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Community Hospital Hires Director of Safety and Security

Mesa County, CO - Community Hospital is pleased to announce Matt Lewis as the new Director of Safety and Security. Matt has worked at the Mesa County Sheriff's Office for 25 years and has served as the Mesa County Sheriff since January 2015. Matt earned his bachelor of science degree in criminal justice from Colorado Technical University in Colorado Springs and attended the Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy in 2017 in Quantico, VA. Matt has decades of experience in law enforcement and his knowledge and expertise in public safety is unmatched in our community. Matt will join Community Hospital on Monday, August 9, 2021.

In this role, Matt will lead Community Hospital's safety and security efforts and initiatives. Matt will report directly to Joe Gerardi, Chief Operating Officer/Chief Nursing Officer.

"The safety of our patients, visitors, staff and providers is of utmost importance to our Board of Trustees, Foundation Board and Administration," said Chris Thomas, President and CEO for Community Hospital. "Community Hospital has experienced exponential growth over the past several years and having a strong safety and security program is essential as we continue to navigate these uncertain times. Our community has been incredibly fortunate to have someone of Matt's caliber leading law enforcement operations at the Mesa County Sheriff's Office and we are confident Matt will prove to be a valuable asset to Community Hospital as he endeavors into this new role," added Thomas.

"I am excited to collaborate and work closely with everyone to expand upon the safety and security program already in place at Community Hospital," said Matt Lewis. "I look forward to continuing my public safety career in a challenging and diverse environment," added Lewis.

Community Hospital is a full-service, acute care hospital licensed for 60 beds. As part of the Colorado West Healthcare System, Community Hospital is a Level III Trauma Center that offers full outpatient diagnostic services and inpatient care for the Western Slope region of Colorado and eastern Utah. Community Hospital brings together expert staff and world-class technology in a healing, family-centered environment.

For information on the programs and services provided by Community Hospital, please visit YourCommunityHospital.com or call 970-242-0920.

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