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RE: Defenders of Freedom Veterans Recognition Ride

Fountain, Colorado – On May 20th, 2018, at approximately 9:00 am, the City of Fountain will welcome riders for the Defenders of Freedom Veterans Recognition Ride.

The Defenders of Freedom ride is a recognition and tribute to honor all men and women who serve or have served in any of the five branches of the U.S. Military, especially to those who have been wounded or have lost their lives in service to our country. It also recognizes those currently serving at the military installations in the Pikes Peak Region. It is the longest Law Enforcement escorted charity motorcycle procession in Colorado, covering 40 miles through El Paso County and the City of Fountain.

The proceeds from this year's ride will benefit the El Paso County Homeless Veterans Coalition. The El Paso County Homeless Veterans Coalition was founded in 1998 with a focus on assisting the local homeless veterans and their families to improve their housing situation by providing access to both long and short term solution based resources through their annual "Stand Down" events and new temporary housing campaign.

Registration for the event will begin at 9:00 am at Sarges' Grill, located at 6436 S U.S. HWY 85, in Fountain. The Law Enforcement escort will begin at 11:00 and head eastbound on Fontaine Blvd and continue into El Paso County. Participants will ride on numerous county and state highways returning back into the City of Fountain via Bradley Rd and Mesa Ridge Parkway. Riders will then be escorted southbound on HWY 85 to Illinois Ave. Once riders reach Illinois Ave the route will continue southbound on Main St to Pikes Peak International Raceway.

The route will take riders past Peterson Air Force Base, Schriever Air Force Base, and Fort Carson in honor of veterans and all those presently serving our country.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call the Fountain Police Department at 719-382-8555.

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