

What a landmark year 2006 has been for Glendale! Newspapers, magazines and television were very generous in their coverage of the opening of the stadium and Westgate, which was appropriate for these historic events. Now I would like to talk about the “behind the scenes” work our dedicated employees do every day without fanfare.

Our extraordinary Fire Department continued to respond heroically to incredible numbers of calls for service. Out of 34,000 Fire Departments in the nation, Glendale’s Engine Company 154 was the 35th busiest and Ladder Company 152 was the 19th busiest.

Our Glendale library staff checked out 2,492,640 items at our three libraries. They also answered 557,531 questions at the reference desks.

Our three highly experienced Graffiti Busters made 13,847 stops, removing all reported graffiti within 48 hours of being notified.

Each month our Code Compliance Department staff and volunteers removed an average of 900 signs illegally placed in the city’s rights of way.

Takeoffs and landings at our Glendale Municipal Airport increased to 143,798 – quite a few of those carrying celebrities performing at our Glendale Arena.

Over 33,000 tons of recyclables were collected and sorted at our Materials Recovery Facility. The commodities were sold for more than \$2.5 million to companies that will turn our discards into new products.

Our Glendale Police Dispatch Center/911 received over 600,000 telephone calls.

Our Human Resources Department received 6,952 applications for 178 open positions in the first eight months of 2006.

Over 48,000 adults and children attended recreation swim times during the first 58 days our remodeled Rose Lane Aquatics Center was open.

These are just a few of the services Glendale offers to our 240,000+ residents. The 2,000 dedicated members of our Glendale team do so much more each day. We all know that service to Glendale residents will always be our #1 priority.

Best wishes for happiness in 2007.