WELD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PROCLAIM
MAY 15-21 AS WELD COUNTY POLICE OFFICERS WEEK

WELD COUNTY, CO – The Weld County Board of Commissioners proclaim May 15-21, 2016, as National Weld County Police Officers Week. The week is dedicated to honoring law enforcement officers who work tirelessly to fight against crime and to protect individual rights.

In honor of National Weld County Police Officers Week and National Peace Officers Memorial Day, the Sheriff’s Office is hosting a Weld County Fallen Officer Memorial Tribute Ceremony on Thursday, May 19 at 6:30 p.m. The ceremony will take place at the Fallen Officers' Memorial in Bittersweet Park located at 35th Avenue and 16th Street in Greeley and will be followed by a BBQ. This is a family-friendly event, and the public is encouraged to attend.

“The Board would like to extend our sincere appreciation to the law enforcement officers who work each day to protect our community and defend our rights,” said Commissioner Chair Mike Freeman. “We also want to take a moment to remember the service and sacrifice made by the officers who lost their lives.”

In 2015, every 69 hours, an American Law Enforcement Officer died in the line of duty somewhere in the United States, and throughout the year, 128 men and women lost their lives while on duty, including four officers from Colorado. Weld County has lost seven Officers, Troopers and Deputies in the line of duty: Officer Lee Whitman (Greeley Police Department), Deputy Earl Bucher (Weld County Sheriff’s Office), Trooper Wallace McCarty (Colorado State Patrol), Officer Richard Ware (Evans Police Department), Officer James Longworth (Greeley Police Department), Officer Richard Hart (Firestone Police Department) and Deputy Sam Brownlee (Weld County Sheriff’s Office).

For more information about fallen officers in Weld County, visit the Fallen Heroes tab on the Weld County Sheriff’s Office web page at www.weldsheriff.com.

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