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## **SAFEWISE NAMES MANSFIELD TO SAFEST CITIES IN TEXAS LIST**

MANSFIELD, Texas – SafeWise, which provides research and reviews on home security systems and community safety initiatives, has named Mansfield to its list of safest cities in Texas for 2013.

Mansfield ranked 18<sup>th</sup> on the SafeWise list of the Top 50 safest cities in Texas. The group looked at all cities in Texas with more than 20,000 residents and paired it with data from the Federal Bureau of Investigation's 2011 Crime in the U.S. report as well as its own research that looked at unique safety initiatives and security programs implemented by cities and municipalities.

"From the hundreds of cities in Texas, we narrowed the list down to 50 and assigned rankings according to how the city met our criteria," said Brooke Niemeyer, director of media relations for SafeWise.

"We want to congratulate Mansfield for making our list of the safest cities in Texas," reporter Alexia Chianis said on behalf of SafeWise. "We are really impressed with the city's efforts at school safety and commend them for all they do to keep their city safe. Our goal is to make the world safer, one community at a time and we're certainly happy to recognize Mansfield for contributing to our cause."

“Making Mansfield a safe community for our residents is the result of hard work from everyone at the city; from our City Council and management to the officers patrolling the streets,” said Mayor David Cook. “Mansfield has much to offer its citizens: an excellent quality of life, a strong local economy and a safe community to raise a family. It truly is one of the best places to live in America.”

“Our commitment to public safety is a priority for our City Council and for our city management,” said City Manager Clayton Chandler. “That commitment is reflected each year in our budget allocations for capital equipment and training and by the dedicated and highly experienced personnel we have on staff.”

Utah-based SafeWise provides services as an independent resource on community safety, providing reviews on security providers, research on community public safety initiatives and tips and tools to help individuals make homes and communities safer.

The City of Mansfield, located in the Dallas-Fort Worth area, is one of the fastest growing communities in Texas, with a population of more than 58,000. The city was ranked by Money Magazine as one of the Best Places to Live in America in 2007, 2009 and 2012.