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EL PASO, TEXAS – THE SAFEST CITY IN THE UNITED STATES FOR CITIES OVER 500,000 IN POPULATION

El Paso, Texas – For the first time the City of El Paso has been named the City with the Lowest Crime Rate in the United States with a population of over 500,000 residents. El Paso Police Chief Greg Allen is proud to announce this ranking, which has just been released by CQ Press in their latest City Crime Rankings. The latest rating by CQ Press names El Paso as the 1st Safest City followed by Honolulu, HI as the 2nd Safest City and New York, NY as the 3rd Safest City in the United States. This rating, developed by CQ Press, compares cities with a population of more than 500,000 people. CQ Press is an independent research firm that conducts various safety studies of cities, metropolitan areas, and states. For background information, visit their website at <http://www.cqpress.com/gethome.asp>. Since 1997, El Paso has been ranked in the 2nd or 3rd spot of Safest Cities by this independent study. This is El Paso's first time in the top spot and other Texas cities in the top 10 are Austin at number 6 and Ft. Worth at number 10.

Chief Allen attributes this accomplishment to the community policing efforts and the many partnerships that the El Paso Police Department has developed with citizens, other law enforcement agencies, city departments, and various civic groups throughout El Paso. Additionally, this success could not have been accomplished without the hard work and dedication of each and every El Paso Police Department employee, sworn and civilian that work each day to make El Paso the safest place in the United States. Chief Greg Allen wishes to extend his thanks to the citizens of El Paso for their continued success in making El Paso the safest in the United States to live and work.

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