

**LEFTHAND FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**  
**REPORT ON FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**December 31, 2016**



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May 26, 2017

To the Members of the Board of Directors of the Lefthand Fire Protection District:

State law requires that all general-purpose local governments file within seven months of the close of each fiscal year a complete set of financial statements presented in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) and audited in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards by a firm of licensed certified public accountants. Pursuant to that requirement, we hereby issue the annual financial report of the Lefthand Fire Protection District (“District”) for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2016.

This report consists of management’s representations concerning the finances of the District. Consequently, management assumes full responsibility for the completeness and reliability of all of the information presented in this report. To provide a reasonable basis for making these representations, management of the District has established an internal control framework that is designed both to protect the government’s assets from loss, theft, or misuse and to compile sufficient reliable information for the preparation of the District’s financial statements in conformity with GAAP. Because the costs of internal controls should not outweigh their benefits, the District’s comprehensive framework of internal controls has been designed to provide reasonable rather than absolute assurance that the financial statements will be free from material misstatement. As management, we assert, that to the best of our knowledge and belief, this financial report is complete and reliable in all material respects.

The District’s financial statements have been audited by Howard W. Masini CPA, P.C. a firm of licensed certified public accountants. The goal of the independent audit was to provide reasonable assurance that the financial statements of the District for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2016 are free from material misstatement. The independent audit involved examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements; assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management; and evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. The independent auditor concluded, based upon the audit, that there was a reasonable basis for rendering an unqualified opinion that the District’s financial statements for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2016, are fairly presented in conformity with GAAP. The independent auditor’s report is presented as the first component of the financial section of this report.

### **Profile of the Government**

The District, established in 1984, is located in Boulder County, Colorado. The District provides fire protection and emergency services. The District is empowered to levy a property tax on both real and personal properties located within its boundaries, pursuant to the requirements of applicable law. The District also receives, or may receive, funding from specific ownership taxes, service fees, interest earnings, gifts, grants, and other income. The District also may seek revenue through various financing mechanisms, as permitted by applicable law, including the Taxpayers’ Bill of Rights (TABOR).

The annual budget serves as the foundation for the District's financial planning and control. The government's budget officer presents a proposed budget to the Board for review prior to October 15. The Board is required to hold a public hearing on the proposed budget and to adopt a final budget by no later than December 15<sup>th</sup>. The annual budget is prepared by fund. Budget-to-actual comparisons are provided in this report for each individual governmental fund included as part of the 2016 annual budget.

**Cash management policies and practices.** Cash temporarily idle during the year was invested in a WELLS FARGO MONEY MARKET account.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Austin Blood  
President

List of Principal Officials  
As of December 31, 2016

President – Austin Blood

Vice President – Hildy Armour

Treasurer – Brian Walko

Secretary – Jack Kutscher

Director – Jeff Wycoff



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**Independent Auditors' Report**

To the Board of Directors of  
Lefthand Fire Protection District  
Boulder County, Colorado

We have audited the accompanying financial statement of the governmental activities of the Lefthand Fire Protection District (the "District"), as of December 31, 2016, and for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements and respective budgetary comparison for the general fund, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

**Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements**

The District's 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. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain 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 the 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.

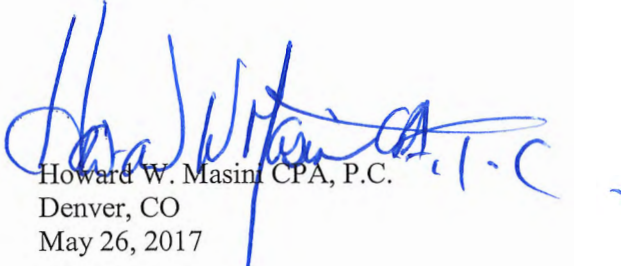
**Opinion**

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities of the Lefthand Fire Protection District, as of December 31, 2016, and the respective changes in net position and the respective budgetary comparison for the General Fund for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

**Other Matters**

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the Management's Discussion and Analysis on pages vi-xi and the Schedule of Changes in District's Net Pension Liability/(Assets) and Related Ratios Current Period and Schedule of District Contributions Last 6 Fiscal Years are presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not part of the basic financial statement, 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 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 inquires of management about the methods of preparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge 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.



Howard W. Masini CPA, P.C.  
Denver, CO  
May 26, 2017

## **LEFTHAND FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

### **Management's Discussion and Analysis**

**December 31, 2016**

This section presents management's analysis of Lefthand Fire Protection District (the District) financial condition and activities as of and for the year ended December 31, 2016. Management's Discussion and Analysis (MDA) is intended to serve as an introduction to the District's basic financial statements.

This information should be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements that follow this section. The District, as the primary governmental entity, includes, within the financial statements, the financial position and activities of the District's Volunteer Firefighter Pension Plan as a component unit. The discussion and analysis is designed to provide an analysis of the District's financial condition and operating results and to inform the reader on the District's financial issues and activities.

The information in this MDA is presented under the following headings:

- I. Overview of the Basic Financial Statements
- II. Financial Analysis
- III. Capital Assets and Lease Administration
- IV. Budgetary Highlights
- V. Economic Factors and Next Year's Budget and Rates
- VI. Request for Information

### **I. Overview of the Basic Financial Statements**

The District's basic financial statements are comprised of four components: (A.) Government-wide Financial Statements (B.) Fund Financial Statements and (C.) Notes to Basic Financial Statements and (D.) Required supplementary information and other supplementary information in addition to the basic financial statements.

#### **A. Government-wide Financial Statements**

The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities display information about the primary government (the District). These statements include the financial activities of overall District government, except for fiduciary activities. Governmental activities generally are financed through taxes.

#### **B. 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 special purpose governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with financial-related legal requirements. The basic financial statements of the District are presented as a special purpose government engaged only in governmental type activities – providing fire protection and emergency services to District residents and to individuals passing through the District's jurisdiction.

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Management's Discussion and Analysis

December 31, 2016

### 1) General Fund

The District's General Fund statements include:

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

The *Statement of Revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balance* presents information which reflects how the District's net position changed during the past year. All changes in the net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of the related cash flows. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in the statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods.

These financial statements distinguish functions of the District that will be principally supported by property taxes and grant income. The functions of the District include effective and economical operation of a Title 32 fire protection district which provides fire protection and emergency services within the jurisdictional boundaries of the District. The District consists primarily of volunteer firefighters.

### **C. Notes to Basic Financial Statements**

The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the basic financial statements. The notes to basic financial statements can be found on pages 6 to 23 of this report.

### **D. Required Supplementary Information and Other Supplementary Information**

In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also presents certain required supplementary information concerning the District's budgetary comparisons presented for legal compliance.

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**II. Financial Analysis**

**A. Financial Highlights**

- The change in net position is \$765,150 for the year ended December 31, 2016 which represents an increase of \$627,174 over the prior year. The increase in change in net position is due to an increase in total revenues of \$728,017 offset by an increase in total expenses of \$100,843. The increase in revenues is due to an increase in property and ownership tax revenue of approximately \$120,000, grant income of approximately \$340,000, contract fire protection of approximately \$124,000 and a gain on a sale of a vehicle of \$90,000.
- Expenses increased by \$100,843 for the year ended December 31, 2016 when compared to the year ended December 31, 2015 due mainly to an increase in salaries and benefits of approximately \$33,000, administration of approximately \$24,500 and dispatch expense of \$25,000.

**B. Financial Position**

As noted earlier, net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of the District's financial position. The District assets exceeded liabilities by \$2,871,904.

The largest portion of the District's net position reflects its investment in capital assets, less any related debt used to acquire those assets that is still outstanding. The District uses these capital assets to provide services to citizens; consequently, these assets are not available for future spending. Although the District's investment in capital assets is reported net of related debt, it should be noted that the resources needed to repay this debt must be provided from other sources, since the capital assets themselves cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities.

**Summary of Net Position  
General Fund**

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
<b>Assets</b>		
Current assets	\$ 1,888,865	\$ 1,489,189
Capital assets, net	1,089,348	748,750
Deferred outflows	518,610	496,429
Total assets	<u>3,496,823</u>	<u>2,734,368</u>
<b>Liabilities and Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>		
Current liabilities	9,128	7,426
Deferred inflows of resources	615,791	610,119
Total liabilities and deferred inflows	<u>624,919</u>	<u>617,545</u>
<b>Net Position</b>		
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	1,089,348	748,750
Unrestricted	1,748,556	1,349,073
Restricted – emergencies	34,000	19,000
Total net position	<u>\$ 2,871,904</u>	<u>\$ 2,116,823</u>

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## Management's Discussion and Analysis

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### C. Results of Operation

The following table shows the changes in the District's Net Position during the year.

#### Summary of Changes in Net Position General Fund

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
<b>Revenue</b>		
Property taxes	\$ 610,160	\$ 489,955
Specific ownership taxes	31,825	27,175
Gain on sale of vehicle	90,000	
Contract fire protection	221,158	96,716
Mitigation Projects	127,553	87,185
Grants	400,507	61,839
Matching Pension contribution	11,474	11,474
Interest	1,759	1,171
Donations	12,119	3,378
Miscellaneous	16,420	16,065
Total revenue	<u>1,522,975</u>	<u>794,958</u>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Salaries & Benefit expense	268,371	234,983
Other personnel expense	5,359	4,902
Administration	94,606	70,121
Operation	103,506	98,312
Mitigation Program expense	56,366	56,552
Grant expense	11,249	12,197
Dispatch expense	81,963	57,220
Pension expense	(7,707)	(17,067)
Miscellaneous expense	--	--
Depreciation expense	154,181	149,831
Total program expenses	<u>767,894</u>	<u>667,051</u>
<b>Change in Net Position</b>	755,081	127,907
<b>Net Position – Beginning of Year</b>	<u>2,116,823</u>	<u>1,988,916</u>
<b>Net Position – End of Year</b>	<u>\$ 2,871,904</u>	<u>\$ 2,116,823</u>

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**III. Capital Assets**

**A. Capital Assets**

The District's investment in capital assets at December 31, 2016 amounts to \$1,089,348 (net of accumulated depreciation). This investment in capital assets includes land, buildings, apparatus, equipment and furnishings. An analysis of changes in capital assets is as follows:

<b>Capital Assets</b>				
	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>Variance</u>	<u>Percentage Change</u>
Buildings	\$ 295,751	\$ 295,751	\$ --	--%
Fire trucks and equipment	3,569,476	3,223,086	346,390	10.74%
Land/building improvements	59,427	59,427	--	--%
Total capital assets	<u>3,924,654</u>	<u>3,578,264</u>	<u>346,390</u>	9.68%
Less: accumulated depreciation	<u>(2,835,306)</u>	<u>(2,829,514)</u>	<u>(5,792)</u>	0.02%
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	<u>\$ 1,089,348</u>	<u>\$ 748,750</u>	<u>\$ 340,598</u>	45.48%

The District's major capital additions were the purchase of a pumper truck (\$356,700), Dodge Ram Truck (\$34,219) and a chassis (\$98,350). The District also sold a pumper truck for \$90,000. The original cost of the pumper truck that was sold was \$148,389. The truck was fully depreciated at December 31, 2016

Additional information on the District's capital assets can be found in **Note 5** of this report.

**IV. Budgetary Highlights**

The District's budget is prepared according to Colorado law and is based on accounting for certain transactions on a basis of cash receipts and disbursements.

The total actual revenues of the District in 2016 were more than budgeted revenues by \$471,523 and the total actual expenditures of the District in 2016 were less than budgeted expenditures by \$68,507.

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## **V. Economic Factors and Next Year's Budget**

In the 2016 and 2017 budget cycles the District is looking at replacing an existing fire apparatus with an Attack Tender and improvements to Station 2 out of capital expense funds. The District will also continue to promote and expand its successful Mitigation program.

## **VI. Requests for Information**

This report is designed to provide a general overview of the District's finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional information should be addressed to Chief Russell Leadingham.

## **BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**LEFTHAND FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**  
**Statement of Net Position and Governmental Fund Balance Sheet**  
**December 31, 2016**

	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Adjustments Page (2)</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b><u>ASSETS</u></b>			
<i>Current assets:</i>			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,026,660	\$	\$ 1,026,660
Cash on hand with County	2,839		2,839
Accounts receivable - mitigation	19,818		19,818
Accounts receivable - cooperator	180,397		180,397
Other assets	6,598		6,598
Prepaid expenses	36,762		36,762
Property tax receivable	615,791		615,791
<i>Total current assets</i>	1,888,865		1,888,865
<i>Capital assets:</i>			
Buildings		295,751	295,751
Fire trucks and equipment		3,569,476	3,569,476
Land/building improvements		59,427	59,427
Less: accumulated depreciation		(2,835,306)	(2,835,306)
<i>Total capital assets</i>		1,089,348	1,089,348
<i>Deferred Outflows of Resources:</i>			
Deferred outflows - pension		518,610	518,610
<i>Total deferred outflows</i>		518,610	518,610
<b><i>Total assets and deferred outflows of resources</i></b>	\$ 1,888,865	1,607,958	3,496,823
<b><u>LIABILITIES</u></b>			
<i>Current liabilities:</i>			
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 9,128		9,128
<i>Total current liabilities</i>	9,128	-	9,128
<i>Deferred inflow of resources:</i>			
Deferred property tax revenue	615,791		615,791
<i>Total deferred inflows</i>	615,791	-	615,791
<b><i>Total liabilities and deferred inflow of resources</i></b>	624,919	-	624,919
<b><u>FUND BALANCES/ NET POSITION</u></b>			
<i>Fund balances:</i>			
Unassigned for:			
General government	1,244,946	(1,244,946)	-
Restricted for:			
Emergencies	19,000	(19,000)	-
<b><i>Total fund balances</i></b>	1,263,946	(1,263,946)	-
<b><i>Total liabilities, deferred inflows and fund balances</i></b>	\$ 1,888,865		
<i>Net position:</i>			
Net investment in capital assets	-	1,089,348	1,089,348
Restricted for:			
Emergencies		34,000	34,000
Unrestricted		1,748,556	1,748,556
<b><i>Total net position</i></b>		\$ 2,871,904	\$ 2,871,904

The Notes to Financial Statements and Independent Auditors' Report  
are an integral part of these statements.

**LEFTHAND FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**  
**Reconciliation of the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet**  
**To the Statement of Net Position**  
**For the Year Ended December 31, 2016**

Fund balance per Statements of Net Position	\$ 1,263,946
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures; however, in the Statement of Net Assets the costs of those assets are capitalized and depreciated over their useful lives	1,089,348
Net asset or liability resulting from pension plans and related deferred outflows and inflows are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the balance sheet	518,610
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Total Net Position	<u>\$ 2,871,904</u>

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**LEFTHAND FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**  
**Statement of Activities and Governmental Fund Revenues, Expenditures and**  
**Changes in Fund Balances**  
**For the Year Ended December 31, 2016**

	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Adjustments Page (4)</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Revenues:</b>			
Property taxes	\$ 610,160	\$ -	\$ 610,160
Grant income	400,507		400,507
Contract fire protection	221,158		221,158
Gain on sale of vehicle	90,000		90,000
Mitigation projects - property owner receipts	80,184		80,184
Mitigation projects	47,369		47,369
Specific ownership taxes	31,825		31,825
Miscellaneous	16,420		16,420
Donations	12,119		12,119
Matching pension contribution	11,474		11,474
Interest	1,759	-	1,759
<i>Total revenues</i>	1,522,975	-	1,522,975
<b>Expenditures/ Expenses:</b>			
Salaries and benefit expense	268,371	-	268,371
Other personnel expense	5,359	-	5,359
Administration	94,606		94,606
Operations	103,506		103,506
Mitigation program expense	56,366	-	56,366
Grant expense	11,249		11,249
Dispatch expense	81,963		81,963
Pension expense	14,474	(22,181)	(7,707)
Capital outlay	494,779	(494,779)	-
Depreciation	-	154,181	154,181
<i>Total expenditures/ expenses</i>	1,130,673	(362,779)	767,894
<b>Change in net position</b>	392,302	362,779	755,081
Fund balance/ net position			
Beginning of the year	871,644	1,245,179	2,116,823
End of year	\$ 1,263,946	\$ 1,607,958	\$ 2,871,904

The Notes to Financial Statements and Independent Auditors' Report  
are an integral part of these statements.

**LEFTHAND FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**  
**Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenue, Expenditures**  
**and Changes in Fund Balance - Governmental Funds**  
**to the Statement of Position**  
**For the Year Ended December 31, 2016**

Excess deficiency of revenues and transfers in over expenditures and transfers out - governmental funds	\$	392,302
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Governmental funds report capital outlay as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities the cost of those assets are allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense

Capital outlay		494,779
Depreciation		(154,181)

Governmental funds report deferred inflows as a component of pension expense.		32,250
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		765,150
Change in net position	\$	765,150

The Notes to Financial Statements and Independent Auditors' Report  
are an integral part of these statements

**LEFTHAND FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**  
**Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance**  
**Budget (GAAP Basis) and Actual - (General Fund)**  
**For the Year Ended December 31, 2016**

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>		<u>Actual</u>	<b>Variance with</b>
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Amended</u>		<b>Final Budget</b>
				<b>Positive</b>
				<b>(Negative)</b>
<b><u>Revenues:</u></b>				
Property tax and specific ownership tax revenue	\$ 610,119	\$ 610,119	\$ 610,160	\$ 41
Grant income	326,000	326,000	400,507	74,507
Contract fire protection	-	-	221,158	221,158
Gain on sale of vehicle			90,000	90,000
Mitigation Projects - property owner receipts	-	-	80,184	80,184
Mitigation Projects	91,200	91,200	47,369	(43,831)
Specific ownership tax	20,000	20,000	31,825	11,825
Miscellaneous	3,333	3,333	16,420	13,087
Donations	-	-	12,119	12,119
Matching pension contribution			11,474	11,474
Interest income	800	800	1,759	959
<i>Total revenues</i>	<u>1,051,452</u>	<u>1,051,452</u>	<u>1,522,975</u>	<u>471,523</u>
<b><u>Expenditures/ Expenses:</u></b>				
Salaries and benefits	300,880	300,880	268,371	32,509
Other personal expenses	13,300	13,300	5,359	7,941
Administration	78,100	78,100	94,606	(16,506)
Operations	156,700	156,700	103,506	53,194
Mitigation program expenses	91,200	91,200	56,366	34,834
Grant expenses	2,000	2,000	11,249	(9,249)
Pension expense	12,000	12,000	14,474	(2,474)
Dispatch expense	10,000	10,000	81,963	(71,963)
Capital outlay	535,000	535,000	494,779	40,221
<i>Total expenditures/ expenses</i>	<u>1,199,180</u>	<u>1,199,180</u>	<u>1,130,673</u>	<u>68,507</u>
<b>Change in net position</b>	<b>(147,728)</b>	<b>(147,728)</b>	<b>392,302</b>	<b>540,030</b>
Fund balance/ net position:				
Beginning of the year	917,059	917,059	871,644	(45,415)
End of year	<u>\$ 769,331</u>	<u>\$ 769,331</u>	<u>\$ 1,263,946</u>	<u>\$ 494,615</u>

The Notes to Financial Statements and Independent Auditors' Report  
are an integral part of these financial statements.

**LEFTHAND FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2016**

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**Note 1 - Definition of Reporting Entity**

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The Lefthand Fire Protection District is a governmental entity and political subdivision established to provide firefighting and emergency services to the citizens and their property within its jurisdiction, and to individuals passing through its jurisdiction.

The District follows the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) accounting pronouncements, which provide guidance for determining which governmental activities, organizations and functions should be included within the financial reporting entity. GASB pronouncements set forth the financial accountability of a governmental organization's elected governing body as the basic criterion for including a possible component governmental organization in a primary government's legal entity. Financial accountability includes, but is not limited to, appointment of a voting majority of the organization's governing body, ability to impose its will on the organization, a potential for the organization to provide specific financial benefits or burdens and fiscal dependency.

The District, which is the primary government, is not considered a component unit of any other governmental unit under criteria established by Governmental Accounting Standards Board No. 14, "*The Financial Reporting Entity*" and does not engage in any Business-type activities.

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**Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

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*A. Basis of Presentation*

The District's basic financial statements are prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The Government Accounting Standards Board is the acknowledged standard setting body for establishing accounting and financial reporting standard followed by governmental entities in the U.S.A.

*B. Government-wide and Fund Financial Statements*

**Government-wide Financial Statements**

The government-wide financial statements include the statements of net position and the statements of activities. These statements report financial information for the District as a whole excluding fiduciary activities such as volunteer pension plans. The primary government and component units are presented separately within the financial statements with the focus on the primary government. Individual funds are not displayed but the statements distinguish governmental activities, generally supported by property taxes (if applicable) and intergovernmental contributions, are reported separately from business-type activities, generally financed in whole or in part with fees charged to external customers.

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**Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies – (continued)**

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*B. Government-wide and Fund Financial Statements – (continued)*

**Government-wide Financial Statements – (continued)**

The statement of activities reports the expenses of a given function offset by program revenues directly connected with the functional program. A function is an assembly of similar activities and may include portions of a fund or summarize more than one fund to capture the expenses and program revenues associated with a distinct functional activity. Program revenues include: (1) Charges for services, and (2) Grants and contributions. These revenues are subject to externally imposed restrictions to these program uses. Taxes and other revenue sources not properly included with program revenues are reported as general revenues.

**Fund Financial Statements**

Fund financial statements are provided for the governmental fund. The Fund Financial Statements provide information about the District's funds. The emphasis of fund financial statements is on major individual governmental funds, each of which is displayed in a separate column. The District only has one governmental fund.

*C. Basis of Accounting*

**The government-wide financial statements** are reported using the *economic resources measurement focus* and the full *accrual basis* of accounting. Revenues are recorded when *earned* and expenses are recorded at the time liabilities are *incurred*, regardless of when the related cash flows take place.

**Governmental funds** are reported using the *current financial resources* measurement focus and the *modified accrual* basis of accounting. Under this method, revenues are recognized when *measurable* and *available*. The District considers all revenues reported in the governmental funds to be available if the revenues are collected within sixty days after year-end. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for principal and interest on general long-term debt, claims and judgments, and compensated absences, which are recognized as expenditures to the extent they have matured. Governmental capital asset acquisitions are reported as *expenditures* in governmental funds. Proceeds of governmental long-term debt and acquisitions under capital leases are reported as *other financing sources*.

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**Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - (continued)**

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*D. Major Funds*

Major funds are defined as funds that have either assets and deferred outflows of resources, liabilities and deferred inflows or resources, revenues or expenditures/expenses equal to 10 percent of their fund-type total and five percent of the grand total. The General Fund is always a major fund. The District may also select other funds it believes should be presented as major funds. The District reported the following major governmental fund in the accompanying financial statements:

*General Fund* – reports as the primary fund of the District. This fund is used to account for all financial resources not reported in other funds.

*E. Assets, Liabilities, and Net Position or Equity*

**Receivables**

Receivables are reported at their gross value and, when appropriate, are reduced by the estimated portion that is expected to be uncollectible. No amounts were determined to be uncollectible at December 31, 2016. Property taxes levied on December 31, 2016 are identified as property taxes receivable and deferred inflows of resources.

**Capital Assets**

Capital assets which include building improvements, fixtures and equipment are reported in the applicable governmental activities columns in the government wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the District as assets with an initial, individual cost of more than \$1,000. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair market value at the date of donation.

The cost of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend the life of the asset are not capitalized. Improvements are capitalized and depreciated over the remaining useful lives of the fixed assets, as applicable.

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**Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - (continued)**

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*E. Assets, Liabilities, and Net Position or Equity – (continued)*

Improvements, furniture, fixtures and equipment are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives:

<u>ASSET TYPE</u>	<u>YEAR</u>
Building	40
Improvements	10
Furniture	5-10
Equipment	5-15
Fixtures	5-10

**Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resource**

In addition to assets, the statement of net 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 that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an out flow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then.

In addition to liabilities, the statement of net position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial element, *deferred inflows of resources*, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an inflow or resources (revenue) until that time. The District has only one type of item that qualifies for reporting in this category, *unavailable revenue – property taxes*. These amounts are deferred and recognized as an inflow of resources in the period that the amounts become available.

**Net Position and Fund Balance**

**Net Position**

Net Position is the excess of all the District’s assets and deferred outflows, if any, over all its liabilities and deferred inflows, if any, regardless of the fund. Net position is divided into three captions. These captions apply only to Net Position, which is determined only at the Government-wide level, and are described below:

- **Net Investment in Capital Assets** describes the portion of Net Position which is represented by the current net book value of the District’s capital assets, less the outstanding balance of any debt issued to finance these assets.

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**Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - (continued)**

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*E. Assets, Liabilities, and Net Position or Equity – (continued)*

- **Restricted** describes the portion of Net Position which is restricted as to use by the terms and conditions of agreements with outside parties, governmental regulations, laws, or other restrictions which the District cannot unilaterally alter. These principally include funds to be used for declared emergencies under the Colorado Taxpayers Bill of Rights (TABOR).
- **Unrestricted** describes the portion of Net Position which is not restricted to use.

**Fund Balance**

Governmental fund balances represent the net current assets of each fund. Net current assets generally represent a fund's cash and receivables, less its liabilities.

The District's fund balances are classified in accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement Number 54 (GASB 54), Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions, which requires the District to classify its fund balances based on spending constraints imposed on the use of resources. For programs with multiple funding sources, the District prioritizes and expends funds in the following order: Restricted, Committed, Assigned, and Unassigned. Each category in the following hierarchy is ranked according to the degree of spending constraint:

- **Nonspendable** represents balances set aside to indicate items do not represent available, spendable resources even though they are a component of assets. Fund balances required to be maintained intact and assets not expected to be converted to cash, such as prepaids, are included. However, if proceeds realized from the sale or collection of nonspendable assets are restricted, committed or assigned, then Nonspendable amounts are required to be presented as a component of the applicable category.
- **Restricted** fund balances have external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, laws, regulations, or enabling legislation which requires the resources to be used only for a specific purpose.

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**Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - (continued)**

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*E. Assets, Liabilities, and Net Position or Equity – (continued)*

- **Committed** fund balances have constraints imposed by formal action of the Board of Directors which may be altered only by formal action of the Board of Directors. Nonspendable amounts subject to the Board of Directors' commitments are included along with spendable resources.
- **Assigned** fund balances are amounts constrained by the District's intent to be used for a specific purpose, but are neither restricted nor committed. Intent is expressed by the Board of Directors and may be changed at the discretion of the Board of Directors. This category includes Nonspendable, when it is the Board of Director's intent to use proceeds or collections for a specific purpose, and residual fund balances, if any which have not been restricted or committed.
- **Unassigned** fund balance represents residual amounts that have not been restricted, committed, or assigned. This includes the residual general fund balance and residual fund deficits, if any, of other governmental funds.

As of December 31, 2016, the District's fund balance had \$34,000 restricted by the Colorado Taxpayers' Bill of Rights (TABOR) to be used for declared emergencies only. The remaining fund balance is considered by the District to be unassigned. At December 31, 2016, the District had an unassigned fund balance in the general fund of \$1,244,946.

Management adopted the provisions of the following Governmental Standards Board (GASB) Statements, which took effect for governments in fiscal years ending June 30, 2015, or later.

- GASB Statement No. 68 – In June 2012, GASB issued Statement No. 68 *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions – an amendment of GASB Statement No. 27*. The intention of this Statement is to improve the decision-usefulness of information in employer and governmental non-employer contributing equity financial reports and enhance its value for assessing accountability and inter-period equity by requiring recognition of the entire net pension liability and a more comprehensive measure of pension expense.
- GASB Statement No. 71 – In 2014, GASB issued Statement No. 71, *Pension Transition for Contributions Made Subsequent to the Measurement Date – An amendment of GASB No. 68*. The intension of this Statement is to eliminate the source of a potential significant understatement of restated beginning net position and expense in the first year of implementation of Statement 68 in the accrual-basis financial statements of employers and non-employer contributing entities.

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**Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - (continued)**

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*F. Assets, Liabilities, and Net Position or Equity – (continued)*

- Effective for year ends beginning after June 15, 2015 GASB No. 72 “*Fair Value Measurement and Application*” establishes general principles for measuring fair value and standards of accounting and financial reporting for assets and liabilities measured at fair value. The District implemented the provisions of this pronouncement beginning January 1, 2016.

*G. Use of Estimates*

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require management to make estimates and assumptions. These estimates may affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

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**Note 3 - Stewardship, Compliance and Accountability**

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*Budgets and Budgetary Accounting*

Formal budgetary integration is employed as a management control device during the year for the General and Pension Funds. Formal budgetary integration is also employed to comply with the State of Colorado Local Government Budget Law. The amounts not included in non-GAAP budgetary basis schedules are reflected on the schedules in the budget section of this report.

The District follows these procedures in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the financial statements.

1. Budgets are required by state law for all funds. Prior to October 15, the District’s designated Budget Officer submits a proposed operating budget for each fund to the Board of Directors for the fiscal year commencing the following January 1. The operating budget includes proposed expenditures and the means of financing them.
2. A public hearing is conducted by the Board of Directors to obtain taxpayer comments. The budget is formally adopted by Board resolution after considering comments received.
3. The budget and required mill levy is adopted by Board resolution no later than December 15. The mill levy is then certified to the county commissioners.

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**Note 4 – Cash, Cash Equivalents and Investments**

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Cash deposits and investments as of December 31, 2016 were as follows:

<i>Cash Deposits / Investments</i>	<b>Book Balance</b>	<b>Bank Balance</b>
Insured cash deposits	\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000
Collateralized Deposits	776,660	816,623
	1,026,660	\$ 1,066,623
Total cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,026,660	

**CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS:**

***Custodial Risk***

As of December 31, 2016, the carrying amount of the District's deposits was \$1,066,623. The District's cash demand deposits are held at financial institutions in which deposits are insured up to \$250,000 per institution by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. The District's deposits are categorized to give an indication of the level of risk assumed by the District at December 31, 2016.

The Colorado Public Deposit Protection Act (PDPA) requires that all units of local government deposit cash in eligible public depositories. Amounts on deposit in excess of federal insurance coverage must be collateralized. PDPA allows eligible depositories to create a single collateral pool for all public funds.

The market value of eligible collateral (determined under PDPA) must exceed the aggregate uninsured deposits held by a financial institution on behalf of all local government deposits.

**INVESTMENTS:**

***Eligible Investments***

Colorado State statutes define eligible investments for local governments. These include U.S. Treasury obligations, repurchase agreements, State of Colorado and local government obligations, and others. The statutes allow participation with other local governments in pooled investment funds managed by mutual agreement with the same restrictions on deposits and investments. The State Regulatory Commission for banks and financial services is required by statute to monitor the naming of eligible depositories and reporting of the uninsured deposits and assets maintained in the collateral pools.

The District categorizes its fair value measurements within the fair value hierarchy established by generally accepted accounting principles. The hierarchy is based on the valuation inputs used to measure the fair value of the asset. Level 1 inputs are quoted prices in active markets for identical assets. Level 2 inputs are significant other observable inputs. Level 3 inputs are significant unobservable inputs. Investments not measured at fair value and not categorized include governmental money market funds (PFM funds Governmental Select series) and money market funds (generally held by Bank Trust Departments in their role as Paying Agent or Trustee), and CSAFE, which record their investments at amortized cost.

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**Note 5 - Capital Assets**

GASB Statement 34 requires that all capital assets with limited useful lives be depreciated over their estimated useful lives. Alternatively, the “modified approach” may be used for certain capital assets. Depreciation is not provided under this approach, but all expenditures on these assets are expensed, unless they are additions or improvements.

The purpose of depreciation is to spread the cost of capital assets equitably among all users over the life of these assets. The amount charged to depreciation expense each year represents that year’s pro rata share of the cost of capital assets.

Depreciation is provided using the straight line method which means the cost of the asset is divided by its expected useful life in years and the result is charged to expense each year until the asset is fully depreciated.

An analysis of the changes in governmental activities for the year ended December 31, 2016 follows:

	<u>Balance January 1, 2016</u>	<u>Transfers/ Additions</u>	<u>Transfers/ Retirement</u>	<u>Balance December 31, 2016</u>
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Buildings	\$ 295,751	\$ --	\$ --	\$ 295,751
Fire Trucks & Equipment	3,223,086	494,779	(148,389)	3,569,476
Improvements	59,427	--	--	59,427
Total capital assets being depreciated	<u>3,578,264</u>	<u>494,779</u>	<u>(148,389)</u>	<u>3,924,654</u>
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Buildings	(210,005)	(9,858)	--	(219,863)
Fire Trucks & Equipment	(2,600,573)	(141,860)	148,389	(2,594,044)
Improvements	(18,936)	(2,463)	--	(21,399)
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>(2,829,514)</u>	<u>(154,181)</u>	<u>148,389</u>	<u>(2,835,306)</u>
Total Capital Assets Being Depreciated				
Net	\$ <u>748,750</u>	\$ <u>340,598</u>	\$ <u>--</u>	\$ <u>1,089,348</u>

**Note 6 - Net Position**

The composition of net position is set forth below.

**Invested in capital assets, net of related debt** consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by outstanding balances of bonds, mortgages, notes or other borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction or improvements of those assets. As of December 31, 2016, the District has invested in capital assets, net of related debt, as follows:

Net Investment in Capital Assets \$ 1,089,348

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**Note 6 - Net Position – (continued)**

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**Restricted net position** include net position that are restricted for use either externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or law and regulations of other governments or imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation. As of December 31, 2015, the District has restricted net position as follows:

Restricted Net Position:	
Declared Emergencies	\$ <u>34,000</u>

**Unrestricted net position** of \$1,740,849 represents net position that does not meet the definition of invested in capital assets, net of related debt or restricted net position.

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**Note 7 – Defined Benefit Plans**

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Plan Description:

The District is a member of the Fire and Police Pension Association (FPPA) Statewide Defined Benefit Plan, the FPPA Money Purchase Plan, and is affiliated with FPPA for its volunteer pension plan. The FPPA issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. The report may be obtained at [www.fppaco.org](http://www.fppaco.org) or by calling (303) 770-3772.

Statewide Defined Benefit Plan Funding Policy:

The District contributes to the Statewide Defined Benefit Plan, a cost sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by FPPA. The Statewide Defined Benefit Plan provides retirement benefits for members and beneficiaries. Death and disability coverage is provided for Plan members through the Statewide Death and Disability Plan, which is also administered by FPPA.

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 by calling FPPA at (303) 770-3772 in the Denver Metro area and (800) 332-FPPA (3772) from outside the metro area.

The contribution requirements of Plan members and the District are established by statute. The contribution rate is 8.0% of covered salary for the District and was 9.00% of covered salary for all Plan members in 2016. As a result of a member election conducted in 2014, the Plan member contribution rate will increase by ½ of one percent each year through 2022. The District contributions to the Statewide Defined Benefit Plan for the year ended December 31, 2016 was \$15,563 equal to the required contribution. The employees also contributed \$17,461 for the year ended December 31, 2016 to the Plan.

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**Note 7 - Defined Benefit Plans – (continued)**

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**Volunteer Firefighter Pension Plan**

Plan Description – The District has established an agent multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan for volunteer firefighters as authorized by State of Colorado statutes. The Plan is administered by the Fire & Police Pension Association (FPPA). Any eligible firefighter who has both attained the age of fifty and completed twenty years of creditable service shall be eligible for a monthly pension. An eligible volunteer firefighter who has both attained the age of fifty and completed between 10 and 19 years of creditable service may be eligible for a prorated amount of the monthly pension benefit. A firefighter, who is disabled in the line of duty and whose disability is of such character and magnitude as to deprive the firefighter of earning capacity and extends beyond one year, shall be compensated in an amount determined by the Pension Board of Trustees. The annual financial report of FPPA may be obtained by contacting FPPA.

Funding Policy – The Volunteer Firefighter Pension Fund receives contributions from the District in an amount determined by the District Board of Directors based upon the actuarial soundness of the Fund and the needs and best interests of the District. As established by the legislature, the State of Colorado contributes a “matching” amount based on a contribution formula set forth by statute. An actuary is used to determine the adequacy of contributions. The actuarial study as of January 1, 2015—the latest actuarial study available—set forth the level of contributions to the fund that would be required to support on an actuarially sound basis the prospective benefits for the present Plan.

Annual Required Contribution – For the year ended December 31, 2016, the District and State contributions were \$14,474.

The required contribution was determined as part of the January 1, 2015 actuarial valuation using the entry age actuarial cost method. Actuarial assumptions included the following:

1. Interest Rate – 7.5% per annum, compounded annually
2. Retirement – Age 50 and 20 years of service
3. Disability – Graduated rates for all disabilities
4. Mortality – 1994 Group Annuity Mortality Table
5. Separation – Graduated rates for all withdrawals
6. Marital Status – 90% married
7. Age Difference – Males assumed to be 3 years older than females
8. Asset Valuation – Actuarial Value

The financial statements of the Volunteer Firefighter Pension Plan are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting. Benefits and refunds are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the terms of the Plan. The investments are presented at fair value except for short-term investments, which are recorded at cost, which approximates fair value.

The District makes contributions as described in this Note. Plan members do not make contributions. The State of Colorado also contributes to the Plan an amount set by statute.

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**Note 7 - Defined Benefit Plans – (continued)**

A summary of the contributions to the Volunteer Firefighter Pension Fund and annual required contributions based upon actuarial studies for the prior years are as follows:

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
District contributions	\$ 3,000	\$ 35,500	\$ 35,500	\$ 35,500	\$ 35,500
State of Colorado contributions	<u>11,474</u>	<u>11,474</u>	<u>11,474</u>	<u>11,474</u>	<u>11,474</u>
Total combined contributions	<u>\$ 14,474</u>	<u>\$ 46,974</u>	<u>\$ 46,974</u>	<u>\$ 46,974</u>	<u>\$ 46,974</u>
Annual required contributions	<u>\$ 46,974</u>	<u>\$ 46,974</u>	<u>\$ 46,974</u>	<u>\$ 46,974</u>	<u>\$ 46,974</u>
Contributions as a percentage of total annual required contributions	<u>31%</u>	<u>100%</u>	<u>100%</u>	<u>100%</u>	<u>100%</u>
Net pension obligation	<u>\$ --</u>	<u>\$ --</u>	<u>\$ --</u>	<u>\$ --</u>	<u>\$ --</u>

A summary of funding progress based upon actuarial studies for the most recent years, if available, are as follows:

<u>Actuarial Valuation Date</u>	<u>Net Assets Available for Benefits (a)</u>	<u>Actuarial Accrued Liability (b)</u>	<u>Funding Excess/ (Deficit) (a)-(b)</u>	<u>Funded Ratio (a)/(b)</u>
01/01/15	\$ 1,213,183	\$ 802,406	\$ 410,777	151%
01/01/13	1,052,852	767,663	285,189	137%
01/01/11	934,026	726,370	207,656	129%
01/01/09	818,561	589,610	228,951	139%
01/01/07	822,350	554,215	268,135	148%

**Note 8 –Risk Management**

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts, thefts of, damage to, or destruction of assets; errors or omissions; injuries to employees, or acts of God. The District maintains commercial insurance for all risks of loss. Settled claims have not exceeded this commercial coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

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**Note 9 - Tax Spending and Debt Limitations**

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

Spending and revenue limits are determined based on the prior year's Fiscal Year Spending adjusted for allowable increases based upon inflation and local growth. At an election conducted in November 2001, the District voters exempted it from TABOR's spending and revenue limits.

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 interpretation of how to calculate Fiscal Year Spending limits and qualifications as an Enterprise will require judicial interpretation.

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**Note 10 – Volunteer Firefighter Pension Defined Benefits Plan Disclosures**

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**Plan Description**

Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 68 (GASB 68) establishes standards for pension accounting and financial reporting. Under GASB 68 the employer must account for and disclose the net pension liability/(asset), pension expense/(income) along with the related deferred outflows of resources, deferred inflows of resources, and other information associated with providing retirement benefits to their employees/volunteers and former employees/volunteers on their financial statements. The net pension liability/(asset) is the difference between the total pension liability and the plan's fiduciary net position. In traditional actuarial terms, this is analogous to the accrued liability less the market value of assets. The pension expense/(assets) recognized each year is equal to the change in the net pension liability/(asset) from the beginning of the year to the end of the year, adjusted for deferred recognition of the certain changes in the liability and investment experience. The total pension liability shown in this report is based on an actuarial valuation performed as of January 1, 2015 and a roll forward to the measurement date of December 31, 2015. This measurement date is within one year of the District's year end of December 31, 2016 and may be used for December 31, 2016 reporting purposes.

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**Note 10 – Volunteer Firefighter Pension Defined Benefits Plan Disclosures – (continued)**

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Expense and deferred outflow calculations are shown starting with the year ended December 31, 2015 but can be used for the District’s December 31, 2016 financial reporting. Each reported period will have a one year lag so that year end December 31, 2015 can be used for December 31, 2016 reporting.

a. Plan administration

The Plan is administered by a Board of Trustees composed of the District Board of Directors, and two eligible active or retired firefighters elected in accordance with Colorado State statutes.

b. Plan membership

As of December 31, 2016, Plan membership consisted of the following:

Inactive Plan members or beneficiaries currently receiving	19
Inactive Plan members entitled to but not yet receiving	1
Active Plan members	<u>29</u>
Total	<u><u>49</u></u>

**Single Discount Rate**

Projected benefit payments are required to be discounted to their actuarial present values using a Single Discount Rate that reflects (1) a long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments (to the extent that the plan’s fiduciary net position is projected to be sufficient to pay benefits) and (2) tax-exempt municipal bond rate based on an index of 20-year general obligation bonds with an average AA credit rating as of the measurement date (to the extent that the plan’s projected fiduciary net position is not sufficient to pay benefits).

For the purpose of this valuation, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments is 7.50%; the municipal bond rate is 3.65% (based on the weekly rate closest to but not later than the measurement date of the “state & local bonds” rate from Federal Reserve statistical release (H.15)); and the resulting Single Discount Rate is 7.50%.

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**Note 10 – Volunteer Firefighter Pension Defined Benefits Plan Disclosures – (continued)**

**Sensitivity of the net pension liability to changes in the discount rate**

The following presents the net pension liability, calculated using the discount rate of 7.50%, as well as what the District’s pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (6.50%) or 1-percentage-point higher (8.50%) than the current rate:

	Current 1% Decrease (6.50%)	Discount Rate (7.50%)	1% Increase (8.50%)
Net Pension Liability(Asset)	\$(355,870)	\$(432,388)	\$(497,722)

**Pension Expense, Deferred Outflows and Inflows of Pension Resources**

The impact of experience gains or losses and assumption changes on the Total Pension Liability are recognized in the proportionate share of the pension expense over the average expected remaining service life of all active and inactive members of the Plan. As of the measurement date (December 31, 2014), this recognition period was 5 years.

The following tables show the current balance and sources of deferred outflows and inflows related to the District’s Volunteer Firefighter Pension defined benefit retirement plan, and the scheduled recognition of these deferred amounts:

		<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>		<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>
Net Pension Asset	\$		\$	511,843
2016 Contribution				14,474
Pension Expense (Income)				(7,707)
<b>Net Deferred Inflows and Outflows</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>518,610</b>

\$(1,375) reported as deferred inflows of resources related to contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as an increase of the net pension liability in the year ended December 31, 2016. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized as pension expense as follows:

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**Note 10 – Volunteer Firefighter Pension Defined Benefits Plan Disclosures – (continued)**

**Deferred Outflows and Deferred Inflows of Resources by Source to be Recognized in  
Future Pension Expense/(Income)**

	<u>Deferred Outflows Of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows Of Resources</u>	<u>Net Deferred Outflows/ (Inflows) of Resources</u>
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ --	\$ 7,320	\$ (7,320)
Assumption changes	--	--	--
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	7,398	--	7,398
<b>Total</b>	<u>\$ 7,398</u>	<u>\$ 7,320</u>	<u>\$ 78</u>

<u>Year Ending December 31</u>	<u>Net Deferred Outflows/ (Inflows) of Resources</u>
2017	\$ (1,375)
2018	(395)
2019	1,848
2020	0
Thereafter	0
Total	<u>\$ 78</u>

For the year ended December 31, 2016, the District recognized a pension expense(income) of (\$7,707). The table below presents the sources of the pension expense.

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**Note 10 – Volunteer Firefighter Pension Defined Benefits Plan Disclosures – (continued)**

**Pension Expense for the year ended December 31, 2016**

<b>Operating Expenses</b>		
Service cost	\$	10,069
Administrative expense		2,216
		12,285
<b>Financing Expenses</b>		
Interest cost		58,134
Expected return on assets		(65,277)
		(7,143)
<b>Changes</b>		
State of Colorado Discretionary Payment		(11,474)
Recognition of Outflow(Inflow) of Resources due to Liabilities		(3,225)
Recognition of Outflow(Inflow) of Resources due to Assets		1,850
		(12,849)
<b>Pension Expense (Income)</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>(7,707)</b>

**Recognition of Outflows (Inflows) of Resources due to Assets/Liabilities**

	Deferred Outflows Of Resources	Deferred Inflows Of Resources	Net Outflows/ (Inflows) of Resources Due to Assets/Liabilities
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ --	\$ (8,695)	\$ (8,695)
Assumption changes	--	--	--
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	9,248	--	9,248
Outflow of resources to be recognized in the current pension expense/(income) due to assets	--	(1,850)	(1,850)
<b>Total</b>	\$ 9,248	\$ (10,545)	\$ (1,297)

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**Note 10 – Volunteer Firefighter Pension Defined Benefits Plan Disclosures – (continued)**

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**Outflows and Inflows of Resources by Source to be Recognized in Current Pension  
Expense(Income)**

	<u>Deferred Outflows Of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows Of Resources</u>	<u>Net Deferred Outflows/ (Inflows) of Resources</u>
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ --	\$ 3,225	\$ (3,225)
Assumption changes	--	--	--
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	1,850	--	1,850
<b>Total</b>	<u>\$ 1,850</u>	<u>\$ 3,225</u>	<u>\$ (1,375)</u>

**Net Pension Liability**

The components of the net pension liability at December 31, 2016 were as follows:

Total pension liability	\$ 804,257
Plan fiduciary net position	<u>1,259,882</u>
District's net pension liability(asset)	(455,625)
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension asset	156.65%

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**Note 11–Subsequent Events**

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The District evaluated subsequent events through May 26, 2017, the date these financial statements were available to be issued. There were no material subsequent events that required recognition or additional disclosure issued.

The District is located in Boulder County Colorado. The Gallagher Amendment in the Colorado Constitution requires an adjustment to the Residential Adjustment Rate (RAR) in order to maintain a constant relationship between the statewide share of residential taxable value and the statewide share of nonresidential taxable value. The amendment prevents the share of residential property from increasing relative to other classes of property due to an increase in home values. The effects of this Amendment may result in a reduction of property tax revenue to the District in 2017 and beyond.

**REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

**Lefthand Fire Protection District**

**Schedule of Changes in District's Net Volunteer Firefighter Pension Liability/(Assets)  
And Related Ratios Current Period  
Measurement Period Ended December 31, 2016**

<b>Total pension liability</b>	
Service Cost	\$ 22,797
Interest	58,134
Changes in benefit terms	-
Differences between expected and actual experiences	(10,069)
Changes in assumptions	-
Benefit payments	(59,988)
Net change in total pension liability	<u>\$ 10,874</u>
Total pension liability - beginning	793,383
Total pension liability - end (a)	<u><u>\$ 804,257</u></u>
<b>Plan fiduciary net position</b>	
Contributions - employer	\$ 3,000
Net investment income	65,277
Benefit payments, including refunds of employee contributions	(57,600)
Administrative expense	(2,215)
State of Colorado supplemental discretionary payment	11,474
Net change in plan fiduciary net position	<u>\$ 19,936</u>
Plan fiduciary net position - beginning	1,239,946
plan fiduciary net position - ending (b)	<u><u>\$ 1,259,882</u></u>
District's net pension liability - ending (a)-(b)	<u><u>\$ (455,625)</u></u>
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	156.65%

Notes to Schedule

a. Benefit changes

None

b. Changes of assumptions

None

**Lefthand Fire Protection District**

**Schedule of District Contributions  
Last 6 Fiscal Years**

Year	Actuarially Determined Contribution	Actual Contribution*	Contributions Deficiency (Excess)	Covered Payroll	Actual Contribution as a % of Covered Payroll
( a )	( b )	( c )	( d)=( b)-( c )	( e )	( f )
2016	\$ 46,974	\$ 14,474	\$ 32,500	N/A	N/A
2015	46,974	46,974	-	N/A	N/A
2014	46,974	46,974	-	N/A	N/A
2013	46,974	46,974	-	N/A	N/A
2012	46,974	46,974	-	N/A	N/A
2011	46,974	46,974	-	N/A	N/A

**Notes to Schedule**

**Valuation Date:**

Actuarially determined contribution rates are calculated as of January 1 of odd numbered years. The contribution rates have a one-year lag, so the actuarial valuation as of January 1, 2015, determines the contribution amounts for 2015 and 2016

**Methods and Assumptions Used to Determine Contribution Rates:**

Actuarial Cost | Entry Age Normal  
 Amortization | Level Dollar, Open\*  
 Remaining Am | 20 years\*  
 Asset Valuation | 5-Year smoothed market  
 Inflation | 3.00%  
 Salary Increases | N/A  
 Investment Rate | 7.50%  
 Retirement Age | 50% per year of eligibility until 100% at age 65  
 Mortality | Pre-retirement: RP-2000 Combined Mortality Table with Blue Collar Adjustment, 40% multiplier for off-duty mortality.  
 Post-retirement: RP-2000 Combined Mortality Table, with Blue Collar Adjustment  
 Disabled: RP-2000 Disabled Mortality Table  
 All tables projected with Scale AA

\*Plans that are heavily weighted with retiree liabilities use an amortized period based on the expected remaining lifetime of the participants.

\*Includes both employer and State of Colorado Supplemental Discretionary Payment.