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PRESS RELEASE

West Metro Recognized for Financial Excellence *Finance Association Awards Certificate of Achievement*

Lakewood, CO – West Metro Fire Rescue has been awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting by the Government Finance Officers of the United States and Canada (GFOA) for the district's comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR). The Certificate is the highest form of recognition in governmental accounting and financial reporting and represents a significant accomplishment. This is the 18th year that West Metro has received the award.

“Our annual comprehensive financial report is extremely important to the fire district, because it's an opportunity to show our taxpayers how we've managed our resources,” said Don Lombardi, Chief, West Metro Fire Rescue. *“We're honored that the GFOA recognized our dedication to transparency with the Certificate of Excellence.”*

The award to West Metro was presented to Finance Director, Glenda Aragon, who was primarily responsible for preparing the 2014 CAFR. Aragon leads a team that has been singled out for maintaining healthy General Fund reserves, prudent management and conservative budgeting practices.

West Metro's 2014 CAFR was judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program and demonstrated the “spirit of full disclosure” that clearly outlines the district's financial story.

The GFOA is a non-profit professional association serving more than 17,500 government financial professionals.

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About West Metro Fire Rescue:

West Metro Fire Rescue is a full-service, all-hazard, fire and rescue agency, serving nearly 250,000 residents in the cities and towns of Lakewood, Morrison, Golden and Wheat Ridge. The District also serves sections of Jefferson and Douglas County and unincorporated Littleton, Colorado.

WMFR is committed to providing professional fire protection, emergency medical services, life safety and community service with a vision that shapes the future.

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