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MEDIA RELEASE

Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office Communications Center Becomes Member of National Program to Protect Children

The Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office Communications Center has met the requirements to become a member of the Missing Kids Readiness Project through the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC). Communications Center employees completed the training program in 2014 and were awarded their membership at the Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials (APCO) conference in August.

NCMEC developed the Missing Kids Readiness Project to promote best practices for responding to calls of missing, abducted and sexually exploited children. 911 call centers and law enforcement agencies are recognized for meeting essential training and policy elements demonstrating preparedness for responding to a missing child incident.

To meet the requirements of the Project, all 24 communications employees completed core training modules. Four other communications employees recently joined the center and will complete the training once their field training program is complete. The Communications Center also adopted standards related to handling calls regarding missing, abducted and sexually exploited children.

The Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office Communication Center has the knowledge and resources to respond quickly and effectively when a child's life is in danger, making their safe return our top priority.

To learn more about NCMEC and the Missing Kids Readiness Project, go to: <http://www.missingkids.com/MKRP>. For a full listing of all MKRP recognized agencies, go to: <http://www.missingkids.com/MKRP/Members>.

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