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Cimarron Hills Fire Protection District Reacts to the Unprecedented Announcement by the City of Colorado Springs

Cimarron Hills, CO – Tuesday, June 23, 2026 – Cimarron Hills Fire Protection District (CHFPD) reacts to 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.

Yesterday, June 22nd, the City of Colorado Springs (the City) announced their intent to remove themselves from the El Paso – Teller County 9-1-1 Authority (the Authority). This move was announced without any stakeholder input from any governmental leadership outside the City of Colorado Springs, which is unfortunate as this move will likely have lasting operational and financial implications to the fire districts, fire departments, and other emergency service responders across El Paso and Teller Counties. State and Federal governments are typically the levels of government who do not involve stakeholders. Now we see this unprecedented decision at a local level. This is a sad day for the El Paso County Fire Service.

Today the Cimarron Hills Fire Protection District (CHFPD) is thinking about the potential impacts to the almost 30 staff members of the Authority and their families that may be impacted by this removal of their vital funding they utilize to provide 9-1-1 services, information technology support, public education, quality assurance, dispatch training, Peak Alerts, and coordination for the pulse point AED system. This is only a small glimpse into their daily mission. To those vital public safety personnel – CHFPD stands with you during these uncertain times and we THANK YOU for your unwavering commitment to the 9-1-1 system, the El Paso and Teller residents, and the over 30 public safety agencies you support.

The Cimarron Hills Fire Protection is closely monitoring this unfortunate situation. As we gather data and grasp the financial implications, we will release additional information regarding the impacts on Cimarron Hills.

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