



Above (L to R): Monument Police Chief Jacob Shirk and Allen Bassett have expressed interest in being appointed to fill the board vacancy left by the resignation of President Charlie Pocock. Photos by Bernard Minetti.

discuss that topic.

The following day the district announced that a special meeting would be held Sept. 11 at 6:30 p.m. in the district office building to discuss the fire chief hiring process and filling the board member vacancy. Also released were the requirements for becoming a candidate for the board vacancy. The candidate "must be an 'eligible elector' of the district, which is defined as a registered voter of Colorado and either: a resident of the district for not less than 30 days, or the owner (or the spouse of the owner) of taxable real or personal property situated in the district."

It continued: "Qualified candidates should submit a letter of interest to the district. Letters of interest will be accepted until Sept. 10 at 4:30 p.m. Please deliver letters of interest to Tri-Lakes Monument Fire Protection District Administrative building located at 166 Second St. or mail to P.O. Box 2668, Monument, CO 80132."

Fire mitigation efforts

It was noted that there was a quantum increase in the requests by the public for the district's fire mitigation survey of properties. The survey helps property owners to determine if their homes would be considered for saving should a forest fire event occur. Fire Marshal Vincent recommended that everyone have a mitigation survey done at no charge by the fire personnel of the district. Jack stated that the district does not have the authority to require that all properties have mitigation surveys. He said homeown-

ers associations could require them. Vincent is available for presentations to groups or individuals.

Battalion Chief Greg Lovato said Home Depot and R Rockyard are providing a landscape makeover for Fire Station 1. King Soopers provided donuts for volunteers and Fire Rehab provided drinking water.

Lovato also mentioned the Labor Day parade that starts at 10 a.m. and proceeds down Second Street from Mitchell to Beacon Lite Road. He said Vectra Bank and First National Bank are sponsoring this event.

Acting Chief Jack said he was working on the 2013 budget in two forms—one assuming passage of the tax increase and the other assuming it fails.

Training Officer Mike Keough provided a new training report that describes training events rather than the number of training hours recorded. July events included training for a shift at the Air Force Academy burn tower and conducting a live burn. Three district employees participated for certification. Three fire employees will attend free flammable liquid firefighting training in September in Denver, sponsored by Suncor.

The district has scheduled two department-wide training events for the wildfire program in September.

During wildfire deployment to Nebraska, firefighter Rudi Gillette completed all of the wildfire field training requirements and will take the last required classes in October to complete qualification at the engine boss level. The board called an executive session to discuss positions relative to negotiations and personnel matters. Ingram said no further public business would occur following the executive session.

The next regular meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 26, 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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