

El Paso Police Department

The El Paso Police Department (EPPD) continued its tradition of excellence in 2006 by, once again, being recognized as a national leader in law enforcement. The dedicated and committed employees that make up EPPD, including 1,091 sworn officers and 338 civilians, combine national best-practices, cutting-edge technology and a sincere desire to honestly serve the community with integrity each and every day and to effectively preserve the safety and quality of life El Pasoans have come to expect. El Paso achieved this hard-earned reputation of safety and comfort by continuing to embrace and nurture its community policing partnerships between EPPD, the citizens of El Paso and a concerned and responsive business community.

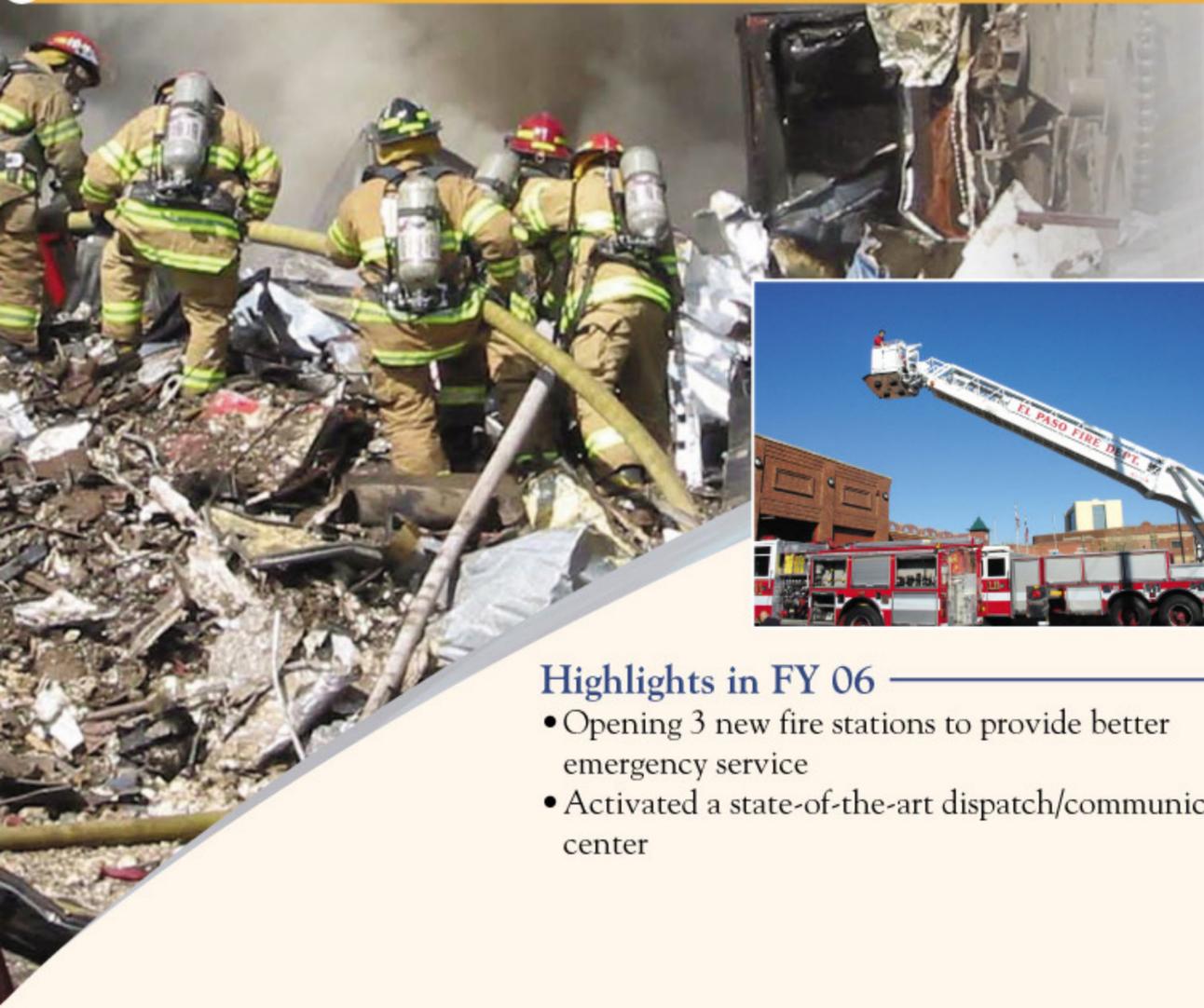


Highlights in FY 06

- Third safest large city in the United States according to the Morgan Quitno Press
- Webber Seavey Award for Quality in Law Enforcement semi-finalist for the Human Trafficking Task Force and the Multi-Agency Referral System
- One of the top three large departments in the country promoting highway and community safety according to the International Association of Chiefs of Police

- First large city in Texas to institute a Digital Automated Red Light Enforcement Program to improve safety at the City's most dangerous intersections
- Opened a state-of-the-art 911 Communications Center in February 2006

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El Paso Fire Department

The El Paso Fire Department is a full-service fire department responding to over 63,000 calls annually, involving fires, medical emergencies and hazardous materials events in the City of El Paso. The Department was rated by the Insurance Services Office (ISO) and earned a Public Protection Classification of 1. Over 42,000 communities are rated nationwide by the ISO, and El Paso is one of only 43 cities that have achieved this success. The rating shows the dedication Fire personnel have shown in ensuring the citizens of El Paso have the best department possible.

Highlights in FY 06

- Opening 3 new fire stations to provide better emergency service
- Activated a state-of-the-art dispatch/communications center

- Special Operations initiated a Weapons of Mass Destruction Team
- Training Academy graduated 3 classes in 2006, increasing manpower