

DWFPD (Cont. from 14)

- all 17 calls in May into Colorado Springs (beyond the combined district border). The requests are far more manageable now than the American Medical Response requests in January. See www.ocn.me/v22n2/v22n2.htm#dwfpd.
- All call types are trending higher than in May last year.
 - Battalion Chief Shannon Balvanz is working with Director of Administration/Fire Marshal Jamey Bumgarner on wildland mitigation home inspections.
 - The chipping calendar is full through October.
 - The old cascade Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) air tank filling system was sold to the

Divide Fire Protection District. The district purchased the more efficient Scott SmartFill RevolveAir cascade system for \$61,000, and it is installed and operational at Fire Station 1 (Highway 105).

- The district completed Vent and Search and Man Versus Machine (machinery extrication accident) training at the Black Forest Fire Rescue Protection District Training Center.
- The combined district completed over 770 hours of training in May.

Note: The DWFPD and TLMFPD boards receive the same report every month. See the TLMFPD article on page 16.

Department kudos

Fleece said that the training at Station 6 (formerly Station 3) continues, and not only does the district have great firefight-

ers, the firefighters also have good hearts. His nanny took his boys to visit the engine, and the staff made it a really special treat for his boys. The district has a great team of firefighters, doing good work and loving on the people in the community.

Gunderman said he had met several different crews at the grocery store and they are all working well together, even the new hires, and it seems like they have worked together forever, it feels so positive and genuine.

Garrett said, "It is a true testament to the leadership."

Station 1 Highway 105 grand reopening

Kovacs announced the "grand reopening of Station 1" scheduled for Saturday, July 30 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. The public is invited to attend the ribbon-cutting ceremony,

ny, tour the facility, meet the firefighters, and enjoy lunch provided by Emergency Incident Support. RSVP to spopovich@tlmfire.org.

The meeting adjourned at 5:07 p.m.

Meetings are usually held on the third Tuesday of every month at TLMFPD Station 1, 18650 Highway 105, at 4 p.m. The next regular board meeting is scheduled for July 19 at 4 p.m. Meeting attendance is open to the public in person or via Zoom. For joining instructions, agendas, minutes, and updates visit www.wescottfire.org or www.tlmfire.org or contact Administrative Assistant Stacey Popovich at 719-488-8680.

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Tri-Lakes Monument Fire Protection District, June 22

District rebrands

By Natalie Barszcz

At the Tri-Lakes Monument Fire Protection District (TLMFPD) meeting on June 22, the board rebranded the district, received the 2021 audit presentation, and approved an engine for 2023 and funding for a water line connection to a fire district property. An executive session to discuss paid leave and family insurance was held at the beginning of the meeting.

Organizational name change

Fire Chief Andy Kovacs said the unification of the district with Donald Wescott Fire Protection District (DWFPD) had identified the need to rebrand and create a new organizational name. Surveys were conducted both internally via Survey Monkey and externally via social media, and in total over 30 names were

suggested, with some suggestions from a local rebranding group. See www.ocn.me/v22n5.htm#tlmfpd.

In a dead heat, the firefighters wanted "Monument Fire" and the community wanted to keep "Tri-Lakes" in the name. The district struggled with making a decision without upsetting either group, and staff and board members returned to the drawing board to look at seven new names with the rebranding committee. In the previous several days, staff and board members had many conversations, realizing the names were too broad and that consideration should be given to future mergers within the region.

Kovacs said that when he is asked where his place of work is, he refers to Monument. With standing room only,

Kovacs asked the firefighters in the room to share their thoughts, and the board then heard from numerous firefighters. The consensus was to drop "Tri-Lakes" and adopt "Monument." Some of the comments made were:

- Working with other agencies, everyone knows where Monument is, just north of Colorado Springs or just below the Palmer Divide.
- After working here for 20 years, it makes the most sense, and it has been a long time coming. About 90% of the combined district staff agree it should be Monument Fire—proudly serving Tri-Lakes, Woodmoor, Gleneagle.
- Working with the district for 16 years, the past three chiefs have tried to change the name three times, and every time we ask for "Monument" we were told no, because we are waiting on another department merger.
- "Monument" is how the crews identify the district.
- One crew took a different approach and quoted the definition in the dictionary defining "Monument" as an outstanding enduring and memo-

rable example of something, a site of historical importance or interest, and a structure or statue of stone in memory of someone special.

- Most people outside of Monument do not know the other names of the neighboring communities.
- Monument has a lot of history and ethos to get behind.
- We are proud to live and work here, and Monument is ... the center of the community and the small surrounding communities all buy groceries in Monument.
- From a Wescott perspective, staff members at DWFPD have struggled with "Donald Wescott" and the prospect of having an easily recognizable name is desirable. Often the Wescott residents ask, "Where is Wescott?" Well, actually it is not a place, and it is enticing for both departments to get behind a new name and put the patches on.

President John Hildebrandt said citizens care more about competent firefighters saving lives than the name on the truck. The cost to rebrand everything is about \$150,000, but it could be done slowly, with certain things quickly, such as logos

Monument Hill Kiwanis

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In appreciation, our teachers, administrators, bus drivers, school support workers and volunteers from our local schools are invited to be Grand Marshalls and lead the parade.

Monday 4 July 2022

7:00am **Palmer Lake Fun Run** - Register: www.july4funrun.com Palmer Lake

7:00 am **Pancake Breakfast** - Tickets at the Door - 10:00 am St Peter Catholic Church - Jefferson St & Lincoln Ave

8:00 am **Tri-Lakes Chamber of Commerce Street Fair** - 2nd Street and Washington Street - 3:00 pm

9:45 am **Monument Hill Kiwanis Children's Parade** - Downtown Monument

10:00 am **Monument Hill Kiwanis 4th of July Parade** - 12:00 pm Downtown Monument - 10am Air Force Flyby

8:00 am **Kids' Zone** - Monument Community Presbyterian Church, 3rd & Jefferson - 12:00 pm

10:00 am **Tri-Lakes Chamber of Commerce Family Friendly Beer Garden** - Limbach Park, Monument - 5:00 pm

11:30 pm **Live Music, Limbaugh Park** - Monument - 5:00 pm

7:00pm **Bands & Concessions** - Palmer Lake

Dusk **Palmer Lake Fireworks** (conditions permitting)

NOTICE: Parade spectators are encouraged to come early, park at Lewis-Palmer High School, and ride the free bus to and from downtown Monument

Inbound to Monument: 7:30 - 9:45am **Outbound** from Monument: 11:00am - 3:00pm

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