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WHAT: Douglas County Sheriff Dave Weaver, members of the sheriff's office, McGruff the crime dog, and 9-1-1 mascot Red E. Fox will participate in the Queen for a Day event at Presbyterian/St. Luke's Medical Center on Friday, November 3, 2006 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

NARRATIVE: DOUGLAS COUNTY, CO – The Douglas County non-profit organization Queen for a Day offers quality of life services to pediatric patients. They pamper girls with makeovers, manicures, and a 'coronation ceremony' where each girl is crowned as a champion over her illness with a tiara. They treat boys with hero themed gifts, reinforcing bravery and courage through the participation of police officers and firefighters.

"Queen for a Day" (QFAD) exists to raise the self-esteem and self-confidence of young hospital patients. This mission is accomplished by hosting parties at hospitals and providing personal attention to each patient.

The Douglas County Sheriff's Office is proud to be a part of the everyday hero event that celebrates heroes in life, firefighters, and police officers. Children with serious illnesses face life-threatening danger each day with the same amount of heroism as service men and women. Firefighters and police officers are invited to the hospital to share a smile and a picture with the patients. By using firefighter and police officer themed events, patients are encouraged to face illness with bravery and courage, inspiring us all.

Research has proven that positive attention, as given through QFAD parties, can improve the physical condition of those with illnesses. The most rewarding aspect of QFAD is witnessing the smiles that, otherwise, rarely escape from girls and boys dealing with a traumatic illness. QFAD strives to provide a time where they can forget about their treatment.

"The Douglas County Sheriff's Office provides services to all members of our community, young and old alike. If we can make a positive influence in a young person's treatment, we are here to do it," said, Sheriff Weaver when asked about the Queen for a Day organization.

The "Queen for a Day," Denver, Colorado Chapter is Co-Directed by Claudia Heslin and Tracie Tate. To contact them email: Claudia.heslin@comcast.net

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