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SHERIFF ANNOUNCES RE-ELECTION BID

SUMMIT COUNTY, COLORADO – Summit County Sheriff John G. Minor announced today that he will seek re-election in 2014. The announcement was made at noon on the steps of the Old County Courthouse in Breckenridge, along with several other elected officials who will also be seeking re-election. Due to term limits, this will be Minor's third and final term in office. He has run unopposed for the last two elections.

Minor, 48, a Republican, has held the position since 2004. He began his law enforcement career as a Corrections Deputy with the Summit County Sheriff's Office in 1990, and later moved to the Patrol Division. In 1993, he joined the Silverthorne Police department. He was promoted to Sergeant in 1997, and was asked to serve as the Interim Chief of Police for the Town of Silverthorne in 1999.

"I guess you could say it's Minor's Last Stand," joked Minor during his announcement. "I'm at the point in my career where I get to choose what I want to do. I love this community and I'm so proud of the men and women who serve this community every single day. It's a privilege to live here and it's a privilege to work here."

When he took office, Minor instituted a Citizens Advisory Committee which meets once a month to discuss concerns and issues from the community. He was also instrumental in developing both a Citizens Police Academy and Latino Police Academy, in cooperation with the local police departments.

"Relationships are key," explained Minor. "Not only with the community, but also amongst other response agencies. We work very closely with the Office of Emergency Management and the Fire Districts, especially when it comes to wildfires."

Looking forward, Minor hopes to reinstate the School Resource Officer (SRO) position, which was eliminated during budget cuts a few years ago. "We have a great relationship with the school district," said Minor. "I would like to bring back the SRO, if funding can be found."

Mental health issues will also receive his attention. "I'd like to work with Mindsprings to help address the mental health concerns facing our community," said Minor. "We need to do a better job of reaching people when they're struggling with milder issues – before they slide into crisis."

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