

Kiowa Fire Protection District  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND  
REPORT OF INDEPENDENT  
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

December 31, 2016



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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT CERTIFIED  
PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

Board of Directors  
Kiowa Fire Protection District

***Report on the Financial Statements***

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and the governmental fund of the Kiowa Fire Protection District (the "District"), as of and for the year ended December 31, 2016, 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.

***Auditors' Responsibility***

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on conducting our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America as established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants ("US GAAS").

We conducted our audit in accordance with US GAAS. Those standards require that we plan and perform our audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether these financial statements are free of material misstatement.

An audit includes 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 controls relevant to the District'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 District's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting principles 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 opinion.

### ***Opinion on the Financial Statements***

In our opinion, the financial statements previously referred to, present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and the governmental fund of the Kiowa Fire Protection District, as of December 31, 2016, and the respective changes in financial position thereof, and the respective budgetary comparison for the general fund for the year then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

### ***Other Matters***

#### *Omission of Required Supplementary Information*

The Board of Directors has omitted the Management's Discussion and Analysis and the supplementary 10-year fiscal history of the changes, components and related ratios related to the District's net pension asset, information that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require to be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such missing information, although not part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Government Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of the financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. Our opinion on the basic financial statements is not affected by this missing information.

*Marc, James and Associates, PC*

Highlands Ranch, Colorado  
June 14, 2017

*GOVERNMENT – WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS*

Kiowa Fire Protection District  
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

December 31, 2016

ASSETS	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 201,931
Due from Elbert County	3,320
Grant receivable	1,563
Property taxes receivable	268,563
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation of \$1,226,956	
Capital assets not being depreciated	
Land	55,125
Capital assets being depreciated	
Buildings	49,050
Vehicles	452,990
Equipment	167,040
Total capital assets	724,205
Net pension asset	296,567
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Volunteer firefighters' pension plan	56,881
Total assets and deferred outflows of resources	1,553,030
DEFERRED INFLOW OF RESOURCES	
Property taxes	268,563
Volunteer firefighters' pension plan	13,232
Total deferred inflows of resources	281,795
NET POSITION	
Invested in capital assets	724,205
Restricted	
TABOR reserve	15,600
Net pension asset	296,567
Unrestricted	234,863
Total net position	\$ 1,271,235

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these basic financial statements

Kiowa Fire Protection District

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

For the Year Ended December 31, 2016

Program expenses	
Public safety	
Administration	\$ 96,465
Firefighting and emergency medical services	198,447
Training	6,842
Equipment repairs	8,173
Stations, buildings and grounds	19,921
Durable equipment	40,952
Depreciation	104,104
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Total program expenses	474,904
Program revenue	
Emergency medical services	83,375
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Total program revenue	83,375
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Net program expenses	391,529
General revenue	
Property taxes	254,450
Specific ownership taxes	43,297
Grants	176,893
Impact fees	16,692
Interest	1,050
Other income	46,084
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Total general revenue	538,466
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CHANGE IN NET POSITION	146,937
NET POSITION - beginning of the year	1,124,298
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NET POSITION - end of the year	\$ 1,271,235
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*FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS*

Kiowa Fire Protection District  
BALANCE SHEET - GENERAL FUND  
December 31, 2016

<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	201,931
Due from Elbert County		3,320
Grant receivable		1,563
Property taxes receivable		<u>268,563</u>
Total assets	<b>\$</b>	<b><u>475,377</u></b>
 <b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>		
Property taxes	\$	268,563
 <b>FUND BALANCE</b>		
Restricted		15,600
Assigned		136,262
Unassigned		<u>54,952</u>
Total fund balance		<u>206,814</u>
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and fund balance	<b>\$</b>	<b><u>475,377</u></b>
 <b>RECONCILIATION TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION</b>		
Total fund balance	\$	206,814
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position are different due to:		
The net pension asset of the District is a not financial resource available to the District and therefore is not reported in the general fund		
		296,567
The deferred outflows and deferred inflows of resources associated with the District's net pension asset are not financial resources available or current liabilities of the District and therefore are not reported in the general fund		
		43,649
Capital assets used in governmental funds are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the general fund, net of accumulated depreciation of \$1,226,956		
		<u>724,205</u>
Net position - governmental-wide financial statements	<b>\$</b>	<b><u>1,271,235</u></b>

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STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURES AND  
CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE - GENERAL FUND

For the Year Ended December 31, 2016

Revenue	
Property taxes	\$ 254,450
Specific ownership taxes	43,297
Emergency medical services	83,375
Impact fees	16,692
Grants	176,893
Interest income	1,050
Other	46,084
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Total revenue	621,841
Expenditures	
Public safety	
Administration	139,833
Firefighting and emergency medical services	198,448
Training	6,842
Repairs and maintenance	8,173
Stations, buildings and grounds	19,922
Durable equipment	8,952
Capital outlay	196,656
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Total expenditures	578,826
Revenues over expenditures	43,015
Other sources and uses	
Proceeds from short-term borrowing	163,224
Repayment of short-term borrowing	(163,224)
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Total other sources and uses	-
CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	43,015
FUND BALANCE - beginning of the year	163,799
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FUND BALANCE - end of the year	\$ 206,814
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Kiowa Fire Protection District

RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURES  
AND CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE - GENERAL FUND TO THE  
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

For the Year Ended December 31, 2016

Change in fund balance - general fund	\$ 43,015
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities are different due to:	
Difference in pension expense as reflected in the government-wide financial statements and in the general fund	43,366
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 as depreciation expense. This was the amount of capital assets recorded in the current year.	164,660
Depreciation expense on capital assets is reported in the Statement of Activities. However, it does not use current financial resources, as such depreciation expense is not reported as an expenditure in the general fund.	<u>(104,104)</u>
Change in net position - government-wide financial statements	<u>\$ 146,937</u>

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Kiowa Fire Protection District

STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGE  
IN FUND BALANCE  
BUDGET TO ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND

For the Year Ended December 31, 2016

	Original and Final Budget	Actual	Variance
<b>Revenue</b>			
Property taxes	\$ 255,894	\$ 254,450	\$ (1,444)
Specific ownership taxes	35,000	43,297	8,297
Emergency medical services	70,000	83,375	13,375
Impact fees	14,000	16,692	2,692
Grants	237,349	176,893	(60,456)
Interest income	500	1,050	550
Other	16,500	46,084	29,584
<b>Total revenue</b>	<b>629,243</b>	<b>621,841</b>	<b>(7,402)</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>			
Public safety			
Administration	213,700	139,833	(73,867)
Firefighting and emergency medical services	218,500	198,448	(20,052)
Training	5,000	6,842	1,842
Repairs and maintenance	11,000	8,173	(2,827)
Stations, buildings and grounds	18,800	19,922	1,122
Durable equipment	10,000	8,952	(1,048)
Contingency and emergencies	31,284	-	(31,284)
Capital outlay			
Equipment	89,349	31,996	(57,353)
Vehicles	165,000	164,660	(340)
Stations	10,000	-	(10,000)
<b>Total expenditures</b>	<b>772,633</b>	<b>578,826</b>	<b>(193,807)</b>
<b>Revenues over expenditures</b>	<b>(143,390)</b>	<b>43,015</b>	<b>186,405</b>
<b>Other sources and uses</b>			
Proceeds from short-term borrowing	-	163,224	163,224
Repayment of short-term borrowing	-	(163,224)	(163,224)
<b>Total other sources and uses</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE</b>	<b><u>\$ (143,390)</u></b>	<b>43,015</b>	<b><u>\$ 186,405</u></b>
FUND BALANCE - beginning of the year		<u>163,799</u>	
FUND BALANCE - end of the year		<u><u>\$ 206,814</u></u>	

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these basic financial statements

Kiowa Fire Protection District

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

December 31, 2016

NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounting policies of the Kiowa Fire Protection District (the "District") conform to the accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("US GAAP") as applicable to governmental entities. The following is a summary of the more significant policies consistently applied in the preparation of the basic financial statements of the District.

*1. Reporting Entity*

The District was established under State of Colorado statutes as a quasi-municipal corporation and is governed by a five-member elected Board of Directors pursuant to the provisions of the Colorado Special District Act. The District's service area is located in Elbert County, Colorado and the District provides firefighting and emergency medical services ("EMS") to the residents and visitors of the District. As required by US GAAP, these financial statements present the activities of the District, which is legally separate and financially independent of other state and local government entities. The District has no component units as defined by Governmental Accounting Standards Board ("GASB"), Statement No. 14, *The Reporting Entity* and GASB No. 39, *Determining Whether Certain Organizations are Component Units*.

*2. Measurement Focus and Financial Accounting Framework*

*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 non-fiduciary activities of the primary government.

The statement of net activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segment is offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. Program revenues include 1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function or segment and 2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operation or capital requirements of a particular function or segment. Taxes and other items not properly included among program revenue are reported as general revenues.

*Fund Financial Statements*

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 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. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the District considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

December 31, 2016

NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - *continued*

2. *Measurement Focus and Financial Accounting Framework - continued*

Property taxes, specific ownership taxes and interest associated with the current fiscal period are all considered to be susceptible to accrual and so have been recognized as revenue in the current fiscal period.

For 2016, the District has one Governmental Fund, the *General Fund*, which accounts for all of the financial resources of the District.

3. *Cash and Cash Equivalents*

The District considers cash and cash equivalents to include cash on hand, demand deposits and money market accounts.

4. *Fair Value of Financial Instruments*

The District's financial instruments include cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable and accounts payable. The District estimates that the fair value of these financial instruments as of December 31, 2016, do not differ materially from the aggregate carrying values used in the accompanying financial statements. The carrying amount of these financial instruments approximates the fair value due to the short maturity of these financial instruments.

5. *Use of Estimates*

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with US GAAP involves the use of management's estimates that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities as of the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting period. These estimates are based upon management's best judgment, after considering past events and assumptions about future events. Actual results could differ from those estimates. As of December 31, 2016, District management has estimated the useful lives of the District's capital assets as reflected in the Statement of Net Position.

6. *Property Taxes Receivable*

Property taxes are levied on December 15 of each year, and attach as an enforceable lien on subject property as of January 1 of the following year. The property taxes are payable in full on April 30 or if paid in two installments, due on February 28 and June 15. Property taxes are considered to be delinquent as of August 1. Elbert County bills and collects the property taxes on behalf of the District and remits the collections, less the applicable Treasurer's fees, to the District on a monthly basis. As the property taxes result in an enforceable lien on the subject property, in the event the property taxes are not paid, the subject property may be sold at public auction to collect the delinquent property taxes. Accordingly, no provision is deemed necessary for uncollected property taxes. As of December 31, the District has recorded the subsequent year levied property taxes and the related deferred inflow of resources.

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NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - *continued*

7. *Restricted Net Position*

The restriction of net position represents amounts that may not be appropriated or are legally segregated for a specific purpose.

8. *Capital Assets*

The District's capital assets are recorded at cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are valued at the estimated fair value at the time of the donation. The District's capital assets consist of land, buildings, trucks and other equipment. The District has a capitalization policy of \$5,000. The District's Board of Directors has the option to capitalize certain items less than \$5,000 in certain circumstances. Depreciation is provided in amounts sufficient to relate the cost of depreciable capital assets to operations over the estimated useful lives of the assets. Depreciation is provided under the straight-line method, with estimated service lives of three years to forty years.

The cost of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of, or materially extend the life of, the related capital asset, are charged to expense as incurred.

NOTE B – BUDGET INFORMATION

The District's annual budget is prepared on a Non-GAAP basis for the District's General Fund. An annual appropriated budget is adopted for the General Fund. All annual appropriations lapse at the end of the District's fiscal year.

The District conforms to the following procedures, in accordance with the State of Colorado Revised Statutes, in the establishment of the budgetary information reflected in the accompanying financial statements:

Prior to October 15, the District's Treasurer submits a proposed operating budget for the subsequent fiscal year to the District's Board of Directors. The Board of Directors may change the proposed budget prior to the publication of the notice of budget. Within ten days of the submission, a notice of the proposed budget is published. The operating budget includes proposed expenditures and the means of financing the expenditures.

Public hearings are held at the regular District Board of Director's meetings to obtain taxpayer input on the proposed operating budget.

On or before December 15, the operating budget is legally adopted through passage of a budget resolution. Upon adoption, the District's Treasurer is authorized to transfer the budgeted amounts within the function and objects of the Fund(s). The District's Board of Directors must approve revisions that change the total expenditures of the Fund(s). Appropriations are controlled and the budget can be only amended in accordance with the State of Colorado Revised Statutes that allows the District to amend the budget and adopt a supplemental appropriation, if funds for a specific purpose, other than ad valorem taxes, become available.

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December 31, 2016

NOTE B – BUDGET INFORMATION – *continued*

State of Colorado Statutes requires a balanced budget. For 2016, the District's budgeted expenditures exceeded budgeted revenues by \$143,390. The excess of expenditures over revenue was anticipated to be funded by the use of prior year surpluses, to the extent necessary and available.

NOTE C – CASH AND INVESTMENTS

The Colorado Public Deposit Protection Act ("PDPA") requires that all units of local government deposit cash in eligible public depositories. State Regulators determine the eligibility. Amounts on deposit in excess of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ("FDIC") insurance levels must be collateralized. The eligible collateral is determined by the PDPA. The PDPA allows institutions to create a single collateral pool for all public funds. The pool is to be maintained by another institution, or held in trust for all uninsured public deposits. The market value of the collateral must be equal to 102% of the aggregate uninsured public deposits.

As of December 31, 2016, all of the District's deposits were either insured by the FDIC or held in eligible depositories.

In addition, State of Colorado Statute specifies investments that meet defined rating and risk criteria in which local governments may hold. The allowed investments include participation in state regulated investment pools. The District participates in the Colorado Local Government Liquid Asset Trust ("COLOTRUST"). As of December 31, 2016, the District had \$110,700 on deposit with COLOTRUST Plus+. The carrying value and market value of the COLOTRUST Plus+ are equal. The COLOTRUST Plus+ is rated AAAM by Standard and Poors.

NOTE D – EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

The District grants credit to residents, visitors and third party medical payers for EMS and EMS support response services provided by the District. Due to the uncertainty related to the various third-party payer adjustments and the actual collection of the EMS and EMS support response fees, the District recognizes revenue associated with the EMS and EMS support responses services on the cash basis, thereby recognizing the revenue when the payment for EMS and EMS support services is received.

As of December 31, 2016, the balance billed by and outstanding to the District, before third-party payer adjustments was \$48,548. The actual revenue to be recognized will be determine at the time final payment is received by the District.

NOTE E - SHORT-TERM BORROWING

In April 2016, the District obtained a short-term loan from its financial services provider in the amount of \$163,224 to temporarily fund the purchase by the District of a new ambulance. The loan was paid in full in April 2016, upon receipt of the grant awarded to the District.

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NOTE F – CAPITAL ASSETS

The changes in the District's capital assets for the year ended December 31, 2016 are as follows:

	Balance December 31, 2015	Additions	Disposals	Balance December 31, 2016
<b>Capital assets</b>				
Land	\$ 55,125	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 55,125
Buildings	190,239	-	-	190,239
Vehicles	1,178,723	164,660	(81,952)	1,261,431
Equipment	444,366	-	-	444,366
Total	1,868,453	164,660	(81,952)	1,951,161
<b>Accumulated depreciation</b>				
Buildings	(136,432)	(4,756)	-	(141,188)
Vehicles	(827,279)	(63,114)	81,952	(808,441)
Equipment	(241,093)	(36,234)	-	(277,327)
Total	(1,204,804)	(104,104)	81,952	(1,226,956)
Net capital assets	\$ <u>663,649</u>	\$ <u>60,556</u>	\$ <u>-</u>	\$ <u>724,205</u>

NOTE F – FUND BALANCE/NET POSITION

*Fund Balance*

The District utilizes the fund balance presentation as required under GASB Statement No. 54, *Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions*. Fund balances are categorized as nonspendable, restricted, committed, assigned or unassigned.

*Nonspendable* – represents amounts that cannot be spent because they are either in nonspendable form or legally required to remain intact,

*Restricted* – represents amounts with external constraints placed on the use of these resources or imposed by enabling legislation,

*Committed* – represents amounts that can only be used for specific purposes imposed by a formal action of the District's highest level of decision-making authority, the District's Board of Directors. Committed resources cannot be used for any other purpose unless the District's Board of Directors removes or changes the specific use by the same type of action used to commit those amounts, either by resolution or by ordinance,

*Assigned* – represents amounts that the District intends to use for specific purposes as expressed by the District's Board of Directors or an official delegated the authority to assign amounts,

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NOTE F – FUND BALANCE/NET POSITION – *continued*

*Unassigned* – represents the residual classification for the general fund or deficit balances in other funds, as applicable.

Amounts are considered to have been spent when an expenditure is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted (committed, assigned, or unassigned) amounts are available. Unrestricted amounts are considered to have been spent when an expenditure is incurred for purposes for which amounts in any of these unrestricted fund balances classifications could be used.

<u>Fund balances</u>	
Restricted	
TABOR reserve	\$ 15,600
Assigned	
2017 budget	136,262
Unassigned	<u>54,952</u>
Total fund balance	<u>\$ 206,814</u>

Included in the preparation of the 2017 budget, the District's Board of Directors included as a budgetary resource, the use of a portion of the 2016 fund balance to eliminate an excess of budgeted expenditures over budgeted revenue. As required under GASB No. 54, the use of a portion of the fund balance, in an amount no greater than is necessary to eliminate the excess of budgeted expenditures over budgeted revenue, should be classified as assigned. The assignment expires at the end of 2017.

*Net Position*

Net Position represents the difference between assets and deferred outflows of resources less liabilities and deferred inflows of resources. The District reports three categories of net position, as follows:

*Net investment in capital assets* – consists of net capital assets, reduced by outstanding balances of any related debt obligations and deferred inflows of resources attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets and increased by balances of deferred outflows or resources related to those assets.

*Restricted net position* – net position is considered restricted if their use is constrained to a particular purpose. Restrictions are imposed by external organizations such as federal or state laws. Restricted net position is reduced by liabilities and deferred inflows of resources related to the restricted assets.

*Unrestricted net position* – consists of all other net position that does not meet the definition of the above two components and is available for general use by the District.

When an expenditure is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net position is available, the District will use the most restrictive net position first.

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 NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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NOTE G – PENSION PLANS

Volunteer Firefighters' Pension Plan

*Description of the Plan and Benefits Provided*

The District, on behalf of its volunteer firefighters, contributes to the District's Volunteer Firefighters' Pension Plan, a defined benefit plan (the "Plan") which is affiliated with the Colorado Fire and Police Pension Association ("FPPA").

Volunteer firefighters who maintain an average training participation in the department of 36 hours per year are eligible to participate in the plan for that year. Volunteers' rights to benefits fully vest after 20 years of service. Volunteers, who retire at, or after the age of, fifty with ten years of credited service, are entitled to a reduced benefit. In addition, the Plan provides death and disability benefits funded by insurance policies.

The District makes contributions based upon District established benefits and funding requirements based upon an actuarial study. Plan members do not make contributions. The State of Colorado also may make an annual contribution to the Plan in an amount established by statute.

The Plan provides retirement benefits for Plan participants and beneficiaries according to the Plan provisions as enacted and governed by the Plan Board of Trustees as follows:

Normal Retirement Benefit at Age 50 with 20 years of service (monthly)	\$	300
Disability Retirement Benefit (monthly)		
Short-term disability for line of duty injury, not to exceed 1 year		150
Long-term disability for line of duty injury, lifetime benefit		150
Survivor Benefits (monthly)		
Death in the line of duty, before retirement eligible		150
Death after normal retirement		150
Death after disability retirement		75
Funeral Benefit, lump sum, one-time only		200

The above benefit provisions were also used to determine the total pension liability (asset), discussed subsequently.

*Plan Participants Covered by the Plan as of January 1, 2015*

Retirees and beneficiaries	13
Inactive, Non-retired	4
Active	19
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Total participants	36
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Kiowa Fire Protection District

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

December 31, 2016

NOTE G – PENSION PLANS - *continued*

Volunteer Firefighters' Pension Plan - continued

*Net Pension Asset and Change in the Net Pension Asset*

As defined within GASB Statement No. 68, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions*, ("GASB 68") the Net Pension Liability/(Asset) ("NPL"/"NPA") is the difference between the Total Pension Liability ("TPL") and the Plan's Net Position. This is analogous to the Plan's accrued liability less than the market value of the Plan's assets. The TPL/NPA is based upon an actuarial valuation performed as of January 1, 2015 with a TPL/TPA measurement date of December 31, 2015. As permitted under GASB 68, the measurement date is within one of the District's fiscal year-end of December 31, 2016, and may be used to fulfill the December 31, 2016 reporting requirements.

The change in the Plan's NPA consists of the following:

Service costs	\$	5,480
Interest on the TPL		33,245
District contribution		(20,000)
State of Colorado supplemental discretionary contribution		(13,521)
Net Plan investment income		(13,291)
Plan administrative expenses		<u>2,318</u>
Change in the Net Pension Asset		(5,769)
Net Pension Asset – Beginning of the Year		<u>(290,798)</u>
Net Pension Asset – End of the Year	\$	<u>(296,567)</u>

As of December 31, 2015, the measurement date, the NPA consisted of the following:

Total Pension Liability	\$	462,713
Plan Net Position Available for Benefits		<u>759,280</u>
Net Pension Asset	\$	<u>(296,567)</u>
Percentage of Plan Net Position to Total Pension Liability		<u>164.09%</u>

The Plan's NPA is calculated using a Single Discount Rate of 7.50%. The Plan's NPA calculated using a Single Discount Rate that is 1% lower or 1% higher is as follows:

1% Discount 6.50%	7.50%	1% Increase 8.50%
\$ <u>(244,970)</u>	\$ <u>(296,567)</u>	\$ <u>(339,505)</u>

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NOTE G – PENSION PLANS - *continued*

Volunteer Firefighters' Pension Plan - continued

*Basis for Determining the District and Actuarial Calculated Contributions*

The actuarially determined contributions are calculated as of January 1 of odd numbered years. The contribution rates have a one-year lag, as such, the actuarial valuation as of January 1, 2015, determined the contribution amounts for 2016 and 2017. The methods and assumptions used to determine the contribution rates are as follows:

Actuarial Cost Method	Entry Age Normal
Amortization Method	Level Dollar
Remaining Amortization Period	20 years
Asset Valuation Method	5-year smoothed market
Inflation	3.00%
Investment Rate of Return	7.50%
Retirement Age	50% per year of eligibility until 100% at age 65
Mortality	Pre-retirement: PR-2000 Combined Mortality Table with Blue Collar Adjustment, Post-retirement :RP-2000 Combined Mortality Table with Blue Collar Adjustment, Disability: RP-2000 Disabled Mortality Table

In connection with the biennial valuation, effective with the January 1, 2017 Plan valuation the inflation rate will be reduced to 2.5%. In addition, the mortality information will be updated to the RP-2014 tables.

For the year ended December 31, 2015, the actuarial and District contributions were as follows:

Actuarially Determined Contribution	Actual Contribution	Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	Ratio
\$ -	\$ 33,521	\$ (33,521)	100.00%

*Deferred Outflows and Inflows of Resources - Pension Plan*

The deferred inflows and outflows of resources, as applicable, related to the Plan are amounts used under GASB 68 in developing the annual pension expense. The deferred inflows and outflows of resources arise from differences between expected and actual experiences and changes, as applicable, of assumptions. The portions of these amounts which are not included in the current pension expense (income) are reflected as deferred inflows and outflows of resources and consist of:

Deferred outflow of Resources to be recognized in future pension expense resulting from differences between projected and actual Plan investment income	\$ 36,881
District contributions to the Plan subsequent to the NPA measurement date	<u>20,000</u>
Total deferred outflows of resources - pension	<u>\$ 56,881</u>
Deferred inflows of Resources to be recognized in future pension expense resulting from the difference between expected and actual experience associated with the TPA	<u>\$ 13,232</u>

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NOTE G – PENSION PLANS - *continued*

Volunteer Firefighters’ Pension Plan - continued

*Deferred Outflows and Inflows of Resources - Pension Plan - continued*

The deferred outflows and inflows of resources by year to be recognized in the future pension expense (income) as of December 31, 2016 are as follows:

<u>Year ended December 31,</u>			
2017		\$	5,114
2018			5,114
2019			5,114
2020			<u>8,307</u>
Total		\$	<u>26,649</u>

*Fire and Police Pension Association*

The Fire and Police Pension Association administers an agent multiple-employer Public Employee Retirement System (“PERS”). The PERS represents the assets of numerous separate plans that have been pooled for investment purposes. The affiliated pension plans have elected to use FPPA for plan administration investment services only. FPPA issues a publically available comprehensive annual financial report. That report may be obtained through the FPPA website at [www.fppaco.org](http://www.fppaco.org).

State Fire and Police Pension Plan

The District contributes to the Statewide Defined Benefit Plan, a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined pension plan administered by the FPPA. The Statewide Defined Benefit Plan provides retirement benefits for members and beneficiaries. Death and disability coverage is provided for members hired prior to January 1, 1997 through the Statewide Death and Disability Plan which is also administered by FPPA. This is a noncontributory plan. All full-time, paid firefighters of the District are members of the Statewide Defined Benefit Plan. Colorado statutes assign the authority to establish benefit provisions to the state legislature. FPPA issues a publicly available annual financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for the Statewide Defined Benefit Plan and the Statewide Death and Disability Plan. That report may be obtained through the FPPA website at [www.fppaco.org](http://www.fppaco.org).

The contribution requirements of plan members and the District are established by statute. The contribution rate for plan members and for the District is 8.5% of covered salary. The District’s contribution to the Statewide Defined Benefit Plan for the year ending December 31, 2016, was \$12,494.

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NOTE H – TAX, SPENDING AND DEBT LIMITATIONS

Article X, Section 20 of the Colorado Constitution, commonly known as the Taxpayer's Bill of Rights ("TABOR"), contains tax, spending and debt limitations which apply to the State of Colorado and all local governments.

TABOR requires local governments to establish emergency reserves. These reserves must be at least 3% of fiscal year spending (excluding bonded debt service). Local governments are not allowed to use the emergency reserves to compensate for economic conditions, revenue shortfalls, or salary or benefit increases.

The District's management believes it is in compliance with the provisions of TABOR. However, TABOR is complex and subject to interpretation. Many of the provisions, including the calculation of the fiscal year spending limits will require judicial interpretation.

In 1996, the voters of the District voted to allow the District to retain revenues in excess of the limits established by TABOR.

NOTE I – RISK MANAGEMENT

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts, theft, damage to, or destruction of assets; errors or omissions; injuries to volunteers; or acts of God for which the District carries commercial insurance. The District's claims have not exceeded its coverage during the preceding three years.

NOTE J – IMPACT FEES

In 2009, the District reached an agreement under which the District refunded \$24,726 of impact fees previously paid by a developer on property within the District. In exchange, the District was granted liens on the individual lots within the development for the amount of the impact fees. The District will receive the impact fees upon the sale of the individual lots. Due to uncertainty related to the date of the actual sale and sale amount, the District has not recognized the liens for financial statement purposes.

NOTE K – MANAGEMENT'S EVALUATION OF SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The preparation of the District's financial statements and accompanying footnotes in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management of the District to evaluate transactions and events subsequent to the balance sheet date involving the District. Management has evaluated the subsequent transactions and events of the District through June 14, 2017, which is the date the financial statements and accompanying footnotes were available for issuance.

- Effective March 1, 2017, the District elected to close the Volunteer Firefighters' Pension Plan to new members,
- In June 2017, the District obtained financing in an amount not to exceed \$250,000 for the District's matching funds to a \$200,000 grant received in 2017 for the expansion of the existing fire station.