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City of El Paso Named Second Safest City in America

EL PASO, Texas – The City of El Paso is pleased to announce that El Paso came out as the second safest city in a “50 Safest Metro Cities in America – 2017” report published by SafeWise.

“We are proud to be recognized as the second safest city in the country. It’s a testament to the excellent work by our police department and first responders. We must support their efforts,” said City of El Paso Mayor Dee Margo.

To compile the report that was released August 14, SafeWise used the most recent FBI crime data from 2015 to analyze and rank cities that have a population greater than 300,000 residents. New York City came out on top as the safest city.

According to SafeWise, the rankings are based on an aggregation of violent crime and property crime. Both property and violent crime were equally weighted and city ranking was determined by the per capita rate of crime. SafeWise also evaluated overall improvement in crime rates from previous years.

In part, the site states, “Because El Paso is a border town, its low crime rate may surprise you, but it shouldn’t. Officials say that this community is made stronger by the hard-working ambition of immigrant families and individuals who make border towns their home.”

“This recognition clearly reflects that our police safety initiatives are working well for our diverse community. We will continue our 10 year staffing plan of 300 new officers so we can continue to lead our country in public safety,” said El Paso City Manager Tommy Gonzalez.

SafeWise is a home-security and safety brand committed to increasing safety education, awareness and preparedness in American communities. SafeWise has been recognized by The Huffington Post, AngiesList, Mashable and Homes.com for their home security-brand comparisons and safest-cities reports.

The complete list of the “50 Safest Metro Cities in America – 2017” is available online at <https://www.safewise.com/blog/safest-metro-cities/>