

Horizon City Police Department



July Report



July 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	11	3



Administration

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FY 2023-2024 Budget		Original Budget	Available Budget	Encumbrances	Requisitions	Percentage Remaining
PD		\$2,278,599.00	\$ 44,5859.11	\$ 66,753.14	\$ 19,768.31	20.06 %
Communications	Report	\$871,341.00	\$236,342.92	\$29,082.91	\$ 4,80.00	27.96 %
Overtime	Amount Appropriated FY 2023-2024	Amount Expended July 2024	Balance	Percentage Remaining 2024		
PD	\$68,712.00	\$ 11,732.18	\$ -33,554.88	-48.83 %		
Communications	\$44,999.00	\$ 6,498.79	\$ -6,690.23	-14.87 %		

Pay Codes	Police Department	Communications
OT	385.60	282.25
Comp	72	0
PTO	582	245.75
LWO	0	0
Military	0	160
Training	779	80
Funeral	0	0
Personal	0	8
Holiday	160	12.50
Injury	0	0
Suspension	0	0

Sergeants	Sgt. G. Rosas	Sgt. J. Nunez	Sgt. H. Sierra	Administrative	Total
Gas Used	74.59	89.21	94.39	41.37	299.56
Miles Driven	533	262	229	200	1224
Miles per Gallon	7.15	2.94	2.43	4.83	17.35

GAS USED (GAL)	2,224	2,000	1,762	1,872	1,892	1,830	1,999	0	0	0	0	0	13,579
MILES DRIVEN	10,068	10,120	8,796	9,387	9,395	9,317	9,391	0	0	0	0	0	57,083
MILES/GALLON	4.10	5.06	4.99	6.00	5.00	5.09	4.70	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	34.94

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 a 3.8 % decrease 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 2023-2024	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Total
Murder	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sexual Assault	1	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Robbery	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Agg. Assault	0	0	0	3	2	0	0	2	0	0	7
Burglary	2	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	12	0	5
Larceny	10	7	8	4	8	10	3	2	3	0	52
Simple Assault	4	6	12	7	13	8	6	8	8	0	64
Vehicle Theft	2	3	0	0	4	0	2	0	0	0	11
Total	19	16	25	14	29	18	12	12	29	0	145





June 2024 to July 2024 Comparison



141% Increase

Crimes Against Persons

Part 1 2024	Dec. 2023	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Murder	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sexual Assault	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Agg. Assault	0	0	3	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Simple Assault	6	12	7	13	8	6	8	8	0	0	0	0	0
Total	6	17	10	15	8	6	10	8	0	0	0	0	0



Patrol Division



Property Crimes

Part 1 2024	Dec. 2023	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Robbery	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Burglary	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	12	0	0	0	0	0
Larceny	6	8	4	8	10	3	2	3	0	0	0	0	0
Vehicle Theft	4	0	0	4	0	2	0	5	0	0	0	0	0
Total	10	8	4	14	10	6	2	21	0	0	0	0	0

Property Crimes



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	41
Robbery	1	1	3	1	1	0	7
Agg. Assault	7	16	17	25	14	5	74
Burglary	17	16	14	23	15	5	90
Larceny	75	82	71	92	88	52	460
Simple Assault	70	107	85	93	90	56	501
Vehicle Theft	4	7	14	33	36	11	105
Total	183	241	219	271	247	135	1,278

Annual Part 1 Crimes





The Patrol Division is commanded by Lieutenant Jesus Ortega. 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

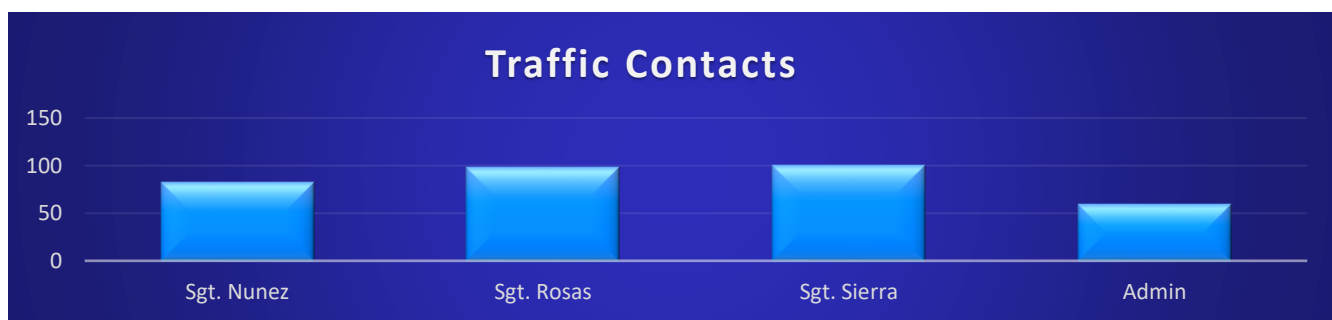
Our Data Driven Approach to Traffic and Crime Safety is our patrol strategy designed to focus on the hot spot areas for accidents and criminal incidents. Below are the hotspot locations and number of contacts charts.

Top 5 Traffic Collision Areas

Location	Crashes
Total Crashes for the month of June	23 (5 more than June)
Horizon Blvd./N. Darrington Rd.	4
S. Darrington Rd./Pawling Dr.	1
Horizon Blvd./N. Kenazo Ave.	1
Eastlake Blvd./N. Kenazo Ave.	1
S. Darrington Rd./Valentin	1

Traffic Contacts

2024	1	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	YTD
Sgt Juan Nunez	99	93	56	106	90	79	82						605
Sgt Guillermo Rosas	85	109	59	104	149	169	98						773
Sgt Heli Sierra	112	193	173	170	241	221	101						1,211
Administrative Team	37	31	32	55	95	41	59						350





Calls for Service

	Sgt. Juan Nunez	Sgt. Guillermo Rosas	Sgt. Heli Sierra	Administrative Team	Total
Dispatched calls	404	250	183	64	901
Self-Initiated calls	171	533	197	176	1,077
Incident Reports	25	23	28	4	80
Crash Reports	11	6	5	1	23
Total	611	812	413	245	2,081

Arrests

Arrest Breakdown	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	EC	YTD
2023 Felony Arrests	6	6	3	3	8	3	0						29
2023 Misdemeanor Arrests	16	14	12	25	4	3	4						78
Sgt. Nunez													
Felony Arrest	4	3	2	1	7	2	0						19
Misdemeanor Arrest	4	7	3	6	4	1	2						27
Sgt. Rosas													
Felony Arrest	0	3	0	0	0	0	0						3
Misdemeanor Arrest	5	3	2	1	0	1	0						12
Sgt. Heli Sierra													
Felony Arrest	2	0	1	2	1	1	0						7
Misdemeanor Arrest	7	4	5	16	0	1	2						35

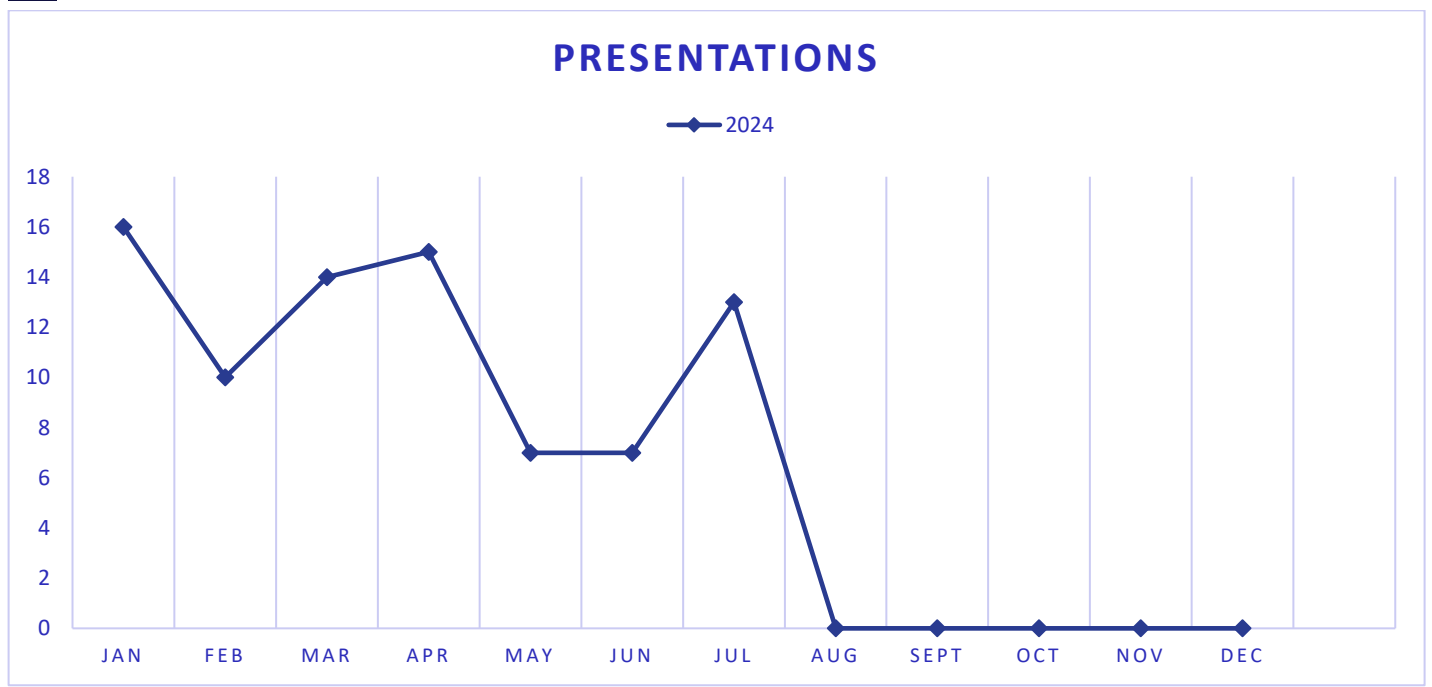


Community Outreach



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
Presentations	16	10	14	15	7	7	13						25



Month to Month Comparison



86% Increase

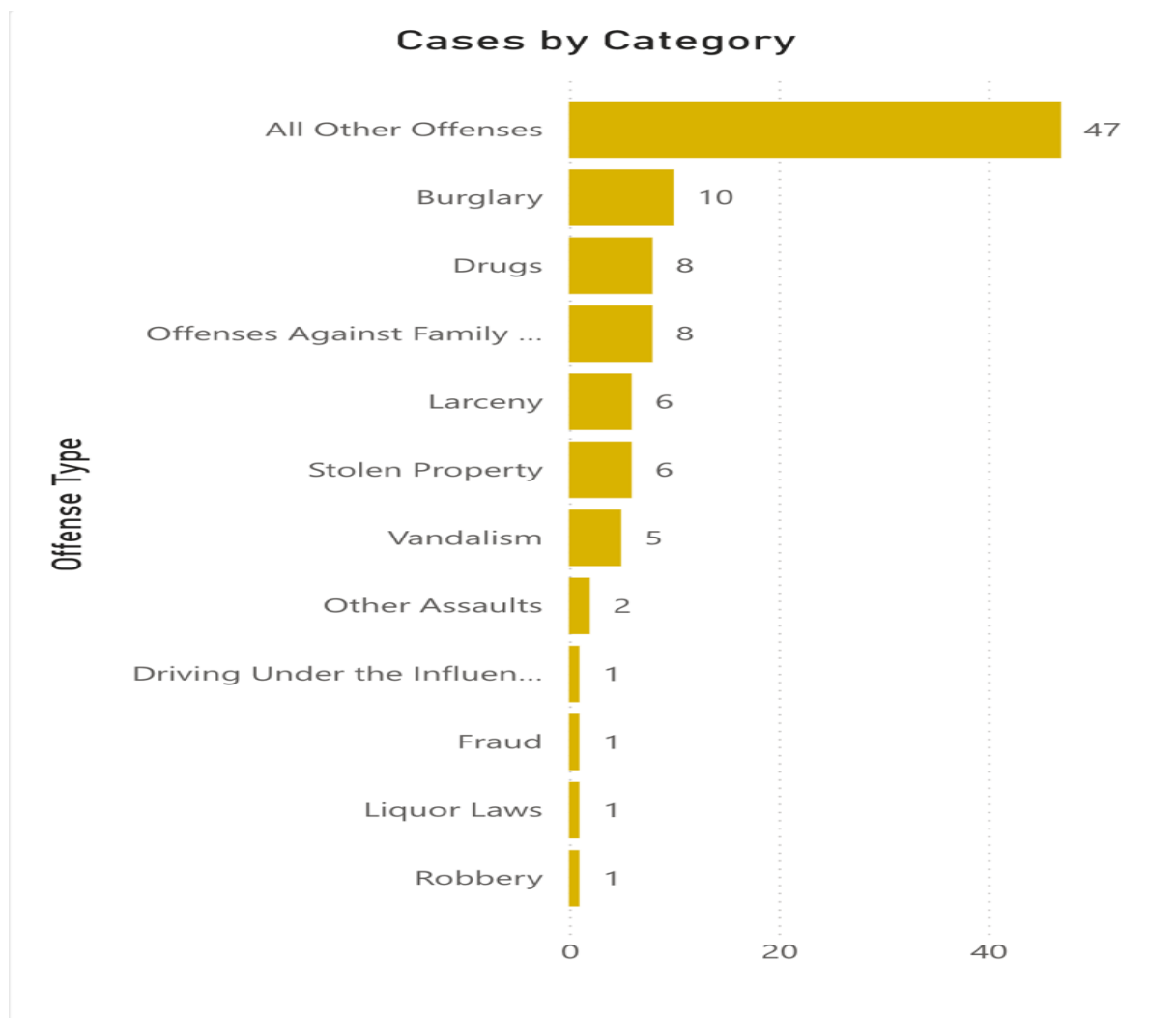
Criminal Investigations Division



Investigations

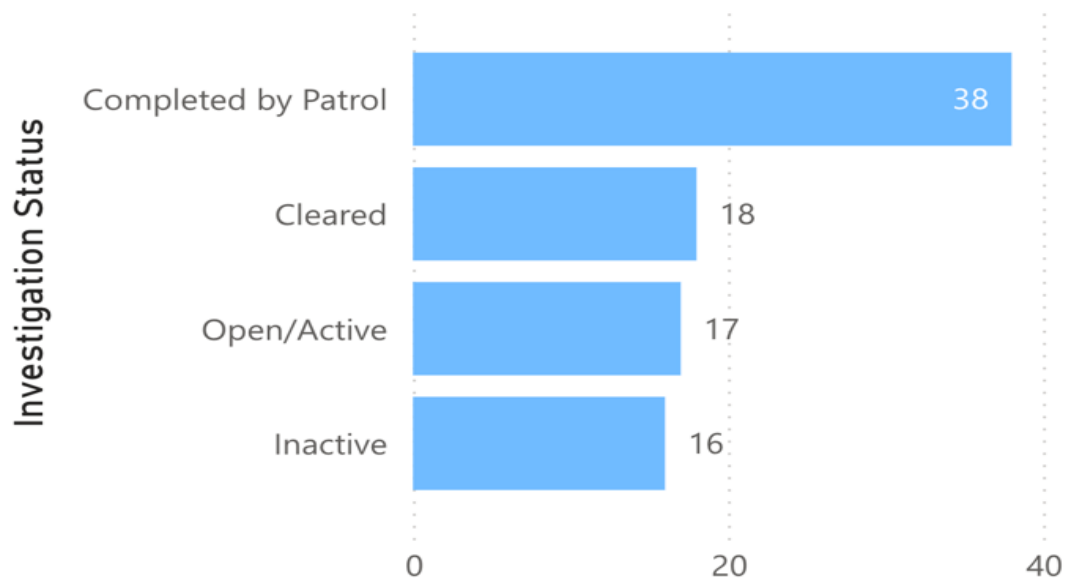
Lieutenant Kaycee Valdez oversees our Criminal Investigations Division, where a team of dedicated professionals is responsible for examining a broad array of criminal cases. This unit is comprised of three detectives who handle cases ranging from misdemeanors to more serious felony offenses.

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.

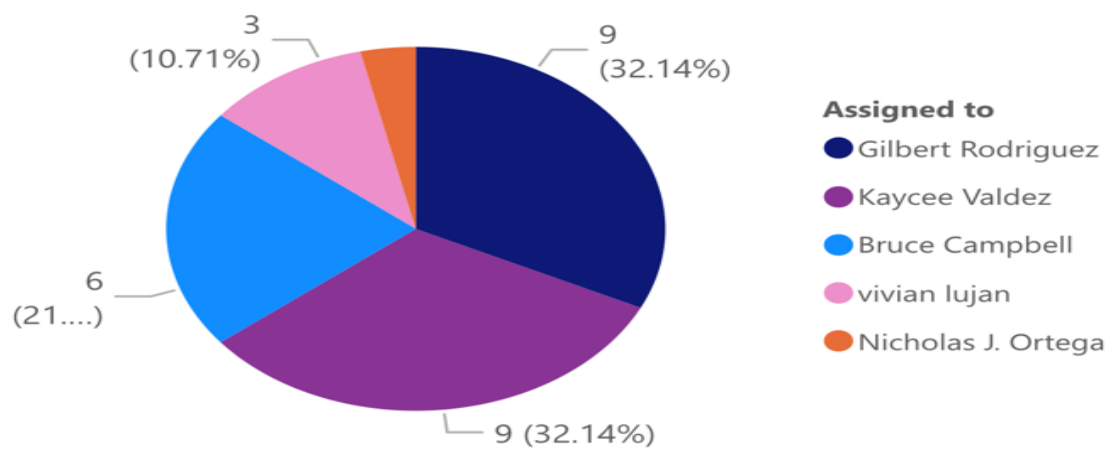




Case Resolution

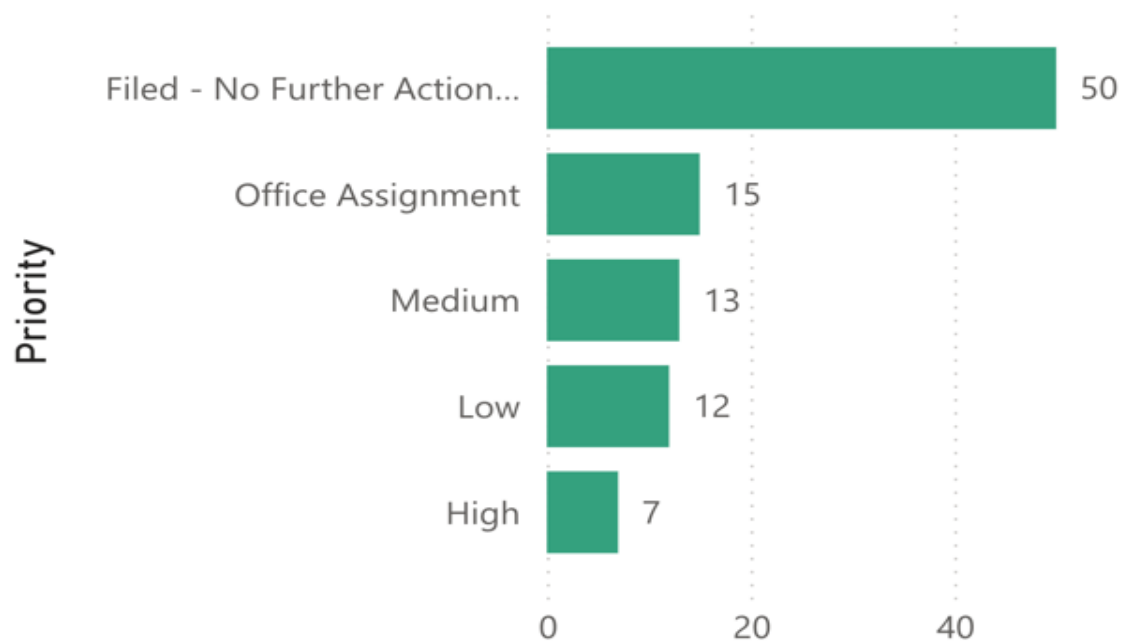


Caseload by Investigator





2024 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 June, Officer Eric Delgadillo conducted 3 inspections and found 2 commercial vehicles not road worthy.

COMMERCIAL VEHICLE ENFORCEMENT	Activity Summary
Traffic Contacts	1
Written Warnings	0
Citations	4
Crash Reports	1
<u>Criminal Reports</u>	2
Hours Spent Supporting Patrol Division	8
Specialized Training Hours	80
Hours Spent Participating in Community Events	8
Commercial Vehicle Inspections	6
Commercial Vehicles Placed Out of Service	4
Drivers Placed Out of Service	0
Commercial Vehicle Violations Found During Inspections	55

COMMERCIAL VEHICLE ENFORCEMENT	Activity Summary
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<u>Criminal Reports</u>	2



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Commercial Vehicle Inspections	6
Commercial Vehicles Placed Out of Service	4
Drivers Placed Out of Service	0
Commercial Vehicle Violations Found During Inspections	55

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	8
In Service Training Hours	0
Hours Spent Processing Evidence	35
Hours Spent Managing Evidence Room	20
Hours Spent Processing Open Records Material	15
Walk Ins for fingerprints	8
Hours responding to active crime scene	10
Number of items submitted to laboratory for analysis	7
Evidence returned from laboratory with leads	2
Total items returned from laboratory	6



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.

Just as in the month of May, another 7 traffic warrants for Horizon City Municipal Court were executed during the month of June. All of which were referred to the municipal court where the arrestees made bond and court arrangements.

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	8
Hours Dedicated to Community Relations Program	80
Hours Dedicated to Patrol Support	0
Hours Dedicated to Specialized Training	0
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	00:10:25	00:05:29	71.87%	90%
Priority 4-6 Pending to Arrival less than or equal to 12 Minutes:	00:11:34	00:05:52	100%	80%
Priority 7-9 Pending to Arrival less than or equal to 15 Minutes:	00:15:57	00:06:51	99.96%	70%

Horizon Police Calls for Service

	Dispatched	Self-Initiated	Mobile Data Terminal Calls	Total
Horizon Police	626	1,275	393	2,294

ESD 1 Calls for Service

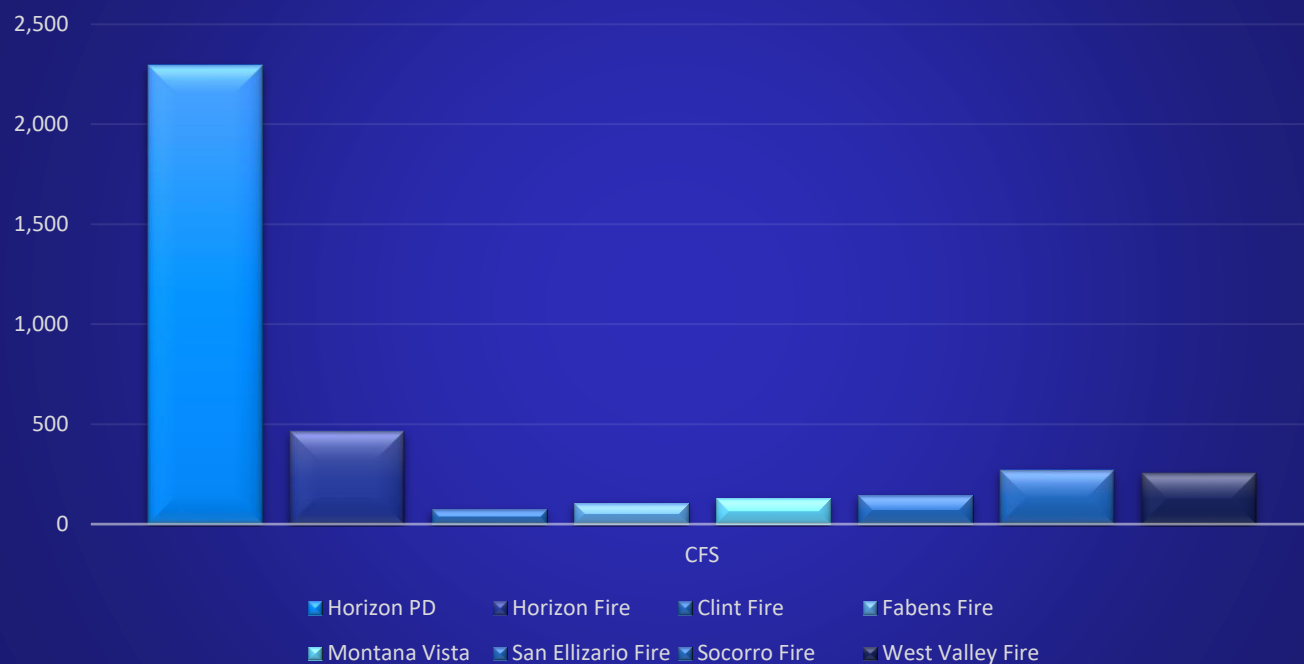
	Alarm	Assist	Brush Fire	Car Fire	Water Gas Leaks	Medical	MVA	Structure Fires	Total
Horizon Fire	36	29	14	0	20	301	60	4	464

ESD 2 Calls for Service

	Alarm	Assist	Brush Fire	Car Fire	Water/Gas Leaks	Medical	MVA	Structure Fire	Total
Clint	1	1	7	2	3	50	7	1	72
Fabens	7	3	9	0	2	80	5	0	106
Montana Vista	4	9	13	2	1	88	10	1	128
San Elizario	3	7	7	0	3	114	9	0	143
Socorro	7	18	11	3	7	197	27	1	271
West Valley	9	13	6	1	5	199	14	5	252
Total	31	51	53	8	21	728	72	8	972



Calls For Service



Departmental Significant and Notable Accomplishments



Independence Day

The Fourth of July is the utmost holiday of the year for the communications division as a result of the high number of fires and calls related to fireworks received. Three dispatchers were assigned to call take at the El Paso Regional Communication Center located at 6055 Threadgill. The five consoles at the Horizon City Police Department were assigned to dispatch county fire and police. During the hours of 19:00 and 1:00, crisis radio procedures were in effect. Sixty-four fire calls and eighty-nine police calls were received between 18:00 and 6:00.



Interoperability between Departments



The communications manager and a communications specialist met with communications department heads from El Paso Sheriff's Office, Department of Public Safety, Socorro Police Department, Ysleta del Sur Pueblo and Border Patrol to discuss interoperability between departments. In the event of a major incident, it is vital agencies can speak to each other immediately without barriers. The department heads will be meeting again to work on Standard Operating Procedures and decide which channel will be assigned to major

incidents in the case it is ever needed. Responding units to a major incident will have a clear understanding of which channel they must respond on and will be able to communicate with other agencies.

Forthcoming Encryption

The communications manager is currently working with Communications America to have the Horizon City Police Department radio channels encrypted. With the police radio channels being encrypted, no scanner can monitor transmissions. Encrypting radio transmissions protects The media or individuals with radio scanners will no longer to listen to the Horizon City Police Department radio transmissions. Currently, the El Paso Police Department and the El Paso Sheriff's Office have encrypted channels.



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Mandated Training

Mirna Sierra and Robert Herrera attended the 24-hour mandated TCIC/TLETS Full Access Operator Training Course. This course is for operators who perform all TCIC/NCIC functions, including inquiry, entry, modification, clearing, canceling, and III functions. In addition, five communications specialists attended the four-hour CPR course which is a requirement for the Basic Telecommunicator Course and the Emergency Fire and Medical Dispatch Certification.



Motor Vehicle Accident News Media Interviews

On Sunday, July 7, 2024, Officers from the Horizon City Police Department responded to a residence regarding a motor vehicle accident involving a pedestrian. Officers from the Special Traffic Investigation Divisions responded to the scene as well as detectives from the Criminal Investigations Division to conduct their investigations. Officer V. Hernandez also responded to the scene as the Public Information Officer to speak to the media that showed up on scene. Officer Hernandez conducted an interview to release information that was known at the time to inform the public of the serious incident that occurred. The following day, Monday, July 8, 2024, Officer Hernandez conducted an additional interview through zoom to provide a summary of the incident to Univision 26 and give some safety tips to the El Paso community when they're driving and see a pedestrian.



915 Heroes Day (2nd Meeting)

On Tuesday, July 9, 2024, Officer V. Hernandez and Detective A. Labrado attended the second meeting at the University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP) regarding the 915 Heroes Day that will be taking place September 7, 2024. Officers from the El Paso Police Department, Socorro Police Department and Sunland Park Police Department attended the meeting along with other organizations. The meeting consisted of providing additional ideas for the day of the event as well as finalizing other ideas that were provided during the first

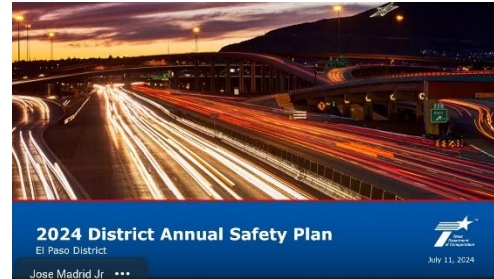


meeting. It is the second year that UTEP hosts this event to honor all first responders during a home football game. The event will consist of multiple agencies displaying their marked units as well as having personnel engage and greet the community as they arrive to the game. Officers will also greet the football players as they head over to the stadium. A multi-agency color guard will also be present and those agencies who wish to participate will be able to present their agency flag.



Traffic Safety Coalition Zoom Meeting

On Thursday, July 11, 2024, Officer V. Hernandez attended the monthly Traffic Safety Coalition Meeting that took place through Zoom. As always, the meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence. The meeting consisted of two different presentations; “El Paso District Safety Plan” by Jose Madrid a Transportation Engineer from Texas Department of Transportation and “Check to Protect” by Lonny Haschel, a Sr. Program Manager from National Safety Council. The first meeting consisted of providing fatalities and fatal crashes. Different charts were shown to compare the number of fatal crashes by month between the years of 2021 through 2024. Charts comparing El Paso District vs. Statewide fatal crashes were discussed as well as whether the drivers and passengers were restrained or not when the crash occurred. During the second meeting, vehicle recalls were discussed, and statistics were provided. Recommendations were also given to always follow any special warnings.



13th Curbside Car Seat Class

On Friday, July 12, 2024, Officers from the Horizon City Police Department who are certified child passenger safety technicians conducted their 13th curbside car seat class for the community.



The class took place in the parking lot of Horizon City Hall. Officers conduct these types of classes once a month and they do them by appointment only. Horizon City Police Department also takes walk-ins but only when a certified technician is available to conduct a car seat inspection or installation. The department can provide a car seat to families whenever is necessary at no cost to the parents or legal guardian. The officers' goal is to make appointments for approximately 10 to 15 kids per class. 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.



VIN Etching at Walmart



On Saturday, July 13, 2024, Officers from the Horizon City Police Department along with the El Paso Police Department Auto Theft Task Force, El Paso County Sheriff's Office Peter John Herrera Patrol Station, and Constables Pct. 6 collaborated to organize a Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) Etching event at local Horizon City Walmart. The procedure for the VIN etching takes approximately ten to fifteen minutes to complete



and it involves permanently engraving the VIN onto the window surface of the vehicle. The VIN etching can help deter the theft of the vehicle and it may qualify for insurance discounts. During the event, all law enforcement officers provided the community with child fingerprinting services in case a child ever goes missing. Complimentary hot dogs and non-alcoholic beverages were also provided to the community.

Texas Tech Dental Students Meet



On Tuesday, July 16, 2024, Lt. Valdez and Officer V. Hernandez met with multiple medical and dental Texas Tech students to answer health questions about our Horizon City community. Officer Hernandez and Lt. Valdez provided information to the students about their current duties within the department and allowed the students to introduced themselves. This is the second year that officers from the Horizon City Police Department meet with Texas Tech students to answer any questions they had. Officers enjoy participating in these types of projects that college students have to conduct during their time in school because it gives the

students an opportunity to learn more about the community in El Paso County. As for the officers, they are given the opportunity to educate the students on any matter that officers come across during their careers.



Back to School Haircut Voucher Giveaway

On Thursday, July 18, 2024, Lt. Valdez and Officer V. Hernandez worked together to create vouchers to give away to the community for kids to get a free back to school haircut. Last year, officers from the Horizon City Police Department collaborated with Trnd Setters in Horizon City to provide free haircuts to children going back to school. The goal was for the police department to collaborate once again and be able to fundraise money to provide those free haircuts to 120 kids. On this day, Lt. Valdez and Officer Hernandez announced through social media that parents could stop by the police station and pick up free vouchers for a haircut. Officers remained at the police station until 7:00PM that day conducting live videos encouraging people to stop by. During that day most of the vouchers were given away to parents and secured children a free haircut. HCPD is determined to keep giving back to the community and continue to build great relationship with Horizon City residents.



Movies at the Park (Last showing)

On Friday, July 19, 2024, Horizon City Police Department hosted the last showing of Movies at the Park 2024. During the last event, multiple food trucks and community partners participated and



promoted their businesses as well as provided their services to the community. Officers had multiple games for the kids to engage in and had prizes for all the children who would win.

Horizon City Police Association (HCPA)

participated in the event and fundraised for our Explorer Youth Program by having an easy dunker. HCPA also provided free slices of pizza to the community for them to enjoy. HCPD provided a free challenge coin to all community partners and food trucks as a small token of appreciation for participating during the last movie of the

summer. The last movie that was shown was Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles Mutant Mayhem. Having movies at the park has been a tradition for many years in Horizon City and the department looks forward to hosting them every year.





Back to School Haircuts

On Sunday, July 21, 2024, Lt. Valdez, Detective Labrado and Officer V. Hernandez along with Trnd Setters Barbershop hosted the second annual Back to School Haircuts event. Officers would greet the kids and their parents at the front door of the barbershop and would provide A Raising Cane's Chicken certificate for a free kids' meal. While the children and the parents would wait for their haircut



appointment, Detective Labrado would challenge the kids to play a cornhole game to win a free ice cream cone from Burger King.

Officer Hernandez and Lt. Valdez would collect the haircut voucher that was provided to them days prior to the event. A total of 17 barbers participated in the event and provided approximately 120 kids with their free back to school haircut. Univision 26 joined the event and conducted an interview with the Trnd Setter barbershop manager. HCPD looks forward in being able to collaborate with Trnd



Setters Barbershop next year so more kids are given the opportunity to start their new school year with a new and fresh haircut.

Back to School Traffic Enforcement

On Monday, July 22 and on Tuesday, July 23, 2024, Officers from the Horizon City Police Department conducted traffic enforcement around Horizon City as Clint Independent School Districts returned to school. There was a total of four marked patrol units conducting extra patrol on school zones to enforce any traffic violations seen during peak hours. Officers also created a social media post on HCPD's Facebook page providing safety tips to ensure the safety and well-being of our children as they went back to school. HCPD is committed to ensuring the safety of our children and educating our community to provide a safer environment for everyone as a new school year begins.





Justice 4 Juniors

On Sunday, July 28, 2024, the Horizon City Police Department collaborated with the El Paso County District Attorney's Office to host the second annual Justice 4 Juniors event. The event consists of raising awareness for crimes being committed against children and educating families on the services that can be provided when children become victims of a crime. More than ten law enforcement agencies; local, state and federal participated in the event. Horizon City Fire Department also participated and engaged with the community.



During the event, families had the opportunity to walk through multiple law enforcement table displays and community partners. The first 200 children to arrive to the event were also provided with free backpacks and school supplies. Officers from the Horizon City Police Department engaged with the community by providing complimentary children fingerprinting and by giving Raising Canes Chicken certificates, HCPD tumblers, and free prizes for those who wished to participate in a cornhole game. Officers and firefighters also got to partake in a water gun fight with the children and enjoyed themselves until the event was over. HCPD is looking forward to next year's event to meet more children and build that trust with them.

1st National Night Out Meeting

On Monday, July 29, 2024, Lt. Valdez, Horizon City Fire Department Public Information Officer Vanessa, and Officer V. Hernandez conducted their first National Night Out 2024 meeting at Horizon City Fire Department ESD 1. National Night Out is an annual community building campaign that promotes law enforcement and community partnerships. This event is the biggest event of the year for Horizon City. On this day, officers discussed and finalized the time the event will be taking place. Officers discussed different ideas that have and have not worked in previous years. The discussion also involved how the process of registering law enforcement agencies as well as community partners will work. Any changes of the entire set up were also discussed and a final layout was brainstormed. HCPD and HCFD listed the duties each department will be handling and plan on having another meeting in a few weeks to provide updates and necessary changes.





Explorers Youth Program

During the month of July, the explorers met four times with Officer V. Hernandez for their weekly meetings. Explorers were able to assist Horizon City Police Department officers during three different events: monthly curbside car seat class, Movies at the Park and Justice 4 Juniors event. During HCPD's monthly car seat class, explorers would assist by greeting the parents and the children and made sure they had an appointment. Explorers also assisted by providing officers with any car seats needed, properly disposing of the car seats that were no longer in good condition and took photographs for HCPD's social media. During Movies at the Park, explorers assisted by loading and unloading equipment necessary for the movie as well as serving free slices of



pizza to those in attendance. Explorers also assisted by walking around the park and reporting any unusual activity to the officers if necessary. For the Justice 4 Juniors event, explorers assisted by setting up HCPD's canopy and table and engaged with children and parents. During the last meeting, Officer V. Hernandez wanted to show appreciation to the explorers for their assistance during the month of July and took them to Peter Piper Pizza to eat and enjoy some of the games.

Officer Staff and Recognition



Julie Nava goes above and beyond assisting the public, coworkers, and officers. Julie cares about always being punctual to work and doing a great job in all field aspects. Thank you for your hard work and dedication!

Communications Manager Elva Ramos has demonstrated to be an excellent team player and leader. She is always willing to help at dispatch aside from handling all her managerial duties. She comes into work with a positive attitude and provides clear and concise instructions to supervisors and dispatchers.

Marcela Portillo consistently goes above and beyond to assist her coworkers during her shift. She treats everyone with respect and is always generous in sharing her food with others. Well done!

The detective squad responded to a rash of vehicle burglaries by having investigators patrolling neighborhoods in plain clothes and unmarked vehicles. Although investigators did not uncover specific leads to the cases, suspicious activity was referred to those officers in marked vehicles who were able to essentially be in two places at one which helped our officers allocate resources and the thefts seemed to have stopped.

Surveillance was not the only method of crime deterrence. As these crimes were being reported to the police department, it was soon determined that most of the car break ins were due to the vehicle having been left unlocked. To raise community awareness, the three major facets of our agency came together and brainstormed a series of measures which surely contributed to educating our community.

Patrol Division contributed by contacting homeowners whose vehicles were found with open windows and doors during the overnight hours. For clarification these vehicles were found with rolled down windows, and doors swung wide open. Officers did not pull handles to test the security of the vehicle.

The detective squad and community resource divisions put their minds together and came up with a creative way to reach our community and spread the message about locking vehicles to prevent theft. Initially, a meme was created illustrating how vehicle burglary is often perceived as a perpetration of sophistication and precision – with the truth being that most incidents are the result of vehicles left unlocked. The second message was a short TikTok style video which tempts the viewer to see how a homeowner caught a young man breaking into his car only to be bait and switched to a video of the young man failing to open the locked doors. The message, self-aware of the bait and switch touts that the police department just got them to watch a video about locking their vehicle and encourages them to share the video with their friends. At the end of July the video has over 5k views.

Cpl. Cameron Zeiger welcomed a new baby boy to his family three months ago and left Officer Perez in charge of filing his position while he was on leave. Officer Perez assisted Sgt. Heli Sierra with the Corporal duties along with continuing to fulfill his Field Training Officer duties throughout the three months of Cpl. Zeiger's absence. We would like to recognize Officer Perez for taking on this role and for his continued dedication to his shift and the Horizon City Police Department.



Great Work

Sgt. H. Sierra, Cpl. Vasquez, Officers E. Delgadillo, A. Diaz, and N. Ortega completed an intensive two-week specialized training which taught the required skills used during crash reconstruction investigations. The STI team has continued adding valuable training to their unit to better serve our community. The STI team investigates all traffic accidents involving serious bodily injury or death, so it is imperative that they continue to attend specialized trainings to complete their investigations to the best of their ability.

Detective A. Labrado, Cpl. B. Avitia and Officers E. Garza and C. Morales represented the Town of Horizon City's Honor Guard during two boxing events that were held at the El Paso County Coliseum this month.