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## **Frederick Police Department Honored as North Range Behavioral Health's 2025 Community Champion for Behavioral Health**

North Range Behavioral Health is proud to honor the Frederick Police Department as 2025's Community Champion Behavioral Health Award recipient for their continued partnership, compassion, and dedication to supporting the wellbeing of their community. The Community Champion Behavioral Health Award recognizes individuals and organizations demonstrating exceptional commitment to promoting mental wellness, reducing stigma, and improving access to behavioral health services in their communities.

In review of last year, the Frederick Police Department rose to the top of North Range's community partners. With 41 sworn officers, the Frederick Police Department demonstrates an unwavering dedication to meeting the behavioral health needs of their community through the ongoing Carbon Valley and Mead Co-Responder partnership with North Range. This collaboration, now entering its fifth year, pairs behavioral health professionals with law enforcement officers to provide on-scene support for individuals in crisis.

"Over the years, this partnership has evolved from being simply comfortable with each other to truly relying on one another," said Sergeant Ian Albert, who has been with the department for 23 years. "Our Co-Responders provide an incredible relief to patrol officers by staying on scene to support individuals and families in crisis, allowing officers to focus on criminal matters while ensuring everyone receives the help they need."

Co-Responders work alongside officers during the department's busiest hours, often in the afternoons and early evenings, and are available by phone when not on site. Their presence has become an essential part of how the department approaches behavioral health needs, ranging from suicidal ideation and family conflict to substance use concerns and youth challenges.

The Frederick Police Department's values, Family, Respect, Empowerment, and Dedication (FRED), guide every interaction. Officers receive Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training, anti-bias education, and ethics development to ensure compassionate and effective responses to mental health situations. The department's leadership, commitment to partnership, and focus on mental wellness make them a true model of collaboration between law enforcement and behavioral health providers.

The department was honored with the award during the North Range Behavioral Health Board of Directors meeting on Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup>. For more information about the award or the array of Co-Responder programs and services throughout Weld County, contact North Range Behavioral Health at [Marketing@NorthRange.org](mailto:Marketing@NorthRange.org).

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Established as a 501(c)3 in 1971, North Range Behavioral Health provides compassionate, comprehensive care for people who face mental health, trauma, and substance use disorder challenges. Designated by the Behavioral Health Administration (BHA) as a Comprehensive and Essential Safety Net Provider and recognized as a Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC), our trauma-informed, effective and efficient practices support children, young people, adults, and families across a wide spectrum of needs. For information on our evidence-based, culturally sensitive counseling, prevention, and education programs offered across over



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