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PRESS RELEASE

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Cimarron Hills Fire Protection District Reacts to the Continued Discussions and Debates Regarding the City of Colorado Springs Unprecedented Exit From the Regional 9-1-1 Authority.

Cimarron Hills, CO – Thursday, July 16, 2026 – Cimarron Hills Fire Protection District (CHFPD) reacts to the continued discussions, statements, and debates surrounding the unprecedented announcement by the City of Colorado Springs that takes El Paso County back by 30-years and de-regionalizes one of the most critical services for El Paso County residents who live in the most populated county in Colorado.

As a regional partner and public safety entity in El Paso County, the Cimarron Hills Fire Protection District wants to thank the Colorado Springs City Council for their statement of support for regional collaboration. We only wish their executive leadership team had the same level of professionalism and regional mindset. If the Mayor and his public safety leaders were collaborative, they would have engaged regional stakeholders before parading at a press conference about their idea to drop a grenade on a successful 30+ year regional partnership. Which, oddly enough, seems they have zero authority to execute. Instead, they now have senior leadership attempting to bully the Authority Board by prematurely listing demands to dismantle the effectiveness of the 9-1-1 Authority through the rewrite of an IGA that has stood strong and provided top-notch services through the premier 9-1-1 Authority in the State of Colorado, only to benefit a single jurisdiction.

As we have previously stated on this matter, we want to extend our support for the forgotten partner in this Authority, Teller County. We stand with Sheriff Mikesell, the Teller County Commissioners, and other senior leaders for their press conference and statement released on July 14th. Thank you for demonstrating courageous leadership in the face of adversity.

CALL TO ACTION: We respectfully request the El Paso County Board of County Commissioners to take a similar stance against this atrocious, unprofessional, and misguided attempt by the City of Colorado Springs to destroy effective regionalization. For far too long, the county has permitted the city to hold a perceived superiority over the county, which is evident when Mayor Mobolade states "Colorado Springs will continue to lead this region in public safety, just as we always have." Leading the region would indicate the Mayor and his staff exercise leadership, which certainly was not done through this process. Also, there are at least 38 other fire and law enforcement agencies in this county that serve this county exceptionally well and provide leadership within the region.

CALL TO ACTION: Mayor Mobolade, explain how destroying a 30+ year regional partnership "will indeed make our region safer", as those are your words? De-regionalizing will make our region safer, that is certainly an interesting approach, and we have no faith that it will work out for you or the region.



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CALL TO ACTION: To the residents of Colorado Springs, remember as you leave City boundaries to work, travel, and recreate you will be passing through areas reliant on a regionalized 9-1-1 Authority to ensure your emergency calls for help are answered promptly and appropriately. The decisions your Mayor and his public safety leaders make have far reaching impacts that they have proven do not matter to them; we hope they matter to you and your families, and we hope you help reinforce common sense leadership back into Colorado Springs.

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