

tober (two fire, 118 EMS, six Hazmat, five service, 37 good intent, 13 false alarms, 0 severe weather, and one special incident) for a 61 percent increase from the previous year. The total for this year was 1,612 calls, up from 1,286 in 2011—a 25 percent increase.

- Engine 513 sustained no damage during a traffic accident during a light snow day with ice. No injuries were sustained by district personnel. No injuries were sustained by the other

vehicle's driver, but that vehicle sustained very minor damage.

- Wescott, along with several other fire districts in the region, will work with El Paso County to develop a Pre-Disaster All Hazards Mitigation Plan. A final plan will be delivered to the Wescott board at the end of next year for approval. By adopting this plan, the district would be eligible for qualifying for various federal grants.
- The district received a "Thank You" framed photo from John and Judy

Kewley, who lost their home in the Waldo Canyon Fire.

- Beginning in January 2013, the district will adopt a 48/96 work schedule for a one-year trial period. Falcon and Black Forest Fire Protection Districts have already implemented this new schedule. Tri-Lakes Monument Fire Protection District is slated to adopt this new schedule in 2013 as well.
- A new hire list was being developed to fill a recent vacancy in career staff because a firefighter recently

resigned. The staff expected to fill the vacancy by the end of the November.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

The next meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Dec. 4 at Station 1, 15415 Gleneagle Drive. Meetings are normally held on the third Tuesday of the month. Information: 488-8680.

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MSD FEE INCREASE (Cont. from page 1)

Details of use fee increase

Residential customers pay a flat monthly use fee. This fee will increase from \$25 to \$30 on April 1. Commercial customers will pay the same increased monthly use fee of \$30 for the first 5,000 gallons

of water used, starting on April 1. This monthly use fee is paid in arrears and due on the first day of the following month. The commercial rate charged by the district for each additional 1,000 gallons over 5,000 gallons used will also rise on April 1, 2013, from \$4.50 to \$4.85 per 1,000

gallons.

The April 1 starting date of the fee increase allows the district time to precisely determine the increased amount to be charged to each of the district's commercial wastewater customers after each of the individual total metered water use amounts for 2012 have been formally confirmed to the district by the Town of Monument. The total additional amount owed to the district in addition to the monthly use fee for a calendar year is then

calculated based on the amount of town water used in excess of 5,000 gallons each month during that year. The total amount owed the district for the year is then divided into 12 equal monthly payments and is paid in arrears.

Fee increase needed to pay for tighter state regulations

Wicklund stated that this \$5 fee increase is required to pay for new state Monument Creek monitoring requirements that begin March 1 and preparations for tighter limits

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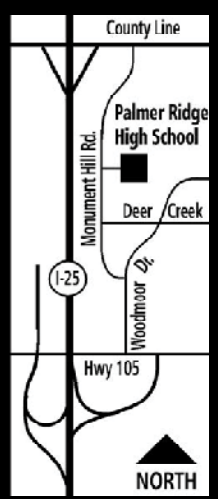
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