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Re: Police Officers Week, Peace Officers Memorial Day

**WELD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PROCLAIM MAY 11-17
WELD COUNTY POLICE OFFICERS WEEK
*May 15th is Peace Officers Memorial Day***

WELD COUNTY, CO – The Weld County Board of Commissioners issued a proclamation announcing the week of May 11-17 as Weld County Police Officers Week and May 15 as Peace Officers Memorial Day.

Protectors of life and property, law enforcement officers fight against crime and other wrongs to society to ensure safe communities for residents to live in.

In 2013, every 82 hours, an American Law Enforcement officer died in the line of duty somewhere in the U.S., the proclamation said. One hundred and six men and women lost their lives in the line of duty last year, one of whom was from Colorado.

Weld County has lost seven officers, troopers and deputies in the line of duty: Officer Lee Whitman, Deputy Earl Bucher, Trooper Wallace McCarty, Officer Richard Ware, Officer James Longworth, Officer Richard Hart and Deputy Sam Brownlee.

“We take this week to honor the dedication and sacrifice of our Weld County law enforcement officers, who ensure our community remains a safe place to live, work and play,” Commissioner Chair Doug Rademacher said. “We especially take this opportunity to honor the seven Weld County officers, troopers and deputies who gave the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty.”

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