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- MEDIA ADVISORY -

**ARAPAHOE SHERIFF TO HOST AVIAN FLU/PANDEMIC
INFORMATION/PLANNING SESSION**

On Friday, June 2, 2006, from 7:30 A.M. until 5:00 P.M., The Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office will conduct an important information/planning session regarding the responsibilities associated with planning, prevention, response, mitigation and recovery from the effects of a potential H5N1 infection or pandemic. The June 2, 2006 session will focus on information sharing regarding the H5N1 virus, the potential of a pandemic, legal issues, communication with our community, critical partnerships with the media/public sector/private sector and development of a regional multi-agency response and recovery plan.

Issues involving the possibility of a worldwide spread of the current strain of H5N1 avian flu and the potential for a pandemic present a serious concern for our communities, the region, our state and the nation. While there is still much to be understood about the H5N1 virus, the one absolute regarding this matter is the responsibility of regional leaders to develop and implement a coordinated multi-agency response plan for the potential outbreak of this viral infection.

The avian flu information/planning session will be held on:

**Friday, June 2, 2006
7:30 A.M. until 5:00 P.M.
The Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office
13101 East Broncos Parkway
Centennial, Colorado**

150 leaders from the private and public sectors will participate in the June 2, 2006 education/planning effort.

For additional information, contact Sheriff Grayson Robinson at 720.874.4165.

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