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**NORTH METRO FIRE RESCUE PUBLIC EDUCATOR
RECEIVES TOP HONOR**

Broomfield/Northglenn, CO—This March North Metro Fire Rescue Life Safety Education Officer, Pam Kutchen, received the “2008 Educator of the Year” award from the Fire and Safety Educators of Colorado. Kutchen has been an educator for North Metro since 2005. Prior to this position Kutchen served as a Fire Service Secretary for North Metro Fire Rescue for almost seven years.

FSLEC is a public educator association specifically for emergency services professionals in the areas of police, fire, and emergency medical services. Each year this group gathers to honor one of their peers for their contributions and achievements throughout a year.

Kutchen was selected for this honor due to her work in the 22 elementary schools in North Metro Fire District’s jurisdiction using the NFPA Risk Watch Program as her curriculum guideline on fire safety, fall safety, bike/helmet safety, and water safety. She was also selected for her work in 9-1-1 education and pre-school/day care outreach. In 2008, Kutchen documented 540 hours of public education and visited more than 8,500 kids throughout the Fire District.

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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.