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NORTH METRO ADVISES BUSINESSES OF POTENTIAL SCAMS

Northglenn/Broomfield, CO—Amid growing concern that businesses could be duped by scam artists attempting to service fire extinguishers or other fire protection devices, North Metro Fire Rescue District is advising the community that it does not endorse or employ private businesses to perform these professional services.

While fire extinguishers should be pressure tested (a process called hydrostatic testing) after a number of years to ensure that the cylinder is safe to use, the Fire District does not perform these services nor does it contract with any company to perform these services on behalf of North Metro Fire Rescue District.

“Business owners should maintain their fire extinguishers by have them checked by a reputable fire extinguisher company at least once a year,” explains Wendy Forbes, Public Information Officer of North Metro Fire Rescue District. “The responsibility of selecting a private company remains with each individual business owner.”

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Numerous fire extinguisher companies can be located in local directories or on-line. As with any professional service company, North Metro Fire Rescue District encourages business owners to research the companies before using their services in order to find the most appropriate and professional match for your business needs.

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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.