

## **COHOPE Report**

The January COHOPE meeting was held at the Jeffco Sheriff's South Station and attended by Al Nemes representing CKS/E HOA. The Board is looking for a homeowner to be the COHOPE representative which meets once a month. If you might be interested, please call Al Nemes (303-972-1800) for more information.

Jefferson County Sheriff's Deputy Gordon Neuenfeldt reported continued vandalism and burglary activity throughout our South Jeffco area. Unlocked cars and open garage doors are easy targets. There was one entry in our HOA area in December when a homeowner left their garage door open. A deputy woke the homeowner at 2 a.m. – items were missing from the garage and car. It was also reported that there are three medical marijuana dispensaries in the South Jeffco area. The closest reported is in the shopping center by Garrison and Ken Caryl.

Scott Story, District Attorney of Jefferson County, was the guest speaker for the evening. He provided information on a variety of issues and initiatives that his office is dealing with. Crimes against children and internet safety were discussed in detail. District Attorney Investigators have been working Internet crimes against children since 1996. When he took office in 2005, he recognized the urgency of the problem created by the amount of time kids spend unsupervised on the Internet. He created the Child Sex Offender Internet Investigations (CSOII) Unit. The Unit addresses the problem of sex offenders who prey on children from a preventative approach, as well as going undercover and following them into areas frequented by kids. While the prevention programs were originally aimed at high school and middle school kids, CSOII has now taken Cheezo and his prevention program into elementary schools. The younger kids who are using the Internet are still very naive and impressionable. A fun and educational video is used in promoting Internet safety designed specifically for young kids. Visit the DA's web site [www.co.jefferson.co.us/da/index.htm](http://www.co.jefferson.co.us/da/index.htm) for additional information.

The remainder of the meeting covered the normal COHOPE business topics. One new item discussed was the cap-and-trade legislation that is currently in Congress that would require homeowners to bring their homes up to new environmental and energy efficiency standards when sold. This could be a significant cost to the seller.

Kathy Hartman, the Jefferson County Commissioner for our area will be the guest at the next COHOPE meeting the first Wednesday of February.