't shy away from coving extra shifts and has demonstrated good punctuality throughout the year.

Great Work

For the month of December, we would like to recognize the following Officers for their hard work and dedication in keeping our community safe:

Officer Trevino. By being proactive and answering calls for service, Officer Trevino has had 17 arrests to include 5 DWI's ,6 drug arrests, Public Intoxication and Family Violence Arrests for the year of 2024. Officer Trevino has shown that he is dedicated to serve the residents of the Town of Horizon City by his exemplary contributions.

Officer Garza. Officer Garza has a total of 12 Arrests to include 4 DWI Arrests, 1 Public Intoxication, and Family Violence Arrests. Officer Garza has shown great police work and continues to improve every day.



Officer Arredondo. Officer Arredondo has a total of 15 Arrests to include 6 Wanted subject arrests, 3 drug arrests, 1 DWI, and other arrests for Assault Family violence, Public Intoxication, Criminal Trespass, Evading Arrest, and Terroristic Threat. Officer Arredondo continues to take pride in his work and strives to continue doing so into the new year.

Over the Christmas holiday weekend, the Criminal Investigations Division (CID) conducted a targeted DWI interdiction operation, ensuring the safety of the community during one of the busiest times of the year. Amid their efforts, the team responded to a high-priority incident involving gunfire reported near a local house party. Witnesses indicated that a group of teenagers had discharged a firearm into the air, causing alarm in the surrounding neighborhood.

Leveraging their expertise and teamwork, CID investigators quickly mobilized, canvassing the area for leads. Through a combination of witness statements, forensic analysis, and surveillance footage review, the team was able to identify a vehicle believed to be linked to the incident. Their meticulous work led to uncovering the vehicle's ownership and narrowing down potential suspects, including the individual suspected of firing the weapon.

This operation demonstrated the CID team's unwavering commitment to public safety and their ability to adapt seamlessly to emerging threats, ensuring that those responsible are held accountable. Their swift actions not only upheld the community's trust but also highlighted the importance of proactive law enforcement during critical moments.

In November 2024, Officer Victoria Hernandez took a major step forward in her career by earning a promotion and in December attending a challenging detective training program in Alpine, Texas. During the week-long course, she sharpened her ability to conduct interviews that get to the heart of the truth while maintaining trust and professionalism. She also learned the ins and outs of drafting and serving search warrants, ensuring they meet every legal requirement and lead to real results. On top of that, she dove into advanced crime scene techniques, developing the skills to analyze evidence with precision and purpose. This training wasn't just a box to check—it was a game-changer, giving Detective Hernandez the tools to handle complex cases and make an even greater impact in her community.