

Hellsgate Fire District Financial Statements June 30, 2014

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#### **INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT**

To the Governing Board of the Hellsgate Fire District Star Valley, Arizona

#### **Report on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of the Hellsgate Fire District (the District), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2014, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the District's management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit.

#### Management Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

## Auditor's Responsibility

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

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

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

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## Basis for Disclaimer of Opinion on Governmental Fiduciary Fund

We were unable to obtain sufficient, appropriate audit evidence to support the carrying value of the investments in group annuities within the District's fiduciary fund (Firefighter's Alternative Pension and Benefit Fund).

## **Disclaimer of Opinion**

Because of the significance of the matter described in the "Basis for Disclaimer of Opinion on Governmental Fiduciary Fund" paragraph above, we have not been able to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence to provide a basis for an audit opinion on the fiduciary fund. Accordingly, we do not express any opinion on the financial statements of the fiduciary fund.

## Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above, except for the matters described in the "Basis for Disclaimer of Opinion on Governmental Fiduciary Fund" and "Disclaimer of Opinion" paragraphs above, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities of the general fund of the Hellsgate Fire District, as of June 30, 2014, and the respective changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### **Other Matters**

As disclosed in the notes to the financial statements, the District implemented Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statements No. 63 and implemented GASB Statement No. 65 in advance during the fiscal year 2013. Among these new GASB Statements, GASB Statement No. 63, *Financial Reporting of Deferred Outflows of Resources, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Net Position*; and GASB Statement No. 65, *Items Previously Reported as Assets and Liabilities*, have significant impact over the presentation of the District's financial statements.

As described in the notes to the financial statements, the District has adopted the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 34, "Basic Financial Statements - and Management Discussion and Analysis - For State and Local Governments", GASB Statement No. 27, "Basic Financial Statements - and Management Discussion and Analysis - For State and Local Governments; Omnibus", and GASB Statement No. 38, "Certain Financial Statement Note Disclosures", effective July 1, 2003. However, the Hellsgate Fire District has elected not to present Management's Discussion and Analysis or the Budgetary Comparison Schedule that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States has determined is necessary to supplement, although not required to be a part of, the basic financial statements.

## Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

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

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Phoenix, Arizona April 27, 2015



# BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

# Hellsgate Fire District STATEMENT OF NET POSITION June 30, 2014

400570	Governmental Activities
ASSETS Cash and cash equivalents Due from other governments Taxes receivable	\$805,707 36,332 69,981
Capital assets: Non-depreciable Depreciable (net)	344,050 713,937
Total assets	1,970,007
LIABILITIES Accounts payable Accrued payroll and related liabilities Long-term liabilities: Due within one year Due in more than one year Total liabilities	22,481 59,609 48,519 <u>389,732</u> 520,341
<b>NET POSITION</b> Invested in capital assets, net of related debt Unrestricted	664,148 785,518
Total net position	<u>\$ 1,449,666</u>

# Hellsgate Fire District STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES Year ended June 30, 2014

EXPENSES	Governmental Activities
Public safety, fire protection: Emergency services Administrative and support services Depreciation Interest on long-term debt	\$ 1,184,279 110,948 100,344 <u>33,014</u>
Total program expenses	1,428,585
PROGRAM REVENUES Charges for services Operating grants and contributions	361,508 329,792
Total program revenues	691,300
Net program expenses	737,285
GENERAL REVENUES Property taxes Centrally assessed taxes Net gain/(loss) on sale of capital assets Investment earnings	807,309 94,188 28,308 <u>2,120</u>
Total general revenues	931,925
Increase in net assets	194,640
Net position – beginning	1,255,026
Net position – ending	<u>\$ 1,449,666</u>

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

# Hellsgate Fire District BALANCE SHEET GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS June 30, 2014

	 General Fund
ASSETS Cash and cash equivalents Due from other governments Taxes receivable	\$ 805,707 36,332 69,981
Total assets	\$ 912,020
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES Liabilities:	
Accounts payable Accrued payroll and related liabilities Total liabilities	\$ 22,481 <u>59,609</u> 82,090
Deferred inflows of resources: Deferred taxes	 59,115
Total deferred inflows of resources	59,115
Fund balances: Committed for future volunteer pension contributions Committed for capital projects Unassigned	 27,514 706,187 <u>37,114</u>
Total fund balances	 770,815
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and fund balances	\$ 912,020

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

## Hellsgate Fire District RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION June 30, 2014

Fund balances - total governmental funds	\$	770,815
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position are different because:		
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not current financial resources and therefore are not reported in the governmental funds balance sheet.		1,057,987
Receivables which are not available to pay for current period expenditures and, therefore, are deferred in the governmental funds balance sheet.		59,115
Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, they are not reported in the governmental funds balance sheet, specifically:		
Capital leases payable (393	3,839)	
Compensated absences (44	4,412)	(438,251)
Net position of governmental activities	\$	1,449,666

# Hellsgate Fire District STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS Year Ended June 30, 2014

		General Fund
REVENUES Property taxes Fire district assistance taxes Intergovernmental Charges for services Contributions Interest income Other revenue	\$	769,314 94,188 328,695 361,508 1,050 2,120 47
Total revenues		1,556,922
EXPENDITURES Current: Public safety, fire protection: Emergency services Administrative and support services Debt service: Principal Interest on long-term debt Capital outlay		1,174,808 110,948 484,399 33,014 160,273
Total expenditures		1,963,442
Excess/(deficiency) of revenues over/(under) expenditures		(406,520)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES/(USES) Proceeds from debt Net gain/(loss) on sale of capital assets Total other financing sources and uses Net changes in fund balances		424,487 30,000 454,487 47,967
Fund balances – beginning		722,848
Fund balances – ending	<u>\$</u>	770,815

## Hellsgate Fire District RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES Year Ended June 30, 2014

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds	\$ 47,967
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:	
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures while governmental activities report depreciation expense and allocate those costs over the lives of the assets and losses on the disposal of capital assets as expenditures	160,273
Depreciation expense on capital assets is reported in the statement of activities, but it does not require the use of current financial resources.	(100,344)
Revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the governmental funds. This is the amount by which revenues reported in the statement of activities exceeded those amounts received and reported as current financial resources in the governmental funds.	36,303
Proceeds from the issuance of long-term debt is reported as a source of revenue in the governmental funds, but increases long-term liabilities in the statement of net assets.	(424,487)
Repayment of the principal of long-term debt is reported as an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the statement of net assets.	484,399
Some expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and therefore are not reported as expenditures in the governmental funds, specifically:	
Compensated absences	 (9,471)
Change in net position of governmental activities	\$ 194,640

# Hellsgate Fire District STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION FIDUCIARY FUNDS Year Ended June 30, 2014

400570	Firefighters' Alternative Pension and Benefit Fund	
ASSETS	•	
Cash	\$	41,840
Investment, fair value		<u>192,488</u>
Total assets	<u>\$</u>	234,328
<b>NET POSITION</b> Held in trust for pension benefits	<u>\$</u>	234,328

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

# Hellsgate Fire District STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION FIDUCIARY FUNDS Year Ended June 30, 2014

	Firefighters' Alternative Pension and Benefit Fund	
ADDITIONS		
Contributions:		
Employer	\$ 8,851	
Employee	10,339	
Premium tax	7,003	
Investment earnings	3,373	
Investment gain (unrealized)		
Total additions	29,566	
DEDUCTIONS		
Forfeitures transferred to General Fund	-	
Loss on investments	4,103	
Benefits paid	24,555	
Total deductions	28,658	
Change in net position	908	
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Net position – beginning	233,420	
Net position – ending	\$ 234,328	

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

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

The accounting policies of the Hellsgate Fire District (the District) conform to U.S. generally accepted accounting principles applicable to governmental units adopted by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB). A summary of the District's more significant accounting policies follows:

# A. Reporting Entity

The District, established in 2008 pursuant to Arizona Revised Statute Title 48, is a special purpose local government that is governed by an elected governing body, a legally separate entity, and is fiscally independent of other state and local governments. As required under generally accepted accounting principles, these financial statements present the activities of the District (a special purpose government). Component units are legally separate entities for which the District is considered to be financially accountable. The District does not report any component units.

## B. Government-wide and fund financial statements

The government-wide financial statements (i.e. the statement of net assets and the statement of activities) report the information on all of the nonfiduciary activities of the primary government and its component units. *Governmental activities*, which normally are supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from the business-type activities, which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for support.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segment are offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. Program revenues include 1) charges to 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 (e.g. special assessments). Taxes and other revenues not included among program revenues are reported instead as general revenues.

# C. Measurement focus, basis of accounting, and financial statement presentation

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting, as are the proprietary fund financial statements. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Special assessments are recognized as revenues in the year for which the related capital projects are substantially complete. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the District considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures, as well as expenditures related to compensated absences and claims and judgments, are recorded only when payment is due.

User fees, licenses, 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. All other revenue items are considered to be measurable and available only when cash is received by the District.

## NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, CONTINUED

The District reports the following major governmental funds:

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

The District also reports one *Fiduciary Fund*, the Firefighters' Alternative Pension and Benefit Fund, which is used to account for the accumulation of resources to be used for annuity payments and benefits resulting from premium tax contributions received by the District. Fiduciary funds are accounted for on an economic resources measurement focus and accrual basis of accounting. District contributions are recognized in the period the contributions are due.

Amounts reported as *program revenues* include 1) charges to customers or applicants for goods, services, or privileges provided, 2) operating grants and contributions, and 3) capital grants and contributions, including special assessments. Internally dedicated resources are reported as *general revenues* rather than as program revenues. Likewise, general revenues include all taxes.

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the District's policy to use restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources as they are needed.

#### D. 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.

Arizona Revised Statutes authorize special districts to invest public monies in the Arizona State Treasurer's local government investment pool, interest bearing savings accounts, certificates of deposit and in accounts of any savings and loan associations insured by an agency of the government of the Unites States, up to the amount of such insurance or pledged collateral. All investments are stated at fair value based on market prices.

## E. Receivables and payables

All program service receivables are shown net of an allowance for uncollectibles, if such estimates are necessary.

The District levies real property taxes on or before the third Monday in August. Such levies, collected by Gila County, become due and payable in two equal installments; the first is due on the first day of October and the second is due on the first day of March in the subsequent year. There is no allowance for uncollectibles on taxes receivable as the District has a subordinated lien on all properties subject to the tax.

## F. Capital assets

The District's capital assets, which include land, buildings and related improvements, furniture, vehicles, equipment, and construction in progress are reported in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the District as assets with an initial, individual cost greater than the established threshold and an estimated useful life in excess of one year.

Property, plant, and equipment of the District is depreciated using the straight line method over the following estimated useful lives:

Type of asset	Threshold	Years
Buildings and improvements	\$5,000	2 - 40
Improvements, other than building	\$5,000	2 - 40
Furniture, vehicles and equipment	\$5,000	5 - 20

## G. Deferred outflows and inflows of resources

Pursuant to GASB Statements No., 63 and 65, the District recognized deferred outflows and inflows of resources. A deferred outflow of resources is defined as a consumption of fund balance or net position by the government that is applicable to a future reporting period. A deferred inflow of resources is defined as an acquisition of fund balance or net position by the government that is applicable to a future reporting period.

## H. Compensated absences

It is the District's policy to permit employees to accumulate earned but unused personal leave, compensatory and vacation. Upon termination such unused time will be paid according to the District's policies, which vary based on employee function and years of service. Compensated absences are accrued and reported as liabilities in the government-wide financial statements. Governmental funds report only the current portion of compensated absences payable as a result of employee termination, resignation or retirement.

# I. Long-term obligations

In the government-wide financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the statement of net assets and balance sheet.

## J. Fund equity

In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report fund balance as nonspendable, restricted, committed, assigned or unassigned based primarily on the extent to which the District is bound to honor constraints on how specific amounts can be spent.

**Nonspendable fund balance** - amounts that cannot be spent because they are either (a) not spendable in form (such as prepaid items or inventory) or (b) legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.

**Restricted fund balance** - amounts with constraints placed on their use that are either (a) externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or (b) imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

**Committed fund balance** - amounts that can only be used for specific purposes determined by formal action of the District's decision making authority (the governing Board) and that remain binding unless removed in the same manner. The underlying action that imposed the limitation needs to occur no later than the close of the reporting period.

**Assigned fund balance** - amounts that are constrained by the District' intent to be used for specific purposes. The intent can be established at either the highest level of decision making, or an official designated for that purpose.

**Unassigned fund balance** - the residual classification for the District's General Fund that includes amounts not contained in other classifications.

## K. Intergovernmental grants and aid

Monies received from other government agencies in the form of grants or aid based on an entitlement period are recorded as intergovernmental receivables and revenues when entitlement occurs. Reimbursement grants are recorded as intergovernmental receivables and revenues when the related expenditures are incurred.

## L. Use of estimates

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates that affect amounts reported in the financial statements during the reporting period. Actual amounts may differ from such estimates.

## M. Budgetary accounting

The District is required, under Arizona Revised Statutes, to adopt a budget each fiscal year and to submit it to the county treasurer and the county board of supervisors no later than the first day of August each year. The adopted budget is on the modified accrual basis of accounting, which is the legally mandated basis for budgetary purposes.

All annual appropriations lapse at fiscal year end. The District is subject to expenditure limitations under Arizona Revised Statutes. This law does not permit the District to incur unsecured debt in excess of its tax levy outstanding and to be collected plus available and unencumbered cash. The limitation is applied to the total of the combined funds.

## NOTE 2 - CASH AND INVESTMENTS

Arizona Revised Statutes authorize special districts to invest public monies in the Arizona State Treasurer's local government investment pool, interest bearing savings accounts, certificates of deposit and in accounts of any savings and loan associations insured by an agency of the government of the Unites States, up to the amount of such insurance or pledged collateral. The District has no investment policy that would further limit its investment choices.

## A. District's Cash and Cash Equivalents Deposits

As of June 30, 2014 the District had \$806,396 on deposit with the Gila County Treasurer's investment pool (GCTIP). The NCTIP is an external investment pool with no regulatory oversight. The investment pool is not required to register (and is not registered) with the Securities and Exchange Commission. The Gila County Treasurer invests the cash in a pool under policy guidelines established by the County. The County accounts for the investment pool in their Fiduciary Investment Trust Fund. Credit risk, concentration of credit risk, and interest rate risk regarding the GCTIP is included in the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report of Gila County. The fair value of each participant's position in the GCTIP approximates the value of the participant's shares in the pool.

*Custodial Credit Risk - Deposits*. In the case of demand and time deposits, this is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the District's deposits may not be returned. As of June 30, 2014, the District's carrying amount of demand deposits was \$7,104 and the bank balance was \$(689). The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation protects the District against loss on the first \$250,000 of demand deposits and \$250,000 of time deposits located within the state. The remaining balance is covered by collateral held by the pledging financial institution's trust department in the District's name.

## B. Firefighters' Alternative Pension and Benefit Fund's Cash and Investments (Pension Fund)

The District's Pension Fund has an investment policy that is designed to provide benefits as anticipated through a carefully planned and executed investment policy that achieves a reasonable long term total return consistent with the level of risk assumed. To help achieve this return, the District has a service agreement with professional investment managers, National Benefit Services, LLC. The investments are in the form of annuities held by the Life Insurance Company of the Southwest.

<u>Cash</u>: As of June 30, 2014 the Pension Fund had \$41,840 in demand deposits that were fully insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

<u>Investments</u>: As of June 30, 2014, the Pension Fund held annuities issued by the Life Insurance Company of the Southwest with a fair market value of \$192,488. The investment objective is long term growth.

*Interest Rate Risk.* Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in interest rate will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. The District does not have a formal investment policy that limits investment maturities as a means of managing its exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates.

*Credit Risk.* Credit risk is the risk that an insurer or other counterparty to an investment in a debt security will not fulfill its obligations. As of June 30, 2014 the Pension Fund's investments had not received a credit quality rating from a national rating agency.

*Custodial Credit Risk.* Custodial credit risk for investments is the risk that, in the event of a failure of the counterparty to a transaction, the City will not be able to recover the value of the investments or collateral securities that are in possession of an outside party. The District does not have a formal policy for custodial credit.

*Concentration of Credit Risk.* Concentration of credit risk is the risk of loss attributed to the magnitude of the District's investment in a single issuer. The District does not have a formal policy for concentration of credit risk.

# **NOTE 3 - RECEIVABLES**

Receivables as of June 30, 2014 for the District's general fund, including the applicable allowances for uncollectible accounts, are as follows:

	General Fund	
Taxes Intergovernmental Program services	\$	69,981 36,332 -
Gross receivables Less: allowance for uncollectibles		106,313 -
Total receivables, net	\$	106,313

# **NOTE 4 - DEFERRED REVENUE**

Governmental funds report *deferred revenues* in connection with receivables for revenues that are not collected within 60 days as these revenues are not considered to be available to liquidate liabilities of the current period. Governmental funds also defer revenue recognition in connection with resources that have been received, but not yet earned. As of June 30, 2014, deferred revenue consisted of the following:

	Unavailable
General Fund	
Deferred taxes	<u> </u>
Total deferred revenues	<u>\$ 59,115</u>

# **NOTE 5 - CAPITAL ASSETS**

Capital asset activity for the year ended June 30, 2014 was as follows:

	E	Beginning						Ending	
Governmental Activities:	Balance			Additions		Deletions	Balance		
Land, not depreciated	\$	203,777	\$	\$-		<b>5</b> -		203,777	
Construction in progress, not depreciated		-		140,273		-		140,273	
Buildings and equipment	335,716			-		-		335,716	
Vehicles and apparatus		1,552,620		-		(2,820)		1,549,800	
Equipment		143,436		20,000				163,436	
Total capital assets		2,235,549		160,273		(2,820)		2,393,002	
Less accumulated depreciation		<u>(1,235,799</u> )		(100,344)		1,128		(1,335,015)	
Total capital assets, net	\$	999,750	\$	59,929	\$	(1,692)	\$	1,057,987	

Depreciation expense for the period was \$100,344; all depreciation was expensed to the public safety - fire protection function.

#### **Construction and purchase commitments**

The District has an active construction project and related commitments for the construction of a new fire station. At year end, the District had approximately \$375,000 in current and/or planned commitments to contractors for the completion of the new fire station.

## **NOTE 6 - LONG-TERM DEBT**

Long-term debt activity for the year ended June 30, 2014 was as follows:

	В	eginning						Ending	Due Within		
Governmental Activities:		Balance	Additions		Reductions			Balance		One Year	
Capital leases	\$	453,751	\$	424,487	\$	(484,399)	\$	393,839	\$	48,519	
Compensated absences		34,941		9,471				44,412		_	
Total governmental liabilities	<u>\$</u>	488,692	\$	433,958	\$	<u>(484,399</u> )	\$	438,251	\$	48,519	

# A. Capital leases

<u>Purchase Lease</u>: The District granted leasehold interests in the underlying assets to the creditors (the Banks). The Banks, in turn, leased the property to the District under a long-term agreement. Under this agreement, the District is obligated to make lease payments to the Banks, subject to receiving Board appropriations, until the obligations to the Banks are satisfied. Once the obligations to the Banks are satisfied, all rights, title, and interest in the property are transferred to the District. However, if the Board appropriations are not received, the District is relieved of any subsequent obligation and the obligations are considered in default. If the default is not cured, the District has agreed that the Bank may terminate the leases, take possession of, and liquidate, the assets pledged under the agreement.

As of June 30, 2014, the assets capitalized and acquired through the capital lease are as follows:

	Governmental Activities
Vehicles and apparatus	\$ 499,125
Less accumulated depreciation	(148,335)
Total	<u>\$ 350,790</u>

The future minimum lease obligations and the net present value of these minimum lease payments as of June 30, 2014, are as follows:

Year ended June 30,		
2015	\$	59,908
2016		59,908
2017		59,908
2018		59,908
2019		59,908
2020-2021		142,859
Total minimum lease payments		442,399
Less amount representing interest		(48,560)
Present value of future minimum		
payments	<u>\$</u>	393,839

# **B.** Compensated absences

All full-time employees of the District are given paid time of based on the amount stated in policy determined by their years of service. Paid time off is accrued on a bi-weekly basis for full time employees and the maximum accrual can not exceed two times the employee's annual accrual rate. Additionally, part-time employees receive paid time off accrued on a pro-rated basis, calculated by dividing the average number of hours worked per week by forty. Any accrued paid time off hours will be paid at 50% upon termination of employment if the employee has completed six (6) months of employment and 75% upon meeting the requirements of the department pension plan when retiring.

# **NOTE 7 - COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES**

## A. Inter-governmental agreements and indemnifications

The District is party to a variety of inter-governmental agreements entered into in the ordinary course of business pursuant to which it may be obligated to provide services outside of its geographic boundaries and/or receive assistance from other parties. As part of these agreements, the District is obligated to indemnify other parties for certain liabilities that arise out of, or relate to, the subject matter of the agreements.

## B. Risk management

The District is contingently liable for claims and judgments resulting from lawsuits incidental to normal operations. In the opinion of the District's management, adverse decisions that might result, to the extent not covered by insurance, would not have a material effect on the financial statements. The District has not incurred claims in excess of insurance coverage in any of the last three fiscal years. No provision has been made in the financial statements for possible losses of this nature.

# NOTE 8 - EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS AND POST EMPLOYMENT PLANS

The District contributes to multiple plans as described below. Benefits for non-public safety personnel and for public safety personnel are established by state statutes which regulate retirement, death, long-term disability, and survivor insurance premium benefits.

# A. Arizona State Retirement System

<u>Plan Description</u>: The Arizona State Retirement System (ASRS) administers a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan that covers general employees of the District. The ASRS is governed by the Arizona State Retirement System Board according to the provisions of ARS Title 28, Chapter 5, Article 2.

<u>Funding Policy</u>: For the year ended June 30, 2014, active ASRS members and the District were each required by statute to contribute at the actuarially determined rate of 11.54 percent (11.3 percent retirement and 0.24 percent long-term disability) of the members' annual covered payroll. The District's contributions to ASRS for the years ended June 30, 2014, 2013 and 2012 were \$7,395, \$8,074 and, \$7,713, respectively, which were equal to the required contributions for the years then ended.

The plan issues a publicly available financial report that includes its financial statements and required supplementary information. Reports may be obtained by writing or calling: Arizona State Retirement System, 3300 N. Central Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona 85012, (602) 240-2000.

## **B.** Public Safety Personnel Retirement System

<u>Plan Description</u>: The *Public Safety Personnel Retirement System* (PSPRS) is an agent multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan that covers public safety personnel who are regularly assigned hazardous duty as employees of the State of Arizona or one of its political subdivisions. The PSPRS, acting as a common investment and administrative agent, is governed by a five member board, known as the Fund Manager, and 162 local boards, according to the provisions of ARS Title 38, Chapter 5, Article 4. Reports may be obtained by writing or calling: Public Safety Personnel Retirement System, 3010 E. Camelback Road #200, Phoenix, Arizona 85016, (602) 255-5575.

<u>Funding Policy</u>: For the year ended June 30, 2014, PSPRS members were required by statute to contribute 10.35% of their annual covered compensation, and the District was required to contribute at the actuarially determined rate of 17.41%.

<u>Annual Pension Cost</u>: For the year ended June 30, 2014, the District's annual pension cost of \$86,431 for PSPRS was equal to the District's required and actual contributions. The District's actuarial assumptions for the pension fire personnel for the year ended June 30, 2014, the most recent available actuarial valuation, and related information follow.

Contribution rates	
Plan members	10.35 %
District	17.41 %
Actuarial cost method	Entry Age Normal
Investment rate of return	7.85 %
Projected salary increases *	4.0 % - 8.0 %
Payroll growth	4.0 %
Permanent Benefit Increases	LMembers retired on or before July 1, 2011: 2% compounded on average. Members retired on or after August 1, 2011: 0.5% compounded on average. Since all current retirees receive the same dollar increase amount, approximation techniques were used to develop the assumed PBI for each member.
Amortization method	Level percent-of-pay closed
Remaining amortization period	22 years for underfunded 20 years for overfunded
Asset valuation method	7-year smoothed market 80%/120% market

<u>Three year trend information for PSPRS</u>: The information for the agent plan was obtained from the three most recent actuarial valuations.

			Percentage of				
Year ended			APC	1	Vet pension		
June 30,	_	APC	Contributed	Obligation			
2014	\$	74,254	100%	\$	-		
2013		76,761	100%		-		
2012		63,684	100%		-		

<u>Funding progress (excluding health insurance subsidy)</u>: The information for the analysis of funding progress was obtained from the three most recent actuarial valuations

Valuation date June 30,	 tuarial Value Plan Assets	Actuarial Accrued Liability	Funding Liability (Excess)		Funded Ratio		Ann	ual Covered Payroll	Unfunded Liability as Percentage of Covered Payroll		
2014	\$ 1,716,787	\$ 2,142,472	\$	425,685	80	%	\$	485,598	88	%	
2013	1,475,093	1,815,088		339,995	81	%		550,313	62	%	
2012	1,301,730	1,618,727		316,997	80	%		410,927	77	%	

<u>Funding progress (post-retirement health insurance subsidy only)</u>: The information for the analysis of funding progress was obtained from the three most recent actuarial valuations.

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Valuation date	Actuarial Value Accrued		Fun	Funding Liability Funded			Ann	ual Covered	% of		
June 30,	of P	lan Assets	 Liability	(UAAL)		Ratio		Payroll		Covered Payroll	
2014	\$	47,728	\$ 73,230	\$	25,502	65	%	\$	485,598	5	%
2013		-	60,130	\$	60,130	-	%		550,313	11	%
2012		-	52,121		52,121	-	%		410,927	13	%

In accordance with GASB 45, assets within the PSPRS plan are not segregated to fund the post-retirement health insurance subsidy. Accordingly, these benefits may not be considered pre-funded. These liabilities are based on the same assumptions and actuarial costs methods as indicated for the plan. The District did not report a health insurance subsidy payment for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014.

## C. Alternative Pension and Benefit Plan

The District has established an alternative pension and benefit plan for volunteer firefighters. Contributions to the plan are administered by a third-party, National Benefit Services, LLC. During the year ended June 30, 2014 the District contributed \$8,851.

## **NOTE 9 - SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

The District has evaluated subsequent events from June 30, 2014 through the date of issuance, April 27, 2015.



## ACCOUNTING PROFESSIONALS, LLC CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

## INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH SPECIFIED REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO ARIZONA FIRE DISTRICTS AS REQUIRED UNDER ARIZONA REVISED STATUTE TITLE 48 § 805.02(G)

To the Governing Board of the Hellsgate Fire District Star Valley, Arizona

Arizona Revised Statute, Title 48 § 805.02 relates to the budgetary and financial requirements for fire districts. This statute concerns the specific compliance requirements regarding budget adoption, issuance of warrants, expenditure limitation, line of credit, and debt and liability limits. The governing board and management are responsible for the District's compliance with such requirements.

Our responsibility, under A.R.S. § 805.02(G), is to certify the District's compliance based on our examination. Accordingly, we have examined management's assertions included in its representation letter dated April 27, 2015, that Hellsgate Fire District (the District) complied with those requirements. The following is our opinion, based on the relevant attestation standards, as to the District's compliance.

#### **Opinion, Compliance and Other Matters**

Our examination was made in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States of America, attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, and Arizona Revised Statute, Title 48 § 805.02(G). Such standards require the examination of evidence concerning the District's compliance with the aforementioned requirements, on a test basis. Additionally, our examination and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances, so that our examination provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

Our opinion does not provide a legal determination of the District's compliance with the specified requirements.

It is our opinion that Hellsgate Fire District complied, in all material aspects, with the aforementioned requirements for the year ended June 30, 2014.

## Purpose of this Report

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

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Phoenix, Arizona April 27, 2015

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