

that she can pay the district's bills. She will be subject to the same expectations and procedures as the other authorized

signers. A motion to add Marshall onto the signing authorization list for the district was unanimously approved.

Chief's report

Assistant Chief Scott Ridings presented the February and March run reports. February calls increased by 16 percent from last February to 168. No fires or property loss was recorded in February.

In March, calls were up 43 percent from last year to 194, but Ridings attributed this spike in calls to the increase in late-afternoon snowstorms this March compared to last year. Wescott firefighters responded to one mutual aid call from Tri-Lakes to assist with a structure fire.

A total of almost 13 acres of wildfire fuels mitigation has been completed in creating the shaded fuel break around Station 2, Ridings reported.

Chief Vinny Burns asked the directors to consider what should be done with Station 3 on Sun Hills Drive now that

the new Station 2 on Highway 83 is complete. Campbell directed the topic to the Strategic Planning Committee to consider the effect of any options on homeowners and the district.

Burns said that the North Group Chiefs Forum has started up again. It includes the contiguous fire districts of Falcon, Cimarron Hills, Wescott, Black Forest, Tri-Lakes, Air Force Academy, Palmer Lake, and Larkspur. Their goal is to work together to avoid some duplication and be "on the same page" by forming committees to discuss operations, training, communications, and administration.

"It's very beneficial that they all start talking to each other," Burns said.

The regular meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

The next meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on May 21 at Station 1, 15415 Gleneagle Drive. Meetings are normally held on the third Tuesday of the month. Information: 488-8680.

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Tri-Lakes Monument FPD, April 24

New fire chief to be sworn in May 13

By Bernard L. Minetti

On April 24, interim Fire Chief Bryan Jack told the Tri-Lakes

Monument Fire Protection District board that Chris Truty was on track to assume his duties as the new fire chief on May 13. A special board meeting is scheduled for 8 a.m. that day to swear in Truty, who will arrive in the area on May 9.

Jack reported that Truty would like to retain his current medical insurance through the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (COBRA)



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