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TITLE: *PFA BOARD SELECTS NEW FIRE CHIEF*

Fort Collins, CO – Poudre Fire Authority Board of Directors Chairperson Lisa Poppaw is pleased to announce Tom DeMint as the new fire chief. The PFA Board held a special meeting this morning to make the final decision which culminated in a unanimous vote by all five board members. Chief DeMint was chosen after a lengthy process involving written exercises, a public reception and interview, an employee interview, a community panel interview and finally a PFA Board interview. A contract for Chief DeMint will be voted upon during the next PFA Board meeting on Tuesday, December 13, 2011.

Board Chairperson Lisa Poppaw said Chief DeMint is a collaborative leader with integrity and has shown a depth of character. Speaking to Chief DeMint, Chairperson Poppaw stated “we had a lot of choices, a lot of exceptional applicants and you rose to the top.”

“I am both honored and humbled to be chosen as the new PFA chief.” DeMint goes on to say “I look forward to PFA moving into the future with a group of women and men that are capable, motivated, engaged and professional. Together we can accomplish great things.”

Chief DeMint comes from within the Poudre Fire Authority. Chief DeMint has over 34 years of emergency services experience having started as a paramedic in the late 70's in Topeka, KS. Chief DeMint has risen through the ranks of PFA since beginning as a firefighter in 1988. His last assignment before Interim Chief was shift Battalion Chief assigned to the Operations Division.

The Board of Directors of the Poudre Fire Authority worked with an executive search firm for the Authority's new Fire Chief. The national search resulted in 78 applications. The list was then narrowed to three finalists before interview sessions conducted on Thursday and Friday, November 17 and 18.

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