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Chief Scott Ridings is using First Watch software to show average response times, reveal the busiest station, etc., and he is also using the Geographic Information System (ESRI Software) to collect information about local demographics to complete the community risk assessment. The project will be completed in 2022 and become part of the 2022-26 Strategic Plan.

- The district is beginning the process of updating the specifications of the fire engines in anticipation of future engine purchases. The district will need two engines and realistically a third, but even if the decision were to be made and the board approved the purchases, it would be at least 24 months before delivery.
- It has been helpful for TLMFPD personnel to train with the water tenders over the past four months.

Treasurer Duane Garrett asked how fuel economy was being addressed.

Kovacs said that the board will be presented with data and the trends next month. The district is taking fewer trips to the grocery store and remaining mindful that an engine gets about 3-4 miles per gallon.

Note: Although both district boards continue to meet separately, they are presented with the same chief's report every month. For additional information regarding the combined district, see the TLMFPD article on page 16.

Station re-numbering

Kovacs said that Division Chief of Operations Jonathan Bradley and Ridings are working diligently with the Pikes Peak Fire Chief's Council on re-numbering the fire stations and apparatus throughout northern El Paso County. The pilot re-numbering will take place over the next several months, and hopefully it will ease the existing confusion of who is responding via the Computer Aided Dispatch system. The re-numbering will

Above: Tri-Lakes Monument/Donald Wescott Fire Protection District personnel “push-in” the combined district's third ambulance at Station 4 (formerly Station 1) on Gleneagle Drive, Colorado Springs, during the 8 a.m. shift change on April 2. The ceremony of “push-in” apparatus harkens back to the 1800s, when fire departments used horse-drawn steamer engines to put out fires. After fighting the fire, the crew would wash and ready the horses and the apparatus in preparation for the next fire call, and because horses will not walk backward when they are under a load, the crew would push the apparatus back into the narrow station bay. Many fire departments nationwide carry on this generational time-honored tradition when a new engine is placed into service. Board Chairman Mark Gunderman was in attendance to witness the curious event. *Photo by Andy Kovacs.*

begin with the Air Force Academy Fire & Emergency Services (10th Civil Engineer Squadron) and include the Palmer Lake Fire Department and Black Forest Fire Rescue Protection District. Re-numbering hopefully will become the model for the rest of the county to adopt, said Kovacs.

Executive session

The board moved into executive session at 4:41 p.m. to receive advice from DWFPD legal counsel Emily Powell of Ireland Stapleton Pryor Pascoe PC law firm to consider matters subject to negotiation and instruct negotiators regarding the draft IGA for the Provision of Emergency Services with TLMFPD.

The board did not approve or make any decisions when it returned to the regular meeting at 5:04 p.m.

The regular meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Volunteer pension board

Gunderman called the volunteer pension board to order at 5:08 p.m., with Trustees Lt. Tim Hampton and Michael Badger attending via telephone/Zoom technology.

Gunderman administered the oath of office to Badger, and then Hampton promptly announced his resignation as a trustee effective April 19. Hampton said his resignation was due to his ineligibility to continue as a board member, since DWFPD no longer had serving volunteer firefighters, and eligibility is only available to active retiree firefighters and volunteer firefighters who are receiving funds from the volunteer pension fund. See www.ocn.me/v22n4.htm#dwfpd.

Gunderman thanked Hampton for devoting a lot of work to the volunteer pension board over the past several years.