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TITLE: POUDRE FIRE AUTHORITY BOARD OFFICIALLY OPPOSES AMENDMENTS 60, 61, AND PROPOSITION 101

Fort Collins, CO –At their regular meeting on September 28, 2010 the Poudre Fire Authority Board unanimously approved Resolution #10-14 officially opposing Amendments 60, 61 and Proposition 101.

The combined effects of Amendments 60, 61 and Proposition 101 to the Poudre Fire Authority will cut up to \$2,500,000. This would necessitate closing two fire stations, effectively laying-off 18 firefighters, and eliminate approximately six staff positions which would severely limit our training programs and the Fire Prevention Bureau.

One of the many components of Amendment 61 would overturn public election decisions made by the voters of the Poudre Fire Authority, thereby creating ongoing revenue limitations which will cripple the PFA's ability to rebuild emergency services reductions caused by the recession and will limit PFA's ability to meet the increasing demand for emergency services caused by regional growth.

And, Proposition 101 reduces specific ownership tax by 97% thereby eliminating a long-standing source of revenue for fire protection and EMS.

"The cumulative impact of the three measures prohibits the PFA from providing a high level of emergency services to our citizens and severely limits PFA's ability to provide an effective emergency service infrastructure for our community" says Guy Boyd, PFA Director of Administrative Services.

The impacts would be in addition to the recession induced reductions including the \$432,848 deficit within the 2011 budget caused by using one-time reserve funds to pay for ongoing expenses. Ongoing capital funds would also be eliminated (to be used primarily for future fire stations) by transferring them into our general funds to support emergency operations.

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