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Civilian Top Gun Competition

Greenwood Village, Colo. – The 9th annual Civilian Top Gun Competition at Fay Myers Motorcycle World raised funds to benefit police officers. The event took place on Sept. 9 and gave civilians the opportunity to ride on a track similar to those used by law enforcement officers. Senior Deputy Brian Phillips with the Adams County Sheriff's Office helped judge the competition.

"This was a great event to showcase the skill that goes into riding on a motorcycle. I'm glad Deputy Phillips was able to help out and represent our Agency!" said Adams County Sheriff Michael McIntosh.

Colleen Boyle, president of T3RG Motorcycle Training School, hosted the event and made a \$500 donation to the MC-1 Foundation. Through this foundation, the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office has provided financial assistance ranging from \$5,000 - \$10,000 to help police officers and firefighters who were injured in the line of duty.

The Top Gun Civilian Competition raised money for the 2017 MC-1 Honor Run, which is coming up on Sept. 30. This motorcycle ride will start at Columbine High School and end at Hoffbrau Bar and Grill. The MC-1 Honor Run commemorates Sergeant Dave Baldwin, who a reckless driver killed on Colorado State Highway 93 in 2014.

The Top Gun Civilian competition provided opportunities for people to ride in a timed obstacle course with patterns laid out in cones. In the final competition between officers and civilians, Deputy Phillips won in a ride off against Bill Matthews.

Senior Deputy Phillips joined the Adams County Sheriff's Office in 2003, serving on both the Traffic Safety Team and Motorcycle Unit. He is one of the core instructors with the Denver Metro Area Motor Officer Group and a subject matter expert on impaired driving. Whether he is enforcing the law as a motorcycle officer or training others, Deputy Phillips is dedicated to promoting safety on the road.

"Deputy Phillips stepped up to help with judging and in the end he stepped up to participate. I thought he'd be a great candidate to do the demonstration. It was a crowd pleaser. It was a success," said Deputy Sheriff Mark Miller, the lead instructor for the Motorcycle Unit with the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office.



Senior Deputy Brian Phillips riding in the Top Gun Competition for law enforcement officers at Jeffco Stadium last June.



Bill Matthews riding in the Civilian Top Gun Competition at Fay Myers Motorcycle World in September.