you just can't get a volunteer. There is going to come a time where that puts our community in jeopardy." Burns said that is why the district needed to "start cutting stuff back to make ends meet. There is no other way around it. There could be days where there are just two people here," instead of three to five. If needed, he said,



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"We would also be on call for a neighboring fire department to help us." Note: At the Oct. 18 meeting, Ridings had said, "We are holding our engines in district right now 'just in case' due to dry conditions," implying that they could not currently provide mutual aid outside the district.

Note: The fourth Wescott shift billet is currently filled by an American Medical Response (AMR) paramedic under a long-standing contract between Wescott and AMR for outsourced district ambulance service.

Rusnak brought up the topic of an early or immediate shutdown of Wescott's Station 2 to save some costs. "There is no reason to keep that thing open." Former Wescott board treasurer and volunteer paramedic Dennis Feltz said that community input has not been received on that other station yet.

Note: Station 2 is the "Shamrock Station," opened in 2012 at 15505 High-

way 83. The only debt the district holds now is a \$1.2 million loan to pay for its construction. See www.ocn.me/v12n4. htm#shamrock.

Station 3 put on market

At 7:30 p.m., the directors went into executive session to discuss the purchase, acquisition, lease, transfer or sale of real, personal, or other property interests. Gent said it would concern Station 3, which



Above: Wescott Fire served its district members in November by mowing on the former Gleneagle Golf Course to reduce the fire risk from weeds that have grown tall and close to homeowners' fences. Wescott coordinated with the Gleneagle Civic Association, Scott Gratrix, Roger Lance (who provided the mower and assisting with mowing), and Donala Water and Sanitation District Director Ken Judd to create a 20-30 foot buffer. *Photo by Chief Vinny Burns.*

sits on slightly less than a half-acre of land at 15000 Sun Hills Drive. It is currently being used for storage, training, and some meetings.

Popovich told OCN (and the residents who asked to be notified via email), "After the executive session, we did have a motion to enter into a contract with Livia Smith as our realtor to list Station 3 for sale. The listing price will be set at \$195,000. This motion was unanimously approved."

The next Donald Wescott Fire Protection District Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. Dec. 6 at Station 1, 15415 Gleneagle Dr. For information, call Stacey Popovich at 488-8680 or see www.wescottfire.org. The district is also

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