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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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Contact: Jennifer Finch, 970-356-4000 ext. 4232  
RE: Weld County Office of Emergency Management

### **ROY RUDISILL APPOINTED AS DIRECTOR OF THE WELD COUNTY OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

WELD COUNTY, CO – During the December 14, 2011, Board Meeting of the Weld County Board of County Commissioners, the Board approved the appointment of Roy Rudisill as the Director of the Office of Emergency Management (OEM) for Weld County. Rudisill will formally start his appointment on January 1, 2012.

Rudisill has spent the past 22 years as a deputy with the Weld County Sheriff's Office – the last six of those years as the Director of the OEM through that position. In 2011, the decision was made to move the OEM under the Board of County Commissioners, where statutorily it is required to be. Rudisill's office will now be located in the County Administration Building.

“This is a great opportunity for emergency management to expand and grow in the county,” said Rudisill.

The mission of the OEM is to support Weld County and its citizens in preparedness, prevention, mitigation, response and recovery in an “All-Hazards Approach”. Rudisill, and his team, will be tasked with providing preparedness planning and training for citizens and local jurisdictions as well as develop and sustain relationships with individuals and organizations throughout the county, which will become vital in emergency situations. The OEM will also be responsible for coordinating and implementing emergency management and communication in the event of a disaster.

“The appointment of Roy to this position ensures that Weld County citizens will continue to receive the emergency preparedness training and education that Roy has provided for years,” said Commissioner Chairwoman Barbara Kirkmeyer.

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