

Donald Wescott Fire Protection District, Oct. 15

Newer fire code approved with local amendments

By Lisa Hatfield

On Oct. 15, the Wescott Fire Protection Board approved the adoption of a more recent update of the International Fire Code (IFC) plus local amendments that will create a more standardized fire code across seven county fire districts. If all seven districts approve it, the proposed code will be sent to the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) for approval.

Director Harland Baker chaired the meeting. Chairman Scott Campbell and Secretary Greg Gent were absent.

2009 IFC resolution approved

The board unanimously approved a resolution that adopted the 2009 IFC and the district's local amendments. After the Waldo Canyon and Black Forest Fires, Commissioner Dennis Hisey wrote a letter asking fire districts to resubmit new fire codes for approval by the BOCC, Assistant Chief Scott Ridings said. If and when this new code is approved by the BOCC, it would replace the 2003 IFC, which was approved by the district and the BOCC and has been in place since 2006.

Ridings said that because the international building codes intermingle in certain sections with the international fire codes, the fire districts are trying to keep fire codes consistent with current building codes in use. If the county operates on the 2009 international building code, districts would not want to adopt the 2013 IFC, because it would be inconsistent, he said.

Ridings said the goal is to have a common fire code across most of the North Group fire agencies. Black Forest Fire Rescue Protection District, Ci-

marron Hills Fire Department, Wescott Fire Protection District, Falcon Fire Protection District, Security Fire Department, Hanover Fire Department, and Peyton Fire Protection District have been working together on this initiative.

Falcon Fire Marshal Ver-

non Champlin has served as the group's point of contact for the last two years of negotiations between the districts and the Housing and Building Association (HBA) to create a standardized fire code across a bigger geographic area. These districts will jointly submit one fire code



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