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As January 1st brought a close to 2010, it shut the door on the challenges and victories of the old year and opened the door for new successes and accomplishments. The new year brought another opportunity to improve the Department and make ourselves more effective and efficient at providing our community with the safety and quality of life citizens of El Paso deserve. Despite the unique challenges faced by the police force of a border town, the incredible men and women of the El Paso Police Department held fast to their promise to protect and serve. In recognition of the great accomplishments the employees of this organization have achieved, it is with much pride that I present the 2011 El Paso Police Department Annual Report.

For the second year in a row, El Paso has been designated “The Safest City” with a population over 500,000. While I am proud of the hard work that made being the safest city possible, it is by no means a reason to let our guards down. So long as there is even one victim of crime in El Paso, it is our duty to work harder to prevent it. In addition to fighting crime, it is also our responsibility to create the greatest quality of life possible for those who put their trust in our abilities. Because of our dedication and commitment to all who live here, we must constantly be looking forward for innovations to stay on top of crime and mischief.

“If everyone is thinking alike, then somebody isn't thinking.”
GEORGE S. PATTON

As El Paso continues to grow, so too must the Department. In April, 21 graduates of the 113th Academy earned their badges. In the future, we hope to grow further by having multiple graduating classes per year. In order to ensure our ranks continue to be filled with persons of integrity and respect, applicants will be tested with the highest standards before they may become part of El Paso’s Finest. Also, consultations to provide feedback on efficiency were a focus throughout the year, and many of the suggested changes will be seen in the future.

It has been my greatest privilege to lead EPPD in protecting its people. As demand increases and budgets shrink, we must continue to utilize the resources we have to provide the utmost service. Working together, we can continue making El Paso a place where people feel safe and at peace. Together we can make El Paso the safest city for a 3rd year in a row.
City Crime Rankings
2011-2012
Population of 500,000 or more

Lowest Crime Rate Ranking
1. El Paso, TX
2. Honolulu, HI
3. New York, NY
4. San Jose, CA
5. San Diego, CA
6. Austin, TX
7. Seattle, WA
8. Los Angeles, CA
9. Portland, OR
10. Denver, CO

A year of hard work and community involvement has paid off for the City of El Paso. For the second year in a row, El Paso was designated the #1 Safest City with a population over 500,000. The independent publisher, CQ Press uses a complex comparison of reported crimes across six different crime categories to rate each city in terms of population. El Paso has been in the top 3 for several years despite our proximity to the tumultuous border. Credit goes, not only to the efforts of 1,043 officers and over 221 civilian employees, but also to the civilian volunteers, and all of the citizens who worked together. Through the proactive efforts of the department along with an involved community, we will continue to keep our city a place where citizens can enjoy a high quality of life.
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### EPPD Ethnic Breakdown

- **Hispanic**: 76.32%
- **African American**: 3.07%
- **American Indian**: 0.29%
- **Pacific Islander**: 0.86%
- **White**: 19.46%
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Central Regional Command

It was an exciting year for CRCC. The continued efforts to revitalize the downtown area and numerous events throughout the year, such as Chalk the Block, Alfresco Fridays, and Neon Desert Nights, Central has been seeing larger crowds and more visitors than normal. Despite the growing events, the dedicated and professional Officers from CRCC were able to step up to the challenges presented to them and continue reducing crime for the fourth year in a row.

Officers utilized bike and foot patrol during each shift and implemented directed enforcement in hotspots. This type of initiative was accomplished utilizing the philosophy of communication and community policing. The region has worked closely with residents, business owners, and area City Representatives to reach common goals that benefit area residents and visitors. Since the downtown area has become a focal point for the City and with the push to revitalize the area, the officers have taken the initiative to ensure the safety and security of the El Paso citizens. Our mission is to create an environment of enjoyment so it will attract El Paso Residents to the Downtown area.

We also recognized Nicholas Chavez as Officer of the Year, Robert Azar as Field Training Officer of the Year, and Leslie Canada as Civilian Supervisor of the Year. These two officers and supervisor exemplified what each and every officer and civilian from Central Command accomplishes every day. All of our officers and civilians strive for excellence in their field and continue to push for a future of safety and contentment for the City of El Paso.

Mission Valley Regional Command

The Mission Valley Regional Command (MVRC) had a successful year in 2011, and is proud to have been able to contribute to El Paso being the “Safe City” two years in a row. MVRC’s Special Operations’ initiatives were highly effective at addressing crime trends during Spring Break and the summer months when schools were out. The initiatives focused on issues such as curfew violations, DWIs, Traffic Enforcement, and ensuring compliance with Municipal Code Ordinances like noise and parking violations.

Our CID/TAC Unit took a proactive approach to combating crime using a new, high-end media center which allows for better processing of video evidence that was obtained through grant funding. Personnel also met with the different patrol shifts to share information and utilized the Focus File which is a tool used to efficiently target repeat offenders. Using these resources, Mission Valley was able to maintain the lowest crime rates of all the regions.

The EPPD’s Police Explorers program, which teaches basic skills such as report writing, traffic stops, and how to solve crimes, was a great success this year. The Mission Valley takes much pride in its Police Explorers and recognizes them for their help with distributing Help End Auto Theft (H.E.A.T.) Drive and Anti-Auto Theft brochures. They were also highly active in the annual Thanksgiving Day Parade, and are a definite asset to our Police Department.

In October of 2011, the MVRC had its National Night Out and Pride Day events. In addition, The Mission Valley benefits from 92 active Neighborhood Watch Programs and has 15 active members on the Citizens Advisory Board to assist with our commitment to the community policing philosophy. MVRC cheerfully ended the year by sponsoring a Christmas Gift Giving Tree to provide gifts to nearly 100 needy children in area schools. All of us here at the Mission Valley Regional Command are blessed to be able to serve our community, and we look forward to continued efforts at making a difference in 2012.
Northeast Regional Command

The Northeast Region Command (NERCC) is proud to have spent 2011 devoting much time and energy to highly successful community programs and events in addition to normal crime fighting activities. NERCC Police Area Representative (PAR) and various volunteers worked in close partnership with the TVP Corp., and City Neighborhood services with several neighborhood cleanups. In addition to providing police presence and patrol, the Traffic and PAR sections assisted with events like “Kids Superbowl Saturday.” They also offered their help at the “Lower Dyer Agency Fair” where a variety of local organizations came to the neighborhood and allowed the residents to connect to helpful services. NERCC also attended the “Lower Dyer Halloween Walk and Fair” to provide safety and protection to the children and adults celebrating.

During the “Citywide Pride Day”, NERCC sponsored a kickoff breakfast for the volunteers who arrived to help make the Northeast a cleaner place to live. The event, coordinated and led by NERCC Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) with assistance from the PAR Unit, was a complete success. Officer Slade Davis and the NERCC PAR Unit also coordinated the participation of units throughout the entire department in setting up static displays at the Amigo Airsho.

We are proud to have visited the residents of Ambrosio Guillen Texas State Veteran’s Nursing Home. Acting Commander Lt. Menchaca addressed the residents, staff, and Director Willie Brown. He thanked them for their service and sacrifices to our country. Then, 25 members of NERCC Days, Evenings, SOPS, and CID presented large gift baskets bought with generous donations from NERCC personnel. Officer Slade Davis sang a stirring and spirited rendition of God Bless the USA which brought tears to the audience. The residing president of the Veteran’s Group finished the evening by presenting the officers with a beautiful, giant Christmas card signed by all the residents and staff.

Pebble Hills Regional Command

The Pebble Hills Regional Command (PHRC), located in east El Paso is responsible for providing services for approximately 212,000 people in a geographic area of 58 square miles. Continual expansion of Fort Bliss has helped contribute to the population growth. The expanding population on the eastside continues to result in increasing traffic problems. PHRC traffic personnel focused their efforts on high collision areas, as well as addressing complaints submitted by citizens either by phone or the internet. In addition, PHRC increased traffic enforcement by 9% and emphasis was placed on DWI enforcement which caused an increase of 14% in DWI arrests. Because of the dedication of Pebble Hills officers, the number of accidents in the PHRC area declined by 5% in 2011 compared to 2010.

Thanks to the hard work of the dedicated men and women of the PHRC, as well as partnerships with the community, the PHRC experienced a 10% reduction in Part I Crime in 2011 compared to 2010. This significant reduction was achieved through several innovative enforcement strategies. With the assistance of the other regional commands, officers conducted an undercover sting operation aimed at those individuals selling stolen metals and businesses who bought stolen metals. The officers also conducted compliance checks at the recycling centers to ensure they were in compliance with state law.

Another strategy adopted by the PHRC to reduce crime was a concentrated effort to reduce the theft of beer from convenience stores. Through the combined efforts of the PHRC Criminal Investigations Section, the patrol shifts, and the Neighborhood Relations Section, beer runs were reduced by 39 percent; 634 in 2011 compared to 1,036 in 2010.

Neighborhood Relations personnel focused on increasing the number of Neighborhood Watch Programs, resulting in a 9% increase in participation. The PHRC also continues to utilize E-force to communicate crime prevention tips to citizens and business groups via e-mail. E-force evolved from Fax-force which had employed the use of fax machines. E-force information is sent electronically in the form of e-mail. At the end of 2011, there were more than 280 recipients signed up for the E-force alerts.
Westside Regional Command

The Westside Regional Command Center (WSRCC) oversees law enforcement services for what is, geographically, the second largest area in the City of El Paso. The Westside is the fastest growing regions in population, which fosters concerns such as the potential for an increase in crime as well as problems with traffic and pedestrian congestion. Nevertheless, in 2011 the Westside comprised the second lowest Part I offenses for any of the five regional commands and continues to lower crime from the previous year.

The Westside is able to accomplish a continued reduction in crime by working and analyzing crime trends and placing plans of action together in conjunction with several outside law enforcement agencies. These joint local, state and federal partnerships are proactively expanding our policing presence in order to eliminate criminal elements. In addition, several different methods of enforcement are utilized on a regular basis from foot and bike patrols, to dedicated traffic enforcement units, as well as undercover surveillance operations for suspected and wanted criminals.

The command also continues to offer Westside citizens a variety of services and programs such as vehicle identification number (VIN) etching drives, Help End Auto Theft sign ups (H.E.A.T.), Neighborhood Watch Programs, home surveys, and presentations at schools. These programs empower our citizens to get involved with law enforcement and allow them the opportunity to participate in crime prevention, crime reduction, and a wide variety of interactive and informative collaborations. The Westside Citizen’s Advisory Board provides an invaluable service with initiatives such as the Westside Heath and Safety Fair along with initiating several graffiti informational initiatives.
Major Crimes Bureau

The Major Crimes Bureau is comprised of the Organized Crime Division and the Criminal Investigations Division. Within the Organized Crime Division are the Auto Theft Task Force Unit (ATTF), the Narcotics/Vice Section, the Alpha Section, Homeland Security Unit, the Intelligence Section, Fusion Center, and the recently added Gang Intelligence unit. This unique and diversified group provides investigative support to the regional command centers and other area law enforcement agencies. The Criminal Investigations Division is comprised of the Crimes Against Persons, Crimes Against Children, and the Financial Crimes Units. These units investigate the cities major crimes such as homicides, child abuse and endangerment, and financial fraud or money laundering.

In 2011, our Internet Crimes Against Children unit operated so successfully it garnered recognition from Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) Director Mueller in August for outstanding performance and accomplishments in support of the task force. As a direct result of this recognition, the unit was awarded four state-of-the-art computers which enhance the unit’s ability to analyze all electronic data for forensic evidentiary purposes. Our White Collar Crime Unit was instrumental in apprehending three individuals who appropriated over one million dollars from a local law office by issuing 500 unauthorized checks to themselves over an eight year period. The Crimes Against Persons unit, once again, had a successful year in solving the City’s murders. The unit was able to solve 14 of the 16 murders that occurred in 2011. The Crimes Against Persons unit has maintained a 97% solve rate for murders for the last two years and continue to diligently look into open cases.

The Narcotics Section’s Street Unit saw an increase of 91% in search warrants executed. The ALPHA Unit, which focuses on the disruption and dismantling of major Drug Trafficking Organizations (DTO), successfully arrested 137 felons, and seized over 7,623 pounds of marijuana, over 518 pounds of cocaine, 27 pounds of heroin, 21 pounds of meth, and over $2.6 million in money and other assets.

The Fusion Center is a multi agency, information sharing environment that is intended to provide up to the minute intelligence and information to all area law enforcement agencies. Noteworthy accomplishments in 2011 included certifications by the Department of Homeland Security to be “at least as comprehensive” as the Information Sharing Environment (ISE) privacy guidelines and by the State of Texas as a Category 2 recognized Fusion Center, the latter of which allows continued eligibility for Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) grant program funds.
Special Teams

The El Paso Bomb Squad responded to approximately 34 calls for service during 2011. To assist in effective responses, a new bomb response vehicle was purchased. Additionally, the Bomb Squad oversaw the completion of a new bomb magazine, which is an essential piece of storage equipment as it houses the team’s explosives in a safe and proper manner.

The Crisis Management Team responded to, or assisted with, 14 calls for service ranging from barricaded suicidal subjects to providing the El Paso SWAT Team with negotiation capability during high risk warrant service. During 2011, the Crisis Management Team provided the departmental training on Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, a disorder that not only affects soldiers but victims of crime.

In 2011, SWAT responded to approximately 13 calls for service ranging from barricaded subject(s) with weapons to high risk warrant execution. SWAT personnel also provided instruction for the EPPD’s Citizens’ Academy as well as additional training to non-law enforcement personnel such as the City Hall and Municipal Court guards. This training assisted employees to better respond and mitigate critical incidents. They also provided training to over 800 sworn personnel on the urban patrol rifle.

In conjunction with the Texas Tactical Police Officers Association (TTPOA), the El Paso SWAT Team hosted a 70 hour Basic SWAT School which provided training to area tactical team members. Tactical officers from area agencies such as the US Customs and Border Protection, New Mexico State Police, and Sheriff’s Deputies from counties in New Mexico and El Paso attended.

Combined Search and Rescue

Using a Multi-Agency Combined Search and Rescue Team (ComSAR), the El Paso Fire Medical Services provided the El Paso community with Search and Rescue Operations. This year, the ComSAR team was able to purchase new tactical vests and backpacks, rescue ropes, harnesses, radio headsets, and other gear crucial to climbing and rappelling. This critical equipment is necessary to properly and safely conduct rescue operations and mitigate incidents such as basic or high angel rescue, tramway rescues, rappelling and climber rescues along with confined space rescues.

ComSAR also conducted joint training sessions with the El Paso Fire Department and the Vinton Fire Department. Four members were trained and certified in the Advanced Rope Techniques that include rappelling rescues and tower rescues. These skills were highly useful during the three mountain rescues performed in 2011.

ComSAR also participated in the annual Cops on Top hosted in the Guadalupe Mountains. The event is held for the memory of all fallen officers in Texas that made the ultimate sacrifice. During the event, participants hiked to the highest part of the mountain where they represented the El Paso Police Department with dignity and professionalism.
Human Resources—Recruitment & Backgrounds

In 2011, the Recruitment and Backgrounds section of the Human Resources Division received and processed 1,281 Police Trainee applications. Fifty-two of the applicants were selected and began the 114th Academy Class in July. As a continuous process throughout the year, recruitment activities, exams, and background checks continue for prospective recruits for the future 115th and 116th classes.

Recruitment ventures also fared well. Focused effort and attendance were made at female associated events such as the SISD Mother Daughter Conference in January, Ft. Bliss ADA Brigade Women’s Symposium in February, and participation in the Women Vets Career Fair in June. Regular recruitment events included public, as well as private, higher education institutions, EPCC, local high schools, job fairs, and the Amigo Air Show.

To more effectively identify appropriate and prepared future police officers, the section developed and integrated several new segments in the recruitment and hiring programs. In January, the Job Simulation Test was implemented as a required component for passing the Police applicant selection process. The Job Simulation test replaced the former physical fitness test. As it more accurately resembles the actual physical demands of law enforcement.

The personality assessment, Law Enforcement Applicant Inventory (LEAI), was also integrated this year as an additional tool to assist the Department in selecting top applicants. Factors measured by the LEAI are honesty, non-violence, drug avoidance, safety, stress tolerance, and risk avoidance.

To best provide recruit applicants with insight into the actual unyielding physical and academic demands of the Police Academy, the Academy Preview Day was created. Applicants who successfully pass the interview board and accept a conditional offer of employment are invited to participate in a day of Police trainee activities at the Academy.
Special Services Division

The Special Services Division, whose primary function is to support the efforts of patrol, is comprised of the following units:

- Driving while Intoxicated Task Force (DWITF)
- Special Traffic Investigations (STI)
- Traffic Grants
- Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA)
- Canine
- Taxi Detail
- Freeway Enforcement
- Red Light Camera Program
- Air Port

The K-9 Unit became fully staffed in 2011 after the purchase of 5 stunning new canines. The canines, along with their handlers, successfully completed a grueling 21 week training program. Upon completion, the K9 teams were certified through the National Narcotics Drug Detection Association. The K9 teams are available to be deployed to each Regional Command and are eager to assist with narcotics searches, building searches, and human tracking.

It was a busy year for the Taxi Detail unit in 2011. The unit is responsible for overseeing the daily operations of taxi cabs, limousines, and other vehicles for hire. Their primary job is to create effective and efficient transportation systems for the community and visitors to the El Paso/Juarez area. In 2011 alone, the Taxi Detail unity conducted over 16,000 vehicles for hire inspections.

Freeway enforcement motorcycle officers put their stamina and equipment to test by participating in the annual 9/11 Memorial held in New York City. The Officers, equipped with their Kawasaki Concours police bikes in tow, drove nearly 1500 miles to Virginia. Once there, they were met by close to 2300 civilians and 160 other police motorcyclists. Together, the Officers rode to the Flight 93 site, the Pentagon, and eventually found their way to New York City to commemorate those who lost their lives in the terrible tragedy. The Freeway Enforcement unit’s primary responsibility is to reduce accidents on the El Paso Freeways.

The El Paso International Airport conducted their triennial exercises in 2011. The exercises, which had participation from the El Paso Fire Department, the American Red Cross, the Transportation and Safety Administration, the Medical Examiner’s Office, the Center for Disease Control, the Office of Emergency Management and representatives from area hospitals and each of the airlines, are designed to establish and solidify an appropriate response and evacuation in the event of a downed airliner. This year, the use of the WebEOC program provided participants the ability to communicate in real time via the internet.
Good Job

El Paso Police Explorer Program did well in the 22nd Annual Texas State Explorer Competition in Fort Worth Texas. The 18 El Paso Police Explorers finished 1st place in Misdemeanor Traffic Stops, 3rd place in Bomb threats, and 3rd place in Domestic Violence. The teens and their proud mentors will be continuing on to nationals.

Weird Happenings

Early morning on May 10th, calls were received about a furry menace prowling the downtown area. A mountain lion was spotted by citizens as it took a morning jaunt through a school yard and several area business and neighborhoods. Two attempts were made to tranquilize it, but they were unsuccessful. Finally, the wild roamer was put down by an EPPD Officer and another agent from the Texas Alcohol and Beverage Commission as it attempted to escape a safety perimeter designed to keep citizens out of harm’s way.

On December 29th, officers from CRCC were investigating a water leak that was causing flooding in the Central area. An officer, who had parked his vehicle at Rusk and Pecos was surprised when his vehicle started moving from a sink hole opening beneath the vehicle. The vehicle sustained some minor front end and water damage, but the Officer was able to evacuate the vehicle without injury.
The Story of Courage Resonates Past Its Presence
OFFICER OF THE YEAR
Officer Nicolas Chavez Jr

FTO OF THE YEAR
Officer Roberto Azar

DETECTIVE OF THE YEAR
Detective Oscar O. Morales

SUPERVISOR OF THE YEAR
Sergeant Jesus J. Pena

COMMUNITY POLICING AWARD
Officer Slade W. Davis

UNIT OF THE YEAR
Mission Valley Regional Command
Special Operations

CIVILIAN OF THE YEAR
Leslie Canada

CIVILIAN UNIT OF THE YEAR
Telephone Reporting Unit

MEDAL OF VALOR
PURPLE HEART
Officer Paul McDowell

LIFESAVING AWARD
Officer Juan Campos
Officer Arturo Flores
Officer Amy Flores
Officer Gabriel Candia
Officer Ruben Rivas Jr
Sergeant Chris Jones
Sergeant Eric W. Watts
Officer Oscar A. Mendez
Officer Maria D. Robles
Officer Scott Wilkins
Officer Kevin Kinnaman
Officer Joel Martinez
Officer Arturo Pena
Detective
Ivan Silva
Lucas Cervantes
Carol Garcia
Norman Montion
Luis Soto
Adrian Estrada
Jose Gardea
David Bazan
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Sergeant
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Salvador Armendariz
Gabriel Peralta
Tanya Shields
Robert Ferniza
Jaime Esparza
Olga Juarez

Lieutenant
Reginald K. Moton
Warren C. Olsen
Ruben Guzman
El Paso
251 Square Miles

Population*
778,211

Police Regional Command Areas
5

Sworn Personnel
1,043

Civilian Personnel
221

Dispatched Events
437,203

Police Department General Fund Budget
$107,934,125

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