

**AMBULANCE REVENUE and COST REPORT  
FIRE DISTRICT and SMALL RURAL COMPANY**

**Arizona Department of Health Services  
Annual Ambulance Financial Report**

Verde Valley Fire District  
Reporting Ambulance Service

Address: 2700 E Godard Road  
City: Cottonwood Zip: 86326

**Report Fiscal Year**

From: July 1, 2013 To: June 30, 2014  
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*I hereby verify that I have directed the preparation of the enclosed annual report in accordance with the reporting requirements of the State of Arizona.*

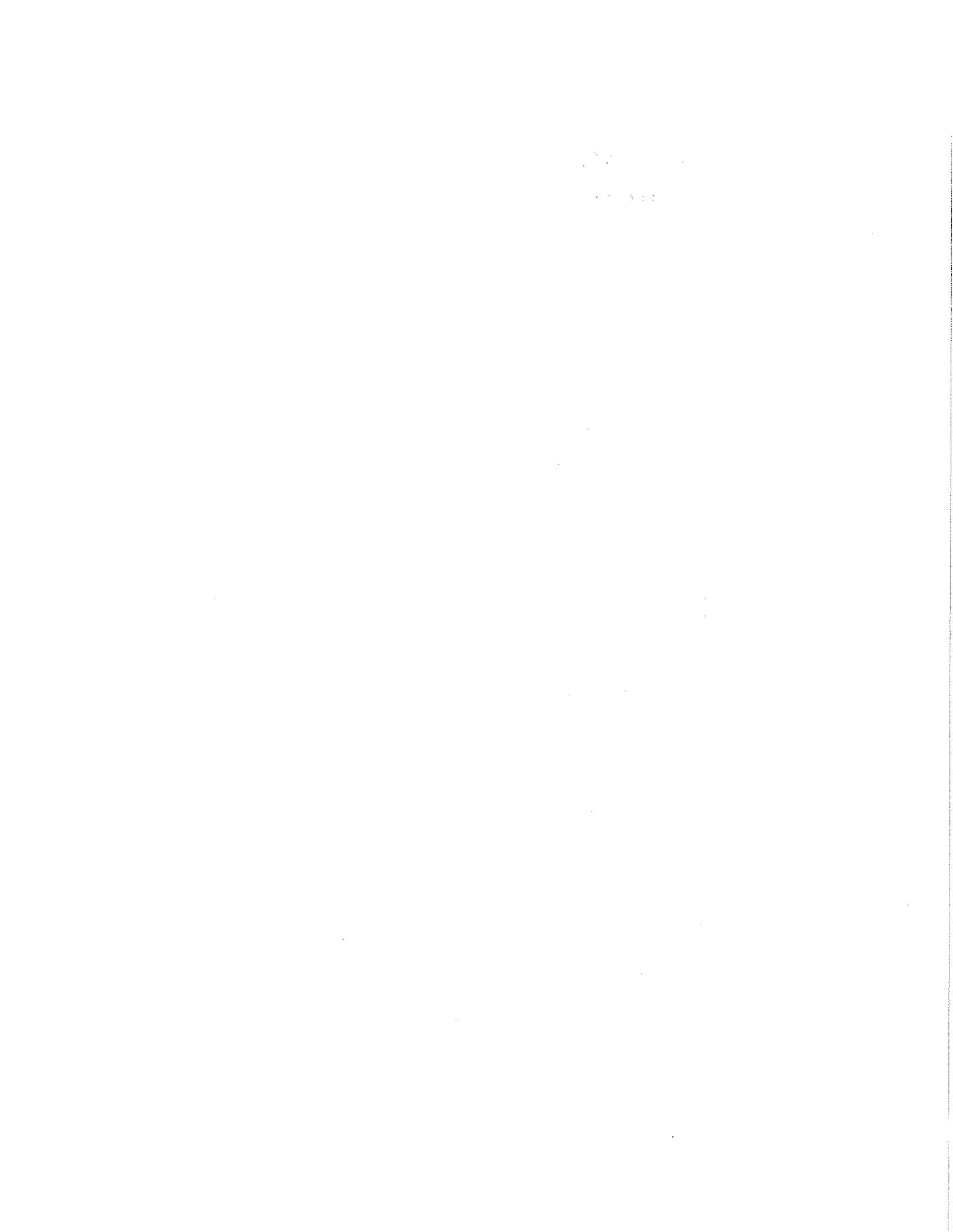
*I have read this report and hereby verify that the information provided is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.*

*This report has been prepared using the accrual basis of accounting.*

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# AMBULANCE REVENUE AND COST REPORT

## FIRE DISTRICT and SMALL RURAL COMPANY

**AMBULANCE SERVICE ENTITY:** Verde Valley Fire District

**FOR THE PERIOD** FROM: July 1, 2013 TO: June 30, 2014

**STATISTICAL SUPPORT DATA**

Line No.	DESCRIPTION	(1) SUBSCRIPTION SERVICE TRANSPORTS	*(2) TRANSPORTS UNDER CONTRACT	(3) TRANSPORTS NOT UNDER CONTRACT	(4) TOTALS
1	Number of ALS Billable Transports:				1,007
2	Number of BLS Billable Transports:				124
3	Number of Loaded Billable Miles:				1,138
4	Waiting Time (Hr. & Min.):				
5	Canceled (Non-Billable) Runs:				210

**AMBULANCE SERVICE ROUTINE OPERATING REVENUE**

6	ALS Base Rate Revenue				\$ 1,339,547
7	BLS Base Rate Revenue				158,242
8	Mileage Charge Revenue				107,240
9	Waiting Charge Revenue				
10	Medical Supplies Charge Revenue				
11	Nurses Charge Revenue				
12	Standby Charge Revenue (Attach Schedule)				
13	<b>TOTAL AMBULANCE SERVICE ROUTINE OPERATING REVENUE</b>				<b>\$ 1,605,029</b>

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**SALARY AND WAGE EXPENSE DETAIL**

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**GROSS WAGES:**

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**\*\* No. of FTE's**

14	Management			\$ 162,832	3.0
15	Paramedics and IEMTs			\$ 734,882	16.0
16	Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)			\$ 307,902	11.0
17	Other Personnel			\$ 118,154	14.0
18	Payroll Taxes and Fringe Benefits - All Personnel			\$ 684,598	44
19	<b>Total Wages, Taxes &amp; Benefits</b>			<b>\$ 2,008,368</b>	<b>44</b>

(Sum Lines 14 through 18; Post to Page 3, Line 10)

\* This column reports only those runs where a contracted discount rate was applied.

\*\* Full-time equivalents (F.T.E.) is the sum of all hours for which employees wages were paid during the year divided by 2080.



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**AMBULANCE SERVICE ENTITY:**

Verde Valley Fire District

**FOR THE PERIOD**

**FROM:** July 1, 2013

**TO:** June 30, 2014

**SCHEDULE OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES**

Line No.	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>		
<b>Operating Revenues:</b>			
1	Total Ambulance Service Operating Revenue	(From: Page 2, Line 13)	\$ <u>1,605,029</u>
<u>Settlement Amounts:</u>			
2	AHCCCS		<u>71,960</u>
3	Medicare		<u>624,485</u>
4	Subscription Service		<u>-</u>
5	Contractual		<u>-</u>
6	Other commercial insurance adjustments & in-district subsidy/write-off		<u>275,426</u>
7	Total	(Sum of Lines 2 through 6)	<u>971,871</u>
8	Total Operating Revenue	(Line 1 minus Line 7)	\$ <u>633,158</u>
<b>Operating Expenses:</b>			
9	Bad Debt		\$ <u>33,389</u>
10	Total Salaries, Wages, and Employee-Related Expenses	(From: Page 2, Line 19)	<u>2,008,368</u>
11	Professional Services		<u>70,867</u>
12	Travel and Entertainment		<u>5,141</u>
13	Other General Administrative		<u>43,464</u>
14	Depreciation		<u>-</u>
15	Rent / Leasing		<u>-</u>
16	Building / Station		<u>13,814</u>
17	Vehicle Expense		<u>98,276</u>
18	Other Operating Expense	BEMSTS-CON & RATES	<u>266,186</u>
19	Cost of Medical Supplies Charged to Patients		<u>27,649</u>
20	Interest		<u>-</u>
21	Subscription Service Sales Expense		<u>-</u>
22	Total Operating Expense	(Sum of Lines 9 through 21)	<u>2,567,154</u>
23	Total Operating Income or (Loss)	(Line 8 minus Line 22)	\$ <u>(1,933,996)</u>
24	Subscription Contract Sales		<u>-</u>
25	Other Operating Revenue		<u>-</u>
26	Local Supportive Funding		<u>-</u>
27	Other Non-Operating Income (Attach Schedule)		<u>-</u>
28	Other Non-Operating Expense (Attach Schedule)		<u>-</u>
29	NET INCOME or (LOSS) Before Income Taxes	(Sum of Lines 23 through 27, minus Line 28)	\$ <u>(1,933,996)</u>
<b>Provision for Income Taxes:</b>			
30	Federal Income Tax		<u>-</u>
31	State Income Tax		<u>-</u>
32	Total Income Tax	(Line 30, plus Line 31)	<u>-</u>
33	<b>Ambulance Service Net Income (Loss)</b>	(Line 29, minus Line 32)	<u>(1,933,996)</u>

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT**

To the Governing Board of the  
Verde Valley Fire District  
Cottonwood, Arizona

**Report on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying modified cash basis financial statements of the general fund and capital projects fund of Verde Valley Fire District (the District), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2014, as listed in the table of contents.

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

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting described in Note 1; this includes determining that the modified cash basis of accounting is an acceptable basis for the preparation of the financial statements in the circumstances. Management is also responsible 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.

**Auditor's Responsibility**

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial statement 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 of 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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## Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective modified cash-basis balance sheet of the general and capital projects funds of the District as of June 30, 2014, and the respective revenues collected, expenditures paid and changes in fund balances of the District as of June 30, 2014, on the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

## Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to Note 1 of the financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial statements are prepared on the modified cash basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinions are not modified with respect to this matter.

## Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated November 19, 2014 on our consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on 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* and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.

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**Verde Valley Fire District  
BALANCE SHEET - MODIFIED CASH BASIS  
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
June 30, 2014**

	General Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Total Governmental Funds
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Cash and investments	<u>\$ 1,189,142</u>	<u>\$ 3,501,471</u>	<u>\$ 4,690,613</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 1,189,142</u>	<u>\$ 3,501,471</u>	<u>\$ 4,690,613</u>
 <b>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</b>			
Liabilities:			
Payroll withholdings held in trust	\$ 264	\$ -	\$ 264
Total liabilities	<u>264</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>264</u>
Fund balances:			
Committed	-	3,501,471	3,501,471
Unassigned	<u>1,188,878</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,188,878</u>
Total fund balances	<u>1,188,878</u>	<u>3,501,471</u>	<u>4,690,349</u>
Total liabilities and fund balances	<u>\$ 1,189,142</u>	<u>\$ 3,501,471</u>	<u>\$ 4,690,613</u>

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The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

**Verde Valley Fire District**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN**  
**FUND BALANCES - MODIFIED CASH BASIS**  
**GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**  
**Year Ended June 30, 2014**

	General Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Total Governmental Funds
<b>REVENUES</b>			
Property taxes	\$ 3,427,710	\$ -	\$ 3,427,710
Fire district assistance taxes	313,921	-	313,921
Intergovernmental	6,973	-	6,973
Charges for services	752,993	-	752,993
Other revenue	41,179	-	41,179
Contributions	-	-	-
Interest income	5,011	12,027	17,038
<b>Total revenues</b>	<u>4,547,787</u>	<u>12,027</u>	<u>4,559,814</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
Current:			
Public safety, fire protection:			
Emergency services	3,638,091	-	3,638,091
Administrative and support services	382,121	-	382,121
Debt service:			
Principal	-	-	-
Interest	-	-	-
Capital outlay	96,524	-	96,524
<b>Total expenditures</b>	<u>4,116,736</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,116,736</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	<u>431,051</u>	<u>12,027</u>	<u>443,078</u>
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES/(USES)</b>			
Transfers in	-	422,426	422,426
Transfers out	(422,426)	-	(422,426)
<b>Total other financing sources and uses</b>	<u>(422,426)</u>	<u>422,426</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Net changes in fund balances</b>	<b>8,625</b>	<b>434,453</b>	<b>443,078</b>
Fund balances – beginning	<u>1,180,253</u>	<u>3,067,018</u>	<u>4,247,271</u>
Fund balances – ending	<u>\$ 1,188,878</u>	<u>\$ 3,501,471</u>	<u>\$ 4,690,349</u>

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**Verde Valley Fire District**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**June 30, 2014**

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

**A. Nature of Operations and Financial Reporting Entity**

The District, established 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. The District has no discrete or blended component units.

**B. Fund Accounting**

The accounts of the District are organized on the basis of fund accounting, each of which is considered a separate reporting entity. The operations of each fund are accounted for with a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, liabilities, fund balance, revenues and expenditures. Resources are allocated to and accounted for in individual funds based upon the purpose for which they are to be spent. The District reports the following major governmental funds:

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

*Capital Projects Fund* – This fund is used to account for funds received and expended for the construction of buildings and improvements as well as for the acquisition of apparatus and major equipment for use by the District.

**C. Modified Cash Basis of Accounting**

As required under Arizona Revised Statutes, Title 48 § 251.A(1), the District has prepared these financial statements in a manner sufficient to report beginning and ending fund balances and all revenues and expenditures for the year ending June 30, 2014. The Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Fund Balance is presented on the modified cash basis of accounting which is a comprehensive basis other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States. The modified cash basis of accounting recognizes revenues when cash is received and expenditures when cash is spent.

The major departure from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States is that there are generally no accruals made using the modified cash basis of accounting. Specifically, there were no accruals made for accounts receivable, accounts payable and amounts either due from or due to other governmental entities. Furthermore, these financial statements do not include government-wide financial statements which are required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States. Additionally, the District has also elected not to present Management's Discussion and Analysis or the Budgetary Comparison Schedules that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States have determined are necessary to supplement, although not required to be part of, the basic financial statements.

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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. As of June 30, 2014 the District reported \$4,531,266 in governmental funds on deposit with the Yavapai County Treasurer's investment pool; the investment pool is considered a cash equivalent. For additional information regarding cash and cash equivalents see Financial Note 2 - Cash and Cash Equivalents.

E. Payroll withholdings held in trust

Liabilities are reported for amounts withheld from employees salaries and wages, held in trust by the District. As the District has expensed all amounts related to salaries and wages payable, the District holds these monies as a fiduciary until they are remitted to the appropriate third parties.

F. 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 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.

G. 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 cash basis of accounting, which an acceptable 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 spend more than the budgeted revenues plus the prior year's carry-over of unrestricted cash. The limitation is applied to the total of the combined funds.

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**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 United 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 \$4,531,266 on deposit with the Yavapai County Treasurer's investment pool (YCTIP) in the governmental funds. The Yavapai County Treasurer invests the cash in a pool under policy guidelines established by the Yavapai County Treasurers' Office (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 YCTIP is included in the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report of Yavapai County. The fair value of each participant's position in the YCTIP approximates the value of the participant's shares in the pool. The District also maintains a checking account with a local financial institution, the amount on deposit as of June 30, 2014 was \$159,197. The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation protects the District against loss on the first \$250,000 of demand deposits located within the state. Any remaining balance is to be covered by collateral held by the pledging financial institution's trust department in the District's name.

**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. State law limits deposits and investments of the YCTIP to the Arizona State Treasurer's local government investment pool (LGIP); interest bearing savings accounts, certificates of deposit; United States Treasury Bills, notes or bonds which have a maturity date of not more than one year and in accounts of any savings and loan associations insured by an agency of the government of the United States, up to the amount of such insurance or pledged collateral. The District has no investment policy that would further limit its investment choices. The Yavapai County Treasurer's Investment Pool is an external investment pool with no regulatory oversight. The YCTIP is not required to register (and is not registered) with the Securities and Exchange Commission. As of June 30, 2014 the YCTIP 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 District 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. However, all investments are held in safekeeping by either Yavapai County or a local financial institution.

**NOTE 3 – TRANSFERS AND DESIGNATIONS OF FUND BALANCE**

The District has adopted a policy whereby it will transfer budgeted and/or unused appropriations to the capital projects fund to provide for planned future acquisitions of apparatus, vehicles, buildings and improvements. Such transfers are not restricted by statute and can be transferred back to the general fund upon board approved changes to the District's policies. Transfers from the general fund to the capital projects fund for the year ended June 30, 2014 totaled \$422,426.

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**NOTE 4 – EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS AND POST EMPLOYMENT PLANS**

The District contributes to multiple plans as described below. Benefits for non-public safety personnel are established based on contributions to the plan. For public safety personnel, state statute regulates retirement, death, long-term disability, and survivor insurance premium benefits.

**A. Arizona State Retirement System**

Plan Description: 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.

Funding Policy: 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 (11.30 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 \$10,947, \$12,797, and, \$22,307 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**

Plan Description: 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.

Funding Policy: 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 15.15%.

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Annual Pension Cost: For the year ended June 30, 2014, the District's annual pension cost of \$261,652 for PSPRS was equal to the District's required and actual contributions. The District's actuarial assumptions for PSPRS for the year ended June 30, 2014, which is based on the most recent available actuarial valuation, and related information follow:

<b>Contribution rates</b>	
Plan members	10.35 %
District	15.15 %
Actuarial cost method	Entry Age Normal
Investment rate of return	7.85 %
Projected salary increases	4.0 % - 8.0%
Payroll growth at	4.0 %
Permanent Benefit Increases	Members 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

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

Year ended June 30,	ARC	Percentage of ARC Contributed	Net pension Obligation
2014	\$ 268,208	100%	\$ -
2013	274,543	100%	-
2012	249,722	100%	-

Funding progress: The information for the analysis of funding progress was obtained from the three most recent actuarial valuations.

Valuation date June 30,	Actuarial Value of Plan Assets	Actuarial Accrued Liability	Funding Liability (Excess)	Funded Ratio	Annual Covered Payroll	Unfunded Liability as Percentage of Covered Payroll
2014	\$ 6,309,151	\$ 7,895,381	\$ 1,586,230	80 %	\$ 1,920,310	83 %
2013	6,134,159	7,074,733	940,574	87 %	1,766,253	53 %
2012	5,725,789	6,313,328	587,539	91 %	1,705,977	34 %

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

Valuation date June 30,	Actuarial Value of Plan Assets	Actuarial Accrued Liability	Funding Liability (UAAL)	Funded Ratio	Annual Covered Payroll	UAAL as % of Covered Payroll
2014	\$ 246,408	\$ 193,707	\$ (52,701)	127 %	\$ 1,920,310	0 %
2013	-	192,204	\$ 192,204	0 %	1,766,253	11 %
2012	-	180,247	180,247	0 %	1,705,977	11 %

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 under GASB 27. The District's health insurance subsidy payment reported for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014 was \$3,120.

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

To the Board of Directors of  
Verde Valley Fire District  
Cottonwood, Arizona

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of Verde Valley Fire District (the District), which comprise the Balance Sheet as of June 30, 2014, and the related Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances for the year then ended, and the related notes to financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated November 18, 2013.

**INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING**

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

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

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

#### **COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS**

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

#### **PURPOSE OF THIS REPORT**

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

*Accounting Professionals, LLC*

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' COMMUNICATION TO  
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To the Board of Directors of  
Verde Valley Fire District  
Cottonwood, Arizona

We have audited the basic financial statements of Verde Valley Fire District (the District) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2014, and have issued our report thereon dated November 19, 2014. Professional standards require that we advise you of the following matters relating to our audit.

**OUR RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER GENERALLY ACCEPTED AUDITING STANDARDS**

As communicated in our engagement letter dated May 22, 2014, our responsibility, as described by professional standards, is to form and express an opinion about whether the financial statements that have been prepared by management with your oversight are presented fairly, in all material respects, in conformity with the reporting requirements as prescribed by the State of Arizona, and when applicable, *Government Auditing Standards*. Our audit of the financial statements does not relieve you or management of your respective responsibilities.

Our responsibility, as prescribed by professional standards, is to plan and perform our audit to obtain reasonable, rather than absolute, assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit of financial statements includes consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing 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 over financial reporting. Accordingly, as part of our audit, we considered the internal control of the District solely for the purpose of determining our audit procedures and not to provide any assurance concerning such internal control.

We are also responsible for communicating significant matters related to the audit that are, in our professional judgment, relevant to your responsibilities in overseeing the financial reporting process. However, we are not required to design procedures for the purpose of identifying other matters to communicate to you. Any communication of significant matters is included in the report described in the following paragraph.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated November 19, 2014 on our consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on 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* and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit. We have provided our comments regarding significant control deficiencies, and material weaknesses, if applicable, and other matters noted during our audit in a separate letter to you dated November 19, 2014.

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## OTHER INFORMATION IN DOCUMENTS CONTAINING AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Pursuant to professional standards, our responsibility as auditors for other information in documents containing the District's audited financial statements does not extend beyond the financial information identified in the audit report, and we are not required to perform any procedures to corroborate such other information. However, as we are not aware of any other documents containing the District's audited financial statements, we have not performed any additional procedures in accordance with such standards.

Our responsibility also includes communicating to you any information which we believe is a material misstatement of fact. Nothing came to our attention that caused us to believe that such information, or its manner of presentation, is materially inconsistent with the information, or manner of its presentation, appearing in the financial statements.

## PLANNED SCOPE AND TIMING OF THE AUDIT

We conducted our audit consistent with the planned scope and timing we previously communicated to you in our engagement letter.

## QUALITATIVE ASPECTS OF THE ENTITY'S SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING PRACTICES

### *Significant Accounting Policies*

Management has the responsibility to select and use appropriate accounting policies. A summary of the significant accounting policies adopted by the District is included in Note 1 to the financial statements. There have been no changes in significant accounting policies or their application during the year ended June 30, 2014. No matters have come to our attention that would require us, under professional standards, to inform you about (1) the methods used to account for significant unusual transactions and (2) the effect of significant accounting policies in controversial or emerging areas for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus.

### *Significant Accounting Estimates*

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's current judgments. Those judgments are normally based on knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from management's current judgments. However, as the financial statements were prepared on the modified cash basis, which is sufficient to meet the reporting requirement of the State of Arizona, no such estimates were needed.

### *Financial Statement Disclosures*

Certain financial statement disclosures involve significant judgment and are particularly sensitive because of their significance to financial statement users. The most sensitive disclosures affecting the District's financial statements relate to:

- Cash and Investments, and
- Post Employment Retirement Plans

### *Significant Difficulties Encountered during the Audit*

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management relating to the performance of the audit. However, we would like to identify minor difficulties encountered in the planning of our audit. Specifically, the lack of accounting records consistent with the fund accounting principles required for governmental reporting.

While the District is a governmental entity, which utilizes fund accounting for external financial reporting, internal accounting records are not maintained by individual funds. The District currently has two major governmental funds, the General Fund and the Capital Projects Fund. The governmental funds are maintained in two general ledger systems independent of each other.

### **Uncorrected and Corrected Misstatements**

For purposes of this communication, professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that we believe are trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. However, we did not identify any uncorrected misstatements.

### **Disagreement with Management**

For purposes of this letter, professional standards define a disagreement with management as a matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, concerning a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, which could be significant to the District's financial statements or the auditor's report. No such disagreements arose during the course of the audit.

### **Representations Requested from Management**

We have requested certain written representations from management, which were included in the letter from management on or before November 19, 2014.

### **Management's Consultations with Other Accountants**

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing, accounting and financial reporting matters. Based on management's representations, and consistent with our understanding of the District's activities, there were consultations with Angela Bertram, CPA regarding auditing, accounting and financial reporting matters.

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**Other Significant Findings or Issues**

In the normal course of our professional association with the District, we generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, operating and regulatory conditions affecting the District, and operational plans and strategies that may affect the risks of material misstatement. None of the matters discussed resulted in a condition to our retention as the District's auditors

**Restrictions on Use**

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

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