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Re: Spotlight on Weld

WELD COUNTY EMPLOYEES SHARE STORIES FROM 2013 FLOOD IN NEWEST 'SPOTLIGHT WELD COUNTY'

WELD COUNTY, CO – The latest installment of "Spotlight Weld County" is a special segment featuring Weld County Commissioners Barbara Kirkmeyer and Sean Conway discussing the efforts of Weld County employees who went above and beyond during the 2013 September flood.

"We wanted to share some of these stories of Weld County employees who were exceptional during the flood last year," said Commissioner Barbara Kirkmeyer. "This is our opportunity to tell the lesser known stories of Weld County employees."

The special show features seven county employees discussing their personal experiences during the 2013 September flood. The employees below discuss the following:

- Jacob Mundt, Director of GIS and Web Development — Quickly creating maps for use in the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) during the event.
- Janet Lundquist, Public Works Engineer — Being stranded in Milliken and helping set up their EOC.
- Butch Gillingham and Ignacio Aguilar, Department of Buildings and Grounds — Driving down to Niwot for cots and mattresses.
- Jennifer Sheffer, Dispatcher — Handling a two-hour 911 call with a woman stuck in rising flood waters.
- Staci Datteri-Fry, Employee Health and Productivity Specialist — Setting up the Disaster Recovery Centers in the county.
- John Kruse, Human Services Division Head for Assistance Payments — Preparing for the implementation of the Affordable Care Act when the flood hit.
- Frank Piacentino, Building Official — Inspecting homes for flood damage.

"The contributions these employees made during the 2013 flood are a perfect example of 'Team Weld County,'" said Commissioner Sean Conway. "These individuals went above and beyond to help Weld County residents in a time of need."

To watch the latest episode, visit the Weld County Government YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/user/WeldCountyCO.

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