



Above: Andy Kovacs, Tri-Lakes Monument Fire Protection District (TLMFPD) chief, presented an overview of services offered by the district. He talked about advantages of TLMFPD providing services to Palmer Lake either by contract or by merging with its Palmer Lake Fire District. Kovacs fielded questions by board trustees and town residents and extended an offer to answer any additional questions they had later. *Photo by Jackie Burhans.*

ment, repair, and remodeling. TLMFD collects impact fees from Monument every time someone builds an undeveloped parcel. To have TLMFD provide fire service to Palmer Lake would cost each resident an additional \$10 per day, Kovacs estimated.

He explained options for providing services to Palmer Lake and an appreciation of and commitment to continue treasured community events. He

said the combined fire district could benefit from economies of scale. Kovacs noted that Fire Station 1 is in an excellent position to serve Palmer Lake well under the National Fire Protection Association benchmark for ALS of 8 minutes 90% of the time. TLMFPD is active in the community and participates in local events with the Town of Monument and local homeowners' associations. Noting the TLMFPD motto of "Proud traditions, dynamic

future," Kovacs said it wants to honor time-tested traditions. Trustees and residents asked about the impact on the town's Insurance Services Office (ISO) rating, star lighting, and

chili supper events and what would happen to staff. PLFD Chief Christopher McCarthy said the ISO rating would re-

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