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**TITLE: TRAINING CENTER DEDICATION & NEW RECRUIT
WELCOME**

Fort Collins, CO – At 9:00 a.m. Monday, August 29, 2011 Poudre Fire Authority will have a two-part ceremony at our Training Center, 3400 West Vine Drive. The first part of the ceremony will be to unveil a new sign that dedicates the PFA Training Center as the “John Mulligan Training Center.” The second part will be held to welcome new recruit firefighters to the fall academy.

Chief Mulligan’s retirement came earlier this year after 33 years of service to the Fort Collins community. Notable accomplishments Chief Mulligan directed are: consolidation of the Fort Collins Fire Department and the Poudre Valley Fire Protection District into the Fire Authority, not only becoming the first consolidation in Colorado but since has been used as a model across the nation; PFA’s Strategic Planning process which has been the guiding document of the authority since its inception and is updated every eight to ten years; and the Colorado Performance Excellence application and award confirming the dedication of PFA to deliver world-class service through increased organizational learning and development, sound management framework, proven financial results, documented benefits to customers, the community, and other stakeholders.

PFA welcomes our six new recruit firefighters as they start the long process to becoming full-time firefighters through the upcoming Front Range Fire Consortium Academy. PFA was able to fulfill some priorities in our strategic plan such as hiring firefighters due to the Keeping Fort Collins Great Tax Initiative that citizens approved last November.

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