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A message to our whole community,

This is a message from Pikes Peak Regional Building Department to you, a community comprised of cities and towns within and outside of El Paso County, its residents, and its workers.

Two simple, but very important, words: “Thank you”. **Thank you** for allowing the Department to remain sustainable with remote operations during the current different and difficult times. **Thank you** for supporting the Department in protecting the life safety and welfare of the employees and volunteers of the Department, the jurisdictions the Department serves, and the industry and communities thereof. The community response to what we do, and how we have remained remotely operational in the past four weeks, has been amazing.

Notwithstanding the immediate, challenging and unprecedented actions taken by all in an effort to slow the spread of COVID-19 and to mitigate the effects of the virus, a great team we remain to be. We are very proud of the work we do, and we could not do it without our unwavering and loyal employees and volunteers, and we could not do it without you.

Our message to you is as follows: understand and maintain your responsibilities, whatever they are; use the current circumstances as an opportunity to understand our differences and how they can help us remain united and strong for our community. Sometimes there is a benefit in being the first person standing in unknown circumstances, but the last one remaining; with your support, the Department has done, and continues to do just that. So, continue to avoid being exposed to the virus and put distance between yourselves and others in an effort to stop the spread of the virus, accomplish a flattened curve of COVID-19, and help our community sustain its economy.

No matter how tough this experience may seem, things are never as bad as they may seem. We are in this together, so, do not lose yourselves because we believe in you, and we **thank you**!

Strong our region remains! With healthy wishes to our whole community,

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