

**ARAPAHOE COUNTY IMPLEMENTS
OPEN BURNING BAN**

July 21, 2005 at 8:00 A.M.

Effective immediately, the Arapahoe County Sheriff has issued a ban on all open fires and open burning within Unincorporated Arapahoe County. The Open Burning Ban will remain in effect until such time as this order is formally rescinded or temporarily suspended by the Sheriff. Arapahoe County Sheriff Grayson Robinson has determined that the existing conditions in Unincorporated Arapahoe County present an extreme danger for the possibility of wildfire and large wild-land fires. The authority to implement the **OPEN BURNING BAN** within Unincorporated Arapahoe County is provided through Arapahoe County Ordinance 2000-02, as well as Colorado Revised Statutes 30-10-512.

Open fires or open burning shall be defined as any outdoor fire, including, but not limited to: campfires, warming fires, fires in outdoor wood-burning stoves (chimney sparks), use of all fireworks, and the prescribed burning of fence lines, fence rows, fields, farmlands, rangelands, wildlands, trash or debris. The Arapahoe County **OPEN BURNING BAN** is enforced as a County Ordinance violation that, upon conviction, could result in fines of \$500.00 for first offense, \$750.00 for a second offense, and \$1,000 for a third and subsequent offenses.

OPEN BURNING BAN EXCEPTIONS

The following shall be exempt from the **Burning Ban**:

- * Fires contained within liquid-fueled or gas stoves, fireplaces and wood-burning stoves within buildings.

- * Small charcoal or gas grill barbecues used for cooking or warming food, which do not produce open flames when used.

- * Fires set by any federal, state, or local officer, or member of a fire protection district in the performance of an official duty.

- * Public fireworks displays with adequate firefighting personnel and equipment assigned to be on the scene of such permitted public displays.

For additional information contact Sheriff Grayson Robinson at 720.874.4165.