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TWO HONORED FOR LIFE-SAVING EFFORTS FROM NORTH METRO

Northglenn/Broomfield, CO—This afternoon North Metro Fire Rescue District acknowledged two men for their heroic actions that resulted in saving a fellow citizen’s life. Jeff Wiebold of Broomfield and Clint Funk, Officer for Broomfield Police Department received the North Metro Fire Rescue District “Life-Saving Award.”

On Wednesday, June 18, 2008, Jeff Wiebold was simply going to take his wife, to lunch. His wife works as the Manager at Front Range Mobile Home Community. As he entered the office, a woman frantically ran in stating that a child had drowned in the community’s pool. While his wife called 9-1-1, Jeff went outside to see if he could help.

Years before, Jeff had been trained in Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR). As circumstances would have it, no other person there was better equipped to assist—Jeff began CPR, noting that the child had no pulse and was not breathing.

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Next to arrive was Broomfield Police Officer Clint Funk who ran up to assist. Jeff who was showing signs of exhaustion and was eager to hand over the role of administering CPR. The child was still struggling to breathe as Officer Funk continued.

When North Metro Fire Rescue paramedics arrived on the scene and took over patient care from Officer Funk, the child was weak, but did have a pulse. The child was taken to Children's Hospital for treatment. In cases of respiratory arrest, seconds literally count in a person's ability to survive. Plus, when the body is deprived of oxygen, the body's vital organs will be irreversibly damaged; the brain is especially at risk.

Mr. Wiebold and Officer Funk took quick action in controlling the situation. Due to their calm approach, they helped bring this incident to its most successful end—the child not only survived, but was released from Children's Hospital with no permanent organ damage, including his brain. “The actions these men took directly contributed to saving the life of this four-year old boy,” stated Wendy Forbes, Public Information Officer. “These men were in the right place, at the moment they were needed the most. We applaud them for stepping in without hesitation.”

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 their community. Formed in 1946, the district now covers 115 square miles with a population of approximately 115,000 people including the City and County of Broomfield, the City of Northglenn, and unincorporated areas of Boulder, Adams, Weld, and Jefferson Counties.

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