CUMBERLAND FIRE DISTRICT

AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED
JUNE 30, 2016

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Certified Public Accountants

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

The Honorable Fire Committee Cumberland Fire District

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Cumberland Fire District of Cumberland, Rhode Island as of and for the year ended June 30, 2016, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

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. 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, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Cumberland Fire District, as of June 30, 2016, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information on pages 3-8 and page 42 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Cumberland Fire District's basic financial statements. The introductory section, combining and individual non-major fund financial statements, and statistical section are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The combining and individual non-major fund financial statements 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 basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the combining and individual non-major fund financial statements are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

The introductory and statistical sections have not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on them.

Parmelee, Poirier & Associates, LLP

Warwick, Rhode Island

February 1, 2017

| Management's Discussion and Analysis |
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CUMBERLAND FIRE DISTRICT Cumberland, Rhode Island Management's Discussion and Analysis For the Year Ended June 30, 2016 (Unaudited)

As management of the Cumberland Fire District, we offer readers of the District's Financial Statements this narrative overview and analysis of financial activities of the District for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016. The District has implemented Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement 34 – Basic Financial Statements and Management's Discussion and Analysis for State and Local Governments.

Organizational Highlights

❖ The merger of the four separate Cumberland Fire Stations into the one Cumberland Fire District has been successfully implemented. The merger has created one cohesive group which is working well together to serve the Town of Cumberland. As the management group continues to work together we anticipate creating more efficiencies and improvements in operations.

Financial Highlights

❖ The current fiscal year's revenues exceeded general fund expenditures on a GAAP basis by \$154,516. The sale of an asset resulting in a \$20,100 unbudgeted gain; the collection of penalties and past due taxes; and a very small unfavorable variance of \$14,316 for expense spending all contributed to the increase in the general fund balance.

Overview of the Financial Statements

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

- * Government wide financial statements
- * Fund financial statements
- * Notes to financial statements

In addition to the basic financial statements, this report also contains other supplementary information.

The District's basic financial statements and other supplementary financial information provide information about all of the District's activities. They provide both a short-term and a long-term view of the District's financial health as well as information about activities for which the District acts solely as a trustee for the benefit of those outside of the District's government.

Overview of the Financial Statements – (continued)

Government-wide financial statements - are designed to provide readers with a broad over view of the District's finances in a manner, which is similar to a private-sector business. They are presented on the accrual basis of accounting where revenues and expenditures are recognized on the date they occurred rather than on the date they were collected or paid.

The Statement of Net Position presents information on all of the District's assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two reported as net position. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the District is improving or deteriorating.

The Statement of Activities presents information which shows how the District's net position changed during the fiscal year. All changes in net position are reported when the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in the future fiscal periods. Examples are uncollected taxes and earned but unused compensated absences.

Both of the government-wide financial statements distinguish functions of the District, which are supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues (governmental activities) from other functions. The District's governmental activities include administration and public safety services.

The government-wide financial statements are reported on pages 9 and 10.

Fund financial statements – A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The District, like other state and local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. In general, funds can be divided into two categories - governmental funds and proprietary funds.

The fund financial statements are reported on pages 11 through 13.

Governmental Funds – Governmental funds are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike the government-wide financial statements, governmental fund financial statements focus on current sources and uses of spendable resources, as well as on balances of spendable resources available at the end of the fiscal year. Such information may be useful in evaluating a government's near-term financing requirements.

Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for governmental funds with similar information presented for governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. By doing so, readers may better understand the long-term

Overview of the Financial Statements – (continued)

impact of the government's near-term financing decisions. Both the Governmental Fund Balance Sheet and the Governmental Fund Statements of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between governmental funds and governmental activities.

The District maintains governmental funds. Information is presented separately in the Governmental Fund Balance Sheet and in the Governmental Fund Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances for the General Fund. Data from the other funds are combined into a single, aggregated presentation. Individual fund data for each of these non-major governmental funds is provided in the form of combining statements elsewhere in this report.

Proprietary Funds - The District has no proprietary funds at this time.

Notes to Financial Statements - The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements. The notes to the financial statements are presented on pages through 14 through 41.

Other Information - In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also presents certain supplementary information pertinent to the District's operations. Supplementary information is presented on pages 42 through 51.

Government-Wide Financial Analysis

Analysis of the Cumberland Fire District's Net Position

As noted earlier, net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. In the case of the Cumberland Fire District, liabilities exceed assets by (\$6,332,659) as of June 30, 2016.

At year end, the District had cash and investments totaling \$1,788,789 (56.6% of total assets) that are unrestricted, and available for use within the District's policies. The next largest portion (39.1%) consists of its investments in capital assets such as land, buildings and improvements, motor vehicles, furniture and equipment and infrastructure, less accumulated depreciation. The District has paid any outstanding debt related to the acquisition of these assets. The District uses these capital assets to provide services to its taxpayers. Consequently, these assets are not available for future spending. Although the District's investment in its capital assets is reported net of related debt, it should be noted that the resources needed to repay any future debt, must be provided from other sources, since the capital assets themselves are highly unlikely to be used to liquidate these liabilities.

Government-Wide Financial Analysis – (continued)

The District's liabilities consist of trade payables of \$73,021 (less than 1% of total liabilities) usually paid within 30 to 60 days from invoice date. An advanced tax collection (11.9%) of liabilities represents tax payments paid to the District prior to the year in which it may be recognized. Long term liabilities consisted of other postemployment benefits and net pension liability. These are benefits to be paid out sometime in the future to retirees from the District. These amounts will change annually based upon actuarial information.

Statement of Net Position

| | G | Activities 2016 |
|----------------------------------|----------|-----------------|
| Cash and other assets | \$ | 1,927,355 |
| Capital assets (net) | | 1,236,771 |
| Total assets | | 3,164,126 |
| Deferred inflows of resources | | 1,593,557 |
| Other liabilities | | 1,098,140 |
| Long-term liabilities | | 9,255,684 |
| Total liabilities | | 10,353,824 |
| Deferred outflows of resources | | 736,518 |
| Net position: | | |
| Invested in capital assets (net) | | 1 236,771 |
| Unrestricted | | (7,569,430) |
| Total net position | \$ | (6,332,659) |

Analysis of the Cumberland Fire District's Operations

The following analysis provides a summary of the District's operations for the year ended June 30, 2016.

In the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016, the net position of the governmental activities decreased by \$491,036.

Government-Wide Financial Analysis – (continued)

Statement of Activities

| | Governmental Activities 2016 | | | |
|--|------------------------------|---|--|--|
| Revenues: | | | | |
| Program revenues: | | | | |
| Charges for services | | \$ - | | |
| Grants and contributions | | - | | |
| General revenues: | | • | | |
| Property taxes | | 7,287,665 | | |
| Investment earnings | 13,160 | | | |
| Miscellaneous fees | 313,482 | | | |
| Total revenues | 7,614,30 | | | |
| Expenses: Personnel services Materials and services Capital related items Interest on long-term liabilities Total expenses | | 7,178,357 939,812 1,592 5,683 8,125,444 | | |
| Gain on sale of asset | | 20,100 | | |
| Increase (decrease) in net position | | (491,036) | | |
| Total net position - July 1, 2015 | | (5,841,623) | | |
| Total net position - June 30, 2016 | \$ (6,332,659) | | | |

Financial Analysis of the Cumberland Fire District's Funds

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

At the end of the current fiscal year, the District's governmental funds reported an ending fund balance of \$696,402 that is all unreserved at this time.

Financial Analysis of the Cumberland Fire District's Funds – (continued)

General Fund Budgetary Highlights

The current fiscal year operations reported a net increase in the General Fund balance of \$154,516 funds accumulated in prior years.

The overall actual revenues were \$428,919 over budget because program revenues, property taxes collected, miscellaneous revenues and interest on taxes were greater than estimated amounts used for the budget.

Budgeted expenditures came in \$414,063 over budget. Actual personnel cost reported were \$372,094 greater than amounts budgeted. The other item that represented an unfavorable budget to actual was principal payments on debt. This cost was inadvertently excluded from the budget. The increases in costs were offset by a decrease in insurance expense of \$110,516.

The District's Capital Assets

The Cumberland Fire District's investment in capital assets for its governmental activities amounts to \$1,236,771, net of accumulated depreciation at June 30, 2016. Included are land, building and improvements, motor vehicles, furniture and fixtures, and equipment. See Note 8 for additional details.

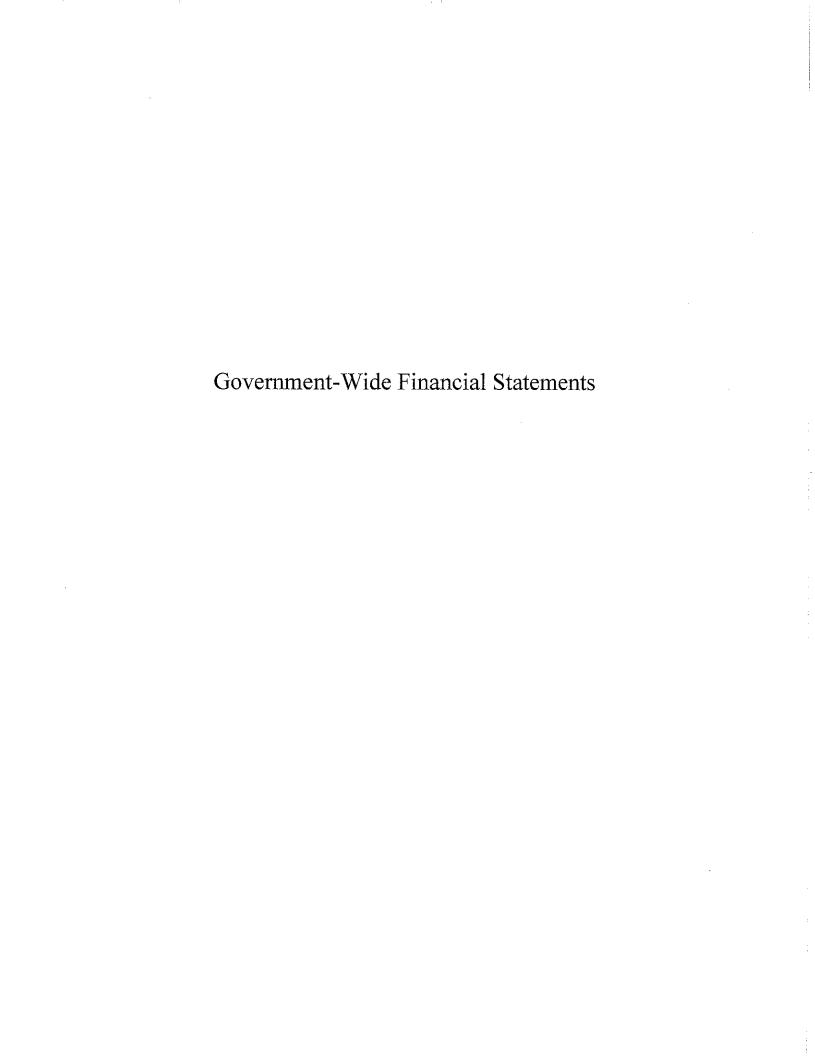
The Cumberland Fire District's Debt Administration

At the end of the current fiscal year, the District had a no outstanding debt. The long term liabilities related to other post-employment benefits, health insurance, and net pension liability. Additional information on the District's long-term liabilities can be found in Note 9.

Requests for Information

The financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers and creditors with a general overview of the District's finances and to show the District's accountability for the tax dollars received. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact the Finance Director, 3502 Mendon Road, Cumberland, RI 02864.





CUMBERLAND FIRE DISTRICT STATEMENT OF NET POSITION June 30, 2016

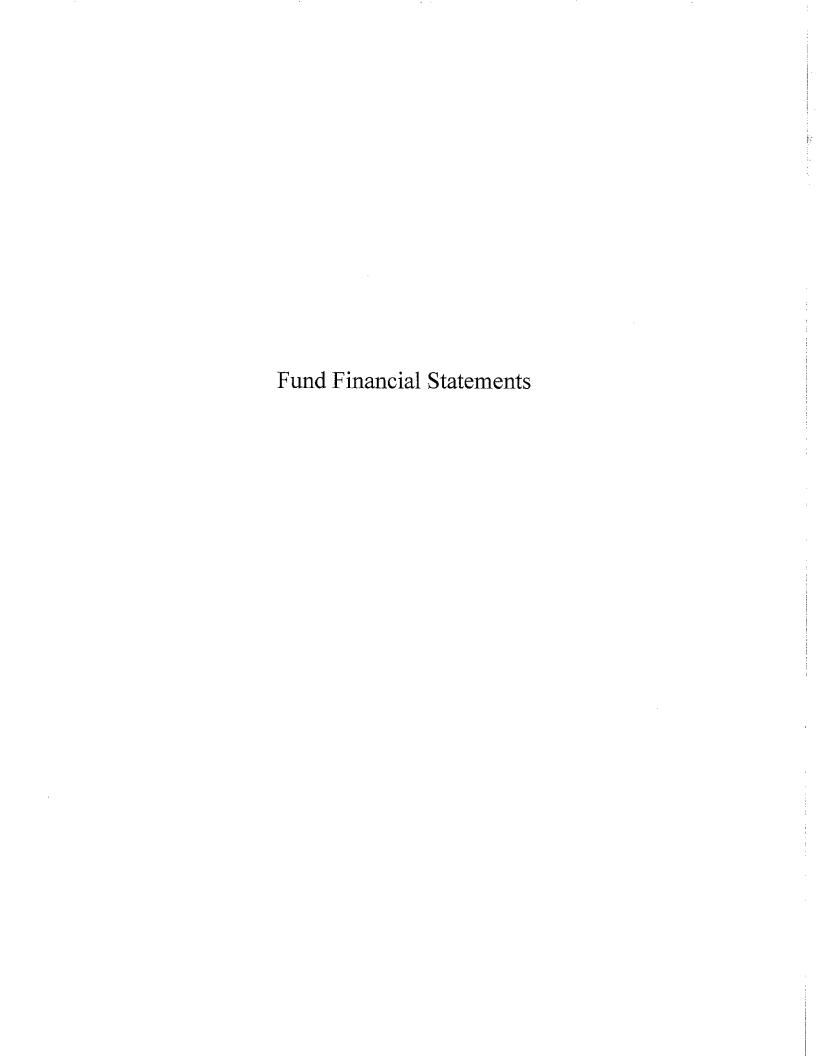
| ASSETS | |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Cash and investments | \$ 1,788,789 |
| Taxes receivable | 114,662 |
| Other receivables | 18,150 |
| Prepaid expenses | 5,754 |
| Capital assets, net of accumulated | |
| depreciation, where applicable | 1,236,771 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | 3,164,126 |
| | |
| DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES | 1,593,557 |
| | |
| LIABILITIES | |
| Accounts payable | 73,021 |
| Advanced tax collections | 1,017,744 |
| Advanced fee collections | 7,375 |
| Long-term liabilities: | |
| Portion due within one year | 92,384 |
| Portion due after one year | 9,163,300 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES | 10,353,824 |
| | |
| DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES | 736,518 |
| | |
| NET POSITION | |
| Invested in capital assets, net | |
| of related debt | 1,236,771 |
| Unrestricted | (7,569,430) |
| TOTAL NET POSITION | (6,332,659) |

CUMBERLAND FIRE DISTRICT STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2016

| | | Program revenues | | Net (Expe Change | Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|--------------------------|---------------------|--|
| | | Chouses for | | ζ | Contraction of the state of the |
| Functions/Programs | Expenses | Services | Contributions | 7 | Activities |
| Primary government | | | | 1 | |
| Personnel services | \$ 7,178,357 | · \$ | · ~ | ↔ | (7,178,357) |
| Materials and services | 939,812 | 1 | ı | | (939,812) |
| Capital related items | 1,592 | 1 | 1 | | (1,592) |
| Interest expense | 5,683 | • | 1 | | (5,683) |
| Total governmental activities | \$ 8,125,444 | \$ | \$ | | (8,125,444) |
| | General revenues: | es: | | | |
| | | Property taxes | | | 7,287,665 |
| | | Investment earnings | SSI | | 13,160 |
| | | Miscellaneous | | | 313,483 |
| | | Total general revenues | revenues | | 7,614,308 |
| | Non-operating revenues: | evenues: | | | |
| | | Gain on sale of assets | sets | | 20,100 |
| | | Increase ii | Increase in net position | | (491,036) |
| | Net position - be | Net position - beginning of the year * | * | | (5,841,623) |
| | Net position - end of the year | d of the year | | ∽ | (6,332,659) |

^{*} Please see notes to the financial statements for further details

See auditors' report and accompanying notes to these financial statements



CUMBERLAND FIRE DISTRICT BALANCE SHEET GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS June 30, 2016

| | | General Fund | Gove | -Major rnmental unds | | Totals |
|---|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|----------|--------------------|
| ASSETS | | | | | | |
| Cash and investments | \$ | 1 700 700 | ф | | ø | 1 700 700 |
| Taxes receivable | Φ | 1,788,789 | \$ | - | \$ | 1,788,789 |
| Other receivables | | 114,662 18,150 | | - | | 114,662 |
| Prepaid expenses | | 5,754 | | - | | 18,150 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | \$ | 1,927,355 | \$ | - | \$ | 5,754 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | <u>Ф</u> | 1,927,333 | <u> </u> | - | <u> </u> | 1,927,355 |
| LIABILITIES | | | | | | |
| Accounts payable and accrued expenses | \$ | 73,021 | \$ | - | \$ | 73,021 |
| Advanced tax collections | | 1,017,744 | , | - | • | 1,017,744 |
| Advanced fee collections | | 7,375 | | - | | 7,375 |
| Deferred revenue - property tax | | 132,813 | | | | 132,813 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES | | 1,230,953 | | | | 1,230,953 |
| FUND BALANCES Assigned to: Unassigned TOTAL FUND BALANCES | | 696,402 696,402 | | - | | 696,402 696,402 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES | \$ | 1,927,355 | \$ | | | |
| Amounts reported for governmental are different because: Capital assets used in government | | | | | | |
| and therefore are not reported in Other long-term assets are not ava | the fu | nds. (see note 2 to pay for curre |) ent-period | | | 1,236,771 |
| expenditures and therefore are do Some liabilities are not due and pa | | | |) | | 132,813 |
| and therefore are not reported in | | | | | | (9,255,684) |
| Deferred inflows and outflows of r current period and are not report | resources are not available for the | | | e | | 857,039 |
| Net position of governmental activ | ities | | | | \$ | (6,332,659) |

Cumberland Fire District Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances Governmental Funds For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2016

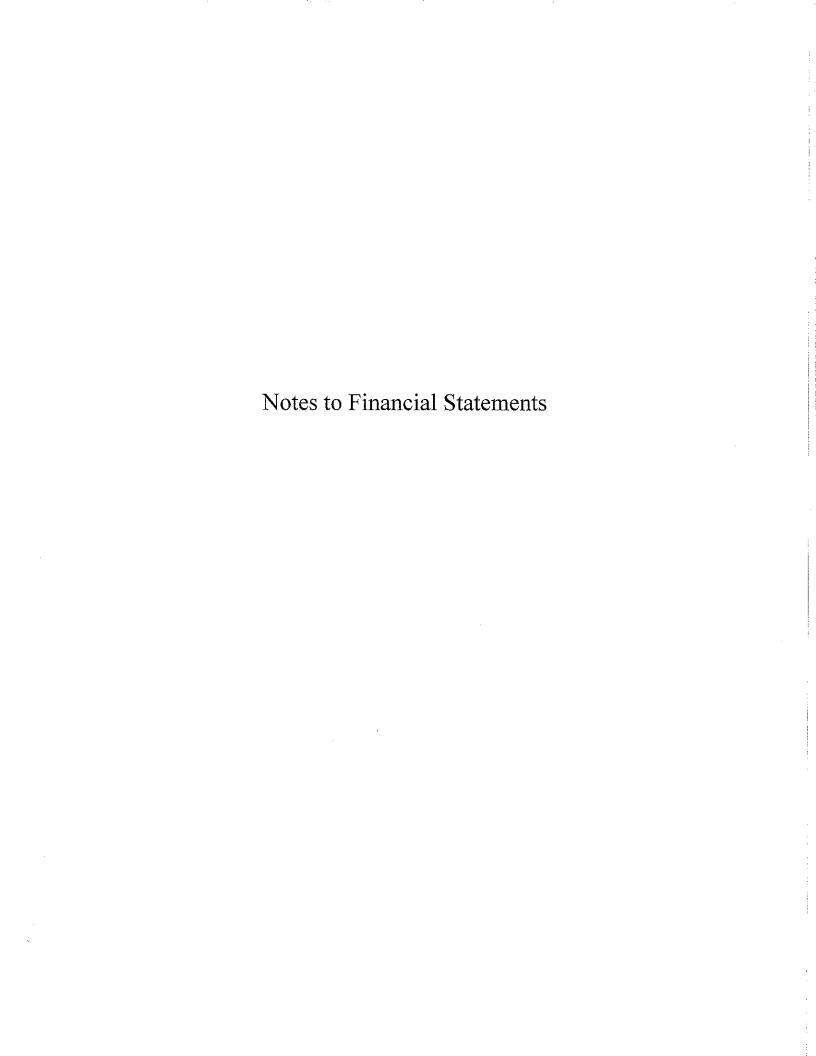
| | General Fund | Totals |
|---|-----------------|--------------|
| Revenues: | | |
| Property taxes | \$ 7,465,287 | \$ 7,465,287 |
| Investment earnings | 13,160 | 13,160 |
| Miscellaneous | 313,483 | 313,483 |
| Total general revenues | 7,791,930 | 7,791,930 |
| Expenses: | | |
| Public safety - fire protection and rescue | | |
| Personnel services | 6,559,791 | 6,559,791 |
| Materials and services | 939,812 | 939,812 |
| Capital related items | - | · - |
| Principal paid on long-term debt | 152,228 | 152,228 |
| Interest | 5,683 | 5,683 |
| Total expenses | 7,657,514 | 7,657,514 |
| Excess of revenues over (under) expenditures | | |
| before other financing sources (uses) | 134,416 | 134,416 |
| Other financing sources (uses) | | |
| Gain on sale of asset | 20,100 | 20,100 |
| Total other financing sources (uses) | 20,100 | 20,100 |
| Net change in fund balances | 154,516 | 154,516 |
| Total fund balances - beginning of the year * | 541,886 | 541,886 |
| Total fund balances - end of the year | \$ 696,402 | \$ 696,402 |

^{*} Please see notes to the financial statements for further details

CUMBERLAND FIRE DISTRICT

Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2016

| Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds | \$ | 154,516 |
|--|----------|-------------|
| Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities are different because: | | |
| Governmental funds reported capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the Statement of Activities the cost of those assets are allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which depreciation in the amount of \$97,802 | | |
| exceeded capital asset additions of \$96,210 for the current period. | | (1,592) |
| Reductions in deferred revenue that provide current financial resources to governmental funds are not reported as revenues in the Statement of | | |
| Activities. | | (177,622) |
| Long-term employee benefits that do not require the use of current financial resources are not reported as expenditures in the governmental funds but are recorded in the Statement of Activities. | | |
| Decreases in accrued compensated absences | | 80,023 |
| Principal payments made | | 152,228 |
| Increases in net pension liability | | (1,855,775) |
| Increases in deferred outflows of resources | | 932,268 |
| Decreases in deferred inflows of resources | | 224,918 |
| | | (466,338) |
| Change in net position of governmental activities. | \$ | (401.026) |
| Change in her position of governmental activities. | <u> </u> | (491,036) |



NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements of the Cumberland Fire District have been prepared in conformity with principles generally accepted in the United States of America as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard setting body for establishing government and financial reporting principles. The following notes to the basic financial statements are an integral part of the District's financial statements.

A. Financial Reporting Entity

The Cumberland Fire District, Cumberland, Rhode Island, (the District), was incorporated by an act of the Rhode Island General Assembly. The primary function includes fire protection within the Town of Cumberland, Rhode Island. The District is comprised of four stations: Valley Falls (Station 1), Cumberland (Station 2), Cumberland Hill (Station 4), and North Cumberland (Station 5). The four stations are located at 555 High Street, 1530 Mendon Road, 3502 Mendon Road, and 50 Arnolds Mill Road, respectively.

Managerial responsibility for the operations of the fire department is vested in a seven member Board of Fire Commissioners.

B. Fund Accounting

The general account of the District is organized on the basis of funds. The operations of funds are summarized by a separate set of self-balancing accounts, which includes assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenues and expenses or expenditures. The District uses the General Fund to report the operating fund of the general government activities.

C. Basis of Accounting

Governmental Fund Financial Statements

Governmental Fund Financial Statements include a Balance Sheet and Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance for each major governmental fund and non-major governmental funds in total. An accompanying schedule is presented to reconcile and explain differences in fund balances and changes in fund balances as presented in these statements to the net position and changes in net position presented in the Government-Wide Financial Statements.

The District reports all transactions in the General Fund. The General Fund is the operating fund of the District. It is used to account for all financial resources, except those required to be accounted for in another fund. The acquisition of certain capital assets, such as firefighter apparatus and equipment, is accounted for in the general fund when it is responsible for the financing of such expenditures.

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued):

C. Basis of Accounting (continued):

All governmental funds are accounted for using the spending or "current financial resources" measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. With this measurement focus, only current assets and current liabilities generally are included on the balance sheets. The Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances present increases (revenues and other financing sources) and decreases (expenditures and other financing uses) in net current assets. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized in the accounting period in which they become both available and measurable. Available means when revenues are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. Measurable means the amount of revenue can be determined. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, consistent with accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures as well as expenditures related to compensated absences and claims and judgements, are recorded only when payment is due.

Government-Wide Financial Statements

The District's Government-Wide Financial Statements include a Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities, which report information on all of the activities of the primary government. The District's operations consist of governmental activities, which are normally supported by taxes. The District has no business-type activities, which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for support. If the District had business-type activities, these activities would be reported separately from governmental activities.

These statements are presented using the "economic resources" measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Accordingly, all of the District's assets and liabilities, including capital assets and long-term liabilities, are included in the accompanying Statement of Net Position. The Statement of Net Position presents changes in net position. Under the accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized in the period in which they are earned while expenses are recognized in the period in which the liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Program revenues for the District are reported as charges for services. The District has not received any operating grants or contributions.

D. Budgets and Budgetary Accounting

As set forth in the District's enabling legislation, the fire committee adopts an annual budget, annual tax levy amount and property tax rate for the General Fund activity, related to fire protection. The annual budget for the General Fund is prepared on a modified cash basis of accounting which is utilized by that fund for establishing its annual tax assessment.

E. Encumbrances

The District has not adopted an encumbrance accounting system.

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued):

F. Cash, Cash Equivalents and Investments

Cash and cash equivalents include cash and highly liquid investments with a maturity of three months or less at the time of purchase and are stated at cost. All other investments are stated at fair value.

G. Receivables

All receivables are reported at their gross value and, where appropriate, are reduced by the estimated portion that is expected to be uncollectible. The estimated amount is based on historical data and the periodic review of the accounts receivable aging.

H. Other Assets

Other assets held are recorded and accounted for at cost.

I. Capital Assets

Capital assets are reported in the Government-Wide Statement of Net Position, but are not reported in the Government Fund Financial Statements.

The District defines capital assets as assets with an individual cost of more than \$5,000 and an estimated useful life in excess of five years. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost.

The cost of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend the asset's life are not capitalized.

Depreciation of exhaustible fixed assets is charged as an expense against operations, and accumulated depreciation is reported on the Government-Wide Statement of Net Position. Depreciation has been provided over the estimated useful lives using the straight-line method of depreciation. No depreciation is taken on land or land rights. Expenditures for additions and betterments are capitalized.

J. Pensions

The provisions for pension cost is recorded on an accrual basis, and the District's policy is to fund pension costs to the extent funds are available.

For purposes of measuring the net pension liability (asset), deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the Municipal Employees' Retirement System (MERS) of Rhode Island and additions to/deductions from MERS' fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by MERS. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued):

K. Fund Equity

The Government-Wide Financial Statements utilize a net position presentation. Net position may be categorized as invested in capital assets, net of related debt or unrestricted.

Invested in Capital Assets, Net of Related Debt – This category groups all capital assets into one component of net position. Accumulated depreciation and the outstanding balances of debt, if any, that are attributable to the acquisition, construction or improvement of these assets, reduce the balance in this category.

Unrestricted Net Position – This category represents net position of the District, not restricted for any specific project or purpose.

In the Fund Financial Statements, the fund balance that are either not available or have been earmarked for specific purposes are reported as nonspendable, restricted, committed or assigned. At June 30, 2016, the District's fund balance is unassigned.

L. Revenues and Expenditures/Expenses

Revenues for governmental funds are reported when they are determined to be both measurable and available. Generally, tax revenue, fees, and non-tax revenues are recognized when due. Grants from other governments are recognized when qualifying expenditures are incurred. Expenditures for governmental funds are recorded when the related liability is incurred. The District recognizes rescue service income based upon a net realizable amount from third party payers and others for services rendered.

M. Unearned Revenue

Unearned revenue arises when assets are recognized before revenue recognition criteria have been satisfied and is recorded as a liability until revenue is both measurable and the District is eligible to realize the revenue. Unearned revenues are reported as advanced tax collections and advanced fee collections on the Government-Wide Statement of Net Position and Governmental Fund Balance Sheet.

N. Property Taxes

Property taxes levied during fiscal year 2015 on personal and real property are based upon the assessed value of property listed on the tax rolls of the Town of Cumberland on December 31, 2014. Assessed values are based upon fair market value as of December 31, 2013. The Town of Cumberland's Tax Assessor's Office is required to conduct statistical revaluations every 3 years and a full revaluation must be made every 9 years. The last full revaluation was completed in 2013. Taxes are due on October 1st in full and are recognized as fiscal year 2016 revenues. Property taxes levied during fiscal year 2016 and the associated cash collections are reported as advanced tax collections at June 30, 2016.

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued):

O. Vacation, Sick Leave and Other Compensated Absences

Compensated absences are payments to employees for accumulated time such as vacation and sick leave. A liability for compensated absences that is attributable to services already rendered is accrued as the employees earn the rights to the benefits. The District uses the vesting method to calculate the compensated absences amount and is reported in the government-wide financial statements. Compensated absences are not reported at the fund level and are presented as a reconciling item between the fund level and the government-wide presentations.

P. Use of Estimates

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

Q. Net Position

Net position represents the difference between the summation of assets and deferred outflows of resources, and the summation of liabilities and deferred inflows of resources. Net position is classified into the following three components:

- 1) Net investment in capital assets, net of related debt Consists of capital assets including restricted capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by the outstanding balances of any bonds, mortgages, notes, or other borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets.
- 2) Restricted net position Consists of net position which is reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed or their use either through the enabling legislation adopted by the Fire District or through external groups such as creditors, grantors, contributors, laws/regulations of other governments, law through constitutional provisions, or enabling legislation.
- 3) Unrestricted net position All remaining net position that does not meet the definition of "restricted" or "invested in capital assets, net of related debt."

The District applies restricted resources when an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net position is available.

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued):

R. Fund Financial Statements

Governmental fund equity is classified as fund balance in accordance with GASB Statement No. 54, Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions. Fund balance is classified as non-spendable, restricted, committed, assigned or unassigned. These categories are described below:

- Nonspendable- Includes the amount of fund balances that cannot be spent because it is either not in spendable form or legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.
- Restricted Includes amounts that are restricted to specific purposes. Fund balance is reported as restricted when constraints placed in the use of resources are either externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments, or imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.
- Committed Fund Balance Includes amounts that can be used only for the specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal action of the District's highest level of decision making authority, which for the District, is the Board of Fire Commissioners. Those committed amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the Board of Fire Commissioners removes or changes the specified use by taking the same type of action it employed to previously commit those amounts. The Board of Fire Commissioners is the highest level of decision-making authority and utilizes resolutions as a formal procedure to commit fund balance. In addition, the passage of the budget by the taxpayers at the annual financial meeting is considered the commitment of funds for the line items included in the fiscal budget.
- Assigned Fund Balance Includes amounts that are constrained by the District's intent to be used for specific purposes, but are neither restricted nor committed. The intent should be expressed by the governing body itself or a body (a budget or finance committee) or official to which the governing body has delegated the authority to assign amounts to be used for specific purposes. The Fire Chief through the Board of Fire Commissioners has the authority to assign fund balance. Fund balance assigned by the Commissioners is documented through issuance of a memorandum.
- <u>Unassigned Fund Balance</u> Includes the residual classification for the General Fund. This classification represents fund balance that has not been assigned to other funds and that has not been restricted, committed, or assigned to specific purposes within the General Fund. The unassigned fund balance may also include negative balances for any governmental funds if the expenditures exceed amounts restricted, committed, or assigned for specific purposes.

CUMBERLAND FIRE DISTRICT NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

NOTE 2. DIFFERENCES BETWEEN GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCE SHEET AND THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

"Total fund balances" of the Fire District's governmental funds (\$696,402) differs from "net position" of governmental activities (-\$6,332,659) reported in the Statement of Net Position. This difference primarily results from the long-term economic focus of the Statement of Net Position versus the current financial resources focus of the governmental fund balance sheets. The effect of the differences is illustrated below.

| | Gov | Total vernmental Funds | | Long-term Assets/ dabilities (1) | | sifications ninations (2) | | Statement let Position Totals |
|---|--------------|------------------------------|----------|--|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|----|---------------------------------------|
| ASSETS: | | | | | | | | |
| Cash and investments | \$ | 1,788,789 | \$ | - | \$ | _ | \$ | 1,788,789 |
| Accounts receivable: | • | 2,700,700 | * | | Ψ | | Ψ | 1,700,70 |
| Taxes receivable | | 114,662 | | _ | | _ | | 114,662 |
| Other receivables | | 18,150 | | - | | - | | 18,150 |
| Internal balances | | - | | - | | - | | - |
| Prepaid expenses | | 5,754 | | - | | - | | 5,754 |
| Capital assets | | | _ | 1,236,771 | | | | 1,236,771 |
| Total assets | \$ | 1,927,355 | \$ | 1,236,771 | \$ | | \$ | 3,164,126 |
| Deferred outflows of resources | \$ | | \$ | 1,593,557 | \$ | | \$ | 1,593,557 |
| LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES | | | | | | | | |
| Liabilities: | | | | - | | | | |
| Accounts payable | \$ | 73,021 | \$ | _ | \$ | _ | \$ | 73,021 |
| Deferred revenues | | 132,813 | | (132,813) | | - | * | - |
| Advanced tax collections | | 1,017,744 | | • | | - | | 1,017,744 |
| Advanced fee collections | | 7,375 | | - | | - | | 7,375 |
| Long-term liabilities | | | | | | | | |
| Due within one year | | - | | 92,384 | | - | | 92,384 |
| Due in more than one year Total liabilities | \$ | 1 220 052 | <u> </u> | 9,163,300 | | - | | 9,163,300 |
| 1 otai nadinues | <u>.</u> | 1,230,953 | | 9,122,871 | \$ | | | 10,353,824 |
| Deferred inflows of resources | \$ | | | 736,518 | \$ | | \$ | 736,518 |
| Fund Balances/Net Position | | | | | | | | |
| Total fund balances/net position | \$ | 696,402 | \$ | (7,029,061) | \$ | _ | \$ | (6,332,659) |
| Total liabilities and fund balances/net position | \$ | 1,927,355 | \$ | 2,093,810 | \$ | - | \$ | 4,757,683 |
| (1) When capital assets (land, buildings, equipmen or constructed, the cost of these assets are repor Statement of Net Position includes those capita | rted as exp | enditures in gove | emmenta | l funds. However, District as a whole | the c. Cost of | capital assets depreciation | \$ | 5,527,831 (4,291,060) 1,236,771 |
| Because the focus of governmental funds is on sexpenditures. Those assets (for example receival included in the fund balance. Also, some expenditures) | bles) are o | ffset by deferred | revenues | s in the government s do not reflect cur | al funds and rent period o | thus are not | \$ | 132,813 |
| Long-term liabilities applicable to the District's and accordingly are not reported as fund liabiliti Statement of Net Position. | | | | | | ođ | | |
| | | | | Accru | ed compens | ated absences | \$ | (923,839) |
| | | | | Other post-emplo | | | | (1,870,972) |
| | | | | | Net per | nsion liability | | (6,460,873) |
| | | | | | | | \$ | (9,255,684) |
| Deferred inflows/outflows of resources are unava as fund assets / liabilities. They are instead, repor | | | Position | | | | | |
| Deformed are | tflowe of - | anniman valata i | | red outflows of res | | | \$ | 911,791 |
| Deterted of | ETIO MA OT L | Counces related | | on contributions sub erred inflows of res | | | | 681,766 |
| | | | Dele | ATOU TITLOWS OF 168 | ouroes relate | a to pensions | \$ | (736,518) 857,039 |
| | | | | | | | Ψ | 037,039 |

CUMBERLAND FIRE DISTRICT NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

NOTE 3. DIFFERENCES BETWEEN GOVERNMENTAL FUND OPERATING STATEMENTS AND THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

The "net change in the fund balances" for governmental funds (\$154,516) differs from the "change in net position" for governmental activities (-\$491,036) reported in the Statement of Activities. The differences arise primarily from the long-term economic focus of the Statement of Activities versus the current financial resources focus of the governmental funds. The effect of the differences is illustrated below.

| | Go | Total vernmental Funds | 1 | Long-term Revenues/ xpenses (1) | Capital- related Items (2) | | | ong-term Debt nsactions (3) | | tatement Activities Totals |
|---|-----------------|-----------------------------------|------------|---------------------------------------|---|---|---|-----------------------------------|------------------|--|
| Revenues Property taxes Investment earnings Miscellaneous Total revenues | \$ | 7,465,287 13,160 313,483 | \$ | (177,622) | \$ | : : : | \$ | • | \$ | 7,287,665 13,160 313,483 |
| Expenditures Personnel services Materials and services Capital related items | <u>\$</u> \$ | 7,791,930 6,559,791 939,812 | \$ | (177,622) - - - | <u>\$</u> \$ | 1,592 | \$ | 618,566 | \$ | 7,614,308 7,178,357 939,812 1,592 |
| Principal paid on long-term debt Interest expense Total expenditures | \$ | 152,228 5,683 7,657,514 | \$ | - | \$ | 1,592 | \$ | (152,228) | \$ | 5,683 8,125,444 |
| Other financing uses/changes in net position Gain (loss) on sale of fixed assets Net change for the year | \$ \$ | 20,100 154,516 | \$ | (177,622) | \$ | (1,592) | \$ | (466,338) | \$ | 20,100 (491,036) |
| (1) Reductions in deferred revenues th Statement of Activities. | at provide | current financial | resourc | es to government | Deferre | re not reported ed revenue begi ed revenue prop | inning of | | \$ | (310,435) 132,813 (177,622) |
| (2) When capital assets that are to be u are reported as expenditures in govestimated useful lives and reported in excess of capital outlays. | vernmental | funds. However | t, in the | Statement of Act | ivities, the | cost of these a | ssetș are | allocated over t | hei r | |
| | | | | | Capital o | outlay ation Expense | | | \$ | 96,210 (97,802) (1,592) |
| (3) Long-term employee benefits that of but are included on the Statement | | | rrent fin: | ancial resources | are not rep | orted as expen | ditures ir | n the governmen | tal funds | |
| | | | | | Change Decreas Increase Increase | al payments man open obtain open obtained on the control of the control open open open open open open open open | gation ompensa a liability atflows o | f resources | \$ | 152,228 - 80,023 (1,855,775) 932,268 224,918 (466,338) |

NOTE 4 - STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Deposits with Financial Institutions

State statutes require that the District's time deposits invested for more than sixty days and in excess of FDIC insurance is one hundred percent collateralized by eligible collateral by the depository institutions holding excess deposits. At the balance sheet date, the District and its financial institutions had complied with the statute.

NOTE 5 – CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Deposits

Deposits are kept at a local bank and are carried at cost. The carrying amount of deposits is separately displayed on the balance sheet as "Cash".

Classifications for deposits with financial institutions and investments include demand savings and time deposit accounts, NOW accounts and non-negotiable certificates of deposit (CD's) in banks, savings and loan associations, and credit unions.

At June 30, 2016, the carrying amount of the District's deposits was \$1,788,789 and the bank balances were aggregated to \$1,922,490.

The custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of failure of a depository financial institution, a government will not be able to recover its deposits or will not be able to recover collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. Pursuant to Section 35-10-1 of the Rhode Island General Laws, as of October 1, 1991, public institutions are required to insure accounts which hold public funds in excess of \$250,000.

NOTE 6- PROPERTY TAXES/ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

Taxes are levied in May of the previous fiscal year and are due in full on October 1. The District bills and collects its own property taxes.

For the year ended June 30, 2016, the District had a tax rate of 2.14 per \$1000 of the assessed valuation.

Property taxes receivable as of June 30, 2016, amount to \$114,662.

NOTE 7 – DEFERRED REVENUES AND ADVANCED TAX COLLECTIONS

General fund has unearned tax revenue that is measurable but not available. These amounts are deferred and consist of receivables and advanced tax collections. These funds total to \$114,662 at June 30, 2016.

In May of 2016, the District levied taxes (2016 tax levy) for fiscal year 2017 operations. Collections began immediately. Because these funds are not recognizable as revenues, the amount collected for the 2016 levy are reported as "Advanced Tax Collections" and amounted to \$1,025,119.

NOTE 8 – CAPITAL ASSETS

A summary of capital assets as of June 30, 2016:

| | General Fund | Total |
|---|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Land Building and Improvements Vehicles | \$ 799,800 1,507,147 2,683,302 | \$ 799,800 1,507,147 2,683,032 |
| Furniture and Fixtures Equipment | 20,579 537,273 | 20,579 537,273 |
| Less: Accumulated Depreciation | <u>4,291,060</u> | 4,291,060 |
| Net Capital Assets | <u>\$1,257,041</u> | \$ <u>1,257,041</u> |

NOTE 9 – LONG-TERM LIABILITIES

At June 30, 2016, long-term liabilities consisted of the following:

| | Outstanding 6/30/2015 | New Issues | Maturities During Year | Outstanding 6/30/2016 | Current Portion |
|--|-----------------------|---------------|------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Accrued compensated absences | \$ 1,003,862 | \$ - | \$ 80,023 | \$ 923,839 | \$ 92,384 |
| Net pension liability | 4,605,098 | 1,855,775 | ٦ | 6,460,873 | _ |
| Notes payable: Station 5 truck loan | 152,228 | - | 152,228 | - | - |
| Other post-employment benefits | 1,870,972 | 110,287 | 110,287 | 1,870,972 | - |
| Total long-term liabilities | \$ 7,632,160 | \$ 1,966,062 | \$ 342,538 | \$ 9,255,684 | \$ 92,384 |

NOTE 10 - PENSION COSTS

The District has four pension plans through participation in the Municipal Employees' Retirement System (MERS) which is part of the total Employees' Retirement System of Rhode Island, or (ERSRI).

General Information about the Pension Plan

Plan Description - The Municipal Employees' Retirement System (MERS) – an agent multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan - provides certain retirement, disability and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. MERS was established under Rhode Island General Law and placed under the management of the Employees' Retirement System of Rhode Island (ERSRI) Board to provide retirement allowances to employees of municipalities, housing authorities, water and sewer districts, and municipal police and fire persons that have elected to participate. Benefit provisions are subject to amendment by the General Assembly.

MERS issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. This report may be obtained accessing the ERSRI website at www.ersri.org.

Benefits provided – General employees, police officers and firefighters employed by electing municipalities participate in MERS. Eligible employees become members at their date of employment. Anyone employed by a municipality at the time the municipality joins MERS may elect not to be covered. Elected officials may opt to be covered by MERS. Employees covered under another plan maintained by the municipality may not become members of MERS. Police officers and/or firefighters may be designated as such by the municipality, in which case the special contribution and benefit provisions described below will apply to them, or they may be designated as general employees with no special benefits. Members designated as police officers and/or firefighters are treated as belonging to a unit separate from the general employees, with separate contribution rates applicable.

Salary: Salary includes the member's base earnings plus any payments under a regular longevity or incentive plan. Salary excludes overtime, unused sick and vacation leave, severance pay, and other extraordinary compensation. Certain amounts that are excluded from taxable wages, such as amounts sheltered under a Section 125 plan or amounts picked up by the employer under IRC Section 414(h), are not excluded from salary.

Service: Employees receive credit for service while a member. In addition, a member may purchase credit for certain periods by making an additional contribution to purchase the additional service. Special rules and limits govern the purchase of additional service and the contribution required.

NOTE 10 - PENSION COSTS (continued):

Final Average Compensation (FAC): Prior to July 1, 2012 and for general employee members eligible to retire as of June 30, 2012, the average was based on the member's highest three consecutive annual salaries. Effective July 1, 2012, the average was based on the member's highest five consecutive annual salaries. Once a member retires or is terminated, the applicable FAC will be the greater of the member's highest three year FAC as of July 1, 2012 or the five year FAC as of the retirement/termination date. Monthly benefits are based on one-twelfth of this amount.

Subsequent to June 30, 2015, litigation challenging the various pension reform measures enacted in previous years by the General Assembly (2009, 2010, and 2011) was settled. The final settlement approved by the Court on July 8, 2015 also included enactment of the pension settlement provisions by the General Assembly. These amended benefit provisions, which have been included in the determination of the total pension liability at the June 30, 2015 measurement date and are reflected in the summary of benefit provisions described below.

General employees

Members with less than five years of contributory service as of June 30, 2012 and members hired on or after that date are eligible for retirement on or after their Social Security normal retirement age (SSNRA).

Members who had at least five years of contributory service as of June 30, 2012 will be eligible for retirement at an individually determined age. This age is the result of interpolating between the member's prior Retirement Date, described below, and the retirement age applicable to members hired after June 30, 2012 in (a) above. The interpolation is based on service as of June 30, 2012 divided by projected service at the member's prior Retirement Date. The minimum retirement age is 59.

Members with 10 or more years of contributory service on June 30, 2012 may choose to retire at their prior Retirement Date if they continue to work and contribute until that date. If this option is elected, the retirement benefit will be calculated using the benefits accrued as of June 30, 2012, i.e., the member will accumulate no additional defined benefits after this date, but the benefit will be paid without any actuarial reduction.

Effective July 1, 2015, members will be eligible to retire with full benefits at the earlier of their current Rhode Island Retirement Security Act (RIRSA) date described above or upon the attainment of age 65 with 30 years of service, age 64 with 31 years of service, age 63 with 32 years of service, or age 62 with 33 years of service.

A member who is within five years of reaching their retirement eligibility date and has 20 or more years of service, may elect to retire at any time with an actuarially reduced benefit.

NOTE 10 - PENSION COSTS (continued):

Prior to July 1, 2012, members were eligible for retirement on or after age 58 if they had credit for 10 or more years of service, or at any age if they had credit for at least 30 years of service. Members eligible to retire before July 1, 2012 were not impacted by the changes to retirement eligibility above.

The annual benefit is equal to 2.00% of the member's monthly FAC for each year of service prior to July 1, 2012 and 1.00% of the member's monthly FAC for each year of service from July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2015. For all service after June 30, 2015, the annual benefit is equal to 1.0% per year unless the member had 20 or more years of service as of June 30, 2012 in which case the benefit accrual is 2.0% per year for service after June 30, 2015. The benefit cannot exceed 75% of the member's FAC. Benefits are paid monthly.

Police and Fire employees

Members are eligible to retire when they are at least 50 years old and have a minimum of 25 years of contributing service or if they have 27 years of contributing service at any age. Members with less than 25 years of contributing service are eligible for retirement on or after their Social Security normal retirement age.

Members who, as of June 30, 2012, had at least 10 years of contributing service, had attained age 45, and had a prior Retirement Date before age 52 may retire at age 52.

Active members on June 30, 2012 may choose to retire at their prior Retirement Date if they continue to work and contribute until that date. If option is elected, the retirement benefit will be calculated using the benefits accrued as of June 30, 2012, i.e., the member will accumulate no additional defined benefits after this date, but the benefit will be paid without any actuarial reduction.

A member who is within five years of reaching their retirement eligibility date, as described in this section, and has 20 or more years of service, may elect to retire at any time with an actuarially reduced benefit.

Prior to July 1, 2012, members designated as police officers or firefighters were eligible for retirement at or after age 55 with credit for at least 10 years of service or at any age with credit for 25 or more years of service. Members were also eligible to retire and receive a reduced benefit if they are at least age 50 and have at least 20 years of service. If the municipality elected to adopt the 20-year retirement provisions for police officers and/or firefighters, then such a member was eligible to retire at any age with 20 or more years of service. Members eligible to retire before July 1, 2012 were not impacted by the changes to retirement eligibility above.

A monthly benefit is paid equal to 2.00% of the member's monthly FAC for each year of service, up to 37.5 years (75% of FAC maximum).

NOTE 10 - PENSION COSTS (continued):

If the optional 20-year retirement provisions were adopted by the municipality prior to July 1, 2012, benefits are based on 2.50% of the member's FAC for each year of service prior to July 1, 2012 and 2.00% of the member's FAC for each year of service after July 1, 2012. The benefit cannot exceed 75% of the member's FAC.

Active members (including future hires), members who retire after July 1, 2015 and after attaining age 57 with 30 years of service will have a benefit equal to the greater of their current benefit and one calculated based on a 2.25% multiplier for all years of service.

Other benefit provisions

Death and disability benefits are also provided to members. A member is eligible for a disability retirement provided he/she has credit for at least five years of service or if the disability is work-related. Members are not eligible for an ordinary disability benefit if they are eligible for unreduced retirement.

Joint and survivor benefit options are available to retirees. For some employees, a Social Security Option is also available where an annuity is paid at one amount prior to age 62, and at a reduced amount after age 62, designed to provide a level total income when combined with the member's age 62 Social Security benefit. Benefits cease upon the member's death.

Post-retirement benefit increases are paid to members who retire after June 30, 2012. Members will be eligible to receive cost of living increases at the later of the member's third anniversary of retirement and the month following their SSNRA (age 55 for members designated as police officers and/or firefighters). When a municipality elects coverage, it may elect either COLA C (covering only current and future active members and excluding members already retired) or COLA B (covering current retired members as well as current and future active members).

a. The COLA will be suspended for any unit whose funding level is less than 80%; however, an interim COLA may be granted in four-year intervals while the COLA is suspended. The first interim COLA may begin January 1, 2018.

b. Effective July 1, 2015, the COLA is determined based on 50% of the plan's five-year average investment rate of return less 5.5% limited to a range of 0.0% to 4.0%, plus 50% of the lesser of 3.0% or last year's CPI-U increase for a total maximum increase of 3.50%. Previously, it was the plan's five-year average investment rate of return less 5.5% limited to a range of 0.0% to 4.0%.

NOTE 10 - PENSION COSTS (continued):

c. The COLA will be limited to the first \$25,000 of the member's annual pension benefit. For retirees and beneficiaries who retired on or before July 1, 2015, years in which a COLA is payable based on the every fourth year provision will be limited to the first \$30,000. These limits will be indexed annually to increase in the same manner as COLAs, with the known values of \$25,000 for 2013, \$25,000 for 2014, \$25,168 for 2015, \$25,855 for 2016, and \$26,098 for 2017.

Employees Covered by Benefit Terms

At the June 30, 2014 valuation date, the following employees were covered by the benefit terms:

Valley Falls Fire District

| Retirees and Beneficiaries | 9 |
|------------------------------|-----------|
| Inactive, Nonretired Members | 4 |
| Active Members | <u>13</u> |
| Total | 26 |

Cumberland Fire District

| Retirees and Beneficiaries | 7 |
|------------------------------|-----------|
| Inactive, Nonretired Members | 1 |
| Active Members | <u>13</u> |
| Total | 21 |

Cumberland Hill Fire District

| Retirees and Beneficiaries | 11 |
|------------------------------|-----------|
| Inactive, Nonretired Members | 0 |
| Active Members | <u>13</u> |
| Total | 24 |

North Cumberland Fire District

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NOTE 10 - PENSION COSTS (continued):

Contributions - The amount of employee and employer contributions have been established under Rhode Island General Law Chapter 45-21. General employees with less than 20 years of service as of June 30, 2012 are required to contribute 2% of their salaries. General employees with more than 20 years of service as of June 30, 2012 are required to contribute 8.25%. Public safety employees are required to contribute 10% of their salaries. The Cumberland Fire District contributes at a rate of covered employee payroll as determined by an independent actuary on an annual basis. The General Assembly can amend the amount of these contribution requirements. The Cumberland Fire District contributed \$681,766 in the year ended June 30, 2016 which was 15.7% of annual covered payroll.

Net Pension Liability - The total pension liability was determined by actuarial valuations performed as of June 30, 2014 and rolled forward to June 30, 2015, using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement.

| | ssumptions Used in the Valuations to determine the Net Pension Liability at the asurement date (June 30, 2014 valuation rolled forward to June 30, 2015) |
|----------------------------|--|
| Actuarial Cost Method | Entry Age Normal - the Individual Entry Age Actuarial Cost methodology is used. |
| Amortization Method | Level Percent of Payroll - Closed |
| Actuarial Assumptions | |
| Investment Rate of Return | 7.50% |
| Projected Salary Increases | General Employees - 3.50% to 7.50%; Police & Fire Employees - 4.00% to 14.00% |
| Inflation | 2.75% |
| Mortality | Male Employees, MERS General and MERS P&F: 115% of RP-2000 Combined Healthy for Males with White Collar adjustments, projected with Scale AA from 2000. |
| | Female Employees, MERS General and MERS P&F: 95% of RP-2000 Combined Healthy for Females with White Collar adjustments, projected with Scale AA from 2000. |
| Cost of Living Adjustments | A 2% COLA is assumed after January 1, 2014. |

The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2014 valuation rolled forward to June 30, 2015 and the calculation of the total pension liability at June 30, 2014 were consistent with the results of an actuarial experience study performed as of June 30, 2013.

NOTE 10 - PENSION COSTS (continued):

The long-term expected rate of return best-estimate on pension plan investments was determined by the actuary using a building-block method. The actuary started by calculating best-estimate future expected real rates of return (expected returns net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) for each major asset class, based on a collective summary of capital market expectations from 23 sources. The June 30, 2015 expected arithmetic returns over the long-term (20 years) by asset class are summarized in the following table:

| Type of investment | Target Allocation | Long-term expected real rate of return |
|--------------------------------|----------------------|--|
| Global Equity: | 38.0% | |
| U.S. Equity | _ | 6.93% |
| International Developed | - | 7.32% |
| International Emerging Markets | _ | 9.52% |
| Equity Hedge Funds | 8.0% | 3.98% |
| Private Equity | 7.0% | 9.99% |
| Core Fixed Income | 15.0% | 2.18% |
| Absolute Return Hedge Funds | 7.0% | 3.98% |
| Infrastructure | 3.0% | 5.70% |
| Real Estate | 8,0% | 4.85% |
| Other Real Return Assets: | 11.0% | ₩ . |
| Master Limited Partnerships | | 4.51% |
| Credit | - | 4.51% |
| Inflation Linked Bonds | _ | 1.24% |
| Cash, Overlay, Money Market | 3.0% | 7.80% |
| | 100.0% | |

These return assumptions are then weighted by the target asset allocation percentage, factoring in correlation effects, to develop the overall long-term expected rate of return best-estimate on an arithmetic basis.

Discount rate - The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability of the plans was 7.5 percent. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from plan members will be made at the current contribution rate and that contributions from the employers will be made at statutorily required rates, actuarially determined. Based on those assumptions, the pension plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

NOTE 10 - PENSION COSTS (continued):

Valley Falls Fire District

| Changes in the Net Pension Liability | | | |
|---|----------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| | Increase (Decrease) | | |
| | Total Pension Liability | Plan Fiduciary Net Position | Net Pension Liability |
| Balances as of June 30, 2014 | \$4,098,961 | \$3,300,510 | \$798,451 |
| Changes for the Year | | | |
| Service cost | 127,997 | - | 127,997 |
| Interest on the total pension liability | 302,915 | - | 302,915 |
| Changes in benefits | 79,038 | - | 79,038 |
| Difference between expected and actual experience | 23,929 | - | 23,929 |
| Changes in assumptions | _ | - | |
| Employer contributions | - | 146,982 | (146,982) |
| Employee contributions | - | 57,033 | (57,033) |
| Net investment income | - | 78,068 | (78,068) |
| Benefit payments, including employee refunds | (248,191) | (248,191) | - |
| Administrative expense | | (3,133) | 3,133 |
| Other changes | | 1 | (1) |
| Net changes | 285,688 | 30,760 | 254,928 |
| Balances as of June 30, 2015 | <u>\$4,384,649</u> | \$3,331,270 | \$1,053,379 |

Cumberland Fire District

| Changes in the Net Pension Liability | | | |
|--|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| | Increase (Decrease) | | |
| | Total Pension | Plan Fiduciary | Net Pension |
| | Liability | Net Position | Liability |
| Balances as of June 30, 2014 | \$4,823,596 | \$3,698,014 | \$1,125,582 |
| Changes for the Year | | | |
| Service cost | 136,569 | - | 136,569 |
| Interest on the total pension liability | 357,824 | - | 357,824 |
| Changes in benefits | 160,807 | m . | 160,807 |
| Difference between expected and actual | 64,598 | - | 64,598 |
| experience | | | |
| Changes in assumptions | - | _ | _ |
| Employer contributions | - | 160,842 | (160,842) |
| Employee contributions | - | 58,486 | (58,486) |
| Net investment income | - | 88,119 | (88,119) |
| Benefit payments, including employee refunds | (241,786) | (241,786) | - |
| Administrative expense | - | (3,535) | 3,535 |
| Other changes | - | 1 | (1) |
| Net changes | 478,012 | <u>62,127</u> | 415,885 |
| Balances as of June 30, 2015 | <u>\$5,301,608</u> | <u>\$3,760,141</u> | <u>\$1,541,467</u> |

NOTE 10 - PENSION COSTS (continued):

Cumberland Hill Fire District

| Changes in the | Net Pension Liability | | |
|---|----------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| | Increase (Decrease) | | |
| | Total Pension Liability | Plan Fiduciary Net Position | Net Pension Liability |
| Balances as of June 30, 2014 | \$5,836,474 | \$3,984,097 | \$1,852,377 |
| Changes for the Year | | | |
| Service cost | 124,042 | - | 124,042 |
| Interest on the total pension liability | 428,776 | _ | 428,776 |
| Changes in benefits | 320,823 | r. | 320,823 |
| Difference between expected and actual experience | 59,914 | - | 59,914 |
| Changes in assumptions | - | - | - |
| Employer contributions | u | 198,869 | (198,869) |
| Employee contributions | - | 59,565 | (59,565) |
| Net investment income | - | 93,010 | (93,010) |
| Benefit payments, including employee refunds | (362,951) | (362,951) | - |
| Administrative expense | | (3,767) | 3,767 |
| Other changes | - | 1 | (1) |
| Net changes | 570,604 | (15,273) | 585,877 |
| Balances as of June 30, 2015 | \$6,407,078 | \$3,968,824 | \$2,438,254 |

North Cumberland Fire District

| Changes in the | Net Pension Liability | | |
|---|------------------------------|----------------|-------------|
| | Increase (Decrease) | | |
| | Total Pension | Plan Fiduciary | Net Pension |
| | Liability | Net Position | Liability |
| Balances as of June 30, 2014 | \$5,271,896 | \$4,443,208 | \$828,688 |
| Changes for the Year | | | |
| Service cost | \$139,487 | - | \$139,487 |
| Interest on the total pension liability | 393,248 | - | 393,248 |
| Changes in benefits | 184,673 | - | 184,673 |
| Difference between expected and actual experience | 197,294 | - | 197,294 |
| Changes in assumptions | _ | - | - |
| Employer contributions | - | 154,596 | (154,596) |
| Employee contributions | - | 58,393 | (58,393) |
| Net investment income | - | 106,915 | (106,915) |
| Benefit payments, including employee refunds | (196.658) | (196,658) | - |
| Administrative expense | - | (4,288) | 4,288 |
| Other changes | - | ĺ | (1) |
| Net changes | 718,044 | 118,959 | 599,085 |
| Balances as of June 30, 2015 | \$5,989,940 | \$4,562,167 | \$1,427,773 |

NOTE 10 - PENSION COSTS (continued):

Sensitivity of the Net Pension Liability to changes in the discount rate - The following presents the net pension liability of the employers calculated using the discount rate of 7.5 percent, as well as what the employers' net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower or 1-percentage-point higher than the current rate.

Valley Falls Fire District

| 1.00% Decrease | Current Discount Rate | 1.00 Increase |
|----------------|-----------------------|---------------|
| (6.5%) | (7.5%) | (8.5%) |
| \$1,518,021 | \$1,053,379 | \$673,068 |

Cumberland Fire District

| 1.00% Decrease | Current Discount Rate | 1.00 Increase |
|----------------|-----------------------|---------------|
| (6.5%) | (7.5%) | (8.5%) |
| \$2,096,848 | \$1,541,467 | \$1,086,937 |

Cumberland Hill Fire District

| 1.00% Decrease | Current Discount Rate | 1.00 Increase |
|----------------|-----------------------|---------------|
| (6.5%) | (7.5%) | (8.5%) |
| \$3,116,937 | \$2,438,254 | \$1,882,753 |

North Cumberland Fire District

| 1.00% Decrease | Current Discount Rate | 1.00 Increase |
|----------------|-----------------------|---------------|
| (6.5%) | (7.5%) | (8.5%) |
| \$2,046,880 | \$1,427,773 | \$921,156 |

Pension plan fiduciary net position - detailed information about the pension plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued ERSRI financial report.

NOTE 10 - PENSION COSTS (continued):

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

Valley Falls Fire District

For the year ended June 30, 2016 the employer recognized pension expense of \$197,631. The employer reported deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

| | Deferred Outflows of Resources | Deferred Inflows of Resources |
|--|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Contributions subsequent to measurement date | \$ 118,425 | \$ - |
| Difference in experience | 20,580 | - |
| Differences in assumptions | - | 27,923 |
| Excess(deficit) Investment Returns | 134,157 | 132,110 |
| Total | <u>\$ 273,162</u> | <u>\$ 160,033</u> |

Amounts reported as deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions, other than contributions subsequent to the measurement date, will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

| | Year Ending June 30 | Net Deferred Outflows (Inflows) of Resources | | |
|---|---------------------------|--|----|----------|
| | 2017 | 01 | \$ | (12,654) |
| 2 | 2018 | | | (12,654) |
| 2 | 2019 | | | (12,653) |
| , | 2020 | | | 31,384 |
| 2 | 2021 | | | (2,156) |
| - | Thereafter | | | 3,437 |
| • | Fotal | | \$ | (5,296) |

NOTE 10 - PENSION COSTS (continued):

Cumberland Fire District

For the year ended June 30, 2016 the employer recognized pension expense of \$317,563. The employer reported deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

| | Deferred | Deferred |
|------------------------------------|-------------|-------------------|
| ÷ * | Outflows of | Inflows of |
| | Resources | Resources |
| Contributions subsequent to | \$ 198,55 | 6 \$ - |
| measurement date | | |
| Difference in experience | 54,70 | 8 - |
| Differences in assumptions | | - 28,038 |
| Excess(deficit) Investment Returns | 150,60 | <u>6</u> 149,335 |
| Total | \$ 403,87 | <u>\$ 177,373</u> |

Amounts reported as deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions, other than contributions subsequent to the measurement date, will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

| Year Ending June 30 | Net Deferred Outflows (Inflows) of Resources | |
|---------------------------|--|--|
| 2017 | \$ (6,309) | |
| 2018 | (6,309) | |
| 2019 | (6,307) | |
| 2020 | 43,472 | |
| 2021 | 5,819 | |
| Thereafter | (2,425) | |
| Total | \$ 27.941 | |

NOTE 10 - PENSION COSTS (continued):

Cumberland Hill Fire District

For the year ended June 30, 2016 the employer recognized pension expense of \$514,252. The employer reported deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

| | Deferred | Deferred |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | Outflows of | Inflows of |
| | Resources | Resources |
| Contributions subsequent to | \$ 219,999 | \$ - |
| measurement date | | |
| Difference in experience | 52,002 | - |
| Differences in assumptions | - | 32,680 |
| Excess(deficit) Investment Returns | <u>161,390</u> | <u> 157,637</u> |
| Total | <u>\$ 433,391</u> | <u>\$ 190,317</u> |

Amounts reported as deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions, other than contributions subsequent to the measurement date, will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

| Year | Net Deferred |
|------------|--------------------|
| | Net Deferred |
| Ending | Outflows (Inflows) |
| June 30 | of Resources |
| 2017 | \$ (8,843) |
| 2018 | (8,843) |
| 2019 | (8,845) |
| 2020 | 43,704 |
| 2021 | 3,355 |
| Thereafter | <u>2,547</u> |
| Total | \$ 23.075 |

NOTE 10 - PENSION COSTS (continued):

North Cumberland Fire District

For the year ended June 30, 2016 the employer recognized pension expense of \$350,909. The employer reported deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

| | Deferred | Deferred |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | Outflows of | Inflows of |
| | Resources | Resources |
| Contributions subsequent to | \$ 144,687 | \$ - |
| measurement date | | |
| Difference in experience | 156,926 | - |
| Differences in assumptions | <u>-</u> | 26,629 |
| Excess(deficit) Investment Returns | 181,422 | 182,166 |
| Total | <u>\$ 483,035</u> | <u>\$ 208,795</u> |

Amounts reported as deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions, other than contributions subsequent to the measurement date, will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

| Year | Net Deferred | |
|------------|--------------------|---|
| Ending | Outflows (Inflows) | |
| June 30 | of Resources | |
| 2017 | \$ 21,299 |) |
| 2018 | 21,299 |) |
| 2019 | 21,299 |) |
| 2020 | 77,477 | 7 |
| 2021 | (3,702) |) |
| Thereafter | (8,119) | į |
| Total | \$ 129,553 | |

NOTE 11 - RISK MANAGEMENT

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets, errors and omissions, injuries to employees, and natural disaster. The District is insured for public liability, workers compensation, professional liability, errors and omissions, accident, property damage, fiduciary and excess liability with commercial insurance carriers.

NOTE 12 – OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB)

The District provides for post-employment healthcare benefits (OPEB) to nine retirees.

Plan Description:

The District participates in a single employer defined benefit healthcare plan administered by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Rhode Island which provides health and dental insurance benefits to eligible retirees on an individual basis. Benefit provisions are established and may be amended by the District's Fire Committee.

Under GASB Statements Number 43 and 45, employers providing other post-employment benefits are required to obtain an actuarial valuation for the plan at least every two years for 200 or more total members and at least every three years for less than 200 total members. The Plan has less than 100 total members and is allowed to use the *alternative measurement method*, which it has elected to do so.

Funding Policy:

The required contribution is based on a pay-as-you-go financing requirement. For the year ended June 30, 2016 the District contributed \$110,287 to the plan for current premiums. The District did not contribute any amount towards prefunding benefits. Plan members receiving benefits do not contribute any amount toward the total premiums.

In prior years, the unconsolidated Cumberland Hill Fire District set aside amounts to provide for future benefit payments to retirees. The funds in this account have since been transferred to the consolidated Cumberland Fire District and have remained untouched while it accrues interest. Subsequent to the merge, the consolidated Cumberland Fire District began funding retiree costs annually as a budget line item. The District no longer plans on using the set aside funds for retiree benefit payments.

Members and Benefit Types:

As of June 30, 2016, plan membership consisted of the following:

| Retirees and beneficiaries currently receiving benefits | 9 |
|--|----------|
| Inactive employees entitled to benefits but not yet receiving them | (|
| Active employees entitled to benefits but not yet receiving them | <u>(</u> |
| Total Members | g |

The Plan provides for the full cost of lifetime health and dental insurance premiums for retirees and their designated beneficiaries. Members do not contribute any amount to receive the benefit.

As of June 30, 2016, the plan has nine active retirees and is closed to new entrants.

NOTE 12 - OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB) (continued):

Management estimates the net OPEB obligation to be \$1,870,972 at June 30, 2016. Management estimates the plan was 0% funded as of June 30, 2016.

Assumptions:

Management has elected to apply the alternative measurement method in which, an actuarial valuation is not required. The following assumptions were used by management to arrive at the net OPEB obligation: discount rate (3.50%), investment rate of return (5.50%), average salary increase (3.50%), health care trend rate (5.00% increasing annually), and the average life expectancy rate (84 years for males, 86 years for females). These assumptions are comparable to those applied in the calculation of OPEB for other similar entities.

The District's annual OPEB cost, the percentage of annual OPEB cost contributed to the plan, and the net OPEB obligation for the year ended June 30, 2016 is as follows:

| | | Percentage of OPEB | Net OPEB |
|-------------------|------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Fiscal Year Ended | Annual OPEB Cost | Cost Contributed | Obligation |
| 06/30/2016 | \$110,287 | 100% | \$1,870,972 |

^{*}This schedule is designed to be reported as a three-year trend schedule. It will be built prospectively as information becomes available.

NOTE 13 - COMPENSATED ABSENCES

During the year, employees of the Fire District receive compensation for certain types of absences such as vacation, sick, bereavement, personal time, and holidays. Employees are able to accumulate hours for only sick and vacation leave and up to the limit specified their employment contract.

As of June 30, 2016, the liability for accrued sick and vacation leave was approximately \$924,633.

NOTE 14 - INCOME TAXES

The District is chartered by the State legislature as a governmental corporation and, accordingly, is not subject to federal and state income taxes.

NOTE 15 - FUND BALANCES/NET POSITION

Fiscal year 2015 marked the end of the four former fire districts; Valley Falls, Cumberland, Cumberland Hill, and North Cumberland. At the beginning of fiscal year 2016, these four districts merged into one consolidated fire district. In May of 2015, the consolidated district levied taxes and began tax collections of its 2016 operations. Reconciliations of overlapping activity affecting fund balances are as follows:

Governmental Funds - Fund Balance:

| Sum of fund balances as reported on old districts' 6/30/2015 reports | \$ 644,847 |
|--|-------------------|
| Fund Balance of new district's FY15 operations | (107,172) |
| Deposits in old districts' cash accounts subsequent to FY15 but prior to transfer, not recorded on new Quickbooks nor accrued back in 6/30/2015 report | 40,848 |
| Expenses paid on old districts' cash accounts subsequent to FY15 but prior to transfer, not recorded on new Quickbooks nor accrued back in 6/30/2015 | (36,637) |
| Adjusted fund balance at 6/30/2015 | <u>\$ 541,886</u> |
| Government Wide – Net Position: | |
| Sum of net positions as reported on old districts' 6/30/2015 reports | \$(3,752,752) |
| Adjustment for deferred inflows relating to pensions not captured in 6/30/2015 reports | 661,289 |
| Adjustment for deferred outflows relating to pensions not captured in 6/30/2015 reports | (961,436) |
| Adjustment for beginning net OPEB obligation not captured in 6/30/2015 reports | (1,870,972) |
| Adjustment on governmental funds that should be carried forward to government-wide statements | 102,959 |
| Adjustment for items not captured on governmental funds at 6/30/2015 | (20,709) |
| Adjusted fund balance at 6/30/2015 | \$ (5,841,623) |

NOTE 16 – SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The District's management has evaluated subsequent events through February 1, 2017, the date the financial statements were available to be issued. There are no subsequent events requiring disclosure.

Required Supplementary Information

CUMBERLAND FIRE DISTRICT STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES GENERAL FUND

BUDGET AND ACTUAL FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

| | | Budget | Actual | \mathbf{F} | /ariance avorable favorable) |
|---|---------|-----------|-----------------|--------------|------------------------------------|
| Revenues | | | | | |
| General Revenues | | | | | |
| Property taxes | \$ | 7,363,011 | \$ 7,367,873 | \$ | 4,862 |
| Interest on taxes | | _ | 97,414 | | 97,414 |
| Interest earned | | - | 13,160 | | 13,160 |
| Miscellaneous income | | _ | 313,483 | | 313,483 |
| Total revenue | \$ | 7,363,011 | \$ 7,791,930 | | 428,919 |
| Expenditures | | | | | |
| Fire and rescue expenses: | | | | | |
| Personnel services | \$ | 6,187,697 | \$ 6,559,791 | \$ | (372,094) |
| Materials and services | | | , , | , | (,),, , |
| Equipment and supplies | | 128,500 | 92,343 | | 36,157 |
| Maintenance and repairs | | 144,250 | 141,274 | | 2,976 |
| Operations | | 352,814 | 374,148 | | (21,334) |
| Clothing | | 500 | 46,941 | | (46,441) |
| Training | | 41,550 | 20,080 | | 21,470 |
| Insurance | | 310,000 | 199,844 | | 110,156 |
| Utilities & services | | 77,600 | 65,182 | | 12,418 |
| Interest | | - | 5,683 | | (5,683) |
| Principal paid on note | | _ | 152,228 | | (152,228) |
| Total expenditures | \$ | 7,242,911 | \$ 7,657,514 | \$ | (414,603) |
| Excess of revenues over (under) expenditures | | | | | |
| before other financing sources (uses) | \$ | 120,100 | \$ 134,416 | \$ | 14,316 |
| Other financing sources (uses) | | | | | |
| Gain on sale of asset | _\$ | - | \$ 20,100 | \$ | 20,100 |
| Total other financing sources (uses) | \$ | - | \$ 20,100 | \$ | 20,100 |
| Excess of revenue over (under) expenditures | | | | | |
| and other financing sources - Budget basis | \$ | 120,100 | \$ 154,516 | \$ | 34,416 |
| Add: | | | | | |
| Reservations not considered expenses for GAAl | P purpo | ses | - | | |
| Excess of revenue over (under) expenditures | | | | | |
| and other financing sources - GAAP basis | | | \$ 154,516 | | |

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016 CUMBERLAND FIRE DISTRICT

SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN NET PENSION LIABILITY AND RELATED RATIOS MULTI YEAR Valley Falls Fire District Plan

Last 10 Fiscal Years (to be built prospectively)

| | | | | | (Entra) | | | | | |
|--|--------------|--------------|------|------|---------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Measurement period ending June 30, | 2015 | 2014 | 2013 | 2012 | 2011 | 2010 | 2009 | 2008 | 2007 | 2006 |
| Total Pension Liability Service Cost | \$ 127.997 | \$ 114.280 | | | | | | | | |
| Interest on the Total Pension Liability | | | | | | | | | | |
| Benefit Changes | 79,038 | | | | | | | | | |
| Difference Between Expected and | 23 620 | | | | | | | | | |
| Assumption Changes | 77,527 | (38 933) | | | | | | | | |
| Benefit Payments | (248,191) | (280,489) | | | | | | | | |
| Net Change in Total Pension Liability | 285,688 | 89,346 | | | | | | | | |
| Total Pension Liability - Beginning | 4,098,961 | 4,009,615 | | | | | | | | |
| Total Pension Liability - Ending (a) | \$ 4,384,649 | \$ 4,098,961 | | | | | | | | |
| Plan Fiduciary Net Position | | | | | | | | | | |
| Employer Contributions | \$ 146,982 | \$ 102,119 | | | | | | | | |
| Employee Contributions | 57,033 | 52,114 | | | | | | | | |
| Pension Plan Net Investment income | 78,068 | 439,591 | | | | | | | | |
| Benefit Payments | (248,191) | Ÿ | | | | | | | | |
| Pension Plan Administrative Expense | (3,133) | (2,753) | | | | | | | | |
| Other Changes in Plan Fiduciary Net Position | | , | | | | | | | | |
| Net Change in Plan Fiduciary Net Position | 30,760 | 310,582 | | | | | | | | Ť |
| Plan Fiduciary Net Position - Beginning | 3,300,510 | 2,989,928 | | | | | | | | |
| Plan Fiduciary Net Position - Ending (b) | \$ 3,331,270 | \$ 3,300,510 | | | | | | | | |
| Net Pension Liability/(Asset) - Ending (a) - (b) | 1,053,379 | 798,451 | | | | | | | | |
| Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage | | | | | | | | | | |
| of Total Pension Liability | 75.98% | | | | | | | | | |
| Covered Employee Payroll | \$ 814,750 | \$ 744,492 | | | | | | | | |
| Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of Covered Employee Payroll | 129.29% | 107.25% | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | |

CUMBERLAND FIRE DISTRICT REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

SCHEDULE OF CONTRIBUTIONS MULTIYEAR

Valley Falls Fire District Plan

Last 10 Fiscal Years (to be built prospectively)

| | | | • | | ì | | | | | |
|--|-----------------------|------------|------|------|-------------|------|------|--|------|------|
| Fiscal Year | 2016 | 2015 | 2014 | 2013 | 2012 | 2011 | 2010 | 2009 | 2008 | 2007 |
| Actuarially determined contribution | \$ 118,425 \$ 146,982 | \$ 146,982 | | | | | | indicated with the second was the second | | |
| Contributions in relation to the actuarially determined contribution | \$ 118,425 \$ 146,982 | \$ 146,982 | | | | | | | | |
| Contribution deficiency (excess) | | - | | | a managaran | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| Covered-employee payroll | \$ 843,266 \$ 770,549 | \$ 770,549 | | | | | | | | |
| Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee pay | 14.04% | 19.07% | | | | | | | | |

Notes:

1.) Employers participating in the Municipal Employee's Retirement System are required by RI General Laws, Section 45-21-42, to contribute an actuarially determined contribution rate each year.

2) Schedule is intended to show information for 10 years - additional years will be displayed as they become available.

| | Notes to Schedule |
|---|--|
| Actuariai cost method | Entry age normal |
| Amortization method | Level percentage of payroll, open |
| Remaining amortization period | 21 years |
| Inflation | 2.75% |
| Salary Increases | General Employees - 3.50% to 7.50% |
| предид будинура туринура темпулуна униципулунура предидентуру предидентура под темпулуна под темпулуна под темп | Police & Fire Employees - 4.00% to 14.00% |
| investment rate of return | 7.50% |
| Retirementage | Varies depending on Years of Service and Age |
| | Male Employees, MERS General and MERS P&F: 115% of |
| | RP-2000 Combined Healthy for Males with White Collar |
| Sileto Re | adjustments, projected with Scale AA from 2000. |
| Worlding. | Female Employees, MERS General and MERS P&F: 95% |
| - | of RP-2000 Combined Healthy for Females with White |
| | Collar adjustments, projected with Scale AA from 2000. |

CUMBERLAND FIRE DISTRICT REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN NET PENSION LIABILITY AND RELATED RATIOS MULTI YEAR

Cumberland Fire District Plan

Last 10 Fiscal Years (to be built prospectively)

| • | | | | 71107 | 0107 | 7007 | 2008 | 7007 | 2006 |
|--|-----------------|--------------|--|-------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Total Pension Liability Service Cost | \$ 136,569 \$ | 130,272 | | | | | | | |
| Interest on the Total Pension Liability | 357,824 | 342,948 | | | | | | | |
| Benefit Changes Difference Between Expected and | 160,807 | r | | | | | | | |
| Actual Experience | 64,598 | ı | | | | | | | |
| Assumption Changes | | (36,180) | | | | | | | |
| Benefit Payments | | (241,902) | | | • | | | | |
| Net Change in Total Pension Liability | 478,012 | 195,138 | | | | | | | |
| Total Pension Liability - Beginning | 4,823,596 4 | 4,628,458 | | | | | | | |
| Total Pension Liability - Ending (a) | \$5,301,608 \$4 | \$ 4,823,596 | | | | | | | |
| Plan Fiduciary Net Position | | | | | | | | | |
| Employer Contributions | \$ 160,842 \$ | 103,330 | | | | | | | |
| Employee Contributions | 58,486 | 55,515 | | | | | | | |
| Pension Plan Net Investment income | 88,119 | 492,534 | | | | | | | |
| Benefit Payments | (241,786) | (241,902) | | | | | | | |
| Pension Plan Administrative Expense | (3,535) | (3,084) | | | | | | | |
| Other Changes in Plan Fiduciary Net Position | | 1 | | | | | | | |
| Net Change in Plan Fiduciary Net Position | 62,127 | 406,394 | | | | | | | |
| Plan Fiduciary Net Position - Beginning | 3,698,014 | 3,291,620 | | | | | | | |
| Plan Fiduciary Net Position - Ending (b) | \$3,760,141 \$3 | \$3,698,014 | | | | | | | |
| Net Pension Liability/(Asset) - Ending (a) - (b) | | \$ 1,125,582 | | | | | | | |
| Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage | | | | | | | | | |
| of Total Pension Liability | 70.92% | 76.67% | | | | | | | |
| Covered Employee Payroll | \$ 731,095 \$ | 704,935 | | | | | | | |
| Net Pension Liability as a Percentage | | | | | | | | | |
| of Covered Employee Payroll | 210.84% | 159.67% | | | | | | | |

CUMBERLAND FIRE DISRICT REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

SCHEDULE OF CONTRIBUTIONS MULTIYEAR

Cumberland Fire District Plan

Last 10 Fiscal Years (to be built prospectively)

| Fiscal Year | 2016 2015 | 2015 | 2014 | 2013 | 2012 | 2011 | 2010 | 2009 | 2008 | 2007 |
|--|-----------------------|------------|---------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Actuarially determined contribution | \$ 198,556 \$ 199,364 | \$ 199,364 | | | | | | | | |
| Contributions in relation to the actuarially determined contribution | \$ 198,556 \$ 199,364 | \$ 199,364 | | | | | | | | |
| Contribution deficiency (excess) | 5-9 | | 1710017414745 | | | | | | | |
| Covered-employee payroll | \$ 756,683 \$ 729,608 | \$ 729,608 | | | | | | | | |
| Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll | 26.24% | 27.32% | | | | | | | | |

Notes:

2.) Schedule is intended to show information for 10 years - additional years will be displayed as they become available.

| | Notes to Schedule |
|-------------------------------|--|
| Actuarial cost method | Entry age normal |
| Amortization method | Level percentage of payroll, open |
| Remaining amortization period | 21 years |
| Inflation | 2.75% |
| Salary Increases | General Employees - 3.50% to 7.50% |
| | Police & Fire Employees - 4.00% to 14.00% |
| Investment rate of return | |
| Retirement age | Varies depending on Years of Service and Age |
| | Male Employees, MERS General and MERS P&F: 115% of |
| | RP-2000 Combined Healthy for Males with White Collar |
| 110000 | adjustments, projected with Scale AA from 2000. |
| laiol ideity | Female Employees, MERS General and MERS P&F: 95% |
| | of RP-2000 Combined Healthy for Females with White |
| | Collar adjustments, projected with Scale AA from 2000. |

^{1.)} Employers participating in the Municipal Employee's Retirement System are required by RI General Laws, Section 45-21-42, to contribute an actuarially determined contribution rate each year.

CUMBERLAND FIRE DISTRICT REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN NET PENSION LIABILITY AND RELATED RATIOS MULTI YEAR

Cumberland Hill Fire District Plan

Last 10 Fiscal Years (to be built prospectively)

| 2006 | | | |
|------------------------------------|--|--|---|
| 2007 | | | |
| 2008 | | | |
| 2009 | | | |
| 2010 | | | |
| 2011 | | The state of the s | |
| 2012 | | The state of the s | |
| 2013 | | | |
| 2014 | \$ 118,487 418,644 - (41,794) (363,076) 132,261 | 5,704,213 \$5,836,474 | \$ 74,288 54,774 530,637 (363,076) (3,323) - 293,300 3,690,797 1,852,377 68.26% \$ 721,162 |
| 2015 | \$ 124,042 (428,776 (428,776 (428,776 (428,776 (428,914 (428,914 (428,951) (428,951) (428,951) (428,951) (428,951) | 5,836,474 | \$ 198,869 59,565 93,010 (362,951) (3,767) 1 (15,273) 3,984,097 \$ 3,968,824 \$ 2,438,254 \$ 61.94% \$ 744,549 \$ |
| Measurement period ending June 30, | Total Pension Liability Service Cost Interest on the Total Pension Liability Benefit Changes Difference Between Expected and Actual Experience Assumption Changes Benefit Payments Net Change in Total Pension Liability | Total Pension Liability - Beginning Total Pension Liability - Ending (a) | Plan Fiduciary Net Position Employer Contributions Employee Contributions Pension Plan Net Investment income Benefit Payments Pension Plan Administrative Expense Other Changes in Plan Fiduciary Net Position Net Change in Plan Fiduciary Net Position Plan Fiduciary Net Position - Beginning Plan Fiduciary Net Position - Ending (b) Net Pension Liability/(Asset) - Ending (a) - (b) Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of Total Pension Liability Covered Employee Payroll Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of Covered Employee Payroll |

CUMBERLAND FIRE DISRICT REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

SCHEDULE OF CONTRIBUTIONS MULTIYEAR

Cumberland Hill Fire District Plan

Last 10 Fiscal Years (to be built prospectively)

| Fiscal Year | 2016 | 2015 | 2014 | 2013 | 2012 | 2011 | 2010 | 2009 | 2008 | 2007 |
|--|-----------------------|------------|------|------|------|--|------|-------|------|------|
| Actuarially determined contribution | \$ 219,999 \$ 151,278 | \$ 151,278 | | | | | | | | |
| Contributions in relation to the actuarially determined contribution | \$219,999 \$151,278 | \$ 151,278 | | | | | | | | |
| Contribution deficiency (excess) | - | • | | | | and the second of the second o | | 7,000 | | |
| Covered-employee payroll | \$ 770,609 \$ 746,402 | \$ 746,402 | | | | | | | | |
| Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll | 28.55% | 20.27% | | | | | | | | |

Nofes:

1.) Employers participating in the Municipal Employee's Retirement System are required by RI General Laws, Section 45-21-42, to contribute an actuarially determined contribution rate each year.

2) Schedule is intended to show information for 10 years - additional years will be displayed as they become available.

| | Notes to Schedule |
|-------------------------------|--|
| Actuarial cost method | Entry age normal |
| Amortization method | Level percentage of payroll, open |
| Remaining amortization period | 21 years |
| Inflation | 2.75% |
| Salary Increases | General Employees - 3.50% to 7.50% |
| | Police & Fire Employees - 4.00% to 14.00% |
| Investment rate of return | 7.50% |
| Retirement age | Varies depending on Years of Service and Age |
| | Male Employees, MERS General and MERS P&F: 115% of |
| | RP-2000 Combined Healthy for Males with White Collar |
| 411104084 | adjustments, projected with Scale AA from 2000. |
| Motality | Female Employees, MERS General and MERS P&F: 95% |
| | of RP-2000 Combined Healthy for Females with White |
| | Collar adjustments, projected with Scale AA from 2000. |

CUMBERLAND FIRE DISTRICT REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN NET PENSION LIABILITY AND RELATED RATIOS MULTI YEAR North Cumberland Fire District Plan

Last 10 Fiscal Years (to be built prospectively)

| Measurement period ending June 30, Total Pension Liability Service Cost Interest on the Total Pension Liability Benefit Changes Difference Between Expected and Actual Experience Assumption Changes Benefit Payments Net Change in Total Pension Liability Total Pension Liability - Beginning Fotal Pension Liability - Ending (a) Plan Fiduciary Net Position Employee Contributions Employee Contributions Benefit Payments Pension Plan Net Investment income Benefit Payments Pension Plan Administrative Expense Other Changes in Plan Fiduciary Net Position Net Change in Plan Fiduciary Net Position Plan Fiduciary Net Position - Beginning Plan Fiduciary Net Position - Ending (b) Net Pension Liability/(Asset) - Ending (a) - (b) Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of Total Pension Liability | \$ 139,487 \$ 134,277 393,248 372,770 184,673 197,294 197,294 264,509 718,044 264,509 5,989,940 \$,5,271,896 5,989,940 \$,5,271,896 5,989,940 \$,5,271,896 8,393 \$,6,475 106,915 \$,91,786 (196,58) (208,505 (4,288) (3,706 118,959 609,937 4,443,208 1,427,773 \$28,688 | \$ 134,277 372,770 - (34,033) (208,505) 264,509 5,007,387 5,271,896 \$ 5,271,896 \$ 6,475 591,786 (208,505) (208,505) 3,43,271 \$ 4,443,208 828,688 | 2013 | 2012 | 2011 | 2010 | 5000 | 2008 | 2007 | 2006 | 2005 |
|--|--|--|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Covered Employee Payroll Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of Covered Employee Payroll | \$ 729,917 \$ 707,091 195.61% 117.20% | 3 707,091 117.20% | - | | | | | | | | |

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016 CUMBERLAND FIRE DISTRICT

SCHEDULE OF CONTRIBUTIONS MULTIVEAR North Cumberland Fire District Plan

Last 10 Fiscal Years (to be built prospectively)

| Fiscal Year | 2016 | 2015 | 2014 | 2013 | 2012 | 2011 | 2010 | 2009 | 2008 | 2007 |
|--|-----------------------|------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Actuarially determined contribution | \$ 144,687 \$ 163,312 | \$ 163,312 | | | | | | | | |
| Contributions in relation to the actuarially determined contribution | \$ 144,687 \$ 163,312 | \$ 163,312 | | | | | | | | |
| Contribution deficiency (excess) | 1 | · · | | | | | | | | |
| Covered-employee payroll | \$ 755,464 \$ 731,839 | \$ 731,839 | | | | | | | | |
| Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll | 19.15% | 22.32% | | | | | | | | |

1.) Employers participating in the Municipal Employee's Retirement System are required by RI General Laws, Section 45-21-42, to contribute an actuarially determined contribution rate each year.

2.) Schedule is intended to show information for 10 years - additional years will be displayed as they become available.

| | Notes to Schedule |
|-------------------------------|--|
| Actuarial cost method | Entryage normal |
| Amortization method | Level percentage of payroll, open |
| Remaining amortization period | 21 years |
| Inflation | į |
| Salary Increases | General Employees - 3.50% to 7.50% |
| | Police & Fire Employees - 4.00% to 14.00% |
| Investment rate of return | 7.50% |
| Retirement age | Varies depending on Years of Service and Age |
| | Male Employees, MERS General and MERS P&F: 115% of |
| | RP-2000 Combined Healthy for Males with White Collar |
| 11 - 7 - 12 | adjustments, projected with Scale AA from 2000. |
| ivioriality | Female Employees, MERS General and MERS P&F: 95% |
| | of RP-2000 Combined Healthy for Females with White |
| | Collar adjustments projected with Scale AA from 2000 |

CUMBERLAND FIRE DISTRICT REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

SCHEDULE OF OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB)

Funding Progress

For the Year Ended June 30, 2016

Schedule of Funding Progress

| | | | | | | Funding Excess |
|----------------|-----------------|-------------------|----------------|--------------|-----------------|------------------|
| | | | | | | (Deficit as a |
| | | | Funding Excess | | | Percentage of |
| Valuation Date | Value of Assets | Accrued Liability | (Deficit) | Funded Ratio | Covered Payroll | Covered Payroll) |
| 6/30/2016 | \$ - | \$ 1.870.972 | \$ (1.870.972) | 0% | N/A | N/A |

^{*} This is a five-year schedule to be built prospectively. Data presented was calculated by management using the alternative measurement method.

Auditors' Report as Required by Governmental Auditing Standards



Parmelee Poirier & Associates, LLP

Certified Public Accountants

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

The Honorable Fire Committee Cumberland Fire District

We have audited, 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, the financial statements of the governmental activities of The Cumberland Fire District (District), as of and for the year fiscal ended June 30, 2016, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated February 1, 2017.

Internal Control over Financial Reporting

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

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the District'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 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 District's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Purpose of this Report

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

Parmelee, Poirier & Associates, LLP

Warwick, Rhode Island

February 1, 2017