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## **Colorado Attorney General Cynthia H. Coffman Presents 2015 Excellence in Law Enforcement Award to Sergeant Daniel Steele**

DENVER – Colorado Attorney General Cynthia H. Coffman today honored the men and women who serve bravely as Colorado peace officers by presenting the 2015 Excellence in Law Enforcement Award.

In a ceremony held today, Attorney General Coffman presented the 2015 Excellence in Law Enforcement Award to Denver Police Sergeant Daniel Steele. Sergeant Steele has been a police officer for 20 years and is currently assigned to the Denver Police Department's Special Investigation Division, FBI Rocky Mountain Innocence Lost Task Force as a supervisor.

"In my time working with state law enforcement agencies, I have had the opportunity to serve alongside thousands of dedicated police officers, sheriff's deputies, investigators, prosecutors and all the other personnel who keep our communities safe," said Colorado Attorney General Cynthia H. Coffman. "It is their commitment to protect others that makes Colorado a safer and better place for all of us to live."

Sergeant Steele has served in specialized units, including the Street Crimes Attack Team, Gang Bureau, Combined Communications Center and the Vice/Drug Control Bureau. He is also deputized through the FBI's Innocence Lost Initiative as a Special Deputy United States Marshal to investigate crimes of human sex trafficking and the commercial exploitation of children.

“Sergeant Steele brings passion, energy and dedication to combat horrific crimes like those that exploit children. I commend him for his extraordinary ability to communicate both passionately and effectively with victims of violence,” said General Coffman.

Past recipients of the Excellence in Law Enforcement Award include:

- 2014 - Sergeant A. J. DeAndrea with both the Arvada Police Department and the Jefferson County Regional SWAT Team
- 2013 - Retired Division Chief Phil West, Boulder Police Department
- 2012 - Retired Master Sergeant Larry Bennington, Arvada Police Department
- 2011 - Investigator Robert “Bob” Fuller, Denver District Attorney’s office
- 2010 - Sergeant Stephen White, Lakewood Police Department
- 2009 - Sergeant Joe Young, Aurora Police Department

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