

PUBLIC NOTICE
SECRETARY OF STATE PASSWORD ISSUE

In June, the Colorado Secretary of State's Office unintentionally posted voting system passwords that allow access to a computer's underlying software and firmware to the public-facing website. County clerks were made aware of this issue on October 29. Soon after, Secretary of State's office notified the Cheyenne County Clerk and Recorder that the password breach did include the BIOS passwords for Cheyenne County voting equipment. Early the next day, an SOS team member arrived in Cheyenne County to reset the compromised passwords.

It is important to note that someone cannot use these passwords to access the systems remotely. An individual must have physical access to the equipment, which is under 24/7 video surveillance and managed keycard access. Additional security measures include tamper-evident seals and access logs. All access logs have been verified, and that practice will continue through Election Day, the Risk-Limiting Audit, Canvass, and Certification.

Rest assured, Cheyenne County election officials take this incident and all election systems and procedures seriously and will continue closely monitoring the situation.

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