

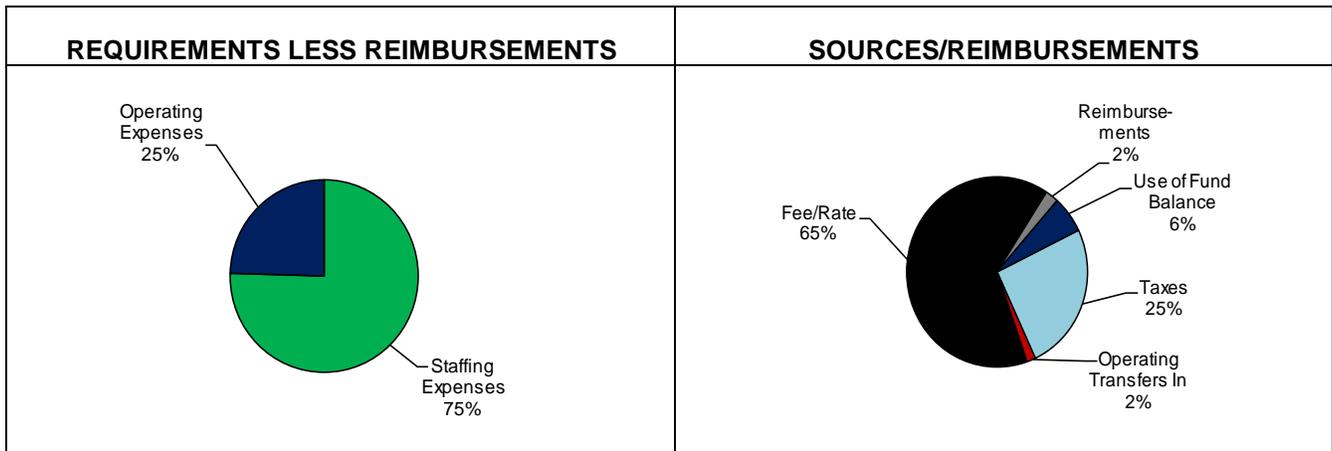
Valley Regional Service Zone

DESCRIPTION OF MAJOR SERVICES

The Valley Regional Service Zone was formed through a reorganization process effective July 1, 2008 per Local Agency Formation Commission Resolution 2997. This regional service zone provides fire protection and paramedic services to the unincorporated areas of Colton, Devore (Station #2), San Antonio Heights (Station #12), Lytle Creek (Station #20), Mt Baldy (Station #200), Muscoy (Station #75), Bloomington (Station #76), Grand Terrace (Station #23), Mentone (Station #9), Oak Glen (Station #555), Little Mountain and Highland. Fire protection services are also provided to the Fontana Fire Protection District (Stations #71, #72, #73, #74, #77, #78 and #79) through a service contract. Additionally, there are two voter approved special tax paramedic service zones within the Valley Regional Service Zone which provide services to the communities of Highland and Yucaipa.

| Budget at a Glance | |
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| Requirements Less Reimbursements | \$37,653,935 |
| Sources/Reimbursements | \$35,304,436 |
| Use of/ (Contribution to) Fund Balance | \$2,349,499 |
| Total Staff | 173 |

2015-16 RECOMMENDED BUDGET



ANALYSIS OF 2015-16 RECOMMENDED BUDGET

GROUP: County Fire
DEPARTMENT: San Bernardino County Fire Protection District
FUND: Valley Regional Service Zone

BUDGET UNIT: FVZ
FUNCTION: Public Protection
ACTIVITY: Fire Protection

| | 2011-12 Actual | 2012-13 Actual | 2013-14 Actual | 2014-15 Estimate | 2014-15 Modified Budget | 2015-16 Recommended Budget | Change From 2014-15 Modified Budget |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|
| Requirements | | | | | | | |
| Staffing Expenses | 21,472,165 | 22,589,491 | 24,634,852 | 28,517,194 | 28,994,597 | 28,341,960 | (652,637) |
| Operating Expenses | 7,482,404 | 7,312,274 | 7,265,015 | 7,083,237 | 7,823,812 | 9,226,098 | 1,402,286 |
| Capital Expenditures | 929,252 | 1,147,663 | 318,157 | 400,081 | 472,072 | 36,734 | (435,338) |
| Total Exp Authority | 29,883,821 | 31,049,428 | 32,218,024 | 36,000,512 | 37,290,481 | 37,604,792 | 314,311 |
| Reimbursements | 0 | (9,431) | (283,036) | (824,987) | (824,987) | (875,257) | (50,270) |
| Total Appropriation | 29,883,821 | 31,039,997 | 31,934,988 | 35,175,525 | 36,465,494 | 36,729,535 | 264,041 |
| Operating Transfers Out | 4,759 | 177,234 | 870,156 | 10,000 | 10,000 | 49,143 | 39,143 |
| Total Requirements | 29,888,580 | 31,217,231 | 32,805,144 | 35,185,525 | 36,475,494 | 36,778,678 | 303,184 |
| Sources | | | | | | | |
| Taxes | 7,436,135 | 8,529,642 | 9,270,346 | 8,859,770 | 8,381,807 | 9,495,332 | 1,113,525 |
| Realignment | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| State, Fed or Gov't Aid | 124,760 | 229,176 | 343,966 | 220,255 | 0 | 86,180 | 86,180 |
| Fee/Rate | 19,744,689 | 20,141,452 | 20,946,649 | 23,811,874 | 23,840,753 | 24,236,927 | 396,174 |
| Other Revenue | 290,510 | 1,359,695 | 932,062 | 23,988 | 0 | 18,226 | 18,226 |
| Total Revenue | 27,596,094 | 30,259,965 | 31,493,023 | 32,915,887 | 32,222,560 | 33,836,665 | 1,614,105 |
| Operating Transfers In | 2,432,740 | 2,540,731 | 3,348,452 | 3,729,942 | 4,016,659 | 592,514 | (3,424,145) |
| Total Financing Sources | 30,028,834 | 32,800,696 | 34,841,475 | 36,645,829 | 36,239,219 | 34,429,179 | (1,810,040) |
| Fund Balance | | | | | | | |
| Use of / (Contribution to) Fund Balance | (140,254) | (1,583,465) | (2,036,331) | (1,460,304) | 236,275 | 2,349,499 | 2,113,224 |
| Available Reserves | | | | | 3,727,082 | 3,074,162 | (652,920) |
| Total Fund Balance | | | | | 3,963,357 | 5,423,661 | 1,460,304 |
| Budgeted Staffing* | 200 | 210 | 177 | 191 | 191 | 173 | (18) |

*Data represents modified budgeted staffing

MAJOR EXPENDITURES AND REVENUE IN 2015-16 RECOMMENDED BUDGET

Requirements of \$36.8 million include staffing expenses of \$28.3 million to provide fire protection, paramedic, and administrative services to the regional service zone. Operating expenses of \$9.2 million support the operations of 16 fire stations including facility costs, equipment, vehicle services, and various other services/supplies. The most significant sources for this zone are property taxes of \$9.5 million, fee/rate revenue from contracts and special assessments of \$24.2 million, and operating transfers in of \$592,514 primarily from County Fire set-asides for capital improvement projects.

Within the Valley Regional Service Zone, there are two Paramedic Service Zones (Service Zones): PM-2 Highland and PM-3 Yucaipa that are funded by voter approved special taxes. The following is more detail of these service zones:

Service Zone PM-2 Highland special tax was originally authorized by the Board of Supervisors in July 1985 (originally under CSA 38 L Zone PM-2). Service Zone PM-2 provides paramedic services to the unincorporated area of Highland and the unincorporated area of San Bernardino, which is provided by the City of San Bernardino through a contract. These services are funded by a voter-approved special tax not to exceed \$19 per residential unit and \$38 per commercial unit with no annual inflationary increase. There are currently 5,360 residential dwelling units and 82 commercial units for which this special tax is applicable.

Service Zone PM-3 Yucaipa special tax was authorized by the Board of Supervisors in December 1986 (originally under CSA 38 M Zone PM-3), and the City of Yucaipa detached from this service zone in July 1999. Service Zone PM-3 provides paramedic services to the unincorporated area of Yucaipa through a contract with the City of Yucaipa. Services are funded by a voter-approved special tax not to exceed \$24 per residential unit and \$35 per commercial unit with no annual inflationary increase. There are currently 224 residential units and 78 commercial units for which this special tax is applicable.



Within the Valley Regional Service Zone, San Bernardino County Fire Protection provides contract fire suppression, emergency medical response, and emergency management services to the Fontana Fire Protection District.

| | 2015-16 | | | |
|------------------------|--------------|------------|--------------|----------|
| | Requirements | Sources | Fund Balance | Staffing |
| Contract Entity | | | | |
| City of Fontana | 23,644,267 | 23,644,267 | 0 | 102 |
| Total Contracts | 23,644,267 | 23,644,267 | 0 | 102 |

BUDGET CHANGES AND OPERATIONAL IMPACT

Significant changes in requirements include a \$1.4 million increase in operating expenses for the following transfers: \$929,918 for support of 7 Fire Prevention positions now moved to County Fire Administration and \$433,580 for two capital improvement projects at Station #9 in Mentone that will be managed by the County's Architecture and Engineering Department.

Major changes in sources consist of a \$3.4 million decrease in operating transfers in (primarily due to less County General Fund subsidy), \$1.1 million increase in taxes (which includes revenue resulting from dissolution of redevelopment agencies), and \$396,174 increase in fee/rate revenue primarily due to implementation of the First Responder fee.

ANALYSIS OF FUND BALANCE

The budgeted use of fund balance of \$2.3 million is needed to offset a one-time reduction in County General Fund subsidy for 2015-16 operations in order to establish General Fund reserves for the following two capital projects: County Fire consolidated headquarters and County Fire training center.

2015-16 POSITION SUMMARY*

| Division | 2014-15 | Adds | Deletes | Re-Orgs | 2015-16 | Limited | Regular |
|------------------------------|-------------------|------|---------|---------|-------------|---------|---------|
| | Modified Staffing | | | | Recommended | | |
| Valley Regional Service Zone | 184 | 3 | -14 | 0 | 173 | 12 | 161 |
| Office of the Fire Marshal | 7 | 0 | -7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 191 | 3 | -21 | 0 | 173 | 12 | 161 |

*Detailed classification listing available in Appendix D

STAFFING CHANGES AND OPERATIONAL IMPACT

Staffing expenses of \$28.3 million fund 173 budgeted positions of which 161 are regular positions and 12 are limited term positions.

Budgeted staffing for 2015-16 is decreased by a net 18 positions as follows:

- Deletion of 14 paid call and limited term firefighter positions. Since these positions have remained vacant, their deletions should have no impact on operations of this regional service zone.
- Transfer of 7 Fire Prevention positions to County Fire Administration to better account for the management of these positions.
- Addition of 3 new Firefighter positions to facilitate the department's conversion from limited term to regular positions.

