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## News Release

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### **Emergency Medical Personnel Begin Receiving COVID-19 Vaccine**

**Pueblo, CO:** Select first responders in Pueblo County began receiving the first of two doses of the COVID-19 vaccine today as the Pueblo County Sheriff's Office, working in conjunction with the Pueblo Department of Public Health and Environment, continues to roll out the vaccine to the community.

Personnel from local fire agencies and AMR started receiving the county's first shipment of the Moderna vaccine today. The vaccine distribution for the emergency medical services personnel will continue over the next couple days.

Sheriff's office personnel have been working diligently with the PDPHE in planning and organizing the vaccine distribution since the first shipment arrived on December 15. Plans continue for distribution of future shipments of the vaccine.

"It's impressive for us to be able to get this vaccine out so quickly to our first responders," said Pueblo County Sheriff Kirk M. Taylor. "This a step closer to getting the vaccine to the general public and getting us back to the life we all enjoy."

The distribution of the vaccine is based on a phased approach that is focused on vaccinating those people who are at the highest risk of getting COVID-19 based on their occupation or vulnerability. Eventually, all individuals who want the vaccine will be allowed to get it.

At today's vaccine event, Pueblo Fire Chief Barb Huber was among the first group of EMS personnel to receive the initial dose of the vaccine.

"This is an amazing day," said Pueblo Fire Chief Barb Huber. "Thanks to the collaborative efforts of the EOC and many entities, we have come to this exciting day. This brings so much peace of mind to know our first responders are going to be safe when they respond to calls in the community."

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