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response helps improve the efficiency and effectiveness of dispatch capability. Its implementation allows the dispatcher to knowledgeably match the fire, other emergency need, or specific patient requirement in the case of a medical emergency, with the right level and adequacy of the emergency response in terms of equipment and personnel.

Truty noted that it took almost 12 hours after the Black Forest Fire started to obtain accurate information of the other agencies and equipment that were involved in the containment process. The overall resource management system utilized in that event was lacking in efficient, accurate, and real-time information dissemination to the agencies involved, he said.

In recommending options, Truty said next year he would budget for an improved dispatching capability to overcome these deficiencies. In responding to a question from a reporter, he said that a more organized system of dispatching should evolve into the structured tiered response system. He added that the North Group fire agencies completely agreed with that coordination concept. The North Group consists of Tri-Lakes Monument, Wescott, Black Forest, Larkspur, Falcon, Air Force Academy, Palmer Lake Volunteer Fire Department, and Cimarron Hills fire agencies. Truty said he was not acting as a spokesman for these agencies.

Revenues on the rise

Treasurer John Hildebrandt reported that the district had received \$3 million or 75 percent of its expected annual income from county property tax revenues. Specific Ownership Tax revenues continued to increase in June, amounting to \$183,634 or 73.5 percent of the annual budgeted amount. In answering a reporter's questions, he said that the property tax annual budgeted income was fixed and that the Specific Ownership Tax income was open ended, meaning that there is no limit on the amount that the district can receive.

Board President Shirk stated in response to another question that the excess of budget funds would be automatically distributed to specific programs. Hildebrandt noted that overall expenses were 0.23 percent over budget. He said that while employee salaries were over budget three months in a row, the amount over budget was trending downward.

Truty said the fire staff had identified ongoing issues that

would be compartmentalized into one-, two-, and five-year implementation plans.

Truty spoke about numerous issues involving the district's information technology, including system connectivity, intermittent equipment functionality, and obsolescence. He indicated that consulting firm Alerio Technology Group is working with the fire staff to identify these problems. He added that the administration of the system is overburdened because of a lack of sufficient personnel to undertake the tasks involved.

On healthcare reform, Truty said the Department of Labor had advised there would be a one-year postponement on implementation for agencies with over 50 employees. He also advised the board that the district was working with IMA, the district health care advisor, and keeping the district updated through ongoing webinars.

Truty said the district had 30 calls in 2012 that would apply to the Penrose-St. Francis Indigent Health Care Program. The pro-



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