

## Pueblo County Sheriff's Office

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To: ARES Region 5 District 2 Members:

CC: KD0MBL – Neal Tew, W4CHZ Chas Carmichael, W0DNR John Fink, KD0WEA Frank Dunn, K9HBR Gene Vaerewyck, AD0HC Gary Maier, WB0YKO Michael Conder, W0OJW Dan Wantuck; and: W0UAW Emit Hurdelbrink, K0LMH Lisa Hurdelbrink, WA9TCD George Bartling, KC0VFN Ron Monk, K1DDN Amanda Alden-Carrier, and K0JSC Jeff Carrier

The Pueblo County Sheriff's Office would like to thank Region 5 District 2 Amateur Radio Emergency Services (ARES) and all of the ARES members who contributed their time, infrastructure, equipment, expertise and dedication during the Pueblo Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program (CSEPP) exercise held in Pueblo Colorado on 6 May 2014.

Your commendable efforts were noted by this agency, as well as the evaluators of the exercise. The ARES demonstration of crucial backup communications capabilities at the Pueblo County Sheriff's Office Emergency Operations Center, and with ARES members at the State of Colorado Emergency Operations Center, the Pueblo Field Command Post, and evacuation shelters is a model that could be duplicated across the county. ARES participation during these trainings and in real crisis events increases the level of public safety provided to Pueblo County citizens and to our First Responders. The volunteers of R5D2 are a credit to its served agency and our community.

We are grateful you took the time to practice with us this year, and look forward to your participation in the future.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Kirk M. Taylor

Sheriff, Pueblo County