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**NORTH METRO FIRE RESCUE DISTRICT
POSTS 2009 ANNUAL REPORT**

Northglenn/Broomfield, CO—The North Metro Fire Rescue District has completed and posted the 2009 Annual Report online for citizens at northmetrofire.org.

In 2009, North Metro Fire Rescue responded to 7,813 emergency calls, virtually identical to the number of calls to the previous year. Fire incidents accounted for approximately 3% of the call volume up in 2009. Out of the 250 fire-related incidents, the largest percentage (23.1%) occurred in grass brush fires barely edging out structure fires at 22.7%. Cooking-related fires earned third place at 18%. Next came refuse fires (dumpster, garbage) receiving 17% of the fire call volume. And, rounding out the top five was vehicle fires at 9.8%.

As like previous years, emergency medical incidents are still the most common type of call run by North Metro Fire Rescue District. Approximately 71% of all emergencies are medical-related.

A notable program in 2009 was the Ambulance Membership Program (AMP). North Metro Fire Rescue saw a 15% increase in AMP memberships over the last two

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years. The purpose of the program is to help offset ambulance care and transport costs by covering a member's insurance deductible or co-pay expenses for unforeseen emergencies. For more information about this program, please contact Kari Kelly at 303.452.9910.

Finally, a new community relations program that launched in 2009 was a partnership between North Metro and the Volunteers of America for the Safety of Seniors Handyman Program. North Metro was the first fire department to become an official partner to connect seniors who own their own residents with volunteer handymen to make safety modifications to their home. In our first year, we aided 116 at-risk seniors.

If residents of North Metro Fire Rescue District would like additional information on the 2010 Budget, they may request a copy in person at the Fire District Headquarters building, located at 10550 Huron Street in Northglenn.

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About North Metro Fire Rescue District

North Metro Fire Rescue is dedicated to your quality care. North Metro Fire Rescue provides fire protection, emergency medical services, hazardous materials response and rescue services to our community. Formed in 1946, the district now covers 63 square miles with a population of approximately 103,000 people including the City and County of Broomfield, the City of Northglenn and unincorporated areas of Boulder, Adams and Jefferson Counties.