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Arapahoe County Human Services building in Aurora to close to the public 1 p.m., July 15 for employee emergency preparedness exercise

Goal of exercise is to test response plans, employee preparedness for emergencies

Aurora, Colo. --- On July 15, CentrePoint Plaza, 14980 E. Alameda Drive, Aurora will close to the public at 1 p.m. to conduct a public safety preparedness exercise.

The exercise will begin at 3 p.m. and closing the building at 1 p.m. will allow customers time to complete their transactions with the County prior to the start of the exercise.

CentrePoint Plaza in Aurora is one of two locations where the Arapahoe County Department of Human Services serves its clients. Human Services provides financial assistance and protective services to children, families, elderly and disabled adults in our community. This exercise will impact CentrePoint Plaza only.

The other buildings will remain open during this time and public assistance will be available at Arapahoe Plaza, 1690 W. Littleton Blvd., Littleton.

"Improving our emergency preparedness is one of the County's key strategic Align Arapahoe initiatives and it's also an important priority of our citizens based on the results of our 2014 Citizen Survey," said Commissioner Nancy Sharpe, who represents District 2 and serves as the 2015 Board Chair. "While we apologize for the inconvenience closing CentrePoint Plaza early on July 15 may cause our customers, we feel it is vital that our employees are prepared should they ever face a real-life disaster or emergency."

The July 15 exercise will be designed to feel like a real event in order to test how employees would respond to an actual, real-life emergency. The exercise will be conducted by the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office, along with assistance of City of Aurora police and other County staff.

Arapahoe County is providing advance notice of this exercise to ensure customers schedule their visit to CentrePoint Plaza on July 15 accordingly, and to ensure that nearby business owners, employees and neighbors are aware the activity occurring at CentrePoint Plaza at 3 p.m. July 15 is not a real incident, but a public safety preparedness exercise only.

This is Arapahoe County's second employee emergency preparedness exercise. The first exercise took place March 17 in the County's Administration Building in Littleton.

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Media Note: For your safety, and in order to complete the exercise in a realistic environment, the exercise area will not be open to the public or to the news media. However, a media observation area will be set up in a designated area outside CentrePoint Plaza should members of the news media wish to observe the exercise. Please contact Yvette Yeon at 303-636-1945 or yyeon@arapahogov.com for more information.

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