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LAW ENFORCEMENT HOSTING STATE WIDE CONFERENCE Rocky Mountain Women in Law Enforcement coming to Grand Junction

Mesa County, Colorado—Local law enforcement agencies have joined forces to host the annual Rocky Mountain Women in Law Enforcement (RMWLE) conference that will be held in Grand Junction September 22-25, 2009. The RMWLE began as a group of law enforcement people along the Front Range of Colorado, who joined together to network, educate and provide encouragement to each other. Today, this organization touts members from across the state and for the first time Grand Junction will be the host site for the annual conference. More than 120 attendees are anticipated to convene on Grand Junction next week for this conference that supports both men and women, sworn and civilian, in law enforcement.

Attendees to this conference will be coming from around the country and will come from a wide range of policing experience, jobs and backgrounds. More than 10 local officers reside on the RMWLE committee and are involved in the planning and execution of the conference. Fruita and Grand Junction Police Departments, with the Mesa County Sheriff's Office have worked for more than a year to make sure this conference is a success. To view the conference agenda, visit: www.rmwle.org/agenda.html.

The Grand Junction Visitor and Convention Bureau along with numerous local businesses have donated to the conference. Grand Junction City Manager, Laurie Kadrich, will be the key note speaker—as she worked in law enforcement for more than 14 years. To reach Kadrich, contact: (970) 244-1503.

The media is encouraged to cover this unique event and can come and go from Two Rivers Convention Center as their time allows (see the agenda for specifics). Heather Benjamin will be attending the conference on and off throughout the week, so please call her directly to make arrangements for anything in-depth or to interview a specific person. To speak with a RMWLE representative from the Sheriff's Office please contact Benjamin directly; Fruita Police Department, contact: Lt. Judy Macy at (970) 858-3008; Grand Junction Police Department, contact: Kate Porras at (970) 244-3601.

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