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El Paso Fire Department Achieves ISO Class 1 Rating

City Earns Highest Distinction in Fire Protection

EL PASO, Texas—The El Paso Fire Department has earned an ISO Class 1 rating from the Insurance Services Office, placing it among the top fire departments in the nation and reaffirming its commitment to excellence in public safety.

The designation is the highest classification ISO grants. Fewer than 1 percent of the more than 30,000 fire departments in the United States hold an ISO Class 1 rating. El Paso Fire also continues to maintain international accreditation through the Center for Public Safety Excellence's Commission on Fire Accreditation International, a distinction held by only 334 agencies worldwide. **Only 12 fire departments in the country serving populations over 500,000 hold both recognitions.**

Together, these distinctions reflect exceptional performance in emergency response, fire suppression, communications, training, fire prevention, and water supply.

"This rating affirms what the El Paso community sees every day: a fire department that is fast, professional, highly trained, and ready to respond," said Fire Chief Jonathan Killings. "It reflects years of strategic investment, accountability, and the dedication of our personnel to protecting lives and property."

What This Means for El Paso Residents

This designation is more than a professional benchmark. It reflects a fire protection system built to protect lives, limit losses, and keep a growing city safe and resilient.

For residents, businesses, and the broader community, an ISO Class 1 rating means:

- **Stronger protection for lives and property** through faster response, effective fire suppression, and a department prepared to act when seconds matter.
- **Potential insurance savings** for many homeowners, businesses, and industrial properties because top-tier fire protection can help reduce risk.
- **Less damage and faster recovery** when fires occur, helping protect homes, jobs, public assets, and critical infrastructure.
- **Greater confidence in the city's emergency readiness** because this rating reflects strength in staffing, training, communications, equipment, water supply, and hydrant coverage.
- **A stronger competitive edge for El Paso** by demonstrating the level of public safety infrastructure that supports economic growth, business investment, and long-term development.

Maintaining both the ISO Class 1 rating and CFAI accreditation confirms that the El Paso Fire Department is performing at the highest level today and is well positioned to serve the community into the future.

For more information about the El Paso Fire Department visit, ElPasoTexas.gov/fire-department/.

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