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Four members of the Elbert County Sheriff's Office recently attended the 2010 LECC Conference in Vail Colorado. The purpose of the Law Enforcement Coordinating Committee (LECC) is to improve cooperation and coordination among law enforcement groups, thereby enhancing the effectiveness of the criminal justice system.

In the summer of 1981, the Attorney General's Task Force on Violent Crime specifically recommended that each United States Attorney establish a law enforcement Coordinating Committee. The bi-partisan Task Force included eight distinguished national criminal justice experts who closely examined federal, state and local law enforcement needs. The recommendation to establish LECCs came as a direct result of the group's finding that federal, state and local law enforcement cooperation was crucial.

Members of the Elbert County Sheriff's Office attended classes including but not limited to; Grant Opportunities, Legislative Update, Terrorism & Homeland Security, Money Laundering, and Medical Marijuana.

Relationships forged at the LECC conferences have been extremely beneficial to the Sheriff's Office and to Elbert County. Recent benefits of these relationships include the housing of 10 to 15 State (Department of Corrections) inmates in the County Jail. This ongoing program provides \$150,000 to \$200,000 in unanticipated revenue which is deposited into the general fund annually. Funds in the amount of \$1,019.91 were taken from the Sheriff's Office training budget to pay for the conference.

The Sheriff's Office is currently exploring opportunities relating to capital improvements in the County's criminal justice system. These opportunities are a direct result of the relationships and information received through attendance of the LECC conference.

Conference Sponsors Included: U.S. Attorney's Office, Colorado Regional Community Policing Institute, Rocky Mountain Special Agents in Charge Association, Colorado Chiefs of Police, County Sheriff's Of Colorado, U.S. Postal Service, U.S. Postal Service Office of Inspector General.

Participants included 131 law enforcement professionals from local, state and federal agencies.

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