

PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL STATEMENT DATED FEBRUARY 20, 2018.

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**MOODY'S RATING: Aaa
See "BOND RATING" herein.**

In the opinion of Gilmore & Bell, P.C., Bond Counsel to the District, under existing law and assuming continued compliance with certain requirements of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), (1) the interest on the Bonds (including any original issue discount properly allocable to an owner thereof) is excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes, and is not an item of tax preference for purposes of the federal alternative minimum tax, (2) the interest on the Bonds (including any original issue discount properly allocable to an owner thereof) is exempt from income taxation by the State of Missouri and (3) the Bonds are "qualified tax-exempt obligations" within the meaning of Section 265(b)(3) of the Code. See "TAX MATTERS" in this Official Statement.

**CREVE COEUR FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
OF ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI**

\$3,000,000*
**GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS
SERIES 2018**

Dated: Date of Issuance

Due: March 15, as shown on the inside cover

The General Obligation Bonds, Series 2018 (the "Bonds") will be issued by the Creve Coeur Fire Protection District of St. Louis County, Missouri (the "District") for the purpose of providing funds to (1) acquire, construct, furnish and equip facilities and equipment and (2) pay the costs of issuing the Bonds, as further described herein under the caption "PLAN OF FINANCING."

Principal of the Bonds is payable annually as set forth on the inside cover of this Official Statement, commencing on March 15, 2019. Interest on the Bonds is payable semiannually on each March 15 and September 15, commencing on September 15, 2018, by check or draft (or by wire transfer in certain circumstances as described herein) to the persons who are the registered owners of the Bonds as of the close of business on the first day of the month of the applicable interest payment date.

The Bonds are subject to redemption prior to maturity as described herein.

THE BONDS AND INTEREST THEREON WILL CONSTITUTE GENERAL OBLIGATIONS OF THE DISTRICT, PAYABLE FROM AD VALOREM TAXES WHICH MAY BE LEVIED WITHOUT LIMITATION AS TO RATE OR AMOUNT UPON ALL OF THE TAXABLE TANGIBLE PROPERTY, REAL AND PERSONAL, WITHIN THE TERRITORIAL LIMITS OF THE DISTRICT. See the caption "SECURITY FOR THE BONDS."

See inside cover for maturities, principal amounts, interest rates, prices and CUSIP numbers.

The Bonds are offered when, as and if issued by the District and accepted by the Underwriter, subject to the approval of validity by Gilmore & Bell, P.C., St. Louis, Missouri, Bond Counsel, and subject to certain other conditions. Bond Counsel will also pass on certain matters relating to this Official Statement. WM Financial Strategies is serving as municipal advisor to the District in connection with the issuance of the Bonds. It is expected that the Bonds will be available for delivery through the facilities of The Depository Trust Company in New York, New York on or about March 20, 2018.

The date of this Official Statement is March ____, 2018.

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\$3,000,000*
**CREVE COEUR FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
OF ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI
GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS
SERIES 2018**

MATURITY SCHEDULE*

Base CUSIP: _____

<u>Maturity (March 15)</u>	<u>Principal Amount*</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>CUSIP</u>
2019	\$300,000			
2020	300,000			
2021	300,000			
2022	225,000			
2023	180,000			
2024	170,000			
2025	170,000			
2026	165,000			
2027	185,000			
2028	175,000			
2029	195,000			
2030	165,000			
2031	185,000			
2032	185,000			
2033	100,000			

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**CREVE COEUR FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
OF ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI**

11221 Olive Boulevard
Creve Coeur, Missouri 63141
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Harry M. Baider, *Chairman & Director*
Harvey Seigel, *Treasurer & Director*
David Kreuter, *Secretary & Director*

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Terry L. Scholl, *Deputy Chief*
Larry L. Ashby, *Deputy Chief*
Jason T. McIntosh, *Fire Marshal*
Jerry F. McQueen, *Assistant Fire Marshal*
Troy Schneiderer, *Deputy Fire Marshal*
Derek Bequette, *Deputy Fire Marshal*
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St. Louis, Missouri

REGARDING USE OF THIS OFFICIAL STATEMENT

THE BONDS HAVE NOT BEEN REGISTERED WITH THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933, AS AMENDED, OR UNDER ANY STATE SECURITIES OR "BLUE SKY" LAWS. THE BONDS ARE OFFERED PURSUANT TO AN EXEMPTION FROM REGISTRATION WITH THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION.

The information set forth herein has been obtained from the District and other sources that are deemed to be reliable, but is not guaranteed as to accuracy or completeness by, and is not to be construed as a representation by, the District.

No dealer, broker, salesperson or any other person has been authorized by the District or the Underwriter to give any information or make any representations, other than those contained in this Official Statement, in connection with the offering of the Bonds, and if given or made, such other information or representations must not be relied upon as having been authorized by any of the foregoing. This Official Statement does not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy, nor shall there be any sale of the Bonds by any person in any state in which it is unlawful for such person to make such offer, solicitation or sale. The information herein is subject to change without notice, and neither the delivery of this Official Statement nor the sale of any of the Bonds hereunder shall under any circumstances create any implication that there has been no change in the affairs of the District or the other matters described herein since the date hereof.

IN CONNECTION WITH THE OFFERING OF THE BONDS, THE UNDERWRITER MAY OVER-ALLOT OR EFFECT TRANSACTIONS WHICH STABILIZE OR MAINTAIN THE MARKET PRICE OF SUCH BONDS AT A LEVEL ABOVE THAT WHICH MIGHT OTHERWISE PREVAIL IN THE OPEN MARKET. SUCH STABILIZING, IF COMMENCED, MAY BE DISCONTINUED AT ANY TIME.

This Preliminary Official Statement is in a form deemed final by the District for purposes of Rule 15c2-12 issued under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, except for certain information to be omitted pursuant to Rule 15c2-12(B)(1).

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OFFICIAL STATEMENT

CREVE COEUR FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT OF ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI

\$3,000,000* GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS SERIES 2018

INTRODUCTION

The following introductory information is subject in all respects to more complete information contained elsewhere in this Official Statement. The order and placement of materials in this Official Statement, including the appendices hereto, are not to be deemed to be a determination of relevance, materiality or relative importance, and this Official Statement, including the cover page and appendices, should be considered in its entirety. The offering of the Bonds to potential investors is made only by means of the entire Official Statement.

General

This Official Statement, including the cover page and appendices hereto, is furnished to prospective purchasers in connection with the offering and sale of \$3,000,000* aggregate principal amount of General Obligation Bonds, Series 2018 (the **“Bonds”**) by the Creve Coeur Fire Protection District of St. Louis County, Missouri (the **“District”**). The issuance and sale of the Bonds are authorized by a resolution of the Board of Directors of the District expected to be adopted on March 6, 2018 (the **“Resolution”**). *All capitalized terms used herein and not otherwise defined herein have the meanings assigned to those terms in the Resolution.*

The District

The District is a fire protection district and political subdivision organized and existing under the laws of the State of Missouri. The District provides fire protection and emergency medical services to the majority of the City of Creve Coeur, portions of the Village of Westwood and the City of Maryland Heights, and unincorporated areas of St. Louis County surrounding the aforementioned village and cities. The District spans approximately 26 square miles and protects an estimated population of 40,000 people. For more information concerning the District see the captions **“GENERAL AND ECONOMIC INFORMATION CONCERNING THE DISTRICT,” “DEBT STRUCTURE OF THE DISTRICT”** and **“FINANCIAL INFORMATION CONCERNING THE DISTRICT”** herein.

Authorization and Purpose of the Bonds

On April 8, 2014, the voters of the District approved, by a vote of 1,746 for and 980 against, the issuance of general obligation bonds in the amount of \$19,500,000. The District issued \$5,000,000 of the authorized bonds in 2014 and another \$5,000,000 of the authorized bonds in 2016.

The Bonds are being issued for the purpose of providing funds to (1) acquire, construct, furnish and equip facilities and equipment and (2) pay the costs of issuing the Bonds. See the section herein captioned **“PLAN OF FINANCING.”**

Security for the Bonds

The Bonds will constitute general obligations of the District and will be payable as to both principal and interest from ad valorem taxes, which may be levied without limitation as to rate or amount upon all taxable

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tangible property, real and personal, within the territorial limits of the District. See the caption “**SECURITY FOR THE BONDS**” herein.

Continuing Disclosure

The District has covenanted in an Omnibus Continuing Disclosure Undertaking dated as of September 1, 2014 (the “**Continuing Disclosure Undertaking**”) to provide certain financial information and operating data relating to the District and to provide notices of the occurrence of certain enumerated events relating to the Bonds. The Continuing Disclosure Undertaking was entered into by the District to comply with Rule 15c2-12 promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “**Rule**”). See the section herein captioned “**CONTINUING DISCLOSURE UNDERTAKING**” herein.

THE BONDS

General

The Bonds are being issued in the aggregate principal amount of \$3,000,000*. The Bonds are dated as of the date of original issuance and delivery thereof. Principal is payable on March 15 in the years and in the principal amounts set forth on the inside cover page hereof, subject to redemption and payment prior to maturity, upon the terms and conditions described under the section herein captioned “**THE BONDS – Redemption Provisions.**” Interest on the Bonds is calculated at the rates per annum set forth on the inside cover page, computed on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months. The Bonds shall consist of fully-registered bonds in denominations of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof. Interest on the Bonds is payable from the date thereof or the most recent date to which interest has been paid and is payable semiannually on March 15 and September 15 in each year, beginning September 15, 2018.

Payment of the interest on the Bonds will be made to the person in whose name such Bond is registered on the registration books (the “**Bond Register**”) at the close of business on the first day (whether or not a Business Day) of the calendar month of an interest payment date (the “**Record Date**”). Interest on the Bonds will be paid to the Registered Owners thereof by check or draft mailed by U.S. Bank National Association, St. Louis, Missouri (the “**Paying Agent**”) to each Registered Owner at the address shown on the Bond Register or at such other address as is furnished to the Paying Agent in writing by such Registered Owner, or by electronic transfer to such Registered Owner upon written notice signed by such Registered Owner and given to the Paying Agent not less than 15 days prior to the Record Date for such interest payment, containing the electronic transfer instructions including the name and address of the bank (which shall be in the United States), the ABA routing number and the account number to which such Owner wishes to have such transfer directed and an acknowledgement that an electronic transfer fee may be applicable.

Principal or the Redemption Price (as defined herein) of the Bonds will be paid by check, electronic transfer or draft to the Registered Owner of such Bond at the maturity of such Bond or otherwise, upon presentation and surrender of such Bond at the designated payment office of the Paying Agent.

Redemption Provisions

Optional Redemption. At the option of the District, the Bonds or portions thereof maturing on and after March 15, 2026 may be called for redemption and payment prior to their Stated Maturity on and after March 15, 2025, in whole or in part, at any time, in such amounts for each Stated Maturity as shall be determined by the District, at the Redemption Price of 100% of the principal amount thereof, plus accrued interest thereon to the Redemption Date (as defined herein).

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Selection of Bonds to Be Redeemed. Bonds shall be redeemed only in the principal amount of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof. When less than all of the Outstanding Bonds are to be redeemed, such Bonds shall be redeemed in such order of their Stated Maturities as determined by the District, and Bonds of less than a full Stated Maturity shall be selected by the Paying Agent in \$5,000 units of principal amount by lot or in such other equitable manner as the Paying Agent may determine.

In the case of a partial redemption of Bonds, when Bonds of denominations greater than \$5,000 are then Outstanding, then for all purposes in connection with such redemption each \$5,000 of face value shall be treated as though it were a separate Bond of the denomination of \$5,000. If it is determined that one or more, but not all, of the \$5,000 units of face value represented by any Bond are selected for redemption, then upon notice of intention to redeem such \$5,000 unit or units, the Registered Owner of such Bond or the Registered Owner's duly authorized agent shall present and surrender such Bond to the Paying Agent (1) for payment of the price which such Bonds are to be redeemed (the "**Redemption Price**") and interest to the date fixed for redemption (the "**Redemption Date**") of such \$5,000 unit or units of face value called for redemption and (2) for exchange, without charge to the Registered Owner thereof, for a new Bond or Bonds of the aggregate principal amount of the unredeemed portion of the principal amount of such Bond. If the Registered Owner of any such Bond shall fail to present such Bond to the Paying Agent for payment and exchange as aforesaid, such Bond shall, nevertheless, become due and payable on the Redemption Date to the extent of the \$5,000 unit or units of face value called for redemption (and to that extent only).

Notice of Redemption. Unless waived by any Registered Owner of Bonds to be redeemed, official notice of any redemption shall be given by the Paying Agent on the District's behalf, by mailing a copy of an official redemption notice by first class mail at least 30 days and not more than 60 days prior to the Redemption Date to the State Auditor of Missouri, the Underwriter (as defined herein) and each Registered Owner of the Bond or Bonds to be redeemed at the address shown on the Bond Register.

The failure of any Registered Owner to receive the foregoing notice or any defect therein shall not invalidate the effectiveness of the call for redemption.

So long as DTC is effecting book-entry transfers of the Bonds, the Paying Agent shall provide the notices specified in the Resolution to DTC. It is expected that DTC will, in turn, notify its Participants and that the Participants, in turn, will notify or cause to be notified the Beneficial Owners. Any failure on the part of DTC or a Participant, or failure on the part of a nominee of a Beneficial Owner of a Bond (having been mailed notice from the Paying Agent, a Participant or otherwise) to notify the Beneficial Owner of the Bond so affected, will not affect the validity of the redemption of such Bond.

Effect of Call for Redemption. After an amount of money sufficient to pay the Redemption Price has been deposited with the Paying Agent and notice of redemption has been given on the Redemption Date designated in the notice, (1) the Bonds (or portions thereof) to be redeemed will become due and payable on the Redemption Date at the Redemption Price specified in the notice and (2) from and after the Redemption Date (unless the District defaults in the payment of the Redemption Price) such Bonds or portions of Bonds shall cease to bear interest.

All Bonds that have been surrendered for redemption shall be canceled and destroyed by the Paying Agent pursuant to the Resolution and shall not be reissued.

Book-Entry Only System

General. The Bonds are available in book-entry only form. Purchasers of the Bonds will not receive certificates representing their interests in the Bonds. Ownership interests in the Bonds will be available to purchasers only through a book-entry system (the "**Book-Entry System**") maintained by The Depository Trust Company ("**DTC**"), New York, New York.

The following information concerning DTC and DTC's book-entry system has been obtained from DTC. The District takes no responsibility for the accuracy or completeness thereof and neither the Indirect Participants nor the Beneficial Owners should rely on the following information with respect to such matters, but should instead confirm the same with DTC or the Direct Participants, as the case may be. There can be no assurance that DTC will abide by its procedures or that such procedures will not be changed from time to time.

DTC and its Participants. DTC, the world's largest securities depository, is a limited-purpose trust company organized under the New York Banking Law, a "banking organization" within the meaning of the New York Banking Law, a member of the Federal Reserve System, a "clearing corporation" within the meaning of the New York Uniform Commercial Code, and a "clearing agency" registered pursuant to the provisions of Section 17A of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. DTC holds and provides asset servicing for over 3.5 million issues of U.S. and non-U.S. equity issues, corporate and municipal debt issues, and money market instruments (from over 100 countries) that DTC's participants ("**Direct Participants**") deposit with DTC. DTC also facilitates the post-trade settlement among Direct Participants of sales and other securities transactions in deposited securities, through electronic computerized book-entry transfers and pledges between Direct Participants' accounts. This eliminates the need for physical movement of securities certificates. Direct Participants include both U.S. and non-U.S. securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, clearing corporations, and certain other organizations. DTC is a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Depository Trust & Clearing Corporation ("**DTCC**"). DTCC is the holding company for DTC, National Securities Clearing Corporation and Fixed Income Clearing Corporation, all of which are registered clearing agencies. DTCC is owned by the users of its regulated subsidiaries. Access to the DTC system is also available to others such as both U.S. and non-U.S. securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, and clearing corporations that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a Direct Participant, either directly or indirectly ("**Indirect Participants**"). DTC has a Standard & Poor's rating of AA+. The DTC Rules applicable to its Participants are on file with the Securities and Exchange Commission. More information about DTC can be found at www.dtcc.com.

Purchases of Ownership Interests. Purchases of Bonds under the DTC system must be made by or through Direct Participants, which will receive a credit for the Bonds on DTC's records. The ownership interest of each actual purchaser of each Bond ("**Beneficial Owner**") is in turn to be recorded on the Direct and Indirect Participants' records. Beneficial Owners will not receive written confirmation from DTC of their purchase. Beneficial Owners are, however, expected to receive written confirmations providing details of the transaction, as well as periodic statements of their holdings, from the Direct or Indirect Participant through which the Beneficial Owner entered into the transaction. Transfers of ownership interests in the Bonds are to be accomplished by entries made on the books of Direct and Indirect Participants acting on behalf of Beneficial Owners. Beneficial Owners will not receive certificates representing their ownership interests in the Bonds, except in the event that use of the book-entry system for the Bonds is discontinued.

Transfers. To facilitate subsequent transfers, all Bonds deposited by Direct Participants with DTC are registered in the name of DTC's partnership nominee, Cede & Co., or such other name as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. The deposit of Bonds with DTC and their registration in the name of Cede & Co. or such other DTC nominee do not effect any change in beneficial ownership. DTC has no knowledge of the actual Beneficial Owners of the Bonds; DTC's records reflect only the identity of the Direct Participants to whose accounts such Bonds are credited, which may or may not be the Beneficial Owners. The Direct and Indirect Participants will remain responsible for keeping account of their holdings on behalf of their customers.

Notices. Conveyance of notices and other communications by DTC to Direct Participants, by Direct Participants to Indirect Participants, and by Direct Participants and Indirect Participants to Beneficial Owners will be governed by arrangements among them, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time. Beneficial Owners of Bonds may wish to take certain steps to augment the transmission to them of notices of significant events with respect to the Bonds, such as redemptions, tenders, defaults, and proposed amendments to the Bond documents. For example, Beneficial Owners of Bonds may wish to ascertain

that the nominee holding the Bonds for their benefit has agreed to obtain and transmit notices to Beneficial Owners. In the alternative, Beneficial Owners may wish to provide their names and addresses to the registrar and request that copies of notices be provided directly to them.

Redemption notices will be sent to DTC. If less than all of the Bonds within a maturity are being redeemed, DTC's practice is to determine by lot the amount of the interest of each Direct Participant in such maturity to be redeemed.

Voting. Neither DTC nor Cede & Co. (nor any other DTC nominee) will consent or vote with respect to Bonds unless authorized by a Direct Participant in accordance with DTC's Money Market Instrument Procedures. Under its usual procedures, DTC mails an Omnibus Proxy to the District as soon as possible after the record date. The Omnibus Proxy assigns Cede & Co.'s consenting or voting rights to those Direct Participants to whose accounts Bonds are credited on the record date (identified in a listing attached to the Omnibus Proxy).

Payments of Principal, Redemption Price and Interest. Payment of principal or Redemption Price of and interest on the Bonds will be made to Cede & Co., or such other nominee as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. DTC's practice is to credit Direct Participants' accounts upon DTC's receipt of funds and corresponding detail information from the District or the Paying Agent, on the payment date in accordance with their respective holdings shown on DTC's records. Payments by Participants to Beneficial Owners will be governed by standing instructions and customary practices, as is the case with securities held for the accounts of customers in bearer form or registered in "street name," and will be the responsibility of such Participant and not of DTC, the Paying Agent or the District, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time. Payment of principal or Redemption Price of and interest on the Bonds to Cede & Co. (or such other nominee as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC) is the responsibility of the District or Paying Agent, disbursement of such payments to Direct Participants will be the responsibility of DTC, and disbursement of such payments to the Beneficial Owners will be the responsibility of Direct and Indirect Participants.

Discontinuation of Book-Entry System. DTC may discontinue providing its services as depository with respect to the Bonds at any time by giving reasonable notice to the District or the Paying Agent. Under such circumstances, in the event that a successor depository is not obtained, Bond certificates are required to be printed and delivered.

The District may decide to discontinue use of the system of book-entry-only transfers through DTC (or a successor securities depository). In that event, Bond certificates will be printed and delivered to DTC.

Registration, Transfer and Exchange of Bonds

The District will cause the Bond Register to be kept at the principal payment office of the Paying Agent or such other office designated by the Paying Agent for the registration, transfer and exchange of the Bonds as provided in the Resolution. Upon surrender of any Bond at the principal payment office of the Paying Agent, or at such other office designated by the Paying Agent, the Paying Agent shall transfer or exchange such Bond as provided in the Resolution.

The Paying Agent shall transfer or exchange such Bond for a new Bond or Bonds in any authorized denomination of the same Stated Maturity and in the same aggregate or principal amount as the Bond that was presented for transfer or exchange. Bonds presented for transfer or exchange shall be accompanied by a written instrument or instruments of transfer or authorization for exchange, in a form and with guarantee of signature satisfactory to the Paying Agent, duly executed by the Registered Owner thereof or by the Registered Owner's duly authorized agent. Any additional costs or fees that might be incurred in the secondary market, other than fees of the Paying Agent, are the responsibility of the Registered Owners of the Bonds. If any Registered Owner fails to provide a correct taxpayer identification number to the Paying Agent, the Paying Agent may make a

charge against such Registered Owner sufficient to pay any governmental charge required to be paid as a result of such failure. The District and the Paying Agent shall not be required (i) to register the transfer or exchange of any Bond that has been called for redemption after notice of such redemption has been mailed by the Paying Agent in accordance with the Resolution and during the period of 15 days next preceding the date of mailing of such notice of redemption, or (ii) to register the transfer or exchange of any Bond during a period beginning at the opening of business on the day after receiving written notice from the District of its intent to pay Defaulted Interest and ending at the close of business on the date fixed for the payment of Defaulted Interest pursuant to the Resolution.

SECURITY FOR THE BONDS

Pledge of Full Faith and Credit. The Bonds will constitute general obligations of the District and will be payable as to both principal and interest from ad valorem taxes, which may be levied without limitation as to rate or amount upon all the taxable tangible property, real and personal, within the territorial limits of the District.

Levy and Collection of Annual Tax. Under the Resolution, the District has authorized the imposition upon all of the taxable tangible property within the District of a direct annual tax sufficient to produce the amounts necessary for the payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds as the same become due and payable in each year. Such taxes shall be extended upon the tax rolls in each year, and shall be levied and collected at the same time and in the same manner as the other ad valorem taxes of the District are levied and collected. The proceeds derived from said taxes shall be deposited in the Debt Service Fund, shall be kept separate and apart from all other funds of the District and shall be used solely for the payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds, as and when the same become due, and the fees and expenses of the Paying Agent.

PLAN OF FINANCING

Authorization of Bonds

The Bonds are authorized pursuant to and in full compliance with the Constitution and statutes of the State of Missouri, including particularly Article VI, Section 26 of the Missouri Constitution and Chapter 321 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri, as amended. On April 8, 2014, the voters of the District approved, by a vote of 1,746 for and 980 against, the issuance of general obligation bonds in the amount of \$19,500,000. The Bonds are being issued pursuant to the Resolution.

The Project

In September 2014, the District issued its General Obligation Bonds, Series 2014, in the principal amount of \$5 million (the “**Series 2014 Bonds**”) to purchase and equip two new ambulances, renovate and purchase new equipment for Engine House #1, begin construction on Engine House #2, acquire miscellaneous equipment for the Administration Building and acquire other equipment for the District.

In January 2016, the District issued its General Obligation Bonds, Series 2016, in the principal amount of \$5 million (the “**Series 2016 Bonds**”) to renovate Engine House #1, continue construction on Engine House #2, purchase and equip three new ambulances, fire trucks and other vehicles, acquire miscellaneous equipment for the Administration Building and acquire other equipment for the District. To date, the District has spent approximately \$3,800,000 of the sale proceeds of the Series 2016 Bonds.

Approximately \$1,200,000 of the proceeds of the Bonds will be used to complete construction on Engine House #2. The remaining proceeds of the Bonds will be used to equip and furnish Engine House #1 and Engine House #2, purchase and equip three new ambulances and four other District vehicles, and acquire other miscellaneous equipment for the District.

Sources and Uses of Funds

The following table summarizes the estimated sources of funds and the expected uses of such funds, in connection with the plan of financing:

Sources of Funds:

Par Amount of the Bonds	\$
Net Original Issue Premium	
Total	<u>\$</u>

Uses of Funds:

Deposit to Project Fund	\$
Costs of Issuance (including Underwriter's Discount)	
Total	<u>\$</u>

GENERAL AND ECONOMIC INFORMATION CONCERNING THE DISTRICT

Location and Size

The Creve Coeur Volunteer Fire Associates, the predecessor to the District, was formed in the spring of 1944. The District provides fire protection and emergency medical services to the majority of the City of Creve Coeur, portions of the Village of Westwood and the City of Maryland Heights, and unincorporated areas of St. Louis County surrounding the aforementioned village and cities. The District spans approximately 26 square miles and protects an estimated population of 40,000 people.

Government and Organization

The District is governed by a three-member Board of Directors (the “**Board**”). The members of the Board, who must be registered voters of the District and must be 25 years of age or older, are elected by the qualified voters of the District for six-year staggered terms, with one member elected at each two-year interval. All Board members are elected at-large and receive nominal compensation. The Chairman of the Board is elected by the Board from among its members for a term of one year and has no regular administrative duties. The Secretary and Treasurer are elected by the Board and may or may not be members of the Board.

The Board of Directors is responsible for the overall safety and soundness of the District, setting policy and providing the fiscal management of the District.

The current members and officers of the Board are as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>Service Began</u>	<u>Current Term Expires</u>
Harry M. Baider	Chairman/Director	July 2014	April 2022
Harvey Seigel	Treasurer/Director	April 1990	April 2020
David Kreuter	Secretary/Director	April 2016	April 2018

The Board appoints the Fire Chief, who is the Chief Administrative Officer of the District and is responsible for implementing the policies set by the Board. Kenneth D. Black, the current Fire Chief, began working for the District on September 7, 1987, was promoted to the rank of Captain on June 3, 1997, to Battalion Chief on August 3, 1999, and to Fire Chief on September 25, 2007. Before working at the District, Mr. Black

was employed as a Firefighter/Medic at the City of Webster Groves Fire Department. Two Deputy Chiefs, an Administrative Manager and an Administrative Assistant support the Fire Chief.

The Fire Prevention Division employs 4 full-time employees who are certified by the State of Missouri as Fire Inspectors. The Fire Prevention Division is responsible for all Fire Code enforcement, the investigation of fires within the District, the inspection of residential and commercial buildings, and hazardous material storage. The Fire Prevention Division also oversees the District’s educational programs.

The District has 56 full-time employees, including 3 Battalion Chiefs and 9 Company Officers who command 35 Firefighter/EMTs and Firefighter/Medics.

Employee Relations

In December 2015, the District entered into a Union Collective Bargaining Agreement (the “CBA”) with the International Association of Firefighters Local 2665 (“I.A.F.F.”), which represents the District’s operational employees. The CBA expires on December 31, 2018. The District believes it has a strong relationship with its employees. The employees of the District are not allowed by law to strike or engage in work stoppage, and the District has never been involved in any such actions.

Facilities and Equipment

The District has two fire stations. Engine House #1 is a 25,700 square foot building with 6 truck bays. Engine House #2 is a 16,500 square foot building with 5 truck bays; it will be replaced with a new, 19,659 square foot facility under construction at the same location. The District has a separate Administration Building that is approximately 9,000 square feet.

<u>Facility</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Vehicles</u>
Engine House #1	11720 Olive Boulevard Creve Coeur, Missouri, 63141	1 Pierce Aerial Ladder Truck, 4 International Navistar Ambulances, 1 Pierce Operational Hazmat Truck, 2 Chevrolet Suburbans, 1 Zodiac Inflatable Rescue Boat with Johnson Motor, 1 American LaFrance Aerial Ladder Truck
Engine House #2 ⁽¹⁾	10940 Schuetz Road St. Louis, Missouri 63146	1 Pierce Arrow Pumper Truck, 1 American LaFrance Pumper Truck, 1 Fore Hazmat Utility Trailer, 3 International Navistar Ambulances, 1 Chevrolet 4x4 Pick-up Truck, 1 Polaris ATV with trailer
Administration Building	11221 Olive Boulevard Creve Coeur, Missouri 63141	7 Chevrolet Tahoes

⁽¹⁾ The District is constructing a new Engine House #2 at the same location. Demolition and construction commenced in 2016 using portions of the proceeds of the Series 2014 Bonds and the Series 2016 Bonds. As of the date hereof, the living quarters have been completed and construction of the remaining portion of the project, which consists of building new truck bays, has begun. A portion of the proceeds of the Bonds will be used to complete the construction over the next six to eight months. The estimated cost of the new facility is \$7,400,000.

Firefighting and Emergency Medical Calls

The following table sets forth the number of calls made and revenues from permits issued by the District during the past five calendar years.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Emergency Medical</u>	<u>Fire Responses</u>	<u>Fire Prevention Inspections</u>	<u>Permit Revenue</u>
2013	4,294	1,240	479	\$163,849
2014	4,471	1,444	454	271,318
2015	4,811	1,316	403	263,118
2016	4,971	1,345	396	250,788
2017	5,246	1,259	384	375,496

Source: Central County 911 and the District.

District Insurance Classification Rating

The Insurance Services Office, Inc. (“**ISO**”) also known as Verisk, provides risk-related information to the insurance industry. Among the information ISO provides is evaluations of fire, building and infrastructure capabilities within communities across the country. ISO provides a Public Protection Classification rating system, with “1” representing superior protection and “10” indicating the community meets minimum ISO criteria. ISO’s fire service ratings may have a significant impact on fire insurance rates. The District presently has an ISO rating of “3.”

Transportation

The majority of the District is located in the City of Creve Coeur, Missouri (the “**City**”). The City is located approximately 12 miles west of downtown St. Louis.

Interstate 270 intersects the District and provides excellent access to the St. Louis metropolitan area. Interstate 270 connects with Interstate 70 four miles north of the City and Interstate 64 located immediately south of the City. Regularly scheduled air passenger and freight service is available at the St. Louis Lambert International Airport located on Interstate 70 in St. Louis County, Missouri (the “**County**”) approximately 6 miles northwest of the District.

Public bus service is provided by Bi-State Development Agency, which has numerous bus routes throughout the District, and a MetroBus transfer facility located adjacent to the City.

Population Statistics for the City

The following table sets forth historical population statistics for the City:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Population</u>
1990	12,304
2000	16,291
2010	17,833
2016	18,612

Source: Official U.S. Census Bureau counts except for 2016, which is an unofficial estimate as of July 1.

Housing Statistics

There are no statistics relating specifically to housing in the District. The following table sets forth statistics relating to housing for the City, which is believed to be indicative of housing in the District, and for comparative purposes, the County, the St. Louis Metropolitan Statistical Area (the “St. Louis MSA”), and the State of Missouri:

	<u>Median Value of Owner Occupied Housing</u>	<u>% Built in 2000 or Later</u>	<u>% Built Before 1940</u>
The City	\$359,400	13.4%	1.5%
Other Entities:			
The County	176,000	6.7	9.9
St. Louis MSA	168,300	13.2	16.9
State of Missouri	141,200	16.2	14.1

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2012-2016 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates.

Income Statistics

There are no statistics relating specifically to income in the District. The following table sets forth statistics relating to income for the City, which is believed to be indicative of income in the District, and for comparative purposes, the County, the St. Louis MSA, and the State of Missouri.

	<u>Per Capita Income</u>	<u>Median Family Income</u>	<u>% People Below Poverty Level</u>
The City	\$64,211	\$145,587	4.7%
Other Entities:			
The County	36,518	79,904	12.7
St. Louis MSA	31,332	72,868	13.1
State of Missouri	27,044	62,285	15.3

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2012-2016 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates.

Economic Growth

The City is a suburban residential community with an economic base represented by a mixture of technology, life sciences, health services, manufacturing, commercial enterprises, large office buildings, support services and numerous small specialty shops. The City is home to Monsanto Corporation, the Donald Danforth Plant Science Center, Thomson Reuters, Daugherty Systems, Inc. and two of the largest medical centers in the St. Louis MSA. Eight of the 25 largest IT consulting firms, two of the largest banks and three of the largest international companies in the St. Louis MSA are located in the City.

Major Employers. Listed below are the largest public and private employers in the City:

<u>Employer</u>	<u>Product or Service</u>	<u>Employment</u>
Mercy Hospital St. Louis	Health Care	5,822
Monsanto	Biotechnology	4,177
Daugherty Systems, Inc.	Consulting Services	487
Barnes-Jewish West County Hospital	Health Care	474
SSM Healthcare Corporation	Health Care	450
Plaza Motor Company	Auto Dealership	450
Reuters Information Technology, Inc.	Financial Services	386
Busey Bank	Banking	275
Tubular Steel Inc.	Tube and Pipe Manufacturer	253
Premium Retail Services	Merchandising Services	250

Source: City's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2017.

Employment. The following table shows the Employment by Industry for the City for calendar year 2016, the latest year available:

**Employment by Place of Work for Major Industry
City of Creve Coeur, Missouri
(Approximate Number of Jobs)**

<u>Industry</u>	<u>2016</u>
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, and mining	62
Arts, entertainment, and recreation, and accommodation, and food service	511
Construction	235
Educational services, and health care, and social assistance	2,878
Finance and insurance, and real estate and rental and leasing	1,009
Information	249
Manufacturing	809
Other services, except public administration	284
Professional, scientific, management, and administrative and waste management services	1,641
Public administration	186
Retail Trade	808
Transportation and warehousing, and utilities	189
Wholesale trade	309
Total	<u>9,170</u>

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2012-2016 American Community Survey 5-year Estimates.

The following table sets forth the total labor force, number of employed and unemployed workers in the City and, for comparative purposes, the unemployment rates for the City, the County, the State of Missouri and the United States for 2013 through 2017:

<u>Year</u>	<u>The City Labor Force⁽¹⁾</u>			<u>Unemployment Rates⁽¹⁾</u>			
	<u>Employed</u>	<u>Unemployed</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>The County</u>	<u>State of Missouri</u>	<u>United States</u>
2013	9,121	247	9,368	2.6%	6.2%	6.7%	7.4%
2014	9,279	233	9,512	2.4	5.8	6.1	6.2
2015	9,499	184	9,683	1.9	4.6	5.0	5.3
2016	9,581	169	9,750	1.7	4.2	4.5	4.9
2017 ⁽²⁾	9,486	139	9,625	1.4	3.0	3.2	3.9

⁽¹⁾ Figures are not seasonally adjusted.

⁽²⁾ Preliminary figures reported in November 2017.

Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Building and Construction Data

The City issues permits for construction. The following table sets forth the number and value of building permits issued by the City for the City's fiscal years ended 2013 through 2017:

<u>Year</u>	<u>New Residential Dwellings</u>		<u>New Commercial</u>	
	<u>Number</u>	<u>Value</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Value</u>
2013	9	\$ 6,925,444	3	\$13,277,456
2014	14	6,381,607	2	18,389,042
2015	55	27,205,217	5	52,602,986
2016	48	22,179,779	7	30,974,548
2017	32	16,073,170	1	5,366,000

Source: City's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2017.

Age Distribution

City of Creve Coeur Current Estimate Population Age Distribution

<u>Age</u>	<u>Population</u>
0-4 years	818
5-19	2,872
20-24	1,080
25-44	3,690
45-64	5,147
65+	

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2012-2016 American Community Survey 5-year Estimates.

Services Within the District

Education. Primary and secondary education in the District are mainly provided by the Ladue School District, the Parkway C-2 School District and the Pattonville R-III School District. The Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education awarded all three districts “accredited” status, which is the highest accreditation status given at this time. The estimated combined enrollment of the three school districts is 27,042. The school districts are independent of the City, having their own elected or appointed officials, budgets and administrators. The districts are authorized to levy taxes, separate and distinct from those levied by the City.

Post-secondary education is provided by The Community College District of St. Louis, St. Louis County, Missouri, which operates four campuses in the St. Louis metropolitan area. In addition, numerous institutions of higher education located in the St. Louis metropolitan area are easily accessible to District residents including Saint Louis University, Washington University and the University of Missouri-St. Louis.

In addition to the public education institutions, Missouri Baptist University, the Covenant Theological Seminary and four private high schools are located in the City.

Medical Services. The District is home to two hospitals, several medical office facilities and a number of health administration office buildings. Barnes-Jewish West County Hospital has 77 staffed beds and offers services that include emergency care, heart and vascular care, imaging, sleep therapy and physical therapy and rehabilitation. The hospital also offers a full range of inpatient and outpatient surgical procedures. The Siteman Cancer Center, which is the only National Cancer Institute-designated Comprehensive Cancer Center within 240 miles of the District, is also located on the campus. Construction of a new 260,000 square foot replacement hospital commenced in 2017 and is expected to be completed in 2019. Mercy Hospital St. Louis, which has 1,252 beds and is the only Level I Trauma Center in the District, is also located in the District. Other services include oncology, cardiovascular, pediatrics, burns, stroke and neurosurgery, obstetrics, gynecology, behavioral health, home health and hospice.

Utilities. Stormwater drainage and sewage collection and disposal for the District are provided by the Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District, a separate taxing authority established under Section 30 of Article VI of the Constitution of Missouri and financed by ad valorem taxes and user fees. All other utilities in the District are provided by privately-owned companies. Water service is provided by Missouri American Water Company, natural gas is provided by Spire and electricity is provided by Ameren Missouri.

Communications and Media. Telecommunication services are provided to District residents by AT&T, CenturyLink and Charter Communications. Wireless telephone service is offered by numerous providers. In addition to County radio stations and television channels, all St. Louis radio stations television channels are available to District residents. There are two major newspapers circulated in the District: *The Countian* and the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*. Charter Communications and AT&T provide cable television.

Police Protection. The Creve Coeur Police Department and Maryland Heights Police Department provide police protection throughout the corporate limits of the cities. The Frontenac Police Department provides police protection for the City of Westwood. The St. Louis County Police Department provides police protection to unincorporated areas of the District.

Recreational Facilities. Residents of the District enjoy life in a pleasant community with an excellent park system and recreational facilities. Within the City there are 7 parks encompassing approximately 100 acres. Recreational facilities include community playgrounds, picnic areas, tennis courts, pavilions, walking and bike paths, ball fields and other amenities. In addition, the City owns a nine-hole municipal golf course, a skating rink and a community center. Residents have easy access to numerous other recreational facilities and activities in other nearby portions of the County and the City of St. Louis, including the St. Louis Arch, St. Louis Zoological Park (commonly known as the St. Louis Zoo), Missouri Botanical Gardens, St. Louis Cardinals baseball, St. Louis Blues hockey and the St. Louis Symphony.

DEBT STRUCTURE OF THE DISTRICT

General Obligation Indebtedness

The following table shows the general obligation bonded indebtedness of the District that is outstanding as of the date of this Official Statement, and the Bonds:

<u>Name of Bonds</u>	<u>Original Amount</u>	<u>Final Maturity</u>	<u>Currently Outstanding</u>
General Obligation Bonds, Series 2014	\$ 5,000,000	03/15/2034	\$ 4,350,000
General Obligation Bonds, Series 2016	5,000,000	03/15/2035	4,750,000
General Obligation Bonds, Series 2018	<u>3,000,000*</u>	03/15/2033*	<u>3,000,000*</u>
Total	<u>\$13,000,000*</u>		<u>\$12,100,000*</u>

Direct and Overlapping Indebtedness

The following table sets forth the District's direct debt, including the Bonds, and overlapping indebtedness of political subdivisions with boundaries overlapping the District as of March 1, 2018, and the percent attributable to the District. The table was compiled from information furnished by the jurisdictions responsible for the debt, and the District has not independently verified the accuracy or completeness of such information. Furthermore, political subdivisions may have ongoing programs requiring the issuance of substantial additional bonds, the amounts of which cannot be determined at this time.

<u>Taxing Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Outstanding General Obligation Bonds⁽¹⁾</u>	<u>Percent Applicable to District</u>	<u>Dollar Amount Applicable to District</u>
The District	\$12,100,000	100.00%	\$12,100,000
St. Louis County	92,215,000	5.87	5,413,021
Parkway C-2 School District	178,945,000	18.88	33,784,816
Pattonville R-III School District	49,905,000	13.82	6,896,871
School District of the City of Ladue	<u>134,210,000</u>	19.46	<u>26,117,266</u>
Total	<u>\$467,375,000</u>		<u>\$84,311,974</u>

⁽¹⁾ This table excludes (i) neighborhood improvement district bonds, which are a general obligation of the issuer but are expected to be paid from special assessments and for which the issuer may not levy a general property tax without additional voter approval and (ii) lease obligations.

Source: Taxing jurisdictions' records and EMMA: Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board.

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* Preliminary; subject to change.

Debt Ratios and Related Information

The following table summarizes certain financial information concerning the District. This information should be reviewed in conjunction with the information contained in this section and the excerpts of financial statements of the District in *Appendix A* hereto.

District Population Estimate	40,000
2017 Assessed Valuation	\$1,440,569,093
2017 Estimated Actual Value	\$6,087,271,099
Outstanding General Obligation Bonds (“Direct Debt”)	\$12,100,000*
Per Capita Estimated Actual Value	\$152,182
Per Capita Direct Debt	\$302.50*
Ratio of Direct Debt to Assessed Valuation	0.84%*
Ratio of Direct Debt to Estimated Actual Value	0.20%*
Overlapping General Obligation Debt (“Overlapping Debt”)	\$72,211,974
Total Direct and Overlapping Debt	\$84,311,974*
Per Capita Direct and Overlapping Debt	\$2,107.80*
Ratio of Direct and Overlapping Debt to Assessed Valuation	5.85%*
Ratio of Direct and Overlapping Debt to Estimated Actual Value	1.39%*

Debt Service Requirements

The following schedule shows the yearly principal and interest requirements for all outstanding general obligation bonds of the District, including the Bonds:

Year	Outstanding Bonds		Series 2018 Bonds*			Total Outstanding*
	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest	Total	
2018 ⁽¹⁾	\$ 0.00	\$ 124,015.63	\$ 0.00	\$ 41,005.90	\$ 41,005.90	\$ 165,021.53
2019	325,000.00	244,031.25	300,000.00	80,230.00	380,230.00	949,261.25
2020	375,000.00	234,531.25	300,000.00	71,980.00	371,980.00	981,511.25
2021	375,000.00	223,531.25	300,000.00	63,730.00	363,730.00	962,261.25
2022	400,000.00	212,031.25	225,000.00	56,511.25	281,511.25	893,542.50
2023	425,000.00	199,781.25	180,000.00	50,942.50	230,942.50	855,723.75
2024	450,000.00	186,906.25	170,000.00	46,130.00	216,129.00	853,035.25
2025	475,000.00	172,812.50	170,000.00	41,455.00	211,455.00	859,267.50
2026	500,000.00	159,718.75	165,000.00	36,848.75	201,848.75	861,567.50
2027	500,000.00	148,312.50	185,000.00	32,036.25	217,036.25	865,348.75
2028	525,000.00	135,937.50	175,000.00	27,086.25	202,086.25	863,023.75
2029	525,000.00	122,093.75	195,000.00	21,950.00	216,950.00	864,043.75
2030	575,000.00	106,734.38	165,000.00	16,827.50	181,827.50	863,561.88
2031	575,000.00	90,156.25	185,000.00	11,660.00	196,660.00	861,825.25
2032	600,000.00	72,500.00	185,000.00	6,017.50	191,017.50	863,517.50
2033	725,000.00	52,062.50	100,000.00	1,575.00	101,575.00	878,637.50
2034	875,000.00	27,156.25	-	-	-	902,156.25
2035	450,000.00	6,750.00	-	-	-	456,750.00
Total	<u>\$8,675,000.00</u>	<u>\$2,519,062.51</u>	<u>\$3,000,000.00</u>	<u>\$605,985.90</u>	<u>\$3,605,984.90</u>	<u>\$14,800,056.41</u>

⁽¹⁾ Excludes payments due on March 15, 2018.

* Preliminary; subject to change.

Legal Debt Capacity

Under Article VI, Section 26(b) of the Constitution of Missouri, the District may incur indebtedness for authorized fire protection district purposes not to exceed 5% of the valuation of taxable tangible property in the District according to the last completed assessment upon the approval of four-sevenths of the qualified voters in the District voting on the proposition at any municipal, primary or general election or two-thirds voter approval on any other election date. The following table sets forth the District's debt limit and debt margin:

2017 Assessed Value	<u>\$1,440,569,093</u>
Debt Limit - 5% of Assessed Value	\$ 72,028,455
Less: General Obligation Bonds	<u>12,100,000*</u>
Legal Debt Margin.....	<u>\$ 59,928,455*</u>

Contractual Agreements

The District, along with Maryland Heights Fire Protection District, West County EMS and Fire Protection District, Monarch Fire Protection District and Metro West Fire Protection District (the "**Participating Entities**"), jointly owns and operates the Central County Emergency 911 Dispatching Center ("**Central County 911**"). Central County 911 provides dispatching services and maintenance of communications equipment. One member of each Participating Entity sits on the Board of Directors of Central County 911.

Pursuant to the operating agreement among the Participating Entities, each Participating Entity agrees to pay regular assessments in order to satisfy the obligations of Central County 911. Each of the Participating Entities levies a property tax, as adjusted by the Hancock Amendment, which is remitted to Central County 911 in payment of its regular assessment. The Board of Directors may, by unanimous vote, require payment of a special assessment by the Participating Entities. The special assessment of any one Participating Entity is determined by the total assessed valuation of all taxable, tangible property of the Participating Entity for the previous calendar year, divided by the total assessed valuation of all the Participating Entities for the previous calendar year; the resulting number will be that Participating Entity's share of the total special assessment. All percentages are carried three decimal places then rounded to the nearest zero, five or ten.

The operating agreement automatically renews on each January 1 for a term of one calendar year, but any Participating Entity may voluntarily withdraw from membership in Central County 911 by giving notice on July 1, to be effective January 1, of the following year. In the event of withdrawal, the Participating Entity will only be liable for its assessments for that current fiscal year and will have no rights to the assets of Central County 911 after withdrawal.

In return for Central County 911's services, and in fulfillment of the District's obligation as a Participating Entity, the District remits all monies allocated for dispatching services from tax collections due (per levy of \$4.62 per \$100 of assessed valuation for 2017) to Central County 911.

The District has contracted with Mediciclaims, Inc., to process, file and manage emergency medical service claims. Terms of the agreement impose a monthly fee of 6% of the actual cash receipts for ambulance services and also include a termination clause upon 30 days' written notice by either party.

History of Debt Payment

The District has never defaulted on the payment of any of its debt obligations.

* Preliminary; subject to change.

Future Debt

Voters of the District have authorized the issuance of \$19,500,000 of general obligation bonds, \$10,000,000 of which has been previously issued. After the issuance of the Bonds, the District anticipates issuing the remaining authorized amount of \$6,500,000 over the next five to ten years.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION CONCERNING THE DISTRICT

Accounting, Budgeting and Auditing Procedures

Both the government-wide financial statements and the fiduciary fund financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are reported when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred. Property taxes are recognized as revenues in the year for which they are levied. Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized when they are measurable and available. These accounting principles are generally accepted in the United State of America.

Governmental Funds. All of the District's basic services are reported in governmental funds, which focus on how money flows into and out of these funds and the balances left at year-end that are available for spending. Governmental funds report the acquisition of capital assets and payments for debt principal as expenditures and not as changes to asset and debt balances. The following are the District's major governmental funds:

General Fund. The General Fund is the operating fund of the District. All tax receipts and other receipts that are not allocated by law or contractual agreement are accounted for in this fund. The General Fund pays operating expenditures, fixed charges and capital improvement costs not paid through other funds.

Ambulance Fund. The Ambulance Fund accounts for the portion of the tax revenue designated for ambulance services. The District also charges fees for ambulance services.

Dispatch Fund. The Dispatch Fund accounts for the portion of the tax revenue designated for emergency vehicle dispatching services. The District uses CCE for dispatching services.

Capital Projects Fund. The Capital Projects Fund is used to account for cash received from bond proceeds and expenditures related to construction and other capital improvements.

Debt Service Fund. The Debt Service Fund is used to account for the portion of tax revenue designated for the payment of debt service requirements.

Fiduciary Funds. Fiduciary funds account for assets that are held in a trustee capacity such as pension plan assets, assets held per trust agreements and similar arrangements.

Budget. Prior to January 1, the Treasurer submits a proposed operating budget for the upcoming fiscal year to the Board of Directors. The operating budget includes proposed expenditures, revenues and reserves. The original budget adopted by the District may be amended any time during the year provided that expenditures do not exceed the total revenue of the preceding fiscal year. Public hearings are conducted by the District to obtain taxpayer comments. The budget is adopted by an affirmative vote of a majority of the Board.

The audited financial statements of the District for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2016 are included in this Official Statement as **Appendix A**. Financial statements for earlier years are available for examination in

the District's office. Although the audited financial statements of the District for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017 are not yet available, the results are expected to be consistent with the 2016 results.

Summary General Fund Operations

The following is a summary statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in total fund balances for the General Fund, prepared from the District's annual audited financial statements. The table should be read in conjunction with the other financial statements and notes appertaining thereto set forth in *Appendix A* of this Official Statement and the financial statements on file at the District's office.

Summary General Fund Operations

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>
Revenues:			
Property taxes	\$ 6,841,150	\$ 6,358,450 ⁽¹⁾	\$ 6,844,071
Investment Income	25,056	37,928	53,209
Other income	<u>387,488</u>	<u>334,742</u>	<u>222,030</u>
Total Revenues	<u>7,253,694</u>	<u>6,731,120</u>	<u>7,119,310</u>
Expenditures:			
Current			
Personal services	4,338,011	4,746,097	3,832,948 ⁽²⁾
Materials and services	1,071,870	1,042,648	2,030,539 ⁽²⁾
Capital outlay	<u>32,215</u>	<u>789</u>	<u>2,619</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>5,442,096</u>	<u>5,789,534</u>	<u>5,866,106</u>
Revenues over (under) expenditures	<u>1,811,598</u>	<u>941,586</u>	<u>1,253,204</u>
Fund balances - beginning	17,934,799	19,746,397	20,687,983
Fund balances - ending	<u>\$19,746,397</u>	<u>\$20,687,983</u>	<u>\$21,941,187</u>

⁽¹⁾ The decrease in property taxes was mainly due to protested commercial taxes.

⁽²⁾ The District switched accounting firms prior to fiscal year 2016, resulting in the reclassification of certain expenditures.

Source: District's Audited Financial Statements for fiscal years ended December 31, 2014-2016.

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Sources of Revenue

The District finances its operations primarily through local property taxes. For the 2018 fiscal year, the District's sources of revenue are anticipated to be as follows:

<u>Source</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Tax Revenue		
General Fund	\$ 7,389,978	34.94%
Ambulance Fund	5,635,474	26.65
Dispatch Fund	662,820	3.13
Pension Fund	1,983,597	9.38
Debt Service	1,126,848	5.33
Construction and Other Permits	150,000	0.71
Net Ambulance Fees	1,100,000	5.20
Interest	80,750	0.38
Miscellaneous Revenue	<u>3,020,000</u>	<u>14.28</u>
Total Revenue	<u>\$21,149,467</u>	<u>100.00%</u>

Source: District's Budget for fiscal year ending December 31, 2018.

For the 2016 fiscal year, the District's sources of revenue in the General Fund were as follows:

<u>Source</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Property Taxes	\$6,844,071	96.13%
Inspection and Permit Fees	201,050	2.82
Investment Income	53,209	0.75
Other Income	<u>20,980</u>	<u>0.30</u>
Total Revenue	<u>\$7,119,310</u>	<u>100.00%</u>

Source: District's Audited Financial Statements for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2016.

2017 Unaudited Results and 2018 Budget

Based on the District's unaudited financial results for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017, General Fund revenues exceeded expenses by approximately \$1,190,000 and Ambulance Fund revenues exceeded expenses by approximately \$995,000. For the fiscal year ending December 31, 2018, the District has budgeted revenues to exceed expenditures by approximately \$94,000 for the General Fund and \$557,000 for the Ambulance Fund.

Risk Management

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; and natural disasters. There have been no significant reductions in coverage from the prior year and settlements have not exceeded coverage for the past three years.

The District is a member of the Missouri Fire and Ambulance Districts' Insurance Trust ("MoFad"). MoFad is a public entity risk pool currently operating as a common risk management and insurance program for member districts in the State of Missouri. The District pays an annual premium to MoFad for its workers' compensation insurance based on the expected costs for the year. Members are not individually liable for excess claims for themselves or another member. Excess losses, up to the established retention, are borne by all members. Losses in excess of the established retention are borne by the excess carrier.

The District has established a risk management program and retains the risk related to its obligation to provide medical and hospitalization benefits to its employees.

For additional information regarding the aforementioned plans, see Note 11 of the financial statements included in this Official Statement as *Appendix A*.

Employee Retirement Plans

The District administers and funds a Money Purchase Defined Contribution Pension Plan (the “**Plan**”), which requires that an employer contribution equal to 17% of each participant’s base and longevity compensation be allocated each year to each participant’s account. The participants may also make voluntary contributions to their accounts. The Plan provides for 20% vesting after 5 years of service, and an additional 20% each year thereafter until fully vested at 9 years of service. Employer contributions totaled \$923,478 for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2016.

In addition, the District maintains a single-employer, defined-benefit pension plan (the “**Supplemental Plan**”). The Supplemental Plan provides retirement, death and disability benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. Employees who are at least 21 years of age and compile 1,500 service hours during the first 12 months of employment with the District are eligible to participate. The District must annually contribute an actuarially-determined amount. The actuarial-determined annual required contribution for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2016 was \$242,437.

The benefits of the Supplemental Plan are calculated as 70% of each employee’s monthly final average compensation, less the employee’s actuarially-determined monthly benefit from their vested account balance in the Plan and less 66-2/3% of the employee’s estimated monthly social security benefit at age 67. The District authorized a \$242,437 contribution in 2016, or 4.22% of covered payroll. The District contributed \$242,437 (equal to 100% of its annual required contribution) to the Supplemental Plan.

The District also offers its employees a deferred compensation plan created in accordance with Section 457 of the Code. The plan is available to all employees and it permits participants to defer a portion of their salaries until future years. The deferred compensation is not available to employees until termination, retirement, death or unforeseeable emergency.

In 2017, the District levied a weighted average tax rate of \$0.1383 (per \$100 of assessed valuation) in order to meet its Pension Fund obligations referenced above. See the caption “**PROPERTY TAX INFORMATION CONCERNING THE DISTRICT – Tax Rates**” herein.

For additional information regarding the aforementioned plans, see Notes 9, 10 and 15 of the financial statements included in this Official Statement as *Appendix A*.

Other Post-Employment Benefits

Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 45, “Accounting and Financial Reporting by Employers for Post-employment Benefits Other Than Pension Plans” establishes accounting and financial reporting standards for post-employment benefits other than pensions. As part of a total compensation package, many governments offer post-employment benefit plans other than pensions such as healthcare and life insurance. Statement No. 45 establishes standards for the measurement, recognition and display of other post-employment benefit expenses and expenditures and related liabilities and assets, note disclosure, and, if applicable, required supplementary information in the financial reports of state and local government employers.

The District maintains a single-employer, defined-benefit post-retirement medical plan (the “**Medical Plan**”) administered by the Board of Directors. The Medical Plan provides post-retirement medical benefits from the general fund to retired employees, and their dependents, who have twenty or more

years of service with the District, or who have retired due to total disability with at least eight years of service in accordance with the resolution establishing the Medical Plan. The Medical Plan may be rescinded at any time by the Board of Directors upon resolution.

The Medical Plan benefits commence at the date of retirement of the eligible employee and continue until any of the following events occur: (a) the eligible employee dies, (b) the date the eligible employee turns 65 years of age, (c) the date the eligible employee is eligible to receive Medicare benefits, or (d) such earlier date as may be provided by the policy. Employee spouses receive coverage under similar terms. There is a \$15,000 life insurance benefit for all current and future retirees. The Medical Plan is financed on a pay-as-you-go basis. For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015, the District contributed \$435,808 (equal to 34.16% of its annual required contribution (\$1,275,709)) to the Medical Plan. As of December 31, 2015, the unfunded actuarial accrued liability was \$10,709,163. No trust fund has been established for funding of the Medical Plan as of this time. The District has committed \$10,709,163 of the general fund balance for these post-retirement benefits, although the Medical Plan may be rescinded at any time, which would substantially reduce the required reserves.

For additional information regarding post-employment benefits, see Note 14 of the financial statements included in this Official Statement as *Appendix A*.

PROPERTY TAX INFORMATION CONCERNING THE DISTRICT

Property Valuations

Assessment Procedure. All taxable real and personal property within the District is assessed annually by the County Assessor. Missouri law requires that personal property be assessed at 33-1/3% of true value and that real property be assessed at the following percentages of true value:

Residential real property	19%
Agricultural and horticultural real property.....	12%
Utility, industrial, commercial, railroad and all other real property	32%

On January 1 in every odd-numbered year, each County Assessor must adjust the assessed valuation of all real property located within the county in accordance with a two-year assessment and equalization maintenance plan approved by the State Tax Commission.

The assessment ratio for personal property is generally 33-1/3% of true value. However, subclasses of tangible personal property are assessed at the following assessment percentages: grain and other agricultural crops in an unmanufactured condition, 0.5%; livestock, 12%; farm machinery, 12%; historic motor vehicles, 5%; and poultry, 12%.

The County Assessor is responsible for preparing the tax roll each year and for submitting the tax roll to the Board of Equalization. The County Board of Equalization has the authority to adjust and equalize the values of individual properties appearing on the tax rolls.

Current Assessed Valuation. The following table shows the total assessed valuation⁽¹⁾ and the estimated actual valuation, by category, of all taxable tangible property situated in the District (including state assessed railroad and utility property and areas in tax increment financing districts) according to the assessment for calendar year 2017 for property owned as of January 1, 2017.

<u>Type of Property</u>	<u>Total Assessed Valuation</u>	<u>Assessment Rate</u>	<u>Total Estimated Actual Valuation</u> ⁽²⁾
Real Estate:			
Residential	\$ 754,012,930	19%	\$3,968,489,105
Agricultural	40	12%	333
Commercial	460,825,070	32%	1,440,078,344
State Assessed Railroad and Utility	<u>12,076,133</u>	32%	<u>37,737,916</u>
Total Real Estate	\$1,226,914,173		\$5,446,305,698
Personal Property	\$ 211,967,360	33 1/3%	\$ 635,902,716
State Assessed Railroad and Utility	<u>1,687,560</u>	33 1/3%	<u>5,062,685</u>
Total Real and Personal	<u>\$1,440,569,093</u>		<u>\$6,087,271,099</u>

⁽¹⁾ Locally assessed railroad and utility property is included in the totals for the other categories of assessed valuation.

⁽²⁾ Assumes all personal property is assessed at 33-1/3%; because certain subclasses of tangible personal property are assessed at less than 33-1/3%, the estimated actual valuation for personal property would likely be greater than that shown above. See “*Assessment Procedure*” discussed above.

Source: St. Louis County Department of Revenue.

History of Property Valuations. The total assessed valuation of all taxable tangible property situated in the District according to the assessments of January 1 in each of the following years has been as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Assessed Valuation</u>	<u>Percentage Change</u>
2013	\$1,259,097,179	N/A
2014	1,262,966,340	+0.31%
2015	1,320,695,201	+4.57
2016	1,351,423,657	+2.33
2017	1,440,569,093	+6.60

Source: St. Louis County Department of Revenue.

Property Tax Levies and Collections

Not later than September 30 of each year, the Board of Directors sets the rate of tax for the District and files the tax rate with St. Louis County by October 1. Taxes are levied at the District’s tax rate per \$100 of assessed valuation. The County is responsible for reviewing the rate of tax to insure that it does not exceed constitutional limits. Article X, Section 22 of the Missouri Constitution requires the District to adjust its operating levy if the equalized assessed value of property within the District, excluding the value of new construction and improvements, increases by a larger percentage than the increase in the general price level from the previous year. In such an event, the District would be reviewed to reduce its operating levy to a rate that would yield the same gross revenue, adjusted for changes in the general price level, as could have been collected at the existing operating levy applied to the prior assessed value.

Taxes are levied on all taxable real and personal property owned as of January 1 in each year. Certain properties, such as those used for charitable, education and religious purposes, are excluded from ad valorem taxes for both real and personal property.

Real property within the District is assessed by the County Assessor. The County Assessor is responsible for preparing the tax rolls each year and for submitting tax rolls to the County Board of Equalization. The Board of Equalization has the authority to question and determine the proper value of property and then adjust and equalize individual properties appearing on the tax rolls. After local appeal procedures have been completed, the books are finalized and sent to the County Collector who prepares and mails the tax statements.

By statute, tax bills are to be mailed in October; however, the volume of assessment complaints required to be reviewed by the Board of Equalization can affect the date on which bills are actually mailed.

Taxes for real and personal property are due by December 31 after which date they become delinquent and accrue a penalty of one percent per month. The St. Louis County Collector deducts a commission equal to 1.5% of the taxes collected for his services. After such collections and deductions of commission, taxes are distributed according to the taxing body's pro-rata share.

The St. Louis County Collector is required to make disbursements of collected taxes to the District each month. Because of the tax collection procedure described above, the District receives the bulk of its moneys from local property taxes in the months of December, January and February.

Tax Rates

In 2002, the Missouri General Assembly passed HB1150, which required that beginning in the 2003 tax year, political subdivisions in St. Louis County must establish separate tax rates for residential, commercial, agricultural and personal property, except for the tax rate for payment of general obligation bonds. The purpose of the law is to help reduce the property tax burden on homeowners in areas where residential assessments increase at a faster rate than commercial assessments.

History of Tax Levies. The following table shows the District's estimated blended tax rates (per \$100 of assessed valuation) for the years 2013 through 2017:

<u>Year</u>	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Ambulance Fund⁽¹⁾</u>	<u>Pension Fund</u>	<u>Dispatch Fund</u>	<u>Debt Service Fund</u>	<u>Total Tax Rate</u>
2013	\$0.5400	\$0.1700	\$0.1470	\$0.0480	\$0.0000	\$0.9050
2014	0.5400	0.4200	0.1480	0.0495	0.0325	1.1900
2015	0.5210	0.4050	0.1428	0.0474	0.0350	1.1512
2016	0.5216	0.4059	0.1431	0.0478	0.0600	1.1784
2017	0.5044	0.3923	0.1383	0.0462	0.0780	1.1592

⁽¹⁾ On April 8, 2014, voters in the District approved Proposition S, which allows for an increase in the Ambulance Fund tax levy of up to twenty-five cents (per \$100 of assessed valuation).

Source: District's Audited Financial Statements for fiscal years ended December 31, 2013-2016 and District's Budget for fiscal year ending December 31, 2018.

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Tax Collection Record. The following table sets forth tax collection information for the District for the years 2012 through 2016:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Total Taxes Levied⁽²⁾</u>	<u>Current and Delinquent Taxes Collected⁽¹⁾</u>	
		<u>Amount</u>	<u>Percent</u>
2012	\$11,713,246	\$11,804,574	100.78%
2013	11,455,700	10,665,608	93.10
2014	15,007,461	14,620,638	97.42
2015	15,138,260	14,043,730	92.77
2016	15,919,535	14,844,710	93.25

⁽¹⁾ Delinquent taxes are shown in the year payment is actually received, which may cause the percentage of current and delinquent taxes collected to exceed 100%.

⁽²⁾ Includes the levies for the general fund, the ambulance fund, the pension fund, the dispatch fund and the debt service fund and excludes a 1.5% collection fee payable to the County.

Source: St. Louis County Department of Revenue.

Major Property Taxpayers

The following table sets forth the taxpayers owning property with the greatest amount of assessed valuation within the District based on the valuation of property owned as of January 1, 2017, with taxes on such property due by December 31, 2017. The District has not independently verified the accuracy or completeness of such information.

<u>Taxpayer</u>	<u>Type of Business</u>	<u>Assessed Valuation</u>	<u>% of District's Total Assessed Valuation</u>
Monsanto Company ⁽¹⁾	Agriculture company	\$ 70,212,140	4.9%
RNSI City Place Owner, LLC	Commercial real estate	37,538,350	2.6
Emerson RD LLC	Commercial real estate	23,922,050	1.7
Waterfront Creve MO LLC	Apartments	13,151,750	0.9
MRES CP6 Holdings LP	Commercial real estate	11,335,520	0.8
Ramco-Gershenson Properties Trust	Real estate investment trust	9,460,770	0.7
Asbury Automotive St. Louis LLC	Automotive dealership/repair	8,383,750	0.6
Joe H. Scott Sr., Trustee Et al.	Commercial real estate	8,265,430	0.6
Mills West Pointe 1, LLC	Apartments	8,083,200	0.6
Cove West Creve MO LLC	Apartments	<u>7,647,500</u>	<u>0.5</u>
Total		<u>\$198,000,460</u>	<u>13.9%</u>

⁽¹⁾ Monsanto Company and Bayer AG have announced plans to merge, subject to certain regulatory approvals. The impact such a merger would have on facilities and employment in Creve Coeur is unknown.

Source: St. Louis County Department of Revenue.

LEGAL MATTERS

Legal matters with respect to the authorization, execution and delivery of the Bonds are subject to the approval of Gilmore & Bell, P.C., St. Louis, Missouri, Bond Counsel to the District, whose approving opinion will be available at the time of delivery of the Bonds. Gilmore & Bell, P.C. will also pass upon certain legal matters relating to this Official Statement.

The various legal opinions to be delivered concurrently with the delivery of the Bonds express the professional judgment of the attorneys rendering the opinions as to the legal issues explicitly addressed therein. By rendering a legal opinion, the opinion giver does not become an insurer or guarantor of that expression of professional judgment, of the transactions opined upon, or of the future performance of parties to such transaction, nor does the rendering of an opinion guarantee the outcome of any legal dispute that may arise out of the transaction.

TAX MATTERS

The following is a summary of the material federal and State of Missouri income tax consequences of holding and disposing of the Bonds. This summary is based upon laws, regulations, rulings and judicial decisions now in effect, all of which are subject to change (possibly on a retroactive basis). This summary does not discuss all aspects of federal income taxation that may be relevant to investors in light of their personal investment circumstances or describe the tax consequences to certain types of owners subject to special treatment under the federal income tax laws (for example, dealers in securities or other persons who do not hold the Bonds as a capital asset, tax-exempt organizations, individual retirement accounts and other tax deferred accounts, and foreign taxpayers), and, except for the income tax laws of the State of Missouri, does not discuss the consequences to an owner under any state, local or foreign tax laws. The summary does not deal with the tax treatment of persons who purchase the Bonds in the secondary market. Prospective investors are advised to consult their own tax advisors regarding federal, state, local and other tax considerations of holding and disposing of the Bonds.

Opinion of Bond Counsel

In the opinion of Gilmore & Bell, P.C., Bond Counsel to the District, under the law existing as of the issue date of the Bonds:

Federal and State of Missouri Tax Exemption. The interest on the Bonds (including any original issue discount properly allocable to an owner thereof) is excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes and is exempt from income taxation by the State of Missouri.

Alternative Minimum Tax. The interest on the Bonds is not an item of tax preference for purposes of computing the federal alternative minimum tax.

Bank Qualification. The Bonds are “qualified tax-exempt obligations” within the meaning of Section 265(b)(3) of the Code.

Bond Counsel’s opinions are provided as of the date of the original issue of the Bonds, subject to the condition that the District comply with all requirements of the Code that must be satisfied subsequent to the issuance of the Bonds in order that interest thereon be, or continue to be, excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes. The District has covenanted to comply with all such requirements. Failure to comply with certain of such requirements may cause the inclusion of interest on the Bonds in gross income for federal and State of Missouri income tax purposes retroactive to the date of issuance of the Bonds. Bond Counsel is expressing no opinion regarding other federal, state or local tax consequences arising with respect to the Bonds, but has reviewed the discussion under the heading “**TAX MATTERS.**”

Other Tax Consequences

Original Issue Discount. For federal income tax purposes, original issue discount is the excess of the stated redemption price at maturity of a Bond over its issue price. The issue price of a Bond is generally the first price at which a substantial amount of the Bonds of that maturity have been sold to the public. Under Section 1288 of the Code, original issue discount on tax-exempt bonds accrues on a compound basis. The amount of

original issue discount that accrues to an owner of a Bond during any accrual period generally equals (1) the issue price of that Bond, plus the amount of original issue discount accrued in all prior accrual periods, multiplied by (2) the yield to maturity on that Bond (determined on the basis of compounding at the close of each accrual period and properly adjusted for the length of the accrual period), minus (3) any interest payable on that Bond during that accrual period. The amount of original issue discount accrued in a particular accrual period will be considered to be received ratably on each day of the accrual period, will be excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes, and will increase the owner's tax basis in that Bond. Prospective investors should consult their own tax advisors concerning the calculation and accrual of original issue discount.

Original Issue Premium. For federal income tax purposes, premium is the excess of the issue price of a Bond over its stated redemption price at maturity. The issue price of a Bond is generally the first price at which a substantial amount of the Bonds of that maturity have been sold to the public. Under Section 171 of the Code, premium on tax-exempt bonds amortizes over the term of the Bond using constant yield principles, based on the purchaser's yield to maturity. As premium is amortized, the owner's basis in the Bond and the amount of tax-exempt interest received will be reduced by the amount of amortizable premium properly allocable to the owner, which will result in an increase in the gain (or decrease in the loss) to be recognized for federal income tax purposes on sale or disposition of the Bond prior to its maturity. Even though the owner's basis is reduced, no federal income tax deduction is allowed. Prospective investors should consult their own tax advisors concerning the calculation and accrual of bond premium.

Sale, Exchange or Retirement of Bonds. Upon the sale, exchange or retirement (including redemption) of a Bond, an owner of the Bond generally will recognize gain or loss in an amount equal to the difference between the amount of cash and the fair market value of any property received on the sale, exchange or retirement of the Bond (other than in respect of accrued and unpaid interest) and such owner's adjusted tax basis in the Bond. To the extent a Bond is held as a capital asset, such gain or loss will be capital gain or loss and will be long-term capital gain or loss if the Bond has been held for more than 12 months at the time of sale, exchange or retirement.

Reporting Requirements. In general, information reporting requirements will apply to certain payments of principal, interest and premium paid on the Bonds, and to the proceeds paid on the sale of the Bonds, other than certain exempt recipients (such as corporations and foreign entities). A backup withholding tax will apply to such payments if the owner fails to provide a taxpayer identification number or certification of foreign or other exempt status or fails to report in full dividend and interest income. The amount of any backup withholding from a payment to an owner will be allowed as a credit against the owner's federal income tax liability.

Collateral Federal Income Tax Consequences. Prospective purchasers of the Bonds should be aware that ownership of the Bonds may result in collateral federal income tax consequences to certain taxpayers, including, without limitation, financial institutions, property and casualty insurance companies, individual recipients of Social Security or Railroad Retirement benefits, certain S corporations with "excess net passive income," foreign corporations subject to the branch profits tax, life insurance companies, and taxpayers who may be deemed to have incurred or continued indebtedness to purchase or carry or have paid or incurred certain expenses allocable to the Bonds. Bond Counsel expresses no opinion regarding these tax consequences. Purchasers of Bonds should consult their tax advisors as to the applicability of these tax consequences and other federal income tax consequences of the purchase, ownership and disposition of the Bonds, including the possible application of state, local, foreign and other tax laws.

CONTINUING DISCLOSURE UNDERTAKING

The Undertaking

The District has covenanted in the Continuing Disclosure Undertaking to file certain financial information and operating data relating to the District (updated within not later than 210 days following the end

of its fiscal year, which currently ends December 31) (the “**Annual Report**”) commencing with the Annual Report for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017, and to file notices of the occurrence of certain enumerated events, if material. The District will enter into an Adoption Agreement dated as of March 1, 2018 to make the Continuing Disclosure Undertaking applicable to the Bonds. The Annual Report shall be filed by the District (or a dissemination agent engaged by the District) with the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board (the “**MSRB**”) through the Electronic Municipal Market Access system (“**EMMA**”). The Annual Report shall include:

- (a) The audited financial statements of the District prepared in accordance with the accounting principles described in the notes to the financial statements included as a part of this Official Statement and audited by independent auditors.
- (b) Information relating to the District and its operations set forth in the tables of this Official Statement under the following captions: “**FINANCIAL INFORMATION CONCERNING THE DISTRICT – Summary General Fund Operations,**” “**PROPERTY TAX INFORMATION CONCERNING THE DISTRICT - Property Valuations - Current Assessed Valuation,**” “**- Property Valuations - History of Property Valuations,**” “**- Tax Rates - History of Tax Levies,**” “**- Tax Rates - Tax Collection Record,**” and “**- Major Property Taxpayers.**”

Within 10 business days after the occurrence of any of the following events, the District shall give, or cause to be given to the MSRB through EMMA, notice of the occurrence of any of the following events with respect to the Bonds (“**Material Events**”):

- (1) principal and interest payment delinquencies;
- (2) non-payment related defaults, if material;
- (3) unscheduled draws on debt service reserves reflecting financial difficulties;
- (4) unscheduled draws on credit enhancements reflecting financial difficulties;
- (5) substitution of credit or liquidity providers, or their failure to perform;
- (6) adverse tax opinions; the issuance by the Internal Revenue Service of proposed or final determinations of taxability, Notices of Proposed Issue (IRS Form 5701-TEB) or other material notices or determinations with respect to the tax status of the Bonds, or other material events affecting the tax status of the Bonds;
- (7) modifications to rights of bondholders, if material;
- (8) bond calls, if material, and tender offers;
- (9) defeasances;
- (10) release, substitution or sale of property securing repayment of the Bonds, if material;
- (11) rating changes;
- (12) bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership or similar event of the District;
- (13) the consummation of a merger, consolidation, or acquisition involving the District or the sale of all or substantially all of the assets of the District, other than in the ordinary course of business, the entry into a definitive agreement to undertake such an action or the termination of a definitive agreement relating to any such actions, other than pursuant to its terms, if material; and
- (14) appointment of a successor or additional trustee or the change of name of the Paying Agent, if material.

Nothing in the Continuing Disclosure Undertaking shall be deemed to prevent the District from disseminating any other information using the means of dissemination set forth in the Continuing Disclosure Undertaking, or any other means of communication, or including any other information in any Annual Report or notice of occurrence of a Material Event, in addition to that which is required by the Continuing Disclosure

Undertaking. If the District chooses to include any information in any Annual Report or notice of occurrence of a Material Event in addition to that which is specifically required, the District shall have no obligation to update such information or include it in any future Annual Report or notice of occurrence of a Material Event.

All Annual Reports and notices of Material Events required to be filed by the District pursuant to the Continuing Disclosure Undertaking must be submitted to the MSRB through EMMA. EMMA is an internet-based, online portal for free investor access to municipal bond information, including offering documents, material event notices, real-time municipal securities trade prices and MSRB education resources, available at www.emma.msrb.org. Nothing contained on EMMA relating to the District or the Bonds is incorporated by reference in this Official Statement.

These covenants have been made in order to assist the Underwriter in complying with the Rule.

Prior Compliance

To the best of the District's knowledge and belief, the District has complied in all material respects with its prior continuing disclosure undertakings under the Rule, except that it failed to timely file an event notice relating to a rating change.

Future Compliance

On September 9, 2014, the District adopted bond policies and procedures that it believes will ensure full and timely compliance with all continuing disclosure obligations in the future. The policies and procedures include: (1) designation of a bond compliance officer as the person responsible for complying with the District's continuing disclosure obligations; (2) training personnel responsible for compliance to ensure comprehensive understanding of compliance requirements and the importance of timely submission of information; and (3) annual review by the designated compliance officer of each continuing disclosure undertaking to determine what financial information and operating data is required to be included in the Annual Report to be filed on EMMA. The District has engaged a third party to assist in the preparation and filing of the required financial information and operating data to help ensure compliance with the District's continuing disclosure obligations.

BOND RATING

Moody's Investors Service, Inc. ("**Moody's**") has assigned the Bonds a rating of "Aaa" based on Moody's evaluation of the creditworthiness of the District. Such rating reflects only the view of Moody's at the time the rating is given, and the District, the Underwriter, and the Municipal Advisor make no representation as to the appropriateness of such rating. An explanation of the significance of the rating may be obtained only from Moody's. The District furnished Moody's with certain information and materials relating to the Bonds and the District that has not been included in this Official Statement. Generally, rating agencies base their ratings on the information and materials so furnished and on investigations, studies and assumptions by the rating agencies. There is no assurance that a particular rating will remain in effect for any given period of time or that it will not be revised downward or withdrawn entirely if, in the judgment of the rating agency, circumstances warrant. Any downward revision or withdrawal of the rating may have an adverse effect on the market price and marketability of the Bonds.

ABSENCE OF LITIGATION

As of the date hereof, there is no controversy, suit or other proceeding of any kind pending or, to the District's knowledge, threatened wherein or whereby any question is raised or may be raised, questioning, disputing or affecting in any way the legal organization of the District or its boundaries, or the right or title of any of its officers to their respective offices, or the legality of any official act in connection with the authorization,

issuance and sale of the Bonds, or the constitutionality or validity of the Bonds or any of the proceedings had in relation to the authorization, issuance or sale thereof, or the levy and collection of a tax to pay the principal and interest thereof, or which might affect the District's ability to meet its obligations to pay the Bonds.

UNDERWRITING

_____, _____, _____ (the **"Underwriter"**), has agreed to purchase the Bonds at a price of \$_____ (which is equal to the aggregate original principal amount of the Bonds, plus a net original issue premium of \$_____, less an underwriting discount of \$_____). The Underwriter is purchasing the Bonds for resale in the normal course of the Underwriter's business activities. The Underwriter reserves the right to offer any of the Bonds to one or more purchasers on such terms and conditions and at such price or prices as the Underwriter, in its discretion, determines.

MUNICIPAL ADVISOR

WM Financial Strategies, St. Louis, Missouri (the **"Municipal Advisor"**), is a registered municipal advisor with the Securities and Exchange Commission and the MSRB. The Municipal Advisor is employed by the District to render certain professional services, including advising the District on a plan of financing. The Municipal Advisor has not undertaken an independent investigation into the accuracy of the information presented in this Official Statement and does not guaranty, warrant or represent the accuracy or completeness of the information contained in this Official Statement.

MISCELLANEOUS

The references, excerpts and summaries of all documents referred to herein do not purport to be complete statements of the provisions of such documents, and reference is made to all such documents for full and complete statements of all matters of fact relating to the Bonds, the security for the payment of the Bonds and the rights of the Owners thereof. During the period of the offering, copies of drafts of such documents may be examined at the office of the Underwriter; following delivery of the Bonds, copies of such documents may be examined at the corporate trust office of the Paying Agent. The information contained in this Official Statement has been compiled from official and other sources that are deemed to be reliable, and while not guaranteed as to completeness or accuracy, is believed to be correct as of this date.

Any statement made in this Official Statement involving matters of opinion or of estimates, whether or not expressly so stated, are set forth as such and not as representations of fact, and no representation is made that any of the estimates will be realized. The information and expressions of opinion herein are subject to change without notice and neither the delivery of this Official Statement nor any sale made hereunder shall, under any circumstances, create any implication that there has been no change in the information presented herein since the date hereof. This Official Statement is not to be construed as a contract or agreement between the District, the Municipal Advisor, the Paying Agent, or the Underwriter and the purchasers or Owners of any Bonds.

The District has duly authorized the delivery of this Official Statement.

**CREVE COEUR FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
OF ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI**

By: _____
Chairman of the Board of Directors

APPENDIX A

**DISTRICT'S FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR
THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016**

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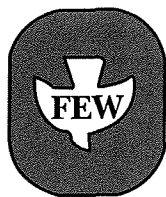
**Creve Coeur Fire
Protection District**

Annual Financial Statements

For The Year Ended December 31, 2016

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board of Directors
Creve Coeur Fire Protection District
St. Louis, Missouri

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Creve Coeur Fire Protection District, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2016, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express 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.

Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Creve Coeur Fire Protection District, as of December 31, 2016, and the respective changes in financial position, thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis, budgetary comparison information, schedule of funding progress, schedule of changes in net pension liability and related ratios and schedule of contributions on pages 3A-3F and 29-35 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, 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.

Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Creve Coeur Fire Protection District's basic financial statements. The budgetary comparison schedule- debt fund, budgetary comparison schedule - capital projects, schedules of insurance in force and principal office holders, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The budgetary comparison schedule- debt service fund, budgetary comparison schedule - capital projects fund, schedules of insurance in force and principal office holders have not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on them.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated May 25, 2017, on our consideration of the Creve Coeur Fire Protection 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 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 Creve Coeur Fire Protection District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



Fick, Eggemeyer & Williamson, CPA's

Saint Louis, Missouri

May 25, 2017

**CREVE COEUR FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
OF ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016**

This section of Creve Coeur Fire Protection District of St. Louis County, Missouri's (the District) annual financial report presents management's discussion and analysis of the District's financial activity for the year ended December 31, 2016. In order to have a comprehensive understanding of the Management Discussion and Analysis, we recommend that the attached financial statements, including all notes to the financial statements, be read in their entirety.

Using this Annual Report

The District's financial statements are prepared using the reporting model prescribed by GASB Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements - and Management's Discussion and Analysis for State and Local Governments*. The District's basic financial statements are designed to emulate corporate presentation models whereby all District activities are consolidated. This approach is intended to summarize and simplify the analysis of the costs associated with various emergency services provided by the District for the benefit of its residents.

Overview of the Financial Statements

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the District's basic financial statements. The District's basic financial statements are comprised of three components:

- 1) Government-wide financial statements,
- 2) Fund financial statements, and
- 3) Notes to the basic financial statements.

Required supplementary information and additional supplementary information are also included in addition to the basic financial statements.

Government-Wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the District's finances, in a manner similar to a private-sector business. The government-wide financial statements include the *Statement of Net Position* and the *Statements of Activities*.

The *Statement of Net Position* presents all of the District's assets and liabilities, which measures the District's overall financial health. The increases and decreases in net position can be monitored to determine whether the District's financial position is improving or deteriorating.

The *Statement of Activities* presents information reflecting how the District's net assets changed during the most recent year. All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of related cash flow. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods (e.g., uncollected taxes, earned but unused compensation, etc.)

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The government-wide financial statements report functions of the District that are principally supported by taxes and charges for services. The governmental activities for the District include fire protection, ambulance and EMS services, dispatching services and debt services. It should be noted that the District currently has no business-type activities.

Fund Financial Statements

The fund financial statements provide grouping of related accounts that are used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The District uses fund accounting to ensure compliance with finance-related legal requirements.

Governmental Funds

The District's basic services are included in the governmental funds. These funds are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. These fund statements measure current financial resources, or near-term inflows and outflows of expendable resources, as well as the balances of expendable resources available at the end of the year. Such information may be useful in evaluating a District's near-term financing requirements.

Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for governmental funds with similar information presented for governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. By doing so, readers may better understand the long-term impact of the District's near-term financing decisions. Reconciliations are provided to facilitate comparison between governmental funds and governmental activities.

Fiduciary Funds

Fiduciary funds are used to account for assets held by the District in a trustee capacity or as an agent for individuals, private organizations, or other governmental units and/or other funds. The District's Fiduciary Fund is not reflected in the government-wide financial statements because the resources of this fund are not available to support the District's own programs. The District's fiduciary fund is the Pension Trust Fund.

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements

The notes to the basic financial statements provide additional information that is essential to a complete understanding of the information reported in the government-wide and fund financial statements.

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
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Required and Other Supplementary Information

In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes to the basic financial statements, this financial report also contains certain required supplementary information. Required Supplementary Information includes a Budgetary Comparison Schedules for the General, Ambulance and Dispatch Fund.

Financial Analysis of the District as a Whole

Government-Wide Financial Analysis

As mentioned earlier, net assets may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. The condensed statement of net assets as of December 31, 2016 and 2015 is as follows:

Statement of Net Position			
	2016	2015	Increase (Decrease)
Assets			
Current and other assets	\$ 39,232,660	\$ 32,137,282	\$ 7,095,378
Capital assets, net	10,793,805	9,766,516	1,027,289
Total assets	50,026,465	41,903,798	8,122,667
Deferred outflows of pension	43,304	1,279,228	(1,235,924)
Liabilities			
Current liabilities	2,607,014	3,026,827	(419,813)
Long-term liabilities	16,698,600	11,276,839	5,421,761
Total liabilities	19,305,614	14,303,666	5,001,948
Deferred inflows of pension	47,164	-	47,164
Net position			
Net investment in capital assets	8,369,640	9,766,516	(1,396,876)
Restricted	11,845,680	15,459,290	(3,613,610)
Unrestricted	10,501,671	3,653,554	6,848,117
Total net position	\$ 30,716,991	\$ 28,879,360	\$ 1,837,631

The District's assets exceeded liabilities (net position) by \$30,716,991 as of December 31, 2016. Of this amount, \$8,369,640 is invested in capital assets; \$11,845,680 is restricted for a) dispatching b) ambulance and EMS services c) Debt Service and d) Capital Projects; and \$10,501,671 is unrestricted and available to provide for current and future obligations of the District.

This schedule is prepared from the District's Statement of Net Position, which is presented on an accrual basis of accounting whereby assets are capitalized and depreciated.

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The District's net position increased by \$1,837,631 during the year ended December 31, 2016. The key elements of this decrease are presented in the following condensed statement of activities:

Statement of Activities

	2016	2015	Increase (Decrease)
Revenues			
Program revenues			
Charges for services	\$ 1,394,763	\$ 1,264,112	\$ 130,651
General revenues			
Property taxes	14,252,408	13,086,834	1,165,574
Interest & investment earnings	77,012	44,819	32,193
Other income	268,763	54,406	214,357
Total revenues	<u>15,992,946</u>	<u>14,450,171</u>	<u>1,542,775</u>
Expenses			
Public safety	13,178,924	12,187,612	991,312
Dispatching and debt service	976,391	823,664	152,727
Total expenses	<u>14,155,315</u>	<u>13,011,276</u>	<u>1,144,039</u>
Change in net position	1,837,631	1,438,895	398,736
Net Position, beginning of year	28,879,360	28,166,242	713,118
Prior period adjustment	-	(725,777)	725,777
Net Position, end of year	<u>\$ 30,716,991</u>	<u>\$ 28,879,360</u>	<u>\$ 1,837,631</u>

Program revenue includes activities that have the characteristics of exchange transactions, such as commercial and residential inspections. General revenues include activities that have the characteristics of non-exchange transactions, such as property taxes. Program expenses are those expenses for the purpose of providing fire protection, emergency medical services and operational activities of the District. Property tax revenue for governmental activities increased \$1,165,574 in 2016 when compared to 2015. The increase in property tax revenue is mainly due to increased rates.

Fund Analysis

General Fund Revenues

	2016	2015	Increase (Decrease)
Property taxes	\$ 6,844,071	\$ 6,358,450	\$ 485,621
Inspections and permit fees	201,050	249,332	(48,282)
Investment income	53,209	37,928	15,281
Other income	20,980	85,410	(64,430)
	<u>\$ 7,119,310</u>	<u>\$ 6,731,120</u>	<u>\$ 388,190</u>

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Budget Analysis

The District adopts an annual budget for each of its governmental funds, pursuant to Missouri State Statutes.

Annually, as allowed by Missouri State Statutes, the District amends the budgets of each fund to reflect approved changes in spending requirements and unforeseen events that occurred during the most recent year.

The difference between the original budget, as adopted by the Board for 2016, and the final amended budget, as approved by the Board for 2016, was primarily due to the timing of tax receipt collections from St. Louis County, grant revenues, and expenditures related to those grant funds. Timing of tax receipt collections are impacted by: a) the economy b) tax collections received by St. Louis County or c) the timeliness of processing of said tax collections by St. Louis County.

Capital Assets

GASB 34 requires the District to include in capital assets all real estate to house firefighters and ambulance personnel and emergency vehicles, the District's administrative building, and all emergency and administrative equipment and vehicles owned by the District. The District has adopted a capitalization policy with specific useful lives by capital asset category. More detailed information on the District's capital asset assets is presented in the notes to the financial statements.

	2016	2015	Increase (Decrease)
Land and buildings	\$12,003,301	\$ 10,339,821	\$ 1,663,480
Ambulance equipment and vehicles	2,415,168	2,112,874	302,294
Fire equipment and vehicles	3,517,338	4,107,370	(590,032)
Total	<u>17,935,807</u>	<u>16,560,065</u>	<u>1,375,742</u>
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(7,142,002)	(6,793,549)	(348,453)
Net capital assets	<u>\$10,793,805</u>	<u>\$ 9,766,516</u>	<u>\$ 1,027,289</u>

Long-Term Debt

During 2016, the District issued \$5,000,000 in General Obligation Bonds. The District has outstanding debt totaling \$9,500,000. During 2016, the District made principal payments of \$250,000. More detailed information on the District's long-term liabilities is presented in note 13 to the financial statements.

**CREVE COEUR FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
OF ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016**

Economic Factors

The District serves over 47,000 residents and has mutual aid agreements with all Fire Protection Districts and Fire Departments in the 'Region C' area of Missouri. The District also participates in the statewide mutual aid program through the State of Missouri's Division of Fire Safety. While the District includes office buildings, regional and local shopping areas, churches, residential care and light manufacturing facilities, it primarily consists of single and multi-family residential housing. Hence, the District is somewhat insulated from significant changes in the economy.

Contact Information

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the District's finances for all those with an interest in the District's finances. This financial report hereby demonstrates the District's spirit of full disclosure to provide readers of this report with an overview of the District's financial operations. For questions or requests for additional information, please direct requests to the Chief of the Fire Protection District at 11221 Olive Blvd., Creve Coeur, Missouri 63141.

Basic Financial Statements

CREVE COEUR FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
DECEMBER 31, 2016

	Governmental Activities
ASSETS	
Current assets	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 25,162,720
Certificates of deposit	5,020,554
Taxes receivable, net of allowance	8,854,640
Accounts receivable, net of allowance	194,565
Prepaid assets	181
Total current assets	39,232,660
Noncurrent assets	
Capital assets, net of depreciation	10,793,805
Total noncurrent assets	10,793,805
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 50,026,465
 DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Deferred outflows of pension resources	\$ 43,304
 LIABILITIES	
Current liabilities	
Accounts payable	\$ 924,297
Salaries and benefits payable	164,560
Internal balances	1,039,967
Interest payable	78,190
Current portion of long-term liabilities	400,000
Total current liabilities	2,607,014
Noncurrent liabilities	
Bonds payable	9,100,000
Accrued compensated absences	924,966
Net pension liability	1,007,437
Postemployment benefits other than pension liability	5,666,197
Total noncurrent liabilities	16,698,600
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 19,305,614
 DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Deferred inflows of pension resources	\$ 47,164
 NET POSITION	
Net investment in capital assets	\$ 8,369,640
Restricted	11,845,680
* Unrestricted	10,501,671
TOTAL NET POSITION	\$ 30,716,991

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

CREVE COEUR FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016

	General	Ambulance Fund	Dispatch Fund	Debt Service Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 17,827,527	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 259,358	\$ 7,075,835	\$ 25,162,720
Certificates of deposit	5,020,554	-	-	-	-	5,020,554
Taxes receivable, net of allowance	4,504,839	3,436,995	404,751	508,055	-	8,854,640
Accounts receivable, net of allowance	-	194,565	-	-	-	194,565
Internal balances	-	2,118,174	286,791	82,766	-	2,487,731
Prepaid assets	181	-	-	-	-	181
Total assets	<u>\$ 27,353,101</u>	<u>\$ 5,749,734</u>	<u>\$ 691,542</u>	<u>\$ 850,179</u>	<u>\$ 7,075,835</u>	<u>\$ 41,720,391</u>
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOW OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES						
LIABILITIES						
Accounts payable	\$ 82,853	\$ 22,654	\$ 496,574	\$ -	\$ 322,216	\$ 924,297
Salaries and benefits payable	130,132	34,428	-	-	-	164,560
Internal balances	3,527,698	-	-	-	-	3,527,698
Total liabilities	<u>3,740,683</u>	<u>57,082</u>	<u>496,574</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>322,216</u>	<u>4,616,555</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES						
Unavailable revenue	<u>1,671,231</u>	<u>1,300,523</u>	<u>153,153</u>	<u>192,243</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,317,150</u>
FUND BALANCES						
Unspendable	181	-	-	-	-	181
Restricted	-	4,392,129	41,815	657,936	6,753,619	11,845,499
Committed	13,634,163	-	-	-	-	13,634,163
Assigned	3,007,185	-	-	-	-	3,007,185
Unassigned	5,299,658	-	-	-	-	5,299,658
Total fund balances	<u>21,941,187</u>	<u>4,392,129</u>	<u>41,815</u>	<u>657,936</u>	<u>6,753,619</u>	<u>33,786,686</u>
Total liabilities, deferred inflow of resources and fund balances	<u>\$ 27,353,101</u>	<u>\$ 5,749,734</u>	<u>\$ 691,542</u>	<u>\$ 850,179</u>	<u>\$ 7,075,835</u>	<u>\$ 41,720,391</u>

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

CREVE COEUR FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016

<u>Revenues:</u>	<u>General</u>	<u>Ambulance Fund</u>	<u>Dispatch Fund</u>	<u>Debt Service Fund</u>	<u>Capital Projects Fund</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
Property taxes	\$ 6,844,071	\$ 5,262,466	\$ 619,171	\$ 734,823	\$ -	\$ 13,460,531
Ambulance billings	-	1,193,713	-	-	-	1,193,713
Inspection and permit fees	201,050	-	-	-	-	201,050
Investment income	53,209	-	-	404	23,399	77,012
Other income	20,980	-	-	-	-	20,980
Total revenues	<u>7,119,310</u>	<u>6,456,179</u>	<u>619,171</u>	<u>735,227</u>	<u>23,399</u>	<u>14,953,286</u>
<u>Expenditures:</u>						
Current						
Personal services	3,832,948	4,947,991	-	-	-	8,780,939
Materials and services	2,030,539	235,635	619,171	-	84,053	2,969,398
Capital outlay	2,619	-	-	-	1,758,281	1,760,900
Debt service						
Principal	-	-	-	250,000	-	250,000
Interest and fiscal charges	-	-	-	213,976	-	213,976
Total expenditures	<u>5,866,106</u>	<u>5,183,626</u>	<u>619,171</u>	<u>463,976</u>	<u>1,842,334</u>	<u>13,975,213</u>
Revenues over (under) expenditures	<u>1,253,204</u>	<u>1,272,553</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>271,251</u>	<u>(1,818,935)</u>	<u>978,073</u>
Other financing sources (uses)						
Bond proceeds	-	-	-	-	5,247,783	5,247,783
Bond issuance costs	-	-	-	-	(65,054)	(65,054)
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,182,729</u>	<u>5,182,729</u>
Net change in fund balance	1,253,204	1,272,553	-	271,251	3,363,794	6,160,802
Fund balances - beginning	20,687,983	3,119,576	41,815	386,685	3,389,825	27,625,884
Fund balances - ending	<u>\$ 21,941,187</u>	<u>\$ 4,392,129</u>	<u>\$ 41,815</u>	<u>\$ 657,936</u>	<u>\$ 6,753,619</u>	<u>\$ 33,786,686</u>

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

CREVE COEUR FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds \$ 6,160,802

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

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.

Capital outlay	1,755,330	
Depreciation expense	<u>(728,040)</u>	1,027,290

Bond proceeds provide current financial resources to governmental funds, but issuing debt increases long-term liabilities in the statement of net assets. Repayment of bond principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the statement of net assets. This is the amount by which proceeds exceeded repayments.

General obligation bond proceeds	<u>(4,750,000)</u>	(4,750,000)
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Revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds

Deferred revenue	<u>791,877</u>	791,877
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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 governmental funds.

Current year change in deferred outflows	(1,235,925)	
Current year change in net pension liability	33,265	
Current year change in deferred inflows	(47,164)	
Current year change in accrued compensated absences	(64,324)	
Current year change in accrued post-employment benefits	-	
Current year change in interest payable	<u>(78,190)</u>	<u>(1,392,338)</u>

Change in net assets of governmental activities		<u><u>\$ 1,837,631</u></u>
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The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement

CREVE COEUR FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION
PENSION TRUST FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016

ASSETS

Cash and cash equivalents	\$	5,472,598
Investments, at fair value		29,736,245
Taxes receivable, net of allowance		1,233,626
Internal balances		<u>1,039,967</u>
 Total assets	 \$	 <u><u>37,482,436</u></u>

LIABILITIES AND DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES

Liabilities

Accounts payable	\$	<u>3,485</u>
 Total liabilities		 <u>3,485</u>

Deferred inflows of resources

Unavailable revenue		<u>458,500</u>
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NET POSITION

Held in trust for pension benefits		<u>37,020,451</u>
 Total net position		 <u>37,020,451</u>
 Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and net position	 \$	 <u><u>37,482,436</u></u>

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

CREVE COEUR FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET ASSETS
PENSION TRUST FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016

Additions		
Tax revenue	\$	1,861,259
Net investment activity		2,137,540
Total additions		<u>3,998,799</u>
Deductions		
Administrative expenses		158,358
Benefits paid		3,179,740
Total deductions		<u>3,338,098</u>
Change in net position		660,701
Net position held in trust for pension benefits		
January 1, 2016		<u>36,359,750</u>
December 31, 2016	\$	<u><u>37,020,451</u></u>

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

CREVE COEUR FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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Note 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounting and financial reporting policies of the Creve Coeur Fire Protection District (the District) conform to U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applied to government entities. The following is a summary of the more significant policies.

Reporting Entity

Creve Coeur Fire Protection District (the District) provides fire protection, prevention, investigation, inspection, suppression, rescue, EMS, and HAZ-MAT/WMD services to the surrounding community. They operate as a political subdivision, duly organized under the laws of the State of Missouri and are funded by real and personal property tax revenue, licenses, permits, and miscellaneous revenues. An elected board of directors, who regulate all major operations, oversees the District.

The financial statements include all operations over which the District is financially accountable. The District has not identified any entities which would be component units of the District.

Government-wide and Fund Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements (statement of net position and statement of activities) report information on all of the non-fiduciary activities of the District. Interfund payables have been removed from these statements for governmental fund types, except interfund payables between the general and fiduciary funds. Elimination of these balances would distort the revenues and expenditures reported for the various funds.

Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds and fiduciary funds, even though the latter are excluded from the government-wide financial statements. Major individual governmental funds are reported as separate columns in fund financial statements.

The statement of activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenue for the different functions of the District's activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a program or function and, therefore, are clearly identifiable to a particular function. Indirect expense allocations that have been made in the funds have been reversed for the statement of activities. Program revenues include fees and charges paid by the recipients of goods or services offered by the programs and grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. Revenue that is not classified as program revenue, including all taxes, is presented as general revenue.

Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting, as are the fiduciary 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. Property taxes are recognized as revenues in the year for which they are levied.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the 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 measurable and available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period.

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Note 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

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, expenditures related to compensated absences, pension liability and other than pension post employment benefits are recorded only when payment is due.

Property taxes and ambulance fees associated with the current fiscal period are considered to be susceptible to accrual and so have been recognized as revenues of the current fiscal period. All Charges for licenses and permits are not susceptible to accrual because they are generally not measurable until received in cash. Deferred revenue is reported on the governmental fund balance sheet. Deferred revenues arise when potential revenue does not meet both the measurable and available criteria. In a subsequent period when both criteria are met, the liability is removed and the revenue recognized.

Fund Accounting

The District uses fund accounting to maintain its financial records during the year. A fund is defined as a fiscal and accounting entity with a self balancing set of accounts. The District has two categories of funds: governmental and fiduciary.

The government reports the following governmental funds:

General Fund - The General Fund is the operating fund of the District. All tax revenues and other receipts that are not allocated by law or contractual agreement are accounted for in this fund. The General Fund pays operating expenditures, fixed charges, and capital improvement costs not paid through other funds.

Ambulance Fund - The Ambulance Fund accounts for the portion of the tax revenue designated for ambulance services. The District also charges fees for ambulance services.

Dispatch Fund - The Dispatch Fund accounts for the portion of the tax revenue designated for emergency vehicle dispatching services. The District uses Central County Emergency 911 Fire Alarm System for dispatching services.

Debt Service - The Debt Service Fund is used to account for the fulfillment of future debt service requirements, including the repurchase of outstanding bonds issued.

Capital Projects - The Capital Projects fund is used to account for cash received from bond proceeds and expenditures related to construction and other capital improvements; the original purpose of the bond issue.

Additionally, the government reports the following fund type:

Pension Trust Fund – This fund is used to account for assets held by the District in a trustee capacity. The fund accumulates contributions from the District generated from a pension tax levy as well as earnings from the fund’s investments. The District’s Pension Trust Fund includes the assets of the defined benefit pension plan and a defined contribution pension plan.

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Note 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Cash and Cash Equivalents

The District considers all highly liquid debt instruments with a maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

Investments

Investments are reported at market value. Statutes authorize the District to invest in time deposits, U.S. Treasury and federal agency securities, commercial paper, bankers' acceptances and repurchase agreements. Statutes authorize the Pension Trust Fund to invest in corporate stocks and bonds. Certificates of deposits held at banks with an original maturity in excess of three months are reported at cost and listed in the financial statements as certificates of deposit.

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 represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources until then.

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 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 government has one type of item, which arises only under a modified accrual basis of accounting, that qualifies for reporting in this category. Accordingly, the item, unavailable revenues, is reported only in the governmental funds balance sheet. The governmental funds report unavailable revenues from various sources. These amounts are deferred and recognized as an inflow of resources in the period that the amounts have become available.

In the government-wide financial statements, components of pension expense that are recognized over a period of time are classified as either deferred outflows of resources (using plan assets that are applicable to a future reporting period) or deferred inflows of resources (acquiring plan assets that are applicable to a future reporting period). Employer contributions subsequent to the measurement date of the net pension liability are required to be reported as deferred outflows of resources.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of basic financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires the District to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts in the basic financial statements and the accompanying notes. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Jointly Governed Organization

The District, in conjunction with 5 other fire protection districts, has created the Central County Emergency 911 Dispatching Center (Central County 911). The Board of the Dispatching Center is composed of one member from each of the boards of the participating entities. The District is required to remit taxes collected from the dispatching service tax levy to Central County 911.

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Note 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Allowance for Doubtful Accounts

The District calculates an allowance for uncollectible accounts using historical collection data and, in certain cases, specific account analysis. The allowance at December 31, 2016, is allocated as follows:

Fund	Balance
General	\$ 114,502
Ambulance	760,064
Dispatch	10,493
Debt service	13,171
Pension	31,413
	\$ 929,643

Concentration

The collective bargaining agreement, which covers approximately 90% of the labor force of the District, expires December, 2018.

Governmental Fund Balances

Fund balance is the difference between assets and liabilities in a Governmental Fund. In accordance with Government Accounting Standards Board 54, Fund Balance Reporting and Government Fund Type Definitions, the following types of fund balances are presented in the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet:

Nonspendable - the portion of a Governmental Fund's net assets that are not available to be spent, either short term or long term, in either form or through legal restrictions. The nonspendable fund balance reported in the General Fund are for prepaid assets.

Restricted - the portion of a Governmental Fund's net assets that are subject to external enforceable legal restrictions. The following account's fund balances are restricted by Tax Levy and Bond requirements: Ambulance, Dispatching Debt Service and Capital Projects.

Committed - the portion of a Governmental Fund's net assets with self-imposed constraints or limitations that have been placed by the Board of Directors. The committed fund balance reported in the General Fund is for emergency preparedness, retiree medical benefits and for the purpose of the unfunded pension..

Assigned - the portion of a Governmental Fund's net assets to denote an intended use of resources. The accounts presented with assigned fund balances are specified for future operations by the Board of Directors. The following account comprises the assigned fund balance: General.

Unassigned - available expendable financial resources in a governmental fund that are not designated for a specific purpose. The General and Capital Projects Funds comprise the unassigned fund balance.

The District uses restricted amounts first when both restricted and unrestricted fund balances are available, unless there are legal contracts that prohibit doing this.

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Note 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Net Position

Net Position represent the difference between assets and liabilities. Net investment in capital assets represents the cost of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by the outstanding balance of any long-term debt used to build or acquire the capital assets. Net position is reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on their use either through the enabling legislation or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors, or laws or regulations of other governments. Al other net position is reported as unrestricted.

Interfund Activities

Interfund transfers represent interfund activities whereby the two parties to the transaction do not receive equivalent cash, goods, or services. Transfers are reported as other financing sources and uses on the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance. Any resulting balances at the end of the accounting period should be reported as amounts due to or due from other funds.

Capital Assets

General capital assets are associated with and generally arise from governmental activities. General capital assets are reported in the governmental activities column of the government-wide statement of net assets but are not reported in the fund financial statements.

All capital assets are recorded at cost (or estimated historical cost) and updated for additions and retirements during the year. The District maintains a capitalization threshold of ten thousand dollars. The cost of normal repairs and maintenance that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend assets lives are not capitalized.

All capital assets are depreciated, except for land. Management estimates useful lives of assets by examining historical records of necessary improvements and replacements. Improvements are depreciated over the remaining useful lives of the related capital assets. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the following useful lives: Buildings and improvements 15 to 39 years; Fire equipment and vehicles 5 to 10 years; and Ambulance equipment 5 to 10 years.

Compensated Absences

District employees earn sick leave, which may either be taken or accumulated to a maximum of 114 days for 8 hour shift employees, and 46 days for 24 hour shift employees which is paid upon termination or retirement, or applied towards early retirement. In addition, administrative employees of the District are allowed to carry over a portion of their vacation time into the following year.

Vacation benefits are accrued as a liability as the benefits are earned if the employees' rights to receive compensation are attributable to services already rendered and it is probable that the employer will compensate the employees for the benefits through paid time off or some other means. The liability for vacation benefits is reported in "salaries and benefits payable".

Accrued sick leave is considered a long-term liability. It is reported as a long-term liability in the government-wide statement of net assets rather than reported as a liability in the governmental funds.

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Note 2 - PROPERTY TAXES

Property taxes attach as an enforceable lien on property as of January 1. Taxes are levied on November 1 and payable by December 31. The county collects the property tax and remits it to the District. The county's fee for this service is 1.5% of the taxes collected.

Property taxes levied for 2016 are recorded as receivable, net of estimated uncollectibles, as are prior year levies, which are reevaluated annually. Taxes receivable represent estimated amounts to be collected by the County Collector of Revenue for 2016 and prior tax years, to be remitted to the District subsequent to December 31. The portion of taxes considered collectible but not collected and remitted to the District within 60 days of year-end is recorded as deferred tax revenue.

The assessed valuation of the tangible real, personal taxable and state assessed railroad and utilities property for the calendar year 2016 for purposes of local taxation was \$1,351,423,657.

The tax levy per \$100 of the assessed valuation of tangible taxable property for the calendar year 2016 for purposes of local taxation was:

	Residential	Agricultural	Commercial	Personal	Total Blended Rate
General Fund	\$ 0.5240	\$ -	\$ 0.5100	\$ 0.5400	\$ 0.5216
Ambulance Fund	0.4070	-	0.3980	0.4200	0.4059
Dispatch Fund	0.0470	-	0.0480	0.0500	0.0478
Debt Service Fund	0.0600	0.0600	0.0600	0.0600	0.0600
Pension Trust Fund	0.1410	-	0.1430	0.1500	0.1431
	<u>\$ 1.1790</u>	<u>\$ 0.0600</u>	<u>\$ 1.1590</u>	<u>\$ 1.2200</u>	<u>\$ 1.1784</u>

Note 3 - LEGAL DEBT MARGIN

ASSESSED VALUATION - 2016 LEVY	<u>\$ 1,351,423,657</u>
Statutory debt limitation	\$ 67,571,183
5% of assessed valuation	
Less:	
General obligation bonds	<u>9,750,000</u>
LEGAL DEBT MARGIN	<u>\$ 57,821,183</u>

CREVE COEUR FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
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Note 4 - DEPOSITS

Missouri Statutes require that all non-fiduciary deposits be protected by insurance, surety bond, or collateral. The market value of the collateral pledged must equal 100% of the deposits not covered by insurance or corporate surety bonds.

Deposits - At year-end, the carrying amount of the District's deposits totaled \$35,655,872 and bank balances totaled \$35,767,735. At year-end, the District also had certificates of deposit with a total carrying amount, which approximates a fair value, of \$5,020,554. These are shown as certificates of deposit due to their original maturity dates.

Custodial Credit Risk - Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the District's deposits may not be returned to it. The District has a deposit policy for custodial credit risk that follows Missouri Statutes for deposits. Of the bank balances, \$30,088,929 was insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), and \$206,208 was covered by pledged collateral, which was held in the District's name. The remaining balance of \$5,472,598 (comprised entirely of fiduciary cash) was unsecured as of December 31, 2016 and is not required to be secured by Missouri Statute.

NOTE 5 - FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS - PENSION FUND

The Financial Accounting Standards Board establishes a framework for measuring fair value. That framework provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs. The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are described below:

Level 1 - Inputs to the valuation methodology are unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that the Pension Fund has the ability to access.

Level 2 - Inputs to the valuation methodology include:

- Quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets;
- Quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets;
- Inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability.

Level 3 - Inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable and significant to the fair value measurement.

Following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value. There have been no changes in the methodologies used at December 31, 2016.

Mutual Funds: Valued at the net asset value ("NAV") of shares held by the plan at year end.

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NOTE 5 - FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (continued)

The methods described above may produce a fair value calculation that may not be indicative of net realizable value or reflective of future fair values. Furthermore, while the District believes its valuation methods are appropriate and consistent, the use of different methodologies or assumptions to determine the fair value of certain financial instruments could result in a different fair value measurement at the reporting date.

The following table sets forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Pension Fund's assets at fair value as of December 31, 2016:

	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>	<u>Total</u>
Mutual funds	\$ 29,736,245	-	-	\$ 29,736,245
Total at fair value	<u>\$ 29,736,245</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 29,736,245</u>

Note 6 - INTERFUND RECEIVABLES/PAYABLES

The composition of interfund balances as of December 31, 2016 is as follows:

<u>Receivable Fund</u>	<u>Payable Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Ambulance Fund	General Fund	\$ 2,118,174
Dispatching Fund	General Fund	286,791
Debt Service Fund	General Fund	82,766
Pension Trust Fund	General Fund	1,039,967
		<u>\$ 3,527,698</u>

The interfund balances relate to costs incurred for operating activities. The balances are expected to be repaid within one year.

Note 7 - CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENTS

The District has entered into a contractual agreement with Central County Emergency 911 Fire Alarm System (CCE) for dispatching services and maintenance of communications equipment. Terms of the agreement state all monies allocated for dispatching services from tax collections due (per levy of 4.78 cents per \$100.00 assessed valuation for 2016) must be remitted to CCE.

The District also contracts Mediclaims, Inc., to process, file, and manage emergency medical service claims. Terms of the agreement impose a monthly fee of 6% of actual cash receipts for ambulance services and include a termination clause upon thirty day written notice by either party.

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Note 8 - CAPITAL ASSETS

The following is a summary of changes in capital assets - governmental activities:

	<u>Beginning</u> <u>Balances</u>	<u>Increases</u>	<u>Decreases</u>	<u>Ending</u> <u>Balances</u>
Governmental activities:				
Land	\$ 2,750,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,750,000
Construction in progress	295,900	1,663,480	-	1,959,380
Total capital assets not being depreciated	<u>3,045,900</u>	<u>1,663,480</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,709,380</u>
<i>Capital assets being depreciated:</i>				
Buildings and other improvements	7,293,921	-	-	7,293,921
Fire equipment and vehicles	3,458,882	116,528	58,072	3,517,338
Ambulance equipment	2,761,362	38,466	384,660	2,415,168
Total capital assets being depreciated	<u>13,514,165</u>	<u>154,994</u>	<u>442,732</u>	<u>13,226,427</u>
<i>Less accumulated depreciation for:</i>				
Buildings and other improvements	2,904,948	189,347	-	3,094,295
Fire equipment and vehicles	2,233,354	261,160	33,394	2,461,120
Ambulance equipment	1,655,247	277,534	346,194	1,586,587
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>6,793,549</u>	<u>728,041</u>	<u>379,588</u>	<u>7,142,002</u>
Total net capital assets being depreciated	<u>6,720,616</u>	<u>(573,047)</u>	<u>63,144</u>	<u>6,084,425</u>
Governmental activity capital assets, net	<u>\$ 9,766,516</u>	<u>\$ 1,090,433</u>	<u>\$ 63,144</u>	<u>\$ 10,793,805</u>

Depreciation expense was charged to functions as follows:

Governmental activities:	
Fire prevention and suppression	\$ 450,507
Emergency management services operations	277,534
Total	<u>\$ 728,041</u>

Note 9 - DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PLAN

The District's current Money Purchase Defined Contribution Pension Plan requires an employer contribution each year, equal to 16% through December 31, 2015 and 17% thereafter, of each participant's base and longevity compensation, be allocated to each participant's account. The plan also allows voluntary contributions. The plan provides for 20% vesting after 5 years of service and then an additional 20% each year until fully vested at 9 years of service. Employer contributions totaled \$923,478 for 2016.

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Note 10 - DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN

All employees of the District may choose to participate in a deferred compensation plan adopted under the provisions of Internal Revenue Code Section 457 (Deferred Compensation Plans with Respect to Service for State and Local Governments). Under the plan, employees may elect to defer a portion of their salaries and avoid paying taxes on the deferred portion until the withdrawal date. The deferred compensation amount is not available for withdrawal by employees until termination, retirement, death, or an unforeseeable emergency.

The District has significant administrative involvement over the assets of the deferred compensation plan and the investment function of the plan. The District has full power and authority to adopt rules and regulations for the administration of the plan. The District contracts with providers to manage the investment plan assets and selects the plan investment options. Additionally, the District reviews and approves withdrawals, terminations and benefit payments. All assets and income of the plan are held in trust for the exclusive benefits of the participants and their beneficiaries.

Note 11 - RISK MANAGEMENT

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts, theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets, errors and omissions, injuries to employees, and natural disasters. There have been no significant reductions in coverage from the prior year and settlements have not exceeded coverage for the past three years.

The District is a member of the Missouri Fire and Ambulance Districts' Insurance Trust (MoFad). MoFad is a public entity risk pool currently operating as a common risk management and insurance program for member districts in the State of Missouri. The District pays an annual premium to MoFad for its workers' compensation insurance based on the expected costs for the year. Members are not individually liable for excess claims for themselves or another member. Excess losses, up to the established retention for the entire trust will be borne by all members. Losses in excess of the established retention are borne by the excess carrier.

The District has established a risk management program and retains the risk related to its obligation to provide medical and hospitalization benefits to its employees. The estimated liability for incurred (both reported and unreported) but unpaid claims related to these matters is recorded in the general and ambulance funds and included in accrued expenses on the balance sheet.

At December 31, 2016, the District's total estimated liability for incurred (reported and unreported) but unpaid claims for self-insured employee benefit programs included in salaries and benefits payable:

	Balance January 1, 2016	Claims and Changes in Estimate	Claim Payments	Balance December 31, 2016
Estimated incurred but unpaid claims	\$ 80,305	\$ 1,452,508	\$ 1,444,012	\$ 88,801

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Note 12 - LONG-TERM LIABILITIES

The following is a summary of changes in long-term commitments:

	Balance January 1, 2016			Balance December 31, 2016		Amount Due Within One Year
	Additions	Reductions				
Bonds payable	\$ 4,750,000	\$ 5,000,000	\$ 250,000	\$ 9,500,000	\$ 400,000	
Accrued compensated absences *	860,642	64,324	-	924,966	-	
Post-employment health benefits *	5,666,197	-	-	5,666,197	-	
	<u>\$ 11,276,839</u>	<u>\$ 5,064,324</u>	<u>\$ 250,000</u>	<u>\$ 16,091,163</u>	<u>\$ 400,000</u>	

* Due to limitations, gross amounts for additions and reductions are not readily available. Net changes are shown above.

Note 13 - BONDS PAYABLE

During 2014 the District issued \$5,000,000 in general obligation bonds for the purpose of constructing and equipping fire stations. The District utilized portions of the proceeds to purchase new fire protection equipment and to construct a new firehouse. General obligation bonds are direct obligations issued on a pledge of the general taxing power for the payment of the debt obligations of the District. They require the District to compute, at the times taxes are levied, the rate required to provide a fund to pay interest and principal at maturity.

During 2016 the District issued \$5,000,000 in general obligation refunding bonds for the purpose of constructing, equipping and maintaining fire stations and purchasing and equipping ambulances and fire protection and fire-fighting apparatus.

The outstanding bonds carry interest rates of 2.00% to 3.25% and mature from March 15, 2015 to 2035.

All of the bond principal and interest payments are funded by a dedicated tax accounted for in the Debt Service Fund. Annual debt service payments on the bonds payable are as follows:

Year Ending December 31,	Principal	Interest	Total
2017	\$ 400,000	\$ 260,531	\$ 660,531
2018	425,000	252,281	677,281
2019	325,000	244,031	569,031
2020	375,000	234,531	609,531
2021	375,000	223,531	598,531
2022-2026	2,250,000	931,250	3,181,250
2027-2031	2,700,000	603,234	3,303,234
2032-2035	2,650,000	158,469	2,808,469
	<u>\$ 9,500,000</u>	<u>\$ 2,907,858</u>	<u>\$ 12,407,858</u>

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Note 14 - POST EMPLOYMENT HEALTHCARE BENEFITS

Plan Description

The District maintains a single-employer, defined-benefit post-retirement medical plan (the Plan) administered by the Board of Directors. The Plan provides post-retirement medical benefits from the general fund to retired employees, and their dependents, who have twenty or more years of service with the District, or have retired due to total disability with at least eight years of service in accordance with the resolution establishing the Plan. This resolution may be at any time, by this board or by a future board, rescinded in whole or in part within the sole and absolute discretion of the then acting Board of Directors.

The benefits commence at the date of retirement of the eligible employee and continue until the earlier of (a) the death of the eligible employee, (b) the date the eligible employee attains sixty-five years of age, (c) the date the eligible employee shall be eligible to receive Medicare benefits, or (d) such earlier date as may be provided by the policy. Employee spouses receive coverage under similar terms. There is also a \$15,000 life insurance benefit for all current and future retirees.

Annual OPEB Cost and Net OPEB Obligation

The District's annual other Post-employment benefit (OPEB) cost (expense) is calculated based on the annual required contribution of the employer (ARC), an amount actuarially determined in accordance with the parameters of GASB No 45. The ARC represents a level of funding that, if paid on an ongoing basis, is projected to cover normal cost each year and amortize any unfunded actuarial liabilities over a period not to exceed thirty years. The following table shows the components of the District's annual OPEB cost for the year 2015 (the last actuarial valuation date), the amount actually contributed to the plan, and the changes in the district's net OPEB obligation to the Plan:

Annual required contribution as of December 31, 2015	\$ 1,275,709
Interest on net OPEB obligation	203,200
Adjustment to annual required contribution	<u>(456,901)</u>
Annual OPEB cost (expense)	1,022,008
Contributions made	<u>(435,808)</u>
Increase in net OPEB obligation	586,200
Net OPEB obligation:	
Beginning of year	<u>5,079,997</u>
End of year	<u><u>\$ 5,666,197</u></u>

Funding Policy, Funding Status, and Funding Progress

The contribution requirements of the District are established and may be amended by the board of directors. Currently, the policy is noncontributory with the District paying all premiums. The policy is financed on a pay-as-you-go basis. As of December 31, 2015 (the last actuarial valuation date), the district had 24 retirees and dependents receiving benefits and had a total of 57 active employees which are not yet eligible to receive benefits.

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Note 14 - POST EMPLOYMENT HEALTHCARE BENEFITS (continued)

Three-Year Trend Information

<u>December 31,</u>	<u>Annual Required Contribution</u>	<u>Expected Employer Contribution</u>	<u>Percentage Contributed</u>	<u>Net OPEB Obligation</u>
2015	\$ 1,275,709	\$ 435,808	34.16%	\$ 5,666,197
2014	\$ 1,420,446	\$ 457,603	32.22%	\$ 5,079,997
2013	\$ 1,420,446	\$ 414,842	29.21%	\$ 4,333,578

At December 31, 2015, no trust fund had been established for the funding of the Plan, resulting in the classification of all liability as unfunded. However, the board committed \$10,709,163 of the general fund balance for these post-retirement benefits.

Actuarial valuations of an ongoing plan involve estimates of the value of reported amounts and assumptions about the probability of occurrence of events far into the future. Examples include assumptions about future employment, mortality, and the healthcare cost trend. Amounts determined regarding the funded status of the plan and the annual required contributions of the employer are subject to continual revision as actual results are compared with past expectations and new estimates are made about the future. The schedule of funding progress, presented above, will present multi year trend information about whether the actuarial value of plan assets is increasing or decreasing over time relative to the actuarial accrued liabilities for benefits.

Actuarial Methods and Assumptions

Projections of benefits for financial reporting purposes are based on the substantive plan (the plan as understood by the employer and the plan members) and include the types of benefits provided at the time of each valuation and the historical pattern of sharing of benefit costs between the employer and plan members to that point. The actuarial methods and assumptions used include techniques that are designed to reduce the effects of short-term volatility in actuarial accrued liabilities and the actuarial value of assets, consistent with the long-term perspective of the calculations as follows:

Actuarial Cost Method	Projected Unit Credit
Amortization Method	Level Dollar
Remaining Amortization Period	15 years
Asset Valuation Method	N/A
Actuarial Assumptions:	
Discount Rate	4.00%
Investment Rate of Return	N/A
Healthcare Cost Trend Rates- Initial	9.00%
- Ultimate	5.0%, reached in 2033

CREVE COEUR FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2016

Note 15 - AGE ACTIVATED SUPPLEMENTAL DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN

Plan Description

The District maintains a single-employer, defined-benefit pension plan administered by the Retirement Plan Committee. The Plan provides retirement, death, and disability benefits to plan members and beneficiaries in accordance with the resolution establishing the Plan and may be amended under the provisions of Article IX. The District's Defined Benefit Plan issues a publicly available report that can be obtained by contacting the Creve Coeur Fire Protection District.

Eligibility

Employees, at least 21 years of age, with 1,500 hours of service during the first 12 months of employment with the District are eligible to participate.

Benefits Provided

The benefits are calculated as 70% of each employee's monthly final average compensation, less the employee's actuarially determined monthly benefit from their vested account balance in the Money Purchase Defined Contribution Pension Plan less 66 2/3% of the employee's estimated monthly social security benefit at age 62 through December 31, 2016 and 67 thereafter.

Employees with 20 years of vested service on July 1, 1995, and employees with 25 years for vested service after July 1, 1995, are eligible to retire at age 55.

Benefit terms provide for annual cost-of-living adjustments to certain retirees benefits subsequent to the employee's retirement date. Annual adjustment is based on the Consumer Price Index, limited to a maximum increase in retirement allowance of 3%.

At December 31, 2016, the following employees were covered by the plan:

Covered members:	
Active employees	57
Inactive employees entitled to but not yet receiving benefits	1
Inactive employees or beneficiaries currently receiving benefits	36
Total Membership	<u>94</u>

Contributions

The District must annually contribute an actuarially determined amount. The District authorized a \$242,437 contribution in 2016, or 4.22% of the \$5,748,640 in covered payroll.

Basis of Accounting

The Defined Benefit Plan's financial statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting. Employer contributions are recognized when due and the employer has made a formal commitment to provide the contributions. Benefits are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the terms of the plan. Investment income is recognized when earned. Gains and losses on sale and exchange of securities are recognized on the transaction date.

CREVE COEUR FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
 NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
 DECEMBER 31, 2016

Note 15 - AGE ACTIVATED SUPPLEMENTAL DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN (continued)

Asset Valuations

Investments are reported at market value based on quoted prices at month/year end. Securities traded on a national or international exchange at valued at the last reported sale price at current exchange rates.

Actuarial Assumptions

The total pension liability in the December 31, 2016 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Discount rate	7.00%
Investment rate of return	7.00%
Salary increases	4.00%
Inflation	3.00%

The actuarial assumptions used in the December 31, 2016 were based on the results of the actuarial experience study for the period January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016. In addition, mortality rates were based on the RP-2000 Com Combined Mortality Table for Males or Females, as appropriate, with adjustments for mortality improvement based on scale BB.

The long-term expected rate of return on Plan investments was determined based upon a review of the existing portfolio structure, actual recent experience, and reasonable future long-term expectations of rates of return.

Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that the sponsor contribution will be made at the actuarially determined contribution rate. Based on that assumption, the pension plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all 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.

Net Pension Liability

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

Total Pension Liability	\$ 11,065,032
Plan Fiduciary Net Position	10,057,595
Net Pension Liability (Asset)	\$ 1,007,437
 Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a % of the Total Pension Liability	 90.90%

CREVE COEUR FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2016

Note 15 - AGE ACTIVATED SUPPLEMENTAL DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN (continued)

	Total Pension Liability (a)	Plan Fiduciary Net Position (b)	Net Pension Liability (a)-(b)
Balance, December 31, 2015	\$ 10,791,164	\$ 9,750,462	\$ 1,040,702
Changes for the year			
Service cost	138,808	-	138,808
Interest	742,700	-	742,700
Net investment income	-	715,640	(715,640)
Experience difference	43,304	-	43,304
Contribution – employer	-	242,437	(242,437)
Benefit payments	(650,944)	(650,944)	-
Changes in net pension liability	273,868	307,133	(33,265)
Balance, December 31, 2016	<u>\$ 11,065,032</u>	<u>\$ 10,057,595</u>	<u>\$ 1,007,437</u>

The District's net pension liability was measured as of December 31, 2016, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date.

Sensitivity of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate

The following presents the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 7%, as well as 1% higher and 1% lower than the current rate.

	Discount Rate		
	1% Decrease (6.00%)	Current Rate (7.00%)	1% Increase (8.00%)
Net pension liability	\$ 2,158,827	\$ 1,007,437	\$ 21,815

Pension Expenses and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pension

For the year ended December 31, 2016, the District recognized pension expense of \$484,978. On December 31, 2016 the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 43,304	\$ -
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension investment	-	47,164
Changes of assumptions	-	-
Total	<u>\$ 43,304</u>	<u>\$ 47,164</u>

CREVE COEUR FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2016

Note 15 - AGE ACTIVATED SUPPLEMENTAL DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN (continued)

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,			
	2017	\$	(2,809)
	2018		(2,809)
	2019		(2,809)
	2020		(2,809)
	2021		(2,808)
	Thereafter		10,184
Total		\$	<u>(3,860)</u>

Note 16 - SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Management has evaluated subsequent events through May 25, 2017, the date which the financial statements were available for issue, and noted no reportable events.

Required Supplementary Information
(Other than Management's Discussion and Analysis)

CREVE COEUR FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
 BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE
 GENERAL FUND
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
Revenues				
Property taxes	\$ 7,053,150	\$ 6,849,192	\$ 6,844,071	\$ (5,121)
Inspection and permit fees	150,000	201,050	201,050	-
Investment income	35,000	53,209	53,209	-
Other income	23,000	20,980	20,980	-
Total revenues	7,261,150	7,124,431	7,119,310	(5,121)
Expenditures				
Current operating				
Personal services	5,116,440	4,507,231	3,832,948	674,283
Materials and services	2,354,540	2,383,476	2,030,539	352,937
Capital outlay	-	-	2,619	(2,619)
Total expenditures	7,470,980	6,890,707	5,866,106	1,024,601
Net change in fund balance	\$ (209,830)	\$ 233,724	1,253,204	\$ 1,019,480
Fund balance, beginning of year			20,687,983	
Fund balance, end of year			\$ 21,941,187	

CREVE COEUR FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
 BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE
 AMBULANCE FUND
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
Revenues				
Property taxes	\$ 5,371,590	\$ 5,273,799	\$ 5,262,466	\$ (11,333)
Ambulance billings	1,100,000	1,084,668	1,193,713	109,045
Total revenues	<u>6,471,590</u>	<u>6,358,467</u>	<u>6,456,179</u>	<u>97,712</u>
Expenditures				
Current operating				
Personal services	4,690,413	5,321,203	4,947,991	373,212
Materials and services	302,000	304,001	235,635	68,366
Capital outlay	17,000	17,000	-	17,000
Total expenditures	<u>5,009,413</u>	<u>5,642,204</u>	<u>5,183,626</u>	<u>458,578</u>
Net change in fund balance	<u>\$ 1,462,177</u>	<u>\$ 716,263</u>	1,272,553	<u>\$ 556,290</u>
Fund balance, beginning of year			<u>3,119,576</u>	
Fund balance, end of year			<u>\$ 4,392,129</u>	

CREVE COEUR FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
 BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE
 DISPATCH FUND
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
Revenues				
Property taxes	\$ 628,483	\$ 618,898	\$ 619,171	\$ 273
Total revenues	<u>628,483</u>	<u>618,898</u>	<u>619,171</u>	<u>273</u>
Expenditures				
Current operating				
Materials and services	628,483	628,483	619,171	9,312
Total expenditures	<u>628,483</u>	<u>628,483</u>	<u>619,171</u>	<u>9,312</u>
Net change in fund balance	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (9,585)</u>	-	<u>\$ 9,585</u>
Fund balance, beginning of year			<u>41,815</u>	
Fund balance, end of year			<u>\$ 41,815</u>	

CREVE COEUR FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION
DECEMBER 31, 2016

NOTE 1 - BUDGETS AND BUDGETARY ACCOUNTING

Budgets are adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles using fund accounting and the accrual basis of accounting. Annual budgets are adopted for all governmental funds.

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

1. The Treasurer submits to the District Board a proposed operating budget for the year commencing January 1. The operating budget includes proposed expenditures and revenues. The District cannot legally budget expenditures, at the fund level, in excess of the total revenue of the preceding year plus any unreserved fund balance at the end of such year. The original budget adopted by the District may be amended anytime during the year provided the limit is not exceeded.
2. Public hearings are conducted by the District to obtain taxpayer comments.
3. The budget is adopted by the affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the Board. Should the Board take no final action by this date, the budget is deemed to be the operating budget from the prior year, until the new budget is approved.
4. The legal level of control (the level at which expenditures may not legally exceed appropriations) is at the fund level for all funds.

CREVE COEUR FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
 REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
 SCHEDULE OF FUNDING PROGRESS

Actuarial Valuation Date	Actuarial Value of Assets (a)	Actuarial Accrued Liability (AAL) Entry Age (b)	Unfunded AAL (UAAL) (b-a)	Funded Ratio (a/b)
1/1/2015	-	9,508,334	9,508,334	0.00%
1/1/2013	-	10,709,163	10,709,163	0.00%
1/1/2011	-	10,873,416	10,873,416	0.00%

CREVE COEUR FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN NET PENSION LIABILITY AND RELATED RATIOS

Last 10 Calendar Years

Fiscal year ending December 31,	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007
Total pension liability										
Service cost	\$ 138,808	\$ 119,745								
Interest on the total pension liability	742,700	674,116								
Difference between expected and actual experience	43,304	829,387								
Benefit payments and refunds	(650,944)	(685,144)								
Net change in total pension liability	273,868	938,104								
Total pension liability - beginning	10,791,164	9,853,060								
Total pension liability - ending (a)	\$ 11,065,032	\$ 10,791,164								
Plan Fiduciary Net Position										
Contributions - employer	\$ 242,437	\$ 100,000								
Pension plan net investment income	715,640	(19,847)								
Benefit payments and refunds	(650,944)	(685,144)								
Net change in plan fiduciary net position	307,133	(604,991)								
Plan fiduciary net position - beginning	9,750,462	10,355,453								
Plan fiduciary net position - ending (b)	\$ 10,057,595	\$ 9,750,462								
Net pension liability - ending (a) - (b)	\$ 1,007,437	\$ 1,040,702								
Net position as a percentage of pension liability	90.90%	90.36%								
Covered-employee payroll	\$ 5,748,640	\$ 5,579,778								
Net pension liability as a percentage of payroll	17.52%	18.65%								

Notes to schedule:

Schedule is intended to show information for ten years. Additional years will be displayed as they become available.

Supplementary Information

CREVE COEUR FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
 BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE
 DEBT SERVICE FUND
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016

	Budgeted Amounts			Variance Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final	Actual	
Revenues				
Property taxes	\$ 463,751	\$ 589,521	\$ 734,823	\$ 145,302
Investment income	50	-	404	404
Total revenues	<u>463,801</u>	<u>589,521</u>	<u>735,227</u>	<u>145,706</u>
Expenditures				
Debt service				
Principal	250,000	250,000	250,000	-
Interest and other fiscal charges	121,525	213,976	213,976	-
Total expenditures	<u>371,525</u>	<u>463,976</u>	<u>463,976</u>	<u>-</u>
Net change in fund balance	<u>\$ 92,276</u>	<u>\$ 125,545</u>	271,251	<u>\$ 145,706</u>
Fund balance, beginning of year			<u>386,685</u>	
Fund balance, end of year			<u>\$ 657,936</u>	

CREVE COEUR FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
 BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE
 CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016

	Budgeted Amounts			Variance Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final	Actual	
Revenues				
Investment income	\$ 30,000	\$ 23,399	\$ 23,399	\$ -
Total revenues	<u>30,000</u>	<u>23,399</u>	<u>23,399</u>	<u>-</u>
Expenditures				
Current operating				
Maintenance, supplies and repairs	-	-	84,053	(84,053)
Capital outlay	<u>6,481,500</u>	<u>6,481,500</u>	<u>1,758,281</u>	<u>4,723,219</u>
Total expenditures	<u>6,481,500</u>	<u>6,481,500</u>	<u>1,842,334</u>	<u>4,639,166</u>
Revenues over (under) expenditures	<u>(6,451,500)</u>	<u>(6,458,101)</u>	<u>(1,818,935)</u>	<u>4,639,166</u>
Other financing sources (uses)				
Bond proceeds	5,000,000	5,247,783	5,247,783	-
Bond issuance costs	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(65,054)</u>	<u>(65,054)</u>
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>5,000,000</u>	<u>5,247,783</u>	<u>5,182,729</u>	<u>(65,054)</u>
Net change in fund balance	<u>\$ (1,451,500)</u>	<u>\$ (1,210,318)</u>	3,363,794	<u>\$ 4,574,112</u>
Fund balance, beginning of year			<u>3,389,825</u>	
Fund balance, end of year			<u>\$ 6,753,619</u>	

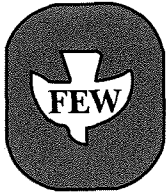
CREVE COEUR FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
 SCHEDULE OF INSURANCE IN FORCE
 DECEMBER 31, 2016

<u>INSURANCE IN FORCE</u>	<u>INSURANCE COMPANY</u>	<u>ANNUAL PREMIUM</u>
Package	McNeil & Company	\$ 58,250
Portable Equipment	McNeil & Company	\$ 15,390
Umberalla Policy	McNeil & Company	\$ 3,783
Workers' Compensation	Missouri Fire and Ambulance	\$ 414,287

SCHEDULE OF PRINCIPAL OFFICE HOLDERS
 DECEMBER 31, 2016

<u>OFFICE HOLDER</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>ANNUAL COMPENSATION</u>
Harry Baidier	President	\$ 6,117
David Kreuter	Secretary	\$ 4,308
Harvey Seigel	Treasurer	\$ 6,083
Blanche Keller	Former Officer	\$ 1,208

Federal Compliance Section



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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
Creve Coeur Fire Protection District
St. Louis, Missouri

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 the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Creve Coeur Fire Protection District, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2016, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Creve Coeur Fire Protection District's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated May 25, 2017.

Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered Creve Coeur Fire Protection 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 our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Creve Coeur Fire Protection District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Creve Coeur Fire Protection 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 a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity'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 by those charged with governance.


Our consideration of 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 Creve Coeur Fire Protection District's financial statements are free from 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

The purpose of this report is 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 on 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.


Fick, Eggemeyer, & Williamson, CPA's
Saint Louis, Missouri
May 25, 2017

CREVE COEUR FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016

Section I - Summary of Auditors' Results

Financial Statements

Type of auditors' report issued: Unqualified

Internal control over financial reporting:

Material weaknesses identified _____ Yes X No

Reportable conditions identified that are not considered to be material weaknesses _____ Yes X No

Noncompliance material to financial statements noted? _____ Yes X No

Federal Awards - NA

Internal control over major programs:

Material weaknesses identified? _____ Yes _____ No

Reportable conditions identified that are not considered to be material weaknesses _____ Yes _____ No

Type of auditors' report issued on compliance for major programs:

Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with Uniform Guidance _____ Yes _____ No

Identification of major program:

CFDA Numbers Name of Federal Program or Cluster

None

Dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and Type B programs: \$ 750,000

Auditee qualified as low risk auditee? _____ Yes _____ No

CREVE COEUR FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
SUMMARY OF PRIOR YEAR AUDIT FINDINGS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016

Summary Schedule of Prior Audit Findings

<u>Prior finding number</u>	<u>Condition</u>	<u>Current Status</u>
15-01	Internal control over nonroutine and nonsystematic transactions	Resolved