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My name is Steve Redfearn, I am the President of the Colorado Fallen Hero Foundation. The Foundation is hosting our annual gala on Saturday, October 4, 2025, at The Westin, Westminster. The gala is an opportunity to gather with family, friends and community partners to honor Colorado's fallen officers, support their families, and is a key fundraising event for the Foundation.

The Colorado Fallen Hero Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization made up of Colorado law enforcement officers and civilian personnel who serve in a volunteer capacity. We have only one paid employee. When a line of duty death occurs, the Colorado Fallen Hero Foundation can assist, support, and provide resources to the fallen officer's agency in their effort to serve the fallen officer's family based on their needs and wishes. Our presence allows agency members to participate in honoring their colleague without the pressures of funeral planning, allowing them an opportunity to grieve.

Planning a line-of-duty death funeral, while handling the associated investigation, and the everyday call load can overwhelm any agency. Our team of professionals integrates with agency personnel to assist with funeral planning to whatever extent the family and the agency desire. We also provide training to help agencies plan for the potential of a line-of-duty death.

In addition to providing line of duty death response and memorial planning, the Colorado Fallen Hero Foundation provides peer support and mental health resources for agencies that do not have access to such resources. We understand the impact such a tragedy has on an agency and a community and want to ensure that we are taking care of our fellow officers.

Our services are provided at no cost to the agency or the family. In addition to handling costs associated with the funeral venue and planning, the Foundation can help with such things as lodging, transportation, and clothing for family attending the funeral. Every situation is different, and it is important for the Foundation to be prepared financially.

The most important piece of support we provide is the ongoing family support that is provided to the families moving forward. Families are provided with presents delivered by Santa in a patrol car at Christmas, events throughout the year to connect with other survivors, presents and flowers on difficult days, and support provided by the foundation on a consistent basis.

A highlight of the Gala will be the silent and live auctions. The auctions traditionally provide a great opportunity for fundraising. Our organization is supported entirely by donations. A contribution from your organization would be monumental in helping support our mission to serve our community.

Sincerely,

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