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Fire Chief of North Metro Fire Rescue Set to Retire After 37 Years

Broomfield/Northglenn, CO—On Friday, June 26, 2009, Fire Chief John J. O’Hayre will report to duty at North Metro Fire Rescue District for his final day of service. O’Hayre began his career as a volunteer firefighter in 1972 and became a paid career firefighter on January 17, 1977.

Over his thirty-seven year career, O’Hayre upheld the oath to serve and protect his community while rising through the ranks. He became a Lieutenant in 1983, the Deputy Chief in 1984 and completed his ascent to the position of Fire Chief in August, 1987—he has served as the leading officer and the visionary for the Fire District for 22 years.

O’Hayre began during a time when the Fire District only had one on-duty fire fighter at each of its fire stations. After dealing with the changes of a department moving from a combination career and volunteer workforce to a 100% career fire fighting force, he then went on to lead the organization through over two decades of growth and

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innovation. Some of the most significant accomplishments during Chief O'Hayre's career include:

- 1983 Fire District begins to provide advanced life support services— personnel certification moved to Paramedic or EMT-I level.
- 1989 Opticom traffic pre-emption systems installed on traffic signals on all major intersections throughout the Fire District.
- 1990 construction of North Metro Fire Station 65 located at the Rocky Mountain Regional Airport.
- 2000 Fire District begins ambulance transport service for Broomfield County.
- 2002/2003 methamphetamine lab joint response system with local law enforcement established.
- 2008 construction of the first fire training center for the District. The North Metro Training Center also includes a Maintenance Facility and Fire Station 68.
- 2009 construction of Fire Station 67 and new Administration Facility underway

In addition to the tremendous impacts he made for North Metro Fire Rescue District, Chief O'Hayre also made notable contributions to the advancement of the fire service on a regional, state-wide, and national basis. He was awarded the Governor's 3rd Annual Colorado Fire Service Leadership Award by Governor Roy Romer on November 27, 1996. He has served as the past President of the Colorado State Fire Chief's Association, the Missouri Valley Division of the International Association of Fire Chiefs, and the Homeland Security North Central Region for the State of Colorado.

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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.