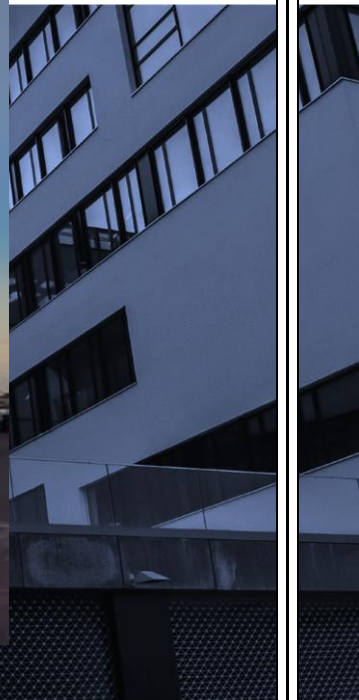


Horizon City Police Department



October Report



October 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.

- 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	3	3	0
Corporals	3	3	0
Detectives	4	4	0
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 2024-2025 Budget	Original Budget	Available Budget	Encumbrances	Requisitions	Percentage Remaining
PD	\$2,507,969.00	\$2,239,894.47	\$188,661.35	\$180,887.10	92.90 %
Communications	\$897,741.00	\$834,644.71	\$37,232.67	\$1,024.57	92.97 %
Overtime	Amount Appropriated FY 2023-2024	Amount Expended September 2024	Balance	Percentage Remaining 2024	
PD	\$67,500.00	\$ 9,279.56	\$ 58,220.44	86.25 %	
Communications	\$44,999.00	\$2,379.40	\$ 42,619.60	94.71 %	

Pay Codes	Police Department	Communications
OT	376	129
Comp	130.25	8
PTO	384.25	261
LWO	0	0
Military	16	0
Training	448.75	49.5
Funeral	0	0
Personal	8	8
Holiday	168	0
Injury	0	0
Suspension	0	0

Sergeants	Sgt. G. Rosas	Sgt. H. Sierra	Sgt. A. Diaz	Cpl. B. Avitia	Total
Gas Used	76.87	96.52	91.42	108.48	373.29
Miles Driven	526	738	697	793	2754
Miles per Gallon	6.84	7.65	7.63	7.31	29.43

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	0	0	19,323
MILES DRIVEN	10,068	10,120	8,796	9,387	9,395	9,317	9,391	10,100	9,449	11,780	0	0	86,023
MILES/GALLON	4.10	5.06	4.99	6.00	5.00	5.09	4.70	5.21	5.35	5.78	0.00	0.00	51.28

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 25% increase overall compared to last month. Below is the chart designating our specific crime numbers.

Part 1 2024	Jan	Feb	March	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct.	Total
Murder	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sexual Assault	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	7
Robbery	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Agg. Assault	0	3	2	0	0	2	0	2	3	1	13
Burglary	0	0	2	0	1	0	12	1	1	1	18
Larceny	8	4	8	10	3	2	3	4	6	13	61
Simple Assault	12	7	13	8	6	8	8	8	8	11	89
Vehicle Theft	0	0	4	0	2	0	5	2	2	0	15
Total	25	14	29	18	12	12	29	17	21	27	204





September 2024 to October 2024 Comparison



25 % 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



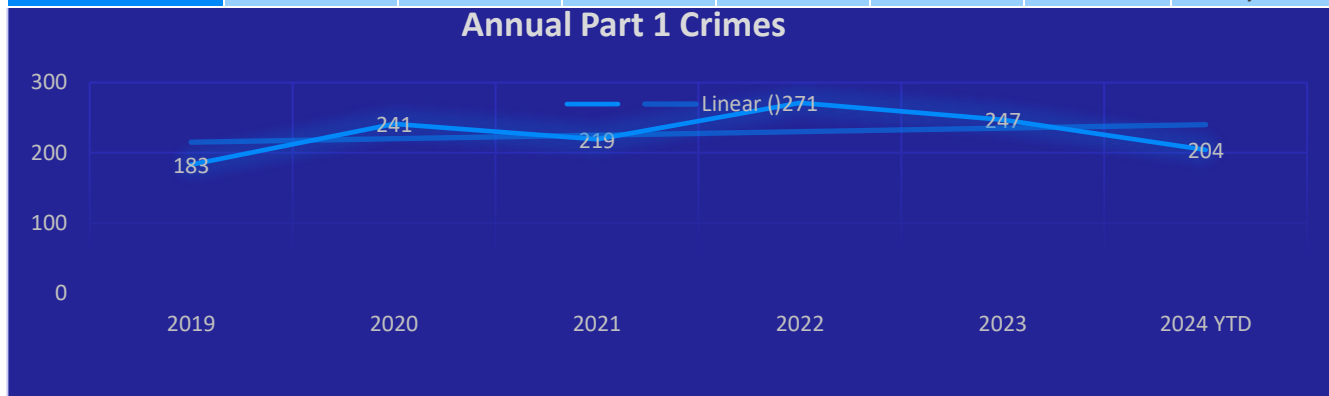
Property Crimes

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	1	0	0	18
Larceny	8	4	8	10	3	2	3	4	6	13	0	0	61
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	14	0	0	95



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	61	469
Simple Assault	70	107	85	93	90	89	534
Vehicle Theft	4	7	14	33	36	15	109
Total	183	248	219	271	247	204	1,372





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.

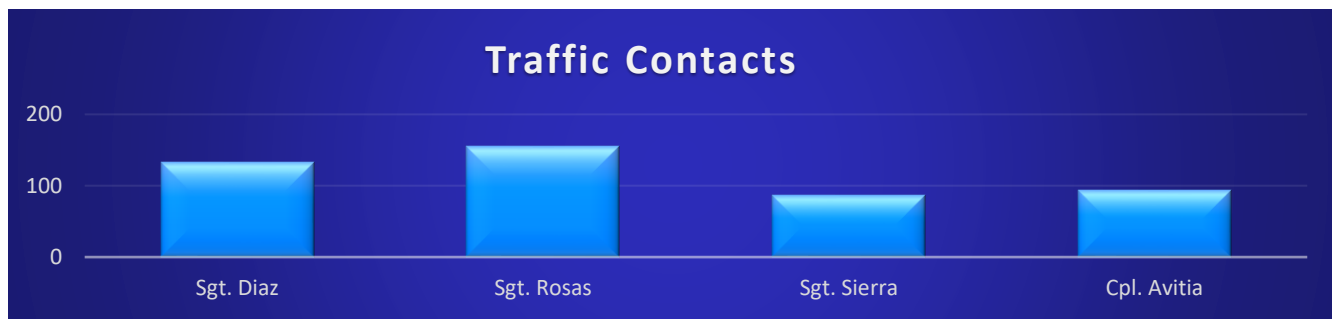
Our Data Driven Approach to Traffic and Crime Safety is our patrol strategy designed to focus on the hot spot areas for accidents and criminal incidents. Below are the hotspot locations and number of contacts charts.

Top 5 Traffic Collision Areas

Location	Crashes
Total Crashes for the month of June	36 (5 less than Sept.)
N. Darrington Rd./Eastlake Blvd.	9
Horizon Blvd./N. Darrington Rd.	4
S. Darrington Rd./Rudi Keufner Dr.	2
S. Darrington Rd./S. Kenazo Ave.	1
S. Darrington Rd./Pawling Dr.	1

Traffic Contacts

2024	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	YTD
Sgt. Abraham Diaz	99	93	56	106	90	79	82	90	87	133			915
Sgt. Guillermo Rosas	85	109	59	104	149	169	98	77	149	155			1,154
Sgt. Heli Sierra	112	193	173	170	241	221	101	176	128	87			1,602
Cpl. Bryan Avitia	37	31	32	55	95	41	59	27	70	94			541





Calls for Service

Monthly	Sgt. A. Diaz	Sgt. G. Rosas	Sgt. H. Sierra	Cpl. B. Avitia	Total
Dispatched calls	188	211	347	180	926
Self-Initiated calls	140	301	225	213	879
Incident Reports	22	17	15	13	67
Crash Reports	7	7	7	7	28
Total	357	536	594	413	1,900

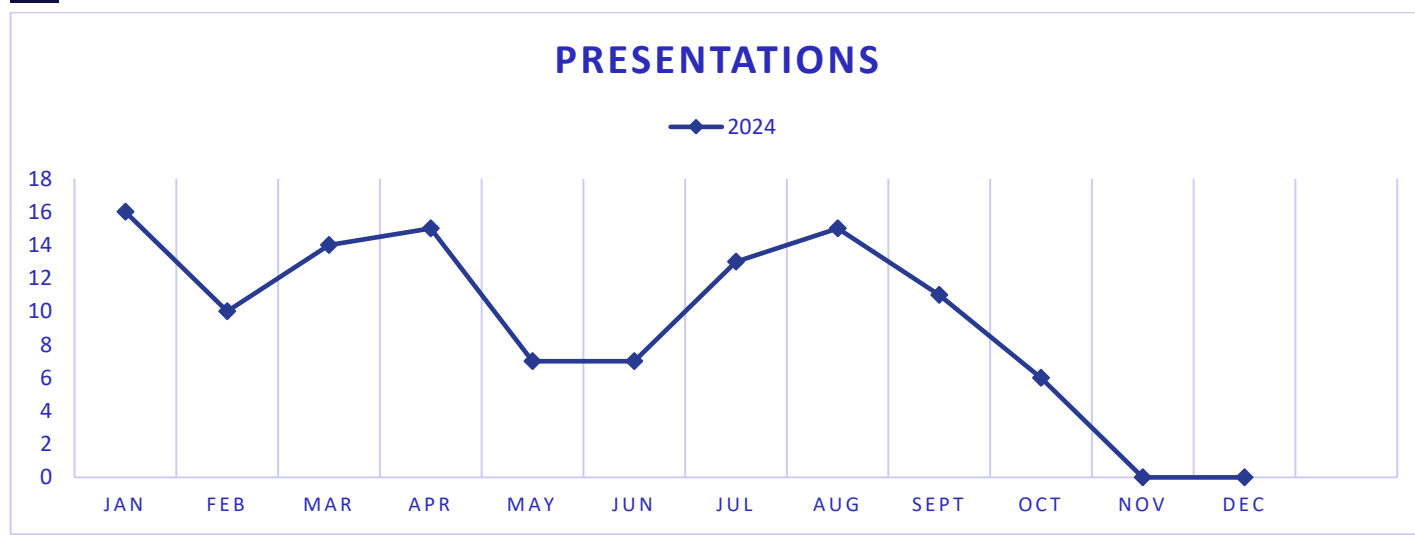
Arrests

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	4			38
2024 Misdemeanor Arrests	16	14	12	25	4	3	4	9	15	20			122
Sgt. A. Diaz													
Felony Arrests	4	3	2	1	7	2	0	0	2	2			23
Misdemeanor Arrests	4	7	3	6	4	1	2	2	2	6			37
Sgt. G. Rosas													
Felony Arrests	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2			7
Misdemeanor Arrests	5	3	2	1	0	1	0	2	2	6			22
Sgt. H. Sierra													
Felony Arrests	2	0	1	2	1	1	0	1	0	0			8
Misdemeanor Arrests	7	4	5	16	0	1	2	5	11	4			55
Cpl. B. Avitia													
Felony Arrests										0			0
Misdemeanor Arrests										4			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			114



Criminal Investigations Division

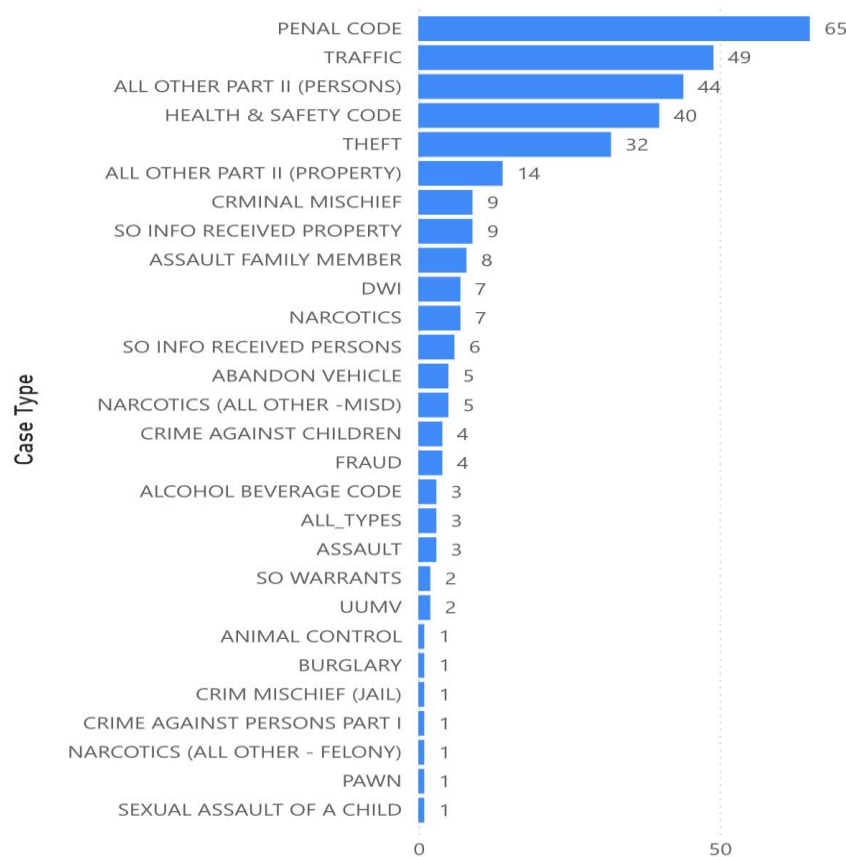


Investigations

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.

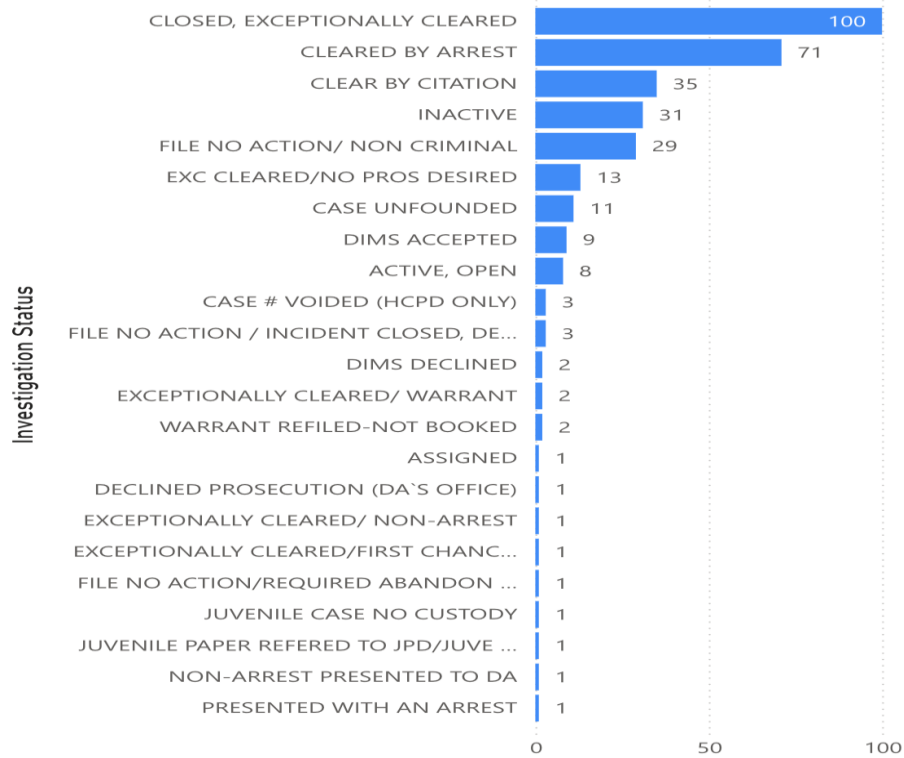
Lieutenant Valdez and her team are dedicated to upholding the law and ensuring community safety. Their focus spans across different criminal activities, with a commitment to justice and effective collaboration with other law enforcement agencies, forensic experts, and legal professionals.

October Cases By Category

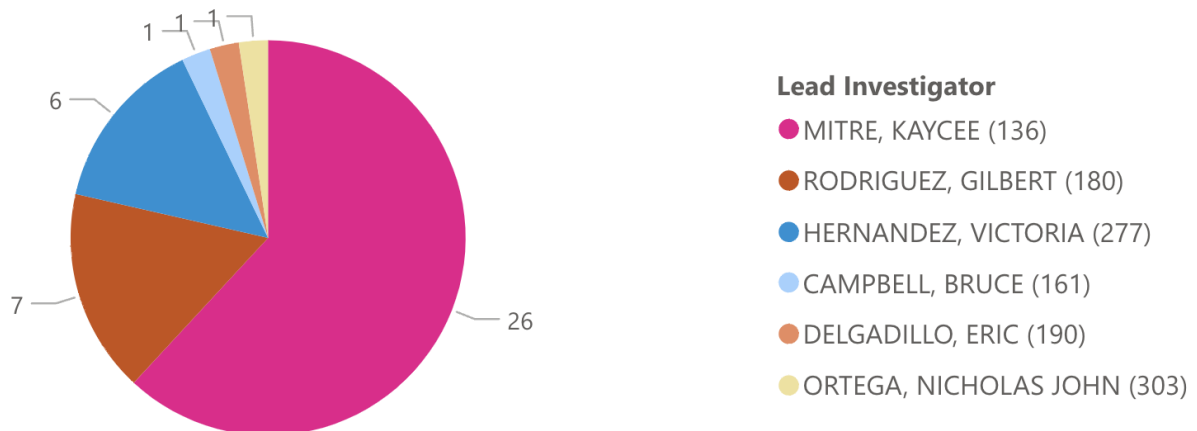




October Case Resolution

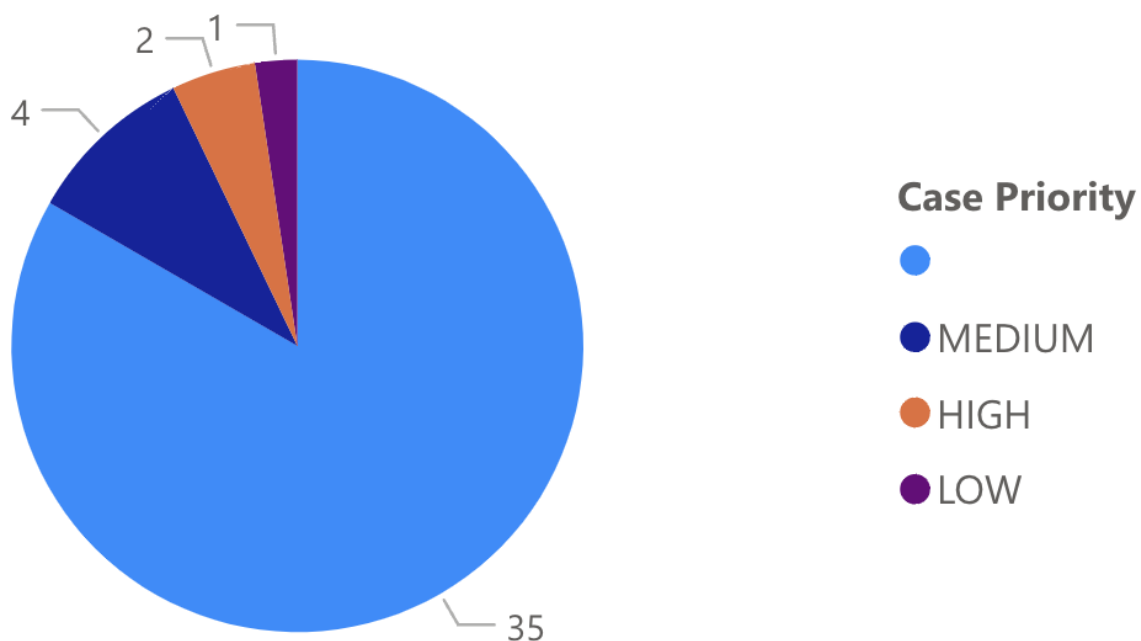


Case Load By Investigator

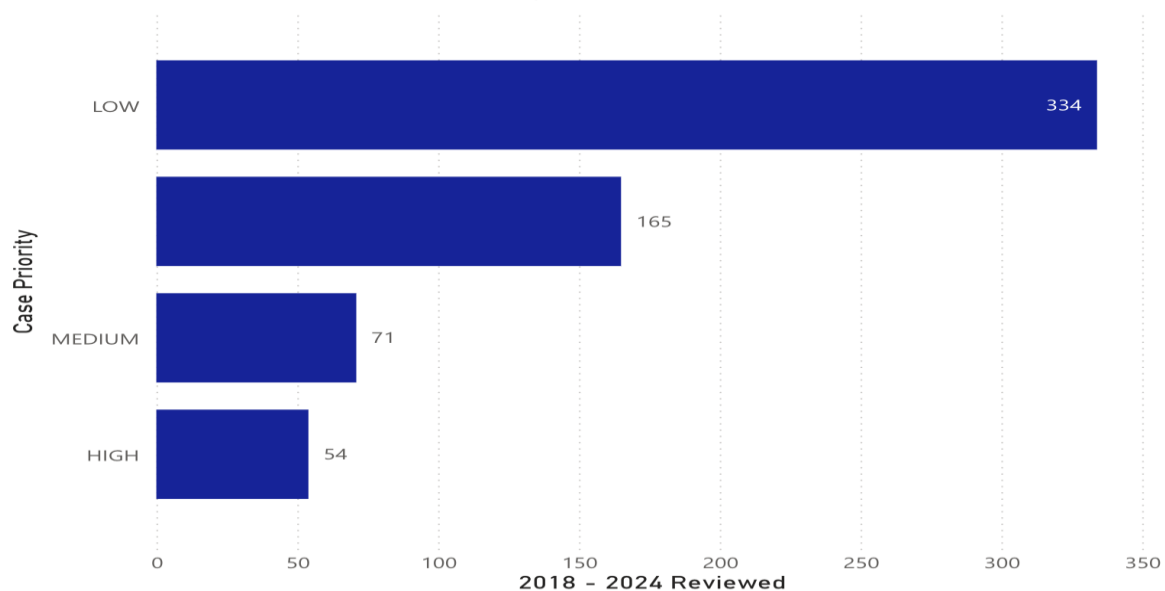




October Case Priority



Case Priority Audit 2018 - 2024





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

Traffic Division

Officer Eric Delgadillo is responsible for enforcing commercial vehicle regulations and conducting thorough inspections to address minor administrative discrepancies, or “paper” infractions, and more significant lapses in essential safety equipment maintenance.

His efforts are crucial in mitigating potential risks that could lead to severe accidents. Officer Delgadillo’s commitment to upholding road safety standards and ensuring compliance within the commercial transportation sector is evident in his dedication to addressing and rectifying regulatory violations.

Each detailed roadside inspection can take up to 2 hours to complete. During September, Officer Eric Delgadillo conducted 3 inspections and found 2 commercial vehicles that were not roadworthy.

COMMERCIAL VEHICLE ENFORCEMENT	Activity Summary
Traffic Contacts	13
Written Warnings	5
Citations	14
Crash Reports	8
Criminal Reports	1
Number of Arrests	1
Hours Spent Supporting Patrol Division	29
Quarter Master Support Hours	3
Hours spent accident investigation	36
Specialized Training Hours	12
Hours as Training Instructor	20
Hours Spent Participating in Community Events	31
Commercial Vehicle Inspections	10
Commercial Vehicles Placed Out of Service	6
Drivers Placed Out of Service	2
Commercial Vehicle Violations Found During Inspections	83
Hours Supporting Fleet Management	5



MOTORCYCLE TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT	Activity Summary
Number of Traffic Contacts	31
Number of Written Warnings	31
Number of Citations	23
Number of Arrests	1
Number of Crash Reports	7
Number of Criminal Reports	2
Quarter Master Support Hours	0
Hours spent accident investigation	29
Hours Participating in Community Events	4
Specialized Training Hours	53
Hours Supporting Patrol Division	26
Hours Supporting Fleet Management	4

The motorcycle's agile mobility further facilitates the officer's rapid traversal of the city, enabling them to provide timely assistance to fellow officers during emergency calls for service. This heightened responsiveness and adaptability significantly enhance our overall law enforcement capabilities and contribute to the enhancement of community safety efforts. The deployment of motorcycle officers has proven to be an invaluable asset in addressing complex and dynamic situations, while simultaneously optimizing our resources for effective public service.

Forensics Unit

Forensic Unit Responsibilities

Bernadette Ortega stands out as a valuable asset to our team, assuming the role of Crime Scene and Evidence Lead with exceptional expertise. Her extensive experience positions her among the most experienced professionals in the state, contributing a wealth of knowledge to our forensic endeavors.

Forensic Unit Responsibilities

Activity	#
Training Instructor Hours	2
In Service Training Hours	23
Hours Spent Processing Evidence	64
Hours Spent Managing Evidence Room	40
Hours Spent Processing Open Records Material	40
Walk Ins for fingerprints	26
Hours responding to active crime scene	8.5
Number of items submitted to laboratory for analysis	8
Evidence returned from laboratory with leads	7
Total items returned from laboratory	13



Warrants Division and Bailiff

During the latter part of September, the Horizon City Municipal Court Bailiff was promoted to the rank of Sergeant. The Bailiff's duties have been assumed and shared by the team at the HCPD Criminal Investigations Division and patrol divisions.

[SORT Program](#)

Our SORT program, led by Officer Victoria Hernandez, is designed to maintain a comprehensive database of individuals convicted of sex offenses. This database serves as a valuable resource for our agency, enabling us to monitor and track registered sex offenders within our jurisdiction. The program is currently undergoing development, which will enhance our agency's ability to closely monitor these individuals.

SORT Program Activities	Hours
Hours Dedicated to SORT Program	0
Hours Dedicated to Community Relations Program	34.5
Hours Dedicated to Patrol Support	2.5
Hours Dedicated to Investigation	35
Hours Dedicated to Fleet Support	2.5
Hours Dedicated to Specialized Training	18
Hours Dedicated to Specialized Teams	2



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	00:05:43	00:03:21	100%	90%
Priority 4-6 Pending to Arrival less than or equal to 12 Minutes:	00:12:32	00:06:42	97.33%	80%
Priority 7-9 Pending to Arrival less than or equal to 15 Minutes:	00:15:18	00:08:04	99.16%	70%

Horizon Police Calls for Service

	Dispatched	Self-Initiated	Mobile Data Terminal Calls	Total
Horizon Police	1,803	900	355	3058

ESD 1 Calls for Service

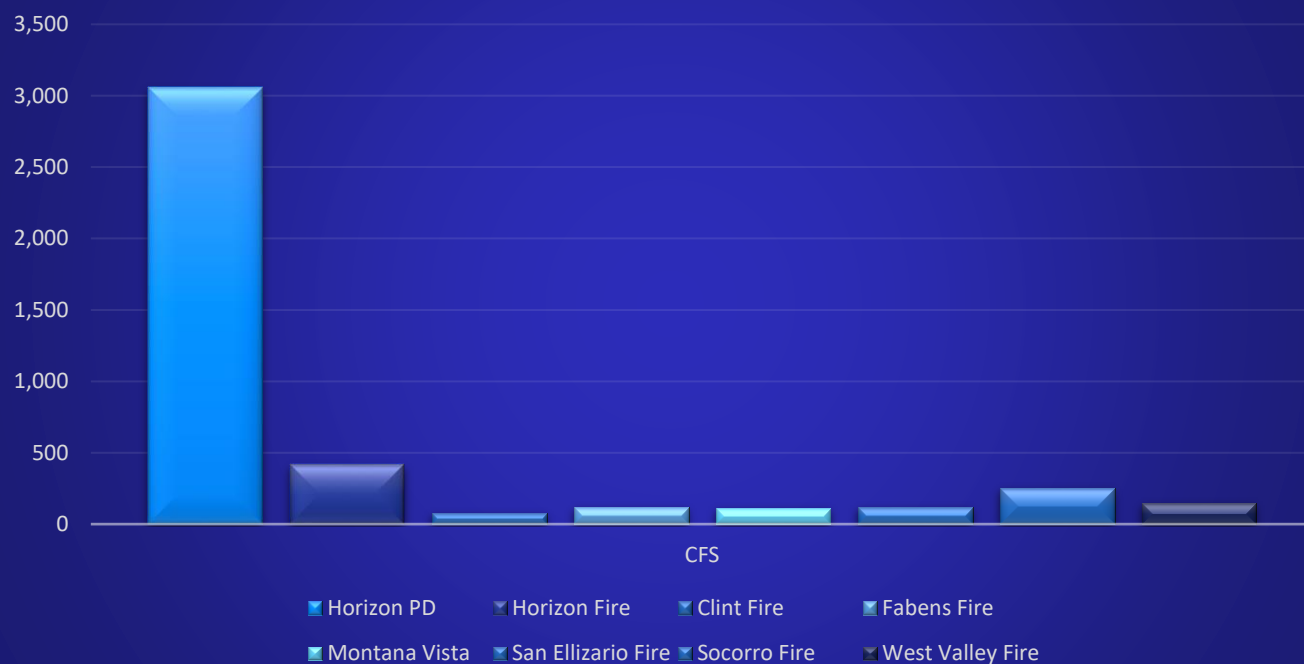
	Alarm	Assist	Brush Fire	Car Fire	Water Gas Leaks	Medical	MVA	Structure Fires	Total
Horizon Fire	35	29	12	2	19	269	47	2	415

ESD 2 Calls for Service

	Alarm	Assist	Brush Fire	Car Fire	Water/Gas Leaks	Medical	MVA	Structure Fire	Total
Clint	1	3	3	4	3	47	11	4	76
Fabens	3	2	3	5	2	91	11	1	118
Montana Vista	6	6	7	0	5	72	15	0	111
San Elizario	4	6	5	2	1	86	10	3	117
Socorro	7	10	8	3	5	177	40	4	254
West Valley	7	8	8	1	6	101	13	3	147
Total	28	35	34	15	22	574	100	15	823



Calls For Service



Departmental Significant and Notable Accomplishments



eGrants Training

The communications manager, assistant communications manager and patrol lieutenant attended an 8-hour eGrants Training session hosted by The Texas Governor's Public Safety Office (PSO) at the El Paso Regional Communications Center. The training provided attendees with the knowledge and skills essential to navigating the eGrants system when carrying out grant-related operations.



Terminal Agency Coordinator (TAC)



Shift Supervisor Anthony Dominguez and Communications Specialist Assistant Manager Irlanda Huerta attended an eight hour Terminal Agency Coordinator Training at the Tribal Communications Center located at 601 Tiwa Blvd. The TAC role is required by the FBI Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS) Security Policy. A Terminal Agency Coordinator act as the liaison between their agency and the Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS) Systems Agency, must be knowledgeable with the operations of TCIC/NCIC, and ensure agency compliance with TCIC/NCIC policy.

Vision 2024 FirstNet Users Summit

Communications Manager Elva Ramos and IT Josue Mendoza attended a weeklong Vision Summit conference in Las Vegas, Nevada. The conference aims to provide all individuals and organizations involved in safety, security, emergency, and crisis response with the necessary knowledge, tools, and technology to keep the community safe. The summit featured workshops, products, and applications tailored to the department's responsibilities and the needs of the Town of Horizon City.





New Supervisor Training

Shift Supervisors Stephanie Cortes and Anthony Dominguez attended a three-day New Supervisor Training Course at the Law Enforcement Training Academy. The course was insightful regarding the transition of entering into a role of authority over peers. The lesson included advice on how to handle the new duties with respect including techniques to identify areas to improve and motivate employees based on the type of employees they are. It also included pointers on how to conduct



yearly evaluations that are detailed, how to take responsibility of their actions, and how to provide discipline to employees when needed. The course also included information regarding the different types of leadership styles and the pros and cons of each.

ICS-300 Intermediate ICS for Expanding Incidents and ICS-400 Advanced ICS

Shift Supervisors Stephanie Cortes and Anthony Dominguez attended a weeklong ICS- 300 and 400 courses. The ICS-300 Intermediate ICS (Incident Command System) provides training and resources for personnel who require advance knowledge and application of ICS. The ICS-400 provides training and resources for personnel who require advanced application of ICS. Both courses are for emergency response personnel in a command or general staff position during a large or complex incident. The courses build on the information covered in the ICS-100 and ICS-200 courses. Both courses included group exercises, discussions, simulations, and final exams.



Vesta End-User Training

Communications Specialist Ericka Gonzalez and Shift Supervisor Stephanie Cortes attended the four-hour Vesta End-User Training. The Vesta Essentials course provides attendees with information and utilization of Vesta's version 8.0. Users acquired knowledge about the available functions and layouts that Vesta provides while gaining insight into features that can better assist the Vesta user.





National Night Out 2024

On Tuesday, October 1, 2024, Horizon City Police Department celebrated National Night Out with thousands of community members and community partners. National Night Out is a nationwide event that takes place annually to promote law enforcement and community partnerships to make our communities safer and to create better relationships. Horizon City Police Department and Horizon City Fire Department personnel worked endlessly for multiple weeks, planning, networking and making necessary changes to provide a great event to those who attended. Just like last year, the event began by having Naval Air land their helicopter at the park. One of the changes the event had compared to last year is that Horizon City Police Department provided the opportunity to Horizon High School JROTC present the colors followed by Didi Mora Franco singing the National Anthem. Pastor Garrett Hiller provided everyone with a prayer and multiple speakers shared some words with the community to include District Attorney Bill Hicks and Horizon City Mayor Andy Renteria. Multiple presentations included Horizon High School Dance, Lucha Libre, Horizon City Athletics, Eastlake High School Cheer, Eastlake High School Dance, Drumlines (Horizon vs. Eastlake), Fire Department vs. Police Department Tug-o-War, Fire Department and Police Department Hot Dog eating contest. Over 15 law enforcement agencies, city, state and federal gathered for the event as well as fire departments. All these presentations have now become a tradition to the community and participants that everyone gets eager to see what the outcomes is every year. The night ended with a twelve-minute firework show, where everyone in attendance got to enjoy the beautiful view and great music next to their loved ones. There was an estimate of a few thousands of people in attendance. Horizon City, its police and fire departments are happy to continue building more relationships between the community and our first responders to better help protect and serve them.





Sex Offender Registry and Tracking (SORT) Unit

On Monday, October 14, 2024, Det. V. Hernandez attended Sex Offender Registry and Tracking (SORT) Unit with El Paso County Sheriff's Office (EPCSO). In previous months, Det. Hernandez would attend SORT every Monday to assist EPCSO in registering new sex offenders or entering any updated personal information to have the most accurate information on all individuals and know their whereabouts. Prior to that day, Det. Hernandez was reached out by one of the EPCSO deputies requesting assistance since one of them was going to be out of the office for that week. Det.



Hernandez along with another EPCSO deputy completed approximately 30 new registrants and updated information for individuals all combined. The goal for HCPD is to take up on the task of keeping track of the sex offenders that are within Horizon City jurisdiction therefore, it is a great

opportunity to work closely with other agencies and become familiarized with the process.



City of Socorro Trunk or Treat / National Night Out

On Friday, October 25, 2024, Commercial vehicle Enforcement Officer E. Delgadillo, Lt. K. Valdez and Det. V. Hernandez attended Socorro's 2024 National Night Out at Rio Vista Center. Multiple vendors supported the event and promoted their services as people walked around informing themselves about the duties and/or responsibilities for other law enforcement agencies as well as Trick or Treating. The event took place between 6:00PM to 10:00PM and Officers greeted hundreds of kids and parents as they took photos with their Halloween costumes. At the end of the night, Socorro PD hosted a Halloween costume contest. The contest was divided into different age groups and every participant was called to the stage where judges would rate the costumes. Each age group had a winner and received a prize. Horizon City Police Department continues supporting other law enforcement agencies to build better relationships amongst each other and most importantly with the citizens of our El Paso community.





16th Curbside Car Seat Class

On Wednesday, October 30, 2024, Officers from the Horizon City Police Department who are certified as child passenger safety technicians conducted their 16th curbside car seat class for the community. This class took place at local Golden Eagle Park. Horizon City Police Department certified technicians conduct these curb-side classes once a month. The department allows for walk-ins, but it is preferably to conduct these classes by appointment only. 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 five officers that are certified technicians, compared to only three last month. During this month's curb side car seat class, a total of 9 children were scheduled for an appointment. Officers were able to provide 8 car seats to all children and



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educate their parents on the importance of always having their children in the correct car seat and buckled the right way because car seats continue to save lives.

Trick or Trizza

On Thursday, October 31, 2024, officers from the Horizon City Police Department hosted their "Trick or Trizza" event for the kids to receive their free kid's pizza treat. The information was shared throughout social media to spread the word and let parents know about the event. This same event was hosted last year, where 100 pizzas were given to children. This year, Horizon City Police Association, Chief of Police M. Vargas and Lt. K. Valdez made kind donations to be able to purchase twice as many pizzas and give all 200 of them to children in attendance. During the day of the event, multiple officers from the police department participated in handing out all pizzas. The event only took place for about 15 minutes as many parents were



lined up at Golden Eagle Park before it even started. Kids showed up in their costumes and received their pizza with a huge smile on their face. Horizon City PD looks forward in hosting this pizza giveaway event next year, hoping to be able to give away twice as many as this year.





Explorers Youth Program

During the month of October, the explorers met four times with Det. V. Hernandez for their weekly meetings. At the beginning of the month, Explorers took part of Horizon City's National Night Out. They assisted officers by setting up their tent and booth as well as arranging what was needed to set up their table to fundraise for their program. Explorers all split their responsibilities and had a successful night of fundraising. For the rest of the monthly meetings, explorers focused on studying and learning the phonetic alphabet and ten codes as well as doing some physical activity. Some of the explorers are fairly new and the goal is to have them learn the basics in order for them to be able to get exposed to traffic stop scenarios and ultimately have them go for a ride along for a few hours. The explorers will continue to meet once a week and engage in different police activities to be more familiarized about what law enforcement officers do daily.



Officer Staff and Recognition



Mirna Sierra has demonstrated great improvement on her dispatching skills. She shows determination in expanding her knowledge and does not shy away from asking questions. Mirna Sierra has proven to

be a reliable employee and volunteered to work overtime to help with coverage. She is always seeking to assist her coworkers by offering help and sharing her input. She displays exceptional performance on all work aspects. Mirna demonstrates great work ethic. Thank you for your dedication and effort!

Irlanda Huerta was promoted to the Communications Specialist Assistant Manager position. For a decade, she has been a committed worker serving as a telecommunicator for the Horizon City Police Department. Congratulations!

Julie Nava and Jasmine Moran consistently bring a positive attitude to work. They handle work overload without complaint and adapt seamlessly to schedule changes for coverage. Their dedication and resilience make them standout employees. Your dedication is invaluable to the communications division!

Great Work

For the month of October, we would like to recognize Officer Ortega for his quick response during a medical call involving a drug overdose patient. Officer Ortega immediately sprung into action when he saw the female lying life-less on the floor and began CPR before the ambulance arrival. This contributed to bringing the female back to consciousness once she was aboard the ambulance.

Officer Ortega also obtained his child car seat technician certification from the Texas Department of Transportation alongside Officer Morales.

We would also like to recognize Sgt. G. Rosas, Sgt. H. Sierra, Sgt. A. Diaz and Cpl. Avitia for setting up an undercover sting in a local business that was experiencing back-to-back thefts. Thanks to their efforts, they were able to catch and arrest the criminal after a brief foot chase.

This month's citizen compliments go out to Officer R. Miramontes and Officer A. Arredondo for their outstanding customer service skills while working with our wonderful community.