

and convert the building into a residential home. The developer offered about \$80,000.

When Director John Fredell suggested getting the property appraised, Fire Chief Vinny Burns said this could be done with funds appropriated to the legal section of the budget. Burns added the department would take account of the stored items at Station 3 to be kept or discarded and research the cost of constructing an aluminum storage building at Station 2.

Wescott posts its best

time in competition

Returning from a firefighting competition that lasted several days in Phoenix, Assistant Fire Chief Scott Ridings said the district's firefighters set a department time record and placed in the top 50 teams.

October run report

Ridings reported 184 calls for October, compared to 187 calls for October 2013. A dumpster fire was extinguished in collaboration with the Colorado Springs Fire Department, and one passenger vehicle caught

fire. Most calls received were for emergency medical services.

Santa Patrol

Wescott firefighters will be at various locations around the district handing out treats for the Santa Patrol on Dec.6. Burns asks Wescott residents to check www.wescottfire.org for locations and times.

Next board meeting Dec.

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Instead of having the board meet the third Tuesday of December, the next board meeting will be held Dec. 2, ahead of schedule,

to allow the district time for the administrative activities required once the 2015 budget is approved. The board is expected to vote and approve the 2015 budget on Dec. 2.

Financial report

As of Oct. 31, totals for the bank balances were: Peoples National Bank \$40,750; P.N.B. Colorado Peak Fund \$180,095; Colorado Trust \$439,407 and Wells Fargo Public Trust \$629,887. The board made slight adjustments to several line items in the 2015 budget, including adding a projected

\$5,000 income from wildland deployment.

The Donald Wescott Fire Protection District Board of Directors meets every third Tuesday except in December. The next meeting is scheduled Dec. 2 at 7 p.m. at 15415 Gleneagle Dr. Please call 488-8680, a non-emergency number, for more information, or visit www.wescottfire.org. The district is also on Facebook.

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Tri-Lakes Monument Fire Protection District, Nov. 19

New meeting location starts in January

By Lisa Hatfield

The Tri-Lakes Monument Fire Protection District (TLMFPD) announced Nov. 19 that because the temporary space it will begin leasing on Gleneagle Drive in January does not have a meeting room, board meetings will take place at Monument Town Hall, 645 Beacon Lite Road, starting Jan. 28. The district asked for donations for its annual Santa

on Patrol program and approved a fee waiver to Homes for Our Troops for a new home to be donated to a severely disabled veteran.

Secretary Mike Smaldino, Director Bill Ingram, and Chief Chris Truty were excused from the meeting.

Santa on Patrol needs donations

Santa on Patrol will distribute

toys and gift cards to "our own local area kids" on Dec. 20. Donations of unwrapped toys and gift cards can be dropped off by Dec. 19 to any of the three TLMFPD fire stations, the TLMFPD administration building at 166 Second St., or the Monument Police Department. Both the Police and Fire Departments are involved now, President and Monument Police Chief Jake

Shirk said.

Homes for Our Troops

The board unanimously approved a waiver of \$755 for review and impact fees for a new home being built mortgage-free for a severely disabled veteran by Homes for Our Troops. Builder Kent Lersch is volunteering his time for this project for Sgt. Matthew Spang. See www.hfotusa.org and related story on page 27 for more infor-

mation.

2015 budget, billing, and fees

No members of the public spoke during the open portion of the public hearing for the 2015 draft budget, which was approved unanimously by the board. The board's final vote on the 2015 budget and continuation of the current mill levy is scheduled for Dec. 10.

The board voted unanimously to approve an ambulance billing increase of 10 percent for 2015, which Deputy Chief Randy Trost said would still cost less for

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