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WELD COUNTY REGIONAL COMMUNICATIONS CENTER DIRECTOR ANNOUNCED

WELD COUNTY, CO – The Board of County Commissioners is pleased to announce the hiring of Michael Wallace as the Weld County Regional Communications Director. Wallace, who has spent the past five years serving as the Communications Center Manager for the city of Thornton, accepted the position with Weld County in early February. He will start his position in Weld County on March 4, 2013.

“The county conducted a nation-wide search for the position of Weld County Director of Communications, and we were fortunate to find the best qualified person for this job already within our county,” said Weld County Commissioner Barbara Kirkmeyer.

“He brings the experience of successfully directing the separation of the Adams County center, and we are confident that experience will benefit Weld County,” said Weld County Commissioner Chairman William Garcia.

Wallace has approximately 25 years of experience in emergency communications. He began his career as a volunteer dispatcher for the Floyd County Sheriff’s Office in New Albany, Indiana, was later hired as a full-time dispatcher. Wallace was promoted to the Chief of Communications for the department and was responsible for providing dispatch for the sheriff’s department, two municipalities, and five fire departments. After 11 years with Floyd County, Wallace accepted a position with SCC Communications in Boulder; SCC Communications later became Intrado – the system Weld County utilizes for emergency communication. While at Intrado, Wallace managed all facets of 911 network delivery and database management for companies such as Ameritech, Bellsouth and AT&T. In 2004, he took a position as the Communications Center Manager for the city of Schaumburg’s (IL) new \$14 million 911 facility. Wallace returned to Colorado in 2007 when he was hired by the City of Thornton as their Communications Center Manager and asked to build a new 911 center separate from Adams County’s communication center. Wallace successfully completed that task in 2009 – \$1.1 million under budget and three months ahead of schedule.

“We expect that under Wallace’s direction the Weld County Regional Communications Center will be successful in maintaining and continually improving the service it provides to the residents of Weld County,” said Garcia.

The Weld County Director of Communications is responsible for the efficient functioning and coordination of all aspects of Weld County Public Safety Communications, to include the Communications Center, county towers and radio infrastructure management.

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