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SUMMIT COUNTY RAPID AVALANCHE DEPLOYMENT PROGRAM RECOGNIZES TEAM MEMBERS

SUMMIT COUNTY, COLORADO – The Summit County Sheriff’s Office and Flight For Life® Colorado recognized nearly 65 individuals Tuesday for their contributions to the Summit County Rapid Avalanche Deployment (RAD) program. The presentation took place on January 21 at the Flight for Life® Hangar at St. Anthony Summit Medical Center. The Summit County RAD program is comprised of ski patrollers from Arapahoe Basin Ski Area, Breckenridge Ski Resort, Copper Mountain Resort and Keystone Resort, as well as the Summit County Rescue Group, Flight For Life® Colorado and the Colorado Avalanche Information Center.

Sheriff John Minor, who presented the teams with specially-designed patches and pins, praised their efforts.

“I’m honored to be amongst the company of so many highly-skilled individuals, all of whom devote countless hours to training and response,” said Minor. “I’m proud to work with all of you, and I’m proud of the work that you do in keeping our community safe.”

Sheriff Minor also thanked Drew Gibson from Copper Mountain Ski Patrol, who designed the patch and pin. The Latin phrase on the bottom of the patch “Reperimus Obrutos” means “to find what is buried.” The blue color represents the 10th Mountain Division, the white cross is for ski patrol, the star is for the Sheriff’s Office, the paw print represents the avalanche dogs and the winged logo represents Flight For Life® Colorado.

The Summit County RAD program combines the skill, expertise and stamina of Search and Rescue, specialized ski area avalanche teams and the Flight For Life® Colorado helicopter and crew. The team works together to expedite the location and rescue of a buried or injured party and evacuate them to appropriate medical care.

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