

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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#### **EASTERN COLORADO INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TEAM ORGANIZED**

**CENTENNIAL, CO**--In the wake of winter blizzards and a recent tornado, a multi-county Eastern Colorado Incident Management Team (IMT) has been formed.

Tomorrow, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, the new all hazard IMT will conduct its first official training session at the Colorado State Emergency Operations Center in Centennial. Each new team member has been carefully screened and evaluated by advisors for the team.

The team members come from a multitude of backgrounds including Law Enforcement, Fire, EMS, Public Health and were drawn from three of the nine All-Hazard Regions in the State; the Northeast, Southeast and South Regions. This geographic expanse encompasses 22 counties and literally a third of the State.

The IMT will bring specialists in command, operations, logistics, administration and other disciplines to assist jurisdictions within Colorado during emergency conditions.

The 20 team members also combine a mixture of Type III, Type II and Type I certifications from both the State's all-hazard certification process and the National Wildfire Coordinating Group certification process.

The team is on an ambitious training schedule, including a green cell team capabilities assessment in October with elements of the Colorado National Guard's CBRNE Enhanced Response Force Package; mandatory team training at the winter Colorado Wildfire and Incident Management Academy in Sterling; and managing several high profile planned event assignments in the state.

The first year the team will be going into an on-call rotation and be made available to assist the Colorado Emergency Operations Center for the duration of the Democratic National Convention next year.

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**Media Note:** The Incident Commander and other team members will be available for interviews at the State EOC tomorrow from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

A map is also attached showing the counties in the Eastern area.

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