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### *TWO WCSO DEPUTIES COMPLETE HAZARDOUS DEVICES SCHOOL*

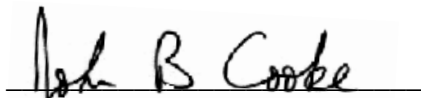
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Greeley, Colo. – Two Weld County Sheriff’s deputies recently graduated from the FBI Hazardous Devices School (bomb school) in Huntsville, Alabama.

Deputies Scott Holmen and Dan Heintz recently completed an intensive six week program at the Redstone Arsenal in Alabama. The training program is designed to teach students how to identify and defuse bombs in real life situations. At Redstone Arsenal, a mock town was constructed to simulate a typical American city. Exercises in defusing bombs were held in a mock bus terminal; bus stop, convenience store and even a church.

Students are also taught how to recognize booby trapped drug labs and locations where marijuana can be grown. In addition Holmen and Heintz were taught how to use portable x-ray equipment to examine the contents of a container that contains a bomb, or how to use the x-ray equipment to examine the contents of suspicious packages and the inner workings of explosive devices. The deputies learned how to use robots, which is considered the preferred method for handling or examining improvised explosive devices. The bombs used in the program are devices that were used in a similar real life situation somewhere throughout the world.

The deputies are an addition to the existing Weld / Greeley Bomb Team. The team responds to calls and is a resource to all law enforcement agencies in the North East Colorado Region. The Hazardous Devices School is the only one of its kind in the United States and is ran by the U.S. Army and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

  
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John B. Cooke – Sheriff

Attachment: Photograph of Deputies Holmen and Heintz



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