

**STRATMOOR HILLS FIRE
PROTECTION DISTRICT**

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
With Independent Auditors' Report

Year Ended December 31, 2023

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board of Directors
Stratmoor Hills Fire Protection District

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of the Stratmoor Hills Fire Protection District, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023 and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Stratmoor Hills Fire Protection District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and each major fund of the Stratmoor Hills Fire Protection District, as of December 31, 2023 and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Stratmoor Hills Fire Protection District and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for 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.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Stratmoor Hills Fire Protection District's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a

guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit 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 Stratmoor Hills Fire Protection District's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Stratmoor Hills Fire Protection District's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Required Supplementary Information

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

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Stratmoor Hills Fire Protection District's basic financial statements. The accompanying supplementary information is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic

financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the supplementary information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Hoelting & Company, Inc.

Colorado Springs, Colorado
April 4, 2024

STRATMOOR HILLS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Our discussion and analysis of Stratmoor Hills Fire Protection District's (the District) financial performance provides an overview of the District's financial activities for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023. The Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) includes currently known information that management is aware of at the date of the auditor's report. Please read it in conjunction with the District's financial statements that follow this section.

FINANCIAL POSITION AND RESULTS FROM OPERATIONS

- The District's overall financial position increased during the year ending December 31, 2023. Net Position decreased by \$40,523 or 3.8%.
- Capital assets net of depreciation at year-end were \$1,159,447, which is a 7.4% decrease from 2022; capital outlays amounted to \$80,127 which was for new equipment.
- At the end of current year, the general fund reported an ending fund balance of \$240,853. Approximately 84.3% of this amount (\$203,131) is available for spending at the District's discretion (*unassigned fund balance*).
- At the end of the current year, unrestricted fund balance (the total *nonspendable*, and *unassigned* components of *fund balance*) of the general fund was \$203,353, or approximately 15.4% of total general fund expenditures.

USING THIS ANNUAL REPORT

This annual report includes a series of financial statements that consist of the MD&A, fund specific basic financial statements, notes to the financial statements and supplemental information. The basic financial statements consist of the Statement of Net Position, the Statement of Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Reconciliation of the Balance Sheet to the Statement of Net Position, the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance, and the Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Change in Fund Balance to the Statement of Activities. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America as applied to units of local government and promulgated by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB).

MD&A - This statement provides an objective and easily readable analysis of the District's financial activities based on currently known facts, decisions, and conditions. The MD&A provides the District's financial managers with the opportunity to present both short and long-term analyses of the organization's activities.

Statement of Net Position - This statement reports all financial and capital resources (assets) and obligations (liabilities). The difference between assets and liabilities is net position. The statement also provides the basis for evaluating the capital structure and assessing liquidity and financial flexibility.

Statement of Activities - All revenues and expenses are accounted for in this statement. This statement measures the results from operations and can be used to determine whether the District's revenues are adequate to recover expenses.

Balance Sheet – Reports the assets, liabilities, and fund balance of the entity as of a specific date.

Reconciliation of the Balance Sheet to the Statements of Net Position – Reconciles the total fund balance from the Balance Sheet to the total net position from the Statement of Net Position. Differences occur primarily due to the way capital assets and long-term liabilities are reported on the respective statements.

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Change in Fund Balance – Presents the revenues, expenditures, and the resulting increase or decrease in fund balance for a specific period of time.

Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance to the Statement of Activities – Reconciles the net change in fund balances from the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Net Position to the change in net Position from the Statement of Activities. Differences occur primarily due to the way certain expenditures and expenses are reported on the respective statements.

The financial statements also include **Notes to the Financial Statements and Supplemental Information** that explains specific information found in the financial statements and other required information.

CONDENSED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Condensed Statement of Net Position as of December 31, 2023 and 2022

	2023	2022	Variance	Percent Variance
Assets				
Current and Other Assets	\$ 1,312,694	\$ 1,474,965	\$ (162,271)	(11.0)
Capital Assets, Net of Depreciation	1,159,447	1,252,475	(93,028)	(7.4)
Total Assets	2,472,141	2,727,440	(255,299)	(9.4)
Deferred Outflows of Resources				
Deferred Pension Outflows	294,334	161,093	133,241	82.7
Liabilities				
Current and Other Liabilities	61,802	37,800	24,002	63.5
Long-term liabilities	656,001	688,398	(32,397)	(4.7)
Total Liabilities	717,803	726,198	(8,395)	(1.2)
Deferred Inflows of Resources				
Deferred Pension Inflows	20,834	195,404	(174,570)	(89.3)
Unavailable Property Tax Revenue	1,011,180	909,750	101,430	11.1
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	1,032,014	1,105,154	(73,140)	(6.6)
Net Position				
Net Investment in Capital Assets	574,432	592,849	(18,417)	(3.1)
Restricted for TABOR	37,500	34,500	3,000	8.7
Unrestricted	404,726	429,832	(25,106)	(5.8)
Total Net Position	\$ 1,016,658	\$ 1,057,181	\$ (40,523)	(3.8)

Condensed Statement of Activities for the Year Ended December 31, 2023 and 2022

	2023	2022	Variance	Percent Variance
Program Revenues:				
Charges for Services	\$ 184,653	\$ 117,495	\$ 67,158	57.2
Operation Grant and Contributions	48,091	3,894	44,197	1135.0
General Revenues:				
Taxes	1,006,418	1,004,178	2,240	0.2
Other Revenue	49,464	25,584	23,880	93.3
Total Revenues	1,288,626	1,151,151	137,475	11.9
Expenses:				
General and Administrative	(337,542)	(280,294)	(57,248)	20.4
Fire and Emergency Medical Services	(973,602)	(842,348)	(131,254)	15.6
Interest	(18,005)	(16,585)	(1,420)	8.6
Total Expenses	(1,329,149)	(1,139,227)	(189,922)	16.7
Change in Net Position	(40,523)	11,924	(52,447)	(439.8)
Net Position - Beginning	1,057,181	1,045,257	11,924	1.1
Net Position - End of Period	\$ 1,016,658	\$1,057,181	\$ (40,523)	(3.8)

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE GENERAL FUND

The District is a political subdivision of the State of Colorado. It uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements.

Governmental funds – The focus of governmental funds is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of spendable resources. Such information is useful in assessing the District’s financing requirements. In particular, unreserved fund balance may serve as a useful measure of a government’s net resources available for spending at the end of the fiscal year.

The District uses one governmental fund—the **general fund**—to account for its operations. At the end of the current fiscal year, unassigned fund balance of the general fund was \$203,131 while total fund balance reached \$240,853.

During the current fiscal year, the fund balance of the District’s general fund decreased \$32,342. The decrease was mainly due to capital asset purchases.

BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS

While the Fire District continues to work hard at managing the revenue we receive effectively and efficiently we continue to train, purchase supplies, and respond to our residents. The Fire District also purchased a new 2023 Chevrolet Pickup truck that updated our In-District Wildland Truck for a safer vehicle for our crews.

CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

Capital assets. The District’s investment in capital assets as of December 31, 2023, amounts to \$1,159,447 (net of accumulated depreciation). This investment in capital assets includes buildings, vehicles, and equipment. The total decrease in capital assets for the current year was approximately 7.4%.

Capital Assets

	2023	2022	Variance	Percent Variance
Buildings	\$ 565,233	\$ 565,233	\$ -	-
Vehicles	736,654	736,654	-	-
Equipment	1,081,576	1,034,687	46,889	4.5
Leases	623,896	623,896	-	0.0
Accumulated Provision for Depreciation	(1,847,912)	(1,707,995)	(139,917)	8.2
Total Net Capital Assets	\$ 1,159,447	\$ 1,252,475	\$ (93,028)	(7.4)

Major capital asset events during the current year included the following:

- Purchase of new Operations equipment at a cost of \$80,127.

Long-term Debt. At the end of the current year, the District had total debt outstanding of \$585,015.

	2023	2022	Variance	Percent Variance
Leases	\$ 585,015	\$ 659,626	\$ (74,611)	(11.3)

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS AND OUTLOOK

- **Budgetary Highlights** –Staff continues to apply for Grants and will continue to search for more to help with the cost of new equipment. Staff is slowly replacing old, outdated equipment with newer more functional equipment that will cost less to maintain in the future – saving the Fire District money in the long run. The Fire District started responding to Federal and State Wildland Deployments, which will increase the revenue and the extra money from that revenue will eventually help replace the District’s older brush truck.
- **Economic and Environmental Factors** – The planned development that brought in Sam’s and Wal-Mart continue to increase the department’s revenue and will continue in the coming years. With this addition, the demand for our services will increase. As always, the department continues to bring on more volunteers and that has an associated cost of bunker gear, training, and equipment. The construction on the two (2) new apartment complexes and a second hotel should help bring revenue in the future.

CONTACTING THE DISTRICT'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide our customers, creditors and other financial users with a general overview of the District's finances. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, please contact the Dottie Barrett at 719.576.1200 or 2160 B Street, Colorado Springs, CO 80906.

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

STRATMOOR HILLS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
DECEMBER 31, 2023

ASSETS

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 293,938
Cash with County Treasurer	7,354
Property tax receivable	1,011,180
Prepaid expenses	222
Capital assets being depreciated/amortized, net	<u>1,159,447</u>
 Total Assets	 <u>2,472,141</u>

DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES

Deferred pension outflows	<u>294,334</u>
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LIABILITIES

Accounts payable	21,062
Payroll taxes payable	9,168
Accrued salaries payable	30,431
Accrued interest payable	1,141
Long-term liabilities:	
Compensated absences	31,032
Due within one year	76,729
Due in more than one year	508,286
Net pension liability	<u>39,954</u>
 Total Liabilities	 <u>717,803</u>

DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES

Deferred pension inflows	20,834
Unavailable property tax revenue	<u>1,011,180</u>
 Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	 <u>1,032,014</u>

NET POSITION

Net investment in capital assets	574,432
Restricted for TABOR	37,500
Unrestricted	<u>404,726</u>
 Total Net Position	 <u>\$ 1,016,658</u>

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

STRATMOOR HILLS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

Functions/Programs	Program Revenues				Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position
	Expenses	Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	
Governmental activities:					
General and administrative	\$ 337,542	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (337,542)
Fire and emergency medical services	973,602	184,653	48,091	-	(740,858)
Interest	18,005	-	-	-	(18,005)
Total governmental activities	\$ 1,329,149	\$ 184,653	\$ 48,091	\$ -	(1,096,405)
General revenues:					
Taxes					1,006,418
Investment earnings					13,309
Other revenues					36,155
Total general revenues					1,055,882
Change in net position					(40,523)
Net position - beginning					1,057,181
Net position - ending					\$ 1,016,658

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

**STRATMOOR HILLS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BALANCE SHEET
DECEMBER 31, 2023**

ASSETS

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 293,938
Cash with County Treasurer	7,354
Property tax receivable	1,011,180
Prepaid expenses	<u>222</u>
 Total Assets	 <u><u>\$ 1,312,694</u></u>

LIABILITIES

Accounts payable	\$ 21,062
Payroll taxes payable	9,168
Accrued salaries payable	<u>30,431</u>
 Total Liabilities	 <u>60,661</u>

DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES

Unavailable property tax revenue	<u>1,011,180</u>
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FUND BALANCE

Nonspendable	222
Restricted for TABOR	37,500
Unassigned	<u>203,131</u>
 Total Fund Balance	 <u>240,853</u>

Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Fund Balance	<u><u>\$ 1,312,694</u></u>
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

**STRATMOOR HILLS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
RECONCILIATION OF THE BALANCE SHEET TO THE
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
DECEMBER 31, 2023**

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:

Total fund balance - governmental funds		\$ 240,853
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Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources, and therefore are not reported in the governmental funds.

Capital assets	\$ 3,007,359	
Accumulated depreciation	<u>(1,847,912)</u>	1,159,447

Accrued interest is not due and payable in the current period, and therefore is not reported as a liability in the funds.		(1,141)
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Long-term liabilities and related items are not due and payable in the current year and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds.

Compensated absences	\$ (31,032)	
Lease payable	(585,015)	
Net pension liabilities	(39,954)	
Pension outflows	294,334	
Pension inflows	<u>(20,834)</u>	<u>(382,501)</u>

Total net position - governmental activities		<u><u>\$ 1,016,658</u></u>
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

STRATMOOR HILLS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

REVENUES

Taxes	\$ 1,006,418
Fees	184,653
Grants and donations	48,091
Interest income	13,309
Miscellaneous income	<u>36,155</u>
 Total revenues	 <u>1,288,626</u>

EXPENDITURES

General and administrative	335,159
Fire and emergency medical services	822,162
Capital outlays	70,904
Debt service	<u>92,743</u>
 Total expenditures	 <u>1,320,968</u>

Net change in fund balance	(32,342)
 Fund balance - beginning	 <u>273,195</u>
 Fund balance - ending	 <u><u>\$ 240,853</u></u>

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

**STRATMOOR HILLS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND
CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:

Net change in fund balances - governmental funds	\$	(32,342)
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Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense.

Depreciation	\$ (173,155)		
Capital outlays	<u>80,128</u>		(93,027)

Governmental funds measure compensated absences by the amount of financial resources used, whereas these expenses are reported in the Statement of Activities based on the amounts earned during the year.		(2,260)
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Interest on long-term debt in the statement of activities differs from the amount reported in the governmental funds because interest is recognized as an expenditure in the funds when it is due, and thus requires the use of current financial resources. In the statement of activities, however, interest expense is recognized as the interest accrues, regardless of when it is due. This amount represents the change to interest reported in the statement of activities.		127
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The issuance of long-term debt (e.g. bonds, leases) provides current financial resources to governmental funds, while the repayment of the principal of long-term debt consumes the current financial resources of the governmental funds. Neither transaction, however, has any effect on net position. This amount is the net effect of these differences in the treatment of long-term debt.		
Lease payment (principal)		74,611

Some pension expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds.		<u>12,368</u>
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Change in net position of governmental activities	\$	<u><u>(40,523)</u></u>
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**STRATMOOR HILLS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2023**

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Stratmoor Hills Fire Protection District (the District) was organized under the laws of the State of Colorado to operate and maintain a special district for the purpose of providing fire protection and emergency medical services for the residents of the Stratmoor Hills subdivision located adjacent to the City of Colorado Springs, Colorado.

The accounting policies of the District conform to generally accepted accounting policies (GAAP) as applicable to governments. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is responsible for establishing GAAP for state and local governments through its pronouncements (Statements and Interpretations). The more significant accounting policies established in GAAP and used by the District are discussed below.

A. REPORTING ENTITY

The District is a special district governed by an elected five-member board. The accompanying financial statements present the government and its component units, entities for which the government is considered to be financially accountable. The District has no component units for which either discrete or blended presentation is required.

B. BASIS OF PRESENTATION—GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The government-wide financial statements (i.e. the statement of net position and the statement of activities) report information on all of the non-fiduciary activities of the government. Governmental activities are normally supported by taxes, intergovernmental revenues, and other nonexchange transactions. Eliminations have been made to minimize the double counting of internal activities.

C. BASIS OF PRESENTATION—FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The accounts of the District are organized and operated on the basis of funds. A fund is an independent fiscal accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. Fund accounting segregates funds according to their intended purpose and is used to aid management in demonstrating compliance with finance-related legal and contractual provisions. The minimum number of funds maintained is consistent with legal and managerial requirements.

The District reports the following major governmental fund:

The *General Fund* is the government's primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the general government.

D. MEASUREMENT FOCUS AND BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The accounting and financial reporting treatment is determined by the applicable measurement focus and basis of accounting. Measurement focus indicates the type of resources being measured such as *current financial resources* or *economic resources*. The basis of accounting indicates the timing of transactions or events for recognition in the financial statements.

STRATMOOR HILLS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2023

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

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 the related cash flow. Property taxes are recognized as revenues in the year for which they are levied. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

The 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 period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current fiscal period. For this purpose, the government 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. However, debt service expenditures, as well as expenditures related to compensated absences, are recorded only when payment is due. General capital asset acquisitions are reported as expenditures in governmental funds. Proceeds of long-term debt and acquisitions under capital leases are reported as other financing sources.

Property taxes, specific ownership taxes, charges for services, and interest associated with the current fiscal period are all considered to be susceptible to accrual and so have been recognized as revenues of the current fiscal period. Expenditure-driven grants recognize revenue when the qualifying expenditures have been incurred and all other grant requirements have been met, and the amount is received during the period or within the availability period of this revenue source (within 60 days of year-end). All other revenue items are considered to be measurable and available only when cash is received by the government.

*E. ASSETS, LIABILITIES, DEFERRED OUTFLOWS/INFLOWS OF RESOURCES, AND
NET POSITION/FUND BALANCE*

Cash and cash equivalents

The District's cash and cash equivalents are considered to be cash on hand, demand deposits, and short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition.

Receivables

All receivables are reported at their gross value and, where appropriate, are reduced by the estimated portion that is expected to be uncollectible.

Prepaid expenses

Certain payments to vendors reflect costs applicable to future accounting periods and are recorded as prepaid items in both the government-wide and fund financial statements. The cost of prepaid items is recorded as expenditures when consumed rather than when purchased.

STRATMOOR HILLS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2023

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include buildings, vehicles and equipment, are reported in the government-wide financial statements. All purchased capital assets are valued at cost where historical records are available and at an estimated historical cost where no historical records exist. Donated capital assets are recorded at acquisition value. Major outlays for capital assets and improvements are capitalized as projects are constructed.

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

Buildings, vehicles and equipment of the government are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives:

Buildings	5 to 40 years
Vehicles	10 to 15 years
Equipment	5 to 15 years

When depreciable property is acquired, depreciation is included in expense for the year of acquisition for the number of months during the year the asset was in service. When depreciable property is retired or otherwise disposed of, depreciation is included in expense for the number of months in service during the year of retirement and the related costs and accumulated depreciation are removed from the accounts with any gain or loss reflected in the statement of activities.

Pensions

Stratmoor Hills Fire Protection District participates in the Statewide Defined Benefit Plan (SWDB), a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by the Fire & Police Pension Association of Colorado (FPPA). The net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position and additions to/deductions from the fiduciary net position of the SWDB have been determined using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

Deferred outflows/inflows of resources

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

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NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

In addition to liabilities, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, *deferred inflows of resources*, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. The governmental fund reports property taxes levied for the succeeding year as unavailable property tax revenue. The unavailable property tax revenues are recognized in the succeeding year as revenue when the lien attaches and the taxes become available.

Leases

Lessee: The District is a lessee for noncancellable leases of vehicles. The District recognizes a lease liability and a right-to-use lease assets in the government-wide financial statements. The District recognizes lease liabilities with an initial, individual value of \$15,000 or more.

At the commencement of a lease, the District initially measures the lease liability at the present value of payments expected to be made during the lease term. Subsequently, the lease liability is reduced by the principal portion of lease payments made. The lease asset is initially measured as the initial amount of the lease liability, adjusted for lease payments made at or before the lease commencement date, plus certain initial direct costs. Subsequently, the lease asset is amortized on a straight-line basis over its useful life.

Key estimates and judgments related to leases include how the District determines (1) the discount rate it uses to discount the expected lease payments to present value, (2) lease term, and (3) lease payments.

- The District uses the interest rate charged by the lessor as the discount rate. When the interest rate charged by the lessor is not provided, the District generally uses its estimated incremental borrowing rate as the discount rate for leases.
- The lease term includes the noncancellable period of the lease. Lease payments included in the measurement of the lease liability are composed of fixed payments and purchase option price that the District is reasonably certain to exercise.

The District monitors changes in circumstances that would require a remeasurement of its lease and will remeasure the lease asset and liability if certain changes occur that are expected to significantly affect the amount of the lease liability.

Lease assets are reported with other capital assets and lease liabilities are reported with long-term debt on the statement of net position.

Long-term liabilities

In the government-wide financial statements long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the statement of net position. In the fund financial statements, the face amount of the debt issued is reported as other financing sources.

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NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Net position flow assumption

The District may fund outlays for a particular purpose from both restricted and unrestricted resources. In order to calculate the amounts to report as restricted—net position and unrestricted—net position in the government-wide financial statements, a flow assumption must be made about the order in which the resources are considered to be applied. It is the District’s policy to consider restricted—net position to have been depleted before unrestricted—net position is applied.

Fund balance classification

The governmental fund financial statements present fund balances based on classifications that comprise a hierarchy that is based primarily on the extent to which the District is bound to honor constraints on the specific purposes for which amounts in the respective governmental funds can be spent. The classifications available to be used in the governmental fund financial statements are as follows:

Nonspendable – This classification includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are either (a) not in spendable form or (b) are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.

Restricted – This classification includes amounts for which constraints have been placed on the use of the resources either (a) externally imposed by creditors (such as through a debt covenant), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments, or (b) imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Committed – This classification includes amounts that can be used only for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal action of the Board of Directors. These amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the Board of Directors removes or changes the specified use by taking the same type of action that was used when the funds were initially committed. This classification also includes contractual obligations to the extent that existing resources have been specifically committed for use in satisfying those contractual requirements.

Assigned – This classification includes amounts that are constrained by the District’s intent to be used for a specific purpose but are neither restricted nor committed. This intent can be expressed by the Board of Directors or through the Board of Directors delegating this responsibility to management through the budgetary process. This classification also includes the remaining positive fund balance for any governmental funds except for the General Fund.

Unassigned – This classification includes the residual fund balance for the General Fund. The unassigned classification also includes negative residual fund balance of any other governmental fund that cannot be eliminated by offsetting of Assigned fund balance amounts.

The District would typically use Restricted fund balances first, followed by Committed resources, and then Assigned resources, as appropriate opportunities arise, but reserves the right to selectively spend Unassigned resources first to defer the use of these other classified funds.

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NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

F. REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES

Program revenues

Amounts reported as *program revenues* include 1) fees and 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 operational or capital requirements of a particular function or segment. Revenues that are not classified as program revenues, including all taxes, are reported as general revenues.

Property taxes

Property taxes attach as an enforceable lien on real property and are levied as of January 1. The tax levy is payable in two installments due February 28 and June 15, or in one installment due April 30. El Paso County bills and collects property taxes for the District. The tax rate for the year ended December 31, 2023 was 13.834 mills. The District's assessed valuation for 2023 was \$65,766,860.

Compensated absences

Employees earn vacation time in varying amounts based upon length of service. Employees are paid for unused vacation time upon termination.

All career personnel will accrue Paid Time Off (PTO). PTO is accrued based upon length of service. Upon termination, employees with accrued but unused PTO shall be paid at their current regular hourly rate for such PTO time.

G. ESTIMATES

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

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NOTE 2—STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Budget information

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

1. Prior to October 15, administrative personnel submit to the Board of Directors a proposed operating budget for the following fiscal year (calendar) beginning January 1. The operating budget includes proposed expenses and the means for financing them.
2. The proposed budget is advertised as available for inspection and comment by the electorate of the District.
3. Prior to December 15, the Board legally adopts the budget.
4. In December, the Board certifies the mill levy to El Paso County.
5. During the year, formal budgetary integration is employed as a management control device.
6. All appropriations lapse at year end.
7. Budgets are prepared on the same basis as that used for accounting purposes.

NOTE 3 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

Reconciliation of cash deposits and investments to the statement of net position

Cash and cash equivalents:

Cash on hand	\$ 150
Deposits	287,914
COLOTRUST	<u>5,874</u>
	<u>\$ 293,938</u>

Cash deposits with financial institutions

Custodial credit risk—deposits. The Colorado Public Deposit Protection Act (PDPA) requires that all units of local government deposit cash in eligible public depositories. Eligibility is determined by state regulations. Amounts on deposit in excess of federal insurance levels must be collateralized by eligible collateral as determined by the PDPA. PDPA allows the financial institution to create a single collateral pool for all public funds held. The pool is to be maintained by another institution or held in trust for all the uninsured public deposits as a group. The market value of the collateral must be at least equal to 102% of the uninsured deposits.

At December 31, 2023, the carrying amounts of the District's deposits were \$287,914 and the bank balances were \$297,401. Of the total bank balances, \$250,000 was covered by FDIC insurance and the remaining balance of \$47,401 falls under the provisions of the Colorado Public Deposit Protection Acts which are collateralized in single institution pools.

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NOTE 3 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

Investments

The District is authorized by Colorado statutes to invest in the following:

- ◆ Obligations of the United States and certain U.S. government agencies' securities;
- ◆ Certain international agencies' securities;
- ◆ General obligation and revenue bonds of U.S. local government entities;
- ◆ Bankers' acceptances of certain banks;
- ◆ Certain commercial paper;
- ◆ Local government investment pools;
- ◆ Written repurchase agreements collateralized by certain authorized securities;
- ◆ Certain money market funds;
- ◆ Guaranteed investment contracts.

At December 31, 2023 the District's investment balances were as follows:

<u>Investment</u>	<u>Maturities</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>
COLOTRUST	Less than 60 days	\$ <u>5,874</u>

Credit Risk: State law and the District's investment policies limit investments as described above. As of December 31, 2023, the District's investments were rated AAAM by Standard & Poor's.

Colorado Surplus Asset Fund Trust (COLOTRUST) is an investment vehicle established for local government entities in Colorado to pool surplus funds for investment purposes by state statutes. COLOTRUST operates similarly to a money market fund and each share is equal in value to \$1.00. Designated custodial banks provide safekeeping and depository services to COLOTRUST in connection with the direct investment and withdrawal functions of COLOTRUST. All securities owned by COLOTRUST are held by the Federal Reserve Bank in the account maintained for the custodial bank. The custodian's internal records identify the investments owned by COLOTRUST. Investments of COLOTRUST consist of U.S. Treasury bills, notes and note strips and repurchase agreements collateralized by U.S. Treasury notes.

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NOTE 4 - CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset activity for the year ended December 31, 2023 was as follows:

<i>Governmental activities</i>	Beginning <u>Balance</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>	Ending <u>Balance</u>
Capital assets, being depreciated:				
Buildings	\$ 565,233	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 565,233
Vehicles	736,654	-	-	736,654
Equipment	<u>1,034,687</u>	<u>80,127</u>	<u>(33,238)</u>	<u>1,081,576</u>
Total capital assets, being depreciated	<u>2,336,574</u>	<u>80,127</u>	<u>(33,238)</u>	<u>2,383,463</u>
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Buildings	(335,739)	(24,350)	-	(360,089)
Vehicles	(488,637)	(25,150)	-	(513,787)
Equipment	<u>(844,026)</u>	<u>(79,395)</u>	<u>33,238</u>	<u>(890,183)</u>
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>(1,668,402)</u>	<u>(128,895)</u>	<u>33,238</u>	<u>(1,764,059)</u>
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	<u>668,172</u>	<u>(48,768)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>619,404</u>
Lease assets being amortized:				
Vehicles	<u>623,896</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>623,896</u>
Total lease assets being amortized	<u>623,896</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>623,896</u>
Less accumulated amortization for:				
Vehicles	<u>(39,593)</u>	<u>(44,260)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(83,853)</u>
Total accumulated amortization	<u>(39,593)</u>	<u>(44,260)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(83,853)</u>
Total lease assets being amortized, net	<u>584,303</u>	<u>(44,260)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>540,043</u>
Capital assets, net of accumulated Depreciation/amortization	<u>1,252,475</u>	<u>(93,028)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,159,447</u>
Total governmental activities capital assets	<u>\$ 1,252,475</u>	<u>\$ (93,028)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,159,447</u>

Depreciation/amortization expense was charged to the functions/programs of the governmental activities of the District as follows:

General and administrative	\$ 5,083
Fire and emergency medical services	<u>168,072</u>
Total	<u>\$ 173,155</u>

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NOTE 5 - LEASES

District as lessee

The District, as a lessee, has entered into lease agreements for vehicles with lease terms ranging from 5 to 10 years. The total costs of these right-to-use lease assets are recorded as \$623,896, less accumulated amortization of \$83,853. The District has determined that as of December 31, 2023, there is no loss associated with an impairment of the right-to-use lease asset.

The future lease payments under lease agreements as of December 31, 2023 are as follows:

<u>Fiscal Year</u> <u>Ending December 31</u>	<u>Governmental Activities</u>	
	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>
2024	\$ 76,729	\$ 15,615
2025	78,908	13,435
2026	81,152	11,191
2027	66,183	8,880
2028	67,870	7,192
2029 –2031	214,173	11,014
Total	\$ 585,015	\$ 67,327

NOTE 6 – LONG-TERM LIABILITIES

Changes in long-term liabilities for the year ended December 31, 2023 were as follows:

	<u>Beginning</u> <u>Balance</u>	<u>Debt Issued</u> <u>And Additions</u>	<u>Reductions</u>	<u>Ending</u> <u>Balance</u>	<u>Due Within</u> <u>One year</u>
<i>Governmental Activities</i>					
Leases	\$ 659,626	\$ -	\$ (74,611)	\$ 585,015	\$ 76,729
Compensated absences	28,772	2,260	-	31,032	-
<i>Total Governmental Activities</i>	\$ 688,398	\$ 2,260	\$ (74,611)	\$ 616,047	\$ 76,729

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NOTE 7 – NET POSITION

Net position is reported in three separate categories – net investment in capital assets; net position-restricted; and net position-unrestricted.

Net investment in capital assets consists of capital assets net of accumulated depreciation and capital-related deferred outflows of resources; reduced by borrowings and deferred inflows of resources that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets. As of December 31, 2023, net investment of capital assets was as follows:

Capital assets, net of depreciation	\$ 1,159,447
Less: lease obligations	<u>(585,015)</u>
Total	<u>\$ 574,432</u>

Net position-restriction is the difference between non-capital assets whose use is restricted for use either externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws and regulations of other governments; or imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation, and related liabilities and deferred inflows of resources (excluding capital-related borrowings). The District has established an Emergency Reserve in the amount of \$37,500 for the year ended December 31, 2023, as per Article X, Section 20 of the Colorado Constitution. This Emergency Reserve balance represents at least 3% of the governmental fiscal year spending as required. Any portion of net position not already classified as either net investment in capital assets or net position-restricted, is automatically classified as net position-unrestricted.

NOTE 8 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN

General Information about the Pension Plan

Plan description. Eligible employees of the Stratmoor Hills Fire Protection District are provided with pensions through the Statewide Defined Benefit Plan (SWDB) – a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan covering substantially all full-time employees of participating fire or police departments in Colorado hired on or after April 8, 1978 (New Hires), provided that they are not already covered by a statutorily exempt plan. As of August 5, 2003, the Plan may include clerical and other personnel from fire districts whose services are auxiliary to fire protection. The Plan became effective January 1, 1980. As of January 1, 2023, the Statewide Defined Benefit Plan and the Statewide Hybrid Plan have merged to form the Statewide Retirement Plan (SRP) and the Statewide Defined Benefit Plan becomes the Defined Benefit Component of the Statewide Retirement Plan.

The SWDB assets are included in the Fire & Police Members’ Benefit Investment Fund. Assets from the Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP), Money Purchase Component, and Separate Retirement Account assets from eligible retired members are in the Fire & Police Members’ Self-Directed Investment Fund. Plan benefits are specified in Title 31, Article 30 of the Colorado Revised Statutes (C.R.S.). The Plan is administered by the Fire & Police Pension Association of Colorado (FPPA). FPPA issues a publicly available annual comprehensive financial report that can be obtained on FPPA’s website at <http://www.FPPAco.org>.

Benefits provided. The SWDB provides retirement benefits for members and beneficiaries. Death and disability coverage is provided for members through the Statewide Death and Disability Plan which is also administered by FPPA.

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NOTE 8 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN (CONTINUED)

A member is eligible for a normal retirement pension once the member has completed twenty-five years of credited service and has attained the age of 55. Effective January 1, 2021, a member may also qualify for a normal retirement pension if the member's combined years of service and age equals at least 80, with a minimum age of 50 (Rule of 80).

The annual normal retirement benefit is 2 percent of the average of the member's highest three years' pensionable earnings for each year of credited service up to ten years, plus 2.5 percent for each year of service thereafter. The benefit earned prior to January 1, 2007, for members of affiliated Social Security employers will be reduced by the amount of Social Security income payable to the member annually. Effective January 1, 2007, members covered under the Statewide Defined Benefit Social Security Component will receive half the benefit when compared to the Statewide Defined Benefit Plan. Benefits adjustments paid to retired members are evaluated annually and may be re-determined every October 1. The amount of any increase is based on the Board's discretion and can range from 0 to the higher of 3 percent or the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W).

A member is eligible for early retirement after completion of 30 years of service or attainment of age 50 with at least five years of credited service. The early retirement benefit equals the normal retirement benefit reduced on an actuarially equivalent basis. Upon termination, an employee may elect to have member contributions, along with 5 percent as interest, returned as a lump sum distribution. Alternatively, a member with at least five years of accredited service may leave contributions with the Plan and remain eligible for a retirement pension at age 55 equal to 2 percent of the member's average highest three years' pensionable earnings for each year of credited service up to ten years, plus 2.5 percent for each year of service thereafter.

Contributions. Contribution rates for employers and members may be increased equally by the FPPA Board of Directors upon approval through an election by both the employers and members.

In 2014, the members elected to increase the member contribution rate to the SWDB plan beginning in 2015. Member contribution rates will increase 0.5 percent annually through 2022 to a total of 12 percent of pensionable earnings. Employer contributions will increase 0.5 percent annually beginning in 2021 through 2030 to a total of 13.0 percent of pensionable earnings. In 2022, members of the SWDB plan and their employers are contributing at the rate of 12.0 percent and 9.0 percent, respectively, of pensionable earnings for a total contribution rate of 21.0 percent.

Contributions from members and employers of departments reentering the system are established by resolution and approved by the FPPA Board of Directors. The member and employer contribution rates will increase through 2030 as described above for the non-reentering departments. Effective January 1, 2021, reentry departments may submit a resolution to the FPPA Board of Directors to reflect the actual cost of reentry by department. Each reentry department is responsible to remit contributions to the plan in accordance with their most recent FPPA Board of Directors approved resolution.

The contribution rate for members and employers of affiliated social security employers is 6.0 percent and 4.5 percent, respectively, of pensionable earnings for a total contribution rate of 10.5 percent in 2022. Per the 2014 member election, members of the affiliate social security group had their required contribution rate increase 0.25 percent annually beginning in 2015 through 2022 to a total of 6 percent of pensionable earnings. Employer contributions will increase 0.25 percent annually beginning 2021 through 2030 to a total of 6.5 percent of pensionable earnings.

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NOTE 8 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN (CONTINUED)

Employer contributions are recognized by the SWDB in the period in which the compensation becomes payable to the member and the Stratmoor Hills Fire Protection District is statutorily committed to pay the contributions to the SWDB. Employer contributions recognized by the SWDB from Stratmoor Hills Fire Protection District were \$45,314 for the year ended December 31, 2023.

Actuarial assumptions. The actuarial valuations for the Statewide Defined Benefit Plan were used to determine the total pension liability and actuarially determined contributions for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2022. The valuations used the following actuarial assumption and other inputs:

	Total Pension Liability	Actuarial Determined Contributions
Actuarial Valuation Date	January 1, 2023	January 1, 2022
Actuarial Method	Entry Age Normal	Entry Age Normal
Amortization Method	N/A	Level % of Payroll, Open
Amortization Period	N/A	30 Years
Long-term Investment Rate of Return, net*	7.0%	7.0%
Projected Salary Increases*	4.25% - 11.25%	4.25% - 11.25%
Cost of Living Adjustments (COLA)	0%	0%
*Includes Inflation at	2.5%	2.5%

For determining the total pension liability, the post-retirement mortality tables for non-disabled retirees uses the Pub-2010 Safety Healthy Annuitant Mortality Tables projected with the ultimate values of the MP-2020 projection scale. The pre-retirement off-duty mortality tables are adjusted to 60% of the MP-2020 mortality tables for active employees. The on-duty mortality rate is 0.00015.

For determining the actuarially determined contributions, the post-retirement mortality tables for non-disabled retirees uses the 2006 central rates from the RP-2014 Annuitant Mortality Tables projected to 2018 using the MP-2017 projection scales, and the projected prospectively using the ultimate rates of the scale for all years. The pre-retirement off-duty mortality tables are adjusted to 50% of the RP-2014 mortality tables for active employees. The on-duty mortality rate is 0.00015.

At least every five years the FPPA’s Board of Directors, in accordance with best practices, reviews its economic and demographic actuarial assumptions. At its July 2022 meeting, the Board of Directors reviewed and approved recommended changes to the actuarial assumptions. The recommendations were made by the FPPA’s actuaries, Gabriel, Roeder, Smith & Company, based upon their analysis of past experience and expectations of the future. The assumption changes were effective for actuarial valuations beginning January 1, 2023. The actuarial assumptions impact actuarial factors for benefit purposes such as purchases of service credit and other benefits where actuarial factors are used.

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NOTE 8 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN (CONTINUED)

Long-term rate of return. The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighing the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation (assumed at 2.5 percent). Best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class included in the Fund’s target asset allocation as of December 31, 2022, are summarized in the following table:

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long-Term Expected Rate of Return
Global Equity	35%	8.93%
Equity Long/Short	6%	7.47%
Private Markets	34%	10.31%
Fixed Income - Rates	10%	5.45%
Fixed Income - Credit	5%	6.90%
Absolute Return	9%	6.49%
Cash	1%	3.92%
Total	100.0%	

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.00 percent. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from participating employers will be made based on the actuarially determined rates based on the Board’s funding policy, which establishes the contractually required rates under Colorado statutes. Based on those assumptions, the SWDB plan fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all the projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

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 expected rate of return on pension plan investments is 7.00 percent; the municipal bond rate is 4.05 percent (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 7.00 percent.

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NOTE 8 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN (CONTINUED)

Sensitivity of the Stratmoor Hills Fire Protection District proportionate share of the net pension liability/(asset) to changes in the Discount Rate. The following presents the proportionate share of the net pension liability/(asset), calculated using the Discount Rate of 7.00 percent, as well as what the proportionate share of the net pension liability/ (asset) would be if it were calculated using a Discount Rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (6.00 percent) or 1-percentage-point higher (8.00 percent) than the current rate:

1% Decrease 6.00%	Single Discount Rate Assumption 7.00%	1% Increase 8.00%
\$ 275,440	\$ 39,954	\$ (155,104)

Pension plan fiduciary net position. Detailed information about the SWDB’s fiduciary net position is available in FPPA’s comprehensive annual financial report which can be obtained at www.fppaco.org.

Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions

At December 31, 2023, the Stratmoor Hills Fire Protection District reported a liability/(asset) of \$39,954 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability/(asset). The net pension liability/(asset) was measured as of December 31, 2022, and the collective total pension liability/(asset) used to calculate the net pension liability/(asset) was determined by an actuarial valuation as of January 1, 2023. The Stratmoor Hills Fire Protection District proportion of the net pension liability/(asset) was based on Stratmoor Hills Fire Protection District contributions to the SWDB for the calendar year 2022 relative to the total contributions of participating employers to the SWDB.

At December 31, 2022, the Stratmoor Hills Fire Protection District’s proportion was 0.045013336 percent, which was a decrease of 0.0021304050 from its proportion measured as of December 31, 2021.

For the year ended December 31, 2023, the Stratmoor Hills Fire Protection District recognized pension expense of \$(12,369). At December 31, 2023, the Stratmoor Hills Fire Protection District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Difference between expected and actual experience	\$ 86,487	\$ 4,904
Changes in assumptions or other inputs	51,187	-
Net difference between projected and actual investment earnings	90,415	-
Changes in proportion and differences between contributions recognized and proportionate share of contributions	20,931	15,930
Contributions subsequent to the measurement date	45,314	-
Total	\$ 294,334	\$ 20,834

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NOTE 8 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN (CONTINUED)

\$45,314 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions, resulting from contributions subsequent to the measurement date, will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended December 31, 2024. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year ended December 31:	
2024	\$ 22,350
2025	39,427
2026	55,129
2027	75,675
2028	15,532
Thereafter	20,073

Subsequent Event.

Statewide Retirement Plan

During 2022, House Bill 22-1034 was signed into law. This legislation combines the assets and liabilities of the Statewide Defined Benefit Plan and Statewide Hybrid Plan to form the Statewide Retirement Plan effective January 1, 2023. The Statewide Retirement Plan became the Defined Benefit Component of the Statewide Retirement Plan.

NOTE 9 – EMPLOYEE IRA

In 2000, the District set up a simple IRA for full-time employees not covered by the defined pension plan of the Colorado Fire and Police Pension Association. Employees contribute at least 3½% of compensation and the District contributes 3% of compensation. The employer’s contribution was \$2,254 for 2023.

NOTE 10 - RISK MANAGEMENT

The District is exposed to various risks of losses related to torts; theft of, damage to and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters.

The District carries commercial insurance for these risks of loss, including worker’s compensation and employee health and accident insurance. Settled claims resulting from these risks have not exceeded commercial insurance coverage during the past three years.

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NOTE 11 - AMENDMENT TO COLORADO CONSTITUTION

Colorado voters passed an amendment to the *State Constitution*, Article X, Section 20, which has several limitations, including revenue raising, spending abilities, and other specific requirements of state and local governments.

The Amendment requires that Emergency Reserves be established. These reserves must be at least 3 percent of Fiscal Year Spending (excluding bonded debt service) in 2023. The entity is not allowed to use the emergency reserves to compensate for economic conditions, revenue shortfalls, or salary or benefit increases. At December 31, 2023, the District's Reserve of \$37,500 was reported as restricted fund balance in the General Fund.

Fiscal year spending and revenue limits are determined based on the prior year's spending adjusted for inflation and local growth. Revenue in excess of the limit must be refunded unless the voters approve retention of such revenue.

On November 2, 1993, the voters of Stratmoor Hills Fire Protection District approved that taxes be increased up to \$84,500 annually for the purpose of fire protection and emergency medical assistance by the imposition of an additional property tax not to exceed 4.000 mills commencing January 1, 1994 and thereafter.

On November 6, 2001, the voters of the District approved a mill levy increase of 1.5 mills commencing January 1, 2002 and thereafter. The voters also approved that Stratmoor Hills Fire Protection District shall be entitled to collect and spend the full revenues from such tax increases regardless of whether the annual revenues from such tax increases in any year after the first full year in which it is in effect exceed the estimated dollar amount stated above and without any other limitation or condition, and without limiting the collection or spending of any other revenues or funds by Stratmoor Hills Fire Protection District, under Article X, Section 20 of the Colorado Constitution or any other law.

On May 4, 2004, the voters of the District approved that taxes be increased by up to \$73,179 annually for the purposes of fire protection and emergency medical assistance by the imposition of an additional property tax not to exceed 2.00 mills commencing January 1, 2005 and thereafter.

On November 8, 2016, the voters of the District approved that the \$16,400 of 2015 revenues in excess of Tabor limits did not have to be refunded. The voters also approved the District's right to collect, retain and spend the full amount of all taxes, grants, and other revenue collected from all sources beginning in 2016 including each subsequent year thereafter through 2019.

On November 5, 2019, the voters of the District authorized the District to collect, retain, and spend or reserve all revenues from all sources received in 2020 and each subsequent year thereafter, not withstanding any state restriction on fiscal year spending, including, without limitation, the restrictions of Article X, Section 20, of the Colorado Constitution.

The Amendment is complex and subject to judicial interpretation. The entity believes it is in compliance with the requirements of the amendment. However, the entity has made certain interpretations in the amendment's language in order to determine its compliance.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

STRATMOOR HILLS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
 SCHEDULE OF DISTRICT'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY
 DECEMBER 31, 2023

	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
District's proportion of the net pension liability (asset)	0.045013336%	0.047143741%	0.042874903%	0.044044853%	0.039290086%	0.048507975%	0.050336322%	0.059796095%	0.069825407%	0.064869745%
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset)	\$ 39,954	\$ (255,488)	\$ (93,082)	\$ (24,910)	\$ 49,673	\$ (69,786)	\$ 18,188	\$ (1,054)	\$ (78,803)	\$ (58,006)
District's covered payroll	\$ 391,622	\$ 379,518	\$ 344,375	\$ 324,625	\$ 263,188	\$ 283,738	\$ 257,613	\$ 289,875	\$ 314,007	\$ 281,756
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) as a percentage of its covered payroll	10.20%	-67.32%	-27.03%	-7.67%	18.87%	-24.60%	7.06%	-0.36%	-25.10%	-20.59%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	97.6%	116.2%	106.7%	101.9%	95.2%	106.3%	98.2%	100.1%	106.8%	105.8%

* The amounts presented for each year were determined as of 12/31.

See the accompanying independent auditors' report.

STRATMOOR HILLS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
SCHEDULE OF DISTRICT'S STATUTORY PAYROLL CONTRIBUTIONS AND COVERED PAYROLL
DECEMBER 31, 2023

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Statutorily required contribution	\$ 45,314	\$ 35,246	\$ 32,259	\$ 27,550	\$ 25,970	\$ 21,055	\$ 22,699	\$ 20,609	\$ 23,190	\$ 25,121
Contributions in relation to the statutorily required contribution	(45,314)	(35,246)	(32,259)	(27,550)	(25,970)	(21,055)	(22,699)	(20,609)	(23,190)	(25,121)
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
District's covered payroll	\$ 476,989	\$ 391,622	\$ 379,518	\$ 344,375	\$ 324,625	\$ 263,188	\$ 283,738	\$ 257,613	\$ 289,875	\$ 314,007
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	9.50%	9.00%	8.50%	8.00%	8.00%	8.00%	8.00%	8.00%	8.00%	8.00%

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STRATMOOR HILLS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE
BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts	Variance with Final Budget
	Original	Final		
REVENUES				
Taxes	\$ 1,014,750	\$ 1,015,973	\$ 1,006,418	\$ (9,555)
Fees	155,500	184,750	184,653	(97)
Grants	5,000	48,000	48,091	91
Interest income	6,500	13,500	13,309	(191)
Miscellaneous income	30,000	36,000	36,155	155
	1,211,750	1,298,223	1,288,626	(9,597)
EXPENDITURES				
General and administrative	282,400	334,965	335,159	(194)
Fire and emergency medical services	805,447	823,982	822,162	1,820
Capital outlays	29,903	71,000	70,904	96
Debt service	94,000	93,000	92,743	257
	1,211,750	1,322,947	1,320,968	1,979
Net change in fund balance	-	(24,724)	(32,342)	(7,618)
Fund balance - beginning	202,234	273,195	273,195	-
Fund balance - ending	\$ 202,234	\$ 248,471	\$ 240,853	\$ (7,618)

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

STRATMOOR HILLS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE
BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

	Actual	Final Budget	Variance with Final Budget
REVENUES			
Taxes:			
General property tax	\$ 910,696	\$ 910,973	\$ (277)
Specific ownership tax	95,722	105,000	(9,278)
Total Taxes	<u>1,006,418</u>	<u>1,015,973</u>	<u>(9,555)</u>
Fees:			
Protection contract	83,904	84,000	(96)
Wildland income	90,373	90,000	373
Inspection fees	726	750	(24)
Medical billings	9,650	10,000	(350)
Total Fees	<u>184,653</u>	<u>184,750</u>	<u>(97)</u>
Grants	48,091	48,000	91
Interest income	13,309	13,500	(191)
Miscellaneous income	36,155	36,000	155
Beginning fund balance	<u>273,195</u>	<u>273,195</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>1,561,821</u>	<u>1,571,418</u>	<u>(9,597)</u>
EXPENDITURES			
General & Administrative:			
Audit	8,950	9,000	50
Dues and subscriptions	23,189	23,000	(189)
Election expense	526	550	24
Insurance	33,793	34,000	207
Legal	14,506	15,000	494
Meetings	-	6,750	6,750
Office supplies	1,100	1,100	-
Salaries	184,688	177,000	(7,688)
FPPA expense	14,958	15,000	42
Simple IRA	2,254	2,300	46
Recruiting exp	5,748	5,800	52
Telephone	6,788	6,400	(388)
Tax collection expense	13,686	14,000	314
Miscellaneous	24,908	25,000	92
Payroll expenses	65	65	-
Capital outlay	901	1,000	99
Total General & Administrative	<u>\$ 336,060</u>	<u>\$ 335,965</u>	<u>\$ (95)</u>

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STRATMOOR HILLS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE
BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

	Actual	Budget	Variance with Final Budget
EXPENDITURES (continued)			
Fire and emergency medical services			
Salaries	\$ 465,104	\$ 462,000	\$ (3,104)
FICA expense	16,437	17,000	563
FPPA expense	38,463	38,500	37
Employee health insurance	70,761	71,000	239
Accident and sick insurance	4,647	4,647	-
Workers' compensation insurance	19,663	20,000	337
Unemployment insurance	1,289	1,300	11
Gas and oil	18,738	19,075	337
Station supplies	8,023	8,000	(23)
EMS supplies	9,375	9,500	125
Fire prevention	48	200	152
Volunteer activities	26,643	25,650	(993)
Radio and pager fees	20,148	22,000	1,852
Vehicle maintenance	41,903	42,810	907
Equipment maintenance	10,892	11,000	108
Station maintenance	11,058	11,000	(58)
Training	13,827	14,100	273
Uniforms	17,182	18,000	818
Utilities	8,145	8,200	55
Firefighting & Wildland supplies	19,816	20,000	184
Capital outlay	70,003	70,000	(3)
	892,165	893,982	1,817
Total fire and emergency medical			
Debt service	92,743	93,000	257
	1,320,968	1,322,947	1,979
TOTAL EXPENDITURES			
EXCESS OF REVENUES			
OVER EXPENDITURES	240,853	\$ 248,471	\$ (7,618)
Less:			
Beginning fund balance	(273,195)		
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	\$ (32,342)		

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