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Wheat Ridge Police Department Community Services Officer Webb Receives Certification as Animal Control Officer and Animal Cruelty Investigator

WHEAT RIDGE, Colo. August 28, 2020 – Wheat Ridge Police Department Community Services Officer (CSO) Barbara Webb recently completed training that is required to qualify for certification by the National Animal Care & Control Association (NACA) as an Animal Control Officer and by the National Animal Control and Humane Officer Academy as an Animal Cruelty Investigator.

“CSO Webb demonstrates the commitment that WRPD officers bring to their jobs every day,” stated Chief Chris Murtha. “Our officers routinely go beyond the minimum training required of them and strive to become outstanding representatives of law enforcement in their service to the Wheat Ridge community. We’re very proud that CSO Webb is the first of our Community Services Team to achieve this qualification focused on animal cruelty cases.”

The National Animal Control and Humane Officer Academy Certification for Animal Cruelty was presented by Code 3 and Colorado State University and totaled 120 hours covering such topics as Animal Fighting, Animal Behavior, Injury Assessments, Animal Hoarders, Hazardous Material Awareness, Interviewing and Behavioral Analysis, Biosecurity and Zoonosis and Investigative Report Writing. The NACA Animal Control program consisted of 80 hours covering more than 36 topics. Some courses involved hands-on instruction with exotic animals including wolves and amphibians. These courses took a year to complete.

NACA is committed to setting the standard of professionalism in animal welfare and public safety through training, networking and advocacy.

Code 3 Associates, Inc., a 501(c)3 nonprofit, is dedicated to providing professional animal disaster response and resources to communities, as well as providing professional training to individuals and agencies involved in animal-related law enforcement and emergency response.

About Wheat Ridge Police Department

The Wheat Ridge Police Department focuses on community policing where officers can gain skills, expand their knowledge, and become part of a team of officers and staff who know and trust each other. A department of 90 sworn and 24.5 non-sworn, WRPD serves a thriving community bordered on the east by Denver, on the west by Golden, on the north by Arvada, and on the south by Lakewood. The City of 9.5 square miles has a population of 31,000.

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