THIS COVER PAGE CONTAINS CERTAIN INFORMATION FOR QUICK REFERENCE ONLY. IT IS NOT A SUMMARY OF THIS ISSUE. INVESTORS MUST READ THE ENTIRE OFFICIAL STATEMENT TO OBTAIN INFORMATION ESSENTIAL TO THE MAKING OF AN INFORMED INVESTMENT DECISION.

NEW ISSUE
BANK QUALIFIED — **S&P RATING: "AA"**
BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY — **See "RATING" herein.**

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

OFFICIAL STATEMENT

$3,500,000
SOUTH METROPOLITAN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
OF CASS COUNTY, MISSOURI
GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS
SERIES 2016

Dated: Date of Delivery — **Due: March 1, as shown on the inside cover page**

The Bonds are issuable only as fully registered bonds, without coupons, and, when issued, will be registered in the name of Cede & Co., as registered owner and nominee for The Depository Trust Company ("DTC"), New York, New York. DTC will act as securities depository for the Bonds. Purchases of the Bonds will be made in book-entry form, in authorized denominations. Purchasers will not receive certificates representing their interests in Bonds purchased. So long as Cede & Co. is the registered owner of the bonds, as nominee of DTC, references herein to the Bondowners or registered owners shall mean Cede & Co., as aforesaid, and shall not mean the Beneficial Owners (herein defined) of the Bonds.

The Bonds will be issued in the denomination of $5,000 or any integral multiple thereof. Semiannual interest will be payable on March 1 and September 1, beginning on March 1, 2017. Principal will be payable upon presentation and surrender of the Bonds by the registered owners thereof at the payment office of BOKF, N.A., Paying Agent. Interest will be payable by check or draft of the Paying Agent mailed (or by electronic transfer in certain circumstances as described herein) to the persons who are the registered owners of the Bonds as of the close of business on the fifteenth day of the month preceding the interest payment date. So long as DTC or its nominee, Cede & Co., is the Bondowner, such payments will be made directly to such Bondowner. DTC is expected, in turn, to remit such payments to the DTC Participants (herein defined) for subsequent disbursement to the Beneficial Owners.

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

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

An investment in the Bonds involves risk. Prospective purchasers should be able to evaluate the risks and merits of an investment in the Bonds before considering a purchase of the Bonds. See "RISK FACTORS" herein.

The Bonds are offered when, as and if issued by the District, subject to the approval of legality by Gilmore & Bell, P.C., Kansas City, Missouri, Bond Counsel. Certain legal matters related to the Official Statement will be passed upon by Gilmore & Bell, P.C., Kansas City, Missouri. It is expected that the Bonds will be available for delivery at The Depository Trust Company in New York, New York, on or about October 27, 2016.

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The date of this Official Statement is October 11, 2016.

$3,500,000
SOUTH METROPOLITAN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
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GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS
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MATURITY SCHEDULE

Term Bonds

Due March 1	Principal Amount	Interest Rate	Price	Yield
2018	$160,000	0.800%	100.000%	0.800%
2020	170,000	1.050	100.000	1.050
2022	145,000	1.250	100.000	1.250

Serial Bonds

Due March 1	Principal Amount	Interest Rate	Price	Yield
2023	$560,000	1.900%	103.349% †	1.250%
2024	805,000	1.900	103.087 †	1.300
2025	820,000	1.900	102.695 †	1.375
2026	840,000	2.000	103.078 †	1.400

† Priced to call date.

SOUTH METROPOLITAN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
OF CASS COUNTY, MISSOURI

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Michael Gnefkow, Chairman, President and Director
Paul O'Brien, Vice Chairman and Director
Mike Van Aken, Director
Ron Burton, Director
Sean Dawson, Director

ADMINISTRATIVE

Lee Stevens, Fire Chief
Mary Lacy, Business Manager and Secretary/Treasurer

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT

Dickey & Humbard, LLC
Harrisonville, Missouri

FINANCIAL ADVISOR

Piper Jaffray & Co.
Leawood, Kansas

BOND COUNSEL

Gilmore & Bell, P.C.
Kansas City, Missouri

REGARDING USE OF THIS OFFICIAL STATEMENT

No dealer, broker, salesperson or other person has been authorized by the District or the Underwriter to give any information or to make any representations with respect to the Bonds other than those contained in this Official Statement, and, if given or made, such other information or representations must not be relied upon as having been authorized by any of the foregoing. This Official Statement does not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy nor shall there be any sale of the Bonds by any person in any jurisdiction in which it is unlawful for such person to make such offer, solicitation or sale. The information set forth herein has been furnished by the District and other sources believed to be reliable, but such information is not guaranteed as to accuracy or completeness, and is not to be construed as a representation, by the Underwriter. The information and expressions of opinion herein are subject to change without notice and neither the delivery of this Official Statement nor any sale made hereunder shall, under any circumstances, create any implication that there has been no change in the affairs of the District since the date hereof.

The Underwriter has reviewed the information in this Official Statement in accordance with, and as part of, its responsibilities to investors under the federal securities laws as applied to the facts and circumstances of this transaction, but the Underwriter does not guarantee the accuracy or completeness of that information.

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

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

CAUTIONARY STATEMENTS REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS IN THIS OFFICIAL STATEMENT

Certain statements included or incorporated by reference in this Official Statement constitute "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the United States Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, Section 21E of the United States Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and Section 27A of the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended. Such statements are generally identifiable by the terminology used such as "plan," "expect," "estimate," "anticipate," "projected," "budget" or other similar words.

THE ACHIEVEMENT OF CERTAIN RESULTS OR OTHER EXPECTATIONS CONTAINED IN SUCH FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS INVOLVE KNOWN AND UNKNOWN RISKS, UNCERTAINTIES AND OTHER FACTORS, INCLUDING THOSE DESCRIBED UNDER "RISK FACTORS" HEREIN, THAT MAY CAUSE ACTUAL RESULTS, PERFORMANCE OR ACHIEVEMENTS DESCRIBED TO BE MATERIALLY DIFFERENT FROM ANY FUTURE RESULTS, PERFORMANCE OR ACHIEVEMENTS EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED BY SUCH FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS. NEITHER THE DISTRICT NOR ANY OTHER PARTY PLANS TO ISSUE ANY UPDATES OR REVISIONS TO THOSE FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS IF OR WHEN THEIR EXPECTATIONS, OR EVENTS, CONDITIONS OR CIRCUMSTANCES UPON WHICH SUCH STATEMENTS ARE BASED OCCUR.

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INTRODUCTION

This introduction is only a brief description and summary of certain information contained in this Official Statement and is qualified in its entirety by reference to more complete and detailed information contained in the entire Official Statement, including the cover page and appendices hereto, and the documents summarized or described herein. A full review should be made of the entire Official Statement.

Purpose of the Official Statement

The purpose of this Official Statement is to furnish information relating to (1) the South Metropolitan Fire Protection District of Cass County, Missouri (the "District") and (2) the District's General Obligation Bonds, Series 2016 (the "Bonds"), to be issued in the aggregate principal amount of $3,500,000 to provide funds to acquire, improve and install vehicles and equipment to serve the District, including without limitation, to acquire, improve and install (1) a ladder truck, (2) fire engines, (3) ambulances, (4) brush trucks and (5) and other fire or emergency equipment or apparatus (collectively, the "Project").

The District

The District is a fire protection district and political subdivision organized and existing under the laws of the State of Missouri. See the caption **"THE DISTRICT"** herein.

The Bonds

The Bonds are being issued pursuant to a resolution (the "Bond Resolution") adopted by the governing body of the District for the purpose of paying costs of the Project and costs related to the issuance of the Bonds. The Bonds represent all of the $3,500,000 of general obligation bonds (the "Voted Authority") authorized by the required majority of the voters of the District at an election held August 2, 2016. See the caption **"THE BONDS"** herein.

Security and Source of Payment

The Bonds will be general obligations of the District and will be payable from ad valorem taxes that may be levied without limitation as to rate or amount upon all taxable property, real and personal, within the territorial limits of the District. See the caption **"SECURITY AND SOURCES OF PAYMENT FOR THE BONDS"** herein.

Financial Statements

Audited financial statements of the District, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2015 are included in ***Appendix B*** to this Official Statement. These financial statements have been audited by Dickey & Humbard, LLC, Harrisonville, Missouri, independent certified public accountants, to the extent and for the periods indicated in their report, which is also included in ***Appendix B*** to this Official Statement.

Continuing Disclosure

The District will undertake, pursuant to a continuing disclosure certificate, to provide certain financial information and notices of the occurrence of certain events, if material. A description of this undertaking is set forth in the section **"CONTINUING DISCLOSURE"** herein.

THE DISTRICT

The District is a political subdivision formed with voter approval in 1968, duly created and existing under the provisions of Chapter 321 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri, as amended (the "Act"). The District is approximately 52 square miles in area and is located in Cass County, Missouri, in the west central part of the State. Additional information regarding the District may be obtained from the District office at 611 West Foxwood Drive, Raymore, MO 64083. See **"APPENDIX A: THE DISTRICT"** and **"APPENDIX B: ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT AND AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS."**

PLAN OF FINANCING

Authorization and Purpose of the Bonds

The Bonds are authorized pursuant to and in full compliance with the Constitution and statutes of the State of Missouri, including particularly Article VI, Section 26 of the Missouri Constitution, the Act and the Bond Resolution.

The Project

The Bonds represent all of the Voted Authority authorized by the required majority of voters of the District at an election held August 2, 2016. The Project includes, but is not limited to, the acquisition, improvement and installation of vehicles and equipment to serve the District, including without limitation, the acquisition, improvement and installation of (1) a ladder truck, (2) fire engines, (3) ambulances, (4) brush trucks and (5) and other fire or emergency equipment or apparatus. The District will deposit $3,505,233.95 of the proceeds of the Bonds in the Project Fund established under the Bond Resolution to pay costs of the Project, in accordance with the plans and specifications of the Project. The estimated completion of the improvements and acquisitions of new equipment by September 2019.

Sources and Uses of Funds

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

Sources of Funds:	
Principal Amount of the Bonds	$3,500,000.00
Original Issue Premium	91,558.95
Total	$3,591,558.95
Uses of Funds:	
Deposit for Project Costs	$3,505,233.95
Costs of Issuance including Underwriter's Discount	86,325.00
Total	$3,591,558.95

THE BONDS

The following is a summary of certain terms and provisions of the Bonds. Reference is hereby made to the Bonds and the provisions with respect thereto in the Bond Resolution for the detailed terms and provisions thereof.

General Description

The Bonds will be issued in the principal amounts stated on the inside cover page of this Official Statement, will be dated their date of delivery, and will consist of fully registered bonds without coupons in the denomination of $5,000 or any integral multiple thereof. The Bonds will mature, subject to redemption as described below, on March 1 in the years and in the principal amounts set forth on the inside cover page of this Official Statement. Interest on the Bonds will be payable semiannually on March 1 and September 1 in each year, beginning on March 1, 2017. Principal will be payable upon presentation and surrender of the Bonds by the Registered Owners thereof at the payment office of BOKF, N.A. (the "Paying Agent"). Interest shall be paid to the Registered Owners of the Bonds as shown on the Bond Register at the close of business on the Record Date for such interest (a) by check or draft mailed by the Paying Agent to the address of such Registered Owners shown on the Bond Register, (b) at such other address as is furnished to the Paying Agent in writing by any Registered Owner or (c) in the case of an interest payment to any Registered Owner of $500,000 or more in aggregate principal amount of Bonds, by electronic transfer to such Registered Owner upon written notice given to the Paying Agent by such Registered Owner, not less than 5 days prior to the Record Date for such interest, containing the electronic transfer instructions including the bank (which shall be in the continental United States), ABA routing number and account name and account number to which such Registered Owner wishes to have such transfer directed.

Redemption Provisions

Optional Redemption. At the option of the District, Bonds may be called for redemption and payment prior to maturity on March 1, 2022, and thereafter, in whole or in part at any time at the redemption price of 100% of the principal amount thereof, plus accrued interest thereon to the redemption date.

Mandatory Sinking Fund Redemption. The Bonds maturing in the years March 1, 2018, March 1, 2020 and March 1, 2022 (the "Term Bonds") shall be subject to mandatory redemption by the District at the principal amount thereof, without premium, plus accrued interest to the redemption date, in the following principal amounts on March 1 of the following years:

Term Bond Maturing March 1, 2018

Year	Principal Amount
2017	$80,000
2018 *	80,000

*Final Maturity

Term Bond Maturing March 1, 2020

Year	Principal Amount
2019	$80,000
2020 *	90,000

*Final Maturity

Term Bond Maturing March 1, 2022

Year	Principal Amount
2021	$80,000
2022 *	65,000

*Final Maturity

Selection of Bonds to be Redeemed. Bonds shall be redeemed only in $5,000 principal amounts or multiples thereof. When less than all of the Outstanding Bonds are to be redeemed and paid prior to maturity, such Bonds shall be redeemed from the maturities selected by the District, and Bonds of less than a full maturity shall be selected by the Paying Agent in $5,000 units of principal amount in such equitable manner as the Paying Agent may determine.

Notice and Effect of Call for Redemption. In the event of any such redemption, the Paying Agent will give written notice of the District's intention to redeem and pay said Bonds by first-class mail to the State Auditor of Missouri, to the original purchaser of the Bonds, and to the Registered Owner of each Bond, said notice to be mailed not less than 20 days prior to the redemption date. Notice of redemption having been given as aforesaid, the Bonds or portions of Bonds to be redeemed shall become due and payable on the redemption date, at the redemption price therein specified, and from and after the redemption date (unless the District defaults in the payment of the redemption price) such Bonds or portion of Bonds shall cease to bear interest.

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

Registration, Transfer and Exchange of Bonds

Each Bond when issued shall be registered by the Paying Agent in the name of the owner thereof on the Bond Register. Bonds are transferable only upon the Bond Register upon presentation and surrender of the Bonds, together with instructions for transfer. Bonds may be exchanged for Bonds in the same aggregate principal amount and maturity upon presentation to the Paying Agent, subject to the terms, conditions and limitations set forth in the Bond Resolution and upon payment of any tax, fee or other governmental charge required to be paid with respect to any such registration, transfer or exchange.

SECURITY AND SOURCES OF PAYMENT FOR THE BONDS

General Obligations

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

The Bond Resolution

Pledge of Full Faith and Credit. The full faith, credit and resources of the District are irrevocably pledged under the Bond Resolution for the prompt payment of the Bonds as the same become due.

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

All references herein to the Bond Resolution are qualified in their entirety by reference to the Bond Resolution. Copies of the Bond Resolution and the Official Statement may be viewed at the office of Piper Jaffray & Co., 11635 Rosewood Street, Leawood, Kansas 66211, or will be provided to any prospective purchaser requesting the same, upon payment by such prospective purchaser of the cost of complying with such request.

RISK FACTORS

General

The following is a discussion of certain risks that could affect the payments to be made by the District with respect to the Bonds. In order to identify risk factors and make an informed investment decision, potential investors should be thoroughly familiar with this entire Official Statement (including the appendices hereto) in order to make a judgment as to whether the Bonds are an appropriate investment. Prospective purchasers of the Bonds should consider carefully all possible factors that may result in a default in the payment of the Bonds, the redemption of the Bonds prior to maturity or the determination that the interest on the Bonds might be deemed taxable for purposes of federal and Missouri income taxation. **This discussion of risk factors is not, and is not intended to be, comprehensive or exhaustive.**

Ad Valorem Property Taxes

The Bond Resolution levies a direct annual tax on all taxable tangible property within the District sufficient to produce amounts necessary for the payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds each year. Declining property values in the District, whether caused by national or global financial crises, natural disasters, local economic downturns, or other reasons, may require higher levy rates, which may increase the burden on local taxpayers and affect certain taxpayers' willingness or ability to continue timely paying property taxes. See **"FINANCIAL INFORMATION CONCERNING THE DISTRICT – Property Valuations –** *History of Property Valuation***"** in ***Appendix A*** of this Official Statement. In addition, the issuance of additional general obligation bonds by the District or other indebtedness by other political subdivisions in the District would increase the tax burden on taxpayers in the District. See **"DEBT STRUCTURE OF THE DISTRICT – Overlapping Indebtedness"** in ***Appendix A*** of this Official Statement. Missouri law limits the amount of general obligation debt issuable by the District to 5% of the assessed valuation of taxable tangible property in the District. See **"DEBT STRUCTURE OF THE**

DISTRICT – Legal Debt Capacity" in ***Appendix A*** of this Official Statement. Other political subdivisions in the District are subject to similar limitations on general obligation debt imposed by Missouri law, including cities, school districts, counties and certain other districts, which are limited to general obligation debt of 20%, 15%, 10% and 5% of assessed valuation of taxable tangible property, respectively.

Concentration of property ownership in the District would expose the District's ability to collect ad valorem property taxes to the financial strength and ability and willingness of major taxpayers to pay property taxes. See **"FINANCIAL INFORMATION CONCERNING THE DISTRICT – Major Property Taxpayers"** in ***Appendix A*** of this Official Statement.

Secondary Market Prices and Liquidity

The Underwriter will not be obligated to repurchase any of the Bonds, and no representation is made concerning the existence of any secondary market for the Bonds. No assurance is given that any secondary market will develop following the completion of the offering of the Bonds and no assurance is given that the initial offering price for the Bonds will continue for any period of time.

Prices of municipal securities in the secondary market are subject to adjustment upward and downward in response to changes in the credit markets and changes in the operating performance or tax collection patterns of issuers. Particularly, prices of outstanding municipal securities should be expected to decline if prevailing market interest rates rise. Municipal securities are generally viewed as long-term investments, subject to material unforeseen changes in the investor's or the issuer's circumstances, and may require commitment of the investor's funds for an indefinite period of time, perhaps until maturity.

No Reserve Fund or Credit Enhancement

No debt service reserve fund will be funded and no financial guaranty insurance policy, letter of credit or other credit enhancement will be issued to insure payment of the Bonds. Accordingly, any potential purchaser of the Bonds should consider the financial ability of the District to pay the Bonds. As described under **"SECURITY AND SOURCES OF PAYMENT FOR THE BONDS – The Bond Resolution"** in this Official Statement, the District has irrevocably pledged its full faith, credit and resources for the prompt payment of the Bonds and levied a direct annual tax, without limitation, sufficient to pay principal and interest on the Bonds on all taxable tangible property in the District.

Bankruptcy

In addition to the limitations on remedies contained in the Bond Resolution, the rights and remedies provided by the Bonds may be limited by and are subject to (i) bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, arrangement, fraudulent conveyance, moratorium and other laws affecting creditors' rights, (ii) the application of equitable principles, and (iii) the exercise of judicial discretion in appropriate cases and to limitations on legal remedies against political subdivisions in the State of Missouri. The District, like all other Missouri political subdivisions, is specifically authorized by Missouri law to institute proceedings under Chapter 9 of the Federal Bankruptcy Code. Such proceedings, if commenced, are likely to have an adverse effect on the market price of the Bonds.

Amendment of the Bond Resolution

Certain amendments, effected by resolution of the District, to the Bonds and the Bond Resolution may be made with consent of the owners of not less than a majority in principal amount of the Bonds then outstanding. Such amendments may adversely affect the security of the owners of the Bonds.

Loss of Premium from Redemption

Any person who purchases the Bonds at a price in excess of their principal amount or who holds such Bonds trading at a price in excess of par should consider the fact that the Bonds are subject to redemption prior to maturity at the redemption prices described herein in the event such Bonds are redeemed prior to maturity. See **"THE BONDS – Redemption Provisions"** in this Official Statement.

Tax-Exempt Status and Risk of Audit

The failure of the District to comply with certain covenants set forth in the Bond Resolution could cause the interest on the Bonds to become included in federal gross income for federal and Missouri income tax purposes retroactive to the date of issuance of the Bonds. The Bond Resolution does not provide for the payment of any additional interest, redemption premium or penalty if the interest on the Bonds becomes included in gross income for federal income tax purposes. See **"TAX MATTERS"** in this Official Statement.

The Internal Revenue Service (the "IRS") has established an ongoing program to audit tax-exempt obligations to determine whether interest on such obligations should be included in gross income for federal income tax purposes. Owners of the Bonds are advised that, if an audit of the Bonds were commenced, the IRS, in accordance with its current published procedures, is likely to treat the District as the taxpayer, and the owners of the Bonds may not have a right to participate in such audit. Public awareness of any audit could adversely affect the market value and liquidity of the Bonds during the pendency of the audit, regardless of the ultimate outcome of the audit.

Defeasance Risks

When all Bonds are deemed paid and discharged as provided in the Bond Resolution, the requirements contained in the Bond Resolution and the pledge of the District's faith and credit thereunder and all other rights granted thereby will terminate with respect to the Bonds or scheduled interest payments thereon so paid and discharged. Bonds or scheduled interest payments thereon shall be deemed to have been paid and discharged within the meaning of the Bond Resolution if there has been deposited with the Paying Agent, or other commercial bank or trust company moneys and/or Defeasance Obligations that, together with the interest to be earned on any such Defeasance Obligations, will be sufficient for the payment of the Bonds to the stated maturity or prior redemption date. There is no legal requirement in the Bond Resolution that Defeasance Obligations be rated in the highest rating category by any rating agency. Prices of municipal securities in the secondary market are subject to adjustment upward and downward in response to changes in the credit markets, and that could include the rating of Bonds defeased with Defeasance Obligations to the extent the Defeasance Obligations have a change or downgrade in rating.

THE BOOK-ENTRY ONLY SYSTEM

The Depository Trust Company ("DTC"), New York, New York, will act as securities depository for the Bonds. The Bonds will be issued as fully-registered bonds registered in the name of Cede & Co. (DTC's partnership nominee) or such other name as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. One fully-registered Bond certificate will be issued for each maturity of the Bonds.

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

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

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

Conveyance of notices and other communications by DTC to Direct Participants, by Direct Participants to Indirect Participants, and by Direct Participants and Indirect Participants to Beneficial Owners will be governed by arrangements among them, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time. Beneficial Owners of Bonds may wish to take certain steps to augment the transmission to them of notices of significant events with respect to the Bonds, such as redemptions, tenders, defaults, and proposed amendments to the Bond documents. For example, Beneficial Owners of Bonds may wish to ascertain that the nominee holding the Bonds for their benefit has agreed to obtain and transmit notices to Beneficial Owners. In the alternative, Beneficial Owners may wish to provide their names and addresses to the registrar and request that copies of notices be provided directly to them.

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

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

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

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

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

The information in this section concerning DTC and DTC's book-entry system has been obtained from DTC. The District, the Financial Advisor and the Underwriter take no responsibility for the accuracy thereof.

Transfer Outside Book-Entry Only System

If the Book-Entry-Only System is discontinued the following provisions would apply. The Bonds are transferable only upon the Bond Register upon presentation and surrender of the Bonds, together with instructions for transfer. Bonds may be exchanged for other Bonds of any denomination authorized by the Bond Resolution in the same aggregate principal amount, series, payment date and interest rate, upon presentation to the Paying Agent, subject to the terms, conditions and limitations and upon payment of any tax, fee or other governmental charge required to be paid with respect to any such registration, exchange or transfer.

LEGAL MATTERS

Legal Proceedings

As of the date hereof, there is no controversy, suit or other proceeding of any kind pending or threatened wherein or whereby any question is raised or may be raised, questioning, disputing or affecting in any way the legal organization of the District or its boundaries, or the right or title of any of its officers to their respective offices, or the legality of any official act in connection with the authorization, issuance and sale of the Bonds, or the constitutionality or validity of the Bonds or any of the proceedings had in relation to the authorization, issuance or sale thereof, or the levy and collection of a tax to pay the principal and interest thereof, or which might affect the District's ability to meet its obligations to pay the Bonds.

Approval of Legality

All legal matters incident to the authorization and issuance of the Bonds are subject to the approval of Gilmore & Bell, P.C., Kansas City, Missouri, Bond Counsel.

TAX MATTERS

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

Opinion of Bond Counsel

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

Federal and Missouri Tax Exemption. The interest on the Bonds is excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes and is exempt from income taxation by the State of Missouri.

Alternative Minimum Tax. Interest on the Bonds is not an item of tax preference for purposes of computing the federal alternative minimum tax imposed on individuals and corporations, but is taken into account in determining adjusted current earnings for the purpose of computing the alternative minimum tax imposed on certain corporations.

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

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

Other Tax Consequences

Original Issue Premium. If a Bond is issued at a price that exceeds the stated redemption price at maturity of the Bond, the excess of the purchase price over the stated redemption price at maturity constitutes "premium" on that Bond. Under Section 171 of the Code, the purchaser of that Bond must amortize the premium over the term of the Bond using constant yield principles, based on the purchaser's yield to maturity. As premium is amortized, the owner's basis in the Bond and the amount of tax-exempt interest received will be reduced by the amount of amortizable premium properly allocable to the owner. This will result in an increase in the gain (or decrease in the loss) to be recognized for federal income tax purposes on the sale or disposition of the Bond prior to its maturity. Even though the owner's basis is reduced, no federal income tax deduction is allowed. Prospective investors should consult their own tax advisors concerning the calculation and accrual of bond premium.

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

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

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

CONTINUING DISCLOSURE

The District is executing a Continuing Disclosure Certificate for the benefit of the owners and Beneficial Owners of the Bonds in order to comply with Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Rule"). The District is the only "obligated person" with responsibility for continuing disclosure.

Pursuant to the Continuing Disclosure Certificate, the District will not later than the **June 30th** immediately following the end of the District's fiscal year, provide to the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board (the "MSRB") the following financial information and operating data (the "Annual Report"):

(1) The audited financial statements of the District for the prior fiscal year. If audited financial statements are not available by the time the Annual Report is required to be filed, the Annual Report shall contain unaudited financial statements in a format similar to the financial statements contained in this Official Statement, and the audited financial statements shall be filed in the same manner as the Annual Report promptly after they become available.

(2) Updates as of the end of the fiscal year of the financial information and operating data contained in ***Appendix A*** of this Official Statement under the following sections:

DEBT STRUCTURE OF THE DISTRICT
- Current Indebtedness of the District
- History of General Obligation Indebtedness
- Legal Debt Capacity

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- Sources of Revenue
- Property Valuations
  - *Current Assessed Valuation*
  - *History of Property Valuations*
- Tax Rates
  - (The table showing the District's tax levies)
- Tax Collection Record

Pursuant to the Continuing Disclosure Certificate, the District also will give notice of the occurrence of any of the following events with respect to the Bonds, no later than 10 business days after the occurrence of such event ("Material Events"):

(1) principal and interest payment delinquencies;
(2) non-payment related defaults, if material;
(3) unscheduled draws on debt service reserves reflecting financial difficulties;
(4) unscheduled draws on credit enhancements reflecting financial difficulties;
(5) substitution of credit or liquidity providers, or their failure to perform;
(6) adverse tax opinions, the issuance by the Internal Revenue Service of proposed or final determinations of taxability, Notices of Proposed Issue (IRS Form 5701-TEB)

or other material notices or determinations with respect to the tax status of the Bonds, or other material events affecting the tax status of the Bonds;

(7) modifications to rights of bondholders, if material;

(8) bond calls, if material, and tender offers;

(9) defeasances;

(10) release, substitution or sale of property securing repayment of the Bonds, if material;

(11) rating changes;

(12) bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership or similar event of the District;

(13) the consummation of a merger, consolidation, or acquisition involving the District or the sale of all or substantially all of the assets of the District, other than in the ordinary course of business, the entry into a definitive agreement to undertake such an action or the termination of a definitive agreement relating to any such actions, other than pursuant to its terms, if material; and

(14) appointment of a successor or additional trustee or the change of name of the trustee, if material.

Notwithstanding any other provision of the Continuing Disclosure Certificate, the District may amend the Continuing Disclosure Certificate and any provision of the Continuing Disclosure Certificate may be waived, provided Bond Counsel or other counsel experienced in federal securities law matters provides the District with its opinion that the undertaking of the District, as so amended or after giving effect to such waiver, is in compliance with the Rule and all current amendments thereto and interpretations thereof that are applicable to the Continuing Disclosure Certificate.

In the event of a failure of the District to comply with any provision of the Continuing Disclosure Certificate, the Paying Agent, the Underwriter or any owner or Beneficial Owner of the Bonds may take such actions as may be necessary and appropriate, including seeking mandamus or specific performance by court order, to cause the District to comply with its obligations under the Continuing Disclosure Certificate. A default under the Continuing Disclosure Certificate will not be deemed an event of default under the Bond Resolution or the Bonds, and the sole remedy under the Continuing Disclosure Certificate in the event of any failure of the District to comply with the Continuing Disclosure Certificate will be an action to compel performance.

The District has previously engaged in undertakings similar to the Continuing Disclosure Certificate to provide to the national information repositories (presently, only the MSRB) the audited financial statements of the District and updates of certain operating data of the District (collectively, the "Annual Report"). Over the last five years (i.e., for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2011 through December 31, 2015), the District has timely filed its audited financial statements, except that the audited financial statements for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2012 and December 31, 2015 were filed late. Over the last five years, the District failed to provide certain portions of the operating data updates required, and the operating data that was provided for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2012 was filed late. The District has failed to timely file a failure to file notice with respect to its late or missing Annual Reports, but filed a failure to file notice on October 13, 2016. The District has updated its filings with respect to all of its outstanding undertakings by filing a supplement that includes the required operating data. These materials are available at www.emma.msrb.org. In order to promote compliance with the District's obligations under the Continuing Disclosure Certificate and the District's prior undertakings with respect to the timeliness and content of its Annual Report, the District has engaged the law firm of Gilmore & Bell, P.C.

Electronic Municipal Market Access System (EMMA)

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

RATING

Standard & Poor's Rating Service has assigned the Bonds a rating of "AA," which reflects its evaluation of the investment quality of the Bonds. Such rating reflects only the view of such rating agency, and an explanation of the significance of such rating may be obtained therefrom. There is no assurance that the rating will remain in effect for any given period of time or that it will not be revised, either downward or upward, or withdrawn entirely, by said rating agency if, in its judgment, circumstances warrant. Any such downward revisions or withdrawal of the rating may have an adverse effect on the market price of the Bonds.

The District has furnished the rating agency with certain information and materials relating to the Bonds and the District that have not been included in this Official Statement. Generally, rating agencies base their ratings on the information and materials so furnished and on investigations, studies and assumptions made by the rating agencies. There is no assurance that a particular rating will be maintained for any given period of time or that it will not be lowered or withdrawn entirely if, in the judgment of the rating agency originally establishing such rating, circumstances so warrant. The Underwriter has not undertaken any responsibility to bring to the attention of the holders of the Bonds any proposed revision or withdrawal of the ratings of the Bonds or to oppose any such proposed revision or withdrawal. Pursuant to the Continuing Disclosure Certificate, the District is required to bring to the attention of the holders of the Bonds any revision or withdrawal of the ratings of the Bonds but has not undertaken any responsibility to oppose any such revision or withdrawal. See the section herein captioned **"CONTINUING DISCLOSURE."** Any such revision or withdrawal of the ratings could have an adverse effect on the market price and marketability of the Bonds.

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Financial Advisor

Piper Jaffray & Co. (the "Financial Advisor") has acted as Financial Advisor to the District in connection with the sale of the Bonds. The Financial Advisor has assisted the District in matters relating to the planning, structuring and issuance of the Bonds and various other debt related matters. The Financial Advisor will not be a manager or a member of any purchasing group submitting a proposal for the purchase of the Bonds.

Underwriting

Based upon bids received by the District on October 11, 2016 pursuant to the Notice of Sale dated September 29, 2016, the Bonds were awarded to UMB Bank, N.A., Kansas City, Missouri (the "Underwriter"). The Bonds are being purchased for reoffering by the Underwriter. The Underwriter has agreed to purchase the Bonds from the District at a price equal to $3,570,733.95 (representing the par amount of the Bonds less an underwriter's discount of $20,825.00 and plus original issue premium of $91,558.95). The Underwriter is purchasing the Bonds from the District for resale in the normal course of the Underwriter's business activities. The Underwriter may sell certain of the Bonds at a price greater than such purchase price, as shown on the inside cover page hereof. The Underwriter reserves the right to offer any of the Bonds to one or more purchasers on such terms and conditions and at such price or prices as the Underwriter, in its discretion, shall determine. The Underwriter reserves the right to join with dealers and other purchasers in offering the Bonds to the public. The Underwriter may offer and sell Bonds to certain dealers (including dealers depositing Bonds into investment trusts) at prices lower than the public offering prices.

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Certification and Other Matters Regarding Official Statement

Information set forth in this Official Statement has been furnished or reviewed by certain officials of the District, certified public accountants, and other sources, as referred to herein, which are believed to be reliable. Any statements made in this Official Statement involving matters of opinion, estimates or projections, whether or not so expressly stated, are set forth as such and not as representations of fact, and no representation is made that any of the estimates or projections will be realized. The descriptions contained in this Official Statement of the Bonds and the Bond Resolution do not purport to be complete and are qualified in their entirety by reference thereto.

Simultaneously with the delivery of the Bonds, the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the District, acting on behalf of the District, will furnish to the Underwriter a certificate that shall state, among other things, that to the best knowledge and belief of such officer, this Official Statement (and any amendment or supplement hereto) as of the date of sale and as of the date of delivery of the Bonds does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements herein, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading in any material respect.

The form of this Official Statement, and its distribution and use by the Underwriter, has been approved by the District. Neither the District nor any of its officers, directors or employees, in either their official or personal capacities, has made any warranties, representations or guarantees regarding the financial condition of the District or the District's ability to make payments required of it; and further, neither the District nor its officers, directors or employees assumes any duties, responsibilities or obligations in relation to the issuance of the Bonds other than those either expressly or by fair implication imposed on the District by the Bond Resolution.

SOUTH METROPOLITAN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT OF CASS COUNTY, MISSOURI

By: /s/ Michael Gnefkow
Chairman of the Board of Directors

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**SOUTH METROPOLITAN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
OF CASS COUNTY, MISSOURI**

GENERAL AND DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

General

The District is a political subdivision formed with voter approval in 1968, duly created and existing under the provisions of Chapter 321 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Missouri, as amended. The District covers approximately 52 square miles in area and is located in Cass County, Missouri, in the west central part of the State of Missouri. Additional information regarding the District may be obtained from the District office at 611 West Foxwood Drive, Raymore, Missouri 64083.

The District operates under the direction of a five-member elected Board of Directors. The directors are elected at large and serve six-year staggered terms. The Board of Directors sets policy for the District. The Fire Chief is responsible for administering this policy in the day-to-day activities of District operations.

The Chairman/President and current members of the Board of Directors are as follows:

Office	Name	Term Expires
Chairman/President	Michael Gnefkow	April 2017
Vice Chairman & Director	Paul O'Brien	April 2019
Director	Mike Van Aken	April 2021
Director	Ron Burton	April 2021
Director	Sean Dawson	April 2022

Mary Lacy is the District's Business Manager and the Secretary and Treasurer of the Board of Directors, but she does not vote with the Board of Directors.

The Chairman presides over meetings of the Board of Directors. Tax rates are established by the Board of Directors to support the budget adopted each year. As required by state law, the aggregate District budget may not include any expenditures in excess of anticipated revenues. The District's fiscal year ends on December 31.

Lee Stevens became Fire Chief of the District in 2016 following the retirement of former Chief Randy Adams. Chief Stevens has been with the District for over 19 years, serving as Deputy Chief of Operations for the past 13 years. Prior to working for the District, Chief Stevens worked for the City of Lee's Summit, Missouri. While at the District, Chief Stevens has been influential in helping pass previous bond issues and instrumental in establishing a county-wide radio system and helping to lower the District's ISO to a Class 2 rating.

A standard Emergency Medical Support response includes an Advanced Life Support (ALS) Ambulance and an ALS Engine company, each staffed with at least one paramedic. This insures sufficient personnel to handle serious medical calls. The District currently has a staff of 47 operational personnel (and is actively interviewing to fill the remaining two spots for a full staff of 49) that are divided into three shifts (each person works three 24 hour shifts in a five day period and then has four days off), four chief officers, a Fire Marshal, and two administrative support staff members. Approximately 38 (40 out of the full staff of 49) of the operational personnel are subject to an employment agreement with the fire union that will be up for renewal after its expiration in December 2016. The District has always renewed this agreement in the past and expects to have this upcoming renewal finalized in December 2016.

ISO Rating

The District provides its residents an Insurance Services Office (ISO) rating of 2 throughout the area of the District.

Economy

The District is located in Cass County, Missouri, approximately twenty miles south of Kansas City, Missouri, and serves the City of Raymore, Missouri, the City of Lake Winnebago, Missouri, and north central

Cass County. From 2000 to 2010, the population of the City of Raymore increased by 72%, the population of the City of Lake Winnebago by 25% and the population of Cass County by 21%.

The District benefits from modern, efficient transportation systems, facilities and services as part of Cass County and the greater Kansas City metropolitan area. Major railroads serve Cass County and at least three major highway systems cross Cass County providing further accessibility. Kansas City International Airport is located approximately 35 miles northwest of the District and is served by major airlines and commuter carriers. Cass County is served by numerous television, radio stations and telecable systems. Local news coverage is provided by a number of local newspapers and *The Kansas City Star* newspaper published daily.

General and Demographic Information

The following tables set forth certain population information.

	1980	**1990**	**2000**	**2010**
City of Raymore	3,154	5,592	11,146	19,206
City of Lake Winnebago	681	748	902	1,131
Cass County	51,029	63,808	82,092	99,478
State of Missouri	4,916,766	5,117,073	5,595,211	5,988,927

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, Census 2010.

Population Distribution by Age

Age	**City of Raymore**	**City of Lake Winnebago**	**Cass County**	**State of Missouri**
Under 5	1,407	47	6,756	390,237
5-19 years	4,521	197	22,077	1,211,174
20-44 years	6,074	208	30,501	1,937,372
45-54 years	2,624	209	15,256	888,572
55-64 years	1,955	242	11,398	723,278
65 years and older	2,625	228	13,490	838,294
Total	11,146	1,131	99,478	5,988,927
Median Age	36.5	45.6	37.9	37.9

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, Census 2010.

Unemployment

The following table sets forth unemployment figures for the last five years for Cass County and the State of Missouri.

	2012	**2013**	**2014**	**2015**	**2016***
Cass County					
Total Labor Force	52,673	52,135	53,809	54,463	55,055
Unemployed	3,528	3,282	3,021	2,602	2,392
Unemployment Rate	6.7%	6.3%	5.6%	4.8%	4.3%
State of Missouri					
Total Labor Force	3,018,211	3,011,601	3,058,118	3,113,760	3,145,818
Unemployed	210,415	202,199	186,901	155,584	147,191
Unemployment Rate	7.0%	6.7%	6.1%	5.0%	4.7%

Source: Missouri Economic Research and Information Center, Missouri Department of Economic Development.
* Average of January through July 2016.

Income Statistics

Per capita and median family income estimates in the area of the District and related areas were as follows:

	Per Capita	Median Family
City of Raymore	$30,422	$79,353
City of Lake Winnebago	48,042	98,333
Cass County	28,013	69,823
State of Missouri	26,006	60,414

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, 2014 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates.

Housing

The median value of owner occupied housing units in the area of the District and related areas was as follows:

	Median Value
City of Raymore	$174,800
City of Lake Winnebago	374,300
Cass County	156,000
State of Missouri	136,700

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, 2014 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates.

Major Employers

Some major employers in or near the City of Raymore, Missouri, include:

	Employer	Product/Service	Number of Employees
1.	Raymore-Peculiar R-II School District	Education	344
2.	Wal-Mart Stores	Retail	336
3.	Foxwood Springs Retirement Village	Senior Housing	317
4.	Sam's Club	Wholesale Club	165
5.	Cosentino's Price Chopper	Groceries	159
6.	Lowe's Home Center	Retail	137
7.	Rehabilitation Center of Raymore	Health Care	113
8.	City of Raymore	Municipal Government	101
9.	Golden Corral	Restaurant	80
10.	Minsky's Pizza	Restaurant	26

Source: City of Raymore, Department of Finance.

DEBT STRUCTURE OF THE DISTRICT

Current Indebtedness of the District

The following table sets forth as of September 1, 2016, all of the outstanding general obligation indebtedness of the District:

Name of Issue	Issue Date	Principal Amount	Amount Outstanding
General Obligation Refunding Bonds	10/11/2011	$5,690,000	$3,925,000

History of General Obligation Indebtedness

The following table sets forth debt information pertaining to the District as of the end of each of the last five fiscal years:

As of December 31	Total Outstanding Debt	Debt as Percentage of Assessed Value
2015	$4,435,000	1.20%
2014	4,925,000	1.37
2013	5,400,000	1.53
2012 **	5,810,000	1.65
2011 *	6,130,000	1.78

* Includes $440,000 of the District's General Obligation Bonds, Series 2004 (the "Series 2004 Bonds"). The maturities 2014 and thereafter of the Series 2004 Bonds were crossover refunded by the District's General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2011. The $440,000 represents the sum of the 2012 maturity of $205,000 and the 2013 maturity of $235,000 of the Series 2004 Bonds.
** Includes the 2013 maturity of $235,000 of the Series 2004 Bonds.

Debt Summary (as of 9/1/16)

2016 Assessed Valuation:	$380,453,602
2016 Estimated Actual Valuation:	$1,789,988,601
2010 Estimated Population of the District:	22,800
Total General Obligation Debt: (1)	$7,425,000
Overlapping Debt: (2)	$54,174,038
Direct and Overlapping General Obligation Debt:	$61,599,038
Ratio of General Obligation Debt to Assessed Valuation:	1.95%
Ratio of General Obligation Debt to Estimated Actual Valuation:	0.41%
Per Capita General Obligation Debt:	$325.66
Ratio of Direct and Overlapping General Obligation Debt to Assessed Valuation:	16.19%
Ratio of Direct and Overlapping General Obligation Debt to Estimated Actual Valuation:	3.44%
Per Capita Direct and Overlapping General Obligation Debt:	$2,701.71

(1) Includes the Bonds.
(2) Includes only general obligation debt of political subdivisions with boundaries overlapping the District. See **"DEBT STRUCTURE OF THE DISTRICT – Overlapping Indebtedness"** below.

Overlapping Indebtedness

The following table sets forth the approximate overlapping indebtedness of political subdivisions with boundaries overlapping the District as of September 1, 2016 and the percent attributable (on the basis of current assessed valuation) to the District. The table was compiled from information furnished by the jurisdictions responsible for the debt, the Cass County Assessor's office, the Jackson County Assessment Department and the State Auditor's office. The District has not independently verified the accuracy or completeness of such information. Furthermore, political subdivisions may have ongoing programs requiring the issuance of substantial additional bonds, the amounts of which cannot be determined at this time.

Taxing Jurisdiction	Approximate Outstanding General Obligation Indebtedness	Approximate % Applicable to District	Approximate Amount Applicable to District
City of Lake Winnebago	$1,580,000	100.00%	$1,580,000
City of Raymore	22,410,000	100.00	22,410,000
Pleasant Hill R-III	9,685,000	3.26	315,731
Raymore-Peculiar R-II	33,035,000	65.56	21,657,746
Lee's Summit R-VII	169,630,000	1.66	2,815,858
Cass County	19,914,000	27.09	5,394,703
			$54,174,038

Legal Debt Capacity

Article VI, Section 26(b) of the Constitution of the State of Missouri limits the net outstanding amount of authorized general obligation indebtedness for the District to 5 percent of the assessed valuation of the District by a two-thirds (four-sevenths at certain elections) vote of the qualified voters. The legal debt limit of the District available to the District at the next available election date in 2017 is $19,022,680. The current outstanding indebtedness of the District (including the Bonds) is $7,425,000, which leaves a legal debt margin of $11,597,680. The next election at which the District could present a bond authorization question to its voters will be in February of 2017.

Other Obligations

On February 18, 2014, the District entered into a capital lease to purchase four vehicles with a total purchase price of $87,380 and an interest rate of 5.45%, consisting of five annual payments of principal and interest in the amount of $17,476, beginning February 18, 2014. The principal balance remaining at September 1, 2016, is $32,288.

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

FINANCIAL INFORMATION CONCERNING THE DISTRICT

Accounting, Budgeting and Auditing Procedures

The District currently produces financial statements that are in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America as applied to government units. The accounts of the District are organized on the basis of funds and account groups, each of which is considered a separate accounting entity. The operations of each fund are accounted for with a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenues and expenditures or expenses as appropriate.

An annual budget is prepared under the direction of the Fire Chief and submitted to the Board of Directors for consideration prior to the fiscal year commencing on January 1. The operating budget includes proposed expenditures and revenue sources. Public hearings are conducted to obtain taxpayer comments. The budget is legally enacted through the adoption of a resolution.

The financial records of the District are audited annually by a firm of independent certified public accountants in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. The annual audit for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015 was performed by Dickey & Humbard, LLC, Certified Public Accountants, Harrisonville, Missouri. A copy of the annual audit for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015 is included in this Official Statement at ***Appendix B***. A summary of significant accounting policies of the District is contained in the Notes accompanying the financial statements.

Sources of Revenue

The District finances its general operations through the following taxes and other miscellaneous sources as indicated below for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015, the last fiscal year for which audited financial statements are available:

Source	Amount	Percent
Property Taxes	$4,066,943	63.5%
Sales Tax	1,381,977	21.6
Charges for Services	864,148	13.5
Inspection Fees	23,142	0.4
Interest Income	15,171	0.2
Miscellaneous	49,896	0.8
	$6,401,277	100.0%

Pursuant to authorization granted by Missouri statutes, the voters of the District approved a ½% sales tax at an election in April of 2004. In connection with the authorization and collection of the sales tax, Missouri law requires that the total property tax levy of the District be reduced by 50% of the sales tax revenues collected in the previous fiscal year.

Pension and Employee Retirement Plan

The District participates in the Missouri Local Government Employees' Retirement System (**"LAGERS"**), an agent multiple-employer public employee retirement system that acts as a common investment and administrative agent for local government entities in Missouri. LAGERS was created and is governed by state statute, and is a defined-benefit pension plan that provides retirement, disability and death benefits. The plan is qualified under Section 401(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and is tax-exempt. LAGERS is governed by a seven-member Board of Trustees consisting of three trustees elected by participating employees, three trustees elected by participating employers and one trustee appointed by the Missouri Governor.

LAGERS issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. The LAGERS Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015 (the **"2015 LAGERS CAFR"**) is available at http://www.molagers.org/financial.html. The link to the 2015 LAGERS CAFR is provided for general background information only, and the information in the 2015 LAGERS CAFR is not incorporated by reference into this Official Statement. The 2015 LAGERS CAFR provides detailed information about LAGERS, including its financial position, investment policy and performance information, actuarial information and assumptions affecting plan design and policies, and certain statistical information about the plan.

All full-time general employees of the District are eligible to participate in LAGERS. As permitted by LAGERS, the District has elected the non-contributory plan, meaning its participating employees do not contribute to the pension plan. The District is required by statute to contribute at an actuarially determined rate for its participating employees. For the December 31, 2015 fiscal year, the District contributed $524,645 to LAGERS on behalf of participating employees. The District's actuarially determined contribution rate for the period ended December 31, 2015 was 19.4% of covered payroll. In the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015, the District's contribution to LAGERS on behalf of its employees represented approximately 8.4% of the

District's total expenditures during the fiscal year. The District's actuarially determined contribution rate for the period ending December 31, 2016 is 18.4%.

The following provides a historical comparison of the District's actual contributions to LAGERS relative to the actuarially determined contributions for the last five fiscal years of the District:

Schedule of District Contributions

Year Ended December 31,	Actuarially Determined Contribution	Actual Employer Contributions	Contribution Excess/(Deficiency)
2015	$524,645	$524,645	$ -
2014	598,869	598,869	-
2013	600,597	600,597	-
2012	637,329	613,429	(23,900)
2011	636,225	585,857	(50,368)

Source: The District; LAGERS.

The District implemented GASB Statement No. 68, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions – An Amendment of GASB Statement No. 27*, as amended by GASB Statement No. 71, *An Amendment of GASB Statement No. 68*, beginning with its audited financial statements for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015. This Statement requires the District to record net pension liability and pension expense on its financial statements. The net pension liability is the difference between the District's total pension liability and the District's fiduciary net position under its plan. The pension expense recognized each fiscal year is equal to the change in the District's net pension liability from the beginning of the year to the end of the year, adjusted for deferred recognition of certain changes in the liability and investment experience.

As of June 30, 2015, the District had 89 participants (active members, retirees, beneficiaries and inactive, nonretired members) in LAGERS. The District has exclusive financial responsibility for the LAGERS liabilities relating to District employees. According to information provided by LAGERS, the District's recognized total pension expense as of June 30, 2015 was $(518,584) and the net pension liability (asset) attributable to the District's participation in LAGERS as of June 30, 2015 was as follows:

Net Pension Liability

Total Pension Liability	$12,756,811
Less: Plan Fiduciary Net Position	14,902,486
Net Pension Liability/(Asset)	$(2,145,675)

The District's net pension liability is based on a 7.25% discount rate, which is also the current assumed investment rate of return of LAGERS. LAGERS advised the District that its net pension liability using a 1% higher or lower discount rate at June 30, 2015 would be as follows:

Net Pension Liability/(Asset) Sensitivity

	1.0% Decrease (6.25%)	Current Discount Rate (7.25%)	1.0% Increase (8.25%)
District's Net Pension Liability/(Asset)	$(470)	$(2,145,675)	$(3,904,622)

For additional information regarding the District's participation in LAGERS, see Note 6: Pension Plan in the District's audited financial statements attached as ***Appendix B***, and for additional information regarding LAGERS, see the 2015 LAGERS CAFR.

Property Valuations

Assessment Procedure:

All taxable real and personal property within the District is assessed annually by the County Assessor. Missouri law requires that real property be assessed at the following percentages of true value:

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

A general reassessment of real property occurred statewide in 1985. In order to maintain equalized assessed valuations following this reassessment, the Missouri General Assembly adopted a maintenance law in 1986. Beginning January 1, 1987, and every odd-numbered year thereafter, each County Assessor must adjust the assessed valuation of all real property located within his or her county in accordance with a two-year assessment and equalization maintenance plan approved by the State Tax Commission.

The assessment ratio for personal property is generally 33-1/3% of true value. However, subclasses of tangible personal property are assessed at the following assessment percentages: grain and other agricultural crops in an unmanufactured condition, 1/2%; livestock, 12%; farm machinery, 12%; historic motor vehicles, 5%; and poultry, 12%.

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

Current Assessed Valuation:

The following table shows the total assessed valuation, by category, of all taxable tangible property situated in the District according to the 2016 assessment:

	Assessed Valuation	Assessment Rate	Estimated Actual Valuation
Real Estate:			
Residential	$281,900,995	19%	$1,483,689,447
Commercial	36,861,004	32	115,190,638
Agricultural	1,131,320	12	9,427,667
Sub-Total	319,893,319		1,608,307,752
Personal Property	60,560,283	33 1/3*	181,680,849
Total	$380,453,602		$1,789,988,601

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

History of Property Valuation:

The total assessed valuation of all taxable tangible property situated in the District, including state assessed railroad and utility property, according to the assessments of January 1 in each of the following years, has been as follows:

Year	**Assessed Valuation**	**Percent Change**
2016	$380,453,602	2. 6%
2015	370,952,930	3.0
2014	360,268,968	1.8
2013	353,957,880	0.6
2012	351,700,823	2.4

Property Tax Levies and Collections

Tax Collection Procedure:

Property taxes are levied and collected by Cass County. The District is required by law to prepare an annual budget, which includes an estimate of the amount of revenues to be received from all sources for the budget year, including an estimate of the amount of money required to be raised from property taxes and the tax levy rates required to produce such amounts. The budget must also include proposed expenditures and must state the amount required for the payment of interest, amortization and redemption charges on the District's debt for the ensuing budget year. Such estimates are based on the assessed valuation figures provided by the County Clerk. The District must fix its ad valorem property tax rates and certify them to the County Clerk not later than September first for entry in the tax books.

The County Clerk receives the county tax books from the County Assessor, which set forth the assessments of real and personal property. The County Clerk enters the tax rates certified to him by the local taxing bodies in the tax books and assesses such rates against all taxable property in the District as shown in such books. The County Clerk forwards the tax books by October 31 to the County Collector, who is charged with levying and collecting taxes as shown therein. The County Collector extends the taxes on the tax rolls and issues the tax statements in early December. Taxes are due by December 31 and become delinquent if not paid to the County Collector by that time. All tracts of land and District lots on which delinquent taxes are due are charged with a penalty of eighteen percent of each year's delinquency. All lands and lots on which taxes are delinquent and unpaid are subject to sale at public auction in August of each year.

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

Tax Rates

Debt Service Levy. The District's current debt service levy is $0.2236 per $100 of assessed valuation to pay debt service on its outstanding general obligation bonds. Once indebtedness has been approved by the constitutionally required percentage of the voters voting therefor and bonds are issued, the District is required under Article VI, Section 26(f) of the Missouri Constitution to levy an annual tax on all taxable tangible property therein sufficient to pay the interest and principal of the indebtedness as they fall due and to retire the same within 20 years from the date of issue. The Board of Directors may set the tax rate for debt service, without limitation as to rate or amount, at the level required to make such payments.

Operating Levy. The current operating levy of the District is $0.8600 per $100 of assessed valuation. The operating levy (consisting of all ad valorem taxes levied except the debt service levy) cannot exceed the "tax rate ceiling" for the current year without voter approval. The tax rate ceiling, determined annually, is the rate of levy which, when charged against the newly assessed valuation of the District for the current year, excluding new construction and improvements, will produce an amount of tax revenues equal to tax revenues for the previous year increased by 5% or the Consumer Price Index, whichever is lower. Without the required percentage of voter approval, the tax rate ceiling cannot at any time exceed the greater of the tax rate in effect in 1980 or the most recent voter-approved tax rate. The tax levy for debt service on the District's general obligation bonds is exempt from the calculations of and limitations upon the tax rate ceiling. The current tax rate ceiling for the District's operating levy is $1.0560 per $100 of assessed valuation and the current operating levy of the District is $0.8600 per $100 of assessed valuation. See "FINANCIAL INFORMATION CONCERNING THE DISTRICT - Sources of Revenue" above for a discussion of the requirement that the District reduce its property tax levy by 50% of the sales tax revenues collected from its ½% sales tax.

In 2008, through the enactment of Senate Bill 711 ("SB 711"), the Missouri General Assembly approved further limitations on the amount of property taxes that can be imposed by a local governmental unit. Prior to the enactment of SB 711, a Hancock rollback would not necessarily result in a reduction of a political subdivision's actual operating tax levy if its current tax levy was less than its current tax levy ceiling, due to the political subdivision's voluntary rollback from the maximum authorized tax levy. Under SB 711, in reassessment years (odd-numbered years), the Hancock rollback is applied to a political subdivision's actual operating tax levy, regardless of whether that levy is at the political subdivision's tax levy ceiling. This further reduction is sometimes referred to as an "SB 711 rollback." In non-reassessment years (even-numbered years), the operating levy may be increased to the political subdivision's tax levy ceiling (as adjusted by the Hancock rollback), only after a public hearing and adoption of a resolution or policy statement justifying the action.

The following table shows the District's tax levies (per $100 of assessed valuation) for the current year and for each of the last five years:

Year	General Fund	Ambulance Service	Debt Service	Commu-nications	Total
2016	$0.4608	$0.3609	$0.2236	$0.0383	$1.0836
2015	0.4636	0.3632	0.2236	0.0386	1.0890
2014	0.4876	0.3820	0.1788	0.0406	1.0890
2013	0.4895	0.3834	0.1788	0.0408	1.0925
2012	0.4815	0.3771	0.1788	0.0401	1.0775
2011	0.4808	0.3766	0.1788	0.0401	1.0763

Tax Collection Record

The following table sets forth tax collection information for the District for the last five fiscal years.

Year Ended December 31	Total Levy	Taxes Levied	Current and Delinquent Taxes Collected	
			Amount	%
2015	$1.0890	$4,039,677	$4,066,943	101.0%
2014	1.0890	3,913,708	3,954,440	101.0
2013	1.0925	3,871,960	3,893,799	100.6
2012	1.0775	3,789,576	3,850,030	101.6
2011	1.0763	3,696,512	3,733,178	100.1

Source: The District.
Note: Sustained collections at or above 100% of amounts levied are attributed by the Cass County Collector to diligent collections of delinquent taxes and corresponding penalties, in addition to amounts attributable to late reporting of personal property ownership that results in tax revenues with respect to property not considered in the assessment.

Sales Tax Collections

The following table sets forth the last five fiscal years of sales tax collections of the District.

Year	Sales Tax
2015	$1,381,977
2014	1,360,889
2013	1,052,070
2012	989,638
2011	987,043

Source: The District.

Note: The District is required to reduce its property tax levy by 50% of the sales tax revenues collected from its ½% sales tax in the previous fiscal year. See **"FINANCIAL INFORMATION CONCERNING THE DISTRICT – Sources of Revenue"** herein.

Major Property Taxpayers

The following table sets forth the ten largest real property taxpayers in the District based upon the 2015 assessed valuation.

	Firm	Local Assessed Valuation	% of Total Local Assessed Valuation
1.	Sam's Real Estate	$3,987,470	1.08%
2.	Wal-Mart	3,101,470	0.84
3.	Launch Raymore, LLC (Manor Homes Apts.)	2,991,270	0.81
4.	Lowe's Home Centers, Inc.	2,354,020	0.64
5.	Raymore Group, LLC (Raymore Mkt. Ctr.)	2,221,390	0.60
6.	Foxwood Springs	1,302,790	0.35
7.	Laclede Gas Company	1,090,020	0.29
8.	Randy Spalding Excavating Inc.	936,670	0.25
9.	Kidwell, Jim Construction Corp	906,050	0.24
10.	Apple Bus Co.	850,220	0.23

Source: Cass County Assessor's Office.

APPENDIX B

ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT AND AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

SOUTH METROPOLITAN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED

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SOUTH METROPOLITAN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board of Directors
South Metropolitan Fire Protection District
Raymore, MO

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of South Metropolitan Fire Protection District (a Missouri Public Corporation) as of and for the year ended December 31, 2015, 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 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.

Opinion

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 South Metropolitan Fire Protection District as of December 31, 2015, and the respective changes in financial position, and the respective budgetary comparison for the General Fund, for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis on pages 4 through 7, Schedule of Changes in Net Pension Liability and Related Ratios on page 36, and Schedule of Contributions on page 37 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.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the general purpose financial statements taken as a whole. The Schedule of Insurance Coverages on page 38 and Schedule of Property Tax Levies on page 39 are presented for the purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements of the South Metropolitan Fire Protection District.

Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The 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 information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

Dickey & Humbard, LLC

DICKEY& HUMBARD, LLC
Certified Public Accountants

Harrisonville, MO
June 16, 2016

South Metropolitan Fire Protection District

Management's Discussion and Analysis

Overview of the Financial Statements

This annual report consists of three parts - Management's Discussion and Analysis, the basic financial statements and supplementary information. The basic financial statements include two kinds of statements that present different views of South Metropolitan Fire Protection District. The first two statements are government-wide financial statements that provide both long-term and short-term information about the District's overall financial status. The remaining statements are fund financial statements that focus on individual parts of the District's government, reporting the District's operations in more detail than the government-wide statements.

Effective December 31, 2015, the District implemented the provisions of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement 68, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions*- which replaces the requirements of GASB Statements Nos. 27 and 50 as they related to pensions that are provided through pension plans administered by as trusts or equivalents arrangements that meet certain criteria.

Government-wide Statements

The government-wide statements report information about the District as a whole using accounting methods similar to those used by private-sector companies. The statement of net position includes all of the government's assets and liabilities. All of the current year's revenues and expenses are accounted for in the statement of activities regardless of when cash is received or paid.

The two government-wide statements report the District's net position and how it has changed. Net position, the difference between the District's assets and liabilities, are one way to measure the District's financial health or position.

The government-wide financial statements of the District consist of the following:

- Governmental activities -
  Fire Protection, Paramedical-Ambulatory Services and Fire Code Compliance.
  Property taxes and charges for services provide most of the funding.

Fund Financial Statements

The fund financial statements provide more detailed information about the District's funds. Funds are accounting devices that the District uses to keep track of specific sources of funding and spending for particular purposes. Some funds are required by State law and bond covenants.

The District has one type of fund:

- Governmental funds -
  The District's basic services are included in governmental funds, which focus on how cash and other financial assets can readily be converted to cash flow in and out, and the balances left at year end that are available for spending. The governmental fund statements provide a detailed short-term view that helps you determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance the District's operations.

Financial Overview

The District has a net position of $12.1 million. In a condensed format, the table below shows a comparison of the net position as of the current date to the prior year:

	Governmental Activities	
	2015	2014 (As Restated)
Current assets	$ 7,646,833	$ 7,673,527
Restricted assets	1,202,900	1,040,116
Net pension asset	2,145,675	1,404,503
Capital assets	5,379,657	5,205,060
Total Assets	16,375,065	15,323,206
Deferred Outflows	843,958	319,627
Current liabilities	175,301	197,240
Long-term liabilities	4,684,339	5,213,549
Total Liabilities	4,859,640	5,410,789
Deferred Inflows	241,584	-
Net position:		
Invested in capital assets - Net of related debt	854,815	172,818
Restricted	1,202,900	1,040,116
Unrestricted	10,060,084	9,019,110
Total Net Position	$ 12,117,799	$ 10,232,044

The net position increased by $1,885,755 or 18 percent.

The following table shows the changes in net position for 2015 and 2014:

	Governmental Activities	
	2015	2014 (As Restated)
Revenue		
Program revenue:		
Charges for services	$ 887,290	$ 782,903
General revenue:		
Sales tax	1,381,977	1,360,889
Property taxes	4,066,943	3,954,440
Interest on investments	15,171	14,751
Other	80,898	34,732
Total Revenue	6,432,279	6,147,715
Program Expenses:		
General government	4,546,524	3,768,581
Total Program Expenses	4,546,524	3,768,581
Change in Net Position	1,885,755	2,379,134
Net Position, Beginning of year	10,232,044	7,852,910
Net Position, End of year	$ 12,117,799	$ 10,232,044

Governmental Activities

Revenues from governmental activities totaled approximately $5.4 million in 2015. A total of approximately $4.1 million was in the form of property tax collections that reflects no change in the total tax levy rate, and an increase of $11,567,447 in taxable value or 3.2 percent. Charges for services generated $887,290.

During 2014, the District entered into a lease purchase agreement for four vehicles, purchased an ambulance, office and fire and rescue equipment, and made concrete repairs at the various stations.

During September 2011, the Board passed a resolution to crossover refund the portion of the outstanding Series 2004 Bonds which mature in the years 2014 through 2024 in the principal amount of $5,700,000. During 2013, the crossover refunding was completed.

For more information on long-term debt, related crossover refunding and capital asset activity, please refer to Notes 3 and 5 on pages 24 through 28.

Financial Analysis of District Funds and Budgets

The General Fund ended 2015 with an unassigned fund balance of $7,358,513 (compared to $7,393,197 in 2014). Several factors affected operating results. Revenue was under budget by $3,383. Expenses were over budget by $4,639.

The General Fund budget is amended throughout the year as deemed necessary. This is primarily done to prevent over expenditures.

Contact Us

This report is intended to aid our residents and other interested parties in understanding the District's financial condition. Should you have further questions, please contact Mary Lacy, District Business Manager, at 611 W. Foxwood Drive, Raymore, MO 64083 or call (816) 331-3008.

SOUTH METROPOLITAN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

DECEMBER 31, 2015

ASSETS:	
Cash and Investments (Note 2)	$ 5,114,244
Receivables (Note 1)	2,413,070
Inventory (Note 1)	2,400
Prepaid Insurance	117,119
Restricted Assets (Notes 1 and 2)	1,202,900
Net Pension Asset	2,145,675
Capital Assets (Note 3)	
Land	231,790
Other Assets, Net of Accumulated Depreciation of $5,538,641	5,147,867
Total Assets	16,375,065
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES:	
Deferred Pension Charges	843,958
LIABILITIES:	
Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities	132,651
Accrued Interest Payable	42,650
Noncurrent Liabilities (Note 5)	
Premium on Bonds Sold	202,147
Due within One Year	524,904
Due in more than One Year	3,957,288
Total Liabilities	4,859,640
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES:	
Deferred Pension Credits	241,584
Invested in Capital Assets, Net of Related Debt	854,815
Restricted for Debt Service	1,202,900
Unrestricted	10,060,084
Total Net Position	$ 12,117,799

See Accompanying Notes and Auditors' Opinion.

SOUTH METROPOLITAN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

Function/Programs	Expenses	Charges for Services	Total
Governmental Activities:			
Public Safety	$ 3,911,173	$ 887,290	$ (3,023,883)
Interest on Long-Term Debt	108,330	-	(108,330)
Depreciation	527,021	-	(527,021)
Total Governmental Activities	$ 4,546,524	$ 887,290	(3,659,234)
		General Revenues:	
		Sales Taxes	1,381,977
		Property Taxes	4,066,943
		Interest on Investments	15,171
		Other	80,898
		Total General Revenues	5,544,989
		Changes in Net Position	1,885,755
		Net Position, Beginning of Year As Restated	10,232,044
		Net Position, End of Year	$ 12,117,799

See Accompanying Notes and Auditors' Opinion.

SOUTH METROPOLITAN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

BALANCE SHEETS

GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

DECEMBER 31, 2015

	GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS		
	General	Debt Service	Total
ASSETS:			
Cash and Investments	$ 5,114,244	$ 613,453	$ 5,727,697
Property Tax Receivable	2,281,328	589,447	2,870,775
Sales Tax Receivable	111,998	-	111,998
Ambulance Fees Receivable	19,744	-	19,744
Inventories	2,400	-	2,400
Prepaid Insurance	117,119	-	117,119
TOTAL ASSETS	$ 7,646,833	$ 1,202,900	$ 8,849,733
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES:			
LIABILITIES:			
Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities	$ 132,651	$ -	$ 132,651
Total Liabilities	132,651	-	132,651
FUND BALANCES:			
Nonspendable	119,519	-	119,519
Restricted	-	1,202,900	1,202,900
Committed	36,150	-	36,150
Unassigned	7,358,513	-	7,358,513
Total Fund Balances	7,514,182	1,202,900	8,717,082
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	$ 7,646,833	$ 1,202,900	$ 8,849,733

See Accompanying Notes and Auditors' Opinion.

SOUTH METROPOLITAN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
RECONCILIATION OF FUND BALANCES TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

Total Fund Balances for Governmental Funds	$ 8,717,082
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:	
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources, and are not reported in the funds	5,379,657
Net Pension Assets	2,989,633
In the statement of activities, interest is accrued on outstanding long-term debt, whereas in the governmental funds interest is not reported until due	(42,650)
Net Pension Liabilities	(241,584)
Premium received on long-term debt is amortized over the life of the debt in the statement of activities, whereas it is recorded as a financial resource for the year in which it is received in the governmental funds	(202,147)
Long-term liabilities not due and payable in the current period are not reported in the funds	(4,482,192)
Net Position of Governmental Activities	$ 12,117,799

See Accompanying Notes and Auditors' Opinion.

SOUTH METROPOLITAN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES

AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES

GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

	GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS		
	General	Debt Service	Total
REVENUES:			
Property Taxes	$ 3,281,099	$ 785,844	$ 4,066,943
Sales Tax	1,381,977	-	1,381,977
Charges for Services	864,148	-	864,148
Inspection Fees	23,142	-	23,142
Interest Income	14,900	271	15,171
Miscellaneous	49,896	-	49,896
Total Revenues	5,615,162	786,115	6,401,277
EXPENDITURES:			
Current	4,918,567	481	4,919,048
Capital Outlay	704,617	-	704,617
Debt Service:			
Principal	-	490,000	490,000
Interest Expense	-	132,850	132,850
Total Expenditures	5,623,184	623,331	6,246,515
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	(8,022)	162,784	154,762
FUND BALANCES, BEGINNING OF YEAR	7,522,204	1,040,116	8,562,320
FUND BALANCES, END OF YEAR	$ 7,514,182	$ 1,202,900	$ 8,717,082

See Accompanying Notes and Auditors' Opinion.

SOUTH METROPOLITAN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES

BUDGET AND ACTUAL

GENERAL FUND

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
REVENUES	$ 5,618,545	$ 5,615,162	$ (3,383)
EXPENDITURES			
Current:			
Human Resources	4,230,500	4,115,891	114,609
Facility Operations	149,645	96,516	53,129
Fleet Operations	356,090	143,884	212,206
Communications	208,070	180,989	27,081
Insurance	62,000	60,116	1,884
EMS Operations and Training	71,325	68,289	3,036
Administrative Operations	92,500	99,761	(7,261)
Board Expenses	17,120	23,082	(5,962)
Fire and Rescue Operations	64,595	29,460	35,135
Professional Services	10,120	7,643	2,477
Fire Loss Management	8,200	4,362	3,838
Training and Education	53,000	54,651	(1,651)
Community Service and Public Relations	7,000	5,855	1,145
Pilots/EATS Capture	95,000	-	95,000
Encumbered Funds	193,380	28,068	165,312
Capital Outlay	-	704,617	(704,617)
Total Expenditures	5,618,545	5,623,184	(4,639)
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	$ -	$ (8,022)	$ (8,022)

See Accompanying Notes and Auditors' Opinion.

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The South Metropolitan Fire Protection District (District) provides fire protection and paramedical-ambulatory services to its residents without direct charge. The District bills third parties, insurance and Medicare, for resident ambulance use. Fees are charged for non-resident ambulance use. As an autonomous governmental entity its operations are principally funded by annual levies of ad valorem taxes. The District is governed by an elective board of five commissioners.

The accounting policies of the District have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applied to government units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The more significant of the government's accounting policies are described below:

A. Reporting Entity

The financial statements include all of the funds of the District, which has no oversight responsibility for any other governmental entity. Control is determined on the basis of budget adoption, taxing authority, funding, and election of the Board of Commissioners.

B. Government-wide and Fund Financial Statements

Financial information of the District is presented as follows:

- Management's Discussion and Analysis introduces the basic financial statements and provides an analytical overview of the District's financial activities.

- Basic Financial Statements: Government-wide statements consist of a statement of net position and a statement of activities.

- Fund financial statements consist of a series of statements focusing on information about the District's governmental funds.

C. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Basis of Presentation

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

Governmental funds financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the District considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Expenditures generally are recognized when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures are reported only when payment is due. General capital asset acquisitions are reported as expenditures in governmental funds. Proceeds of general long-term debt are reported as other financing sources.

The District reports the following fund types:

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.

Debt Service Fund - The Debt Service Fund is used to account for the accumulation of resources for, and the payment of, general obligation bond principal, interest and related costs.

D. Revenue Recognition - Property Taxes and Sales Tax

Property taxes for the current year are levied on November 1 and are due and payable at that time. They become delinquent on January 1 of the following year at which time they attach as an enforceable lien on property. These taxes are billed and collected by the Cass County Collector.

Sales tax is collected by the State for the District and remitted to the District on a monthly basis.

Property and sales tax revenues are recognized when they become available. Available includes those tax receivables expected to be collected within sixty days after year end. Delinquent taxes are considered fully collectible and therefore no allowance for uncollectible taxes is provided.

Total receivables at December 31, 2015, were $3,002,517 of which $589,447 was related to debt service and included in restricted assets in the statement of net position.

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

E. Inventories

Inventories consist of ambulance and pharmacy supplies. They represent established minimum levels of usage on the base stock method, valued on an average cost basis. Subsequent acquisition of supplies are recorded as expenditures when purchased.

F. Restricted Assets

Unspent bond proceeds, as well as resources set aside for repayment of long-term debt, are classified as restricted assets because their use is limited by applicable covenants.

G. Capital Assets

Capital assets include property and equipment, and are recorded at cost for assets purchased or fair market value for contributed assets. These costs are reported in the statement of net position.

Repairs and maintenance are recorded as expenses while renewals and betterments are capitalized. The sale or disposal of fixed assets is recorded by removing the cost and accumulated depreciation from the accounts and charging the resulting gain or loss to income. Interest expense in the amount of $197,152, net of interest income of $18,139 from tax-exempt financing, was capitalized in 2007 as a component of the building construction/remodel cost related to the ongoing improvements to the District.

Depreciation is provided using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives as follows:

Land Improvements	15 Years
Firehouse	40 Years
Building Improvements	40 Years
Vehicles	5 - 10 Years
Fire and Rescue Equipment	5 Years
Office Equipment	5 Years

During 2015, depreciation expense was $527,021.

H. Long-Term Obligations

In the government-wide financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the statement of net position. Debt premiums and discounts are deferred and amortized over the life of the bonds using the straight-line method. Bond liabilities are reported net of applicable premium or discount.

In the fund financial statements, governmental fund types recognize debt premiums and discounts, as well as issuance costs, during the current period. The face amount of debt issued is reported as other financing sources. Premiums received on debt issuances are reported as other financing sources while discounts on debt issuances are reported as other financing uses. Issuance costs, even if withheld from the actual net proceeds received, are reported as expenditures.

I. Fund Balances

The District has adopted GASB Statement No. 54, *Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions*. This Statement establishes criteria for classifying governmental fund balances into specifically defined classifications. Classifications are hierarchical and are based primarily on the extent to which the District is bound to honor constraints on the specific purposes for which amounts in the funds may be spent. Application of the Statement requires the District to classify and report amounts in the appropriate fund balance classifications. The District's accounting and finance policies are used to interpret the nature and/or requirements of the funds and their corresponding assignment of nonspendable, restricted, committed, assigned, or unassigned.

The District reports the following classifications:

Nonspendable Fund Balance - Nonspendable fund balances are amounts that cannot be spent because they are either (a) not in spendable form-such as inventory or prepaid insurance or (b) legally or contractually required to be maintained intact-such as a trust that must be retained in perpetuity.

Restricted Fund Balance - Restricted fund balances when constraints placed on the use of resources are either (a) externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments or (b) imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Restrictions are placed on fund balances when legally enforceable legislation establishes the District's right to assess, levy, or charge fees to be used for a specific purpose-such as the District's gas sales tax revenue, which must be used to repair and construct roads. Legal enforceability means that the District can be compelled by an external party (e.g., citizens, public interest groups, the judiciary) to use resources created by enabling legislation only for the purposes specified by the legislation.

Committed Fund Balance - Committed fund balances are amounts that can only be used for specific purposes as a result of constraints imposed by the Board of Commissioners. Committed amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the Board of Commissioners removes those constraints by taking the same type of action (e.g., legislation, resolution, and ordinance). Committed fund balances include non-liquidated encumbrances at year end that are carried forward to the next fiscal year. Amounts in the committed fund balance classification may be used for other purposes with appropriate due process by the Board of Commissioners. Committed fund balances differ from restricted balances because the constraints on their use do not come from outside parties, constitutional provisions, or enabling legislation.

Assigned Fund Balance - Assigned fund balances are amounts that are constrained by the District's intent to be used for specific purposes, but are neither restricted nor committed. Intent is expressed by an official to which the Board of Commissioners has delegated the authority to assign, modify, or rescind amounts to be used for specific purposes.

Assigned fund balance includes (a) all remaining amounts that are reported in governmental funds (other than the General Fund) that are not classified as nonspendable, restricted, or committed, and (b) amounts in the General Fund that are intended to be used for a specific purpose. Specific amounts that are not restricted or committed in a special revenue, capital projects, debt service, or permanent fund, are assigned for purposes in accordance with the nature of their fund type. Assignment within the General Fund conveys that the intended use of those amounts is for a specific purpose that is narrower than the general purposes of the District itself.

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

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the District's policy to use restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources (committed, assigned, and unassigned) as they are needed. When unrestricted resources (committed, assigned, and unassigned) are available for use in the General Fund, it is the District's policy to use committed resources first, then assigned, and then unassigned as needed. When unrestricted resources (committed, assigned, and unassigned) are available for use in any other governmental fund, it is the District's policy to use committed resources first, then assigned, and then unassigned as needed.

J. Budget and Budgetary Accounting

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

1. Final tax valuations are received from the Cass County Assessor in July or August.

2. A preliminary detail-operating budget is presented by the Fire Chief to the Board of Commissioners in the October or November meeting.

3. District residents are given the opportunity to make comments and suggestions.

4. The budget is legally enacted through passage of an ordinance at the December meeting.

5. Formal budgetary integration is employed as a management control device during the year for the General Fund. Monthly reports are presented to the Commissioners setting forth any variance from the approved budget.

6. Budgets are prepared and lapse on an annual basis.

7. The Commissioners may authorize budget revisions during the year through enactment of new ordinances.

8. Budgetary control for the Debt Service Fund consists of setting the property tax levy sufficient to pay the succeeding year's principal, interest and related costs of the general obligation bonded debt.

K. Pensions

For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the Missouri Local Government Employees (LAGERS) and additions to/deductions from LAGERS fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by LAGERS. 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.

NEW GASB STANDARD

The District has applied the provisions of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement 68, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions*-an amendment of GASB 27, effective for periods beginning after June 15, 2014, which replaces the requirements of GASB Statements Nos. 27 and 50 as they related to pensions that are provided through pension plans administered by as trusts or equivalents arrangements that meet certain criteria. The standard requires government employers to recognize as a liability, for the first time, their long-term obligation for pension benefits. The employer liability is to be measured as the difference between the present value of projected benefit payments to be provided through the pension plan for past periods of service less the amount of the pension plan's fiduciary net position. Obligations for employers with cost sharing plans will be based on their proportionate share of contributions to the pension plan. The standard also requires more immediate recognition of annual service cost, interest and changes in benefits for pension expense; specifies requirements for discount rates, attribution methods; and changes disclosure requirements.

GASB STANDARD

The District has applied the provisions of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement 65, *Items Previously Reported as Assets and Liabilities*. This Statement establishes accounting and financial reporting standards that reclassify as deferred outflows of resources or deferred inflows of resources, certain items that were previously reported as assets and liabilities.

NOTE 2: CASH AND INVESTMENTS

The District complies with various restrictions on deposits and investments that are imposed by state statutes as follows:

Deposits
All deposits with financial institutions must be collateralized in an amount at least equal to uninsured deposits.

Investments
The District may invest in bonds of the State of Missouri or any wholly owned corporation of the United States; or in other short-term obligations of the United States.

Investments made by the District are summarized below. The investments that are represented by specified securities are classified as to credit risk by the three categories described below:

Category 1
Insured or registered, or securities held by the District or its agent in the District's name.

Category 2
Uninsured and unregistered, with securities held by the counterparty's trust department or agent in the District's name.

Category 3
Uninsured and unregistered, with securities held by the counterparty, or by its trust department or agent but not in the District's name.

Balances at December 31, 2015, consisted of:

	Credit Risk Category 1	Carrying Value	Market Value
Cash & Investments	$ 5,114,244	$ 5,114,244	$ 5,114,244
Cash & Investments - Restricted:			
Debt Service Account	613,453	613,453	613,453
Total Cash and Investments	$ 5,727,697	$ 5,727,697	$ 5,727,697

As required by law, in addition to Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) insurance, the depository banks are to pledge securities to the District at least equal to the amount on deposit at all times. At December 31, 2015, the District was collateralized, as follows:

	Community Bank	UMB Bank
Cash and Investments on Deposit	$ 5,354,180	$ 613,453
FDIC	250,000	250,000
Federal Instruments	6,903,028	769,994
Total Collateral	$ 7,153,028	$ 1,019,994
Over Insured	$ 1,798,848	$ 406,541

NOTE 3: CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital assets are recorded as capitalized costs in the Statement of Net Position at the time of purchase. Expenditures for purchases of capital assets are recorded in the General Fund when paid.

The main operating facility located in Raymore, Missouri, known as Firehouse No. 1, is owned by the District. This building was completed and occupied in March 1991. The District also maintains a second firehouse located within the city limits of Lake Winnebago and completed the construction on a third firehouse in 2007 located near the intersection of School Road and 195th Street. The land for Firehouse No. 3 (School Road and 195th St) was donated to the District by a member of the community. The transfer was finalized in 2006.

The following is a summary of changes in capital assets during the year ended December 31, 2015:

	01-01-15	Additions	Retirements	12-31-15
Nondepreciable:				
Land	$ 231,790	$ -	$ -	$ 231,790
Depreciable:				
Land Improvements	326,352	53,342	22,033	357,661
Firehouse	4,455,562	-	-	4,455,562
Building Improvements	1,103,458	31,819	-	1,135,277
Vehicles	3,006,436	362,733	332,849	3,036,320
Fire and Rescue Equipment	1,275,788	244,668	88,914	1,431,542
Office Equipment	258,091	12,055	-	270,146
	10,425,687	704,617	443,796	10,686,508
Totals	$10,657,477	$ 704,617	$ 443,796	$10,918,298

NOTE 4: COMPENSATED ABSENCES

Compensated absences for sick pay and personal time have not been accrued since they cannot be reasonable estimated. The District's policy is to recognize these costs when actually paid.

NOTE 5: CHANGES IN LONG-TERM DEBT

General Obligation Refunding Bonds Series 2011
(Crossover Refunding Series 2004)

The South Metropolitan Fire Protection District of Cass County, Missouri General Obligation Refunding Bonds Series 2011, in the amount of $5,690,000, were sold on October 11, 2011. Bond issuance costs were $91,126, and the Bonds were sold at a premium of $300,918. The premium is being amortized using the straight line method, which approximates the effective interest rate method, over the life of the bonds, and is included as a component of interest expense. The Bonds mature March 1, 2023, and bear interest varying from 2% to 3% payable semiannually on March 1 and

September 1. Principal and interest are payable from property taxes levied upon all taxable tangible property located in the District. Net proceeds from the Bonds were $5,990,918.

Per an Escrow Trust Agreement dated October 11, 2011, the District deposited the funds with an Escrow Agent. On March 1, 2013, the Crossover date for the refunded bonds, the escrowed funds shall be used to pay in full the principal balance on March 1, 2013, of the refunded bonds, and interest on the refunding bonds through March 1, 2013. Any remaining funds will be transferred to the District for deposit into the Debt Service Fund.

At December 31, 2015, the Long-Term Debt - General Obligation Bonds consisted of the following:

Series 2011	
Beginning Balance, 1/1/2015	$ 4,925,000
Reductions	(490,000)
Ending Balance, 12/31/2015	$ 4,435,000

The annual requirement to retire the General Obligation Bonds as of December 31, 2015, is as follows:

Ending December 31	Principal	Interest	Total
2016	$ 510,000	$ 122,850	$ 632,850
2017	540,000	109,650	649,650
2018	565,000	93,075	658,075
2019	600,000	75,600	675,600
2020	630,000	57,150	687,150
2021-2023	1,590,000	58,350	1,648,350
Totals	$ 4,435,000	$ 516,675	$ 4,951,675

A. Capitalized Lease Obligations

Capitalized Lease Obligations represent the unpaid principal balance due under long-term lease purchase contracts. Equipment acquired under these contracts is capitalized at cost in the statement of net position at the time of purchase. A like amount, less any down payment, representing the original debt, is recorded as a capital lease obligation. Periodic lease payments, including interest, are recorded as expenditures in the General Fund. Prepayments or down payments, required at inception of most lease contracts, are also recorded as expenditures.

On February 18, 2014, the District entered into a capital lease agreement for four vehicles. The cost, including values of vehicles traded in, was $87,380.

The District is to make five annual installments, beginning February 18, 2014. The payments will be $17,476 which includes principal and interest, with interest at 5.45% per annum.

At December 31, 2015, the cost and accumulated depreciation on capital leases were $78,801 and $28,894.

The Capitalized Lease Obligations outstanding at December 31, 2015, consist of the following:

	Principal Balance 1/1/2015	Additions	Reductions	Principal Balance 12/31/15
2014 Lease Purchase, maturing 02-18-2018	$ 61,325	$ -	$ 14,133	$ 47,192

The annual requirements to retire the capital lease obligation are as follows:

Fiscal Year Ending December 31	Principal	Interest	Total
2016	$ 14,904	$ 2,572	$ 17,476
2017	15,716	1,760	17,476
2018	16,572	904	17,476
Totals	$ 47,192	$ 5,236	$ 52,428

NOTE 6: PENSION PLAN

A. Plan Description

The District's defined benefit pension plan provides certain retirement, disability and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. The District participates in the Missouri Local Government Employees Retirement System (LAGERS). LAGERS is an agent multiple-employer, statewide public employee pension plan established in 1967 and administered in accordance with RSMo. 70.600-70.755. As such, it is LAGERS responsibility to administer the law in accordance with the expressed intent of the General Assembly. The plan is qualified under the Internal Revenue Code Section 401(a) and is tax exempt. The responsibility for the operations and administration of LAGERS is vested in the LAGERS Board of Trustees consisting of seven persons. LAGERS issues a publicly available financial report that includes the financial statements and supplementary information. This report may be obtained by accessing the LAGERS website at www.molagers.org.

B. Benefits Provided

LAGERS provides retirement, death and disability benefits. Benefit provisions are adopted by the governing body of the employer, within the options available in the state statutes governing LAGERS. All benefits vest after 5 years of credited service. Employees who retire on or after 55 with five or more years of service are entitled to an allowance for life based upon the benefit program information provided below. Employees may retire with an early retirement benefit with a minimum of 5 years of credited service and after attaining age 50 and received a reduced allowance.

	2015 Valuation
Benefit Multiplier:	2.5%
Final Average Salary:	3 years
Member Contributions:	0%

Benefit terms provide for annual post retirement adjustments to each member's retirement allowance subsequent to the member's retirement date. The annual adjustment is based on the increase in the Consumer Price Index and is limited to 4% per year.

At June 30, 2015, the measurement date, membership in LAGERS is comprised of the following:

Retirees and Beneficiaries	15
Inactive, non-retired members	27
Active employees	47
	89

C. Contributions

The employer is required to contribute amounts at least equal to the actuarially determined rate, as established by LAGERS. The actuarially determined rate is the estimated amount necessary to finance the cost of benefits earned by employees during the year, with an additional amount to finance an unfunded accrued liability. Full-time employees of the employer do not contribute to the pension plan. The employer rate was 19.4% of annual covered payroll.

D. Net Pension Liability

The employer's net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2015, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability determined by an actuarial valuation as of February 28, 2015.

E. Actuarial Assumptions

The total pension liability in the February 28, 2015, actuarial valuation was determined using the following assumptions applied to all periods included in the measurements:

Inflation	3.5% Wage Inflations; 3.0% Price Inflation
Salary Increase	3.5% to 8.6% including wage inflation
Investment Rate of Return	7.25%, net of investment and administrative expenses

Mortality rates were based on the 1994 Group Annuity Mortality Table set back 3 years for both males and females.

The actuarial assumptions used in the February 28, 2015, valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period March 1, 2005 through February 28, 2010.

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was used using a model method in which the best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. The target allocation and best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class are summarized in the following table:

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long-Term Expected Rate of Return
Equity	48.50%	5.50%
Fixed Income	25.00%	2.25%
Real Assets	20.00%	4.50%
Strategic Assets	6.50%	7.50%

F. Discount Rate

The Discount rate used to measure the total pension liability is 7.25%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumes that employer and employee contributions will be made at the rates agreed upon for employees and the actuarially determined rates for employers. Based on these assumptions, the pensions plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to pay all projected future benefit payments of current active and inactive employees. Therefore the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payment to determine the total pension liability.

Changes in the Net Pension Liability

	Increase (Decrease)		
	(a) Total Pension Liability	(b) Plan Fiduciary Net Position	(a) - (b) Net Pension Liability(Asset)
Balances at 12/13/14	$ 11,903,428	$ 13,307,931	$ (1,404,503)
Changes for the year:			
Service Cost	498,029	-	498,029
Interest	872,174	-	872,174
Difference between expected and actual experience	(276,416)	-	(276,416)
Contributions - Employer	-	563,614	(563,614)
Net investment income	-	283,265	(283,265)
Benefit payments including refunds	(240,404)	(240,404)	-
Administrative Expense	-	(7,084)	7,084
Other (Net Transfer)	-	995,164	(995,164)
Net changes	853,383	1,594,555	(741,172)
Balances at 12/31/15	$ 12,756,811	$ 14,902,486	$ (2,145,675)

Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	116.82 %
Covered-employee payroll	$ 2,654,521
Net pension liability as a percentage of covered employee payroll	(80.83)%

G. Sensitivity of the net pension liability to changes in the discount rate

The following presents the Net Pension Liability of the employer, calculated using the discount rate of:

	1% Decrease 6.25%	Current Single Discount Rate Assumption 7.25%	1% Increase 8.25%
Total Pension Liability	$ 14,902,016	$ 12,756,811	$ 10,997,864
Plan Fiduciary Net Position	14,902,486	14,902,486	14,902,486
Net Pension Liability (Asset)	$ (470)	$ (2,145,675)	$ (3,904,622)

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

For the year ended December 31, 2015, the employer recognized pension expense of $(518,584). The employer reported deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
LAGERS:		
Difference in experience	$ -	$ 241,584
Excess investment returns	582,610	-
Contributions subsequent to the measurement date	261,348	-
Total Collateral	$ 843,958	$ 241,584

The amount reported as deferred outflows of resources resulting from contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction in the Net Pension Liability for the year ending December 31, 2016.

Amounts reported as deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to the pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Ending December 31	Principal
2016	$ 110,821
2017	110,821
2018	110,821
2019	110,819
2020	(34,832)
Thereafter	(67,424)
Totals	$ 341,026

NOTE 7: DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN

The District offers employees an Internal Revenue Code Section 457 Deferred Compensation Plan. The Plan is available to all District employees and, there is no waiting period for an employee to participate in the plan. An employee may defer up to the Internal Revenue Service's allowable limits annually. Under the Plan, all compensation deferred, assets purchased and income derived are the property of the participant. Investments are managed by the Plan's trustee. Investment choices are made by participants.

NOTE 8: COMMITMENTS

The District is a party to various mutual aid agreements with neighboring cities and fire protection districts, whereby each party will provide assistance to the other parties in case of major fires, disasters and other incidents of need.

NOTE 9: LEASE PURCHASE AGREEMENTS

On February 18, 2014, the District entered into a capital lease agreement for four vehicles. The cost, including values of vehicles traded in, was $87,380. The District is to make five annual installments, beginning February 18, 2014. The payments will be $17,476, which includes principal and interest, with interest at 5.45% per annum.

NOTE 10: THIRD-PARTY BILLING

The District has a contract with Billing 911, formerly SkyMED Ambulance Billing, to perform billing and collections for ambulance services of the District. The District pays a flat rate of 10% on all monies collected bi-monthly by Billing 911. The District must give 180 days written notice to terminate the contract. Total fees paid to Billing 911 for the year ended December 31, 2015, were $73,016.

NOTE 11: SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Events that occur after the Statement of Net Position date but before the financial statements were available to be issued must be evaluated for recognition or disclosure. The effects of subsequent events that provide evidence about conditions that existed at the Statement of Net Position date are recognized in the accompanying financial statements. Subsequent events which provide evidence about conditions that existed after the Statement of Net Position date, require disclosure in the accompanying notes. Management evaluated the activity of the District through June 16, 2016, (the date the financial statements were available to be issued) and concluded that the following subsequent events have occurred that require recognition in the financial statements and/or disclosure in the notes to the financial statements.

In April 2016, the Board of Directors passed a resolution calling for an election regarding issuance of general obligation Bonds in the amount of $3,500,000 to acquire, improve and install vehicles and equipment to serve the District. The resolution also called for inclusion in the election a question regarding collection of sales tax on titling of certain purchases from a source other than a licensed Missouri dealer.

NOTE 12: PRIOR PERIOD ADJUSTMENT

Implementation of new accounting standard GASB Statement No. 68

Effective December 31, 2015, the District implemented the provisions of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement 68, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions*-an amendment of GASB 27, effective for periods beginning after June 15, 2014, which replaces the requirements of GASB Statements Nos. 27 and 50 as they related to pensions that are provided through pension plans administered by as trusts or equivalents arrangements that meet certain criteria. The standard requires government employers to recognize as a liability, for the first time, their long-term obligation for pension benefits. The employer liability is to be measured as the difference between the present value of projected benefit payments to be provided through the pension plan for past periods of service less the amount of the pension plan's fiduciary net position. Obligations for employers with cost sharing plans will be based on their proportionate share of contributions to the pension plan. The standard also requires more immediate recognition of annual service cost, interest and changes in benefits for pension expense; specifies requirements for discount rates, attribution methods; and changes disclosure requirements.

This resulted in a restatement of previously reported net position, as follows:

Net Position as of December 31, 2014

Previously Reported	Increase (Decrease)	Restated
$ 8,507,914	$ 1,724,130	$ 10,232,044

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

SOUTH METROPOLITAN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN NET PENSION LIABILITY AND RELATED RATIOS

DECEMBER 31, 2015

	2015
Total Pension Liability	
Service Cost	$ 498,029
Interest on Total Pension Liability	872,174
Changes of Benefit Terms	-
Difference between expected and actual experience	(276,416)
Changes of Assumptions	-
Benefit payments, including refunds	240,404
Net change in total pension liability	$ 853,383
Total pension liability - beginning	11,903,428
Total pension liability - ending (a)	$ 12,756,811
Plan fiduciary net position	
Contributions - employer	$ 563,614
Contributions - employee	-
Net investment income	283,265
Benefit payments, including refunds	240,404
Pension Plan Administrative Expense	7,084
Other (Net Transfer)	995,164
Net change in plan fiduciary net position	$ 1,594,555
Plan fiduciary net position - beginning	13,307,931
Plan fiduciary net position - ending (b)	$ 14,902,486
Net pension liability/(asset) - ending (a)-(b)	$ (2,145,675)
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	116.82%
Covered-employee payroll	$ 2,654,521
Net pension liability as a percentage of covered employee payroll	(80.83)%

SOUTH METROPOLITAN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

SCHEDULE OF CONTRIBUTIONS

DECEMBER 31, 2015

Fiscal Year	Actuarially Determined Contribution	Contribution In Relation	Contribution Deficiency	Covered Employee Payroll	Contribution As Percentage
2005	$ 236,896	$ 236,896	$ -	$ 1,548,338	15.30
2006	270,565	374,629	(104,064)	1,734,393	21.60
2007	431,772	431,772	-	2,027,099	21.30
2008	476,420	476,420	-	2,279,522	20.90
2009	514,156	514,156	-	2,557,991	20.10
2010	634,795	551,201	83,594	2,612,327	21.10
2011	636,225	585,857	50,368	2,650,936	22.10
2012	637,329	613,429	23,900	2,655,536	23.10
2013	600,597	600,597	-	2,599,988	23.10
2014	598,869	598,869	-	2,722,133	22.00
2015	524,645	524,645	-	2,704,354	19.40

SOUTH METROPOLITAN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

SCHEDULE OF INSURANCE COVERAGES

DECEMBER 31, 2015

COVERAGE	INSURER	POLICY NUMBER	EXPIRATION DATE
PROPERTY AND GENERAL LIABILITY:			
Terrorism Included			
Firehouses and Contents - Guaranteed Replacement Cost	Continental Western Ins. Co.	FDK2857956 - 26	02-01-16
Personal Property - $675,000			
General Liability - $10,000,000			
Personal/Advertising Injury - $5,000,000			
Flood Specialty Limit by Location - $650,000 - $1,000,000			
Employee Dishonesty Limit - $50,000			
Data Breach Coverage - $50,000			
VEHICLES:			
Liability - BI and PD - $5,000,000	Continental Western Ins. Co.	FDK2857956 - 26	02-01-16
Comprehensive - $1,000 Deductible			
Uninsured Motorist - $100,000			
Underinsured Motorist - $100,000			
WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION:			
Statutory - $1,000,000	Midwest Public Risk	7LIL2015	07-01-16

SOUTH METROPOLITAN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY TAX LEVIES
FOR THE YEARS ENDED
DECEMBER 31, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014 AND 2015

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Fire Protection	$ .4808	$ .4815	$ .4895	$ .4876	$ .4636
Ambulance Service	.3766	.3771	.3834	.3820	.3632
Retirement of G.O. Bonds	.1788	.1788	.1788	.1788	.2236
Communications	.0401	.0401	.0408	.0406	.0386
Total	$ 1.0763	$ 1.0775	$ 1.0925	$ 1.0890	$ 1.0890
Assessed Valuation	$ 343,446,236	$ 351,700,823	$ 354,412,847	$ 359,385,483	$ 370,952,930

APPENDIX C

PROPOSED FORM OF OPINION OF BOND COUNSEL

South Metropolitan Fire Protection District
of Cass County, Missouri
Raymore, Missouri

UMB Bank, N.A.
Kansas City, Missouri

Re: $3,500,000 South Metropolitan Fire Protection District of Cass County, Missouri, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2016

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have acted as bond counsel in connection with the issuance by the South Metropolitan Fire Protection District of Cass County, Missouri (the "District"), of the above-captioned bonds (the "Bonds").

We have examined the law and such certified proceedings and other documents as we deem necessary to render this opinion. As to questions of fact material to our opinion, we have relied upon the certified proceedings and other certifications of public officials furnished to us without undertaking to verify the same by independent investigation.

Based upon the foregoing, we are of the opinion, under existing law, as follows:

1. The Bonds are valid and legally binding general obligations of the District, payable as to both principal and interest from ad valorem taxes that may be levied without limitation as to rate or amount upon all the taxable tangible property, real and personal, within the territorial limits of the District.

2. The interest on the Bonds is excluded from gross income for federal and Missouri income tax purposes, is not an item of tax preference for purposes of the federal alternative minimum tax imposed on individuals and corporations and is not taken into account in determining adjusted current earnings for the purpose of computing the alternative minimum tax imposed on certain corporations. The opinions set forth in this paragraph are subject to the condition that the District comply with all requirements of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), that must be satisfied subsequent to the issuance of the Bonds in order that interest thereon be, or continue to be, excluded from gross income for federal and Missouri income tax purposes. The District has covenanted to comply with each such requirement. Failure to comply with certain of such requirements may cause the inclusion of interest on the Bonds in gross income for federal and Missouri income tax purposes retroactive to the date of issuance of the Bonds. The Bonds are "qualified tax-exempt obligations" within the meaning of Section 265(b) of the Code.

We express no opinion regarding the accuracy, completeness or sufficiency of the Official Statement or other offering material relating to the Bonds. Further, we express no opinion regarding tax consequences arising with respect to the Bonds other than as expressly set forth in this opinion.

The rights of the owners of the Bonds and the enforceability of the Bonds may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium and other similar laws affecting creditors' rights generally and by equitable principles, whether considered at law or in equity.

This opinion is given as of its date, and we assume no obligation to revise or supplement this opinion to reflect any facts or circumstances that may come to our attention or any changes in law that may occur after the date of this opinion.

Very truly yours,