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EL PASO

POLICE DEPARTMENT

The El Paso Police Department (EPPD) is a dynamic and progressive organization that is proud to serve the citizens of El Paso. The Department is dedicated to the safety of the community and strives to provide quality services with great integrity. With a sworn staff of 1,091 officers and 350 civilian employees, the Department has worked diligently and successfully to maintain El Paso's ranking as the 2nd Safest City in the United States with a population of over 500,000, as reported by Morgan Quitno Press.

The Police Department prides itself on its Community Partnership efforts. The Police Department collaborated with the City Council and the business community to develop the "Pay Before You Pump" anti-gas theft ordinance. Customers are now required to pay for gas before pumping it, effectively eliminating gas thefts in our community. Additionally, EPPD worked to revise the Alarm Ordinance, which in turn, has radically reduced patrol response to false alarms. Officers can remain in the field, responding to high priority calls for service.

DIVISIONS / CORE SERVICES:

- Regional Commands
- Criminal Investigations
- Directed Investigations
- Special Services Division
- Auxiliary Support Services
- Administrative Services



HIGHLIGHTS:

- Work was completed on a new state-of-the-art 911 Call Center, which will modernize 911 operations and increase public safety
- The Special Operations section worked Swap Meets to locate stolen property being sold as used and made arrests of people knowingly accepting the stolen property for resale
- The Department hosted a Community Fair as a 9/11 "Hero" celebration
- 58 police officers graduated from two Consolidated Police Academies. These joint academies contain trainees for the Sheriff's office, EPPD and El Paso Fire Department's Fire Marshall's Office.
- Operation C.R.A.S.H. was enacted in an effort to reduce accident rates at major intersections.
- 29 new volunteers were trained for the Victims Services Response Team to help victims of major crimes cope with their experience
- Volunteers were also trained for Disabled Parking Enforcement – a means to ticket those in violation of the handicapped-parking ordinance
- The Department's Stash House Unit, through its community searches, recovered and destroyed almost 44,000 pounds of drugs, including marijuana and cocaine

