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NEWS RELEASE
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WHAT: Douglas County Sheriff's Office Seeking Community Safety Volunteers for Academy Starting on February 13, 2007

NARRATIVE: DOUGLAS COUNTY, CO – The Douglas County Sheriff's Office is seeking citizens who have vision and are willing and prepared to volunteer a minimum of 16 hours per month of their time for the Community Safety Volunteer Program.

The Community Safety Volunteer Program involves citizen volunteers who have an interest in law enforcement and in serving their community. They would be assisting the Sheriff's Office by providing services to the community in those areas that do not require the attention of a sworn officer. Volunteers are required to attend regular training sessions and often give presentations on crime prevention, assist with traffic control, complete reports, and handle calls that do not require a sworn officer. Volunteers who do not wish to drive or respond to "calls" may handle the same types of duties in an office setting making this program suitable for all ages. Some volunteers may qualify for the Senior Tax Work Off Program.

Volunteers are required to attend an academy for ten weeks. The Academy will begin on **February 13, 2007** culminating with a graduation in April. The classes will meet on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at the Justice Center in Castle Rock. Some of the coursework includes Ethics, Liability, Report Writing, Traffic Control, Verbal Judo, Customer Service, Courtroom Testimony, Crime Scene Security, and Colorado Revised Statutes. The Academy will also meet on three Saturdays for Self Defense and Defensive Driving training.

Each volunteer must complete a minimum of 40 hours "ride-along" with a Field Training Officer, which requires them to demonstrate their newly acquired skills. These skills include officer safety, police tactics, driving, radio usage, geography, basic patrol procedures, citizen contacts and report writing.

Minimum requirements include:

- Must be 20 years of age or older
- Must be a citizen of the United States
- Must possess a valid Colorado Driver's license
- Must pass a polygraph and full background investigation
- Have never been convicted of a felony
- Have absolutely had no illegal drug use within the last three years and no alcohol related traffic offenses within five years
- Ability to deal with confidential information and keep it confidential

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- Possess good public speaking and presentation skills

Applications are available at www.dcsheriff.net or at the Sheriff's Office. For further information on this program, please contact Lt. Alan Stanton at 303-660-7524.

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