

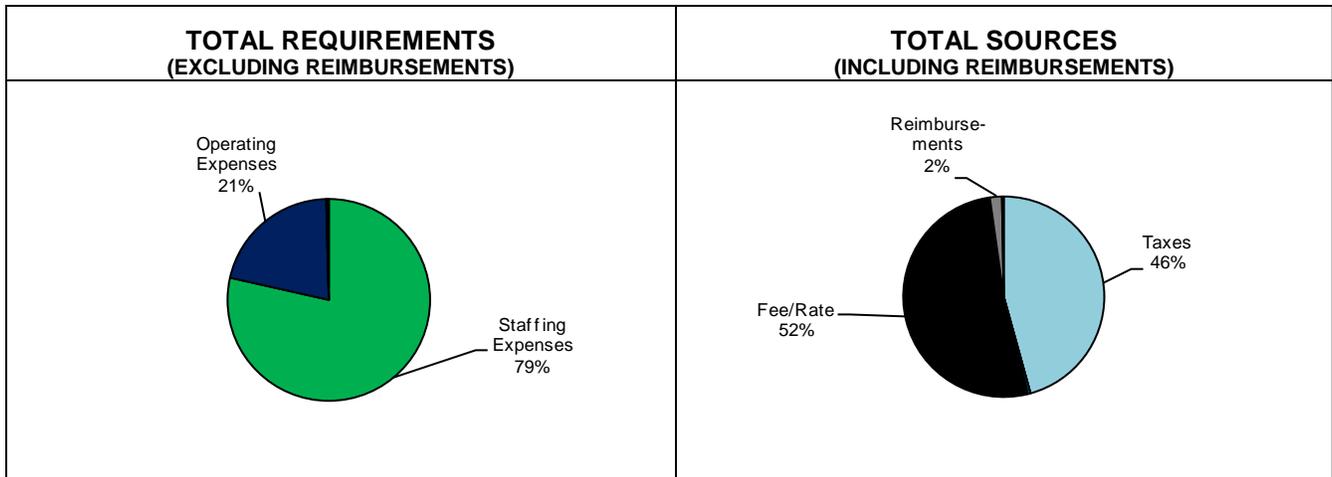
Valley Regional Service Zone

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. The Valley Regional Service Zone now provides fire protection services to the City of San Bernardino through annexation (Stations #221, #222, #224, #225, #226, #227, #228, #229, #231 and #232). 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, as well as one voter approved special tax fire protection zone for San Bernardino City.

Budget at a Glance	
Total Requirements (Excl. Reimb.)	\$66,991,404
Total Sources (Incl. Reimb.)	\$66,799,751
Use of/ (Contribution to) Fund Balance	\$191,653
Total Staff	292

2016-17 RECOMMENDED BUDGET



ANALYSIS OF 2016-17 RECOMMENDED BUDGET

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

BUDGET UNIT: FVZ 580
FUNCTION: Public Protection
ACTIVITY: Fire Protection

	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	(A) 2015-16	2015-16	(B) 2016-17	(B-A) Change From Prior Year Modified Budget
	Actual	Actual	Actual	Modified Budget	Estimate	Recommended Budget	
Requirements							
Staffing Expenses	22,589,491	24,634,852	28,797,694	29,495,744	29,667,072	52,609,745	23,114,001
Operating Expenses	7,312,274	7,265,015	7,102,215	9,494,133	8,592,990	14,108,107	4,613,974
Capital Expenditures	1,147,663	318,157	345,947	137,968	25,400	66,120	(71,848)
Total Exp Authority	31,049,428	32,218,024	36,245,856	39,127,845	38,285,462	66,783,972	27,656,127
Reimbursements	(9,431)	(283,036)	(824,987)	(1,143,292)	(1,143,292)	(1,295,006)	(151,714)
Total Appropriation	31,039,997	31,934,988	35,420,869	37,984,553	37,142,170	65,488,966	27,504,413
Operating Transfers Out	177,234	870,156	10,000	49,143	49,143	207,432	158,289
Total Requirements	31,217,231	32,805,144	35,430,869	38,033,696	37,191,313	65,696,398	27,662,702
Sources							
Taxes	8,529,642	9,270,346	9,765,198	9,696,949	10,262,650	30,629,183	20,932,234
Realignment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
State/Fed/Other Government	229,176	343,966	317,286	86,180	85,022	288,033	201,853
Fee/Rate	20,141,452	20,946,649	23,891,768	24,956,654	24,833,301	34,538,458	9,581,804
Other Revenue	1,359,695	932,062	91,938	18,226	46,947	49,071	30,845
Total Revenue	30,259,965	31,493,023	34,066,190	34,758,009	35,227,920	65,504,745	30,746,736
Operating Transfers In	2,540,731	3,348,452	3,776,405	926,188	229,367	0	(926,188)
Total Financing Sources	32,800,696	34,841,475	37,842,595	35,684,197	35,457,287	65,504,745	29,820,548
Fund Balance							
Use of / (Contribution to) Fund Balance	(1,583,465)	(2,036,331)	(2,411,726)	2,349,499	1,734,026	191,653	(2,157,846)
Available Reserves				4,025,597	4,641,070	4,449,417	423,820
Total Fund Balance				6,375,096	6,375,096	4,641,070	(1,734,026)
Budgeted Staffing*	210	177	191	170	170	292	122

*Data represents modified budgeted staffing

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS AND SOURCES IN 2016-17 RECOMMENDED BUDGET

Requirements of \$65.7 million primarily include the following:

- Staffing Expenses of \$52.6 million to provide fire protection, paramedic, and administrative services to the regional service zone.
- Operating Expenses of \$14.1 million for operations of 26 fire stations including facility costs, equipment, vehicle services, and various other services/supplies.

Sources of \$65.5 million primarily include property taxes of \$30.6 million and Fee/Rate revenue of \$34.5 million from contracts and special assessment taxes.

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. Additionally, there is one Fire Protection Service Zone (Service Zone): FP-5 San Bernardino City which is funded by a voter approved special tax. The following is more detail of these service zones:

Service Zone PM-2 Highland special tax was originally authorized by the Board of Supervisors on 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. These services are funded by a special tax not to exceed \$19 per residential unit and \$38 per commercial unit, with no annual inflationary increase as approved by the voters on November 5, 1995. These maximum special tax rates are budgeted for this fiscal year. 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 the 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 special tax not to exceed \$24 per residential unit and \$35 per commercial unit with no annual inflationary increase, as approved by the voters on June 2, 1987. There are currently 224 residential units and 78 commercial units for which this special tax is applicable.

Service Zone FP-5 San Bernardino City special tax was originally approved by the Board of Supervisors in April 2006 (originally under CSA 70 Zone FP-5). Approval of the San Bernardino City Fire reorganization includes annexation into the Service Zone FP-5, which includes a special tax for funding of fire protection and emergency medical response services. This special tax has an annual inflationary rate of up to a maximum 3% increase. The current special tax rate for FP-5 is \$148.23 per parcel and is presently applicable to 53,180 parcels. Services are provided through Fire Stations #221, #222, #224, #225, #226, #227, #228, #229, #231 and #232.

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.

	2016-17			
	Requirements	Sources	Fund Balance	Staffing
<u>Contract Entity</u>				
City of Fontana	25,651,263	25,651,263	0	105
Total Contracts	25,651,263	25,651,263	0	105

BUDGET CHANGES AND OPERATIONAL IMPACT

Requirements are increasing by \$27.7 million, which includes increases for Staffing Expenses (\$23.1 million) and Operating Expenses (\$4.6 million), primarily due to annexation of the San Bernardino City Fire Department.

Sources are increasing by \$29.8 million representing the following significant changes:

- \$20.9 million increase in property taxes primarily due to annexation of the San Bernardino City Fire Department.
- \$9.6 million increase in Fee/Rate revenue that primarily includes \$7.4 million in new special assessment taxes from annexation of the San Bernardino City Fire Department into service zone FP-5, as well as \$1.3 million increase from the City of Fontana for additional contract services.

ANALYSIS OF FUND BALANCE

This budget includes the Use of Fund Balance of \$191,653 to fund a number of small capital improvement projects.



2016-17 POSITION SUMMARY*

Division	2015-16 Modified Staffing	Adds	Deletes	Re-Orgs	2016-17 Recommended	Limited	Regular
Valley Regional Service Zone	170	123	-1	0	292	5	287
Total	170	123	-1	0	292	5	287

*Detailed classification listing available in Appendix D.

STAFFING CHANGES AND OPERATIONAL IMPACT

Staffing Expenses of \$52.6 million fund 292 budgeted positions of which 287 are regular positions and five are limited term positions. This budget includes a net increase of 122 positions as follows:

- Addition of 120 positions due to annexation of the City of San Bernardino Fire Department:
 - 1 Assistant Chief
 - 3 Battalion Chiefs
 - 36 Captains
 - 36 Engineers
 - 39 Firefighter-Paramedics
 - 3 Firefighters
 - 1 Staff Analyst I
 - 1 Office Assistant III

- Addition of three Firefighter-Paramedics for fire station #73 within the City of Fontana contract.

- Deletion of one Paid Call Firefighter position that has remained vacant and will therefore have no impact on operations.

