

Monument Board of Trustees, Sept. 3

Police retirements, promotion, and awards announced



Above: Monument Police Chief Jake Shirk, left, presented a shadow box with memorabilia from Sgt. Rick Tudor's 27-year career to the retiring Tudor during the Monument Board of Trustees meeting on Sept. 3. *Photo by Jim Kendrick.*

By Jim Kendrick

On Sept. 3, Monument Police Chief Jake Shirk announced two retirements, one promotion, and awards for all the officers of his department. A standing-room-only audience of proud family members and friends joined the festive celebration of these career milestones.

Retirement of Sgt. Rick Tudor

Chief Shirk noted he had first met Sgt. Rick Tudor eight years ago when Shirk was interviewed for the chief position by Tudor. Tudor asked him how he would handle a homicide investigation.

Shirk thought he had not answered the question well and had failed the interview, but it turned out that Tudor had gotten the "right answer" from him.

Shirk said it had been a pleasure working with Tudor and noted all the changes Tudor had seen in the department over the past 27 years. Shirk also noted Tudor's wise counsel on which initiatives and changes would work at department meetings based on his long experience. Shirk presented a shadow box to Tudor displaying memorabilia from his career.

Retirement of Officer Gregory Fell

Shirk stated that Officer Gregory Fell was ending a 15-year career in volunteer law enforcement, with the last 4½ years with Monument. He presented a Certificate of Achievement and of Retirement to Fell for his dedicated service, making a difference in many lives and being a friend to all.

Officer John Hudson promoted to sergeant

Shirk noted that Officer John Hudson had been selected to fill Tudor's sergeant position. Hudson had served as an officer in California and Denver for 15 years before joining the Monument staff. Hudson stated that he was most pleased with his job in



Above: Monument Police Chief Jake Shirk, left, presented a certificate of appreciation to retiring volunteer Officer Greg Fell for his 4½ years of service to the town of Monument and his 15 years as a career police officer during the Monument Board of Trustees meeting on Sept. 3. *Photo by Jim Kendrick.*

Monument because of the great pride that every officer here takes in resolving issues thoroughly and serving the town.

Chief's Commendations for service in Black Forest Fire

Shirk presented a Chief's Commendation to every officer in the department for their service

from June 11 to 19 during the Black Forest wildfire, the most destructive fire in Colorado history, as a highly effective team assisting multiple agencies in emergency evacuations, road closures, and roving patrols in the affected areas and working overtime to maintain police protection in the town.

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"I am so proud of each and every one of you on how you responded and how you reacted in dealing with that fire and the danger that you were placed in," Shirk said. He issued certificates

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