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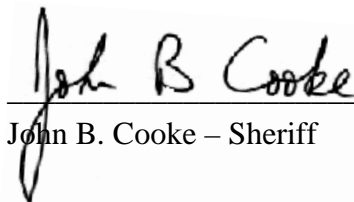
### *SHERIFF COOKE OPINION ON METHAMPHETAMINE PREVENTION*

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I read Attorney General Suthers' opinion piece about the importance of continuing our state's methamphetamine use prevention and am in complete agreement. The Weld County Sheriff's Office is focused on reducing the supply of methamphetamine and is working to eradicate methamphetamine-related crimes. However, until we can reduce demand for the drug, law enforcement can only do so much, which is why we have taken a collaborative approach to prevention. As an example, the Weld County Sheriff's Office has joined forces with the Colorado Meth Project, Youth and Family Connections, Weld County Prevention Partners, the Greeley Arts Commission and others to coordinate the 2010 Weld County Graffiti Mural Project. The event takes place throughout the summer and enables young people from area youth-serving agencies and schools to work together and use their creativity and artistic talents to fight drug and alcohol abuse.

Beyond our local efforts, I am pleased that Attorney General Suthers and Senator Bennet are keeping this issue on the state and federal agenda. They are committed to devoting more financial resources to the fight against methamphetamine. Under Attorney General Suthers' leadership, the State Methamphetamine Task Force enables us to coordinate our law enforcement, treatment and prevention efforts. Senator Bennet's bill helps fund prevention efforts which is something the law enforcement community supports.

If we continue to work together effectively, I know we can drive methamphetamine out of Colorado. I commend Attorney General Suthers, Senator Bennet and the Colorado Meth Project for the important work they continue to do.

  
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John B. Cooke – Sheriff