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Law enforcement, firefighting officers to be honored



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Dayton Robinson



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Peter Weir

The Hundred Club of Pueblo's annual dinner will be held at La Renaissance on Thursday.

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Three Pueblo law enforcement officers and a firefighter will be honored Thursday at the Hundred Club of Pueblo's annual dinner at La Renaissance.

It is the 12th year that the club will honor a member of the Pueblo Police Department, Pueblo County Sheriff's Department, Pueblo Fire Department and Colorado State Patrol.

The ceremony on Thursday will begin with cocktails at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 7.

The honored officers, who were selected by the heads of their respective department, are police Capt. Dayton Robinson, Assistant Fire Chief Joe Sena, Sheriff's Deputy Brandon Talton and his K9 partner, Duke, and patrol Trooper Dennis Halverson. Peter Weir, executive director of the Colorado Department of Public Safety, will be the guest speaker. Weir served as a district court judge for two years in the 1st Judicial District, before retiring upon his appointment to Gov. Bill Ritter's Cabinet.

- Robinson is a 28-year veteran of the police department, who heads the records and emergency dispatch sections. He recently led the department through implementation of a new computer system and is the department's liaison with architects designing the new Pueblo Justice Center, which will

house the new police headquarters, municipal court and information technology departments.

- Sena joined the fire department in 1991 and served as a captain for almost 10 years before being named assistant chief in March 2007. He has served on numerous committees within the department, currently as the accreditation manager.

- Talton and Duke have teamed up in 85 investigations so far this year, including 71 drug searches and accounting for one-fourth of the DUI arrests in Pueblo County. They also have been called in to help with three tracking cases of suspects fleeing from authorities.

- Halverson joined the state patrol in 1995 and has worked throughout Southern Colorado in the Springfield, Trinidad and Pueblo offices. He has been among the patrol's top drug enforcers three of the past four years and recently has been instructing troopers on the functions of drug recognition.

In addition to annually recognizing top officers, the club this year presented \$5,000 each to the families of fallen Crowley County volunteer firefighters Terry DeVore and John Schwartz Jr., and the widow of Pueblo policeman Nick Heine, who died in June while on duty.