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## NEWS RELEASE

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### SPOTLIGHT WELD COUNTY HIGHLIGHTS INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT

WELD COUNTY, CO – In the first “Spotlight Weld County” video of 2015, Commissioner Chair Barbara Kirkmeyer, Commissioner Pro-Tem Mike Freeman and Chief Information Officer Ryan Rose reflect back on the past year for the Weld County Information Technology (IT) Department. Rose is celebrating his one-year anniversary with the county and has made significant improvements in the IT department including business management practices, software and hardware upgrades, and security enhancements.



“Last year, we welcomed Ryan as our Director of Information Technology and discussed the direction the county wanted to go with regard to technology,” said Kirkmeyer. “It’s exciting to reflect back and see the developments that not only benefit Weld County employees but also our residents.”

During the past year, Rose added additional resources to the IT Team, inventoried and audited the internal processes, procedures, agreements and contracts within IT, and implemented a 5-year capital improvement plan. Rose also hired an IT Security Manager, Jessica Behunin, who brings 20 years of security expertise and holds many industry certifications including the highly regarded Certified Information Security Manager (CISM) certification from the Information Systems Audit and Control Association (ISACA) and Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP) certification from the International Information Systems Security Certification Consortium, Inc. (ISC<sup>2</sup>).

“Security is ever evolving. It’s an iterative process for us, and we certainly take it very seriously,” said Rose. “We see it as a shared governance model within the IT department and within the county, and we plan to continue to make improvements within the year.”

Weld County is recognized by the National Cyber Security Alliance as a champion for supporting National Cyber Security Awareness Month, which is in October, and for making a commitment to cybersecurity. Weld County will also support Data Privacy Day on Wednesday, January 28, which is focused on respecting privacy and safeguarding data.

To watch the video and learn more about the improvements made to the county’s IT department, visit the Weld County Government YouTube channel at [www.youtube.com/user/WeldCountyCO](http://www.youtube.com/user/WeldCountyCO).

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