

**ST. LUCIE COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT**  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND  
ACCOMPANYING INFORMATION  
Year Ended September 30, 2014

**ST LUCIE COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT**

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September 30, 2014

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Chairman and Members of the Board of Commissioners  
St. Lucie County Fire District  
Fort Pierce, Florida

**Report on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of St. Lucie County Fire District, Florida, as of and for the year ended September 30, 2014, 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.

***Auditor's Responsibility***

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

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

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

## ***Opinions***

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and each major fund, and of St. Lucie County Fire District, Florida, as of September 30, 2014, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

## ***Other Matters***

### ***Required Supplementary Information***

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information on pages 4 - 15 and 22 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 an opinion on the financial statements that collectively comprise the St. Lucie County Fire District, Florida's basic financial statements. The accompanying information and statistical section is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements. Additionally, the accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards and state financial assistance is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by U.S. Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*, and is also not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The accompanying information, budgetary comparison information, schedule of expenditures of federal awards, are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in

accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the accompanying information and the schedule of expenditures of federal awards are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

The statistical section has not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on them.

**Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards***

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated April 21, 2015, on our consideration of the St. Lucie County Fire District, Florida'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 St. Lucie County Fire District, Florida's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

*DiBartolomeo, McBee, Hartley & Barnes*

DiBartolomeo, McBee, Hartley & Barnes, P.A.

Fort Pierce, Florida

April 21, 2015



## **St. Lucie County Fire District, Florida Management's Discussion and Analysis For the Year Ended September 30, 2014**

The purpose of management's discussion and analysis is to provide an objective and easily readable analysis of the District's financial activities for the October 1, 2013 through September 30, 2014 fiscal year. While it summarizes financial information for the District, it is highly recommended that it be read in conjunction with the District's financial statements.

### **FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS**

- Total Assets increased by 3.5% to \$62.1 million from \$60.0 million the previous fiscal year.
- Total Liabilities increased 8.3% to \$29.6 million versus \$27.3 million the previous year.
- Total Net Position decreased .5% to \$32.5 million compared to \$32.7 million the previous year.
- District revenue increased 13.3% to 63.5 million compared to \$56.1 million the previous year.
- At \$63.2 million, expenditures were 0.4% more than the previous year.
- At the close of the fiscal year, the District reported combined ending fund balances of \$28.7 million compared to \$28.4 million the previous year.
- Revenue generated by impact fees increased 13.9% to \$207.5 thousand compared to \$182.1 thousand the previous year; however, permit fees decreased 19.9% to \$470.9 thousand from \$588.1 thousand the prior year.
- Grant revenue decreased 15.0% to \$1.3 million compared to \$1.5 million the previous year.
- Ad valorem revenue increased 20.7% to \$44.6 million compared to \$37.2 million the previous year.
- Interest revenue decreased 31.2% to \$205.9 thousand compared to \$299.3 thousand the previous year.

## OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The District's financial statements are comprised of two major components: Fund financial statements and Notes to Financial Statements. In addition to the basic financial statements, this document also contains supplementary information that the reader is encouraged to review.

### **Fund Financial Statements**

The Fund 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. They are divided into two categories:

**Governmental Funds** which include the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet (Statement of Net Position) and Statement of Governmental Fund Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance (Statement of Activities).

**Fiduciary Funds** which include the Statement of Fiduciary Net Position and Statement of Changes in Net Position – Fiduciary Funds.

### **Governmental Funds**

The District maintains a General Fund and five Special Revenue Funds. These are considered governmental funds and are accounted for in the following two statements:

The *Governmental Funds Balance Sheet (Statement of Net Position)* is a 'snapshot' of the District's assets and liabilities at midnight of September 30, 2014. The difference between District assets and liabilities is reported as net position. One item of significance is the change in net position. Depending on the situation, this may indicate that the financial position of the District is improving or deteriorating.

The *Statement of Governmental Fund Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance (Statement of Activities)* shows the actual expenditures and receipts by major category. It is very useful in determining why there was a change in net position. Keep in mind the District uses the Modified Accrual method of accounting and, therefore, records the transaction when the event occurs, not necessarily when cash flow is affected.

### **Fiduciary Fund**

In October of 2006 the Fire District separated from the City of Fort Pierce retirement system and created two pension trust plans. The two plans, the St Lucie County Fire District Firefighter's Pension Trust Fund/Chapter 175 Firefighters' Supplementary Pension Trust Fund and the St Lucie County Fire District General Employee's Pension Trust Fund, are each governed by separate Boards of Trustees elected by participants in the plans. While it has no direct control over the management of the fund, the Board of Commissioners appoint

two members to serve as a Trustee on each Board. These funds are considered components of the Fire District and, therefore, included in the District Financial Statements. Contributions to the respective funds are held in trust for the benefit of members of the District who are certified firefighters or general employees.

The *Statement of Fiduciary Net Position*, like its governmental counterpart, is a 'snapshot' of the assets and liabilities of the trust fund at the end of the fiscal year. A change in net position, depending on the situation, may indicate that the financial position of the trust fund is improving or deteriorating.

*Changes in Net Position – Fiduciary Funds* shows the actual additions to and deductions from the trust fund for the fiscal year.

### **Notes to Financial Statements**

The Notes to Financial Statements provide additional information concerning the District's accounting policies, budgeting practices, finances, financial activities and financial balances. This information is essential for the reader to have a full understanding of the data provided in the financial statements. It divulges information that is either not disclosed in the financial statements or is not easily extracted from them.

## **FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE DISTRICT**

### **Statement of Net Position**

The schedule titled Net Position provides a summary of the assets, liabilities and net position of the Fire District at the end of the fiscal year. It also shows the changes in each from fiscal year 2013 to fiscal year 2014.

Total Assets increased 3.5% from \$60.0 million the previous fiscal year to \$62.1 million in fiscal year 2013-2014. The increase occurred in Cash and Investments which is a result of increased fund balances. Fund balances increase when expenditures are less than revenue.

Total Liabilities increased 8.3% from \$27.3 million to \$29.6 million.

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
AS OF: SEPTEMBER 30, 2014

Other Post Employment Benefits for fiscal year 2014 added another \$2 million to the total liability.

The combination of an increase in Total Assets and Total Liabilities resulted in a \$178 thousand decrease in Total Net Position. Although this is not a desired indicator, it is a significant improvement from prior fiscal year.

	Net Position (in thousands)		Percent Change
	Governmental Activities		
	2014	2013	
Cash and investments	\$ 25,873.7	\$ 24,539.4	5.4%
Other assets	\$ 5,709.4	\$ 7,054.0	-19.1%
Capital assets (net of depreciation)	\$ 30,495.3	\$ 28,391.4	7.4%
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ 62,078.4</b>	<b>\$ 59,984.8</b>	<b>3.5%</b>
Current liabilities	\$ 20,378.8	\$ 18,619.4	9.4%
Long-term liabilities	\$ 9,191.5	\$ 8,679.1	5.9%
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 29,570.3</b>	<b>\$ 27,298.5</b>	<b>8.3%</b>
Net investment in capital assets	\$ 30,495.3	\$ 28,391.4	7.4%
Net position - restricted	\$ 1,222.9	\$ 1,582.7	-22.7%
Net position - unrestricted	\$ 790.0	\$ 2,712.2	-70.9%
<b>Total net position</b>	<b>\$ 32,508.2</b>	<b>\$ 32,686.3</b>	<b>-0.5%</b>

Restricted funds are set aside for accounts payable,  
Encumbrances, other liabilities or to fund the capital improvement plan.

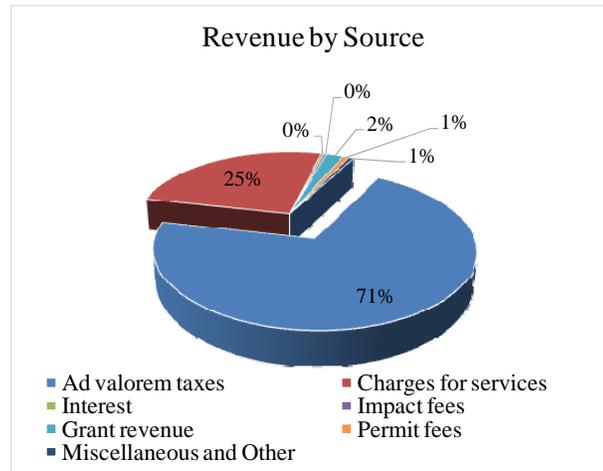
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AS OF: SEPTEMBER 30, 2014

The following schedule provides a comparison of the receipts from major sources of revenue, the actual expenditures by major classification and the resulting **Changes in Fund Balance** from fiscal year 2013 to 2014.

CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE  
(in thousands)

	Governmental Activities		Percent Change
	2014	2013	
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
Public Safety			
Personnel, health and welfare	\$ 49,598.3	\$ 52,634.8	-5.8%
Operating	\$ 11,507.7	\$ 9,760.2	17.9%
Capital outlay	\$ 2,115.1	\$ 552.2	283.0%
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$ 63,221.1</b>	<b>\$ 62,947.2</b>	0.4%
<b>REVENUES</b>			
Ad valorem taxes	\$ 44,925.6	\$ 37,214.8	20.7%
Charges for services	\$ 16,063.3	\$ 15,852.0	1.3%
Interest	\$ 205.9	\$ 299.3	-31.2%
Impact fees	\$ 207.5	\$ 182.1	13.9%
Grant revenue	\$ 1,296.7	\$ 1,526.4	-15.0%
Permit fees	\$ 470.9	\$ 588.1	-19.9%
Miscellaneous and Other	\$ 365.2	\$ 392.4	-6.9%
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$ 63,535.1</b>	<b>\$ 56,055.1</b>	13.3%
<b>EXCESS (DEFICIT) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$ 314.0</b>	<b>\$ (6,892.1)</b>	<b>-104.6%</b>
<b>FUND BALANCES</b>			
BEGINNING OF YEAR	\$ 28,416.6	\$ 35,308.6	-19.5%
END OF YEAR	\$ 28,730.6	\$ 28,416.5	1.1%

Net Change in Fund Balance – The net impact of Revenue minus Expenditures resulted in an increase in Fund Balance. Although it was a minor increase, the District did not have to use reserves to balance the budget.

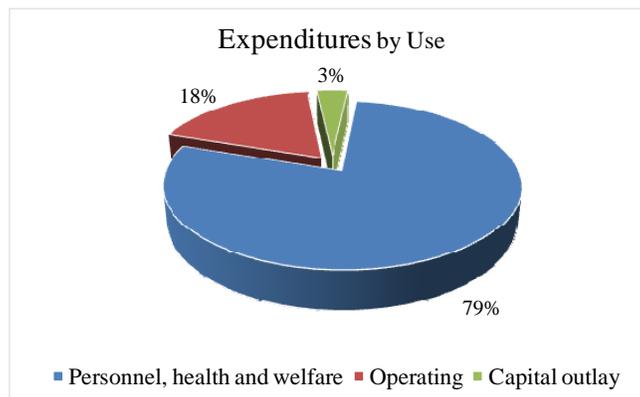


- Revenue

- **Ad Valorem Taxes** – the main source of revenue for funding District operations– increased by 20.7%.
- Revenue generated by **Permit/Inspection Fees** decreased. The 19.9% decrease is due to fluctuations in large projects from year to year.
- **Fire/EMS Impact Fee** revenue increased 13.9%. The increase is a sign that new construction is still on an upward trend.
- Revenue from **Emergency Medical Service (EMS) Fees** increased 1.3% from last fiscal year. As a note, the number of medical transports increased 1.9% over the previous year.

- Expenditures – At \$63.2 million, expenditures in fiscal year 2014 increased less than 1% from prior fiscal year 2013.

Staff anticipated a small increase in property values when developing the 2013-2014 budget. As in the past few years, administration decided to not replace personnel lost through attrition. These actions have enabled the District to not rely on the reserves to balance the budget.



**FUND FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

**General Fund**

The District's General Fund is the main operating fund of the District. It is used to account for all financial resources that are not restricted by State or Federal laws, District resolutions or other externally imposed requirements.

Analysis of Variances Budget to Actual  
(in thousands)

	<b>General Fund</b>		
	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual Amounts</u>	<u>Variance</u>
<b>Revenues</b>			
Taxes	\$ 45,564.5	\$ 44,925.6	\$ (638.9)
Charges for services	\$ 14,788.8	\$ 16,063.3	\$ 1,274.5
Interest	\$ 236.0	\$ 195.5	\$ (40.5)
Excess fees	\$ 428.0	\$ 301.0	\$ (127.0)
Permit fees	\$ 450.0	\$ 470.9	\$ 20.9
Miscellaneous and other	\$ 41.0	\$ 64.2	\$ 23.2
<b>Total revenues</b>	<b>\$ 61,508.3</b>	<b>\$ 62,020.5</b>	<b>\$ 512.2</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>			
<b>Public safety</b>			
Personnel	\$ 48,555.4	\$ 48,362.8	\$ 192.6
Operating	\$ 11,552.9	\$ 11,288.3	\$ 264.6
Capital outlay	\$ 90.6	\$ 82.3	\$ 8.3
<b>Total expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 60,198.9</b>	<b>\$ 59,733.4</b>	<b>\$ 465.5</b>
Operating transfers		\$ (200.0)	\$ 200.0
<b>Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenses</b>	<b>\$ 1,309.4</b>	<b>\$ 2,087.1</b>	<b>\$ (777.7)</b>

Variances (Actual & Budget):

- Charges for Services: Staff expected another slight increase in Ambulance Billing Fee revenue. This did occur and can be attributed to the increase in the number of transports.
- Interest Revenue: Despite continuous monitoring of District investments, interest earnings fell below expectations.
- Operating Expenditures: By keeping operating expenditures to the absolute necessities, the District was able to save \$465.5 thousand.

- As you can see, the chart shows budgeted revenues of \$61.5 million and budgeted expenditures of \$60.2 million; the budget is balanced.

### **Other Governmental Funds**

The *EMS Grant Fund*: Each year the District, through the Board of County Commissioners, applies to the Florida Department of Health, Bureau of Emergency Medical Services for a grant to offset pre-hospital services and activities. The application specifies, by line item, what the funds can be used for. The purpose of the *EMS Grant Fund* is to account for the receipt and expenditures of the EMS County Grant funds disbursed by the Florida Department of Health, Bureau of Emergency Medical Services.

The *Public Education Fund*: This fund accounts for the use of fees collected as a result of excessive false alarms. The District has elected to use these funds for the purpose of enhancing public education on issues concerning fire safety and awareness.

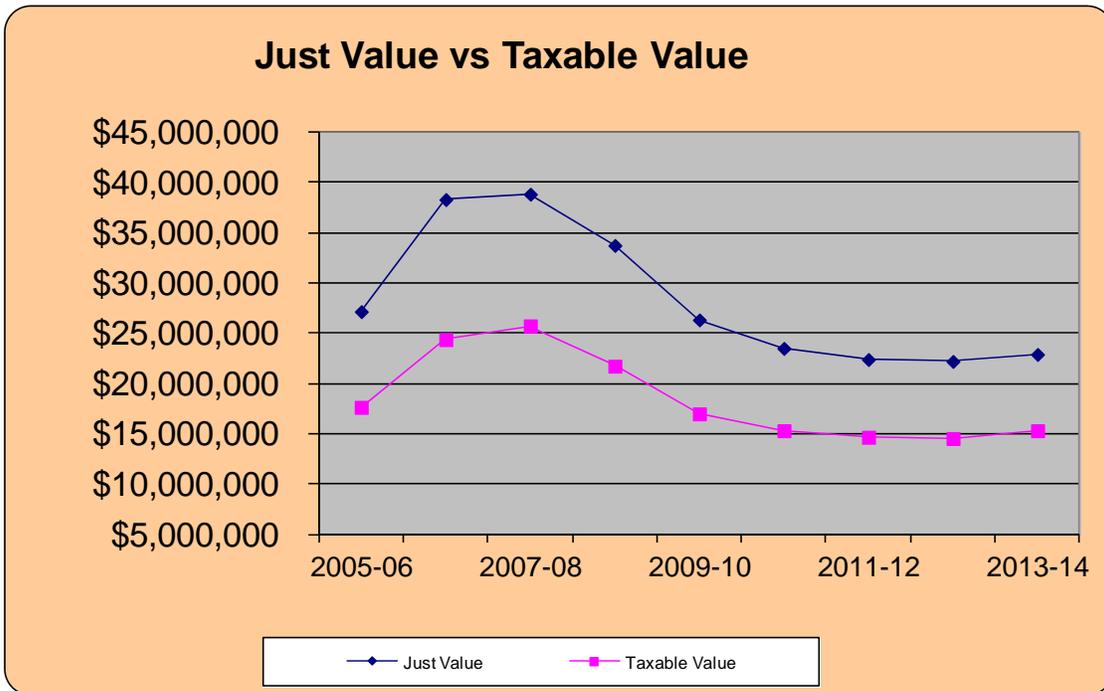
The *Impact Fee Fund*: By inter-local agreement, the Board of County Commissioners, the City of Port St. Lucie and the City of Fort Pierce collect Fire/EMS impact fees at the time they issue building permits for new construction. After deducting a nominal administrative fee, the entities remit the net amounts to the District. These funds can only be used to construct/expand fire stations necessitated by the new construction. The *Impact Fee Fund* accounts for the receipt and use of impact fee revenue.

### **Debt Management**

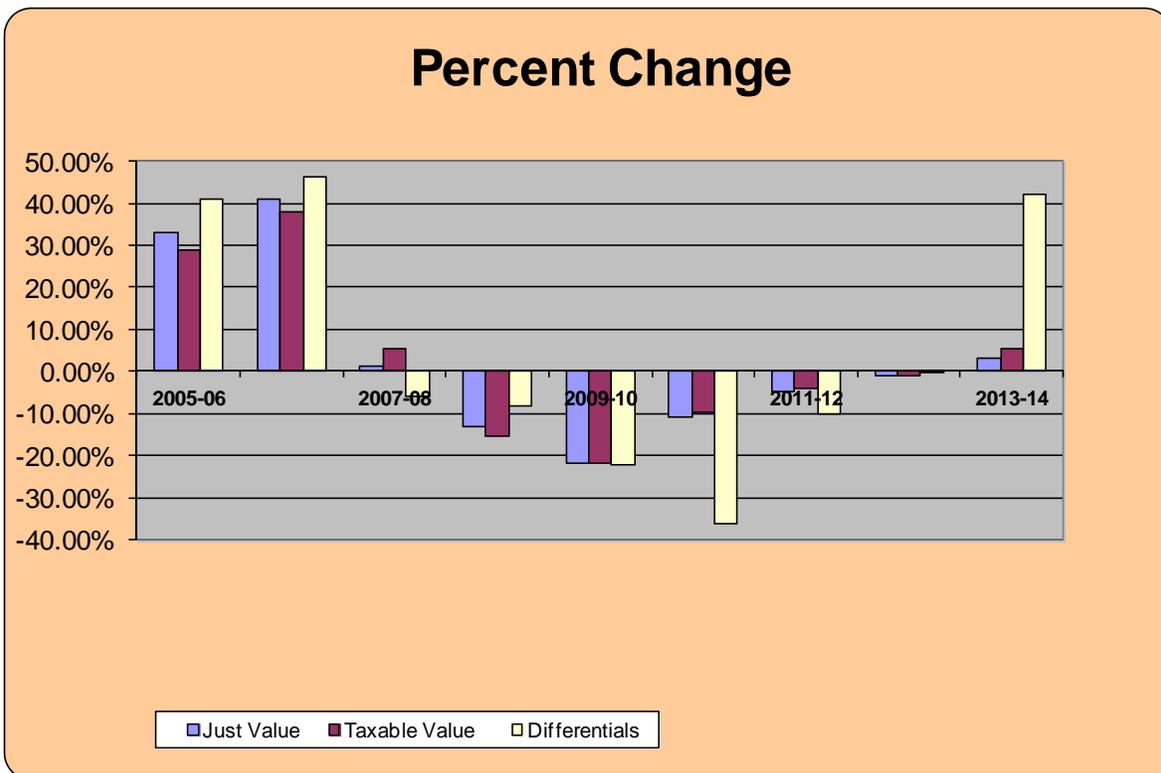
The District continues the policy of paying for capital improvements and equipment as they are needed. Chapter 2004-407 of the Florida Statutes prohibits the District from issuing more than \$1.5 million in debt per year and limits the total outstanding debt to \$5 million. At the end of fiscal year 2014 the District had no outstanding debt.

### **Future Financial Condition**

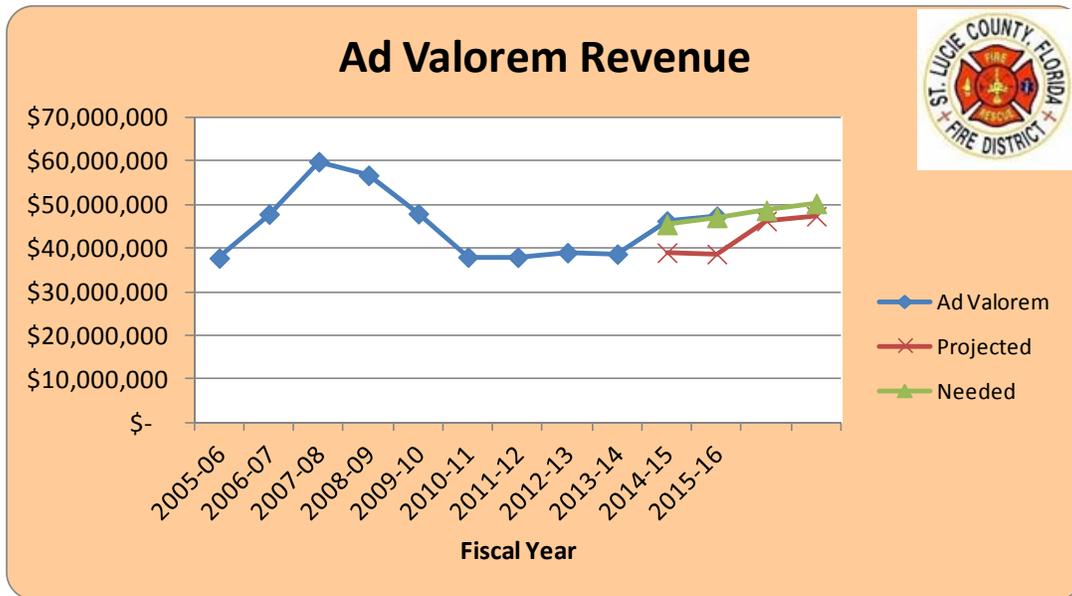
Property values as of January 1, 2014, after adjustments for additions and deletions, increased 5.34%. While the increase in property values was more than the previous year, it was a welcomed sign that values are starting to stabilize.



Construction of new housing in fiscal year 2013-2014 increased slightly. Commercial construction did a little better but nothing significant. This has had an effect on revenue from ad valorem taxes, impact fees and plans review fees.



Ad valorem revenue constitutes 70% of all revenue the District receives in the General Fund to support operations. That percentage does not include cash balance carried forward or interfund transfers from reserves. The District does not have other sources of revenue to offset the loss of ad valorem revenue so any decrease in this major source of funding adversely affects the budget.



While the next few budget years will continue to be a challenge for the District, we are seeing indicators the economic environment is improving.

- The unemployment rate within the county is considerably better than it was last year.
- The number of foreclosures within St. Lucie County continues to decline.
- The number of sales of existing homes increased resulting in an increase in the median price and a significant decrease in inventory.
- Revenue from Impact Fees increased slightly.

Staff, at the direction of the Board, is looking into alternate sources of revenue to supplement Ad Valorem Taxes and Ambulance Billing Fees. Both of these sources are sensitive to changes in the economy. If we are successful in instituting one or more of the alternatives, the District will have a more stable source of revenue to rely on when budgeting for the future.

**Requests for Information**

This financial report is intended to present users with a general overview of the District's finances and to demonstrate its accountability. If you have questions concerning any of the information provided in this report, or need additional information, contact the Office of the Clerk-Treasurer, 5160 NW Milner Drive, Port St. Lucie, FL 34983.

# ST. LUCIE COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT

## STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

September 30, 2014

	<u>GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Cash	\$ 10,720,141
Investments	15,153,607
Accounts receivable	
Trade net of allowance for	
Uncollectibles of \$9,257,062	4,933,635
Due from other	
Governmental units	570,947
Inventory	204,888
Capital assets:	
Non-depreciable	1,550,006
Depreciable-net	28,945,289
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b><u>\$ 62,078,513</u></b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>	
<b>LIABILITIES</b>	
Accounts payable	\$ 575,312
Accrued Wages	1,665,285
Accrued payroll taxes & retirement benefits	611,192
Unearned revenue	900
Net other post employment benefit obligations	16,617,079
Long-term liabilities	
Due within one year	909,054
Due after one year	9,191,541
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b><u>29,570,363</u></b>
<b>NET POSITION</b>	
Net investment in capital assets	30,495,295
Restricted	1,222,915
Unrestricted	789,940
<b>TOTAL NET POSITION</b>	<b><u>\$ 32,508,150</u></b>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement

**ST. LUCIE COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT**

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

Year Ended September 30, 2014

FUNCTIONS/PROGRAMS	EXPENSES	PROGRAM REVENUES		NET (EXPENSE)
		CHARGES FOR SERVICES	OPERATING GRANTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS	REVENUES AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION
				GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES
Governmental activities				
Public safety	\$ 63,713,166	\$ 16,063,295	\$ 1,296,749	\$ (46,353,122)
Total Governmental Activities	<u>\$ 63,713,166</u>	<u>\$ 16,063,295</u>	<u>\$ 1,296,749</u>	<u>\$ (46,353,122)</u>
General revenues:				
Property taxes				45,226,598
Permit fees				470,902
Impact fees				207,519
Investment earnings				205,840
Miscellaneous				64,165
Total general revenues				<u>46,175,024</u>
Change in net position				(178,098)
Net position - October 1, 2013				<u>32,686,248</u>
Net position - September 30, 2014				<u>\$ 32,508,150</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement

**ST. LUCIE COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT**  
**GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET**  
September 30, 2014

	GENERAL FUND	SPECIAL REVENUE FUND	TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Cash	\$ 10,460,652	\$ 259,489	\$ 10,720,141
Investments	14,355,588	798,019	15,153,607
Accounts receivable			
Trade net of allowance for			
Uncollectibles of \$9,257,062	4,933,635	-	4,933,635
Due from other governmental units	417,711	153,236	570,947
Due from other funds	73,183	-	73,183
Inventory	193,118	11,770	204,888
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 30,433,887</b>	<b>\$ 1,222,514</b>	<b>\$ 31,656,401</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY</b>			
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Accounts payable	\$ 540,216	\$ 35,096	\$ 575,312
Accrued wages	1,620,165	45,120	1,665,285
Unearned revenue	900	-	900
Accrued payroll taxes and retirement benefits	591,626	19,566	611,192
Due to other funds	-	73,183	73,183
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>2,752,907</b>	<b>172,965</b>	<b>2,925,872</b>
<b>FUND EQUITY</b>			
Fund balance:			
Nonspendable	196,779	11,770	208,549
Spendable			
Restricted	-	763,512	763,512
Committed	7,937,405	-	7,937,405
Assigned	12,800,753	24,345	12,825,098
Unassigned	6,746,043	249,922	6,995,965
<b>TOTAL FUND EQUITY</b>	<b>27,680,980</b>	<b>1,049,549</b>	<b>28,730,529</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY</b>	<b>\$ 30,433,887</b>	<b>\$ 1,222,514</b>	<b>\$ 31,656,401</b>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement

**ST. LUCIE COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT**  
**RECONCILIATION OF TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCES**  
**TO NET POSITION OF GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES**  
September 30, 2014

Total governmental fund balances in the balance sheet, page 16	\$ 28,730,529
Amount reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position are different because:	
Capital asset used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the governmental funds:	
Governmental capital assets	51,893,216
Less accumulated depreciation	(21,397,921)
Other assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the governmental funds:	
Long-term debt, postemployment benefits, and compensated absences	(26,717,674)
Net position of governmental activities, page 14	<u>\$ 32,508,150</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement

**ST. LUCIE COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT**  
**STATEMENT OF GOVERNMENTAL FUND REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND**  
**CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES**  
Year Ended September 30, 2014

	GENERAL FUND	SPECIAL REVENUE FUND	TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
<b>REVENUES</b>			
Taxes	\$ 44,925,591	\$ -	\$ 44,925,591
Charges for services	16,063,295	-	16,063,295
Interest and investment income	195,525	10,315	205,840
Impact fees	-	207,519	207,519
Excess fees	301,007	-	301,007
Grant revenue	-	1,296,749	1,296,749
Permit fees	470,902	-	470,902
Miscellaneous	64,165	-	64,165
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<u>62,020,485</u>	<u>1,514,583</u>	<u>63,535,068</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
Public safety:			
Personnel, health and welfare	48,362,761	1,235,553	49,598,314
Operating	11,288,341	219,355	11,507,696
Capital outlay	82,318	2,032,769	2,115,087
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<u>59,733,420</u>	<u>3,487,677</u>	<u>63,221,097</u>
<b>OTHER FINANCING</b>			
<b>SOURCES (USES):</b>			
Operating transfers	<u>(200,000)</u>	<u>200,000</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>TOTAL OTHER FINANCING</b>			
<b>SOURCES (USES):</b>	<u>(200,000)</u>	<u>200,000</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF</b>			
<b>REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES</b>	2,087,065	(1,773,094)	313,971
<b>FUND BALANCES</b>			
Beginning of year	<u>25,593,915</u>	<u>2,822,643</u>	<u>28,416,558</u>
End of year	<u>\$ 27,680,980</u>	<u>\$ 1,049,549</u>	<u>\$ 28,730,529</u>

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**ST. LUCIE COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT**  
**RECONCILIATION OF STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES**  
**IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES**  
**Year Ended September 30, 2014**

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds, page 18	\$ 313,971
Amount reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities are different because:	
Long-term liabilities, including notes, leases, postemployment benefits, and compensated absences	(2,595,959)
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the Statement of Activities, the cost of those assets are depreciated over their estimated useful lives:	
Current year provision for depreciation	(1,985,368)
Provision for capitalized asset costs (See Note D)	4,089,258
Change in net position of governmental activities, page 15	\$ (178,098)

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**ST. LUCIE COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN**  
**FUND BALANCES – BUDGET TO ACTUAL – GENERAL FUND**  
**Year Ended September 30, 2014**

	* BUDGET	ACTUAL AMOUNTS	ENCUMBRANCES	ACTUAL ON BUDGETARY BASIS	VARIANCE WITH FINAL BUDGET
<b>REVENUES</b>					
Taxes	\$ 45,564,505	\$ 44,925,591	\$ -	\$ 44,925,591	\$ (638,914)
Charge for services	14,788,806	16,063,295	-	16,063,295	1,274,489
Interest	236,000	195,525	-	195,525	(40,475)
Excess fees	428,000	301,007	-	301,007	(126,993)
Permit fees	450,000	470,902	-	470,902	20,902
Miscellaneous	41,000	64,165	-	64,165	23,165
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>61,508,311</b>	<b>62,020,485</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>62,020,485</b>	<b>512,174</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>					
Public safety:					
Personnel, health and welfare	48,555,391	48,362,761	-	48,362,761	192,630
Operating	11,552,883	11,288,341	(8,029)	11,280,312	272,571
Capital outlay	90,595	82,318	-	82,318	8,277
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>60,198,869</b>	<b>59,733,420</b>	<b>(8,029)</b>	<b>59,725,391</b>	<b>473,478</b>
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):</b>					
Operating transfers	-	(200,000)	-	(200,000)	(200,000)
<b>TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(200,000)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(200,000)</b>	<b>(200,000)</b>
<b>EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES</b>					
	<b>\$ 1,309,442</b>	<b>2,087,065</b>	<b>8,029</b>	<b>2,095,094</b>	<b>\$ 785,652</b>
<b>FUND BALANCES</b>					
Beginning of year		25,593,915	-	25,593,915	
Adjustments for encumbrances		-	(8,029)	(8,029)	
End of year		<b>\$ 27,680,980</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 27,680,980</b>	

\* Original and final budget. See Note A.

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**ST. LUCIE COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT**  
**FIDUCIARY FUND**  
**PENSION TRUST FUNDS**  
**STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION**  
September 30, 2014

**ASSETS**

Contributions receivable	\$ 5,540
Prepaid items	6,897
Accounts receivable	2,204,450
Accrued interest income	551,187
Investments at fair value:	
Cash equivalents	4,162,055
Corporate bonds	1,394,793
Corporate debt	34,662,944
Corporate stocks	24,288,712
Limited partnership	39,803,446
Mortgage-backed securities	4,395,286
Mutual fund - domestic equities	28,534,016
Mutual fund - domestic bonds	1,414,753
Mutual fund - international equities	19,628,561
Collective trust	18,710,694
Short-term investments	398,827
U.S. government securities and agency obligations	28,444,945

TOTAL INVESTMENTS	<u>205,839,032</u>
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<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u>208,607,106</u>
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**LIABILITIES**

Accounts payable	171,031
Refunds payable	14,363

<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<u>185,394</u>
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**NET POSITION**

Held in trust for pension benefits	<u><u>\$ 208,421,711</u></u>
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**ST. LUCIE COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT**  
**FIDUCIARY FUND**  
**PENSION TRUST FUNDS**  
**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET POSITION -**  
**FIDUCIARY FUNDS**  
Year Ended September 30, 2014

**ADDITIONS**

**Contributions**

State contribution	\$ 2,260,950
Employer contributions	7,201,317
Employee contributions	163,089
Participant buy-back	252,739
Total contributions	<u>9,878,095</u>

**Investment Income**

Net depreciation in fair value of investments	13,700,403
Interest and dividends	4,396,819
	<u>18,097,222</u>
Less: investment expenses	<u>(1,044,465)</u>
Net investment income	<u>17,052,757</u>

TOTAL ADDITIONS 26,930,852

**DEDUCTIONS**

Benefits paid to participants	7,611,345
DROP payments	1,443,027
Administrative expenses	162,342
	<u>9,216,714</u>

TOTAL DEDUCTIONS 9,216,714

NET INCREASE 17,714,138

**NET POSITION HELD IN TRUST FOR PENSION BENEFITS**

Beginning of year	<u>190,707,573</u>
End of year	<u><u>\$ 208,421,711</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement

# ST. LUCIE COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

September 30, 2014

### NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The St. Lucie County Fire District (District) is a special taxing district created by Chapter 59-1806, Laws of Florida, and approved by referendum in 1960. The District is responsible for the fire prevention and protection in St. Lucie County. Chapter 77-645, Laws of Florida, authorized the District to provide the emergency ambulance service for St. Lucie County. The Board of Commissioners is the governing body of the District and consists of two St. Lucie County Commissioners, two City of Ft. Pierce Commissioners, one Commissioner appointed by the governor of the State of Florida and two City of Port St. Lucie Council members.

#### Scope of Reporting Entity

The accompanying financial statements include all activities and functions over which the District maintains direct manifestations of oversight responsibility, and those organizations where other relationships require their inclusion to conform with generally accepted accounting principles.

This report includes all funds and account groups of the District. The District has no proprietary funds. The specific organization and a summary description of how the specific elements of oversight responsibility were considered in the determination of whether or not to include the organization in the financial statements are presented below:

#### St. Lucie County Fire District Firefighters' Pension Trust Fund

The St. Lucie County Fire District Firefighters' Pension Trust Fund, (the Fund), a component unit of the St. Lucie County Fire District, is a contributory pension trust established under the provisions of Chapter 175, Florida Statutes, for the benefit of certified firefighters in the St. Lucie County Fire District. The Fund is under the supervision of a local independent Board of Trustees, who are selected for office under the provisions of Florida Statute 175.

On October 18, 2006, the St. Lucie County Fire District approved the creation of a new public employee retirement system for the benefit of certified firefighters in the District. The purpose of the St. Lucie County Fire District Firefighters' Pension Trust Fund was to provide a more complete set of benefits to the firefighters in which the District was the plan sponsor and could authorize additional benefits and enhancements that were not available in the present primary plan for the firefighters which was the City of Fort Pierce Retirement and Benefit System. Effective with the close of activity on April 30, 2007, the assets and liabilities of the St. Lucie County Fire District Chapter 175 Firefighters' Supplemental Pension Trust Fund approximating \$15,500,000 were transferred to the newly established Pension Trust Fund under control of that Board of Trustees. Activities of the Chapter 175 Firefighters' Supplemental Pension Trust Fund are now encompassed by that new Plan. In April, 2007, the applicable net position of the Fort Pierce Retirement and Benefit System, approximating \$89,200,000, were also transferred in to this Plan along with the assets of the Chapter 175 Firefighters' Supplemental Pension Trust Fund.

# ST. LUCIE COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

September 30, 2014

### NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

#### General Employees Retirement and Benefit System

The General Employees Retirement and Benefit System is a defined benefit pension plan covering all general employees of the District. This system is governed by an independent Board of Trustees who has responsibility for management and fiscal matters. Therefore, the District cannot exercise oversight responsibility over this organization.

#### Basis of Accounting

The fiscal year of the District is from October 1 to September 30 as established in Chapter 218.33, Florida Statutes. The General Fund is maintained and presented herein on the modified accrual basis of accounting whereby revenues are generally recognized when they become both measurable and available and expenditures are recognized when incurred. Taxes which are collected and remitted by another governmental unit are measurable and available when received. The other two major sources of revenue, charges for services and interest, are recorded when earned. The Pension Trust Funds' accounting records and financial statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting. Revenue is recognized when earned; costs and expenses are recognized when incurred. Investments are reported at fair value. Short-term investments are reported at cost, which approximates market value. Securities traded on a national exchange are valued at the last reported sales price.

#### Budgetary Data

The District exercises the following procedures in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the financial statements:

1. The Clerk-Treasurer and the Fire Chief submit to the Board of Commissioners of the District a tentative proposed operating budget for the ensuing fiscal year. The operating budget includes proposed expenditures and the sources of receipts. The budget is adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles.
2. The budget is advertised and public hearings are conducted to obtain taxpayer comments.
3. The budget is approved by the Board and becomes the basis for the millage levied by the Board.
4. The level of budgetary control is the total budget. The Clerk-Treasurer is authorized to transfer budgeted amounts between line items within the budget with board approval.
5. Amendments by Resolutions to the budget in accordance with the District's charter are not required to be advertised. The Resolutions are approved by the Board at a public meeting.

**ST. LUCIE COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT**

**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

September 30, 2014

**NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

Budgetary Data (continued)

6. Budgeted amounts are as originally adopted, or as amended, in accordance with the District's charter. During the year the District budgeted transfers as operating expenditures. For financial statement purposes, these amounts are shown as budget transfers and not as budgeted expenditures.

Capital Assets

Capital assets include property and equipment. Capital assets are reported in the government-wide financial statements in the applicable governmental columns. Capital assets are defined by the District as assets with an initial, individual cost of \$5,000 or more and useful lives in excess of one year. Capital assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost, if actual historical cost is not available. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair value at the date of donation.

The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend assets lives are not capitalized, but are expensed as incurred.

Capital assets are depreciated using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the related assets. The ranges of the useful lives are as follows:

<u>ASSETS</u>	<u>YEARS</u>
Equipment	3-5
EMT equipment	5-20
Improvements other than buildings	5-40
Buildings	30-50

Unearned Revenue

Governmental funds report unearned revenue in connection with resources that have been received, but not yet earned.

Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources

The statement of net position reports, as applicable, a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. Deferred outflows of resources represent a consumption of net position that applies to future reporting period(s) and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until that time. For example, the District would record deferred outflows of resources related to debit amounts resulting from current and advance refundings resulting in the defeasance of debt (i.e. when there are differences between the reacquisition price and the net carrying amount of the old debt).

# ST. LUCIE COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

September 30, 2014

### NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

#### Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources (continued)

The statement of net position reports, as applicable, a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. Deferred inflows of resources represent an acquisition of net position that applies to future reporting period(s) and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. For example, when an asset is recorded in the governmental fund financial statements, but the revenue is not available, the District reports a deferred inflow of resources until such times as the revenue becomes available.

#### Basis of Presentation

Government-wide Financial Statements - Government-wide financial statements, including the statement of net position and statement of activities, present information about the District as a whole. These statements include the non-fiduciary financial activity of the primary government and its component units.

Government-wide financial statements are prepared using the economic resources measurement focus. The statement of activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each function or program of the District's governmental activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a service, program, or department and are thereby clearly identifiable to a particular function. Program revenues include charges paid by the recipient of the goods or services offered by the program and grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. Revenues that are not classified as program revenues are presented as general revenues, with certain exceptions. The comparison of direct expenses with program revenues identifies the extent to which each governmental function or business segment is self-financing or draws from the general revenues of the District.

The effects of inter-fund activity have been eliminated from the government-wide financial statements.

Fund Financial Statements - Fund financial statements report detailed information about the District in the governmental, proprietary, and fiduciary funds. The focus of governmental fund financial statements is on major funds rather than reporting funds by type. Each major fund is reported in a separate column. Non-major funds are aggregated and reported in a single column. Because the focus of governmental fund financial statements differs from the focus of government-wide financial statements, a reconciliation is presented with each of the governmental fund financial statements.

**ST. LUCIE COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT**  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
September 30, 2014

**NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

Basis of Presentation (continued)

Major Governmental Fund Types

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

Non - Major Governmental Fund Types

Special Revenue Fund - Special revenue funds are established to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources other than special assessments, expendable trust or major capital projects requiring separate accounting because of legal or regulatory provisions or administrative action.

Component Unit

Trust Funds - Established to account for transactions of the St. Lucie County Fire District Pension Funds which are the Firefighters' Pension Trust Fund and the General Employees Retirement System. These funds are accounted for in the same manner as a proprietary fund.

Encumbrances

Under encumbrance accounting, purchase orders, contracts and other commitments for the expenditure of funds are recorded in order to reserve that portion of the applicable appropriation in the governmental funds. Encumbrances outstanding at year-end are reported as a reserve of fund balance and do not constitute expenditures or liabilities because the commitments will be honored during the subsequent year.

Inventories

Inventories are composed of expendable supplies held for consumption and are stated at cost using the first in first out (FIFO) method.

Reserves

Reserves are reported in the various funds to indicate that a portion of the fund balance is appropriated for expenditures or is legally segregated for a specific future use.

# ST. LUCIE COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

September 30, 2014

### **NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

#### Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

#### Subsequent Events

Management has performed an analysis of the activities and transactions subsequent to September 30, 2014, to determine the need for any adjustments to and/or disclosures within the audited financial statements for the year ended September 30, 2014. Management has performed their analysis through April 21, 2015.

### **NOTE B – RESTRICTED NET POSITION AND RESERVATIONS OF FUND BALANCE**

#### Restricted Net Position and Reservations of Fund Balance

In the government-wide financial statements, when both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the District's policy to use restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources as they are needed.

The District has implemented GASB 54. This statement establishes fund balance classifications that comprise a hierarchy based primarily on the extent to which a government is bound to observe constraints imposed upon the use of the resources reported in governmental funds. Fund balance classifications, under GASB 54, are Non-spendable, Restricted, Committed, Assigned, and Unassigned. These classifications reflect not only the nature of funds, but also provide clarity to the level of restriction placed upon fund balance. Fund Balance can have different levels of restraint, such as external versus internal compliance requirements. Unassigned fund balance is a residual classification within the general fund. The general fund should be the only fund that reports a positive unassigned balance. In all other funds, unassigned is limited to negative residual fund balance.

In accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement 54, Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions, the District classifies governmental fund balances as follows:

Non-spendable – includes fund balance amounts that cannot be spent either because it is not in spendable form or because of legal or contractual requirements. This would include inventories, deposits, and prepaid items.

**ST. LUCIE COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT**

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

September 30, 2014

**NOTE B – RESTRICTED NET POSITION AND RESERVATIONS OF FUND BALANCE  
(CONTINUED)**

Spendable Fund Balance

Restricted – includes fund balance amounts that are constrained for specific purposes which are externally imposed by providers, such as creditors or amounts constrained due to constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Committed – includes fund balance amounts that can be used only for the specific purposes that are internally imposed by a formal action of the government’s highest level of decision making authority. Commitments may be charged by the government taking the same action that imposed the constraint initially. Contractual obligations are included to the extent that existing resources in the fund have been specifically committed for use in satisfying those contractual obligations.

Assigned – includes spendable fund balance amounts that are intended to be used for specific purposes that are neither considered restricted or committed. This indicates that resources in these funds are, at a minimum, intended to be used for the purposes of that fund. Fund balance may be assigned by the Board of Commissioners or the fire chief, as authorized by the Commissioners.

Unassigned – includes residual positive fund balance within the General Fund which has not been classified within the other above mentioned categories. Unassigned fund balance may also include negative balances for any governmental fund if expenditures exceed amounts restricted, committed, or assigned for those specific purposes.

**ST. LUCIE COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
September 30, 2014

**NOTE B – RESTRICTED NET POSITION AND RESERVATIONS OF FUND BALANCE  
(CONTINUED)**

	GENERAL FUND	SPECIAL REVENUE FUND	TOTAL	TRUST AND AGENCY FUND
Non-spendable				
Encumbrances	\$ 3,661	\$ -	\$ 3,661	\$ -
Employees retirement system	-	-	-	208,421,711
Inventories	193,118	11,770	204,888	-
Total non-spendable	<u>\$ 196,779</u>	<u>\$ 11,770</u>	<u>\$ 208,549</u>	<u>\$ 208,421,711</u>
Spendable				
Restricted				
Capital improvement	\$ -	\$ 751,298	\$ 751,298	\$ -
Operational equipment	-	12,214	12,214	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>763,512</u>	<u>763,512</u>	<u>-</u>
Committed				
Unanticipated and emergency	7,937,405	-	7,937,405	-
	<u>7,937,405</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,937,405</u>	<u>-</u>
Assigned				
Capital improvement	9,566,561	-	9,566,561	-
Operations training	-	24,345	24,345	-
Matching funds	261,692	-	261,692	-
Rolling stock	2,721,646	-	2,721,646	-
Health and worker's comp	231,547	-	231,547	-
Retirement expenses	19,307	-	19,307	-
Total assigned	<u>12,800,753</u>	<u>24,345</u>	<u>12,825,098</u>	<u>-</u>
Unassigned	<u>6,746,043</u>	<u>249,922</u>	<u>6,995,965</u>	<u>-</u>
Total fund balances	<u>\$ 27,680,980</u>	<u>\$ 1,049,549</u>	<u>\$ 28,730,529</u>	<u>\$ 208,421,711</u>

The Board funds a capital reserve. The source of funding is any excess undesignated unreserved funds. The committed fund balance shall be no less than twelve percent of the approved budget.

**NOTE C - CASH, REPURCHASE AGREEMENTS AND INVESTMENTS**

Cash Deposits

Florida statutes require state and local governmental units to deposit monies with a financial institution classified as a "Qualified Public Depository," which is a multiple financial institution pool whereby groups of securities pledged by the various financial institutions provide common collateral for their deposits of public funds. This pool is provided as additional insurance to the federal depository insurance and allows for additional assessments against the member institutions, providing full insurance for public deposits. The District had deposits only with qualifying institutions as of September 30, 2014, or with banks in which depository insurance was sufficient to cover the deposit balance. At year end, the District's carrying amount of cash was \$10,720,141 including petty cash of \$450 and the bank balance was \$10,766,270. Of the bank balance, \$500,000 was insured by federal depository insurance and \$10,266,270 was collateralized by the Florida Public Deposit Security Trust Fund.

**ST. LUCIE COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
September 30, 2014

**NOTE C - CASH, REPURCHASE AGREEMENTS AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)**

Investments

In accordance with GASB 31 investments are stated at fair value based on per share prices. The Florida PRIME Investment Pool (LGIP) is considered to be a “2a-7 like” investment, and is accounted for at fair value for financial reporting. Florida State Board of Administration Fund B was dissolved on September 5, 2014. The loss recorded on this investment, at September 30, 2014, is \$13,493 which is noted as net to the interest earned on all investments. Florida PRIME has a current rating by Standard and Poor’s of AAAM. There is a risk of loss on these investments based upon the fluctuation of interest rates and lengths of maturity.

As of September 30, 2014, the District had the following investments:

Pooled investments:	Fair Value
SPIA investment pool, with an interest rate of .12%, maturing at no set date	\$ 7,116,657
FLSAFE investment pool, with an interest rate of .10%, maturing at no set date	2,500,276
SBA investment pool, with an interest rate of .16%, maturing at no set date	2,929,084
FMIT investment pool	
1-3 year high quality bond fund	1,296,879
Intermediate high quality bond fund	1,310,711
Total pooled investments	\$ 15,153,607

The District’s investments held throughout the year are principally the same investments held as of September 30, 2014. Interest income generated on the above investments, for the year ended September 30, 2014, was \$205,840.

Pension investments:	Market Value	Historical Cost
Corporate bonds and notes	\$ 41,867,776	\$ 40,149,774
U.S. government and federal obligations	28,444,945	28,427,393
Marketable equity securities		
Common stocks	24,288,712	20,559,826
Mutual funds - international equities	19,628,561	18,376,923
Mutual funds - domestic equities	29,183,497	17,886,096
Mutual funds - real estate investment trust	16,845,756	13,279,121
Limited partnership	22,308,209	18,081,631
Collective trust	18,710,694	14,776,476
Cash equivalents	4,560,882	4,557,206
Total pension investments	\$ 205,839,032	\$ 176,094,446

**ST. LUCIE COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT**

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

September 30, 2014

**NOTE C - CASH, REPURCHASE AGREEMENTS AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)**

Security description	Years to Maturity					S&P Rating
	<1	1 - 5	5 - 10	10-20	>20	
Corporate bonds and notes	\$4,275,651	\$12,653,033	\$5,244,683	\$406,619	\$0	BBB - AAA
U.S. govt. and fed. obligations	-	11,907,016	16,320,738	-	-	AAA
Mortgage-backed securities	2,593,909	1,445,046	573,431	-	-	AAA
Convertible securities	564,637	6,660,028	2,727,585	1,748,426	1,777,163	NR - A+
	<u>\$7,434,197</u>	<u>\$32,665,123</u>	<u>\$24,866,437</u>	<u>\$2,155,045</u>	<u>\$1,777,163</u>	

*Interest Rate Risk.* As a means of limiting its exposure to fair value losses arising from rising interest rates, the District's investment policy states that when interest rates are at historically low levels, funds will be placed in short maturities and that when interest rates are at historically high levels, funds may be placed into longer maturities to lock into these yields.

*Credit Risk.* The District is authorized by Resolution to invest in:

- (1) Local Government Surplus Funds Trust Funds.
- (2) Negotiable direct obligations of the United States Government, or obligations, the principal and interest of which are unconditionally guaranteed by the United States Government.
- (3) Obligations of the federal farm credit banks, the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, including Federal Home Loan Corporation participation certificates, or the Federal Home Loan Bank or its district banks, or obligations guaranteed by the Government National Mortgage Association, U.S. Treasury, agencies, and instrumentalities.
- (4) Repurchase agreements secured by the types of investments listed above, restricted as to acquisition, term, and market value.
- (5) Interest-bearing time deposits or savings accounts in banks organized under the laws of this state, in national banks organized under the laws of the United States and doing business and situated in this state, in savings and loan associations which are under state supervision, or in federal savings and loan associations located in this state and organized under federal law and federal supervision, provided that any such deposits are secured by collateral as may be prescribed by law.
- (6) Deposits and certificates of deposit in out-of-state banks, savings and loan associations, and other regulated financial institutions insured by the FDIC.
- (7) Full faith and credit direct general obligations of any state, or unlimited tax direct obligations of any political subdivision thereof, to the payment of which the full faith and credit of such political subdivision is pledged, provided that at the time of purchase such obligations are rated in either of the two highest rating categories by a nationally recognized rating agency.

**ST. LUCIE COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT**  
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**NOTE C - CASH, REPURCHASE AGREEMENTS AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)**

*Concentration of Credit Risk.* The District places no limit on the amount the District may invest in any one issuer. More than five percent of the District's investments are in SPIA, SBA and FLSAFE investment pools.

**NOTE D – CAPITAL ASSETS**

Capital asset activity for the year ended September 30, 2014:

	<u>BEGINNING BALANCE</u>	<u>INCREASES</u>	<u>DECREASES</u>	<u>ENDING BALANCE</u>
<b>Governmental activities:</b>				
Capital assets, not being depreciated:				
Land	\$ 1,235,617	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,235,617
Construction in progress	-	314,389	-	314,389
Total capital assets, not being depreciated:	<u>1,235,617</u>	<u>314,389</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,550,006</u>
Capital assets, being depreciated:				
Buildings and improvements	* 28,044,733	76,942	1,930,339	26,191,336
Equipment /ambulance equipment	23,323,669	2,036,297	1,208,092	24,151,874
	<u>51,368,402</u>	<u>2,113,239</u>	<u>3,138,431</u>	<u>50,343,210</u>
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Buildings and improvements	(7,337,751)	683,696	1,414,555	(6,606,892)
Equipment /ambulance equipment	(14,999,466)	1,301,672	1,510,109	(14,791,029)
	<u>(22,337,217)</u>	<u>1,985,368</u>	<u>2,924,664</u>	<u>(21,397,921)</u>
TOTALS	<u>\$ 30,266,802</u>	<u>\$ 442,260</u>	<u>\$ 213,767</u>	<u>\$ 30,495,295</u>

\* Beginning of year balance has been adjusted to reflect a change in GASB 34 assets.

Depreciation expense in the amount of \$1,985,368 was charged to functions/programs of the primary government's public safety activity.

**NOTE E - LONG-TERM DEBT**

A summary of changes in the District's indebtedness for the year ended September 30, 2014:

	<u>BEGINNING BALANCE</u>	<u>ADDITIONS</u>	<u>REDUCTIONS</u>	<u>ENDING BALANCE</u>	<u>DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR</u>
<b>Governmental activities:</b>					
Compensated absences	\$ 9,537,515	\$ 563,080	\$ -	\$ 10,100,595	\$ 909,054
Total governmental	<u>\$ 9,537,515</u>	<u>\$ 563,080</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 10,100,595</u>	<u>\$ 909,054</u>

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**NOTE E - LONG-TERM DEBT (CONTINUED)**

Vacation and Sick Leave

The District's policy provides for payment to employees, who have completed at least 12 months of service, for the annual leave accrued and not taken at the date of termination. Vacation and sick may accumulate up to 480 and 720, respectively. Accumulated vacation and sick leave will be paid up to a maximum of 1,200 hours pursuant to current policy.

For governmental funds, the amounts normally liquidated with expendable available financial resources are accrued in the individual funds for the current portion, and the non-current portion (the amount estimated to be used in subsequent fiscal years) is maintained separately and represents a reconciling item between the fund and government-wide presentation.

**NOTE F – RETIREMENT AND BENEFIT SYSTEM**

St. Lucie County Fire District administers two single-employer defined benefit pension plans – Retirement System for General Employees of the St. Lucie County Fire District and St. Lucie County Fire District Firefighters' Pension Trust. These plans provide benefits for all qualifying employees of the District. The financial activities of the plans are reported as Pension Trust funds in the District's combined financial statements. The plan's assets may be used only for the payment of benefits to members of that plan. A summary of significant accounting policies of the Pension funds can be found at Note A. Both of the plans offer a stand-alone financial statement which is available from the plan administrator, the Resource Centers, LLC c/o St. Lucie County Fire District, 5160 NW Milner Drive, Port St. Lucie, Florida.

Basis of Accounting and Method Used to Value Investments

Plan member contributions are recognized in the period in which the contributions are due. Employer contributions to the plan are recognized when due and the employer has made a formal commitment to provide the contributions. Benefits and refunds are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the terms of the plan. Investments are reported at fair value and managed by third party money managers. Securities traded on a national or international exchange are valued at the last reported sales price at current exchange rates where applicable and third party pricing services. Investments that do not have an established market are reported at estimated fair value based on the underlying investments. The Board approved Investment Policy serves as a guideline for the investment managers. The Board recognizes that the obligation of the plans are long-term in nature and its investment policies should be designed for the performance and return over a number of years. The general investment objective is to obtain a reasonable rate of return defined as interest and dividend income plus realized and unrealized appreciation as set forth within the prudent investor rule and within the guidelines of Florida Statutes. For a more detailed and comprehensive list of available investments, including asset allocation and targeted rates of return, the Investment Policy Statement as approved by the board of Trustees should be referenced.

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**NOTE F – RETIREMENT AND BENEFIT SYSTEM (CONTINUED)**

Retirement System for General Employees of the St. Lucie County Fire District

Plan Description

The Retirement System for General Employees of the St. Lucie County Fire District (the Fund) is a defined benefit noncontributory pension trust established by the Fire District on October 18, 2006, for providing retirement, death and disability benefits to the Fire District general employees. The Fund is under the supervision of a five-member local independent Board of Trustees, who are selected for office under guidelines of the Fund. The Board may make amendments to the plan after approval of the plan sponsor, the St. Lucie County Fire District. The Plan ordinance contains the complete and detailed information regarding the Plan.

All full-time employees are eligible to participate on the date of employment. Normal retirement is provided for after 25 years of service or age 60 and 5 years of service. The benefit is calculated at 3% of average final salary times years of continuous service. A deferred retirement option is available and death and disability benefits are also provided. The Plan allows for post-retirement COLA increases dependent on investment returns in excess of actuarial interest assumptions, not to exceed 5%. There have been no COLA increases.

An actuarial valuation of the plan was performed by the Plan's actuarial consultants for the year ended September 30, 2014. The actuarial cost method used in the valuation is the individual entry-age cost method with the level of percent of payroll used for amortizing unfunded liabilities over 10-30 years. The asset valuation method used to determine the actuarial value of assets is 5 year smoothing.

The financial activity of this plan is reported as a pension trust fund in the District's financial statements. The Plan's assets may be used only for the payment of benefits to members of the Plan.

Membership in the Plan consisted of 41 active plan members of which 34 were vested and 7 were non-vested or partially vested at September 30, 2014.

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**NOTE F – RETIREMENT AND BENEFIT SYSTEM (CONTINUED)**

Retirement System for General Employees of the St. Lucie County Fire District (continued)

Contributions, Funding Policy and Annual Pension Cost

The plan's policy provides for periodic employer contributions at actuarially determined rates that, expressed as percentages of annual covered payroll, are designed to accumulate sufficient assets to pay benefits when due. The Board and sponsor have opted to fund the plan with an annual contribution early in the plan year. Employee contributions are not required for the plan until the employer contribution rate exceeds 28%. Employee contributions would be required for any actuarially determined contribution rate above 28%. The plan included 29 retirees and/or beneficiaries currently receiving benefits and 10 terminated employees entitled to benefits but not yet receiving them.

Total contributions made during fiscal year 2014 amounted to \$580,200 all of which were made by the District. These contributions represented 19% of covered payroll. The actuarially determined contribution of \$702,300 for the year applied the prepaid contribution of \$144,224 that was available from prior year excess contributions.

Annual Pension Costs and Related Information

THREE-YEAR TREND INFORMATION			
YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30,	ANNUAL PENSION COST (APC)	PERCENTAGE CONTRIBUTION	NET PENSION OBLIGATION (ASSET)
2014	\$ 702,300	100%	\$ -
2013	738,492	100%	-
2012	594,287	100%	-

The components of net pension cost, the increase in net pension asset and the net pension asset as of the valuation date of October 1, 2014 for the plan is as follows:

Actuarial determined contribution	\$ 702,300
Interest on net pension obligation	-
Adjustment to actuarially determined contribution	-
Annual pension cost	702,300
Contributions made	(580,200)
Increase in net pension liability	122,100
Net pension liability - beginning	-
Net pension liability - ending	<u>\$ 122,100</u>

# ST. LUCIE COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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### NOTE F – RETIREMENT AND BENEFIT SYSTEM (CONTINUED)

#### St. Lucie County Fire District Firefighters' Pension Trust Fund

##### Plan Description

The St. Lucie County Fire District Firefighters' Pension Trust Fund, (the Plan), is a contributory pension trust established under the provisions of Chapter 175, Florida Statutes, for the benefit of certified firefighters in the St. Lucie County Fire District. The Fund is under the supervision of a five member local independent Board of Trustees, who are selected for office under the provisions of Florida Statute 175.

On October 18, 2006, the St. Lucie County Fire District approved the creation of a new public employee retirement system for the benefit of certified firefighters in the District. The purpose of the St. Lucie County Fire District Firefighters' Pension Trust Fund was to provide a more complete set of benefits to the firefighters in which the District was the plan sponsor and could authorize additional benefits and enhancements that were not available in the present primary plan for the firefighters which was the City of Fort Pierce Retirement and Benefit System.

The financial activity of this plan is reported as a pension trust fund in the District's financial statements. The Plan's assets may be used only for the payment of benefits to members of the Plan.

Membership in the Plan consisted of approximately 310 active plan members at September 30, 2014, of which 289 members are vested or partially vested and 21 are non-vested. There are 170 retirees or beneficiaries presently receiving benefits including 56 DROP retirees plus 22 terminated members entitled to but not yet receiving benefits.

##### Contributions, Funding Policy and Annual Pension Cost

Firefighters of the District are required to pay 1/2% of their gross earnings to the pension plan.

In 2014, actual contributions were \$6,784,206 (\$6,621,117 employer and \$163,089 employee). Employer contributions were pre-funded to the plan as actuarially determined for 2014.

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**NOTE F – RETIREMENT AND BENEFIT SYSTEM (CONTINUED)**

St. Lucie County Fire District Firefighters’ Pension Trust Fund (continued)

Annual Pension Costs and Related Information

THREE-YEAR TREND INFORMATION			
YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30,	ANNUAL PENSION COST (APC)	PERCENTAGE CONTRIBUTION	NET PENSION OBLIGATION (ASSET)
2014	\$ 8,634,940	100%	\$ -
2013	10,975,603	100%	-
2012	7,966,159	100%	-

The components of net pension cost, the increase in net pension asset and the net pension asset as of the valuation date of October 1, 2014 for the plan is as follows:

Actuarial determined contribution	\$ 6,715,212
Interest on net pension obligation	-
Adjustment to actuarially determined contribution	-
Annual pension cost	6,715,212
Contributions made	(6,644,697)
Increase in net pension liability	70,515
Net pension liability - beginning	-
Net pension liability - ending	\$ 70,515

Required Supplementary Information (Unaudited)

The schedule of funding progress and schedule of contributions from the employer and other contributing entities can be found in the required supplementary information section of this annual financial report.

**NOTE G - TAXES**

The District's tax revenue is levied annually on real and personal property located in St. Lucie County on January 1 of the prior year. The assessed value on which the 2013-2014 levy was based was approximately \$15.4 billion. The assessed values are established by the St. Lucie County Property Appraiser. Tax collections by the St. Lucie County Tax Collector normally begin in November of each year with a due date of March 31 of the following year. Current tax collections for the year ended September 30, 2014 were approximately 98.60% of the total tax levied. The tax millage rate for the 2013-2014 fiscal year was 3.0000 mills.

# ST. LUCIE COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

September 30, 2014

### NOTE H - LEASES

The District leases land for two of its fire stations; Pepper-Beach Park and Lakewood Park. Pepper-Beach Park property is owned by the State of Florida and leased to St. Lucie County. The District entered into a 50 year nonmonetary lease with St. Lucie County dated October 31, 1984. The Lakewood Park property is owned by the Lakewood Park Property Owners Association. The District entered into a 99 year lease with the Association on May 12, 1976, effective June 1, 1976, for the annual consideration of one dollar.

In August of 2008, the District entered into a lease agreement with St. Lucie County ending March 14, 2058. In conjunction with an Inter-local agreement, the District has invested significant funds towards fire fighting and rescue services for the St. Lucie International Airport. In consideration and recognition of these funds and services the District shall pay no further rent to the lessor during the terms of the lease, unless it is subsequently shown that the cost of providing the services as set forth in the agreement no longer equates to, at least, the established fair market rental value of the Lease Premises.

### NOTE I – POST RETIREMENT HEALTH CARE AND LIFE INSURANCE BENEFITS

In addition to providing pension benefits, the District provides certain health care and life insurance benefits for 41 retired employees whose retirement was prior to April 1, 1998. Those and similar benefits for active employees are funded by way of payment of contributions to a separate Health and Welfare Benefit Trust. The Trust provides various insurance benefits to the members initially through payments to an insurance company for premiums on various policies and subsequently through a self-insured plan which uses the services of an independent plan administrator. The District recognizes the cost of providing such benefits to these retirees by expensing insurance premiums, which were \$194,266 for the year ended September 30, 2014.

#### Annual OPEB Cost and Net OPEB Obligation

The District's annual other postemployment benefit (OPEB) cost (expense) is calculated based on their annual required contribution of the employer (ARC), an amount actuarially determined in accordance with the parameters of GASB Statement 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 (or funding excess) over a period not to exceed thirty years. The following table shows the components of the District's annual OPEB cost for the year, the amount actually contributed to the plan, and changes in the District's net OPEB obligation:

**ST. LUCIE COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT**  
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**NOTE I – POST RETIREMENT HEALTH CARE AND LIFE INSURANCE BENEFITS  
(CONTINUED)**

The District's annual OPEB cost, the percentage of annual OPEB cost contributed to the plan, and the net OPEB obligation for 2014, and the year then ended, is as follows:

FISCAL YEAR ENDING	ANNUAL OPEB COST	AMOUNT CONTRIBUTED	PERCENTAGE OF ANNUAL OPEB COST CONTRIBUTED	NET OPEB OBLIGATION
9/30/2011	2,749,830	647,910	23.56%	10,103,739
9/30/2012	3,116,818	708,350	22.73%	12,512,207
9/30/2013	2,693,689	621,696	23.08%	14,584,200
9/30/2014	2,811,752	778,873	27.70%	16,617,079

Funded Status and Funding Progress

In the September 30, 2013 actuarial valuation, the individual entry-age normal actuarial cost method was used. The actuarial assumptions included a 4% investment rate of return (net of administrative expenses), which is a blended rate of the expected long-term investment returns on plan assets and on the District's own investments calculated based on the funded level of the plan at the valuation date, and an annual healthcare cost trend rate of 10% initially, reduced by decrements to an ultimate rate of 5% after ten years. Both rates included a 4.5% inflation assumption. The actuarial value of assets was determined using techniques that spread the effects of short-term volatility in the market value of investments over a five-year period. The UAAL is being amortized at a rate of 4%.

As of September 30, 2013, the most recent actuarial valuation date, the plan was not funded. As a result, the unfunded actuarial accrued liability (UAAL) for benefits was \$28,845,132. The total payroll was \$30,767,908 and the ratio of the UAAL to the total payroll was 93.75%.

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 as required supplementary information following the notes to the financial statements, presents multiyear trend information about whether the actuarial value of plan assets is increasing or decreasing over time relative to the actuarial accrued liabilities for benefits.

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September 30, 2014

**NOTE I – POST RETIREMENT HEALTH CARE AND LIFE INSURANCE BENEFITS  
(CONTINUED)**

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.

**NOTE J - CONTINGENCIES**

The District is a defendant from time to time in various lawsuits arising in the normal course of business, including claims for property damages, personal injuries, and personnel practices. In the opinion of management, the ultimate outcome of these lawsuits, some of which are covered by insurance, will not have a material adverse effect on the District's financial position.

**ST. LUCIE COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT**  
**COMBINING SCHEDULE PENSIONS – STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION**  
September 30, 2014

	<u>PENSION TRUST FUND</u>	<u>RETIREMENT SYSTEM GENERAL EMPLOYEE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Contributions receivable	\$ 5,540	\$ -	\$ 5,540
Accounts receivable	2,204,450	-	2,204,450
Accrued investment income	527,712	23,475	551,187
Prepaid items	3,857	3,040	6,897
Investments at fair value:			
Cash equivalents	4,162,055	-	4,162,055
Corporate bonds	-	1,394,793	1,394,793
Corporate debt	34,662,944	-	34,662,944
Corporate stocks	23,651,001	637,711	24,288,712
Limited partnership	37,986,605	1,816,841	39,803,446
Mortgage-backed securities	4,116,293	278,993	4,395,286
Mutual fund - domestic equities	24,938,683	3,595,333	28,534,016
Mutual fund - domestic bonds	-	1,414,753	1,414,753
Mutual fund - international equities	18,416,287	1,212,274	19,628,561
Collective trust	18,710,694	-	18,710,694
Short-term investments	-	398,827	398,827
U.S. government securities and agency obligations	27,347,946	1,096,999	28,444,945
<b>TOTAL INVESTMENTS</b>	<u>193,992,508</u>	<u>11,846,524</u>	<u>205,839,032</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u>196,734,067</u>	<u>11,873,038</u>	<u>208,607,106</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Accounts payable	161,096	9,935	171,031
Refunds payable	14,363	-	14,363
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<u>175,459</u>	<u>9,935</u>	<u>185,394</u>
<b>NET POSITION</b>			
Held in trust for pension benefits	<u>\$ 196,558,608</u>	<u>\$ 11,863,103</u>	<u>\$ 208,421,711</u>

## ST. LUCIE COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT

### COMBINING SCHEDULE PENSIONS – STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET POSITION – FIDUCIARY FUNDS Year Ended September 30, 2014

	<u>PENSION TRUST FUND</u>	<u>RETIREMENT SYSTEM GENERAL EMPLOYEES</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<b>ADDITIONS</b>			
<b>Contributions</b>			
State contribution	\$ 2,260,950	\$ -	\$ 2,260,950
Employer contributions	6,621,117	580,200	7,201,317
Employee contributions	163,089	-	163,089
Participant buy-back	121,215	131,524	252,739
Total contributions	<u>9,166,371</u>	<u>711,724</u>	<u>9,878,095</u>
<b>Investment Income</b>			
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	12,968,658	731,745	13,700,403
Interest and dividends	4,095,622	301,197	4,396,819
	<u>17,064,280</u>	<u>1,032,942</u>	<u>18,097,222</u>
Less: investment expenses	(990,318)	(54,147)	(1,044,465)
Net investment income	<u>16,073,962</u>	<u>978,795</u>	<u>17,052,757</u>
TOTAL ADDITIONS	<u>25,240,333</u>	<u>1,690,519</u>	<u>26,930,852</u>
<b>DEDUCTIONS</b>			
Benefits paid to participants	6,932,584	678,761	7,611,345
DROP payments	1,438,227	4,800	1,443,027
Administrative expenses	110,369	51,973	162,342
TOTAL DEDUCTIONS	<u>8,481,180</u>	<u>735,534</u>	<u>9,216,714</u>
NET INCREASE	16,759,153	954,985	17,714,138
 <b>NET POSITION HELD IN TRUST FOR PENSION BENEFITS</b>			
Beginning of year	<u>179,799,455</u>	<u>10,908,118</u>	<u>190,707,573</u>
End of year	<u>\$ 196,558,608</u>	<u>\$ 11,863,103</u>	<u>\$ 208,421,711</u>

**ST. LUCIE COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT**  
**REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**  
**SCHEDULE OF NET PENSION LIABILITY OF THE SPONSOR**  
Year Ended September 30, 2014  
**UNAUDITED**

Retirement System for General Employees of the St. Lucie County Fire District

SCHEDULE OF FUNDING PROGRESS

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
		ACTUARIAL LIABILITY (AAL) --Entry Age	PERCENT FUNDED (1)/(2)	(UNFUNDED) OVERFUNDED AAL (2)-(1)	COVERED PAYROLL	(UNFUNDED) AAL AS A PERCENTAGE OF COVERED PAYROLL (4)/(5)
ACTUARIAL VALUATION DATE	ACTUARIAL VALUE OF ASSETS					
2007	7,024,000	7,372,000	95.3%	(348,000)	2,639,000	(13%)
2008	7,523,000	9,144,000	82.3%	(1,621,000)	3,121,000	(52%)
2009	8,457,000	10,507,000	80.5%	(2,050,000)	3,349,000	(61%)
2010	9,957,362	12,287,362	81.0%	(2,330,000)	3,168,000	(74%)
2011	9,959,930	13,088,499	76.1%	(3,128,569)	2,796,418	(112%)
2012	10,482,920	13,941,369	75.2%	(3,458,449)	2,667,465	(130%)
2013	10,760,286	15,127,263	71.1%	(4,366,977)	2,881,172	(152%)
2014	11,461,720	16,339,282	70.1%	(4,877,562)	3,103,328	(157%)

SCHEDULE OF ANNUAL REQUIRED CONTRIBUTIONS

FISCAL YEAR	ACTUARIAL DETERMINED CONTRIBUTION	EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS	CONTRIBUTION DEFICIENCY (EXCESS)	COVERED PAYROLL	CONTRIBUTION AS A % OF COVERED PAYROLL
2007	Not Calculated	\$ 286,081	NA	\$ 2,639,000	11%
2008	424,911	477,644	(52,733)	3,121,000	15%
2009	492,163	595,866	(103,703)	3,349,000	18%
2010	683,728	721,763	(38,035)	3,168,000	23%
2011	631,178	665,739	(34,561)	2,796,418	24%
2012	594,287	632,397	(38,110)	2,667,465	24%
2013	738,492	810,046	(71,554)	2,881,172	28%
2014	702,300	580,200	122,100	3,103,328	19%

Notes to Schedule:

Valuation Date: 10-1-14 Actuarial determined contribution rates are calculated as of October 1, two years prior to the end of the fiscal year in which contributions are reported

Methods and assumptions used to determine contribution rates:

Funding Method: Entry Age Normal Actuarial Cost Method.  
Amortization Method: Level percentage of pay, closed.  
Remaining Amortization Period: 30 Years (as of 10/1/14)  
Actuarial Asset Method: The Actuarial value of Assets utilizes a five –year smoothing methodology.  
Inflation: 4.5% per year.  
Salary Increases: 4.6% - 8.7%  
Payroll Growth: 3.2% per year.  
Interest Rate: 8% per year compounded annually, net of investment related expenses.

**ST. LUCIE COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT**  
**REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**  
**UNAUDITED**

St. Lucie County Fire District Firefighters' Pension Trust Fund

SCHEDULE OF FUNDING PROGRESS

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
ACTUARIAL VALUATION DATE	ACTUARIAL VALUE OF ASSETS	ACTUARIAL ACCRUED LIABILITY (AAL) Entry Age	FUNDED RATIO (1)/(2)	(UNFUNDED) OVERFUNDED AAL (UAAL) (2)-(1)	COVERED PAYROLL	UAAL AS A PERCENTAGE OF COVERED PAYROLL (4)/(5)
2007	112,709,000	132,023,000	85.4%	(19,314,000)	23,469,000	(82%)
2008	123,013,000	161,814,000	76.0%	(38,801,000)	27,276,000	(142%)
2009	133,143,000	180,212,000	73.9%	(47,069,000)	29,576,000	(159%)
2010	152,085,000	195,430,000	77.8%	(43,345,000)	29,222,000	(148%)
2011	158,741,616	223,130,935	71.1%	(64,389,319)	26,291,209	(245%)
2012	175,228,821	224,633,306	78.0%	(49,404,485)	26,210,490	(188%)
2013	181,107,241	250,058,907	72.4%	(68,951,666)	26,696,002	(258%)
2014	190,131,196	266,041,158	71.5%	(75,909,962)	26,728,918	(284%)

This schedule uses projected covered payroll for actuarial calculations.

SCHEDULE OF ANNUAL REQUIRED CONTRIBUTIONS

Fiscal Year Ended September 30,	Actuarial Valuation Date	Annual Required Contributions	Employer Contributions	Chapter 175 Contributions	Contribution Deficiency (excess)	Covered Payroll	Contribution as % of Covered Payroll
2009	2007	8,879,870	7,314,151	1,565,719	-	29,576,000	30.02%
2010	2008	9,389,270	7,757,281	1,850,781	218,792	29,222,000	32.88%
2011	2009	8,677,917	7,297,798	1,912,211	532,092	26,291,209	35.03%
2012	2010	7,996,159	6,667,268	2,068,325	739,434	26,210,490	33.33%
2013	2011	11,125,183	8,879,837	2,097,666	(147,680)	26,696,002	41.12%
2014	2012	8,634,940	6,621,117	2,260,950	247,127	26,728,918	33.23%

Notes to Schedule

Valuation Date: 10/01/12 (As Revised 7/1/2013)  
 Actuarially determined contribution rates are calculated as of October 1, two years prior to the end of the fiscal year in which contributions are reported.

Methods and assumptions used to determine contribution rates:

- Funding Method: Entry Age Normal Actuarial Cost Method
- Amortization Method: Level percentage of pay, closed.
- Remaining Amortization Period: 30 Years (as of 10/01/2012).
- Actuarial Value of Assets: The Actuarial Value of Assets utilizes a five-year smoothing methodology.
- Inflation: 3.5% per year.
- Salary Increases: 5.1% - 8.3% averaging 5.8%.  
 Projected benefit at retirement of termination is increased 11% to account for non-regular compensation.
- Payroll Growth: 4.5% per year.
- Interest Rate: 8% per year compounded annually, net of investment related expenses.

**ST. LUCIE COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT**  
**REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**  
**SCHEDULE OF NET PENSION LIABILITY OF THE SPONSOR**  
Year Ended September 30, 2014  
**UNAUDITED**

Retirement System for General Employees of the St. Lucie County Fire District

Total pension liability		
Service cost	\$	427,957
Interest		1,228,609
Change in excess state money		131,154
Change in funding standard account		-
Share plan allocation		-
Changes of benefit terms		-
Differences between expected and actual experience		-
Changes of assumptions		-
Contributions - buy back		-
Benefit payments, including refunds of employee contributions		(683,561)
Net change in total pension liability		<u>1,104,159</u>
Total pension liability - beginning		<u>15,271,967</u>
Total pension liability - ending (a)	\$	<u><u>16,376,126</u></u>
Plan fiduciary net position		
Contributions - employer	\$	702,300
Contributions - state		-
Contributions - employee		-
Contributions - buy back		131,524
Net investment income		977,459
Benefit payments, including refunds of employee contributions		(683,561)
Administrative expense		(51,972)
Other		-
Net change in plan fiduciary net position		<u>1,075,750</u>
Plan fiduciary net position - beginning		<u>10,765,229</u>
Plan fiduciary net position - ending (b)	\$	<u><u>11,840,979</u></u>
Net pension liability - ending (a) - (b)	\$	<u><u>4,535,147</u></u>
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability		72.31%
Covered employee payroll	\$	3,103,328
Net pension liability as a percentage of covered employee payroll		146.13%

GASB 67 implemented FYE 9/30/14. Prior years information not available.

**ST. LUCIE COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT**  
**REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**  
**SCHEDULE OF NET PENSION LIABILITY OF THE SPONSOR**  
Year Ended September 30, 2014  
**UNAUDITED**

St. Lucie County Fire District Firefighters' Pension Trust Fund

Total pension liability		
Service cost	\$	6,448,008
Interest		20,052,241
Change in excess state money		341,222
Change in funding standard account		-
Share plan allocation		-
Changes of benefit terms		-
Differences between expected and actual experience		-
Changes of assumptions		-
Contributions - buy back		62,591
Benefit payments, including refunds of employee contributions		(8,353,250)
Net change in total pension liability		<u>18,550,812</u>
Total pension liability - beginning		<u>248,798,353</u>
Total pension liability - ending (a)	\$	<u><u>267,349,165</u></u>
Plan fiduciary net position		
Contributions - employer	\$	6,742,756
Contributions - state		2,260,950
Contributions - employee		128,736
Contributions - buy back		62,591
Net investment income		16,072,750
Benefit payments, including refunds of employee contributions		(8,353,250)
Administrative expense		(109,156)
Other		-
Net change in plan fiduciary net position		<u>16,805,377</u>
Plan fiduciary net position - beginning		<u>179,468,367</u>
Plan fiduciary net position - ending (b)	\$	<u><u>196,273,744</u></u>
Net pension liability - ending (a) - (b)	\$	<u><u>71,075,421</u></u>
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability		73.41%
Covered employee payroll	\$	31,156,266
Net pension liability as a percentage of covered employee payroll		228.13%

GASB 67 implemented FYE 9/30/14. Prior years information not available.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S 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 Chairman and Members of the Board of Commissioners  
St. Lucie County Fire District  
Fort Pierce, Florida

We have audited in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to the financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of St. Lucie County Fire District, Florida, as of September 30, 2014 and for the year ended September 30, 2014, which collectively comprise the St. Lucie County Fire District, Florida's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated April 21, 2015.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the St. Lucie County Fire District, Florida'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 St. Lucie County Fire District, Florida's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the St. Lucie County Fire District, Florida'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 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 St. Lucie County Fire District, Florida's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

### Purpose of this Report

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 purpose.

*DiBartolomeo, McBee, Hartley & Barnes*

DiBartolomeo, McBee, Hartley & Barnes, P.A.

Fort Pierce, Florida

April 21, 2015

**ST. LUCIE COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT**  
**SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS AND STATE FINANCIAL**  
**ASSISTANCE**  
**Year Ended September 30, 2014**

Description	CFDA/ CSFA Number	Contract Grant Number	Expenditures
<b><u>FEDERAL PROGRAMS:</u></b>			
<u>U.S. Department of Homeland Security</u>			
Passed Through Florida State Department of Community Affairs:			
Assistance to Firefighters Grant - Operations and Safety	97.044	EMW-2012-FO-06575	\$ 115,200
Staffing for Adequate Fire/Emergency Response	97.083	EMW-2011-FH-01111	<u>1,235,553</u>
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE</b>			<b><u><u>\$ 1,350,753</u></u></b>
<b><u>STATE PROGRAMS:</u></b>			
<u>Florida Department of Health - Bureau of EMS</u>			
Emergency Services County Grant	64.005	C2059	<u>\$ 61,640</u>
<b>TOTAL STATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE</b>			<b><u><u>\$ 61,640</u></u></b>

**NOTE A – BASIS OF PRESENTATION**

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards was prepared to include the activity of all federal of the St. Lucie County Fire District and is presented on the accrual method of accounting. The information in this schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of OMB Circular A-133, Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations. Therefore, some amounts presented in this schedule may differ from amounts presented in, or used in the preparation of general-purpose financial statements.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR PROGRAM  
AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY OMB CIRCULAR A-133

To the Chairman and Members of the Board of Commissioners  
St. Lucie County Fire District  
Fort Pierce, Florida

**Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program**

We have audited the compliance of the St. Lucie County Fire District, Florida with the types of compliance requirements described in the *U. S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-133 Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal awards programs for the year ended September 30, 2014. The St. Lucie County Fire District, Florida's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs.

**Management's Responsibility**

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants applicable to its Federal Programs.

**Auditor's Responsibility**

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on compliance for each of the St. Lucie County Fire District, Florida's major Federal programs based on our audit of the types of compliance requirements referred to above. We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; OMB Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*. This standard, OMB Circular A-133, requires that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether non-compliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about the St. Lucie County Fire District, Florida's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures, as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion on compliance for each major Federal program. However, our audit does not provide a legal determination of the St. Lucie County Fire District, Florida's compliance.

**Opinion on Each Major Federal Program**

In our opinion, the St. Lucie County Fire District, Florida complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs and for the year ended September 30, 2014.

## **Report on Internal Control Over Compliance**

The management of the St. Lucie County Fire District, Florida is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above. In planning and performing our audit of compliance, we considered the St. Lucie County Fire District, Florida's internal control over compliance with requirements that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program in order to determine our auditing procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing an opinion on compliance and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with OMB Circular A-133, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the St. Lucie County Fire District, Florida's internal control over compliance.

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified.

A deficiency in internal control over compliance exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a Federal program on a timely basis. A material weakness in internal control over compliance is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a Federal program will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A significant deficiency in internal control over compliance is a deficiency, or as combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with the type of compliance requirement of a Federal program that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and results of that testing based on the requirements of OMB Circular A-133. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

*DiBartolomeo, McBee, Hartley & Barnes*

DiBartolomeo, McBee, Hartley & Barnes, P.A.  
Fort Pierce, Florida  
April 21, 2015

ST. LUCIE COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT  
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS  
FEDERAL PROGRAMS  
YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2014

**I. Summary of Auditor Findings**

1. The independent certified public accountant’s report expresses an unqualified opinion on the combined financial statements of the St. Lucie County Fire District.
2. No reportable conditions were disclosed during the audit of the financial statements.
3. No instances of non-compliance material to the financial statements were disclosed during the audit.
4. No reportable conditions were disclosed during the audit of the major federal awards programs.
5. The independent certified public accountant’s report on compliance for the major federal awards programs expresses an unqualified opinion.
6. There were no audit findings relative to the major federal awards programs.
7. The programs tested as major programs were as follows:

<u>Federal Programs:</u>	<u>CFDA</u>
<u>U.S. Department of Homeland Security</u>	
Passed Through Florida State Department of Community Affairs:	
Staffing for Adequate Fire/Emergency Response	97.083

8. The threshold for distinguishing between Type A and Type B programs was \$300,000 for major federal programs.
9. The St. Lucie County District was determined to be a low risk auditee for federal program testing pursuant to OMB Circular A-133.

**II. Financial Statement Findings**

This section identifies the reportable conditions, material weaknesses, and instances of non-compliance related to financial statements that are required to be reported in accordance with Chapter 5.18 of *Government Auditing Standards*.

There were no financial statement findings required to be reported in accordance with Chapter 5.18 of *Government Auditing Standards*.

### **III. Federal Program Findings and Questioned Costs**

This section identifies the reportable conditions, material weaknesses, and instances of non-compliance, including question costs, related to the audit of major federal programs, as required to be reported by Circular A-133 section 510(A).

There were no findings related to the audit of major federal programs required to be reported by Circular A-133 section 510(A).

### **IV. Summary Schedule of Prior Audit Findings**

None.

## MANAGEMENT LETTER

To the Chairman and Members of the Board of Commissioners  
St. Lucie County Fire District  
Fort Pierce, Florida

**Report on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the financial statements of the St. Lucie County Fire District, Florida, as of and for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2014, and have issued our report thereon dated April 21, 2015.

**Auditor's Responsibility**

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; OMB Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*; and Chapter 10.550, Rules of the Auditor General.

**Other Reports and Schedule**

We have issued our Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of the Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*; Independent Auditor's Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program and State Project and Report on Internal Control over Compliance; Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs; and Independent Accountant's Report on an examination conducted in accordance with *AICPA Professional Standards*, Section 601, regarding compliance requirements in accordance with Chapter 10.550, Rules of the Auditor General. Disclosures in those reports and schedule, which are dated April 21, 2015, should be considered in conjunction with this management letter.

**Prior Audit Findings**

Section 10.554(1)(i)1., Rules of the Auditor General, requires that we determine whether or not corrective actions have been taken to address findings and recommendations made in the preceding annual financial audit report. Corrective actions have been taken to address findings and recommendations made in the preceding annual financial audit report.

**Official Title and Legal Authority**

Section 10.554(1)(i)4., Rules of the Auditor General, requires that the name or official title and legal authority for the primary government and each component unit of the reporting entity be disclosed in this management letter, unless disclosed in the notes to the financial statements. Refer to Note A in the notes to the financial statements.

## **Financial Condition**

Section 10.554(1)(i)5.a., Rules of the Auditor General, requires that we report the results of our determination as to whether or not St. Lucie County Fire District has met one or more of the conditions described in Section 218.503(1), Florida Statutes, and identification of the specific conditions met. In connection with our audit, we determined that the St. Lucie County Fire District did not meet any of the conditions described in Section 218.503(1), Florida Statutes.

Pursuant to Sections 10.554(1)(i)5.c. and 10.556(8), Rules of the Auditor General, we applied financial condition assessment procedures. It is management's responsibility to monitor the St. Lucie County Fire District's financial condition, and our financial condition assessment was based in part on representations made by management and the review of financial information provided by same.

## **Annual Financial Report**

Section 10.554(1)(i)5.b., Rules of the Auditor General, requires that we report the results of our determination as to whether the annual financial report for the St. Lucie County Fire District for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2014, filed with the Florida Department of Financial Services pursuant to Section 218.32(1)(a), Florida Statutes, is in agreement with the annual financial audit report for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2014. In connection with our audit, we determined that these two reports were in agreement.

## **Other Matters**

Section 10.554(1)(i)2., Rules of the Auditor General, requires that we address in the management letter any recommendations to improve financial management. In connection with our audit, we did not have any such recommendations.

Section 10.554(1)(i)3., Rules of the Auditor General, requires that we address noncompliance with provisions of contracts or grant agreements, or abuse, that have occurred, or are likely to have occurred, that have an effect on the financial statements that is less than material but which warrants the attention of those charged with governance. In connection with our audit, we did not have any such findings.

## **Purpose of this Letter**

Our management letter is intended solely for the information and use of the Legislative Auditing Committee, members of the Florida Senate and the Florida House of Representatives, the Florida Auditor General, Federal and other granting agencies, the Chairman and Members of the Board of Commissioners, and applicable management, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

*DiBartolomeo, McBee, Hartley & Barnes*

DiBartolomeo, McBee, Hartley & Barnes, P.A.

April 21, 2015

INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

To the Chairman and Members of the Board of Commissioners  
St. Lucie County Fire District  
Fort Pierce, Florida

We have examined the District's compliance with the requirements of Section 218.415, Florida Statutes with regards to the District's investments during the year ended September 30, 2014. Management is responsible for the District's compliance with those requirements. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the District's compliance based on our examination.

Our examination was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and, accordingly, included examining, on a test basis, evidence about the District's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our examination provides a reasonable basis for our opinion. Our examination does not provide a legal determination on the District's compliance with specified requirements.

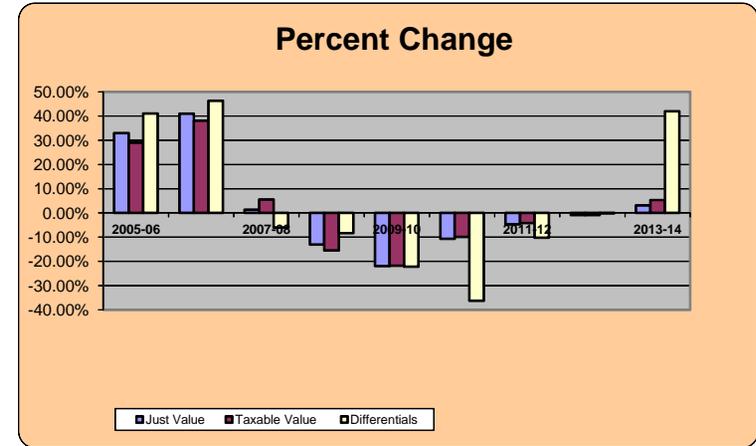
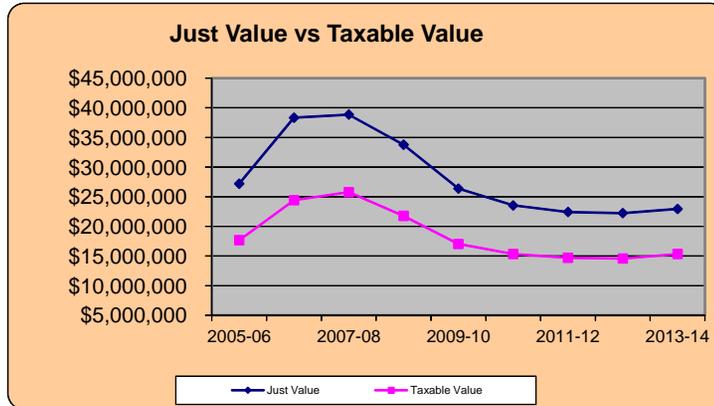
In our opinion, the District complied, in all material respects, with the aforementioned requirements for the year ended September 30, 2014.

*DiBartolomeo, McBee, Hartley & Barnes*  
DiBartolomeo, McBee Hartley & Barnes, P.A.  
Fort Pierce, FL  
April 21, 2015

**St. Lucie County, Florida**  
Assessed Valuation of Taxable Property (\$000)

Fiscal Year	1998-99	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
<b>Just Value</b>	\$ 11,252,173	\$ 27,196,723	\$ 38,336,599	\$ 38,864,636	\$ 33,777,285	\$ 26,371,943	\$ 23,543,370	\$ 22,434,406	\$ 22,238,607	\$ 22,941,424
<b>Percent Change</b>		32.954%	40.960%	1.377%	-13.090%	-21.924%	-10.726%	-4.710%	-0.873%	3.160%
<b>Assessed Value</b>		\$ 22,389,076	\$ 31,277,197	\$ 31,838,884	\$ 31,716,567	\$ 21,214,395	\$ 20,844,218	\$ 20,051,452	\$ 19,920,803	\$ 20,773,805
<b>Percent Change</b>										
<b>Minus Exemptions</b>	\$ 3,466,422	\$ 6,427,822	\$ 8,980,790	\$ 8,861,721	\$ 9,946,097	\$ 8,666,766	\$ 5,492,946	\$ 4,843,656	\$ 4,922,142	\$ 7,140,096
<b>Minus Value Above Cap</b>	\$ 41,677	\$ 3,088,223	\$ 4,942,999	\$ 4,233,796	\$ 2,060,718	\$ 674,074	\$ 463,457	\$ 502,537	\$ 418,835	\$ 443,022
<b>Exemptions &amp; Value Above Cap</b>	\$ 3,508,099	\$ 9,516,045	\$ 13,923,790	\$ 13,095,517	\$ 12,006,815	\$ 9,340,840	\$ 5,956,402	\$ 5,346,193	\$ 5,340,978	\$ 7,583,118
<b>Percent Change</b>		41.026%	46.319%	-5.949%	-8.314%	-22.204%	-36.233%	-10.245%	-0.098%	41.980%
<b>Taxable Value</b>	\$ 7,744,073	\$ 17,680,679	\$ 24,412,809	\$ 25,769,119	\$ 21,770,470	\$ 17,031,103	\$ 15,351,272	\$ 14,705,259	\$ 14,579,826	\$ 15,358,306
<b>Percent Change</b>		28.981%	38.076%	5.556%	-15.517%	-21.770%	-9.863%	-4.208%	-0.853%	5.339%
<b>Millage Rate</b>	2.4300	2.7562	2.4562	2.2000	2.2000	2.2000	2.4839	2.6500	2.6500	3.0000

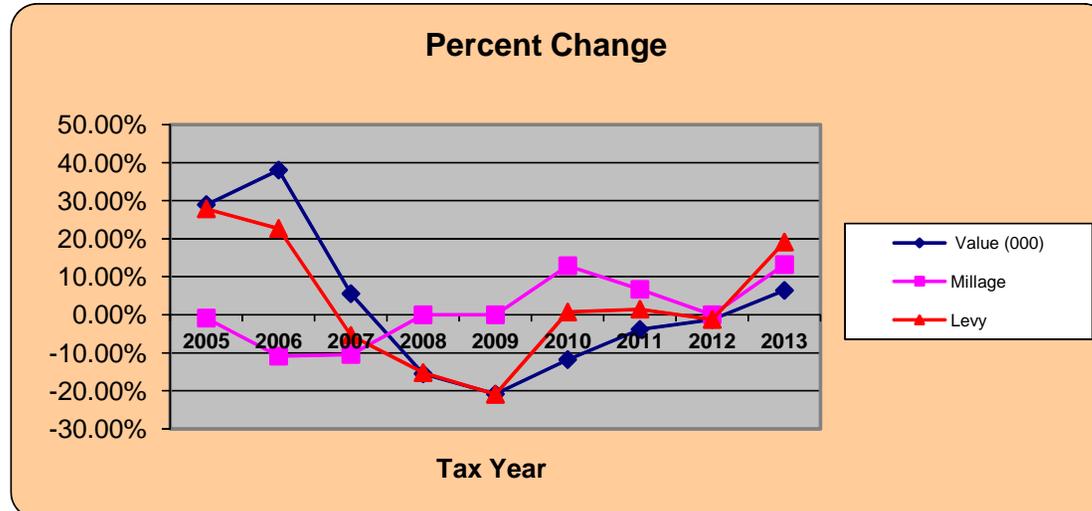
Sources: DR 420s, DR 403ACs, and St. Lucie County Fire District Financial Records



**St. Lucie County Fire District, Florida**  
Property Tax Levies and Collections

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Tax Roll Year</u>	<u>Final Taxable Value (000)</u>	<u>Millage Rate</u>	<u>Total Levy</u>	<u>Net Collections</u>	<u>Percentage of Levy Collected</u>
2005-2006	2005	\$ 17,680,678.58	2.7562	\$ 48,731,486	\$ 46,688,028	95.81%
2006-2007	2006	\$ 24,412,809.79	2.4562	\$ 59,794,872	\$ 57,840,019	96.73%
2007-2008	2007	\$ 25,769,119.33	2.2000	\$ 56,555,064	\$ 54,357,808	96.11%
2008-2009	2008	\$ 21,770,469.66	2.2000	\$ 47,946,071	\$ 45,614,743	95.14%
2009-2010	2009	\$ 17,229,800.31	2.2000	\$ 37,905,561	\$ 36,416,048	96.07%
2010-2011	2010	\$ 15,199,442.67	2.4839	\$ 38,176,975	\$ 36,876,860	96.59%
2011-2012	2011	\$ 14,615,052.10	2.6500	\$ 38,729,888	\$ 37,300,773	96.31%
2012-2013	2012	\$ 14,432,488.57	2.6500	\$ 38,246,094	\$ 37,214,839	97.30%
2013-2014	2013	\$ 15,358,306.27	3.0000	\$ 45,564,505	\$ 44,925,591	98.60%

Sources: DR 420s, DR 403ACs, and St. Lucie County Fire District Financial Records

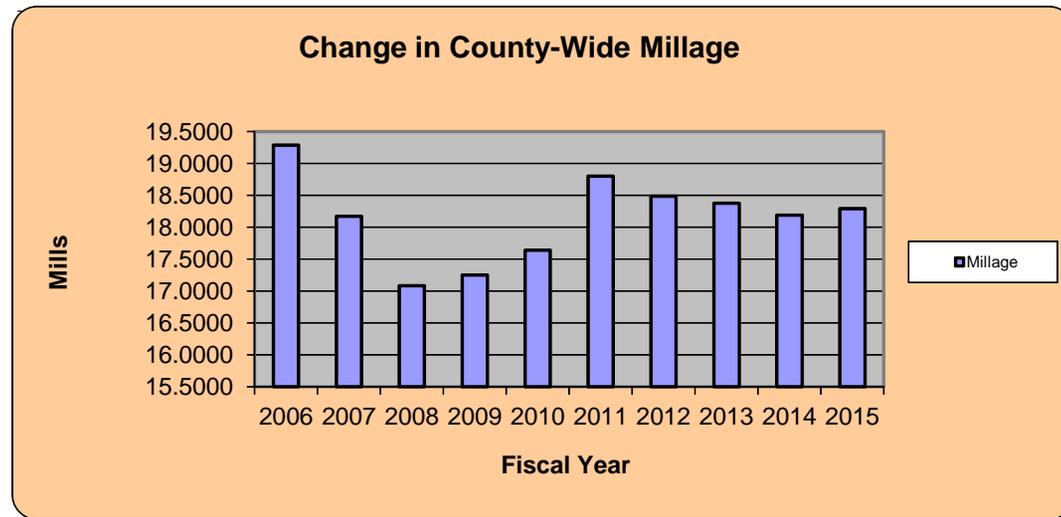


## St. Lucie County, Florida Property Tax Rates

**1 Mill equals \$1.00 per \$1,000 of Assessed Value**

Fiscal Year	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Tax Year	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
SLC Board of County Commissioners										
County-Wide Millage	7.3426	6.7512	6.2576	6.2576	6.2576	6.9331	6.9845	6.9845	6.9845	7.1388
County-Wide Voted Debt Millage	0.1370	0.0977	0.0920	0.0613	0.0613	0.0613	0.0154	0.0154	0.0154	0.0154
SLC School District	7.9220	7.7370	7.4900	7.6850	7.9760	8.1770	7.8780	7.7710	7.2570	7.2410
SLC Fire District	2.7562	2.4562	2.2000	2.2000	2.2000	2.4839	2.6500	2.6500	3.0000	3.0000
Other County-Wide Taxing Authorities	1.1270	1.1270	1.0443	1.0443	1.1457	1.1457	0.9580	0.9533	0.9327	0.8952
<b>Total County-Wide Millage</b>	<b>19.2848</b>	<b>18.1691</b>	<b>17.0839</b>	<b>17.2482</b>	<b>17.6406</b>	<b>18.8010</b>	<b>18.4859</b>	<b>18.3742</b>	<b>18.1896</b>	<b>18.2904</b>
<b>Non-County-Wide Millage Rates</b>										
SLC Board of County Commissioners										
Mosquito Control District	0.2757	0.2200	0.2036	0.2036	0.2036	0.2036	0.2036	0.2036	0.4065	0.2522
Municipal Services Taxing Units	1.6308	1.6311	1.5993	1.5993	1.5993	1.7796	1.6562	1.6562	1.6562	1.6562
City of Fort Pierce	6.9823	5.9823	5.4674	5.4674	5.4674	5.4674	5.4674	5.7131	6.6050	6.5786
City of Port St. Lucie	4.6899	4.4399	4.2172	4.2172	4.6866	5.4723	5.7289	5.6289	5.6289	5.6289
Town of St. Lucie Village	1.0000	1.5000	1.2500	1.3400	1.6100	1.6700	1.7300	1.7200	1.7200	1.7500

Source: Offices of the St. Lucie County Property Appraiser and St. Lucie County Tax Collector



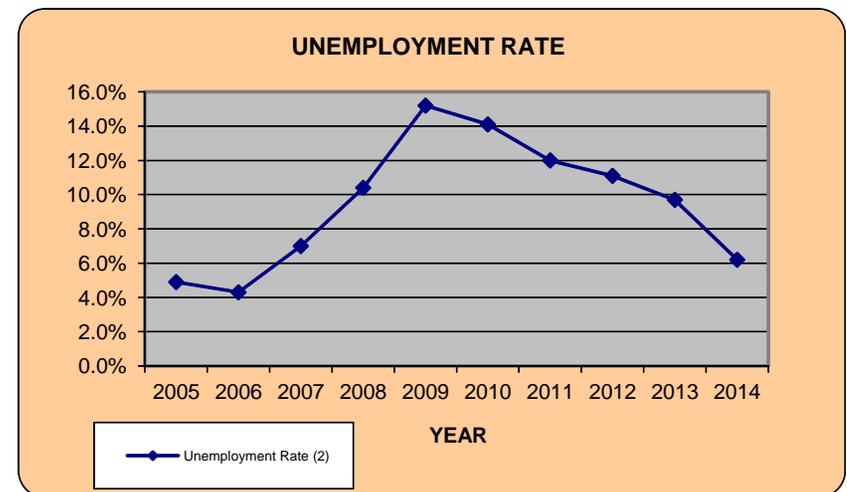
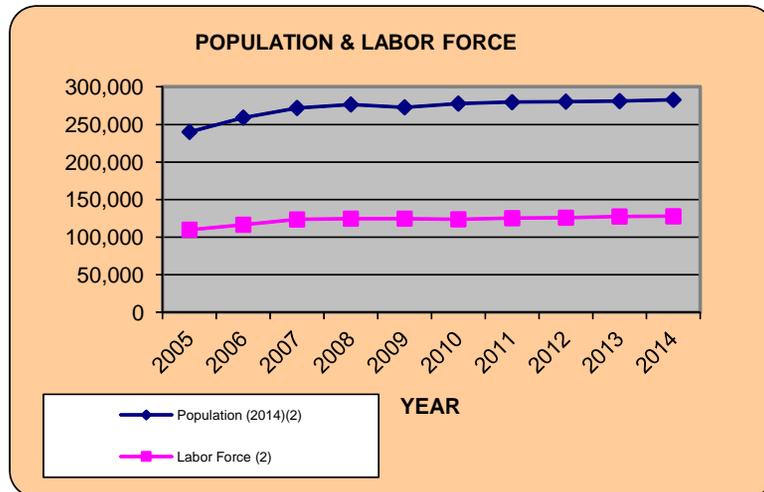
**St. Lucie County, Florida**  
Major Employers

<u>Employer</u>	<u>Type Business</u>	<b>2014</b>		<b>2013</b>		<u>Employer</u>	<u>Type Business</u>
		<u>Ranking</u>	<u>Average Number of Employees</u>	<u>Ranking</u>	<u>Average Number of Employees</u>		
St. Lucie County School District	Educational Services	1	5,273	1	4,478	St. Lucie County School District	Educational Services
Lawnwood Medical Center/HCA	Healthcare	2	1,339	2	2,200	Lawnwood Medical Center/HCA	Healthcare Services
City of Port St. Lucie	City Government	3	1,096	3	1,884	Indian River State College	Educational Services
QVC St. Lucie, Inc.	Call Center	4	994	4	1,594	St. Lucie County Board of County Comm	Legislative Body
Convey Health Solutions	Call Center	5	950	5	1,569	WalMart/WalMart Distribution Center.	Retail Trade
Liberty Healthcare Group Inc.	Medical Supplies	6	920	6	1,327	Publix Supermarkets	Retail Trade
St. Lucie Medical Center	Healthcare Services	7	850	7	1,075	City of Port St. Lucie	City Government
Florida Power & Light Company	Electric Utility	8	829	8	1,000	Florida Power & Light	Electric, Gas Service
Martin Health Systems	Healthcare Services	9	809	9	994	QVC	Call Center
Teleperformance (Aegis Communications)	Call Center	10	800	10	920	Liberty Healthcare Group, Inc.	Medical Supplies
<b>Total Employed</b>			<b>119,878</b>		<b>106,256</b>		

Source: Economic Development Council of St Lucie County

## St. Lucie County, Florida Demographics

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
<b>Population (2014)(2)</b>	240,039	259,141	271,961	276,585	272,864	277,789	279,696	280,355	281,151	282,821
	6.1%	8.0%	4.9%	1.7%	-1.3%	1.8%	0.7%	0.2%	0.3%	0.6%
<b>Labor Force (2)</b>	109,959	116,655	123,657	124,630	124,671	123,738	125,270	125,942	127,623	127,771
<b>Employed (2)</b>	104,585	111,598	115,040	111,647	105,777	106,256	110,263	112,011	115,180	119,878
<b>Unemployment Rate (2)</b>	4.9%	4.3%	7.0%	10.4%	15.2%	14.1%	12.0%	11.1%	9.7%	6.2%
<b>Median Household Income (3)</b>	42,048	44,466	46,127	44,788	44,545	39,378	41,384	41,934	42,825	N/A
<b>Per Capita Personal Income (3)</b>	25,861	27,540	28,056	29,115	29,526	29,574	30,768	31,742	31,182	N/A



- 1 Florida Office of Economic and Demographic Research (EDR)
- 2 Florida Research & Economic Database (Labor Market Statistics Program)
- 3 US Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis
- 4 University of Florida, Bureau of Economic and Business Research
- 5 US Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics