

accurately reflect where these expenses were being recorded. The draft budget is still under review, and no motions or votes were taken to accept it.

Boy Scout Troop 93 visits Wescott

Working on the communication badge, Boy Scout Troop 93 attended the public meeting and enjoyed a tour of the building. Introducing themselves to the troop, Harland Baker welcomed the Scouts to the meeting and Burns spoke on how the district is named for Donald Wescott, a firefighter who lost his life after falling through a burning roof. Burns said this

is his 35th year as a firefighter, having worked here before the district was formed.

Bo McAllister said he is a police officer for Colorado Springs as well as a volunteer firefighter at DWFPD. McAllister told the troop the district has an American Medical Response ambulance and that you can receive training from the AMR team. Fredell, the newest member of the board, introduced himself as the project manager for Colorado Springs Utilities, Southern Delivery System. Assistant Chief Ridings, in charge of operations, said he works on short- and long-range planning, including training and fire mitigation. He said the

district is training and planning different scenarios, and recently the department trained using conditions similar to those seen with the Ebola virus.

Santa Patrol set for Dec. 6

Burns said the date for annual Santa Patrol is Dec. 6. This year the department will be doing things differently, going to designated locations. Burns said their website should have the locations.

Before the meeting ended around 8 p.m., Baker said he would find out more information about a previous request to purchasing the old fire station. Ridings handed out a thank you card from the Muscular Dystrophy Association, and

Burns announced Wescott firefighters will patrol Halloween night, giving out safety items like glow sticks to trick-or-treaters. Burns said "Patrolling the area cuts down on the shenanigans."

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The Donald Wescott Fire Protection District board meets the third Tuesday each month at 15415 Gleneagle Dr. at 7 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Nov. 21. For more information call 488-8680, a non-emergency number, or visit [www.wescottfire.org](http://www.wescottfire.org). The district also has a Facebook page.

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Tri-Lakes Fire Protection District, Oct. 22

New deputy fire chief sworn in

By Lisa Hatfield

On Oct. 22, the Tri-Lakes Monument Fire Protection (TLMFPD) board welcomed new Deputy Fire Chief Randy Trost, agreed to move the administration office to a new location starting in January, and agreed to replace one ambulance a year sooner than mentioned in Chief Chris Truty's recent five-year plan.

The public hearing on the 2015 budget has been changed from Nov. 12 to Nov. 19.

President Jake Shirk and Directors Larry Smith and Bruce Fritzsche were excused. Vice President Roger Lance presided over the meeting.

Randy Trost joins district

Deputy Fire Chief Randy Trost started work with TLMFPD on Oct. 15 and was officially sworn in on Oct. 22 by Truty.

Fire administration office will move

The board unanimously approved Truty's recommendation that the TLMFPD administrative office would move to leased space at 15455 Gleneagle Drive, Colorado Springs, no later than Jan. 31. Truty said that this location is the least expensive of the ones available, is almost move-in ready, and will provide "a more professional presentation." The district will sign a three-year lease for the Gleneagle building with the hopes of acquiring new permanent office space by the end of that lease. Currently, the fire administration office is located in a building owned by the Town of Monument, which has asked TLMFPD to move out sooner rather than later. See related article at [www.ocn.me/v14n10.htm#TLMFPD0924](http://www.ocn.me/v14n10.htm#TLMFPD0924).

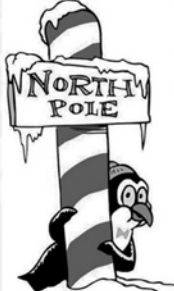
Financial report

Treasurer John Hildebrandt said that as of Sept. 30, overall expenses were under budget by less than 1 percent. Building expenses were 19 percent over budget, and administration costs were 9 percent over budget due to the cost of an unanticipated election May 7 when there were more board candidates than positions available. Administrative vehicle repair was 34 percent over budget, Hildebrandt said. Truty said that delayed or postponed vehicle and building maintenance issues caused them to exceed the budget in those areas.

At 75 percent of the way through the year, revenues were ahead of what had been budgeted for this point in the year, Hildebrandt said. The district has received 98 percent of total expected property taxes for the year, 100.5 percent of specific ownership taxes, 155 percent of expected impact fee revenue, and 84 percent of expected ambulance revenues.

**Public budget hearing Nov. 19** Truty made a few adjustments to the proposed budget for 2015, which will have a public hearing at the Nov. 19 meeting. Board members voted on Oct. 22 to change the meeting to Nov. 19 instead of the date previously published by the district.

A lengthy discussion centered on Truty's suggestion to replace one of the ambulances in 2015 instead of waiting until 2016. Both ambulances need to be replaced, he said, and repairs are needed right away on both of them. The board consensus was that Truty



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Above: From left, board members Bill Ingram, John Hildebrandt, and Roger Lance welcome Deputy Fire Chief Randy Trost, left, to the district. Photo by Arjun Gheewala.



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