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Sheriff Urges Residents to Notify Authorities of Controlled Burns

Pueblo, CO: Pueblo County Sheriff Kirk M. Taylor reminds residents living outside the city limits who plan to do a controlled burn to notify authorities before conducting the burn.

“We ask if you are going to do a controlled burn to report it through our burn line to prevent fire teams from being dispatched and responding to incidents that are simply people burning yard debris,” Taylor said. “It’s important for everyone to use caution and follow the notification rules that exist in Pueblo County for controlled burns.”

When controlled burns are reported, the Pueblo County Sheriff’s Office Communication Center can determine whether a report of smoke or flames in a specific area is a reported burn prior to dispatching fire teams.

Residents can report a controlled burn by going online at www.pueblosheriff.com to fill out a controlled burn notification form. The form can be found under the “How Do I” tab. Burn notifications can also be made by calling (719) 583-BURN (583-2876). Additionally, residents are reminded to check with their respective fire protection districts as some require a permit from their agency prior to conducting a burn.

Residents are urged to follow these steps when conducting a controlled burn in Pueblo County:

- Obtain a permit from your local fire department.
- Report your burn online at www.pueblosheriff.com or (719) 583-BURN before you start a fire.
- Keep a water source nearby along with a phone in case you lose control of the flames.
- Always burn in a cleared area.
- Never leave your fire unattended.
- Only burn yard debris, no man-made materials or other household products.
- Don’t burn after dark without special permission.

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