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## **Public Health Hero of the Year awarded to Arapahoe County employee, John Newhouse**

Tri-County Health Department recently named Arapahoe County Mosquito Control Manager John Newhouse, Public Health Hero of the Year. The award is designed to recognize an individual, business or agency who has worked to improve public health in Adams, Arapahoe or Douglas counties. Nominees have to be from a field other than public health and were selected by Tri-County Health Department employees.

Anticipating a severe West Nile Virus season in 2003, Arapahoe County reassigned Newhouse from his regular duties as an Animal Control Assistant Supervisor to Mosquito Control. Newhouse created a comprehensive mosquito reduction program including inventory, site inspections, response plan and a documentation system. His program set the standard for mosquito control in Arapahoe County and its participating jurisdictions. Newhouse's technical skills and dedication to mosquito control help to prevent West Nile Virus exposures and possible fatalities in Arapahoe County.

For more information about Mosquito Control in Arapahoe County, call 720-874-6500 or send an e-mail to [publicworks@co.arapahoe.co.us](mailto:publicworks@co.arapahoe.co.us).

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