



## Media Release

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**ALAMOSA, CO**—The Eastern Colorado Type-3 Incident Management Team has recently completed a deployment to southern Colorado. The team was activated by the State of Colorado to assist the city of Alamosa during an outbreak of salmonella in the water supply.

Incident Commander, Chad Ray, ICT-2(t) said “this is the fourth assignment for the team since it was formed six months ago. The team’s prior activations have included the Colorado Governor’s Conference on Emergency Management; the blizzard in Park County and support to the State EOC.” Ray added that the team is also scheduled for deployment in August to assist the state EOC at the Democratic National Convention in Denver.

Organizations that participated in the incident as reflected in the IAP included federal, state, regional, county and local agencies as well as an extensive list of volunteers under one of the operational groups. The team managed distribution centers and provided management assistance to the city with four operational groups. According to the ICS 209 a high of 197 personnel were assigned to the incident when the ECIMT was committed to the incident.

The Alamosa activation included all elements of the command staff in addition to Operations, Plans and Logistics within the general staff. Trainees also picked up valuable experience in Liaison, Information, Operations and Logistics. Members of the City of Alamosa and county officials shadowed the team. Alamosa Mayor Ferris Bervig worked with the team every day during the assignment.

The team is filled with first responders qualified at the T-1, 2 and 3 level. Members include fire chiefs from Berthoud, Platte Valley, Eaton and Evans, CO, five emergency managers and various law enforcement personnel including Bill Nelson, ICT, who is a Major for the Larimer, CO Sheriff’s Office. Other personnel come from the Colorado Department of Corrections, one retired federal employee from the Department of the Interior and one retired employee from the National Park Service Regional Office in Denver. Two regional Colorado field emergency managers are also on the team. Ray manages the southeast and south portion of Colorado and the other member is the northeast regional emergency manager. There are ten L-449 instructors within the team.



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The Eastern Colorado IMT represents 22 counties that include the northeast, southeast and south all-hazard areas which comprise one-third of the state.

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**PHOTO OUTLINE narrative: (Photo Attached)**

Incident Commander Chad Ray (l) accepts a donation of hand sanitizer on behalf of the incident from Steve Valdez, manager of the City Market in Alamosa. Many businesses donated goods, money, employees and support to the community during the salmonella outbreak. City Market alone donated 5,000 hand sanitizers, thousands of one gallon plastic containers and thousands of individual hand sanitizers. Other Alamosa area businesses paid their employees when they were closed and asked that the employees assist the city. **(ECIMT Photo by Chris Sorensen)**