

the scheduled open house at Station 1

Firefighter publicity

The directors discussed how the

actions of the firefighters could get more publicity. A recent Tri-Lakes area house fire in which the house was saved was cited as an example. At the time of the event, this reporter was never made aware of that fire. This reporter had been invited to participate in a fire mitigation matrix survey and did so. See the fire mitigation article on page 1.

Other matters

- Acting Fire Chief Mike Dooley said three staff members had been deployed to a fire in Nebraska. They were Fire Marshal John Vincent, Fire Lieutenant and District Training Officer Mike Keough, and firefighter Rudi Gillette.
- Dooley also reported that all fire equipment was up and running. He said the battalion chiefs had been making the rounds of the shifts to keep everyone updated. He noted that the battalion chiefs are reviewing all the contracts for updating and cost effectiveness. This fol-



Above: Battalion Chief Mike Dooley, right, presents the certificate for 15 years of service to Capt. Ty Rinaldo, who is accompanied by his wife, Nancy Rinaldo. Photo by Bernard Minetti.

lowed a director's earlier question about whether everyone who works on emergency vehicle maintenance is certified for that task.

- The process of selecting a new chief will begin at the next board meeting. When asked whether in-house candidates would be considered first, Pocock stated, "We have the three most-qualified people that I can think of as our battalion chiefs."

Pocock acknowledged the accomplishment of Capt. Ty Rinaldo, who had achieved 15 years of service to the district. Dooley presented a 15-year pin to Rinaldo, and everyone congratulated and applauded him.

- Martin reported that the district wished to thank Tri-Lakes Friends of the Library, Texas Roadhouse, and The Yarboroughs for Russell Stover Chocolates for their generous support of the district firefighters. Martin said she would attend the Monument Board of Trustees meeting to request a street closure from Mitchell to Beacon Lite on Second Street for the Labor Day parade of Tri-Lakes area emergency services. The parade will begin at 10 a.m. The open house at Station 1, 18650 Highway 105, will begin after the parade and continue until 12:30 p.m.
- Pocock said the district would no longer allow payroll deductions for billing by the Legal Shield Co. He said the company would have to bill the individuals.
- The board approved the request by Ted Bauman to have his property included in the Tri-Lakes Monument Fire Protection District.

The next meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 22, in the Administration Center at 166 Second St. in Monument. For further information regarding this meeting, contact Jennifer Martin at 719-484-0911.

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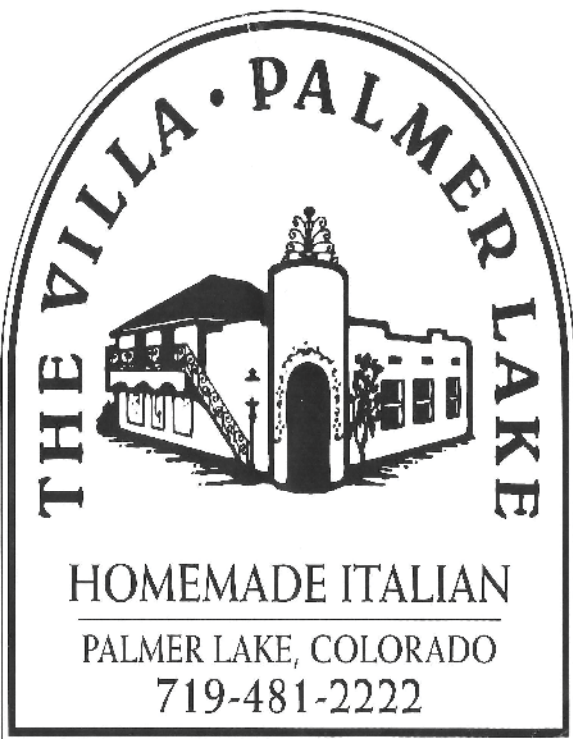
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