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HONOREES ANNOUNCED FOR 2009 CACP ANNUAL AWARDS

DENVER – **Ralph Smith Professional Innovation Award** – Presented to **Deputy Chief Troy Smith** of the **Grand Junction Police Department** at the CACP (Colorado Association of Chiefs of Police Annual Conference in Steamboat Springs on June 10, 2009. Deputy Chief Smith received the work for his tireless work on implementing the statewide COPLINK program and for the creative manner in which he orchestrated the Colorado Information Sharing Consortium from the local level up to a program that will benefit the entire state. CACP recognized and thanked Deputy Chief Troy Smith for all of his hard work on behalf of all of our agencies. The **Ralph Smith Professional Innovation Award** recognizes a Colorado law enforcement agency chief executive for an innovative program's implementation which contributed to making Colorado a better and safer place to live. Chief Ralph Smith served as Chief of Police for Fort Collins from June 5, 1967 to January 2, 1984. Chief Smith distinguished himself as a leader in his community and throughout the state. Long before it was common in policing, Chief Smith brought to Fort Collins the concepts of computerization, the one-to-one car plan, and electronic mail. He was active in the Colorado Association of Chiefs of Police, acted as mentor to many CACP members, and was well loved by his community and his personnel. Chief Smith passed away while Fort Collins Police Chief in 1984 and the size of his funeral spoke to the fact that he was greatly admired and loved.

The Colorado Association of Chiefs of Police (CACP) is a professional organization committed to excellence in delivering quality service to our membership, the law enforcement community, and the citizens of Colorado. Through our leadership, we will provide education and training, and promote the highest ethical standards. We are personally and professionally dedicated to preserving basic family values, community safety and professional policing, which are essential for achieving a high quality of life.

CACP HISTORY - The Colorado Association of Chiefs of Police became a formalized organization of Chiefs of Police in the 1960's after the need was realized by a number of Colorado Police Chiefs who had informally networked through the years prior to the organization's creation. The original bylaws were adopted April 24, 1964 and have been amended formally 10 times since then. Chief Ben Roach was elected the organization's first President in 1969. Through the years the organization has had a number of Chiefs of Police from across the state and from both large and small departments who have served one-year terms as president.

The CACP provides numerous training courses throughout Colorado on a continuous schedule, publishes a newsletter called *The Command Post* and has a Professional Standards Program, which has garnered national attention. The CACP provides Executive Certification; an Awards Program for Chiefs, law enforcement personnel and citizens; and works in the Colorado Legislature to enact Statutes favorable to communities and law enforcement.

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