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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **WHEAT RIDGE POLICE HOSTS NATIONAL COFFEE WITH A COP**

**WHEAT RIDGE, Colo. Sept. 26, 2019**—Wheat Ridge Police will host three locations for National Coffee with a Cop on Wednesday, Oct. 2, 2019. Chief Dave Pickett, members of his command staff, and police officers will be on hand at the Starbuck's on Kipling at W. 38<sup>th</sup>, the Starbuck's at Youngfield and W. 32<sup>nd</sup> Ave., and at Ziggi's Coffee at 2900 Youngfield (this location is weather dependent) from 9 – 10:30 a.m.

Commuters and community members are invited to stop by for a free cup of coffee and conversation with members of the Wheat Ridge Police Department.

Community policing has long been considered a framework for establishing trust between the community and the police. However, over time the character and composition of our nation's communities have changed due to shifting demographics, more commuters, and the introduction of different communication methods such as websites and social media.

Coffee with a Cop was launched by the Hawthorne Police Department in 2011. Coffee with a Cop events are now held in all 50 states and is one of the most successful community oriented policing programs across the country. The program has also expanded to outside the United States to Canada, Europe, Australia, Africa, and Latin America. The key to Coffee with a Cop's growing success is that it opens the door for interactions outside of the crisis situations that typically bring law enforcement officers and community members together.

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