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MEDIA RELEASE

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Class Graduates

Twenty(20)citizen volunteers will graduate from the Community Emergency Response Team training program today. The CERT program was co-sponsored by The Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office and South Metro Fire/Rescue. The Arapahoe County CERT program trains community members to be prepared to respond to emergency situations in their communities. CERT members can provide support to emergency first responders and critical assistance to other citizens, in times of crisis.

The CERT course, a thirty-two hour commitment, is taught in the community by a trained team of first responders, who have completed a CERT Train-the-Trainer course conducted by their state Office of Emergency Management or FEMA's Emergency Management Institute (EMI). CERT training includes disaster preparedness, disaster fire suppression, basic disaster medical operations, and light search and rescue operations.

Within the next six months, The Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office and South Metro Fire/Rescue will provide additional CERT training opportunities for Homeowner Associations, Retail Merchants, the Littleton Public Schools and the Youth of our community.

For further information contact Sheriff Grayson Robinson at (720)874-4165.

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