

**BALLOT WORDING**  
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differently from the board members present (regarding pay raises).

While the board discussed various actions it "might" have to take should the board's proposed property tax increase fail, no deci-

sions were made, nor did the board target possible future cost reductions. The board also discussed the "probable" closing of Station 3 on Woodmoor Drive if Tri-Lakes taxpayers do not vote to impose the requested tax hike on themselves.

Battalion Chief Bryan

Jack gave a thorough explanation of the budgetary future of the district funding and his suppositions regarding the passing or failing of the tax increase. If the measure fails, he said, certain employee benefits might be reduced or removed, or might not be no longer free to the

employees. He also spoke about possibly shifting funds in the budget.

No proposals on how the new tax revenues would be designated for future uses should the measure pass were presented, and no votes were taken on a course of action, including actions that Jack suggested.

Jack is also the designated election officer for the tax increase proposal, and he submitted the following ballot wording that

was passed unanimously by the board:

*"Shall Tri-Lakes Monument Fire Protection District taxes be increased \$1,034,208 annually, or by such amount as may be raised by the imposition of an ad valorem property tax rate of 3.00 mills, being an increase from 8.50 mills to 11.50 mills, to be certified in 2012 and collected in 2013. And continuing*

*each year thereafter as otherwise allowed by law, which increase shall be for funding the general fund of the district to provide proper fire protection, emergency response, and safety for the residents, property owners and businesses of the district including:*

*"Offsetting decreases in tax revenue resulting from lower assessed values of property within the district, maintaining current staffing levels, maintaining fire protection and EMS vehicles and equipment, maintaining stations, real property, facilities or equipment as necessary to ensure the safety of the community;*

*"Shall the proceeds of such taxes and any investment income thereon be collected and spent by the district as a voter [sic] voter-approved revenue change in 2013, and in each year thereafter without regard to any spending, revenue-raising, or other limitations contained within Article X, Section 20 of the Colorado Constitution, or Section 29-1-301, Colorado Revised Statutes, and without limiting in any year the amount of other revenues that*

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Failure to pass 5C WILL result in the closing of fire station #3 on Woodmoor Dr and the elimination of three Firefighter positions. This will increase response times and reduce manpower.

Fire station 3 houses the closest Fire and EMS response units from the TLMFPD for the following:

- Woodmoor - Jackson Creek - Monument Marketplace
- Lewis Palmer High School - Palmer Ridge High School
- Lewis Palmer Middle School - Bear Creek Elementary
- Lewis Palmer Elementary - Monument Charter Academy
- Hope Montessori School - Monument Kindercare
- Tri-Lakes YMCA - Interstate 25

A **YES** vote on **5C** will also allow the district to accept a federal grant for 6 additional Firefighters with zero cost to the district for two years. Failure to pass 5C will require TLMFPD to reject these grant funds.

Did you know that several of the PPRTA projects funded by a YES vote on 5A will directly benefit the Tri-Lakes area?

Safety around many of our schools, homes, and local businesses will be greatly improved. Go to [extendpprta.org](http://extendpprta.org) for specific information.

Be informed, help your community, make our roads safer! (funded by a concerned citizen, volunteer, and parent)

**YES ON 5A**  
EXTEND THE PPRTA

**VOTE YES ON 5C**

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