

Website provider switch

Rebitski said he and Administrative Assistant Melissa Bottorff had consulted with Streamline Web Design to create a more user-friendly website with a potential cost saving of up to \$1,400 per year.

An email and text sign-up would also be available for resident notification.

Chaplain program

Langmaid said BFFRPD has two chaplains that check in regularly with staff members, but they do not accompany staff when they are responding to calls.

Donations and

thank you notes received

The annual High Forest Ranch neighborhood picnic collects and donates annually to both BFFRPD and Donald Wescott Fire Protection District in recognition of the exceptional protection provided to homeowners during the 2013 Black Forest Fire. Jeanette Bachmann of High Forest Ranch homeowners' association sent a note of thanks to BFFRPD with a check for \$1,460. The BFFRPD board and staff thanked the High Forest Ranch residents for their generous donation.

The meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Meetings are usually held at 7 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month at BFFRPD Station 1, 11445 Teachout Road, Colorado Springs. However, the

next regular board meeting is scheduled for Oct. 23. See www.bffire.org.
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Tri-Lakes Monument Fire Protection District, Sept. 25

New board president and treasurer selected; preliminary 2020 budget presented

By Natalie Barszcz

At the Tri-Lakes Monument Fire Protection District (TLMFPD) board meeting on Sept. 25, the board, staff, and community residents bid farewell to former Town of Monument Police Chief and TLMFPD board President Jacob Shirk, and the board re-assigned the positions of the existing board members. The board also heard and discussed the draft 2020 budget proposal.

Treasurer John Hildebrandt attended via telephone conference.

Farewell ceremony

Chief Chris Truty thanked Shirk for shaping a previously challenged department into a highly professional organization over the last seven years. He wished him all the best for the future and presented Shirk with multiple plaques of recognition for his outstanding service to the TLMFPD board. Shirk said he was grateful to have had the opportunity to work with the great men and women of the department. Hildebrandt said Shirk epitomizes the core attributes of ex-



Above: Outgoing TLMFPD board President Jacob Shirk receives a plaque and a thank you from Chief Chris Truty on behalf of the district staff and the board members for his dedication to service at TLMFPD. Photo by Allison Robenstein.

cellence, integrity, loyalty, respect, and service to the community.

Board positions re-assigned
Hildebrandt was nominated for presi-



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