

***EL PASO POLICE  
DEPARTMENT***



***2009  
ANNUAL REPORT***

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## CHIEF'S MESSAGE

The work of a police officer, to those who choose to serve his or her community as one, is more than just a job. The dedication of the members of this department have allowed us to meet the constantly evolving difficulties of keeping a city the size of El Paso safe for its citizens, businesses and visitors, along with the added uniqueness of being a city located on an international border. With that in mind I am pleased to present the 2009 El Paso

Police Department (EPPD) Annual Report. The challenges for the Department in 2009 included economics, personnel, border issues, increase of population, and Fort Bliss expansion. With the economy remaining static, the Department reacted responsibly by reducing

expenses when and where possible while also turning to other resources such as grants, to aid in the purchase of needed equipment.

With the ongoing expansion of Fort Bliss coupled with natural population growth as El Paso develops and further stretches geographically outward, the Department continues to successfully and effectively fight crime with problem-solving, available technology and community partnerships to reduce crime and serve the citizens of El Paso.

The continued violence in Ciudad Juarez, Mexico is constantly monitored and the Department as a whole reviews readiness plans to deal with any possible spillover effects. During the year the City experienced minimal influence of crossover violence most notably in the crimes of homicide, kidnapping and aggravated assault.

The continued emphasis on proactive crime fighting has allowed El Paso to reclaim the title of Second Safest City in the nation for a city with a population of over 500,000 as reported by *CQ Press*. This exceptional achievement primarily comes from the outstanding hard work and selfless effort each day by the men and women of the Department. I do not overlook the necessary and appreciated contributions of the volunteers, the law abiding citizens of El Paso and the City leadership. We all need to look after the safety interests of this city and each other.

“The police are the public and the public are the police; the police being only members of the public who are paid to give full time attention to duties which are incumbent on every citizen in the interests of community welfare and existence.”

— *Sir Robert Peel, British Prime Minister (1788-1850)*

As we head into the second decade of this millennium the El Paso Police Department will strive to become a leader in crime fighting as we open and expand the Department's Intelligence Fusion Center (Multi-Agency Tactical Region Intelligence eXchange or M.A.T.R.I.X.) and continually seek to develop and learn those methods which will most effectively reduce crime, as opposed to controlling crime. The expanded training opportunities we have for the officers and specialists will continue as we seek to maintain high standards of knowledge in all areas of police work.

As a fellow resident of this culturally diverse, dynamic and forward-looking city, I am honored to serve El Paso as the leader of a police department of great professionalism and determination where we take to heart the words:

*“to protect and serve”.*

Gregory K. Allen  
Chief of Police

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(Effective November 01, 2009)



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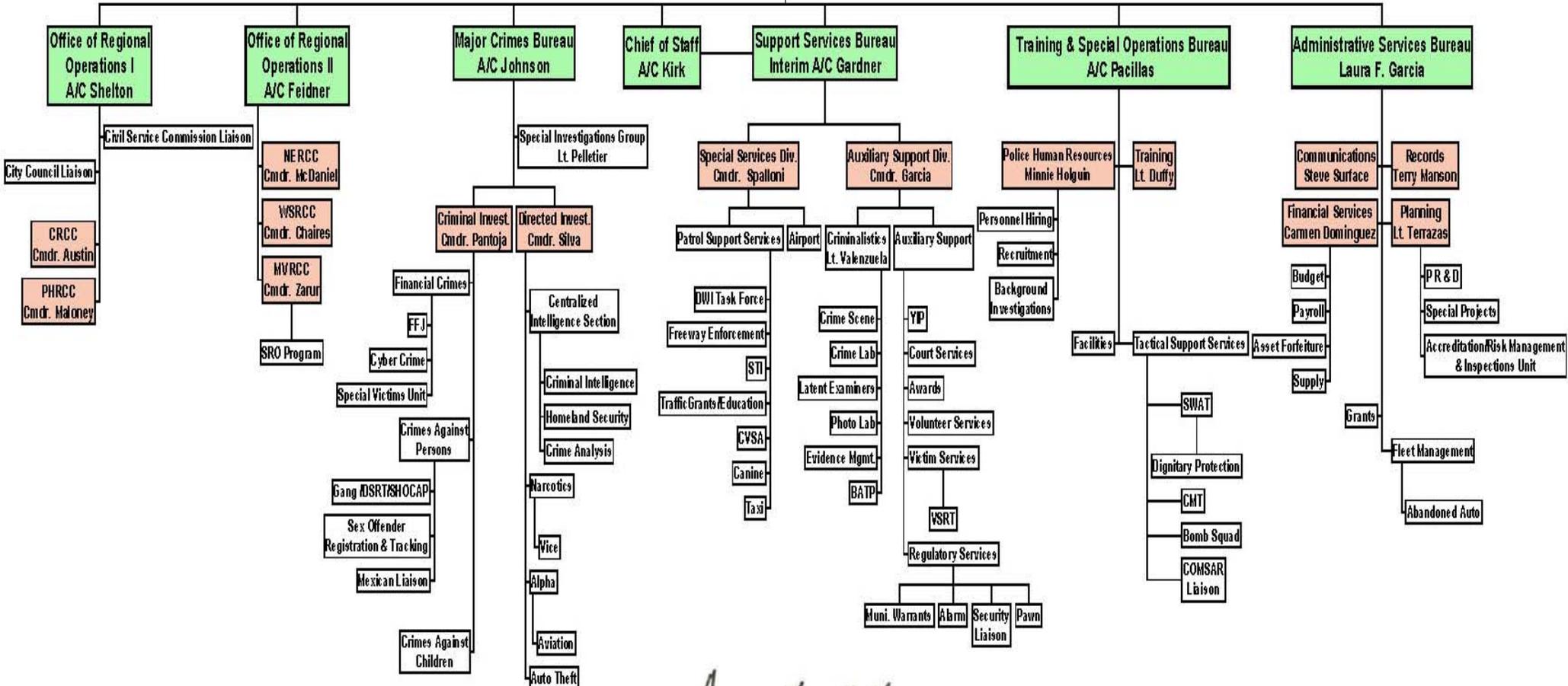
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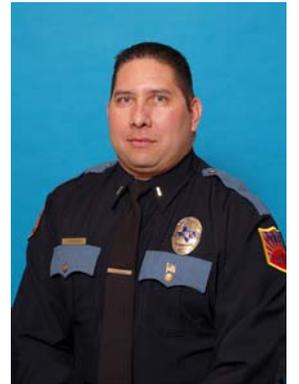
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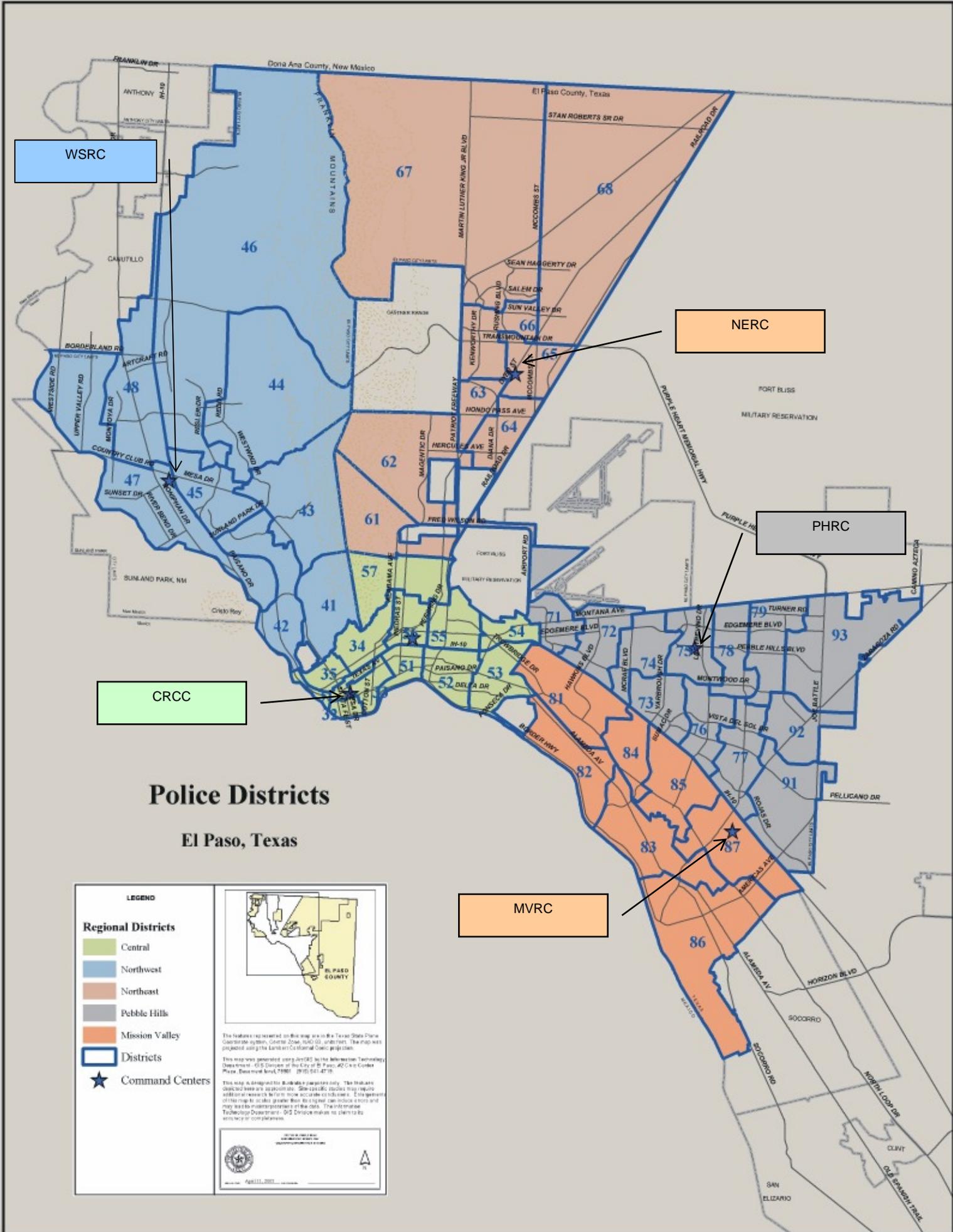
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# Police Districts

## El Paso, Texas

- LEGEND**
- Regional Districts**
- Central
  - Northwest
  - Northeast
  - Pebble Hills
  - Mission Valley
  - Districts
  - Command Centers

The features represented on this map are in the Texas State Plane Coordinate system, Central Zone, NAD 83, units feet. The map was projected using the Lambert Conformal Conic projection.

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April 11, 2017

WSRC

NERC

PHRC

CRCC

MVRC

# PART 1 CRIME AND INDEX CRIME STATISTICS

PART 1 CRIMES	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
MURDER	20	14	21	11	14	13	17	17	12
MANSLAUGHTER	1	3	1	0	0	1	0	0	1
SEXUAL ASSAULT	203	221	219	201	286	304	260	181	182
ASSAULT	14,760	14,666	13,222	12,308	11,560	11,248	11,408	11,042	10,916
ROBBERY	775	575	581	570	448	503	472	456	452
BURGLARY	2,553	2,221	2,185	2,304	2,127	2,212	2,149	2,079	1,991
LARCENY/THEFT	22,039	18,887	17,735	16,702	14,662	14,808	14,526	14,870	14,647
MOTOR VEH. THEFT	1,836	1,998	1,860	1,840	2,580	3,552	3,049	2,753	1,890
TOTALS	42,187	38,585	35,824	33,936	31,677	32,641	31,881	31,398	30,091

%INCREASE OR (DECREASE)		-8.5%	-7.2%	-5.3%	-6.7%	3.0%	-2.3%	-1.5%	-4.2%
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AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	3,388	3,028	2,681	2,460	1,854	1,606	1,827	2,171	2,184
BURGLARY	2,553	2,221	2,185	2,304	2,127	2,212	2,149	2,079	1,991
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TOTALS	30,814	26,944	25,282	24,088	21,971	22,998	22,300	22,527	21,358

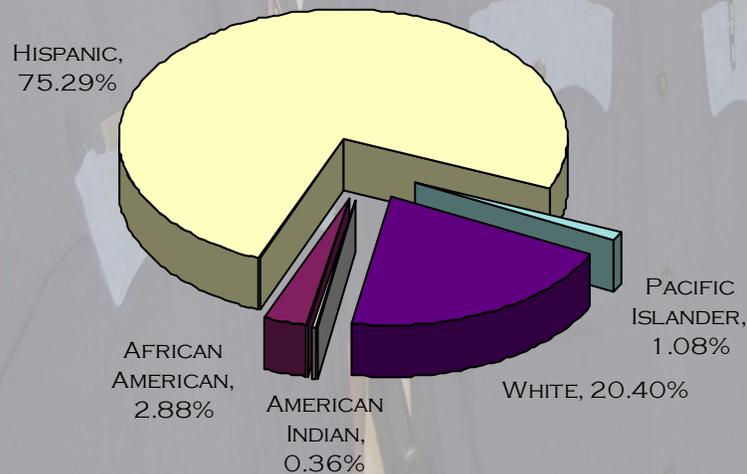
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# DEPARTMENT STAFFING

	CHIEF	ASSISTANT CHIEF	COMMANDER	LIEUTENANT	SERGEANT	DETECTIVE	OFFICER	TOTAL
AUTHORIZED	1	5	9	38	126	175	994	1,348
ACTUAL	1	5	9	38	126	166	768	1,113
VACANCIES	0	0	0	0	0	9	226	235

RANK	FEMALE	MALE	TOTAL
CHIEF	0	1	1
ASSISTANT CHIEF	1	4	5
COMMANDER	1	8	9
LIEUTENANT	5	33	38
SERGEANT	10	116	126
DETECTIVE	34	132	166
OFFICER	79	689	768
TOTAL	130	983	1113
PERCENTAGES	11.7%	88.3%	100.0%

## EPPD ETHNIC BREAKDOWN



# ***ATTRITION AND YEARS OF SERVICE***

## **ATTRITION**

REASON	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
DECEASED	0	0	3	1	1
RESIGNED	38	47	44	26	17
RETIRED	46	37	31	26	29
TERMINATED	4	5	1	0	1
MEDICAL	4	0	0	0	0
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>48</b>
<b>ATTRITION RATE</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>4%</b>

## **YEARS OF SERVICE**

YEARS OF SERVICE	1-5	6-10	11-15	16-20	21-25	26-30	31-35	36+
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>293</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>1</b>

BEFORE YOU STAND  
**THE CITY OF EL PASO**  
 IN THE VALLEY OF THE RIO GRANDE  
 AND ACROSS IN  
**CIUDAD JUAREZ, MEXICO**  
 IS THE FAR RIGHT IS THE RIVERS' SOUTHERN BANK  
 THROUGH THE FAMED PASS OF THE NORTH FROM WHICH  
 EL PASO TAKED ITS NAME



APRIL 23 1962

# ***CENTRAL REGIONAL COMMAND***

The year 2009 has come to an end and the great men and women of Central Regional Command (CRC) have worked tirelessly at crime reduction and creating new community partnerships. During 2009, the officers of CRCC reduced Part I offenses to minus 7% from the year 2008. The Community Services Section worked hand-in-hand with citizens to actively participate in 66 neighborhood watch programs. CRC borders with Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, a city that has seen a major increase in violent crimes. However, due to the diligence and hard work of our officers the region has seen little residual overflow of crime, therefore assisting other regions in attaining the second safest city in the nation ranking for the City of El Paso.

Annually, CRC has been involved with the majority of large events for our city. During the year, officers of CRC secured the Thanksgiving Day Parade, El Paso Marathon, Lighting of the Christmas Tree Parade and the Veterans Day Parade. We have worked with the city for the second year of Weed and Seed funding under the Chamizal Revitalization Project. This joint cooperation has shown to be a positive step in crime reduction and addressing quality of life issues. Through this project, we are working toward developing a location that can be used to station officers. This collaboration will help build trust and community relationships with the citizens of the area.

Other events that are close to the heart of CRC officers are Scenic Sundays and Music Under the Stars. Scenic Sundays is an event where Scenic Drive is closed off to traffic to allow people to get exercise by walking a picturesque road along the mountain. The view from Scenic drive is nothing short of breath taking as one can see two countries and two cities without the use of binoculars. CRC is also involved in providing a safe environment for families that attend the Music Under the Stars series, an annual summer event of musical performances representing a variety of eras that draws over 20,000 attendees to each of the various performances.

CRC is the home to the City's only Honor and Color Guard. In addition to their regular duties, this highly regimented unit of officers has assisted with many different details ranging from funerals and memorials to conferences and banquets.

The CRC Bike Unit had the privilege of training over 50 bike officers from the four other police regions. Due to constraints of vehicle patrol, the use of bikes allows our officers to have closer contact with our citizens. The utilization of the bicycle as a patrol tool has shown to be economical and efficient in highly congested areas as well as providing a stealth approach toward criminal activity.

Officers of CRC look forward to the challenges of the new year. We will continue to find innovative ways to build on community involvement to fight crime. These initiatives will help address quality of life issues making the Central Regional Command area a safe and enjoyable place for everyone.

# ***MISSION VALLEY REGIONAL COMMAND***

The Mission Valley Regional Command (MVRC) had a successful year in 2009, having impressively ended the year with a remarkable 2.33% reduction in crime. One successful initiative was evident throughout the year as MVRC supervisors held shift meetings at various locations and shopping centers in the area to show increased police presence. Area residents responded positively with the notable police presence and were appreciative of the efforts to curtail crime in the region. Other initiatives focused on crime trends such as burglaries of habitation, burglaries of vehicle, beer run thefts, and DWI enforcement, to name a few.

The EPPD's Police Explorer Program is comprised of teens with an interest in law enforcement and police officers. The explorers are taught basic skills from report writing to traffic stops as well as how to solve crimes. During the summer months, the MVRC officers, in conjunction with the El Paso Sheriff's Department and the U.S. Border Patrol, successfully held a Police Explorers training and competition. This event helped train and prepare police explorers to compete at state level events which, in 2009, resulted in national recognition with first, second and third prize trophies. The Mission Valley's police explorers have continuously assisted officers with distributing Help End Auto Theft (H.E.A.T.) Drive and Anti-Auto Theft brochures, and were highly instrumental with 2009's Battle of the Badges blood drive for United Blood Services, a friendly "competition" between the EPPD and El Paso Fire Department.

Later in the year, MVRC initiated 2009's Pride Day with a kick off event on Friday, October 17, 2009. PAR Officers and police explorers grilled hamburgers and hotdogs for guests and assisted the following day with Pride Day Cleanups. MVRC also had a successful Texans Against Crime Night Out, with several locations hosting the events. The Mission Valley proudly boasts 72 active Neighborhood Watch Programs and has 18 active Citizens Advisory Board members to assist with our commitment to the community policing philosophy in addressing crime in our region.

MVRC's Criminal Investigations Division (CID), with support from the El Paso Police Foundation, was able to obtain additional equipment with updated technology to assist in crime prevention efforts for all the El Paso Police Department's Regional Command Centers. Further, in efforts to prevent and take a proactive approach to combating crime, CID supervisors and personnel met with the different shifts for information sharing purposes and utilized the Focus File to target repeat offenders within the Mission Valley area. CID personnel also met with area elementary and middle schools to reach youth and relate to them on a more positive and personal level.

In ending the year, the MVRC proudly sponsored a Christmas Giving Tree supported by our officers and civilians, as well as some area businesses, to provide gifts to over one hundred needy children from the Mission Valley area schools. All of us here at the Mission Valley Regional Command are proud to serve our community and look forward to making a difference in 2010.

# ***NORTHEAST REGIONAL COMMAND***

The Northeast Regional Command (NERC) proudly serves a population of approximately 124,380 citizens within a 65.7 square mile area. One of the more ethnically diverse areas of town, its geographic area is comprised of eight policing districts and traverses Van Buren Street north to the New Mexico state line, east to Airport Road, and west to the Franklin Mountains. The NERC staffing consists of a total of 143 sworn officers and 5 civilian employees.

Crime reduction was the main focus of 2009. Through bold management directives and aggressive enforcement by all personnel, the crime rate dropped significantly by the end of the year. The overall Part 1 Crime rate for 2008 increased 5 % at the end of the year. By the end of 2009, our officers were able to lower the overall crime rate to minus 7%, a very significant drop. Regional decreases in rates were attained in the following reportable crime categories: Robbery by 27%, Auto Theft by 28%, Burglary of Vehicle by 4%, Burglary of Habitation/Business by 1%, Larcenies by 10% and Assaults by 3%.

Such crime reductions were due to implementation of a number of pro-active operations targeting the Angels Triangle, a high crime rate area. The NERC also used officers on bike patrol around businesses and in parks, along with crime surge operations targeting specific crimes such as beer runs and burglaries, and Community Programs, such as the Lower Dyer Revitalization Program and Crime Awareness Initiatives.

The NERC area has seen an increase in population and housing/apartment development due to the increase in military presence at Ft. Bliss as a result of the U.S. Army Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC). A projected total of 70,000 soldiers and dependents are expected to move into the area by the year 2012. The Northeast Regional Command's area is one of the fastest growing areas of El Paso, with much more growth on the horizon.

The endeavors, initiatives, and actions by all NERC personnel during 2009 contributed in making El Paso the second safest large city in the U.S. We look forward to working with our community partners to make the Northeast Region a safe, enjoyable and great place to visit, live and work.

# *PEBBLE HILLS REGIONAL COMMAND*

The Pebble Hills Regional Command (PHRC) was established in March 1994 and is responsible for providing services to approximately 212,000 people in a geographic area of 58 square miles on El Paso's eastside. The region includes the area from Robert E. Lee Street to the eastern city limits, and north of Interstate 10 to the city limits. The far eastside continues to experience rapid growth with more residential and business areas continuously under development. Despite the additional demands and increased load, the PHRC staff continues to perform extremely well.

After reducing Part I crime by 2% in 2008, the PHRC followed up with a regional 5% reduction in 2009. This significant reduction was achieved with a combination of enforcement and prevention efforts. For example, during the first part of 2009, fitness centers in the PHRC area were experiencing thefts of their customers' property from lockers. PHRC met with fitness center managers and developed a strategy to address the thefts. Public awareness was increased through media releases and the use of E-force, a newsletter sent out via e-mail. Cooperation and communication significantly increased and eventually resulted in arrests being made. The combined efforts resulted in the trend being halted.

The expanding population of the eastside continues to result in increasing traffic problems. The PHRC increased traffic enforcement by 16%. Frequent DWI operations were conducted, as well as operations targeting high accident and high traffic locations. The PHRC continues to work closely with traffic engineering to ensure the necessary traffic controls are in place.

The PHRC staff continued to emphasize community involvement in 2009. By the end of 2009, PHRC officers worked with 103 Neighborhood Watch Programs, an increase of 7% from 2008. The Neighborhood Relations Section conducted monthly H.E.A.T. drives at area businesses and distributed information on crime prevention. The PHRC Citizens' Advisory Board continues to be strong, having gained seven new members in 2009, for a total of 21 members at the end of the year.

PHRC personnel are committed to providing high quality service to the citizens of El Paso. We look forward to working in partnership with the community in 2010 to make El Paso the nation's safest city.

# ***WESTSIDE REGIONAL COMMAND***

The Westside Regional Command (WSRC) covers approximately 75 square miles, the largest land area of all five regional commands. WSRC is staffed with over 125 sworn officers, civilians and volunteers who strive to provide the safest possible environment for its citizens. Officers had to be creative in their ways to solve and prevent crime. WSRC revitalized the bike patrol unit, initiated abatement action against property with high crime, and restructured the investigations sections in order to reduce crime from initial high levels.

WSRC implemented a certified bike unit that quickly became an integral part of daily patrol operations by supplementing traditional vehicular patrol with an alternative policing mode to provide stealth, increased mobility, and approachability for the community. The bike unit was responsible for numerous arrests involving narcotics and was a strong crime deterrent in various areas throughout the region. Currently, WSRC has over ten certified bike officers who can be deployed as needed on a 24/7 basis.

Officers assigned as Police Area Representatives (PAR) noted major clusters of crime patterns concentrated in a specific area of the westside. These patterns extended over a long time period and included crimes such prostitution and assault, as well as drug and gang activity. This area placed our community at risk and our highly motivated officers initiated actions focusing on the abatement of a significantly problematic location through the Texas Attorney General's Office. Several city agencies such as the Fire Marshal's Office, the Health Department, and Code Enforcement personnel assisted in a combined effort that eventually led to the permanent closure of the problem establishment. Without the efforts of these dedicated officers, this establishment could have continued to operate bringing additional crimes to the Westside.

In other areas, WSRC battled with an increase in burglaries of vehicle during 2009. A new approach to solve this type of crime was initiated that teamed Tactical (TAC) officers with Criminal Investigations Division (CID) detectives to identify and arrest those responsible. In addition, the teams recognized new patterns in the modus operandi of incidents including the age of offender and the ability to communicate between various criminal gangs by cellular phone or the internet. To counter this trend, WSRC Units tailored information sharing among all officers, successfully reducing Part 1 crime.

The Westside Regional Command personnel are proud of their service and accomplishments in 2009. The officers of the command are committed to the reduction of crime and reducing the fear that crime has on its community.

# ***CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION***

The Criminal Investigations Division (CID) of the El Paso Police Department is under the command of the Major Crimes Bureau and consists of Crimes Against Persons (CAP), Crimes Against Children (CAC), and the Financial Crimes Unit (FCU). CID is responsible for conducting investigations of major crimes committed against people and property.

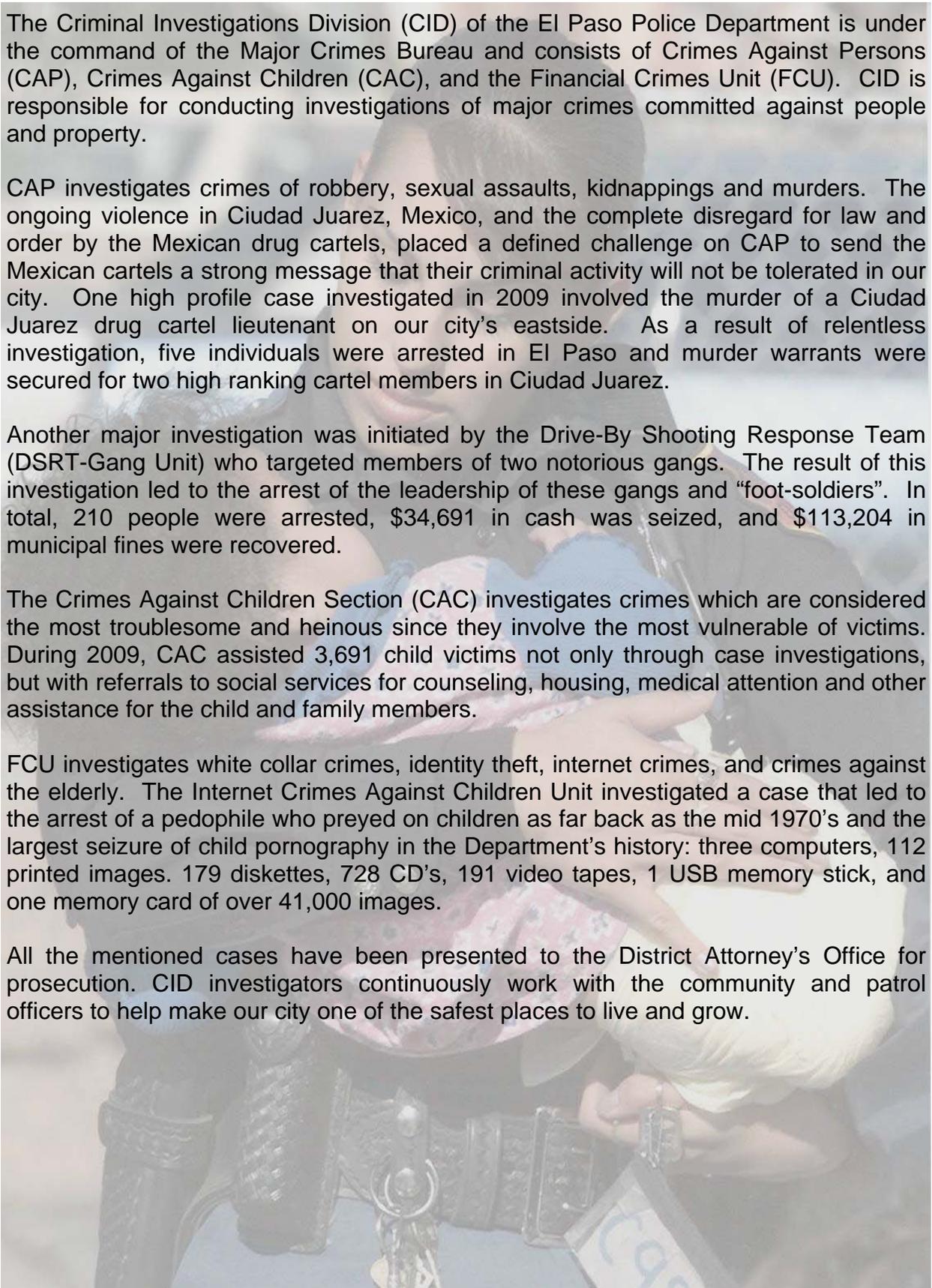
CAP investigates crimes of robbery, sexual assaults, kidnappings and murders. The ongoing violence in Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, and the complete disregard for law and order by the Mexican drug cartels, placed a defined challenge on CAP to send the Mexican cartels a strong message that their criminal activity will not be tolerated in our city. One high profile case investigated in 2009 involved the murder of a Ciudad Juarez drug cartel lieutenant on our city's eastside. As a result of relentless investigation, five individuals were arrested in El Paso and murder warrants were secured for two high ranking cartel members in Ciudad Juarez.

Another major investigation was initiated by the Drive-By Shooting Response Team (DSRT-Gang Unit) who targeted members of two notorious gangs. The result of this investigation led to the arrest of the leadership of these gangs and "foot-soldiers". In total, 210 people were arrested, \$34,691 in cash was seized, and \$113,204 in municipal fines were recovered.

The Crimes Against Children Section (CAC) investigates crimes which are considered the most troublesome and heinous since they involve the most vulnerable of victims. During 2009, CAC assisted 3,691 child victims not only through case investigations, but with referrals to social services for counseling, housing, medical attention and other assistance for the child and family members.

FCU investigates white collar crimes, identity theft, internet crimes, and crimes against the elderly. The Internet Crimes Against Children Unit investigated a case that led to the arrest of a pedophile who preyed on children as far back as the mid 1970's and the largest seizure of child pornography in the Department's history: three computers, 112 printed images, 179 diskettes, 728 CD's, 191 video tapes, 1 USB memory stick, and one memory card of over 41,000 images.

All the mentioned cases have been presented to the District Attorney's Office for prosecution. CID investigators continuously work with the community and patrol officers to help make our city one of the safest places to live and grow.



# ***DIRECTED INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION***

The Directed Investigations Division (DID) is comprised of the Auto Theft Task Force Unit (ATTF), the Narcotics/Vice Section, the Alpha Section, Homeland Security Unit, the Intelligence Section and the newly created Fusion Center. This unique and diversified group provides investigative support to the regional command centers and other area law enforcement agencies.

ATTF reduced auto thefts in 2009 by a remarkable 32%. This reduction came through the team's relentless use of undercover surveillance, bait vehicles, license plate readers, pole cameras, public education and awareness campaigns, H.E.A.T. drives, salvage inspections and good old fashioned police work. The team also spent countless hours conducting southbound international bridge operations and worked closely with all area insurance agencies to assist in vehicle recoveries that occur in Mexico. The unit made 190 arrests and recovered 844 vehicles.

The Narcotics/Vice Section made 434 felony arrests, and seized 10,560 pounds of marijuana, 17,894.61 grams of cocaine and assets and money valued at over \$4 million. Seizures from one operation resulted in \$414,942 in currency, over \$2.7 million in residential and commercial property, and \$216,000 in vehicles.

The ALPHA Section is a unique undercover unit that focuses on the disruption and dismantling of major Drug Trafficking Organizations (DTO). This Section has successfully arrested 265 felons, and seized over 24,678 pounds of marijuana, over 495 pounds of cocaine, 11,388 units of ecstasy and over \$3 million in money and other assets.

Homeland Security is responsible for the safety and security of the El Paso community to include the inspections of critical infrastructures, the training and implementation of the Incident Command System (ICS) mandated by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, and the management of several U.S. Department of Homeland Security grants. One such grant enabled EPPD to purchase a new Special Weapons And Tactics (SWAT) tactical mobile unit, a new bomb detector unit, and Hazardous Materials (HAZMAT) safety gear for the entire department.

The Intelligence Section is designed to covertly develop information from a variety of sources that assist EPPD as well as external agencies in solving and/or preventing crime. In 2009, the unit assisted with 1,842 cases.

The newly developed Fusion Center, a multi-agency, information-sharing environment that provides up-to-the minute intelligence and information to all area law enforcement agencies, was launched January 19, 2010. Plans to expand and include personnel from additional agencies are underway.

# ***AUXILIARY SUPPORT UNIT***

The EPPD Volunteer Program was busy and productive throughout 2009. The Disabled Parking Enforcement (DPE) and Victim Services Response Team (VSRT) all combined forces with the Citizens' Academy in shared training sessions to cross-train both units. The Pawn Shop Unit experienced an increase in activity with more businesses becoming involved in pawn shop and secondhand property sales. To keep pace, technology was embraced to create electronic files, reports and queries. The Transfer Office also took advantage of technological improvements by transforming case file presentations into an electronic format saving paper, time and storage space.

## ***PATROL SUPPORT SERVICES***

Patrol Support Services continued efforts in traffic safety and traffic enforcement in 2009. For example, the Traffic Grants/Safe Communities Section received two grants: one to address Driving While Intoxicated (DWI) and speed enforcement, and the other to address underage drinking and motorcycle safety. Mandatory blood draw DWI operations, new red light camera technology, and a pedi-cab ordinance added to traffic safety improvements. The Special Traffic Investigators maintained a 100% conviction rate in cases that went to trial.

The Canine Unit has an additional narcotic and patrol dog instructor certified by the U.S. Border Patrol National Canine Facility. Canine continues its vigilance in narcotics detection and utility functions in support of patrol operations.

## ***CRIMINALISTICS UNIT***

The Criminalistics Unit assists the Crimes Against Persons Section in the investigation of murders committed within the City of El Paso. Using modern technology combined with knowledge and experience, the latent examiners positively identified a print on a cold case dating back to February 9, 1978. The positive identification led investigators to identify a person of interest and the case investigation continues. The Latent/Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS) Section received \$1.5 million in grants to upgrade the AFIS System, provide electronic fingerprint technology at all regions, and purchase over 100 mobile two-finger fast ID devices. The mobile two-finger fast ID devices will allow the officers to get positive identification on subjects without leaving the field.

## ***AIRPORT***

The El Paso International Airport improved the ability to respond to and successfully resolve major incidents through a tabletop training exercise. Participants in the exercise included the El Paso Police Department, the El Paso Fire Department, the American Red Cross, representatives from each of the airlines, and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security - Transportation Security Administration. Additional participants included personnel from Texas Tech Medical Center, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, area hospitals, the El Paso Office of Emergency Management, and the Medical Examiner's Office.

# ***SPECIAL TEAMS***

## ***COMBINED SEARCH AND RESCUE (COMSAR)***

El Paso Fire Medical Services is responsible for providing the El Paso community with search and rescue operations. Fire Medical Services accomplishes this task through a multi-agency team, ComSAR, consisting in part of EPPD officers and equipment.

In November of 2009, the ComSAR team received a donated all terrain vehicle from Gifts in Kind International through the El Paso Police Foundation. The vehicle is used to assist in search and rescue efforts by providing team members the ability to safely reach and extract individuals stranded or injured in the rugged mountainous region of El Paso County.



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## ***CRISIS MANAGEMENT TEAM (CMT)***

In 2009, CMT responded to or assisted with 21 calls for service. In addition to handling crisis negotiation duties, six members of CMT were sent to San Marcos, Texas in January to compete in the annual "Hostage Negotiations Competition". The competition was a three-day event that concluded with CMT placing third in the overall event.

In August, CMT, along with the assistance of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), conducted a week long "Basic Hostage Negotiations Course". Personnel from Hudspeth County Sheriff's Office, Dona Ana County Sheriff's Office, Military Police & CID, New Mexico State Police, Silver City Police Department, Las Cruces Police Department, and area constables attended and successfully completed the course.



## ***SWAT***



In 2009, SWAT responded to 19 calls for service ranging from barricaded subjects with weapons to high-risk warrant execution. In two of the more significant calls for service, SWAT assisted with joint operations involving the EPPD's Narcotics Section, the EPPD's DSRT, U.S. CBP and the FBI. These operations resulted in the apprehension of illegal gun dealers and narcotics traffickers, and halted the operation of a chop shop.

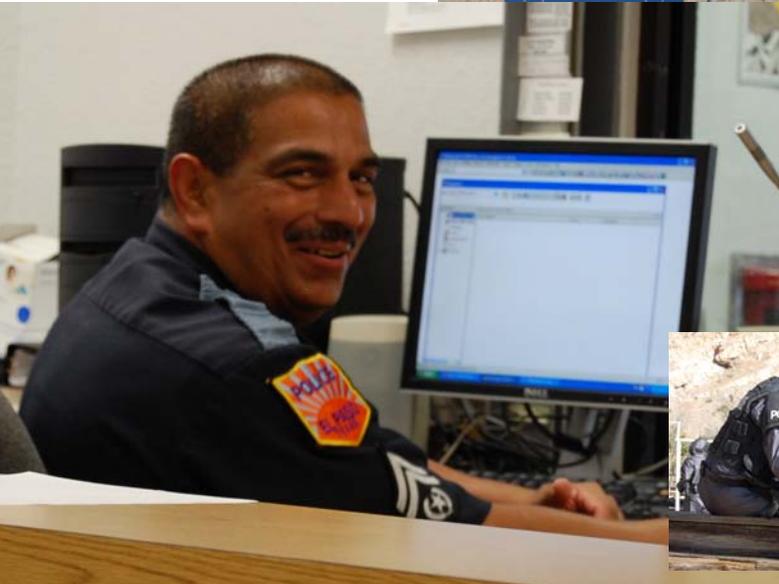
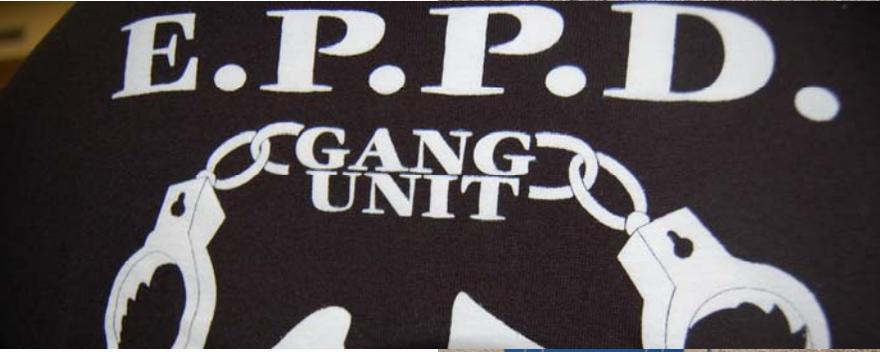
## ***BOMB SQUAD***

The EPPD's Bomb Squad has the responsibility of handling situations involving suspected bombs, explosives or hazardous devices. The Bomb Squad responded to approximately 36 calls for service during 2009.

In 2009, the Bomb Squad purchased additional and updated equipment to include bomb suits, an imaging system, dual lighting systems, an infrared camera, telescopic mirrors and a new mobile command vehicle. As a regional responder, the EPPD Bomb Squad is responsible for six counties encompassing 23,000 square miles. As a result, the bomb squad began training other regional first responders in basic bomb recognition and investigation. The training was conducted during June 2009 in Marfa, Texas and included participants from Brewster, Presidio, Jeff Davis and Culberson Counties. The training will enhance safety in surrounding counties by providing critical knowledge to first responders to safely mitigate incidents prior to the Bomb Squad's arrival.



Also in 2009, members of the EPPD Bomb Squad participated in a joint table top bomb threat exercise conducted by U.S. CBP that tested the reaction and resolution of incidents occurring at the international bridges. The exercise was deemed a success by all agencies involved and resulted in a combined professional and dedicated response.



## ***FORGET NOT THEIR SACRIFICE***

**THOMAS MODE**

**JULY 11, 1883**

**NEWTON STEWART**

**FEBRUARY 17, 1900**

**WILLIAM PASCHALL**

**DECEMBER 4, 1914**

**GUS CHITWOOD**

**FEBRUARY 13, 1915**

**SYDNEY J. BENSON**

**JUNE 28, 1917**

**JUAN N. GARCIA**

**FEBRUARY 1, 1918**

**OCTAVIANO PEREA**

**FEBRUARY 2, 1918**

**GEORGE F. DRAKE**

**SEPTEMBER 22, 1918**

**HARRY PHOENIX**

**JUNE 13, 1921**

**FRANK BURNS**

**APRIL 12, 1923**

**ENRIQUE RIVERA**

**NOVEMBER 25, 1923**

**JOHN J. COLEMAN**

**JULY 14, 1924**

**LYNN McCLINTOCK**

**OCTOBER 2, 1926**

**SCHYLER C. HOUSTON**

**OCTOBER 4, 1927**

**RALPH MARMOLEJO**

**MARCH 17, 1951**

**WARREN MITCHELL**

**MAY 16, 1953**

**GUILLERMO SANCHEZ**

**DECEMBER 14, 1957**

**ARTHUR LAVENDER**

**DECEMBER 16, 1966**

**ROGER HAMILTON**

**JUNE 21, 1970**

**GUY MYER, JR.**

**JULY 24, 1970**

**DAVID BANNISTER**

**JUNE 3, 1974**

**WAYNE CARREON**

**JUNE 27, 1980**

**CHARLES HEINRICH**

**MAY 3, 1983**

**NORMAN MONTION**

**OCTOBER 17, 1989**

**ERNESTO SERNA**

**NOVEMBER 12, 1991**

**ANDREW BARCENA**

**SEPTEMBER 25, 2004**

# ***DEPARTMENTAL AWARDS***

## **Medal of Valor**

*Assistant Chief Peter Pacillas  
Lieutenant Jonathan Terrazas  
Sergeant Jose Reveles  
Sergeant Robert Pratt  
Sergeant E. A. Quintanilla  
Sergeant Ken Law  
Sergeant Lawrence Lujan  
Sergeant Kevin Lanahan  
Sergeant David Cox  
Detective Rogelio Flores  
Detective Mario Flores  
Detective Sergio Lopez  
Detective Pedro Lozano  
Detective Miguel Vega  
Detective Carlos Contreras  
Detective John Cataldi  
Officer Jaime Payan  
Officer Andy Valenzuela  
Officer Robert Baeza  
Officer Steven Smith  
Officer Hector Cordova*

*Officer Bernardino Martinez  
Officer Jose Chairez  
Officer Jaime Castaneda  
Officer Robert Concha  
Officer John Steven Moore  
Officer Adrian Ruiz  
Officer Armando Molinar (Ret.)  
Officer Lawrence Portillo (Ret.)  
Officer Karl Myers (Ret.)  
Officer Brian Fuller (Ret.)  
Officer Yvette Soto (Ret.)  
Officer Johnny Ferrer (Ret.)  
Officer Victor Rodriguez (Ret.)  
Officer Steve Moreland (Ret.)  
Officer Jorge Garcia  
Officer Arnulfo O. Ojeda  
Officer Andres Guerra  
Officer Leovardo Tellez  
Officer Raul Melendez  
Officer Martin Cordova  
Detective John Schneider*

## **Purple Heart**

*Officer Jorge Garcia*

*Officer Andres Guerra*

*Officer Leovardo Tellez*

## **Lifesaving Award**

*Officer Frederick Gomez  
Officer Bradley Stelton  
Officer Jesse Sena  
Officer Jesus Melendez*

*Officer Luis Granillo  
Officer John P. Valles  
Officer Andrew Apodaca  
Officer Ramon Priego*

## **Community Policing Award**

*Officer Raul Hernandez*

## **Field Training Officer of the Year**

*Officer Orlando Diaz*

## **Officer of the Year**

*Officer Alejandro Navarro*

## **Unit of the Year**

*Northeast Regional Command - Evening Shift*

## **Detective of the Year**

*Detective Jose Villalobos*

## **Civilian of the Year**

*Ida Silva*

## **Supervisor of the Year**

*Sergeant Ken Law*

## **Civilian Unit of the Year**

*Records Division*

# ***RETIREMENTS***

**Sylvia Mercado - Administrative Assistant**

**Juan Ramos - Officer**

**Arturo Garay - Dispatch Shift Supervisor**

**Mary Kozak - Communications Manager**

**Francisco Enriquez - Officer**

**Luis Martinez - Sergeant**

**Felix Canales - Crime Analyst**

**Eric Gutierrez - Officer**

**Richard Silva - Public Safety Dispatcher**

**Ellwood Whitten - Lieutenant**

**Albert Chavez - Officer**

**Robert Holguin - Officer**

**Tracy Pace - Lieutenant**

**Carlos Carrillo - Detective**

**Arthur Datnoff - Training and Development  
Coordinator**

**Raul Medrano - Officer**

**Linda N. Olvera - Officer**

**Juan J. Aguilar - Detective**

**Armando Aguilar - Sergeant**

**Sylvia Garcia - Officer**

**Jesse R. Ramirez - Officer**

**Gonzalo Chavarria - Detective**

**Paul Jaso - Lieutenant**

**Gene Gwyn - Commander**

**Louis Saiz - Sergeant**

**Raymundo Acuna - Detective**

**Fernando Rojas - Sergeant**

**Francisco Solano - Property and Evidence  
Specialist**

**Guillermo Martinez - Detective**

**Jose Acuna, Jr. - Officer**

**Antonio Portillo, Jr. - Officer**

**Diana Bartlett - Public Safety Report Taker**

**Efrain Sianez - Detective**

**Elizabeth Villalobos - Secretary**

**Jaime Reyes - Detective**

**Jaime Rodriguez - Detective**

**Jesus Terrones - Detective**

**Daniel Lopez - Sergeant**

**Angel Ponce - Officer**

**Jeffery Haywood - Officer**

**Javier Martinez - Detective**

**Stefan Happ - Sergeant**

**In order of retirement from January to December 2009**

# ***2009 PROMOTIONS***

## **Assistant Chief**

**Peter Pacillas**

## **Commander**

**Zina Silva**

**Raymond Chaires**

## **Lieutenant**

**Juan Briones**

**Andrea Baca**

**Jorge Valenzuela**

**Jose L. Gomez**

**Tyler Grossman**

**Gabriel Lucero**

**Antonio Jimenez**

## **Sergeant**

**Susanne Davila**

**Jason Norman**

**Roberto Ramos**

**James R. Walaski**

**Joseph Garcia**

**Christopher Mears**

**Adrian Fonseca**

**Mary Ann Estrada**

**Roberto Cardenas**

**Eric W. Watts**

**Michael Garcia**

**Roberto Torres**

**Andrew Perez**

**Christopher Jones**

**Juan Valles**

**Luis Lara, Jr.**

## **Detective**

**Adrian Ontiveros**

**Laura Porter**

**German Ponce**

**Andres Sanchez**

**John Surface**

**Jaime Flores**

**Mike Vasquez**

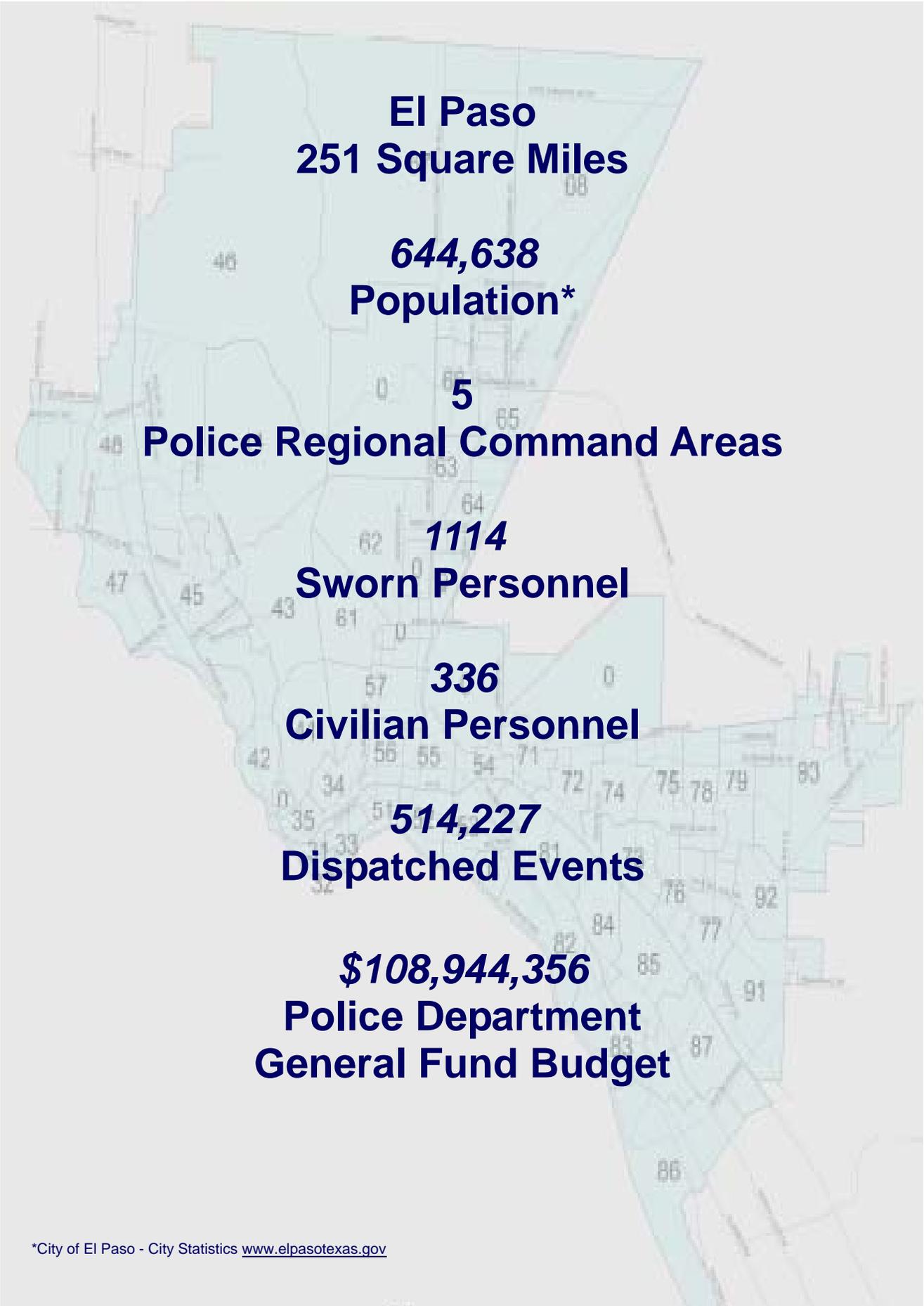
**Melody Westphal-Jordan**

**Alejandro Alvarez**

**Michael Baranyay**

# *2009*

## *BY THE NUMBERS*



**El Paso**  
**251 Square Miles**

**644,638**  
**Population\***

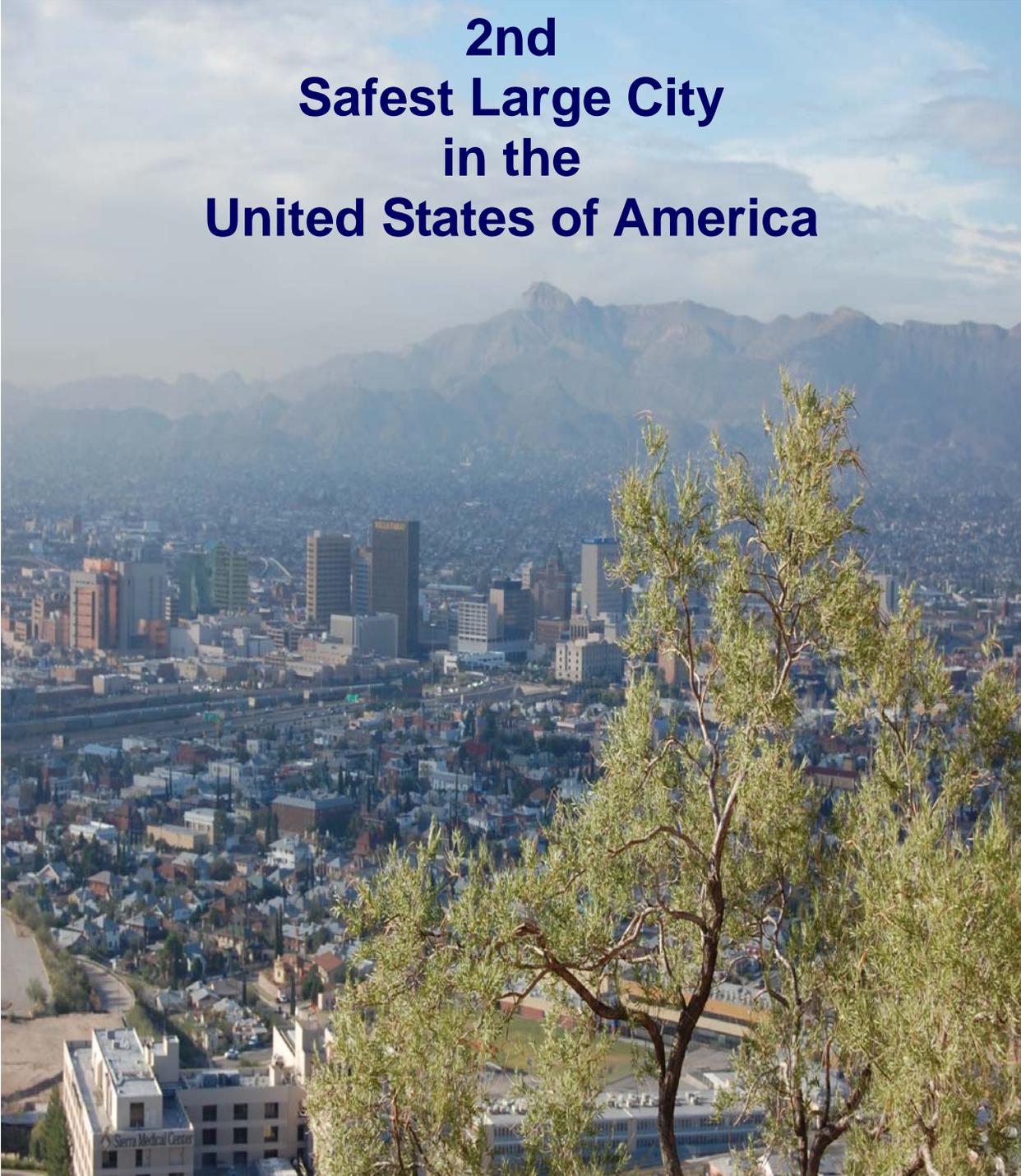
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**Police Regional Command Areas**

**1114**  
**Sworn Personnel**

**336**  
**Civilian Personnel**

**514,227**  
**Dispatched Events**

**\$108,944,356**  
**Police Department**  
**General Fund Budget**

An aerial photograph of El Paso, Texas, showing the city's skyline with several high-rise buildings, a river, and a large mountain range in the background under a blue sky with light clouds. A tree is visible in the foreground on the right side.

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