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### **MEDIA ADVISORY**

#### **Arapahoe County CERT To Conduct Disaster Response Drills**

On Saturday July 31, 2004, from 9:00 A.M. until Noon, the Arapahoe County Citizens Emergency Response Team (CERT) will conduct a variety of disaster drills at the Southglenn Mall, 6911 South University Boulevard.

During the past nine months, more than 80 citizens representing homeowner's associations, the business community, the Littleton School District and the youth of our community have participated in extensive training programs, required for certification as members of the Arapahoe County CERT. The Arapahoe County CERT training program involves first aid, CPR, traffic control, fire suppression, disaster management and basic search & rescue skills. Members of the Arapahoe County CERT have successfully prepared themselves to respond to a variety of local emergency situations. "The members of the Arapahoe County CERT have demonstrated their commitment to the well-being of our community, as they prepare to serve the immediate needs of families and neighbors who may face the unique challenges presented by local disasters" said Sheriff Grayson Robinson.

The disaster response drills, to be conducted on July 31, 2004, will provide a unique opportunity for members of the Arapahoe County CERT to test their training and skills in scenarios designed to represent a variety of disaster situations. The training, support and equipment provided to the Arapahoe County CERT have been made available through funding opportunities provided through Citizen's Corps grants. Citizen's Corps of Colorado is administered through the Office of Colorado's Lieutenant Governor Jane Norton.

Representatives of the media are encouraged to participate in the Arapahoe County CERT disaster drills that will be conducted on Saturday July 31, 2004 from 9:00 A.M. until Noon at the Southglenn Mall, 6911 South University Boulevard.

For additional contact Sheriff Grayson Robinson at 720.874.4165

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