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Denver Health CEO Donna Lynne Honored with David J. Cole Denver Public Safety Citizen's Award

DENVER (Oct. 30, 2025)— The city's business, civic and public safety leaders gathered today at the Curtis Hotel Grand Ballroom for the Annual Denver Public Safety Luncheon, an event that unites the business community, first responders and public officials to honor those who dedicate their lives to keeping Denver safe.

During the luncheon, Denver Mayor Mike Johnston presented the David J. Cole Denver Public Safety Citizen's Award to Donna Lynne, CEO of Denver Health, in recognition of her steadfast commitment to protecting Denver's most vulnerable populations along with her leadership in advancing the health and safety of the city.

Under Donna's leadership, Denver Health continues to serve as a cornerstone of Denver's public safety network—providing essential medical care, supporting first responders and ensuring equitable access to health care for all residents.

"To serve in public safety is to stand shoulder to shoulder with our community—to meet people where they are, often in their most vulnerable moments and help them find a path to health and hope," said Donna Lynne, CEO of Denver Health. "At Denver Health, being the city's most trusted health care partner means showing up every day with compassion, skill and commitment to those who depend on us most. This recognition honors the extraordinary team of providers, nurses, administrators, and staff who make Denver Health's mission possible every single day. Together, they help build a city that is stronger, safer, and more compassionate."

The luncheon program, hosted by Albus Brooks, featured remarks from Mayor Johnston, who acknowledged members of the Denver City Council, other cabinet and elected officials, and presented several public safety honors, including the Denver Public Safety Lifetime Achievement Award to Lieutenant Gina Abeita.

The Annual Denver Public Safety Luncheon continues to highlight the importance of collaboration among public agencies, health care providers and community partners in ensuring the safety and well-being of all Denver residents.



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About Denver Health

Denver Health is a comprehensive health and hospital system that provides high-quality care and proudly serves as the city's safety-net hospital. For more than 160 years, Denver Health has been guided by its mission to serve the people of Denver, to educate the next generation of health care professionals and to engage in research and community partnerships to better deliver the health care needs of our patients while strengthening our community.