



Above: Lt. Kevin Richmond receives the "Chief's Coin" award from Chief Andy Kovacs at the June 23 board meeting. Richmond was recognized for his outstanding attention to detail in the sourcing of new Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus the district began using in June. Photo by Natalie Barszcz.

Wildland Fire Division supervisor.

- Lt. Chris Keough and firefighters Robert Horne and Matt Godson deployed to the Backbone Fire in Arizona, the largest fire in the nation at 38,000 acres and only 1% contained on June 23. They utilized a Type 6 engine, and Keough is an Engine Boss trainee with Engine Boss Horne.
- Lt. Mauricio Ayala has deployed with Security Fire Department on a Type 3 engine to the Sylvan Fire in Eagle, and he is also an Engine Boss trainee.

Kovacs said it is the first time TLMFPD personnel have deployed with outside agency resources to gain experience and complete their task books. There is a definite improved

collaborative effort to share training, resources, and personnel between all agencies in El Paso County, said Kovacs.

New SCBA purchased

Battalion Chief of Training Jonathan Bradley said the district received the budgeted 3M Scott Air-Pak X3 Pro (SCBA packs) with improved technology features. The packs are making a big difference with the extra wide face mask, suspension system, voice amplification and integrated radio, quick release regulator change and articulated belt. Each pack weighs 35 pounds without an air tank, said Bradley.

Bradley said the 3M harness straps release, making decontamination with bunker gear possible. Previously, it was a struggle to keep a harness clean.

Richmond said 12 extra

packs are now kept on standby to switch out for decontamination after an incident. The low oxygen warning signal sounds sooner and allows more reserve oxygen before exiting a situation, but the warning sound is the same and a built-in handle can dry rescue 1,000 pounds.

Trost said the SCBA packs went into service on June 17 and cost the district \$332,000. The old SCBA packs were traded in for credit with Scott.

Financial report

Treasurer Jason Buckingham presented the financial report to the board. Financial reports can be viewed in full after the minutes in the board meeting archive every month at www.tlmfire.org/board.

The financial report was

approved as presented, 6-0.

Water annexation

Director of Public Works for

the Town of Monument Tom Tharnish requested the board consider making a decision to



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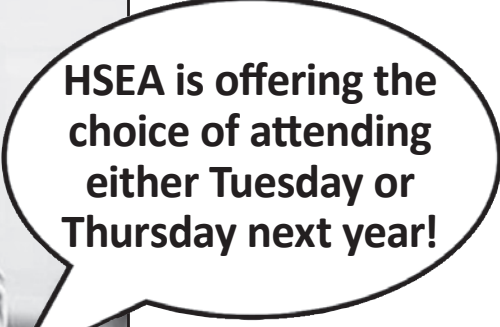
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