- ity departments, Pikes Peak Office of Emergency Management, El Paso County Sheriff's Office dispatch office, and the U.S. Forest Service.
- The results of the meeting will be presented to the board in late summer.

### **Emergency Incident Support**

Emergency Incident Support (EIS) board President Gary Nelson thanked the board for supporting the group over the years and for housing four vehicles at Station 3 (now Station 6) for a reasonable rate. EIS is a nonprofit volunteer group based in northern El Paso County that has achieved huge accomplishments, and that is due in part to the use of Station 3, said Nelson. See EIS photo on page 13.

Gunderman thanked Nelson and the EIS volunteers for their service to first responders throughout the region and the neighboring counties.

## **Staff appreciation**

Kovacs recognized the following personnel:

- Lt. Justin Chavez and his team for the amazing job they did during a recent homeschool tour.
- Firefighter/Paramedics Eliza Norman and Nate Boyce for obtaining an Emergency Services Academy grant for \$4,500 to purchase three pediatric restraint devices for each ambulance. The devices were researched and recommended by Norman and Boyce.
- Administrative Assistant Stacey Popovich for securing a Safety grant for \$7,107 to help offset the cost of the Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus purchase.

### Chief's report

Kovacs said the following in the chief's report:

 The combined district personnel had received their individual permanent station assignments in

- March, and both organizations are now fully integrated at the operational level.
- A survey had been conducted both internally and externally for the renaming of the organization. Almost 200 members of the community participated, and 81 responses were received from the district employees. See www.ocn.me/n22v4.
- htm#dwfpd.
- A new firefighter had received a conditional offer of employment with the district, and he will be the first district firefighter to attend the Colorado Springs Fire Department (CSFD) fire academy in June. The district will continue to send firefighters to help with instruction at the CSFD fire academy.
- The acceptance to the CSFD fire academy reflects the outstanding relationship that the district shares with CSFD that had not existed in years past.
- The district will continue to send new firefighters to West Metro Fire Academy when space is available and also use the CSFD fire academy.
- Accreditation manager Battalion

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