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Wheat Ridge Police Department Launches Collectible Conversation Coins Program for 2019

WHEAT RIDGE, Colo. Jan. 15, 2019 -- The Wheat Ridge Police Department (WRPD) has launched a new program designed to encourage residents and other community members to build relationships with officers, detectives, staff and volunteers by having a “conversation.” WRPD has designed five different collectible wooden Conversation Coins for collecting as part of the 50th Anniversary celebration that is taking place throughout Wheat Ridge in 2019.

One side of the wooden Conversation Coins depicts the 2019 Anniversary Badge being worn by some officers to commemorate the City’s 50th Anniversary. The other side of the wooden coins includes a design representing a team or division within the Wheat Ridge Police Department. There is a coin with the honorary K-9 badge for the Crime Prevention Team’s Dog Walker Watch Program, one with the Crash and Traffic Team’s flying wheel, another with the Community Services Team’s Cody the Code Enforcer with his dog Tag, one depicting a magnifying glass and fingerprint to represent the Investigations Bureau, and another coin with an illustrated badge for the Patrol Division.

Community members can receive a coin from uniformed officers, detectives, staff, volunteers, and members of the Community Services Team by being “caught in the act” of performing a good deed or exhibiting good safety practices. Some of the activities that qualify include: walking a dog on leash, cleaning up dog waste, shoveling snow for a neighbor, planting a Pinwheel for Ralston House, bringing yard waste or trash to a TLC Neighborhoods Clean Up Day, trimming weeds or shrubbery, having a child properly restrained in a car seat or wearing a bike helmet.

Coins can also be redeemed by interacting with WRPD officers at events hosted by WRPD next year including the Refuse to be a Victim course, Drug Take-Back Day at Lutheran Medical Center, Coffee with a Cop, National Night Out, the Child Safety Fair and other events. There are five different collectible coins in total that will be available throughout 2019. More information is available on the [City website](#).



About Wheat Ridge Police Department

The Wheat Ridge Police Department focuses on community policing where officers can gain skills, expand their knowledge, and become part of a team of officers and staff who know and trust each other. A department of 82 sworn and 24 non-sworn, WRPD serves a thriving community bordered on the east by Denver, on the

west by Golden, on the north by Arvada, and on the south by Lakewood. The City of 9.5 square miles has a population of 31,000. New development is currently underway in a number of locations bringing new residents and businesses to this vibrant community known locally as "Sweet Ridge."

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