

**GOLDEN VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**June 30, 2017**

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Governing Board  
Golden Valley Fire District  
Golden Valley, Arizona

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Golden Valley Fire District, Golden Valley, Arizona, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2017, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

### Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

### Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

### Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Golden Valley Fire District, as of June 30, 2017, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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## **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

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### **Other Matters**

#### *Required Supplementary Information*

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

### **Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements**

Arizona Revised Statutes require disclosure of certain additional supplementary information required to comply with section 48-251 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by statute as an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

### **Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards***

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated January 30, 2018, on our consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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Glendale, Arizona  
January 30, 2018

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# Golden Valley Fire District

## Management's Discussion and Analysis of Basic Financial Statements June 30, 2017

The following discussion and analysis of the Golden Valley Fire District financial performance presents Management's overview of the District's financial activities for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017. Please read it in conjunction with the District's basic financial statements which begin following this analysis. This annual financial report consists of two parts, Management's Discussion and Analysis (this section) and the Basic Financial Statements.

### Nature of Operations

The Golden Valley Fire District provides Fire, Rescue, Paramedic Hazardous Materials, Rope Rescue and Confined Space Rescue services to businesses, homes, property and persons within the District boundaries, as well as services to locations and persons outside the District thru mutual aid agreements and contracts.

### Results of Operations (Chief)

Overview of 2016-2017 fiscal year Fire District initiatives to better serve the community through planned improvements and strategic initiatives to keep the Golden Valley Fire District proactive and in a constant state of development and self-evaluation.

#### λ **Response Information:**

○ Emergency Medical incidents	1,692	77.8%
○ Fire Incidents	167	8.0%
○ False Alarms	96	4.6%
○ Special Incidents/Other	75	3.6%
○ Good Intent Incidents	73	3.5%
○ Service Calls	46	2.2%
○ Hazardous Material Incident	8	0.4%
Total Calls for service	<b><u>2094</u></b>	

#### λ **Personnel :**

- Restart our Volunteer program with a limit of six personnel.

#### λ **Specialized Teams:**

- Technical Rescue Team – performs Rope Rescue and Confined Space Rescues
- Hazardous Material Team
- Fire Investigation Team

- λ **Budget:**
  - Streamlined budget
  - Assignment of budget Project Managers for specific areas of responsibility
  
- λ **Community awareness programs:**
  - Annual meetings with local industrial corridor leadership
  - Bi-Monthly meetings community groups
  - Annual Fire Prevention Week
  - Golden Valley Days parade participation
  - Participant in Veterans Day parades & activities in Golden Valley & Kingman areas
  - Golden Valley Days parade participation
  - Participant in “Pink Heals” cancer awareness activities in region October
  - All District personnel wear pink uniforms for Breast Cancer Awareness month
  - Fire District website at [www.GoldenValley Fire.org](http://www.GoldenValley Fire.org)
  
- λ **Other initiatives:**
  - Improved / web-based training program
  - Business Community partnerships improved
  - Improved succession planning for all job descriptions
  - Continued Economic development partnership with Mohave County officials
  
- λ **New apparatus:**
  - None
  
- λ **Out of District contracts for services:**

○ Griffith Energy	\$280,896.12
○ Arizona State Prison–MTC/GEO Kingman	\$120,000.00 / \$247,000.82 in-kind services
○ Western Wind Energy	\$ 3,593.00
○ Unisource / Black Mountain Energy	\$150,368.00
○ Nucor Steel	\$ 33,357.00
○ Total added compensation for services	<b><u>\$588,214.12 / \$835,214.94</u></b>
<b><u>(Cash &amp; Services)</u></b>	
  
- λ **ISO reduction plan:**
  - Fire Marshal Inspection / Code Enforcement Program
  - Improved daily / annual firefighter training
  - Improvements in water hauling apparatus
  - Budget for future apparatus improvements / refurbishment
  - Obtained classification rating of 4/10 effective 05/01/2017
  
- λ **Public Education & Training:**
  - Active participation in local school Annual Fire Prevention Week activities

## **Financial Highlights**

- § District investment in capital assets decreased by \$280,424 or 9.85%.
- § The District's net position decreased by \$159,910 or 7.01% from the previous year.
- § Total revenue decreased by \$209,820 or 7.53% over the previous fiscal year.
- § At the end of the current fiscal year, unrestricted net position for the Governmental activities was \$(443,169).

## **Overview of the Financial Statements**

This discussion and analysis are intended to serve as an introduction to the District's basic financial statements. The District's basic financial statements comprise three components: 1) government-wide financial statements 2) fund financial statements, and 3) notes to the financial statements. This report also contains other supplementary information in addition to the basic financial statements themselves.

The main purpose of these statements is to provide the reader with sufficient information to assess whether or not the District's overall financial position has improved or deteriorated.

## **Government-Wide Financial Statements**

The government-wide financial statements are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the District's finances, in a manner similar to private-sector business.

The statement of net position presents information on all of the District's assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two reported as net position. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the District is improving or deteriorating.

The statement of activities presents information showing how the District's net assets changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net assets are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods.

## **Fund Financial Statements**

A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The District, like other state and local governments, use fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance related legal requirements.

**Net Position June 30, 2017**

	<u>BALANCE</u> <u>JUNE 30, 2016</u>	<u>BALANCE</u> <u>JUNE 30, 2017</u>
Invested in Capital Assets, Net of related Debt	\$ 2,845,859	\$ 2,565,435
Unrestricted	<u>(563,683)</u>	<u>(443,169)</u>
<b>Total Net Position</b>	<b><u>\$ 2,282,176</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 2,122,266</u></b>

**Governmental Activities**

Most of the revenues for the District were derived from assessed property taxes and Fire District Assistance Tax from the County. Additional revenues were generated through several Out of District contracts as well as response to major wild land fires.

**General Fund Budgetary Highlights**

The Golden Valley Fire District stayed within the approved budget for fiscal year 2016-2017.

**Capital Asset and Debt Administration**

**Capital Assets**

In order to continue to provide the best service possible, the District spends a portion of the budget on fixed asset acquisition and capital projects.

For fiscal year ended June 30, 2017 the District purchased, had contributed, or constructed the following assets:

List new fixed assets here:

- None

**Capital Assets, Net of Depreciation June 30, 2017**

	BALANCE <u>06/30/2016</u>	BALANCE <u>06/30/2017</u>
<u>Depreciable Assets</u>		
Vehicles	\$2,505,354	\$ 2,459,767
Buildings	1,774,155	1,774,155
Building Improvements	84,028	84,028
Equipment, Admin	102,464	102,464
Equipment, Fire	<u>506,310</u>	<u>506,310</u>
Total Historical Costs	<u>4,972,311</u>	<u>4,926,724</u>
Less Accumulated Depreciation		
Vehicles	1,584,427	1,682,500
Buildings	325,779	375,572
Building Improvements	22,843	27,400
Equipment, Admin	65,843	82,174
Equipment, Fire	<u>306,914</u>	<u>372,997</u>
Less: Total Accumulated Depreciation	<u>2,305,806</u>	<u>2,540,643</u>
Depreciable Capital Assets, Net	2,666,505	2,386,081
<u>Non-Depreciable Assets</u>		
Land	<u>179,354</u>	<u>179,354</u>
Capital Assets, Net	<u>\$2,845,859</u>	<u>\$ 2,565,435</u>

**Long Term Debt**

At the end of the current fiscal year, the District had debt outstanding of \$79,052. All of the debt is backed by the full faith and credit of the District.

## Outstanding Debt

	Balance <u>June 30, 2016</u>	Balance <u>June 30, 2017</u>
None	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>
Total Lease Obligations	0	0
Compensated Absences	<u>64,596</u>	<u>79,052</u>
Totals	<u>\$ 64,596</u>	<u>\$ 79,052</u>

## Factors Affecting Future Results

The District is subject to general economic conditions such as increases or declines in property tax value or other types of revenues that vary with economic conditions.

### **1) Fire District Revenue**

- a. The most recent economic forecast indicates property values on a slight increase for the 2017 – 2018 budget years. The District will continue to seek alternative revenue streams such as:
  - i. Property annexations to offset the decline for the foreseeable future
  - ii. Investment and involvement in Statewide Wildland Mobilizations
  - iii. Out of District Contract for Services Agreements
  - iv. Reduction of overtime costs through alternative staffing models

### **2) New Fire Station(s):**

- a. The District, having already purchased property on Yucca Road, will re-evaluate the future community needs for an additional fire station in the industrial corridor around Griffith Road and Interstate -40. In addition, Administration will keep in mind a fire station to the north central area of the District, which could affect the population concentration to the North of Hwy-68

### **3) Training Center**

- a. Since the acquisition and completed interior remodel of Golden Valley Fire District's Public Safety Training Center (PSTC), the planning and acquisition of "Props" begins in FY 2016-2017 to fill the remaining 10-acres with Firefighter training props to include the following:
  - i. Flashover chamber
  - ii. Confined Space Rescue
  - iii. Helicopter Landing Zone
  - iv. Vehicle Extrication area
  - v. Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) prop



- vi. Emergency Vehicle Driving course
- vii. Large Area Search prop inside the gymnasium
- b. The District will continue to work with other community organizations and public safety providers to collaborate with the District to allow for the largest use of this facility.

**4) Specialized Teams**

- a. The District will continue to support the following specialized District teams:
  - i. Hazardous Materials Response Team
  - ii. Technical Rescue Team
  - iii. Fire Investigations Team

**Contacting the District**

This financial report is designed to provide an overview of the District's finances for anyone with an interest in the government's finances. Any questions regarding this report or requests for additional information may be directed to Interim Fire Chief Jack Yeager, Golden Valley Fire District at 749 S Egar Road, Golden Valley, AZ 86413.

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## **BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**GOLDEN VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT  
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION  
JUNE 30, 2017**

Exhibit A

	<b>Governmental Activities</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Cash & Cash Equivalents (Note 3)	\$ 827,117
Receivables:	
Property Taxes (Note 6)	666,486
PSPRS (Note 5)	159,418
Wildland Receivable (Note 5)	53,244
Total Capital Assets, Net (Note 7)	2,565,435
 Total Assets	 4,271,700
<b>DEFERRED OUTFLOW OF RESOURCES</b>	
Deferred Pension Outflows	964,702
Total Assets and Outflow of Resources	5,236,402
<b>LIABILITIES</b>	
Accounts Payable	12,941
Credit Cards Payable	1,764
Payroll Taxes Payable	44,274
Wages Payable	17,729
Use Tax Payable	426
PSPRS	159,418
Net Pension Liability	1,728,107
Compensated Absences (Note 11 )	79,052
Total Liabilities	2,043,711
<b>DEFERRED INFLOW OF RESOURCES</b>	
Deferred Pension Inflows	1,070,425
Total Liabilities and Inflow of Resources	3,114,136
<b>NET POSITION</b>	
Invested in Capital Assets, Net of related Debt	2,565,435
Unrestricted (Note 13)	(443,169)
<b>Total Net Position</b>	<b>\$ 2,122,266</b>

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**GOLDEN VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT  
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017**

Exhibit B

**Governmental  
Activities**

**EXPENSES**

Public Safety - Fire/EMS Protection	
Personnel Services	\$ 2,654,787
Materials & Services	415,248
Depreciation	<u>280,424</u>
Total Program Expenses	<u>3,350,459</u>

**PROGRAM REVENUES**

Operating and Capital Grants	8,313
Charges for Service	<u>796,731</u>
Total Program Revenues	<u>805,044</u>
Net Program Expense	<u>2,545,415</u>

**GENERAL REVENUES**

Property Taxes	1,561,545
Fire District Assistance	166,988
Investment Earnings	6,213
Miscellaneous	<u>35,528</u>
Total General Revenues	<u>1,770,274</u>

Increase (Decrease) in Net Position	(775,141)
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<b>NET POSITION-BEGINNING OF THE YEAR</b>	<u>2,897,407</u>
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<b>NET POSITION-END OF THE YEAR</b>	<u><u>\$ 2,122,266</u></u>
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**GOLDEN VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT  
BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
JUNE 30, 2017**

Exhibit C

**General**

**ASSETS**

Cash and Cash Equivalents (Note 3)	\$ 827,117
Receivables:	
Property Taxes (Note 6)	666,486
PSPRS (Note 5)	159,418
Wildland Receivable (Note 5)	<u>53,244</u>
 Total Assets	 <u><u>\$ 1,706,265</u></u>

**LIABILITIES**

Accounts Payable	\$ 12,941
Credit Cards Payable	1,764
Payroll Taxes Payable	44,274
Wages Payable	17,729
Use Tax Payable	426
PSPRS (Note 5)	<u>159,418</u>
 Total Liabilities	 236,552

**DEFERRED INFLOW OF RESOURCES**

Deferred Property Tax Revenue	<u>615,231</u>
 Total Liabilities and Inflow of Resources	 <u>851,783</u>

**FUND BALANCES**

Assigned (Note 13)	79,990
Unassigned (Note 13)	<u>774,492</u>
 Total Fund Balances	 <u>854,482</u>
 Total Liabilities & Fund Balances	 <u><u>\$ 1,706,265</u></u>

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**GOLDEN VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT  
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND  
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
JUNE 30, 2017**

Exhibit D

	<b>General</b>
<b>REVENUE</b>	
Property Taxes	\$ 1,561,545
Fire District Assistance Tax	166,988
Fees for Service	796,731
Grants	8,313
Interest	6,213
Miscellaneous	35,528
Total Revenues	2,575,318
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	
Current:	
Public Safety	2,526,163
Administration	96,538
Capital Outlay	24,773
Total Expenditures	2,647,474
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over Expenditures	(72,156)
Net Change in Fund Balances	(72,156)
<b>Fund Balances-Beginning of Year</b>	<b>926,638</b>
<b>Fund Balances-End of Year</b>	<b>\$ 854,482</b>

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**GOLDEN VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT  
RECONCILIATION OF THE BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION  
JUNE 30, 2017**

Exhibit E

**Reconciliation of Governmental Fund Balance to Net Position  
(Exhibit A) of governmental activities:**

Fund Balances - Total Governmental Funds (Exhibit C)	\$	854,482
<p>Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:</p>		
<p>Capital Assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore are not reported in the other funds.</p>		
Governmental Capital Assets		5,106,078
Less: Accumulated Depreciation		<u>(2,540,643)</u>
		2,565,435
Deferred Outflows of Resources		964,702
<p>Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds.</p>		(79,052)
Net Pension Liability		(1,728,107)
Deferred Inflows of Resources		<u>(455,194)</u>
Net Position of Governmental Activities (Exhibit A)	\$	<u><u>2,122,266</u></u>

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**GOLDEN VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT  
RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES  
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
JUNE 30, 2017**

Exhibit F

**Reconciliation of the change in fund balance-total governmental funds  
to the change in net position of governmental activities:**

Net Change in Fund Balances - Total Governmental Funds (Exhibit D)	\$	(72,156)
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Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities (Exhibit B) are different because of the following:

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which depreciation expense exceeded capital outlay in the current period.		(280,424)
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Net Change in Deferred Outflows and Inflows of Resources		(408,105)
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The issuance of long-term debt (e.g., bonds, leases, leave) provides current financial resources to governmental funds, while the repayment of the principal of long-term debt consumes the current financial resources of governmental funds. Neither transaction, however, has any effect on net position. This amount is the net effect of these differences in the treatment of long-term debt and related items.		(14,456)
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Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities (Exhibit B)	\$	<u>(775,141)</u>
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**GOLDEN VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT  
STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION  
FIDUCIARY FUNDS  
JUNE 30, 2017**

Exhibit G

**Volunteer  
Pension  
Fund**

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**ASSETS**

Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$	445
Investments, at fair value		
Mutual Funds		<u>54,918</u>
Total Assets		<u>55,363</u>

**LIABILITIES**

Accounts Payable		<u>-0-</u>
Total Liabilities		<u>-0-</u>

**NET POSITION**

Held in trust for pension and other purposes	\$	<u><u>55,363</u></u>
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**GOLDEN VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT  
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION  
FIDUCIARY FUNDS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017**

Exhibit H

	<b><u>Volunteer Pension Fund</u></b>
<b>ADDITIONS</b>	
Contributions	\$ -0-
Investment Earnings:	
Interest & Dividends	1,613
Gain on Investments	<u>3,534</u>
Total Investment Earnings	5,147
Less:	
Investment Expenses	<u>-</u>
Net Investment Earnings	<u>5,147</u>
 Total Additions	 <u>5,147</u>
<b>DEDUCTIONS</b>	
Distributions	<u>-</u>
Total Deductions	<u>-</u>
 Change in Net Position	 5,147
 <b>Net Position - Beginning</b>	 <u>50,216</u>
 <b>Net Position - Ending</b>	 <u><u>\$ 55,363</u></u>

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**GOLDEN VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT**  
**GOLDEN VALLEY, ARIZONA**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**JUNE 30, 2017**

**NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Reporting Entity**

The District is a local governmental unit formed as a political subdivision of the local county which is a political subdivision of the State of Arizona. The District was formed under the provisions of Title 48 of Arizona Revised Statutes. The District operates under the guidance of an elected board, which is the policy making body of the District. The purpose of the District is to provide fire protection, emergency medical and related services to the residents and guests of the District and the surrounding area. The day to day operations are supervised by a fire chief and his staff.

The District has the power to issue bonds, levy taxes, bill for services and raise revenues with the power of the County government. The District has the power to expend public funds for any legitimate purpose required to further its needs. The District operates as an independent governmental agency directly responsible to the local taxpayers and voters.

**Introduction**

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the reporting entity include the primary government, all organizations for which the primary government is financially accountable, and other organizations which by nature and significance of their relationship with the primary government would cause the financial statements to be incomplete or misleading if excluded. Blended component units, although legally separate entities, are, in substance, part of the government's operations; therefore, data from these units are combined with data of the primary government. Based on these criteria, there are no component units requiring inclusion in these financial statements.

**Basic Financial Statements**

The accounting policies for the District conform to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) as applicable to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The more significant accounting policies are described below.

## **Government -wide Statements**

The government -wide financial statements (i.e., the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities ) report information on all of the nonfiduciary activities of the District. For the most part, the effect of interfund activity has been removed from these statements. Governmental activities, which normally are supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from business -type activities, which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for support.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segment are offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. Program revenues include 1) charges to users of the services provided by a given function or segment and 2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or segment. Other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as general revenues.

The government -wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned, and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

## **Governmental funds**

Governmental Fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available as net current assets. All sources of revenue except interest become measurable when the District has rendered a service. Interest revenue is measurable when its rate becomes known. Revenues are considered available if they are received within 60 days of the end of any accounting period. Expenditures are generally recognized when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures, as well as expenditures related to compensated absences and claims and judgments, are recorded only when payment is due.

The District reports the following major governmental funds:

The *General Fund* is the District's primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the District, except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

The *Fiduciary Funds* are used to account for resources held for the benefit of parties outside the government. This fund's activities are reported in a separate statement of fiduciary net position and a statement of changes in fiduciary net position. Fiduciary funds are not reflected in the government-wide financial statements because the resources of those funds are not available to support the District's own programs. Fiduciary funds are presented on an economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting, similar to the government-wide financial statements.

## **Financial Statements Amounts**

### **Cash & Cash Equivalents**

All savings, checking and money market accounts with an original maturity of less than 60 days are considered to be cash equivalents.

### **Prepaid Items**

Payments to vendors that benefit future accounting periods are classified as prepaid items until charged to expenditures in the period benefited.

### **Capital Assets**

Capital assets, which include property, plant and equipment, are reported in the applicable governmental or business-type activities columns in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the government as assets with an initial individual cost of more than \$2,500 and an estimated useful life of more than two years. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at the estimated fair market value at the date of donation.

The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend lives are not capitalized.

Property, plant and equipment are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

Buildings	27.5 to 40 years
Equipment	5 to 7 years
Fire Trucks	10 years
Automobiles	5 years
Office Equipment	5 years

### **Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources**

In addition to assets, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred outflows of resources, represents a consumption of net position or fund balance that applies to a future period(s) and thus, will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then.

In addition to liabilities, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred inflows of resources, represents an acquisition of net position or fund balance that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time.

### **Compensated Absences**

Accumulated unpaid vacation and leave time is normally accrued when incurred. The anticipated current portion of employee leave is accrued in the governmental fund, while the long term portion is recorded only in the long term group of accounts.

### **Long-Term Obligations**

In the government-wide financial statements, long term debt and other long term obligations are reported as liabilities in the applicable governmental activities or business-type activities in the statement of net position. Bond premiums and discounts, as well as issuance costs, are deferred and amortized over the life of the bonds using the effective interest method. Bonds payable are reported net of the applicable bond premium or discount. Bond issuance costs are reported as deferred charges and amortized over the term of the related debt.

In the fund financial statements, governmental fund types recognize bond premiums and discounts, as well as bond issuance costs, during the current period. The face amount of the debt issued is reported as other financing sources. Premiums received on debt issuances are reported as other financing sources while discounts on debt issuances are reported as other financing uses. Issuance costs, whether or not withheld from the actual debt proceeds received, are reported as debt service expenditures.



## **Net Position/Fund Equity**

### **Net Position on Government Wide Financial Statements – Exhibit A**

Fund Equity, as defined in GASB Statement No. 34, “Basic Financial Statements for State and Local Governments” is defined as net position and is classified in the following categories:

- § Restricted—amounts constrained to specific purposes by their providers (such as grantors, bondholders, and higher levels of government), through constitutional provisions, or by enabling legislation.
- § Unrestricted – this balance is the amount of equity which is not included in the Restricted fund balance and the Investments in Capital Asset balances.
- § Investment in Capital Assets, Net of Related Debt – This consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by the outstanding balances of any bonds, notes or other borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets.

### **Fund Balances on Government Fund Financial Statements – Exhibit C**

Beginning with fiscal year ended June 30, 2010, the District implemented GASB Statement No. 54, “Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions.” This Statement provides more clearly defined fund balance categories to make the nature and extent of the constraints placed on a government’s fund balances more transparent. The following classifications describe the relative strength of the spending constraints:

- § Non-spendable fund balance—amounts that are not in a spendable form (such as inventory) or are required to be maintained intact.
- § Restricted fund balance—amounts constrained to specific purposes by their providers (such as grantors, bondholders, and higher levels of government), through constitutional provisions, or by enabling legislation.
- § Committed fund balance—amounts constrained to specific purposes by the District itself, using its highest level of decision-making authority (i.e., District Board). To be reported as committed, amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the Board takes the same highest level action to remove or change the constraint.
- § Assigned fund balance—amounts the District intends to use for a specific purpose. Intent can be expressed by the District Board or by an official or body to which the District Board delegates the authority.
- § Unassigned fund balance—amounts that are available for any purpose. Positive amounts are reported only in the general fund.

The District Board establishes (and modifies or rescinds) fund balance commitments by passage of a resolution. This is typically done through adoption and amendment of the budget. A fund balance commitment is further indicated in the budget document as a designation or commitment of the fund (such as for special incentives). Assigned fund balance is established by District Board through adoption or amendment of the budget as intended for specific purpose (such as the purchase of fixed assets, construction, debt service, or for other purposes).

### **Accounting Estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amount and disclosures in the financial statements. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

## **NOTE 2 - STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY**

### **Budgetary Information**

A fire district shall prepare an annual budget that contains detailed estimated expenditures for each fiscal year and that clearly shows salaries payable to employees of the district. The budget summary shall be posted in three public places and a complete copy of the budget shall be published on the district's official website for twenty days before a public hearing at a meeting called by the board to adopt the budget. Copies of the budget shall also be available to members of the public on written request to the district. Following the public hearing, the district board shall adopt a budget. A complete copy of the adopted budget shall be posted in a prominent location on the district's official website within seven business days after final adoption and shall be retained on the website for at least sixty months. For any fire district that does not maintain an official website, the fire district may comply with this subsection by posting on a website of an association of fire districts in this state. ARS 48-805.2(a)

Pursuant to ARS 48.805.2(d), all fire districts are required to submit certain information accompanying the budget which has been certified to by the chairman and clerk of the District Board. The budget and the accompanying certification are required to be submitted to the County Board of Supervisors no later than August 1<sup>st</sup> of each year.

Budgets are adopted by the District on basis consistent with Arizona Revised Statutes.

Encumbrance accounting is not employed by the District. All appropriations lapse at year-end.

### **NOTE 3 - DEPOSITS, INVESTMENT RISK & CASH MANAGEMENT**

#### **Deposits and Investments**

The deposit of public funds is regulated by Arizona Revised Statutes (ARS). ARS 48-807 allows the District to establish bank accounts with any financial institution that is authorized to do business in the State of Arizona for the purpose of operating a payroll account, holding special revenues, ambulance revenues or both as necessary to fulfill the District's fiduciary responsibilities. The District may also establish, through the County Treasurer, accounts for monies from property taxes, grants, contributions and donations. The County Treasurer is required to establish a fund known as the "fire district general fund" for the receipt of all taxes levied on behalf of the District.

The District may register warrants only if separate accounts are maintained by the County Treasurer for each governmental fund of the District. Warrants may only be registered on the maintenance and operation account, the unrestricted capital outlay account and the special revenue accounts, and only if the total cash balance of all three accounts is insufficient to pay the warrants and only after any revolving line of credit has been expended. Registered warrants may not exceed ninety per cent of the taxes levied by the County for the District's current fiscal year. Registered warrants bear interest as prescribed by statute and are redeemed as provided for by law for County warrants.

Unless monies are legally restricted by contract, agreement or law, those monies may be transferred between fund accounts according to the original or amended budget of the Fire District.

Any surplus remaining the fire district general fund at the end of the fiscal year shall be credited to the fire district general fund of the district for the succeeding fiscal year and after subtraction of accounts payable and encumbrances, shall be used to reduce the tax levy for the following year.

The District accounts with the County Treasurer are part of an investment pool operated by the County Treasurer which is in turn invested in the Local Government Investment Pool (LGIP) operated by the Arizona State Treasurer. The risk category (defined below) cannot be determined, as the District does not own identifiable securities, but only as a shareholder in the statewide pool.

Financial institutions accepting governmental monies in the State of Arizona are required to collateralize at 102% all government deposits which exceed the FDIC insurance limit. The current FDIC limit is \$250,000 for the total of all interest bearing accounts and \$250,000 for the total of all demand deposit accounts. The collateralization is required to be separately identifiable securities and be held by a third party financial institution or trust agency. ARS (Title 35) requires this to be monitored by the State Treasurer's Office.

The District may also place monies in investments which are subject to the risks identified below.

The following is a summary of the Cash and Cash Equivalents held by financial institutions at June 30, 2017:

DEPOSITORY ACCOUNTS:

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Fiduciary Fund</u>	<u>Total</u>
Insured Deposits (FDIC)	\$ 80,356	\$ 0	\$ 80,356
Uninsured & Uncollateralized	<u>849,905</u>	<u>55,363</u>	<u>905,268</u>
 Total Deposits	 930,261	 55,363	 985,624
In Transit Items	<u>(103,344)</u>	<u>(0)</u>	<u>(103,344)</u>
Total Depository Accounts	826,917	55,363	882,280

NON DEPOSITORY ACCOUNTS

Cash On Hand	<u>200</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>200</u>
Total Non Depository Accounts	<u>200</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>200</u>
Total Cash & Cash Equivalents	<u>\$ 827,117</u>	<u>\$ 55,363</u>	<u>\$ 882,480</u>

Custodial Credit Risk. Custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty, the system will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. Investments in external investment pools and in open-end mutual funds are not exposed to custodial credit risk because their existence is not evidenced by securities that exist in physical or book entry form.

The District does not invest in any identifiable securities. District investments are limited to open-end mutual funds.

<u>Custodial Credit Risk For:</u>	<u>Rating</u>	<u>Rating Agency</u>	<u>Amount</u>
County Treasurer Pool	Unrated	Not Applicable	\$849,905
American Funds	Unrated	Not Applicable	\$55,363

Credit Risk Statutes authorize the District to invest in obligations of the U.S. Treasury and federal agency securities, along with certain public obligations, such as bonds or other obligations of any state of the United States of America or of any agency, instrumentality, or local governmental unit of any such state in which the District invests, that are rated in the highest rating category of nationally recognized statistical rating organizations.

Obligations of the U.S. government or obligations explicitly guaranteed by the U.S. government are not considered to have credit risk.

The District normally invests only in FDIC insured bank accounts, accounts collateralized above FDIC insurance limits in commercial banks, the County Treasurer's investment pool, which is reinvested in the Arizona State Treasurer Local Government Investment Pool (LGIP), and open-end mutual stock funds of commercial brokerage firms.

No ratings were available for any of the District's investments and those investments are considered unrated.

Concentration of Credit Risk Concentration of credit risk is associated with investments in any one issuer that represent 5 percent or more of total investments. Investments issued or explicitly guaranteed by the U.S. government and investments in mutual funds, external investment pools, and other pooled investments are considered as excluded from this requirement.

The District invests only in FDIC banking institutions, mutual funds and government investment pools. The District does not have a policy relating to concentration of credit risk.

Interest rate risk: This is the risk that changes in market interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. Generally, the longer the maturity of an investment, the greater the sensitivity of its fair value to changes in market interest rates. The District does not have a formal investment policy that limits investment maturities as a means of managing its exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates.

Interest rate risk factors and information are not available for the mutual fund investments of the District.

The weighted average maturity of the LGIP-GOV pool at June 30, 2017:

For Pool 5	26 days
For Pool 7	22 days
For Pool 500	1.94 years
For Pool 700	2.34 years

## **Risk Management**

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts, theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees and the public; and natural or manmade disasters. These risks are covered by commercial insurance purchased from independent third parties. Settled claims from these risks have never exceeded commercial insurance coverage for the District.

In addition, as the owner and operator of emergency response vehicles, the District is exposed to a high risk of loss related to these activities. The District carries commercial insurance on all vehicles and requires insurance coverage on all privately owned vehicles used for District activities.

Custodial risk of deposit and investment accounts is the risk that in the event of a failure, the District's deposits may not be returned to it. The District does not have a policy for custodial risk, concentration of risk, concentration of credit risk, interest rate risk, or foreign currency risk for deposits or investments.

## **NOTE 4 - INVENTORIES**

The costs of governmental fund-type inventories are recorded as expenditures when purchased. All inventories of the District are considered immaterial.

## **NOTE 5 - RECEIVABLES**

General and governmental fund receivables are recorded as received except for those funds collected and held by other governments on behalf of the Fire District. These amounts are recorded as soon as they are measurable and available in accordance with governmental accounting standards.

Wildland receivables were \$53,244 with an allowance for bad debt of \$0 at June 30, 2017. This gave a net of \$53,244 which was expected to be collectable.

PSPRS receivable is a result of the Hall Parker lawsuit against PSPRS. The District was required to payout to members, \$159,418, which the District will collect against future payments to the system.

## **NOTE 6 – PROPERTY TAX REVENUE RECEIVABLES**

Property Tax Receivables arise when property taxes are levied but not currently collected. The collectible portion (taxes levied less estimated uncollectible) are recorded as deferred inflow of resources in the period when an enforceable legal claim to the assets arise.

**NOTE 7 - CAPITAL ASSETS**

Capital asset activity for the year ended.

	<u>BALANCE</u> <u>06/30/20 16</u>	<u>ADDITIONS</u>	<u>DELETIONS</u>	<u>BALANCE</u> <u>06/30/20 17</u>
<u>Depreciable Assets</u>				
Vehicles	\$2,505,354	\$ 0	\$ 45,587	\$ 2,459,767
Buildings	1,774,155	0	0	1,774,155
Building Improvements	84,028	0	0	84,028
Equipment, Admin	102,464	0	0	102,464
Equipment, Fire	<u>506,310</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>506,310</u>
Total Historical Costs	<u>4,972,311</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>45,587</u>	<u>4,926,724</u>
Less Accumulated Depreciation				
Vehicles	1,584,427	143,660	45,587	1,682,500
Buildings	325,779	49,793	0	375,572
Building Improvements	22,843	4,557	0	27,400
Equipment, Admin	65,843	16,331	0	82,174
Equipment, Fire	<u>306,914</u>	<u>66,083</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>372,997</u>
Less: Total Accumulated Depreciation	<u>2,305,806</u>	<u>280,424</u>	<u>45,587</u>	<u>2,540,643</u>
Depreciable Capital Assets, Net	2,666,505	(280,424)	0	2,386,081
<u>Non-Depreciable Assets</u>				
Land	<u>179,354</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>179,354</u>
Capital Assets, Net	<u>\$2,845,859</u>	<u>\$ (280,424)</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 2,565,435</u>

**NOTE 8 - DEFERRED OUTFLOWS AND INFLOWS OF RESOURCES**

Pursuant to GASB Statement No. 63, “*Financial Reporting of Deferred Outflows of Resources, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Net Position*,” and GASB Statement No. 65, “*Items Previously Reported as Assets and Liabilities*,” the District recognized deferred outflows of resources in the governmentwide statements. These items are a consumption of net position by the District that is applicable to a future reporting period. Previous financial reporting standards do not include guidance for reporting those financial statement elements, which are distinct from assets and liabilities. The District reports the deferred inflows and outflows as follows:

	<u>Governmentwide Activities</u>
Governmentwide Deferred Outflows	
Deferred Pensions	\$ 964,702
Total Governmentwide Activities	<u>\$ 964,702</u>
Governmentwide Deferred Inflows	
Deferred Pensions	\$ 1,070,425
Total Governmentwide Activities	<u>\$ 1,070,425</u>
	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
Governmental Deferred Outflows	
Deferred Property Tax Revenue	\$ 615,231
Total Governmental Activities	<u>\$ 615,231</u>

**NOTE 9 - CONTINGENT LIABILITIES**

Amounts received or receivable from grantor agencies are subject to audit and adjustment by grantor agencies. Any disallowed claims, including amounts already collected, may constitute a liability of the applicable funds. The amount, if any, of expenditures which may be disallowed by the grantor cannot be determined at this time although the government expects such amounts, if any, to be immaterial.



**NOTE 10 – SHORT-TERM INDEBTEDNESS**

The District utilizes a credit line with a limit of \$250,000. As of June 30, 2017, the balance outstanding was \$0 and \$250,000 was available. The interest rate, at year end, was 4.25%. The District routinely pays the balance in full when funds are available.

Changes in Short-Term Indebtedness:

	<u>Balance</u> <u>June 30, 2016</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>June 30, 2017</u>
Line of Credit	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>
Totals	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>

**NOTE 11 – ACCUMULATED COMPENSATED ABSENCES**

Accumulated unpaid vacation and leave time is accrued when incurred. The current portion of such amounts has been accrued in the governmental fund (using the modified accrual basis of accounting).

The District policy on sick leave allows employees to be compensated for a portion of their accrued unused sick time when they retire, based on a schedule which varies with length of service and type of employee. At June 30, 2017, the total amount of accumulated sick leave is \$122,570.

**NOTE 12 – LONG-TERM INDEBTEDNESS**

In the government-wide financial statements, long term debt and other long term obligations are reported as liabilities in the applicable governmental activities or business-type activities in the statement of net assets.

General Obligation Bonds

The District does not currently have any general obligation bonds.

Operating Leases

The District does not currently have any operating leases.

Capital Leases

The District does not currently have any capital leases.

Changes in Long-Term Indebtedness :

	Balance <u>June 30, 2016</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	Balance <u>June 30, 2017</u>
None	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>
Total Lease Obligations	0	0	0	0
Compensated Absences	<u>64,596</u>	<u>14,456</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>79,052</u>
Totals	<u>\$ 64,596</u>	<u>\$ 14,456</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 79,052</u>

**NOTE 13 – NET POSITION/FUND BALANCE**

The District's Net Position balances consist of restricted, unrestricted, non-spendable, and net investment in capital assets amounts.

The District's Governmental Funds fund balances consist of restricted, committed, assigned, non-spendable and unassigned amounts.

Restricted balances are amounts constrained to specific purposes by their providers (such as grantors, bondholders, and higher levels of government), through constitutional provisions, or by enabling legislation.

Non-spendable are amounts that are not in a spendable form (such as inventory or prepaid expenses) or are required to be maintained intact.

Committed fund balance is amounts constrained to specific purposes by the District itself, using its highest level of decision-making authority (i.e., District Board). To be reported as committed, amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the Board takes the same highest level action to remove or change the constraint.

Assigned fund balance is amounts the District intends to use for a specific purpose. Intent can be expressed by the District Board or by an official or body to which the District Board delegates the authority.

Unassigned fund balance is amounts that are available for any purpose. Positive amounts are reported only in the general fund.

Net Position :

Invested in Capital Assets, Net of Related Debt	\$ 2,565,435
Unrestricted	<u>(443,169)</u>
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 2,122,266</u>

Governmental Fund Balances :

Assigned Fund Balances – Payroll	\$ 79,990
Unassigned Fund Balances	<u>774,492</u>
Total Fund Balance	<u>\$ 854,482</u>

**NOTE 14 - PROPERTY TAXES**

The District is authorized to levy property taxes in an amount sufficient to operate the District. This levy cannot exceed three dollars and twenty-five cents per one hundred dollars of assessed valuation. It also cannot exceed the amount of the levy in the preceding tax year multiplied by 1.08.

The District levies real property taxes on or before the third Monday in August that become due and payable in two equal installments. The first installment is due on the first day of October and becomes delinquent after the first business day of November. The second installment is due on the first day of March of the next year and becomes delinquent after the first business day of May.

The District also levies various personal property taxes during the year, which are due at the same time as real property taxes.

A lien assessed against real and personal property attaches on the first day of January preceding assessment and levy.

The taxpayers may, by vote of the electorate, authorize either a five year budget override or a permanent override, depending upon certain criteria being met. The taxpayers also may authorize the issuance of bonds for capital acquisitions in addition to the operating taxes referred to above.

The County collects a County-Wide Fire District Assistance Tax (FDAT) and distributes the funds to all Fire Districts in the County, according to a formula established by state law. The maximum awarded to a District cannot exceed \$400,000 per year.

**NOTE 15 – DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN**

The District offers its employees a deferred compensation plan created in accordance with Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 457. This plan, available to all District employees, permits employees to defer a portion of their current salary until future years. Assets held in IRC Section 457 plans are generally subject to claims of creditors.

It is the District’s position that it has no liability for investment losses under the plan but has the duty of due care that would be required of an ordinary prudent investor. The District believes it is unlikely that it will use the assets to satisfy the claims of general creditors in the future.

**NOTE 16 – EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS AND POST EMPLOYMENT PLANS**

The District and employees contribute to two retirement plans. These plans are the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System (PSPRS) and a volunteer pension and relief fund as established under Title 9 of the Arizona Revised Statutes. For public safety personnel, state statute regulates retirement, death, long-term disability, and survivor insurance premium benefits.

At June 30, 2016, the District reported the following aggregate amounts related to pensions for which it contributes:

	<u>PSPRS</u>
Net pension liability	\$ 20,628,839
Deferred outflows of resources	5,601,315
Deferred inflows of resources	1,045,526
Pension expense	5,989,928

**A. Public Safety Personnel Retirement System**

*Plan Description* – The District entered into a Joinder Agreement with the Arizona State Public Safety Personnel Retirement System (PSPRS), an agent multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan, to overall full-time personnel engage in fire suppression activities and/or fire support. A seven-member board known as the Board of Trustees and the participating local boards govern the PSPRS according to the provisions of A.R.S. Title 38, Chapter 5, Article 4.

The PSPRS issues a publicly available financial report that includes their financial statements and required supplementary information of PSPRS. The reports are available on the PSPRS Web site at [www.psprs.com](http://www.psprs.com).

**Benefits Provided** – The PSPRS provides retirement, health insurance premium supplement, disability, and survivor benefits. State statute establishes benefit terms. Retirement, disability, and survivor benefits are calculated on the basis of age, average monthly compensation, and service credit as follows:

**Initial membership date:**

<u>Retirement and Disability</u>	<u>Before January 1, 2012</u>	<u>On or after January 1, 2012</u>
Years of service and age required to receive benefit	20 years any age 15 year age 62	25 years age 52.5
Final average salary is based on	Highest 36 consecutive months of last 20 years	Highest 60 consecutive months of last 20 years
Benefit percent	50% less 2.0% for each year of credited service less than 20 years OR plus 2.0% to 2.5% for each year of credited service over 20 years, not to exceed 80%	2.5% per year of credited service, not to exceed 80%
Normal Retirement		
Accidental Disability		
Retirement	50% or normal retirement, whichever is greater	
Catastrophic Disability	90% for the first 60 months then reduced to either 62.5% or normal retirement, whichever is greater	
Retirement		
Ordinary Disability	Normal retirement calculated with actual years of credited service or 20 years of credited service, whichever is greater, multiplied by years of credited service (not to exceed 20 years) divided by 20	
Retirement		

**Survivor Benefit**

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Retired Members	80% to 100% of retired members pension benefit
Active Members	80% to 100% of accidental disability retirement benefit or 100% of average monthly compensation if death was the result of injuries received on the job

**For members hired after July 1, 2017:**

Normal retirement may be taken after 15 years of service and attainment of age 55. Early retirement may be taken after 15 years of service and attainment of age 52.5. Benefits are one sixtieth of the highest five consecutive years out of the last 15 years of service.

Retirement and survivor benefits are subject to automatic cost-of-living adjustments based on excess investment earning. PSPRS also provides temporary disability benefits of 50 percent of the member's compensation for up to 12 months.

**Employees covered by benefit terms** – At June 30, 2016, the following employees were covered by the agent pension plan's benefit terms:

Inactive employees or beneficiaries currently receiving benefits	5
Inactive employees entitled to but not yet receiving benefits	6
DROP	0
Active employees	<u>22</u>
Total	<u>33</u>

**Contributions** – State statutes establish the pension contribution requirements for active PSPRS employees. In accordance with state statutes, annual actuarial valuations determine employer contribution requirements for PSPRS pension and health insurance premium benefits. The combined active members and employer contribution rates are expected to finance costs of accrued liability. Contribution rates for the year ended June 30, 2016, active PSPRS members were required to contribute 7.65% of the members' annual covered payroll. The District is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. The rate for the year ended June 30, 2016, was 22.99% for the pension plan, and 0.08 for the health insurance premium benefit. Total contributions made during the year were \$ 468,330.

**Pension Liability** – The net pension liabilities were measured as of June 30, 2016, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The total pension liabilities as of June 30, 2016, reflect the following changes of benefit terms and actuarial assumptions:

- § In February 2014, the Arizona Supreme Court affirmed a Superior Court ruling that a 2011 law that changed the mechanism for funding permanent benefit increases was unconstitutional. As a result, the plans changed benefit terms to reflect the prior mechanism for funding permanent benefit increases and revised actuarial assumptions to explicitly value future permanent benefit increases.
- § The wage growth actuarial assumption was decreased from 4.5 percent to 4.0 percent.

**Annual Pension Cost (APC)** – The District’s annual and required contributions for the year ended June 30, 2016, were \$ 289,309. The District’s most recent actuarial valuation is for the year ended June 30, 2016. Information related to this valuation follows.

**Pension actuarial assumptions** – The significant actuarial assumptions used to measure the total pension liability are as follows:

Actuarial valuation date	June 30, 2016
Actuarial cost method	Entry age normal
Amortization Method	Level percentage of payroll,
Remaining Amortization	closed
Period	22 Years
Asset Valuation Method	7-Year smoothed market; 20%
	corridor
Wage Growth	4.00%
Price Inflation	3.0%; no explicit price inflation
	assumption is used in this
Salary Increases	valuation
Investment Rate of Return	4.00% to 8.00% including
Retirement Age	Inflation
	7.85%, net of expenses
	Experience -based table of rates
	that is specific to the type of
	eligibility condition
Mortality rates	RP-2000 mortality table (adjusted
	105% for both males and female

The long-term expected rate of return on PSPRS pension plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expenses and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. The target allocation and best estimates of geometric real rates of return for each major asset class are summarized in the following table:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Allocation</u>	<u>Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return</u>
Short Term investments	2%	.75%
Absolute return	5%	4.11%
Risk parity	4%	5.13%
Fixed Income	7%	2.92%
Real assets	8%	4.77%
GTAA	10%	4.38%
Private equity	11%	9.50%
Real estate	10%	4.48%
Credit opportunities	13%	7.08%
Non-U.S. equity	14%	8.25%
U.S. equity	<u>16%</u>	6.23%
Total	<u>100%</u>	

***Pension Discount Rates*** – The projection of cash flows used to determine the PSPRS discount rate assumed that plan member contributions will be made at the current contribution rate and that employer contributions will be made at rates equal to the difference between the actuarially determined contribution rate and the member rate. Based on those assumptions, the pension plan’s fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.



**Changes in the Net Pension Liability**

	<b>Total Pension Liability (a)</b>	<b>Increase (Decrease) Plan Fiduciary Net Position (b)</b>	<b>Net Pension Liability (a)-(b)</b>
<b>Balances At June 30, 2015</b>	\$ 5,352,519	\$ 4,025,641	\$1,326,878
Changes for the current year:			
Service Cost	266,975	0	266,975
Interest on the total pension liability	416,526	0	416,526
Changes of benefit terms	207,966	0	207,966
Differences between expected and actual experience in the measurement of the pension liability	(510,365)	0	(510,365)
Change of assumptions or other inputs	231,744	0	231,744
Contributions – Employer	0	289,309	(289,309)
Contributions – Employee	0	179,021	(179,021)
Net investment income	0	23,200	(23,200)
Benefit payments, including refunds of employee contributions	(359,880)	(359,880)	0
Other changes	0	(279,913)	279,913
<b>Net Changes</b>	<u>252,966</u>	<u>(148,263)</u>	<u>401,229</u>
<b>Balances at June 30, 2016</b>	<u>\$ 5,605,485</u>	<u>\$ 3,877,378</u>	<u>\$1,728,107</u>

**Sensitivity of the District’s net pension liability to changes in the discount rate** – The following table presents the District’s net pension liability calculated using the discount rates noted above, as well as what the District’s net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1 percentage point lower or 1 percentage point higher than the current rate:

	<b>1% Decrease 6.50%</b>	<b>Current Discount Rate 7.50%</b>	<b>1% Increase 8.50%</b>
Net pension liability	<u>\$ 2,567,131</u>	<u>\$ 1,728,107</u>	<u>\$ 1,047,540</u>

**Pension plan fiduciary net position** – Detailed information about the pension plan’s fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued PSPRS financial report.

**Pension expense and deferred outflows/inflows of resources** – For the year ended June 30, 2016, the District recognized pension expense for PSPRS of \$ 697,413. At June 30, 2016, the District reported deferred inflows of resources related pensions from the following sources:

	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 77,799	\$ 1,001,371
Changes of assumption or other inputs	563,336	0
Net difference between project and actual earnings on pension plan investments	<u>323,567</u>	<u>69,054</u>
Total	<u>\$ 964,702</u>	<u>\$ 1,070,425</u>

The amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ending June 30, 2016. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

<u>Year Ending June 30,</u>	
2018	\$ 14,337
2019	14,335
2020	48,863
2021	17,294
2022	(39,921)
Thereafter	<u>(160,631)</u>
	<u>\$ (105,723)</u>

**Agent plan OPEB actuarial assumptions** – The health insurance premium benefit contribution requirements for the year ended June 30, 2016 were established by the June 30, 2015 actuarial valuations, and those valuations were based on the following actuarial methods and assumptions.

Actuarial valuations involve estimates of the reported amounts' value and assumptions about the probability of events in the future. Amounts determined regarding the plan's funded status and the annual required contributions are subject to continual revision as actual results are compared to past expectations and new estimates are made. The required schedule of funding progress for the health insurance premium benefit presented as required supplementary information provides multiyear trend information that shows whether the actuarial value of the plan's assets are increasing or decreasing over time relative to the actuarial accrued liability for benefits.

Projections of benefits are based on (1) the plan as the District and plan's members understand them and include the types of benefits in force at the valuation date, and (2) the pattern of sharing benefit costs between the District and plan's members to that point. Actuarial calculations reflect a long-term perspective and employ methods and assumptions designed to reduce short-term volatility in actuarial accrued liabilities and the actuarial value of assets. The significant actuarial methods and assumptions used are the same for all PSPRS plan and related benefits (unless noted), and the following actuarial methods and assumptions were used to establish the fiscal year 2016 contribution requirements:

**OPEB Contribution Requirements**

Actuarial valuation date	June 30, 2016
Actuarial cost method	Entry age normal
Amortization method	Level percent of pay, closed
Remaining amortization period	20 years for underfunded 20 years for overfunded
Asset valuation method	7-year smoothed market value; 80%/120% market
Actuarial assumptions:	
Investment rate of return	7.50%
Projected salary increases	4.0%-8.0%
Wage growth	4.0%

**Agent plan OPEB trend information** – Annual OPEB cost information for the health insurance premium benefit for the current and 2 preceding years follows:

<u>PSPRS</u>	<u>Year ending June 30,</u>	<u>Annual OPEB Costs</u>	<u>Percentage Contributed</u>
Health Insurance	2016	\$ 1,210	100%
	2015	1,636	100%
	2014	5,046	100%

**Agent Plan OPEB Funding Status (Required Supplementary Information)** – The health insurance premium benefit plans’ funded status as of the most recent valuation date, June 30, 2015, along with the actuarial assumptions and methods used in those valuations follow:

<b>Health Insurance</b>						
<b>Valuation Date June 30,</b>	<b>Actuarial Value of Plan Assets</b>	<b>Actuarial Accrued Liability</b>	<b>Funding Liability (Excess)</b>	<b>Funded Ratio</b>	<b>Annual Covered Payroll</b>	<b>Unfunded Liability as Percentage Of Covered Payroll</b>
2014	\$147,301	\$ 135,990	\$(11,311)	108.3%	\$1,666,338	0.00%
2015	164,325	111,651	(52,674)	147.2%	1,512,906	0.00%
2016	177,439	112,873	(64,566)	157.2%	1,398,506	0.00%

The District provides neither administrative services nor investment advice. Accordingly, no fiduciary relationship exists between the District and the compensation plan. Therefore, plan assets, for either of the aforementioned plans, are not included as a fund of the District.

#### **B. VOLUNTEER FIRE PENSION**

The District maintains a *Volunteer Fire Pension Fund* as allowed by ARS 9-951. This plan is administered by an outside consulting firm who prepares a separate annual report. This report is available through Innes & Associates, 4302 East Ray Road Suite 117, Phoenix, Arizona 85044. The plan is reviewed by the Arizona State Fire Marshal’s office.

Benefits vary by number of years of activity and funds available. Benefits are fixed by the local board at the time of retirement. Eligibility is minimum age of 18 years and 12 months of service. Maximum age does not apply. Retirement age is earlier of age 50 or 20 years of service. Entry dates are Jan 01 and July 01 of each year. The local pension board has the authority to deviate from these guidelines as they feel necessary under an adopted alternative plan.

#### **NOTE 17 - POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS**

As required by the Federal law under COBRA, the District makes available information regarding continuation of health care and insurance benefits for recently separated employees. Details of this plan can be found at the Department of Labor’s web site.

In addition, the District has 2 former employees on the *Direct Bill Subsidy* thru the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System (PSPRS). The Districts' only responsibility is to verify the former employee is covered by a supplemental insurance in addition to Medicare and to get proof of the cost. The retiree pays the premiums and the District submits on their behalf to PSPRS for the reimbursement of the subsidy. The District receives the subsidy from PSPRS and forwards it to the retiree.

**NOTE 18- SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

Management has evaluated subsequent events and does not know of any additional comments or disclosures that should be made thru the date of this report.

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**REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY  
INFORMATION**

**GOLDEN VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES**  
**IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL (GAAP BASIS)**  
**GENERAL FUND**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED**  
**JUNE 30, 2017**

Exhibit I

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance with Final
	Original	Final		Budget Positive (Negative)
Revenues:				
Property Taxes	\$ 1,551,765	\$ 1,551,765	\$ 1,561,545	\$ 9,780
Fire District Assistance	167,229	167,229	166,988	(241)
Fees for Service	854,966	854,966	796,731	(58,235)
Grant Revenue	66,000	66,000	8,313	(57,687)
Interest	4,000	4,000	6,213	2,213
Miscellaneous	43,280	43,280	35,528	(7,752)
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>2,687,240</b>	<b>2,687,240</b>	<b>2,575,318</b>	<b>(111,922)</b>
Expenditures:				
Current:				
Public Safety	2,518,160	2,518,160	2,526,163	(8,003)
Administration	103,080	103,080	96,538	6,542
Capital Outlay	863,226	863,226	24,773	838,453
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>3,484,466</b>	<b>3,484,466</b>	<b>2,647,474</b>	<b>836,992</b>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over Expenditures	(797,226)	(797,226)	(72,156)	725,070
Net Change in Fund Balances	(797,226)	(797,226)	(72,156)	725,070
Fund Balances at Beginning of Year	797,226	797,226	926,638	129,412
Fund Balances at End of Year	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 854,482	\$ 854,482



# GOLDEN VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT

## GASB STATEMENT NO. 27 SUPPLEMENTARY PENSION INFORMATION

### SCHEDULE OF FUNDING PROGRESS (EXCLUDING HEALTH INSURANCE SUBSIDY BEGINNING JUNE 30, 2008)

Year Date June 30	Actuarial Value of Assets (a)	Actuarial Accrued Liability (AAL) Entry Age (b)	Unfunded AAL (UAAL) (b-a)	Funded Ratio (a/b)	Annual Covered Payroll (c)	UAAL as a % of Covered Payroll ((b-a)/c)	AAL as a Percent of Covered Payroll (b)/(c)
2006	1,681,614	1,598,153	(83,461)	105.2%	658,405	0.0%	242.7%
2007	1,763,568	2,194,010	430,442	80.4%	853,082	50.5%	257.2%
2008	1,983,282	2,428,718	445,436	81.7%	1,046,539	42.6%	232.1%
2009	2,219,650	2,733,238	513,588	81.2%	1,023,734	50.2%	267.0%
2010	2,436,086	2,972,074	535,988	82.0%	1,203,012	44.6%	247.1%
2011	2,732,262	3,490,705	758,443	78.3%	1,273,732	59.5%	274.1%
2012	3,078,658	3,997,499	918,841	77.0%	1,395,830	65.8%	286.4%
2013	3,411,393	4,247,204	835,811	80.3%	1,473,406	56.7%	288.3%
2014	3,691,463	5,433,396	1,741,933	67.9%	1,666,338	104.5%	326.1%
2015	4,119,738	5,352,519	1,232,781	77.0%	1,512,906	81.5%	353.8%
2016	4,205,553	5,605,485	1,399,932	75.0%	1,398,506	100.1%	400.8%

### SCHEDULE OF EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS

Year Ended June 30	Annual Required Contribution
2008	83,273
2009	167,362
2010	150,076
2011	(est.) 145,165
2012	(est.) 185,851
2013	(est.) 213,592
2014	(est.) 254,842
2015	(est.) 253,417
2016*	(est.) 337,753
2017*	(est.) 280,799
2018	(est.) 347,752

\*This is the estimated Annual Required Contribution before the phase-in plan.

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## SUMMARY OF ACTUARIAL METHODS AND ASSUMPTIONS

The information presented in the required supplementary schedules was determined as part of the actuarial valuations at the dates indicated. Additional information as of the latest actuarial valuation follows:

Valuation Date:	June 30, 2016
Actuarial cost method:	Entry Age Normal
Amortization Method:	Level percent-of-pay closed
Remaining amortization period:	20 years for underfunded 20 years for overfunded
Asset valuation method:	7-year smoothed market 80%/120% market
Actuarial Assumptions:	
Investment Rate of Return:	7.50%
Projected Salary increases	4.0% - 8.0%
Payroll Growth	4.0%
Permanent Benefit Increases	The cost-of-living adjustment will be based on the average annual percentage change in the Metropolitan Phoenix - Mesa Consumer Price Index published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Statistics. We have assumed that to be 1.75% for this valuation.

## **GASB STATEMENT NO. 45 SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

The following information is presented concerning the post-retirement health insurance subsidy. The liabilities and computed contribution for the post-retirement health insurance subsidy were based on the same assumptions and actuarial cost methods as indicated for GASB Statement No. 27.

### SCHEDULE OF FUNDING PROGRESS

Date June 30	Actuarial Value of Assets (a)	Actuarial Accrued Liability (AAL) (b)	Unfunded AAL (UAAL) (b-a)	Funded Ratio (a/b)	Annual Covered Payroll (c)	UAAL as a % of Covered Payroll ((b-a)/c)
2006	\$0	\$88,560	\$88,560	0.00%	658,405	13.45%
2007	0	131,394	131,394	0.00%	853,082	15.40%
2008	0	125,190	125,190	0.00%	1,046,539	11.96%
2009	0	70,072	70,072	0.00%	1,023,734	6.84%
2010	0	76,566	76,566	0.00%	1,203,012	6.36%
2011	0	105,055	105,055	0.00%	1,273,732	8.25%
2012	0	109,755	109,755	0.00%	1,395,830	7.86%
2013	0	122,343	122,343	0.00%	1,473,406	8.30%
2014	147,301	135,990	(11,311)	108.3%	1,666,338	0.00%
2015	164,325	111,651	(52,674)	147.2%	1,512,906	0.00%
2016	177,439	112,873	(64,566)	157.2%	1,398,506	0.00%

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**ANNUAL REQUIRED CONTRIBUTION**

<b>VALUATION DATE JUNE 30,</b>	<b>FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30,</b>	<b>(a) NORMAL COST</b>	<b>(b) ACTUARIAL ACCRUED LIABILITY</b>	<b>TOTAL (a) +(b)</b>	<b>DOLLAR AMOUNT BASED ON COVERED PAYROLL</b>
2006	2008	0.53%	0.82%	1.35%	\$14,128
2007	2009	0.60%	0.72%	1.32%	\$13,814
2008	2010	0.56%	0.58%	1.14%	\$11,931
2009	2011	0.59%	0.32%	0.91%	\$10,369
2010	2012	0.62%	0.32%	0.94%	\$12,586
2011	2013	0.46%	0.44%	0.90%	\$12,639
2012	2014	0.41%	0.42%	0.83%	\$12,773
2013	2015	0.41%	0.48%	0.89%	\$14,320
2014	2016	0.36%	(0.08)%	0.28%	\$5,046
2015	2017	0.34%	(0.24)%	0.10%	\$1,636
2016	2018	0.38%	(0.30)%	0.08%	\$1,210

Health Insurance Subsidy Payment Reported for FY 2016: \$2,350

**Date of Information**

The information above reflects the most currently available information about this pension plan as of the published actuarial study for June 30, 2016 issued November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

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**GOLDEN VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT**  
**NOTES TO THE REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION**  
**FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017**

**1. BUDGETARY BASIS OF PRESENTATION**

The budget included in these financial statements represents the original budget and amendments approved by the Board of Directors. The budgetary basis is the modified accrual basis of accounting with encumbrances included as actual. Accordingly, for the purpose of comparing budgeted expenditures to actual amounts, prior and current year encumbrances have been integrated with the amounts shown on the *Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances*.

Various reclassifications have been made to the actual amounts to conform to classifications included in the budget approved by the Board of Directors.

The legal level of budgetary control attributed to the Board of Directors is considered at the objective or natural classification level, presented as subtotals in the schedule of budget to actual (e.g., total revenue, total salaries and benefits, total services and supplies, etc.).

**2. PUBLIC SAFETY PENSION DISCLOSURE INFORMATION**

All Public Safety Pension disclosure information has been furnished by the actuary for the Districts' Public Safety Pension Fund. This information has been excerpted directly from the actuarial report and is the responsibility of the actuary.

## **OTHER SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

**GOLDEN VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT  
ANNUAL REPORT INFORMATION  
FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017**

AZ Revised Statutes (ARS) requires certain additional information be attached to the audit report to comply with ARS 48-251 & 48-253 as required to meet the requirements of the AZ “Annual Report” of Special Districts. This information is included as other supplementary information.

**REGULAR FIRE BOARD MEETINGS:**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
July 28, 2016	6:00 p.m.	423 S Colorado St, Golden Valley, AZ
August 25, 2016	6:00 p.m.	423 S Colorado St, Golden Valley, AZ
Sept 22, 2016	6:00 p.m.	423 S Colorado St, Golden Valley, AZ
October 27, 2016	6:30 p.m.	423 S Colorado St, Golden Valley, AZ
Nov 21, 2016	6:00 p.m.	423 S Colorado St, Golden Valley, AZ
December 22, 2016	6:00 p.m.	423 S Colorado St, Golden Valley, AZ
January 26, 2017	6:00 p.m.	423 S Colorado St, Golden Valley, AZ
February 23, 2017	6:00 p.m.	423 S Colorado St, Golden Valley, AZ
March 23, 2017	6:00 p.m.	423 S Colorado St, Golden Valley, AZ
April 27, 2017	6:00 p.m.	423 S Colorado St, Golden Valley, AZ
May 25, 2017	6:00 p.m.	423 S Colorado St, Golden Valley, AZ
June 22, 2017	6:00 p.m.	423 S Colorado St, Golden Valley, AZ

**BOARD MEMBERS:**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Business Phone Number</u>	<u>Position</u>
Paul Gorham	928-565-3479	Chairman
Bill McCarter	928-565-3479	Director
Gary Juneau	928-565-3479	Director
Randy Osborn	928-565-3479	Director
Jack Hommel	928-565-3479	Clerk

**LOCATION OF POSTING OF MEETING NOTICES (all meetings):**

GVFD Admin Office	3327 N Mayer Rd	Golden Valley, AZ
Station 11	3480 N. Bacobi Rd.	Golden Valley, AZ
Station 12	749 S. Egar Rd.	Golden Valley, AZ
Station 13	2790 Oatman Rd	Golden Valley, AZ

**LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF BOUNDARY CHANGES:**

Dan Littrell	345-26-001
Bart Schaffer	206-12-028

**GOLDEN VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT**  
**GOVERNMENT AUDIT STANDARDS SECTION**  
**June 30, 2017**

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH *GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS*

To the Governing Board  
Golden Valley Fire District  
Golden Valley, Arizona

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Golden Valley Fire District, Golden Valley, Arizona, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2017, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated January 30, 2018.

### Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the district's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the district's internal control.

*A deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or, significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

### Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the District's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

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**Purpose of this Report**

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

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Glendale, Arizona  
January 30, 2018

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## INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH ARS 48-805.02

To the Governing Board  
Golden Valley Fire District  
Golden Valley, Arizona

We have examined management's assertion that the Golden Valley Fire District has complied with Arizona Revised Statutes (ARS) 48-805.02(F) for the year ended June 30, 2017. This statute requires the District to comply with ARS 48-805 (B) (2), 48-806 and 48-807. These requirements relate to debt and liabilities incurred by the District. The District's management is responsible for the assertion and compliance with the provisions of these statutes. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the assertion based on our examination.

Our examination as conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and, accordingly, included examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the District's compliance with the statutes referred to above and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our examination provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In connection with our examination, nothing came to our attention that caused us to believe that the District's assertion of compliance with these statutes was inaccurate or that the District failed to comply with the provisions of ARS sections 48-805 (B)(2), 48-806, 48-807 and 48-805.02(F) as required, insofar as it relates to accounting matters. However, our examination was not directed primarily toward obtaining knowledge of such noncompliance. Accordingly, had we performed additional procedures, other matters may have come to our attention regarding the District's noncompliance with the above referenced conditions of the statute, insofar as they relate to accounting matters.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Governing Board and management of the District and the State of Arizona. This report is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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