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Arapahoe County Performance Report to Citizens available May 22 *The 2013 report is available in Denver Post, local newspapers and County buildings throughout May and June*

LITTLETON, CO --- Beginning May 22, more than 160,000 Arapahoe County households will receive a copy of the 2013 Annual Performance Report in their local newspaper.

Every year, Arapahoe County produces a report to update citizens on the County's accomplishments and performance for the past year. The 2013 Annual Report, which is produced on newsprint at roughly 20 cents a copy, and offered electronically on the County's website, provides an overview of the wide range of programs and services offered by Colorado's third largest county.

Residents also will find a tear-out page of phone numbers, email and web addresses to connect them to the variety of programs and services offered by Arapahoe County.

"Throughout our 2013 Annual Performance Report, you will see the many facets of Arapahoe County, but first and foremost, you will see our commitment to provide exceptional services while at the same time using your tax dollars wisely," said Commissioner Nancy A. Doty, who serves as Board Chair. "Key to our performance is Align Arapahoe, which is helping Arapahoe County find ways to work better, smarter – especially in an era of tighter budgets, reduced revenues and increased costs.

The report chronicles the County's history as Colorado's first county, provides an overview of the County's budget and updates citizens on the progress made in 2013 to provide exceptional, efficient and effective government services through Align Arapahoe, the County's strategic performance management system.

Align Arapahoe is the County's path to continuous improvement and accountability. It is defined by three top goals: *Service First*, *Fiscal Responsibility* and *Quality of Life*, which are outlined in the report. These are the pillars of the County's Performance Management Strategy in order to provide quality services to benefit citizens, employees and the business community.

Arapahoe County produces its annual report in a newspaper format because at roughly 20 cents a copy, it is the most affordable and efficient manner to get this information in the hands of citizens.

Copies of the annual performance report will be available in the May 22 editions of the *Denver Post*, *Aurora Sentinel* and *Buckley Guardian* and in the May 25 Sunday Select edition of the *Denver Post*. The report also will be distributed in the *Centennial Citizen*, *Englewood Herald*, *Glendale Cherry Creek Chronicle*, *I-70 Scout*, *Littleton Independent* and *The Villager Newspaper*.

Citizens also can find copies in Arapahoe County government locations, and a .pdf version of the report is available through our website at www.arapahoegov.com. If you would like a copy mailed to you, contact Communication Services Coordinator Regan Byrd at 303-795-5467 or by email at rbyrd@arapahoegov.com

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