

FACILITIES DEPARTMENT



Pictured Left to Right: Caleb Templeton, Luke Scott, Rachel Jastrem, Brad Hughes, Skye Forsythe, Mark Litzleman, Elsa Garcia and Eric Jaquez (not pictured Boyd Richardson & Shirley Kell)

WHAT ARE THE ESSENTIAL DUTIES OF THE DEPARTMENT?

The primary duty of the Facilities Department is to provide a safe, accessible, sanitary and wholesome environment within which the public, elected officials and employees can conduct county business and participate in local government. We strive to protect and maintain county buildings, grounds, fixtures and equipment in a high state of repair as heavy use requires consistent and preventative maintenance. We constantly predict and plan for major repairs that will maintain the value and use of county facilities over time. And finally, on a daily basis we ensure a safe and sanitary environment around and within all county facilities and the management of consumable supplies.

WHY IS YOUR DEPARTMENT PROUD TO SERVE RIO BLANCO COUNTY?

The Facilities Department staff is proud to be part of Rio Blanco County to serve it because our facilities and grounds are the focal point for our communities. We enjoy contributing to our community and the interactions with the public staff, and our local elected officials. It's great to be able to add to our community and know that our efforts truly make a difference.

WHAT IS A PROJECT THAT YOU ARE CURRENTLY WORKING ON?

We are currently working on a new roof for both the Rangely Data Building and the Rangely Airport Main Hanger. We are updating the old fluorescent lights in the Meeker Museum to LED fixtures that are both energy efficient and less harsh on the Museum displays.

WHO IS IN YOUR DEPARTMENT AND WHAT ARE THEIR ROLES?

Elsa Garcia - Custodian/Administrative Assistant
Mark Litzleman - Maintenance Supervisor
Boyd Richardson - Maintenance Tech - Fairgrounds
Shirley Kell - Custodian Rangely Facilities
Luke Scott - Maintenance Tech - Columbine Park
Caleb Templeton - Maintenance Tech - Rangely Facilities
Skye Forsythe - Maintenance Tech - Meeker Facilities
Brad Hughes - Maintenance Tech - Meeker Facilities
Rachel Jastrem - Custodian - Meeker Facilities

WHO IS THE DEPARTMENT HEAD AND HOW LONG HAVE THEY BEEN IN THAT ROLE?

Eric Jaquez is the County's Facilities Director. He has been with the county for 7 years and the director since the department was created in 2016.

WHAT IS A SOMETHING INTERESTING ABOUT YOUR DEPARTMENT?

Our department is made up of a great group of individuals with a wide range of backgrounds and expertise. In a single day we will see duties and responsibilities as varied as having to set up pens and groom arenas for a rodeo event to having to snowmobile to a remote radio tower to fix the HVAC system. We will sometimes help with facilitating the setup of a downtown event and then have to troubleshoot issues with the lock system in the jail. Everyday we do our best to remember our Department is a service department that is here to ensure that our Facilities are in the best possible condition so that the public and the Rio Blanco County staff can enjoy them and use them to their fullest potential.

