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**NORTH AREA FIRE DEPARTMENTS TEAM UP FOR
FIREFIGHTER TRAINING ACADEMY**

Broomfield/Northglenn, CO - North Metro Fire Rescue District is pleased to announce that it will host a joint firefighter training academy with six neighboring agencies: Arvada Fire Protection District, Brighton Fire Rescue District, Federal Heights Fire Department, North Washington Fire Protection District, Thornton Fire Department and Westminster Fire Department.

The combined North Area Fire Academy will train 23 new firefighters for the area beginning on September 9 at North Metro's Training Center Complex in Northglenn.

While each agency has held separate training academies in the past, the joint training will enhance collaboration, sharing of resources, relationship building and provide a way for the agencies to standardize practices and procedures. The academy will also help agencies provide a more unified approach when responding together to accidents and emergencies.

"Each chief agrees this is a win-win for the North Metro area," said North Metro Fire Chief Joseph Bruce. "Sharing our resources such as instructors and equipment is more cost effective and time efficient. Plus, working together as agencies allows us to better serve our communities, which is our upmost priority."

Students in the academy will spend the next 11 weeks learning not only firefighting skills, but also engaging in hazardous materials and technical rescue training. Each department has committed staff to facilitate the process and maintain accountability. Training officers include Brighton's Battalion Chief Lutz, Arvada's Lieutenant Greer, North Washington's Lieutenant Williamson, Thornton's Lieutenant

Richardson and Westminster's Lieutenant Maikranz. North Metro's Division Chief Anderson will serve as the Academy Chief and while the district's Captain Maes will serve as the Lead Instructor. They will provide overall leadership and guidance to the academy.

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About North Area Fire Chiefs

North Area Fire Chiefs have brought their agencies together to better support each agency's approach to emergency response. Agencies involved are North Metro Fire Rescue District, Southwest Adams County Fire Rescue, Bennett Fire Protection District, South Adams County Fire Protection District, North Washington Fire Protection District, Federal Heights Fire Department, Westminster Fire Department, Thornton Fire Department, Brighton Fire Rescue District, Arvada Fire Protection District, Lafayette Fire Department and Sable Altura Fire Rescue.

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.