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**NEWS RELEASE**

# **El Paso Fire Department Receives Key National Paramedic Accreditation**

## **Accreditation to result in higher standard of care for patients**

**EL PASO, Texas** – The El Paso Fire Department (EPFD) has recently received notification from the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) on its decision to award accreditation to the department’s Emergency Medical Services – Paramedic program. This national accreditation not only reflects EPFD’s commitment to continuous improvement, the accreditation allows the department to certify its own paramedics through a higher quality of training, and this will ensure a higher standard of care for their patients.

“Being accredited from CAAHEP is another way of enhancing our practices and processes in an effort to provide better services,” said Fire Chief Mario D’Agostino. “This accreditation is key to strengthening our paramedic program with it we have streamlined how our staff is trained and certified. I’m proud of the department for their dedication to continuous improvement.”

In addition to the paramedic accreditation, EPFD has also recently been recognized for its commitment to excellence through its international accreditation from the Commission on Fire Accreditation International (CFAI), and through its Class 1 rating from the Insurance Services Organizations (ISO) on Public Protection.

### **About CAAHEP**

The Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) accredits educational programs that prepare health professionals in a variety of disciplinary areas. Accreditation is a process that is meant to protect the public and ensure a supply of qualified health care professionals.

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