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COLORADO MOUNTED RANGERS OFFICE OF THE STATE COMMANDER

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Colorado Mounted Rangers Briefing Sheet

- Founded in 1861 as Colorado's statewide law enforcement agency until the 1920s and serving continuously since 1941 as an All-Volunteer Law Enforcement Auxiliary.
- Over 200 Rangers + other personnel (after 2016 Academies) assisting 52 state, county and local law enforcement agencies/governments across Colorado at no cost contributing up to 50,000 hours of service per year saving millions of dollars annually for our government partners.
- Rangers have responded and assisted in natural disasters across Colorado, such as the 1971 Blizzard in Kim, Big Thompson Flood, Black Ridge Fire, Hayman Fire, Waldo Canyon Fire, Lime Gulch Fire, the Black Forest Fire and over 1,800 hours of duty during the Great Flood of 2013.
- The Colorado Mounted Rangers have been recognized by the Colorado legislature in 2001 (HR 01-1009), in 2002 (SR 02-008), and in 2004, when Governor Bill Owens declared Feb. 21, 2004, "Colorado Mounted Ranger Day".
- In 2008, House Bill 08-1097 created C.R.S. 24-32-2222, "County Sheriff - Local Government - Local Emergency Planning Committee - Memorandum of Understanding with Volunteer Organizations" which gave statutory authority for MOU's with the Rangers.
- In 2011, fallen Ranger Edward P. Bell (LODD, End of Watch Oct. 16, 1922) was enshrined at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, D.C.
- In 2011, U.S. Senator Michael Bennett recognized the Rangers 150 years of service.
- In 2011, the Colorado Mounted Rangers appeared before the Colorado P.O.S.T. Sunrise Review Committee seeking inclusion in the P.O.S.T. training and certification program.
- In 2012, Governor John Hickenlooper signed Senate Bill 12-072 which returned the Rangers to the Colorado Statutes as the state's designated law enforcement auxiliary.
- Nearly half of the Senate (16 Senators) are co-sponsoring SB 16-111 which authorizes a Task Force to determine CMR's authority and training standards. Bi-partisan co-sponsors include Sen's Lambert, Baumgardner, Carroll, Cooke, Crowder, Garcia, Grantham, Holbert, Kefalas, Martinez-Humenik, Merrifield, Neville T., Newell, Scheffel, Tate, and Todd.
- Government Entities under MOU with CMR include: **State Agencies:** Auraria Campus (Univ. of CO Denver, Metro State Univ., Comm. College Denver), Comm. College of Aurora; **Sheriff Offices:** Adams County, Archuleta County, Crowley County, Douglas County, Eagle County, Fremont County, Kiowa County, La Plata County, Weld County; **Police Departments:** Aguilar, Ault, Dacono, Dillon, Durango, Elizabeth, Evans, Fairplay, Firestone, Florence, Fort Lupton, Fowler, Frederick, Fountain, Georgetown, Greeley, Haxtun, Idaho Springs, Johnstown, Kiowa, LaSalle, Manitou Springs, Milliken, Nederland, Oak Creek, Rocky Ford, Salida, Vail, Windsor, Woodland Park; **County Governments:** Adams County OEM, Teller County; **Town/City Governments:** Bayfield, Dillon, Elizabeth, Green Mountain Falls, Monument, Ordway, Palmer Lake, Ramah; **Fire Protection:** Canon City Area FPD