

Horizon City Police Department



September Report



September 2024

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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.

- Patrol Division overseen by 2 Lieutenants.
- 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	3	3	0
Corporals	3	3	0
Detectives	3	2	1
Officers	19	18	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



Administration

FY 2023-2024 Budget	Original Budget	Available Budget	Encumbrances	Requisitions	Percentage Remaining
PD	\$2,278,599.00	\$13,313.10	\$78,419.21	\$25,192.17	.61 %
Communications	\$871,341.00	\$52,426.14	\$49,117.83	\$39,416.21	6.50 %
Overtime	Amount Appropriated FY 2023-2024	Amount Expended September 2024	Balance	Percentage Remaining 2024	
PD	\$68,712.00	\$ 8,499.69	\$ -52,138.70	-75.88 %	
Communications	\$44,999.00	\$4,514.30	\$ -15,294.59	-33.99 %	

Pay Codes	Police Department	Communications
OT	342.70	209.75
Comp	195.99	0
PTO	360.01	100
LWO	0	0
Military	0	0
Training	263	272
Funeral	0	0
Personal	8	0
Holiday	168	8
Injury	0	0
Suspension	0	0

Sergeants	Sgt. G. Rosas	Sgt. H. Sierra	Sgt. A. Diaz	Administrative	Total
Gas Used	69.63	93.08	99.94	46.44	309.09
Miles Driven	422	276	326	192	1216
Miles per Gallon	6.06	2.96	3.26	4.13	16.41

OPERATIONAL SUMMAR	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	0	0	0	17,286
MILES DRIVEN	10,068	10,120	8,796	9,387	9,395	9,317	9,391	10,100	9,449	0	0	0	86,023
MILES/GALLON	4.10	5.06	4.99	6.00	5.00	5.09	4.70	5.21	5.35	0.00	0.00	0.00	45.50

Crime Report



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It is the goal of our Police Department to reduce NIBRS Crimes by 10 percent. Year to date, we are reporting a decrease in part one crimes. Our areas of decrease have been isolated to property crimes. We show 23.53% increase overall compared to last month. Below is the chart designating our specific crime numbers.

Part 1 2023-2024	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Total
Murder	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sexual Assault	1	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	7
Robbery	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Agg. Assault	0	0	0	3	2	0	0	2	0	2	3	12
Burglary	2	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	12	1	1	19
Larceny	10	7	8	4	8	10	3	2	3	4	6	65
Simple Assault	4	6	12	7	13	8	6	8	8	8	8	88
Vehicle Theft	2	3	0	0	4	0	2	0	5	2	2	20
Total	19	16	25	14	29	18	12	12	29	17	21	212





August 2024 to September 2024 Comparison



23.5 % 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	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	0	0	0	78
Total	17	10	15	8	6	10	8	10	12	0	0	0	96



Patrol Division



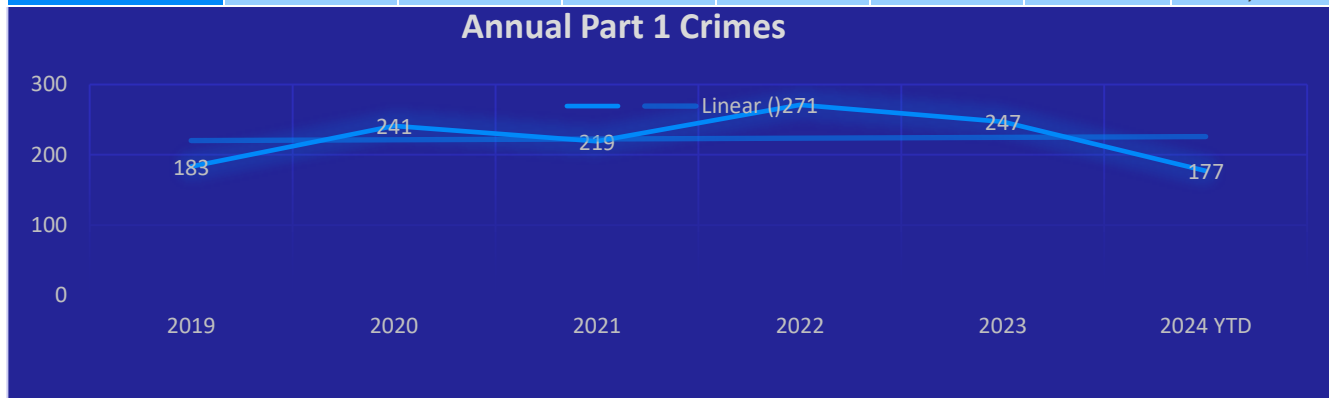
Property Crimes

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	0	0	0	17
Larceny	8	4	8	10	3	2	3	4	6	0	0	0	48
Vehicle Theft	0	0	4	0	2	0	5	2	2	0	0	0	15
Total	8	4	14	10	6	2	21	7	9	0	0	0	81



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	6	49
Robbery	1	1	3	1	1	1	8
Agg. Assault	7	16	17	25	14	12	91
Burglary	17	16	14	23	15	17	102
Larceny	75	82	71	92	88	48	456
Simple Assault	70	107	85	93	90	78	523
Vehicle Theft	4	7	14	33	36	15	109
Total	183	248	219	271	247	177	1,338





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 13 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. **The Patrol Officers will be transitioning to 12-hour shifts on October 6th.**

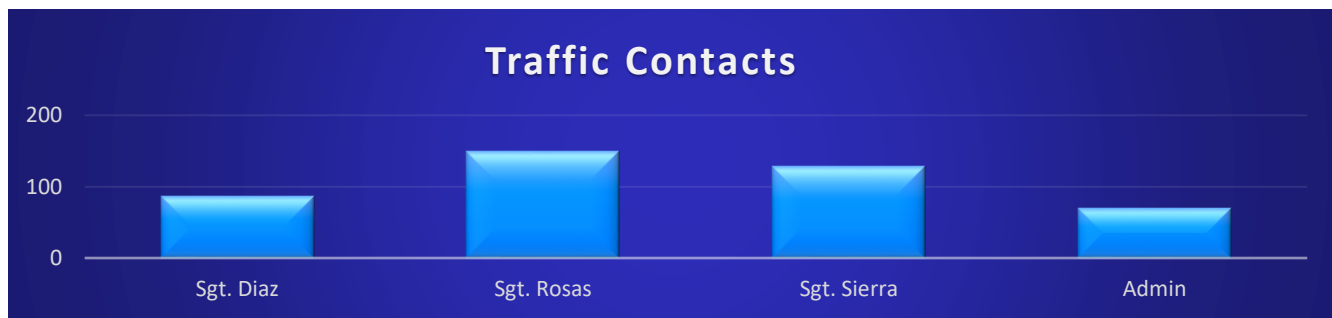
Our Data Driven Approach to Traffic and Crime Safety is our patrol strategy designed to focus on the hot spot areas for accidents and criminal incidents. Below are the hotspot locations and number of contacts charts.

Top 5 Traffic Collision Areas

Location	Crashes
Total Crashes for the month of June	35 (13 more than Aug.)
Horizon Blvd./N. Darrington Rd.	9
Horizon Blvd./Eastlake Blvd.	3
Horizon Blvd./Andrepoint St.	3
S. Darrington Rd./S. Kenazo Ave.	2
N. Darrington Rd./Eastlake Blvd.	2

Traffic Contacts

2024	1	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	YTD
Sgt Abraham Diaz	99	93	56	106	90	79	82	90	87				782
Sgt Guillermo Rosas	85	109	59	104	149	169	98	77	149				999
Sgt Heli Sierra	112	193	173	170	241	221	101	176	128				1,515
Administrative Team	37	31	32	55	95	41	59	27	70				447





Calls for Service

Monthly	Sgt. Abraham Diaz	Sgt. Guillermo Rosas	Sgt. Heli Sierra	Administrative Team	Total
Dispatched calls	161	224	368	89	842
Self-Initiated calls	136	198	378	110	822
Incident Reports	14	39	23	7	83
Crash Reports	7	26	1	1	35
Total	318	487	770	207	1,782

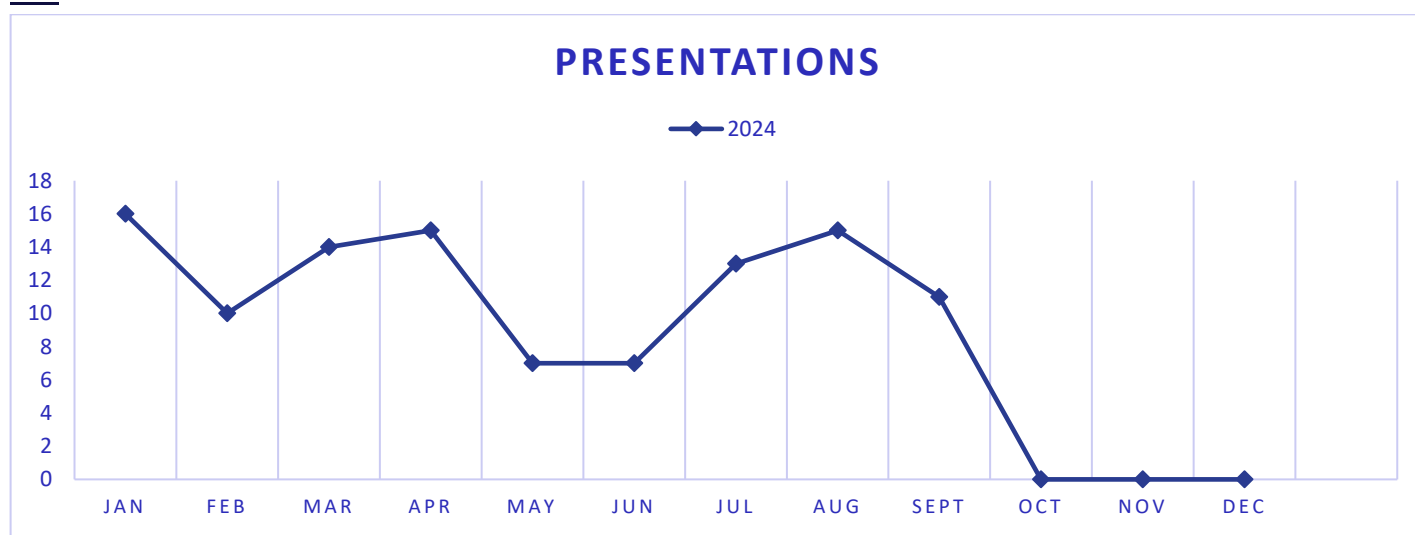
Arrests

Arrest Breakdown	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	YTD
2024 Felony Arrests	6	6	3	3	8	3	0	1	4				34
2024 Misdemeanor Arrests	16	14	12	25	4	3	4	9	15				102
Sgt. A. Diaz													
Felony Arrests	4	3	2	1	7	2	0	0	2				21
Misdemeanor Arrests	4	7	3	6	4	1	2	2	2				31
Sgt. G. Rosas													
Felony Arrests	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	2				5
Misdemeanor Arrests	5	3	2	1	0	1	0	2	2				16
Sgt. H. Sierra													
Felony Arrests	2	0	1	2	1	1	0	1	0				8
Misdemeanor Arrests	7	4	5	16	0	1	2	5	11				51



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				108



Criminal Investigations Division

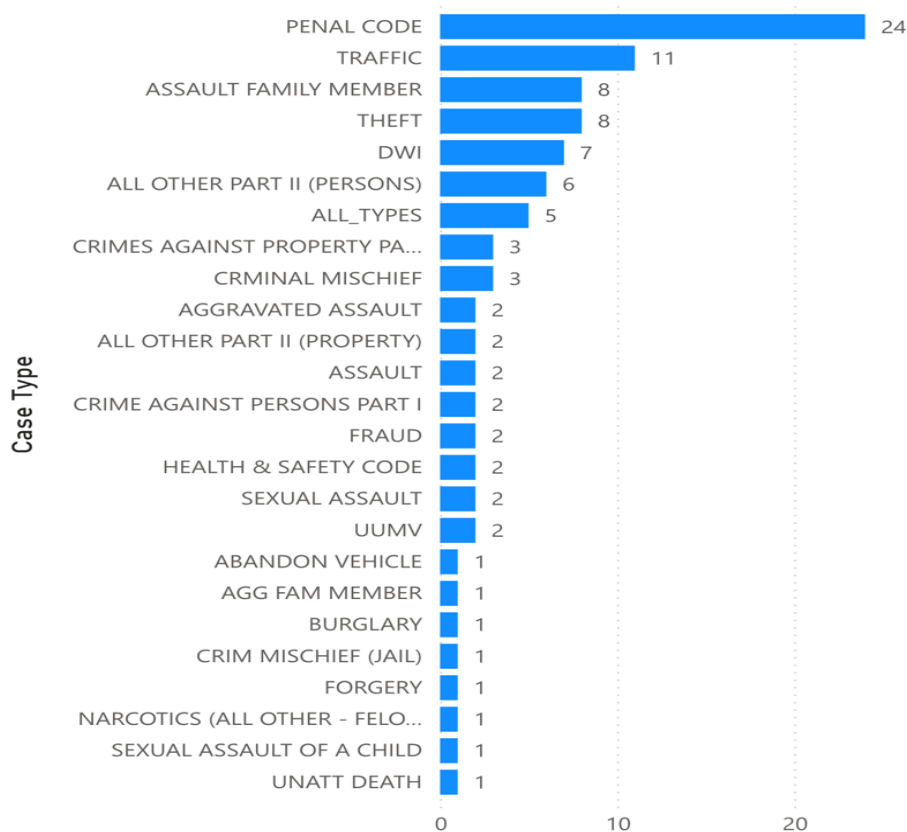


Investigations

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

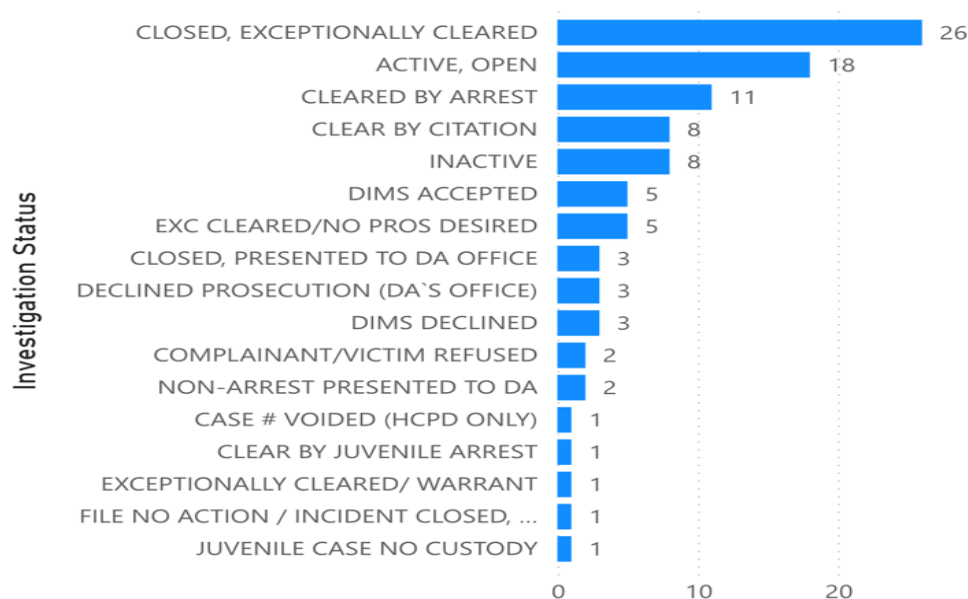
Lieutenant Valdez and her team are dedicated to upholding the law and ensuring community safety. Their focus spans across different criminal activities, with a commitment to justice and effective collaboration with other law enforcement agencies, forensic experts, and legal professionals.

SEPTEMBER CASES BY CATEGORY





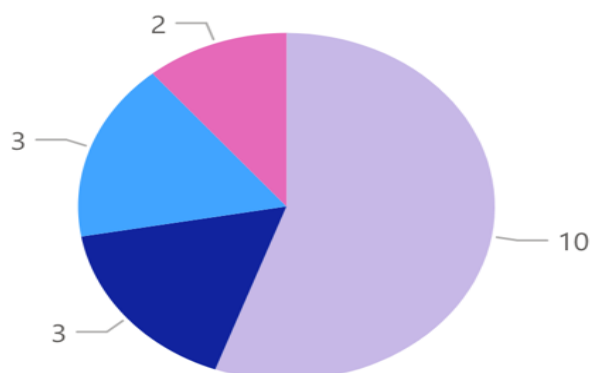
SEPTEMBER CASE RESOLUTION



September Caseload by Investigator

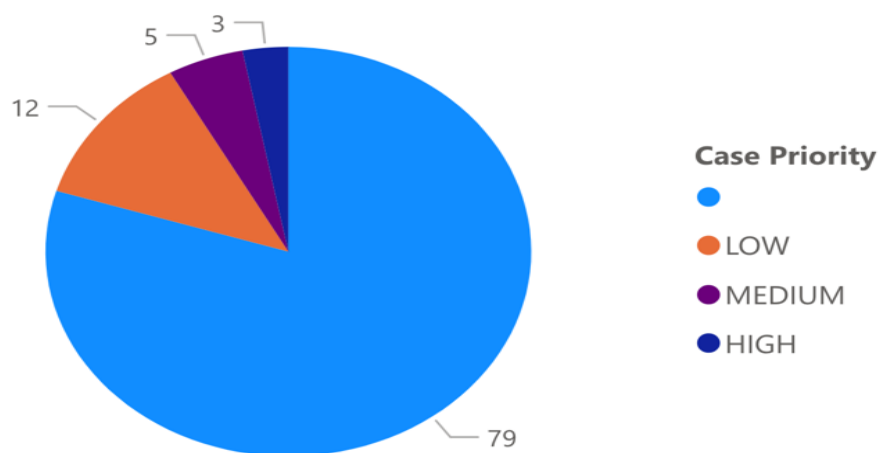
Lead Investigator

- MITRE, KAYCE...
- CAMPBELL, B...
- RODRIGUEZ, ...
- HERNANDEZ, ...





SEPTEMBER 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 September, Officer Eric Delgadillo conducted 3 inspections and found 2 commercial vehicles not road worthy.

COMMERCIAL VEHICLE ENFORCEMENT	Activity Summary
Traffic Contacts	3
Written Warnings	1
Citations	16
Crash Reports	1
Criminal Reports	2
Number of Arrests	1
Hours Spent Supporting Patrol Division	8
Quarter Master Support Hours	13
Specialized Training Hours	0
Hours as Training Instructor	15
Hours Spent Participating in Community Events	18
Commercial Vehicle Inspections	16
Commercial Vehicles Placed Out of Service	8
Drivers Placed Out of Service	3
Commercial Vehicle Violations Found During Inspections	96
Hours Supporting Fleet Management	3



MOTORCYCLE TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT	Activity Summary
Number of Traffic Contacts	27
Number of Written Warnings	19
Number of Citations	19
Number of Arrests	0
Number of Crash Reports	2
Number of Criminal Reports	1
Quarter Master Support Hours	1
Hours spent accident investigation	48
Hours Participating in Community Events	33
Specialized Training Hours	53
Hours Supporting Patrol Division	4
Hours Supporting Fleet Management	2

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	45
In Service Training Hours	0
Hours Spent Processing Evidence	37
Hours Spent Managing Evidence Room	1
Hours Spent Processing Open Records Material	18.5



Walk Ins for fingerprints	6
Hours responding to active crime scene	16.55
Number of items submitted to laboratory for analysis	21
Evidence returned from laboratory with leads	5
Total items returned from laboratory	12

Warrants Division and Bailiff

Officer Abraham Diaz assumes a multifaceted role within the law enforcement department, serving as the Court Bailiff and the Warrants Officer. His contributions make him an indispensable member of our law enforcement team. As the primary point of contact for matters pertaining to the municipal court, convened biweekly, Officer Diaz ensures the seamless functioning of court proceedings.

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

All vehicles in the fleet are operational and in service.

[SORT Program](#)

Our SORT program is led by Officer Victoria Hernandez. SORT stands for "Sex Offender Registry and Tracking". The program is designed to maintain a database of individuals convicted of sex offenses, providing law enforcement with the tools to monitor and track registered sex offenders within our jurisdiction. Our program is currently under development and will empower our agency to monitor these individuals closely.

SORT Program Activities	Hours
Hours Dedicated to SORT Program	0
Hours Dedicated to Community Relations Program	120
Hours Dedicated to Patrol Support	0
Hours Dedicated to Investigation	11
Hours Dedicated to Fleet Support	0
Hours Dedicated to Specialized Training	40
Hours Dedicated to Specialized Teams	0



The Communications Section is overseen by the Communications Manager and is comprised of 3 Communications Shift Supervisors, and 14 Communications Specialists.

Response Times

	Average Call to Arrival	Average Dispatch to Arrival	Actual	Target
Priority 1-3 Pending to Arrival less than or equal to 8 Minutes	00:09:08	00:06:08	86.5%	90%
Priority 4-6 Pending to Arrival less than or equal to 12 Minutes:	00:11:12	00:06:36	100%	80%
Priority 7-9 Pending to Arrival less than or equal to 15 Minutes:	00:16:34	00:07:25	91.07%	70%

Horizon Police Calls for Service

	Dispatched	Self-Initiated	Mobile Data Terminal Calls	Total
Horizon Police	1,341	959	268	2,568

ESD 1 Calls for Service

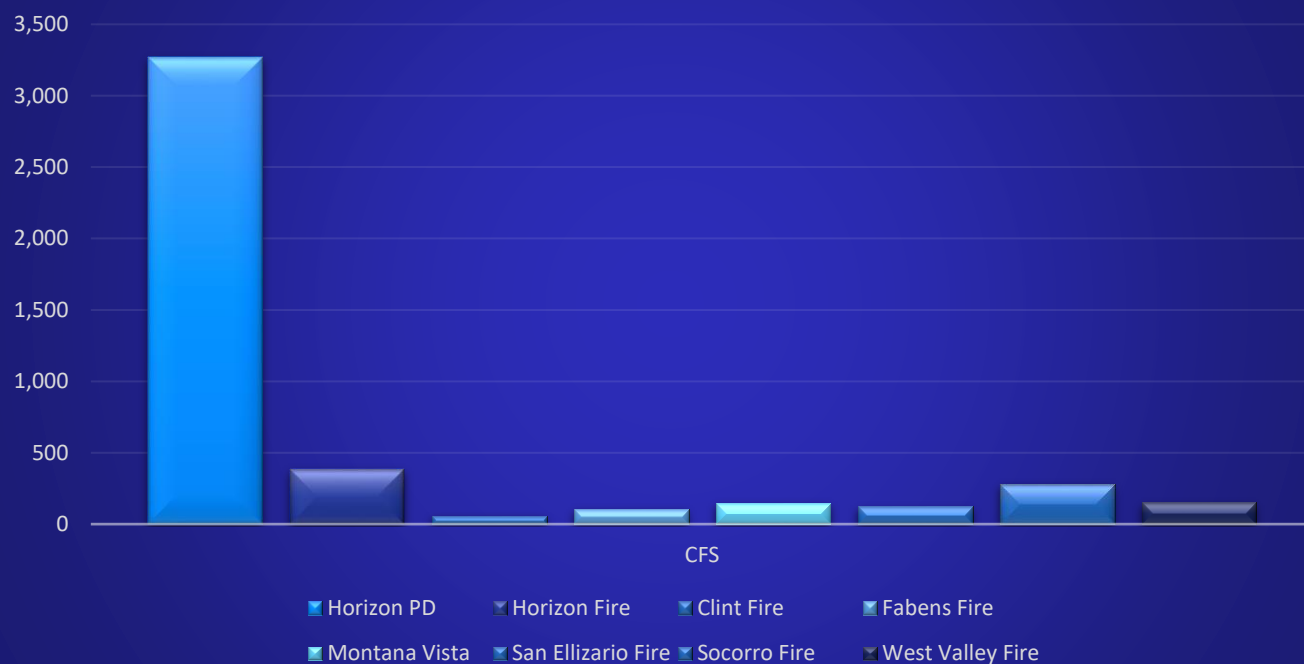
	Alarm	Assist	Brush Fire	Car Fire	Water Gas Leaks	Medical	MVA	Structure Fires	Total
Horizon Fire	39	18	11	4	18	235	55	4	384

ESD 2 Calls for Service

	Alarm	Assist	Brush Fire	Car Fire	Water/Gas Leaks	Medical	MVA	Structure Fire	Total
Clint	4	1	4	3	0	37	8	1	58
Fabens	3	3	5	1	2	81	9	0	104
Montana Vista	2	6	9	1	6	102	18	2	146
San Elizario	1	5	3	1	3	100	9	0	122
Socorro	12	11	8	2	7	202	34	2	278
West Valley	3	5	6	1	8	113	14	1	151
Total	25	31	35	9	26	635	92	6	859



Calls For Service



Departmental Significant and Notable Accomplishments



De-Escalation



Dalila de la Torre and Sasha attended the eight-hour de-escalation training held at the El Paso Community College Law Enforcement Training Academy. This course is required to follow the Texas Police Chief Association Best Practices Accreditation Program. At the training, attendees learned de-escalation techniques to limit the use of force in public interactions. De-escalation improves officers' response to incidents involving people in crisis who are behaving erratically. It underlines public and officer safety while teaching tactical de-

escalation to reduce the intensity of an encounter with a suspect.

Eastlake High School Homecoming Parade

On Wednesday, September 4, 2024, Officer V. Hernandez assisted Eastlake High School by conducting traffic control during their homecoming parade that took place around Horizon City and county neighborhoods. Officer V. Hernandez along other law enforcement personnel were stationed at key intersections to direct traffic to ensure the parade could proceed without disruption while minimizing inconvenience to local drivers. Officers were able to guide those participating in the parade and those



that wished to park and be a spectator. The officer's presence not only safeguarded participants and spectators but also helped create a secure environment for the community to enjoy the festivities. By working closely with local school

officials and law enforcement agencies, Horizon City Police Department was able to demonstrate its commitment to community engagement and public safety.





Horizon High School Meeting for Homecoming Parade

On Friday, September 6, 2024, Lt. Valdez and Officer V. Hernandez met at a local Starbucks to discuss final details for Horizon High School Homecoming Parade before they attended the last meeting with the Horizon High School staff in charge of the parade. During the last meeting, Lt. Valdez and Officer V. Hernandez met with Assistant Principal H. Dominguez, Spanish teacher, Ms. Arreola and School Resource Officer Lamoy. Everyone together discussed and



agreed on the final route Horizon High School students would take the day of the parade. Officers also discussed the traffic control that would be conducted to help secure a safe environment for those participating in the parade and those who would attend to be a spectator. Horizon City Police Department, Socorro ISD Police Department, El Paso County Constables and Horizon City Fire Department are all expected to assist the day of the parade.

915 Heroes Night

On Saturday, September 7, 2024, Horizon City Police Officers N. Ortega, D. Trevino and V. Hernandez participated at the 915 Heroes Night UTEP Football Game. Other local law enforcement agencies and first responders, such as El Paso Police Department, Socorro Police Department and Sunland Park Police Department, Army staff, Department of Public Safety and Horizon City Fire took part of this successful event. This is the second year that UTEP hosts the 915 Heroes Night to honor all first responders and thank them for their service. The day started around 9:00AM by officers from every agency dropping off their display vehicles at the Sun Bowl. A few hours later, officers and those in attendance to participate in the event, began with their set up for the tailgate. At the tailgate thousands of people stopped by to interact with different law enforcement agencies and took photos. About two hours before kickoff, all UTEP football players, coaches and staff were dropped off by the buses for them to walk through the crowd and be greeted by all first responders; a new tradition that UTEP wants to implement for the years that follow. During halftime, Officer B. Campbell along with V. Hernandez went to the field where both along with other officers from different law enforcement agencies got recognized for their hard work and service to their community. Horizon City Police Department staff enjoyed being part of the event for the second time in a row and they look forward to attending this great event next year.





HCPD and HCFD National Night Out Meetings

On Monday, September 9, 2024, Lt. Valdez, Horizon City Fire Department Public Information Specialist (PIS) V. Guerra and Office V. Hernandez attended the last meeting for the biggest event of the year, National Night Out 2024. PIS Guerra, Officer Hernandez and Lt. Valdez all presented all the details and responsibilities that had been assigned to them during the first meeting. Minor changes were made to finalize all details, and all of them planned for all the responsibilities that needed to be done on Monday, September 30th. The agenda was worked on and finalized to see who part of the speakers would be, the high school teams that would be presenting, any special announcements that needed to be made, and the traditional games between Horizon City Fire Department and Horizon City Police Department were finalized. The number of personnel assisting at the event were also presented and accounted for and the meeting concluded by Officer Hernandez and Mrs. Guerra setting up a meeting for Monday, September 30, to set up the assigned spots for those community partners participating in the event.



Horizon High School Homecoming Parade

On Thursday, September 12, 2024, Officer from the Horizon City Police Department along with El Paso County Constables, Socorro ISD Police Department and Horizon City Fire Department assisted Horizon High School Homecoming Parade by conducting traffic control to provide a safety environment for everyone. Before the parade took place, all officers and firefighters assisting with traffic control took part of approximately a 30-minute meeting that occurred at Horizon City Police Department to discuss the operational plan and provide assignments for all officers. Lt. Valdez and Officer V. Hernandez explained those in attendance all the road closures and assigned everyone their assignments. Once the meeting concluded, everyone drove to their assigned spots and waited until they were advised to shut down. Our police departments takes pride in being able to be a part of this assignment every year and be able to demonstrate its commitment to our community and show support to these young individuals during a big part of their life as they transition through their last school years.





National Faith & Blue Online Meeting



On Monday, September 16, 2024, Officer V. Hernandez from the Horizon City Police Department attended an online meeting with Pam Burkes from National Faith & Blue. During the meeting, Officer V. Hernandez learned that the mission for Faith and Blue is to facilitate safer, stronger, and a more unified community by enabling partnerships among law enforcement professionals,

residents and businesses through connections of local faith-based organizations. Pam Burkes informed Officer Hernandez that this initiative takes place by police collaborating with the community. Officer Hernandez was also advised that law enforcement agencies, or residents can go to the Faith and Blue website to find local events to be a part of. The overall goal is for law enforcement and faith communities to emphasize the importance on strengthening the bonds and trust between first responders and the community for better public safety and community well-being.

IDEA Parade Meeting

On Monday, September 16, 2024, Lt. Valdez and Officer V. Hernandez attended a meeting at IDEA Horizon Vista and met with Assistant Principal of Operations Denise Franco. Ms. Franco reached out to Officer V. Hernandez requesting assistance with traffic control for their homecoming parade. Officers met with Ms. Franco and three additional IDEA staff members to



discuss the route of the parade. Taking into consideration any issues that were seen last year, officers recommended for the route to be changed a bit to better allow residents to drive around their neighborhood. Officers were presented with additional information regarding the parade such as the number of floats at the time, the set-up time and parade starting time. Officers and IDEA staff members finalized the details and officers were provided with a map to pass along the information to those who will be

assisting with traffic control.



Crime Scene Investigations

On Monday, September 23 through Friday, September 27, 2024, Officer V. Hernandez along with other officers from the Horizon City Police Department and officers from Anthony Police Department, Socorro ISD Police Department, Las Cruces Police Department attended the Crime Scene Investigations training hosted by Bernadette Ortega, Horizon City Police Department's Crime Scene Technician. The weeklong training consisted of legal procedures, photography, identification, collection and preservation of evidence, blood pattern analysis, scenarios and first-hand cases that Crime Scene Tech Ortega has worked throughout her career. During the second day of training, Crime Scene Tech Ortega assisted Socorro Police Department by processing a crime scene and trainees were able to attend and observe the process. During the fourth day at training, Crime Scene Tech Ortega along with interns created a crime scene for training purposes and had all trainees work together as a team and process the scene. Once the trainees completed their assignments, they received feedback on how to better improve their skills whenever they go out in the field. This training is essential for all law enforcement personnel to enhance their ability to recognize the events at a crime scene and improve the likelihood of ensuring that the integrity of the investigation is upheld.





El Paso County Sheriff's Office National Night Out 2024



On Friday, September 27, 2024, Officer E. Delgadillo, Lt. Valdez and Officer V. Hernandez attended El Paso County Sheriff's Office National Night Out at their headquarters. Officers first began by setting up next to other law enforcement agencies and displayed two of their vehicles. Officers were able to interact with the community as they stopped at their booth and had the opportunity to

educate them about Horizon City Police Department and where we are located. There were some food trucks, different local vendors promoting their businesses, and multiple law enforcement agencies that took part in the event. EPCSO did a great job putting this event together for the community to strengthen neighborhood ties and public safety.



15th Curbside Car Seat Class

On Monday, September 30, 2024, Officers from the Horizon City Police Department who are certified child passenger safety technicians conducted their 15th curbside car seat class for the community. This class took place at local Golden Eagle Park. The officers' goal is to conduct these types of classes once a month. Horizon City Police Department certified technicians prefer to conduct these classes by appointment only, but the department also takes people as walk-ins. Officers are only able to take a walk-in when a certified technician is available to conduct a car seat inspection or installation at the time of the walk in. There are currently three officers that are certified technicians, and two

additional officers are scheduled to attend the Child Passenger Safety Technician training that is coming up in October of this year to make it a total of five certified technicians. During this curbside car seat class, a total of 6 children were scheduled for an appointment. Officers were able to provide 6 car seats to all children and educate their parents on the importance of always having their



children in the correct car seat and buckled the right way because car seats save lives.



Explorers Youth Program

During the month of September, the explorers met twice with Officer V. Hernandez for their weekly meetings. During this month's meetings, explorers got the opportunity to brainstorm ideas on how to fundraise for their program during Horizon City's National Night Out. Different ideas included selling snacks such as sweets, candy, chips, energy drinks, water, and aguas frescas. After all ideas were voiced, explorers finalized which items they wished to sell during National Night Out. Officer V. Hernandez reached out to resident Alicia and mentioned if she wished to make any donations for the explorers in order for them to fundraise and Ms. Alecia was kind enough to donate all snacks and drinks to them. Explorers had the opportunity to show their creativity and made multiple posters with everything they will be selling at the event. Some of the explorers decided to draw while others decided to color while they all helped each other be creative.





Marcela Portillo has consistently demonstrated exceptional teamwork and leadership qualities. In the absence of the Communications Training Officer, Marcela proactively took the initiative to train the new trainee, ensuring a smooth onboarding process. Additionally, Marcela readily assists her coworkers and confidently assumes the role of senior team member when the shift supervisor is unavailable, showcasing her reliability and

commitment to the team.

Sasha Gonzalez has distinguished herself during her training period through her outstanding customer service skills. She goes above and beyond to assist the public, whether communicating over the phone or interacting in person. Her dedication to providing a positive experience for our customers reflects her strong work ethic and passion for her role.

Marcela and Sasha exemplify the values we uphold in our department. Thank you for your hard work and contributions.

Mirna Sierra is an exceptional employee. She continually volunteers to work overtime to assist with coverage. Mirna goes the extra mile to assist her coworkers when help is needed. Mirna is a proactive employee. She is always looking for ways to improve and become knowledgeable in the communications division. She keeps busy during her shift by focusing on her assignment for the day, assisting her coworkers and working on trainings.

Great Work

Robert Herrera, Mirna Sierra, and Dalila de la Torre successfully passed the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE) Telecommunicators Licensing Examination. They are now Texas Licensed Telecommunicators. Congratulations!

Officer Arlene Hernandez responded to a call for service in reference to an assault in progress stemming from family violence. Upon arrival, Officer Hernandez made sure that the victim was safe and unharmed and began her investigation.



During her investigation, she was told by the victim that the offender was hiding in the back yard, and she began her calculated search.

Officer Hernandez found the offender shortly thereafter hiding in some bushes and gave him verbal commands to come out. The highly intoxicated offender, who was much larger than her, immediately began running away from her and headed towards the kitchen where Officer Hernandez was able to grab him, but he began to resist arrest. The offender was subsequently taken into custody unharmed with the assistance of Officer Vanessa Gamboa and Sgt. Abraham Diaz.

We would like to recognize Officer Hernandez for her bravery, great police work and for putting the safety of others at the forefront.

We would also like to recognize Officers Ericka Garza and Daniel Trevino for keeping the streets of Horizon City safe at night from drunk drivers. The two officers have collectively made multiple DWI arrests during their short careers and continue to work hard in keeping our families and visitors of the Town of Horizon City safe from harm.

Last, but not least, we would like to recognize Cpl. Cameron Zeiger for keeping our families safe at night by deploying our department drone into the night sky in search of anybody wishing to cause loss or harm to our amazing, hardworking citizens of the Town of Horizon City.

In September the Criminal Investigations Division collaborated with the community relations division of this agency in the pre-production and planning of the biggest event which takes place in Horizon City—National Night Out 2024.

With all the aspects which go into the production of such an event, Officer Hernandez coordinated small details, Lt. Valdez oversaw the project and contributed in the promotion, visual, and marketing strategy, the rest of the detective and support staff pulled double duty several times a month when they would take on additional duties, such as preparing the park with HCFD, making fuel runs for generators and preparing the police equipment for display. Teamwork, makes the dreamwork is more than a saying.