



Above: The Tri-Lakes Monument Fire Protection District added a third ambulance (pictured at right) to the fleet. *Photo by Andy Kovacs.*

April. See www.ocn.me/v22n2.htm#dwfpd and www.ocn.me/v21n9.htm#tlmfpd.

Fire Chief Andy Kovacs said Pearson and Soll will be the district representatives on the Pikes Peak Fire Chiefs Council during group meetings regarding the increase in AMR request for service.

Smaldino said:

- I applaud the fact the district can help out other communities, but

when the district has to accelerate plans to staff an additional ambulance, it is unfair to the community.

- The problem is systemic throughout the region, and if the district continues to respond to the increase in AMR requests, the problem will not get fixed.
- The district is subsidizing a private company, at a cost to the district,

and even though there is compensation, it is not a good model and it has to change.

Bradley said, “regardless of the increased AMR requests, the district has already reached the district call volume to warrant the third ambulance, but there is concern, since TLMFPD only received a total of 34 AMR requests for service in 2021.”

Treasurer Jason Buckingham noted the district had responded with five mutual aid requests for EMS calls to Palmer Lake in January and he requested an update now that AMR 582 is no longer operating from Station 4 (formerly DWFPD Station 1).

Kovacs said Palmer Lake is still using an AMR ambulance as its primary response

and still has the option to request mutual aid advanced life support or EMS assistance from TLMFPD or the Larkspur Fire Protection District.

Kovacs said, “Great comments, the executive staff will keep the board apprised.”

Wescott unification
Kovacs said he and legal counsel from both fire districts, Maureen Juran and Emily Powell, President John Hildebrandt and Chairman Mark Gunderman will meet virtually to review the draft for the full-service contract intergovernmental agreement, and the hope is to have the draft ready to present to both boards in March. After board review, the contract could be ready as early as May. See the DWFPD article

on page 11.
Kovacs said he had met individually with all of the employees from both districts and had the opportunity

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- April 12: Palmer Ridge High @ 6 p.m.
- May 4: Bear Creek Elementary @ 4:30 p.m.

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