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RECALL ISSUED ON 1.6 MILLION REFRIGERATORS

Broomfield/Northglenn, CO—North Metro Fire Rescue wants to encourage residents who have purchased a new home or purchased a new Maytag refrigerator in the last seven years to check if their appliance is on the recall list announced today by the Consumer Product Safety Commission and Maytag.

According to the CPSC, there have been 41 reports of electrical failure in the relay, the component that turns on the refrigerator's compressor, causing the appliance to overheat and pose a serious fire hazard. CPSC has 16 reports of property damage ranging from smoke damage to extensive kitchen damage.

The 1.6 million refrigerator recall includes certain Maytag®, Jenn-Air®, Amana®, Admiral®, Magic Chef®, Performa by Maytag® and Crosley® brand side by side and top freezer refrigerators. The affected refrigerators were manufactured in black, bisque, white and stainless steel. For detailed information, consumers should visit www.maytag.com and go to the product recall section of the web site.

Consumers who purchased a Maytag refrigerator between January 2001 through January 2004 should immediately contact Maytag and schedule a free in-home repair.

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Consumers should not return the refrigerator to the retailer where it was purchased. For more information, contact Maytag toll-free at (866) 533-9817 anytime, or visit the firm's

Web site at www.repair.maytag.com.

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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.