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## *10<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court and Probation Pueblo County Sheriff's Office*

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### **10<sup>th</sup> Judicial Staff, Pueblo County Sheriff's Deputies Test Response to Active Shooter During Exercise at Dennis Maes Judicial Building**

**Pueblo, CO:** The staff of the 10<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court and Probation and Pueblo County Sheriff's deputies tested their response today to an active shooter in the Dennis Maes Judicial Building.

District Court and Probation employees, including judges and magistrates, were dealt with a simulated active shooter scenario involving two shooters inside the judicial building. Employees were evaluated on how they responded to the situation. Pueblo County Sheriff's deputies who regularly work in the building were assessed on their response to the simulated shooting event.

An after-action report will be written and provided to the judicial and probation staff and sheriff's office staff, outlining the strengths and identifying areas that require improvement.

This was the second consecutive year that the judicial probation and court staff joined with the Sheriff's Office to plan and execute the exercise using an active shooter scenario. The 10<sup>th</sup> Judicial Courts and Probation leadership wanted to prepare and test their employees' response to an active shooter situation.

"Exercises like this are crucial for building our readiness," said Chief Judge Gregory Styduhar. "They not only enhance our response capabilities but also reinforce the importance of collaboration between the courts and the Pueblo County Sheriff's Office court security team. Our ultimate goal is the safety of everyone who walks through these doors."

"Having an exercise such as this allows for our deputies to respond to realistic situations in a safe, learning environment," said Pueblo County Sheriff David J. Lucero. "This also allows us to work with other partner agencies, and as we train and practice together, we build a rapport and level of trust that will carry over into a real-world situation."

"Overall, this was a great exercise for our deputies to train and practice in the unlikely event of an active shooter in the judicial building," Sheriff Lucero said. "We will now take the information from the evaluators' report and use it to train and improve our response."

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