Construction of Fire Station #1, located on 100 Peach Street, was completed as part of the Fire Station Relocation Study to enhance the City of Waco’s Public Protection Classification under ISO.

Continued to perform safety programs to local businesses, schools, churches, and other organizations to help reduce risks from all hazards.

Through the efforts of grants, received funding to purchase a zodiac boat and associated equipment to be used in swift water rescue operations.

A 5 year strategic plan was completed to assist the department during planning and budgeting.

Maverick Mobile Mapping was installed on all the Mobile Data Terminals to assist with crews responding to emergencies. The mobile mapping provides the best possible routes to emergencies and the location of hydrants.

**Community Services**

- Utilized $27,911 in CDBG funds to complete roof improvements at the Talitha Koum Institute, $65,805 in CDBG funds to assist Caritas with improvements to their parking lot, and $25,356 in CDBG funds to assist the Family Abuse Center of Waco with energy efficiency improvements to their shelter in Waco.

- Provided HOME funds to three Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs), Waco CDC, NeighborWorks Waco, Inc., and Waco Habitat for Humanity, through which eight (8) houses were completed.

- Completed six (6) reconstruction projects totaling over $580,000 in new homes for local families.

- Provided 20 loans for down payment and closing cost assistance totaling just under $360,000.

- Coordinated the 14th annual Raise the Roof project by completing a Habitat Home with City employee volunteers.

- Provided CDBG funds to various Public Service programs such as the Mpowerment Program that gives people the skills to find employment; partially funded the salaries of a Homeless Shelter, a Transitional Shelter, a childcare facility and Homeless Management Information System (HMIS); provided funds for a summer enrichment program for gifted and talented at-risk students.

- Provided permanent housing and supportive services to 45 homeless persons using the Shelter Plus Care grant.

- Provided assistance to 40 households (approximately 125 people) to prevent homelessness and re-house homeless households using ARRA HPRP (Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing) funds prior to the end of that grant in May 2012.

- Community partners continued the implementation of the affordable housing search website (www.WacoHousingSearch.org) which is still available to the public through the support of their donations.
Community Services

Waco-McLennan County
Public Health District

- Launched the Live Well Waco project, a collaborative effort to address chronic health issues, such as heart disease and obesity in Waco and surrounding cities within McLennan County. The project includes five categories: Eat Well Waco (Healthy Dining Options Program), Play Well (Increasing Access to Physical Activity), Be Well (Chronic Disease Management), Think Well (Mental Health Support), and Work Well (Worksites Wellness Initiative).
- Approximately 600 people took part in health activities for Live Well Waco. Free activities included biking, kayaking, food and fitness demonstrations. The Eat Well Waco healthy dining program has seen a fifty percent participation increase during this year.
- Sanitarians and inspectors continued to provide information, consultation, and inspection activities to new businesses such as the Waco Downtown Farmers Market and the Hawaiian Falls Water Park.
- Vital Statistics office received the 2012 Exemplary Five Star Award from the Texas Department of State Health Services at the 58th Annual Vital Statistics Conference.
- STD program continued to rank as one of the top programs in the State of Texas according to the Texas Department of State Health Services STD Program.
- Preparedness Team partnered with Walgreens to hold a free flu shot clinic for the general public as well as assisted the Epidemiology program with two disease outbreaks relating to Pertussis and West Nile Virus.

Waco-McLennan County
Public Library

- Central Library Renovation Project – building completed; finishing up shelving, furnishing and equipment installation.
- Added “Chat” reference service through the Library’s website: wacolibrary.org allowing patrons to interact online with staff.
- Added 2,141 new e-book titles with check-outs increasing 96%.
- Migrated Interlibrary Loan Requests to the WorldCat Navigator service.
- 2,519 children and teenagers participated in the 2012 Summer Reading Clubs which included STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) programs to coordinate with school district and Greater Waco Education Coalition goals.
- Friends of the Library celebrated their 50th Annual Book Sale in November.

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