

**BLUFFTON TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT**  
**COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT**  
**FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED**  
**JUNE 30, 2014**



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# INTRODUCTORY SECTION



## BLUFFTON TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT

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December 31, 2014

The Honorable Members of the Fire Commission and the Citizens of the Bluffton Township Fire District of Beaufort County, South Carolina

State law requires that all general-purpose local governments publish within six months of the close of each fiscal year a complete set of financial statements presented in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) and audited in accordance with generally accepted accounting standards by a firm of licensed certified public accountants. Pursuant to that requirement, we hereby issue the comprehensive annual financial report of Bluffton Township Fire District for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014.

This report consists of management's representations concerning the finances of the District. Consequently, management assumes full responsibility for the completeness and reliability of all of the information presented in this report. To provide a reasonable basis for making these representations management of the District has established a comprehensive internal control framework, that is designed both to protect the government's assets from loss, theft, or misuse and to compile sufficient reliable information for the preparation of the District's financial statements in conformity with GAAP. Because the costs of internal controls should not outweigh their benefits, Bluffton Township Fire District's comprehensive framework of internal controls has been designed to provide reasonable rather than absolute assurance that the financial statements will be free from material misstatement. As management, we assert that to the best of our knowledge and belief, this financial report is complete and reliable in all material respects.

The District's financial statements have been audited by Crowley Wechsler & Associates LLC, a firm of licensed certified public accountants. The goal of the independent audit was to provide reasonable assurance that the financial statements of the District for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014 are free of material misstatement. The independent audit involves examining on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statement presentation; assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management and evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. The independent auditor concluded based upon the audit that there was a reasonable basis for rendering an unqualified opinion that the District's financial statements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014 are fairly presented in conformity with GAAP. The independent auditors report is presented as the first component of the financial section of this report.

GAAP requires that management provide a narrative introduction, overview, and analysis to accompany the basic financial statements in the form of management's discussion and analysis (MD&A). This letter of transmittal is designed to complement MD&A and should be read in conjunction with it. Bluffton Township Fire District's MD&A can be found immediately following the report of the independent auditors.

### **Profile of the Government**

The Bluffton Township Fire District was established on June 26, 1978 and is located in Beaufort County, South Carolina. It is 75 miles south of Charleston, South Carolina and 45 miles north of Savannah, Georgia. The Beaufort County Council created the Bluffton Township Fire District by Ordinance 78-6, adopted June 26, 1978. The first District was created and was comprised of all properties in Beaufort County south of the Broad River with the exception of Jenkins Island, Hilton Head Island, and Daufuskie Island. Ordinance 94-14 adopted June 27, 1994 amended the original ordinance to include Jenkins Island.

The District operates as a special purpose tax district. Policy-making and legislative authority are vested in a governing board consisting of seven members. The governing board is responsible, among other things for passing policies, recommending the budget, appointing committees, and hiring both the district's chief and attorney. The fire chief is responsible for carrying out policies of the governing board, for overseeing the day-to-day operations of the district, and for appointing the heads of various departments. The seven board members are each appointed to four-year staggered terms, with three board members elected every two years.

The District maintains eight fire stations and provides 24 hour fire and emergency services to the resident's within the 246 square miles that make up the Fire District. Emergency services include fire suppression, emergency medical response, specialized and technical rescue response, as well as hazardous materials emergency response. In addition, the Fire District also conducts a comprehensive fire prevention program which includes a strong public education component. The District provides its own vehicle maintenance program, which now includes all Bluffton police and Town vehicles as well.

The annual budget serves as the foundation for the District's financial planning and control. All departments of Bluffton Township Fire District are required to submit requests for appropriations to the Fire Chief on or before the first day of January of each year. The Fire Chief uses these requests as the starting point for developing a proposed budget. The Fire Chief then presents this proposed budget to the board members for review prior to March 1 of each year. The board members present their recommended budget to the Beaufort County Council in order to adopt a final budget no later than June 30th, the close of the District's fiscal year. The appropriated budget is prepared by fund and account category. Budgetary control (that is the level at which expenditures cannot legally exceed the appropriated amount) is maintained by the Fire Chief at the fund level and may be amended as necessary during the fiscal year. Budget-to-actual comparisons are provided in the report for each individual governmental fund for which an appropriated annual budget

has been adopted. For the general fund, this comparison is presented on page 42-44 as part of the required supplementary information for governmental funds.

### **Factors Affecting Financial Condition**

The information presented in the financial statements is perhaps best understood when it is considered from the broader perspective of the specific environment within which the District operates.

### **Local Economy**

Beaufort County continues to be one of the fastest growing areas in South Carolina. Total County population according to the 2010 US Census was 162,233. This equates to a population increase of 134% since the 2000 Census. The majority of the growth in the County occurred south of the Broad River, which is the area protected by the Fire District. For example, the population of the area protected by the Bluffton Township Fire District was 19,044 according to the 2000 Census, but had increased almost threefold to 52,777 in the 2010 Census. The majority of this growth can be attributed to the establishment of Sun City Hilton Head and several tract style housing developments within the borders of the Fire District. As of the last update to the Southern Beaufort County Comprehensive Plan approximately 89% of the available land area within the Fire District was already permitted for construction or under the control of a development agreement.

As the number of housing units has increased, several commercial developments have also been constructed. Among these are several large retail chain stores, hotels, and restaurants such as Target, Lowe's, Home Depot, Kroger, Olive Garden, Outback, Longhorn, Michaels, Big Lots, Hampton Inn, Fairfield Inn, Hilton Garden Inn, Dicks Sporting Goods and Publix to name a few. In addition, two large retail outlet centers have also been developed by the Tanger Corporation. Each of these outlet malls features more than 50 high end factory retail stores. There are also several smaller strip mall type developments each providing a variety of services and shopping options. CareCore National has chosen Bluffton as its national headquarters and now maintains two office buildings in the District with a staff approaching 500 employees.

Although the area has seen substantial growth over the last ten years, the height of the growth actually occurred in 2006 and 2007. In late 2008, the national economy took a significant downturn and the local economy was not spared. Commercial construction activity almost ceased during 2008 due to the availability of credit, and remained stagnant through 2009, 2010, and much of 2011. During this time frame the Fire District watched its revenue stream, which is primarily tax generated, decrease by nearly 10%.

As in FY12, the District's projected revenues fell an additional 1.5% for FY13 and met the very conservative projections used for the FY13 budget planning process. Toward the end of FY13, the local economy began to show some very modest return, especially in the construction of new homes in some of the larger gated communities. Many of the



foreclosures in the area have started to clear the books and there is indication some of the housing inventory is starting to fill which is adding to modest return in home values. This trend not only continued throughout FY14, construction actually increased dramatically.

Home values are also continuing to rise. Commercial development still remains slow but a large national retailer is in the process of developing over 300,000 square feet of new store space in the District. In addition, the Inn at Palmetto Bluff is under renovation and is expanding to include an additional 150,000 square feet of space. There are other commercial developments close to opening their doors in the District as well including a Chipotle Restaurant, ACE Hardware, and a new craft beer brewery.

Looking ahead to FY15 there is nothing to indicate the situation should not continue to improve. The United States Marine Corps is in the process of training several new F-35 squadrons which will be stationed at the Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) Beaufort. Historically not only has Beaufort seen growth from new squadrons but so has the Bluffton area, especially the tract neighborhoods. Several of these neighborhoods such as Palmetto Pointe, Mill Creek, Lawton Station, Heritage at New Riverside, and Midpoint are already seeing significant construction as a result of new marines coming into the area.

### **Long-term Financial Planning**

One of the District's primary concerns is that the necessary planning and growth management tools are implemented to assure the future cost of providing District services does not exceed the revenues generated from depressed growth. In 2007 the District completed and adopted a five year strategic plan that included a comprehensive financial component. That plan was significantly updated and re-written in 2014 to address changes that were occurring and planned to occur within the District. The new plan is designed to provide for the District's needs for the next five years and focuses on standard development within the fire department towards a goal of achieving national accreditation through the Center for Public Safety Excellence (CPSE). The CPSE is internationally recognized as the "gold standard" for accreditation of fire and emergency services. This will require the District to better identify and clarify its response standards and create more efficiency in its policies, procedures, management, and leadership. The result will be a Bluffton Township Fire District that is prepared to meet the challenges of the present day as well as the future.

### **Relevant Accounting Policies**

**Internal Controls** – Internal controls are procedures that are designed to protect assets from loss, theft, or misuse; to check the accuracy and reliability of accounting data; to promote operational efficiency; and to encourage compliance with managerial policies. The management of the District is responsible for establishing a system of internal controls designed to provide reasonable assurance these objectives are met.

**Budgetary Controls** – The District maintains budgetary controls which are designed to ensure compliance with legal provisions of the annual budget adopted by Council. It is the

District's objective to conduct an open budget process providing for input from department administrators, top management, appointed officials, and the public as the District's programs and services are determined for the next year.

The District adopted GASB Statement No. 45, "*Post Employment Benefits*" effective for fiscal year 2010. The plan has remained unfunded as of June 30, 2011. Also, GASB Statement No. 54, "*Fund Balance Reporting and Government Fund Type Definitions*" was adopted in the current year and accordingly, fund balances reflect the new types to be reported.

### **Major Initiatives**

There are three (3) major initiatives upon which the Fire District will be working in the near future. Those initiatives will require the District to take on approximately \$7.5 million in debt. The debt involves the sale of general obligation bonds early in 2015. Currently the District is debt free and has been so for the last three years.

The first initiative is the construction of a new garage/repair/maintenance center. The Fire District conducts routine and heavy maintenance on all of the District's vehicles, small equipment, and buildings. The District also provides vehicle maintenance service to the Town of Bluffton. The current shop is a rented space and is drastically undersized for the needs of the Maintenance Division. The new facility will be constructed on property already owned by the District behind the Burnt Church Road Fire Station. The estimated cost of the facility is \$2.5 million dollars.

The second initiative is the purchase of new fire engines for the District. As the District continues to grow, it becomes increasingly important to standardize as much as possible to provide for efficient and cost effective emergency services. The District's fire engine fleet is becoming old and maintenance costs are steadily increasing. The District conducting a cost study and determined now is the time to replace the fleet. By utilizing the purchasing plan now the District looks to save several dollars over the next ten years. The estimated cost of the fleet replacement is \$4.0 million dollars.

The third initiative is the construction of a training facility/area. The new facility will allow the members of the District to train within the District. Currently, the District utilizes similar facilities in Beaufort and Hilton Head using overtime to cover the stations when crews must leave the District to train. The new facility is designed to meet the needs of the District for at least the next 25 years. The estimated cost of the training facility/area is \$1.0 million dollars.

The District's latest Strategic Plan can be found on the District's website at [www.blufftonfd.com](http://www.blufftonfd.com) and provides detail on each of the above projects as well as the costing studies involved.



## Awards and Acknowledgments

The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) awards a Certificate of Achievement in Financial Reporting. In order to be awarded a Certificate of Achievement, a governmental unit must publish an easily readable and efficiently organized Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, the contents of which conform to program standards. Such reports must satisfy both generally accepted accounting principles and applicable legal requirements. This is the third year that the District has prepared a comprehensive annual financial report.

A Certificate of Achievement is valid for a period of one year only. We believe our current report will conform to certificate of achievement program requirements, and we are submitting it to the GFOA to determine its eligibility for a certificate.

The preparation of the comprehensive annual financial report was made possible by the cooperation of the department heads and staff of the District. Each of these individuals has our sincere appreciation for the contributions made in the preparation of this report.

Sincerely,



John W. Thompson, Jr.  
Fire Chief



Paul Boulware  
Deputy Fire Chief



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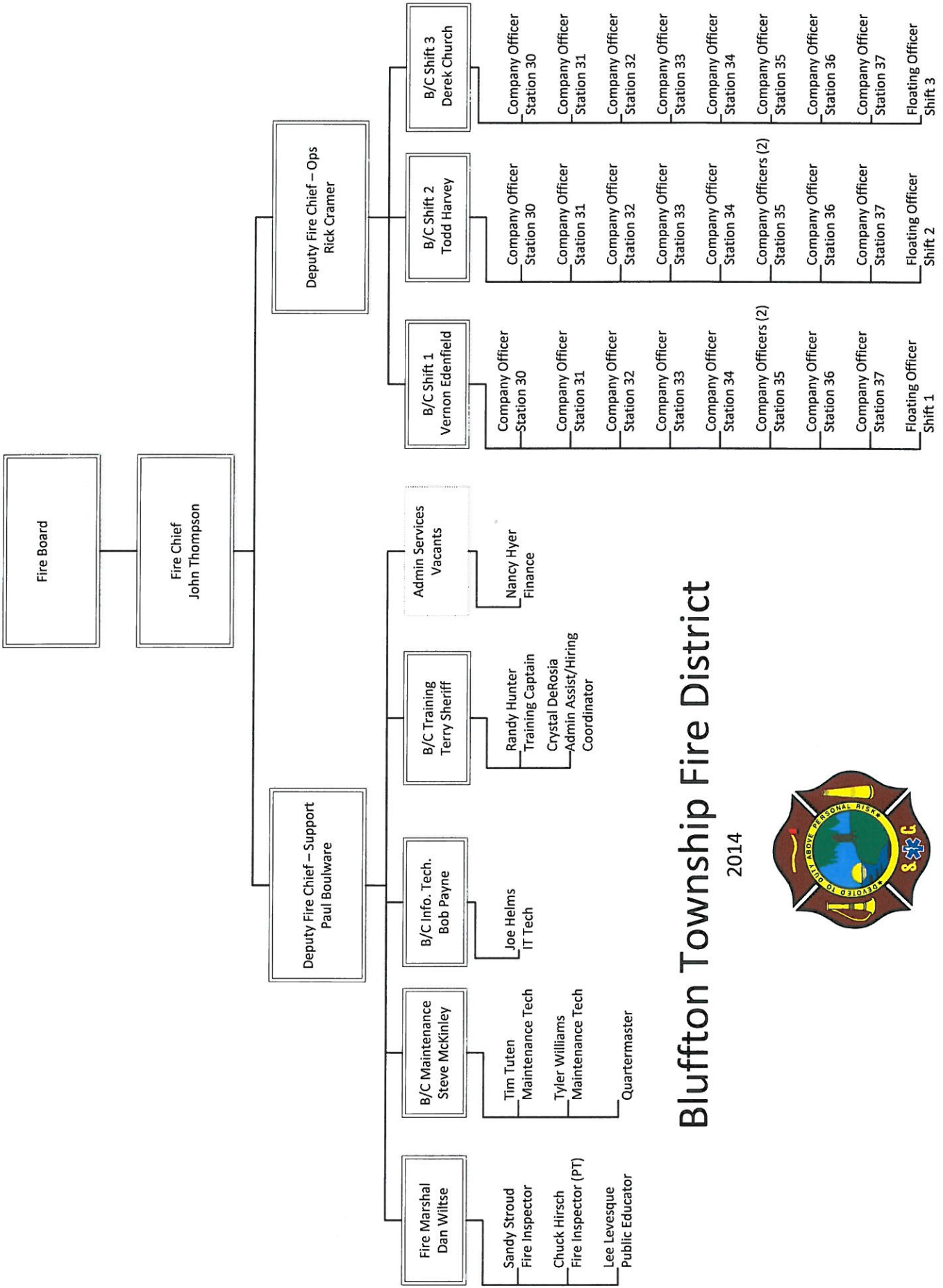
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**Bluffton Township Fire District  
South Carolina**

For its Comprehensive Annual  
Financial Report  
for the Fiscal Year Ended

**June 30, 2013**

Executive Director/CEO



# Bluffton Township Fire District

2014



**BLUFFTON TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT  
SOUTH CAROLINA**

**LIST OF PRINCIPAL OFFICIALS  
JUNE 30, 2014**

| <b>TITLE</b>                         | <b>NAME (TERM)</b>       |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Chairman.....                        | Terrence Reynolds (2/16) |
| Vice Chairman.....                   | Jack Bennett (2/16)      |
| Treasurer.....                       | Ed Olsen (2/17)          |
| Secretary.....                       | Robert Rogers (2/17)     |
| At Large Commission Member.....      | Thomas Mike, Jr. (2/18)  |
| At Large Commission Member.....      | Joe Paolo (2/18)         |
| Bluffton Town Council Appointee..... | Mike Raymond (2/18)      |
| Fire Chief.....                      | John Thompson            |
| Deputy Fire Chief.....               | Paul Boulware            |

# FINANCIAL SECTION



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### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board of Commissioners  
Bluffton Township Fire District  
Bluffton, South Carolina

#### Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of Bluffton Township Fire District (District), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2014, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

#### Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

#### Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

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

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

#### Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and each major fund of the District, as of June 30, 2014, and the respective changes in financial position in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.



## **Other Matters**

### *Required Supplementary Information*

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information on pages 12–18 and 42–44 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

### *Other Information*

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

The combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

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



Crowley Wechsler & Associates LLC  
Beaufort, South Carolina  
December 31, 2014



## Bluffton Township Fire District Management's Discussion and Analysis

As management of Bluffton Township Fire District (District), we offer readers of the District's financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the District for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014.

### Financial Highlights

- The assets of the District exceed its liabilities at the close of the most recent fiscal year by \$6,320,949 (net position). Of this amount, \$870,085 (restricted net position) represents cash for debt payments, capital projects, and employee recruitment and retention. Another \$8,457,300 represents the investment in capital assets less depreciation on those assets. The remaining balance of \$(3,006,436) represents a deficit in unrestricted net position. The District's total net position decreased by \$1,844,753.
- As of the close of the current fiscal year the District's governmental funds reported a combined ending fund balance of \$2,387,786, a decrease of \$1,585,976. This decrease was the result of the District's additional expenditures for the capital outlay related to the construction of the fire stations and purchase of a fire truck.

### Overview of the Financial Statements

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the District's basic financial statements. The District's basic financial statements comprise three components: 1) government-wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements, and 3) notes to the financial statements. This report also contains other supplementary information in addition to the basic financial statements themselves.

**Government-wide financial statements.** The government-wide financial statements are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the District's finances, in a manner similar to a private-sector business.

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

The statement of activities presents information showing how the District's net position changed during the most recent fiscal year. Changes in net position are reported on a full accrual basis, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Therefore, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods.

The government-wide financial statements distinguish functions of the District that are supported by general revenues such as taxes and fees. The governmental activities of the District include programs related to public safety for fire protection. The District currently has no business type activities.

**Fund financial statements.** A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been grouped for specific activities. The District like other public agencies use fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. All of the programs of the District can be divided into governmental funds.

**Governmental funds.** Governmental funds are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike the

government-wide financial statements, governmental fund financial statements focus on near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources, as well as on balances of spendable resources available at the end of the fiscal year. Such information may be useful in evaluating the District's near-term financing requirements.

Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements, it may be useful to compare the two for similar activities and programs. By doing so, readers may better understand the long-term impact of the government's near-term financing decisions. Both the governmental fund balance sheet and the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances provide a reconciliation to assist in this comparison of governmental programs and governmental activities.

The District maintains four individual governmental programs. Information is presented by expenditure category in the governmental fund balance sheet and in the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances for the general fund.

The District adopts an annual budget for the general fund. A statement comparing actual to budgeted revenues and expenditures has been provided to demonstrate compliance with this budget.

**Fiduciary funds.** Fiduciary funds are used to account for resources held for the benefit outside the government. Fiduciary funds are *not* reflected in the government-wide financial statement because the resources of those funds are *not* available to support the District's programs. The accounting for fiduciary funds is much like that used for proprietary funds.

**Notes to the financial statements.** The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements.

### Government-wide Financial Analysis

As noted earlier, net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of a public government's financial position. In the case of the Bluffton Township Fire District, assets exceeded liabilities by \$6,320,949 and \$8,165,702 for 2014 and 2013, respectively. The following table reflects the condensed government-wide statement of net position.

| <b>BLUFFTON TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT NET POSITION</b> |                                |              |
|---|--------------------------------|--------------|
|   | <b>Governmental Activities</b> |              |
|   | <b>2014</b>                    | <b>2013</b>  |
| Current Assets                                      | \$ 2,889,418                   | \$ 4,509,156 |
| Capital Assets - net                                | 8,457,300                      | 7,530,893    |
| Total Assets  | 11,346,718                     | 12,040,049   |
| Long-term Liabilities                               | 4,640,647                      | 3,537,554    |
| Other Liabilities                                   | 385,122                        | 336,793      |
| Total Liabilities                                   | 5,025,769                      | 3,874,347    |
| Net Position  |                                |              |
| Net Investment in Capital Assets                    | 8,457,300                      | 7,530,893    |
| Unrestricted  | (3,006,436)                    | 24,056       |
| Restricted  | 870,085                        | 610,753      |
| Total Net Position                                  | \$ 6,320,949                   | \$ 8,165,702 |

The largest portion of the District's net position \$8,457,300 (134%) reflects its investment in capital assets less the accumulated depreciation on capital assets. Capital assets increased a net of \$926,407 in 2014. At June 30, 2014, the District had outstanding long-term liabilities of \$4,640,647. The District paid off all long-term debt in year 2012 and; therefore, had no debt activity in year 2014. Compensated absences increased during the year by \$26,477 to \$287,146. Other post employment benefits increased during the year by \$1,079,264, to a balance of \$4,382,216. The \$870,085 (14%) represents the net position restricted for debt service, one percent fund, and impact fees. This is an increase of \$259,332 from the \$610,753 restricted net position in the prior year due to an increase in impact fees collected. The remaining net position of \$(3,006,436) (-48%) is a deficit in unrestricted.

At the end of the current fiscal year, Bluffton Township Fire District is able to report positive balances in all the net position categories except for unrestricted net position.

**Governmental activities.** The District's total net position decreased by \$1,844,753. Key elements of this decrease are as shown in the following table.

**BLUFFTON TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT CHANGE IN NET POSITION**

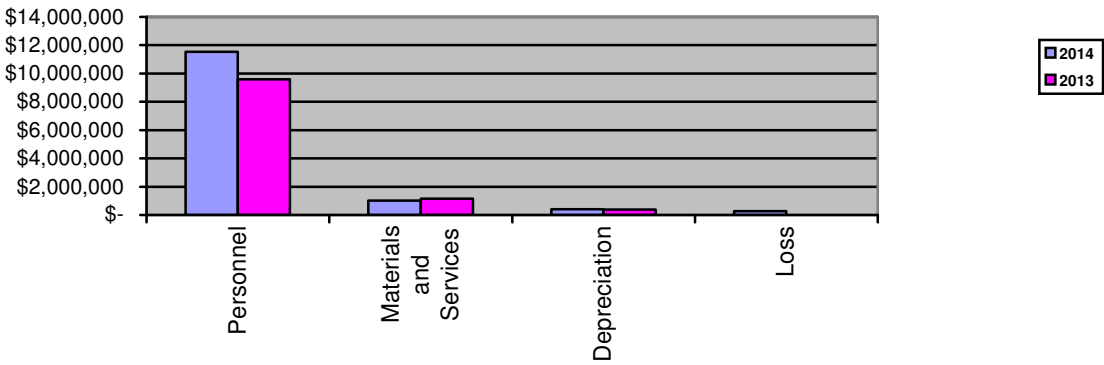
|                                 | <b>Governmental Activities</b> |                     |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|
|                                 | <b>2014</b>                    | <b>2013</b>         |
| Expenses                        |                                |                     |
| Public Safety - Fire Protection |                                |                     |
| Personnel                       | \$ 11,524,137                  | \$ 9,593,154        |
| Materials and services          | 1,013,899                      | 1,163,803           |
| Depreciation                    | 402,150                        | 378,411             |
| Loss on Dispositions            | 260,387                        | -                   |
| Total expenses                  | <u>13,200,573</u>              | <u>11,135,368</u>   |
| General Revenues                |                                |                     |
| Taxes                           | 10,160,601                     | 9,832,674           |
| Fees                            | 1,185,829                      | 572,414             |
| Interest                        | 3,352                          | 5,927               |
| Miscellaneous                   | 6,038                          | 15,560              |
|                                 | <u>11,355,820</u>              | <u>10,426,575</u>   |
| Change in Net Position          | (1,844,753)                    | (708,793)           |
| Net Position - Beginning        | <u>8,165,702</u>               | <u>8,874,495</u>    |
| Net Position - Ending           | <u>\$ 6,320,949</u>            | <u>\$ 8,165,702</u> |

**Highlights:**

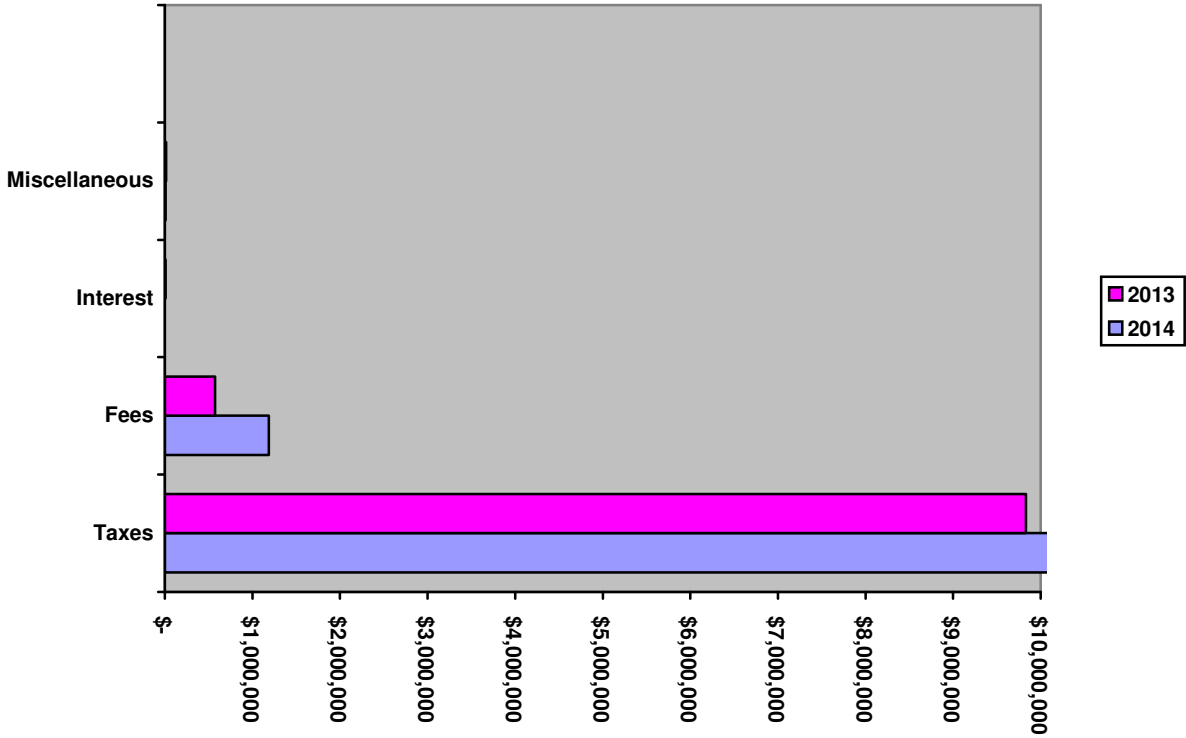
- Personnel costs are up due to the addition of 24 firefighters added to the payroll in April 2013 to provide the staffing for the Colleton River and Palmetto Bluff Fire Stations.
- Materials and Services are down due to the additional expenditures related to staffing of the Colleton River and Palmetto Bluff Fire Stations in 2013.
- Depreciation is up due to construction being completed during the year.
- Fees increased during year 2014 because of \$600,000 increase in impact fees.



**Expenses – Governmental Activities**



**Revenues by Source – Governmental Activities**



## Financial Analysis of the Government's Funds

As noted earlier, the District uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements.

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

At the end of the current fiscal year, the District's governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of \$2,387,786, a decrease of \$1,585,976. The major governmental funds consist of the general fund, the debt service fund, the impact fund, and the one percent fee fund. This increase can be attributed to the following:

- The general fund decreased \$1,845,308. This decrease is due to the construction of station 30, improvements to station 33 out of the District's reserve balance, and the purchase of a fire truck. The District was over budget with personnel expenses in the amount of \$414,737. Administrative costs were under budget by \$18,116, equipment was over budget by \$921, and utilities were under budget by \$1,068. The District's maintenance costs were over budget in the amount of \$58,682. The District kept its training expenses under budget in the amount of \$44,291 while capital outlay was under budget by \$200,109.
- The impact fund increased by \$253,249 with receipts of \$818,127 in the fund and a transfer to the general fund of \$564,878.
- The increase of \$5,783 in the one percent fee fund represented the collections of \$303,810 less expenditures of \$298,027.

As a measure of the general fund's liquidity, it may be useful to compare the unassigned fund balance to total fund expenditures. The unassigned portion in the amount of \$1,517,701 represents 11.6% of the total expenditures for operations.

## Capital Assets and Debt Administration

**Capital Assets.** The District's investment in capital assets for its governmental type activities as of June 30, 2014 amounts to \$8,457,300 (net of accumulated depreciation) compared to \$7,530,893 for June 30, 2013. This investment in capital assets includes land and improvements, construction in progress, buildings and improvements, furniture and equipment, and vehicles. New assets added during the fiscal year 2014 were \$1,893,944 and include \$869,878 for a firetruck, \$964,736 for building and renovations of two fire stations, \$52,031 for a generator, and \$7,299 for accounting software. The District sold a fire truck with a net book value of \$522,931 for \$305,000, disposed of a generator with a net book value of \$25,071, and disposed of the old station 30 with a net book value of \$17,385. Depreciation expense was \$402,150 for the year compared to \$378,411 in the prior year.



**BLUFFTON TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT CAPITAL ASSETS NET OF DEPRECIATION**

|                            | <b>Governmental Activities</b> |                     |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|
|                            | <b>2014</b>                    | <b>2013</b>         |
| Construction in Progress   | \$ -                           | \$ 2,003,611        |
| Land                       | 1,872,395                      | 1,872,395           |
| Buildings and Improvements | 4,474,745                      | 1,634,916           |
| Vehicles                   | 1,940,985                      | 1,854,927           |
| Furniture and Equipment    | 169,175                        | 165,044             |
| Total                      | <u>\$ 8,457,300</u>            | <u>\$ 7,530,893</u> |

**Station 30 and 33 completed in FY2014.** Bluffton's newest fire station, station 30, was completed in August 2013. From the outside, the building has an impressive cast stone signage over the apparatus bays and fresh landscaping.

Station 33 renovations were completed in April 2014.

Additional information on the District's capital assets can be found in note 4.



**Long-term obligations.** At the end of the current fiscal year, the District had balances due on post retirement benefits and compensated absences. Long-term obligations consisted of the following amounts:

**BLUFFTON TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT LONG TERM OBLIGATIONS**

|                                 | <b>Governmental Activities</b> |                     |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|
|                                 | <b>2014</b>                    | <b>2013</b>         |
| Post Retirement Health Benefits | \$ 4,382,216                   | \$ 3,302,952        |
| Compensated Absences            | 287,146                        | 260,669             |
| Total                           | <u>\$ 4,669,362</u>            | <u>\$ 3,563,621</u> |

Additional information on long-term obligations can be found in note 5.

### **Economic Factors and Next Year's Budgets**

The 2014-2015 approved operations budget of \$10,955,243 is to be funded with a tax levy of 24.02 mills.

### **Requests for information**

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of Bluffton Township Fire District finances for all those with an interest in the government's finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional financial information should be addressed to the Chief, Bluffton Township Fire District, 357 Fording Island Road, Bluffton, South Carolina, 29909.

# BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**BLUFFTON TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT  
STATEMENT OF NET POSTION  
JUNE 30, 2014**

|   | <b>Governmental<br/>Activities</b> |
|---|------------------------------------|
| <b>ASSETS</b>                                     |                                    |
| Cash  | \$ 188,004                         |
| Accounts Receivable                               | 208,117                            |
| Due from Beaufort County                          | 2,493,297                          |
| Capital Assets, not being depreciated             | 1,872,395                          |
| Capital Assets, being depreciated                 | 6,584,905                          |
| Total Assets                                      | 11,346,718                         |
| <b>LIABILITIES</b>                                |                                    |
| Accounts Payable                                  | 356,407                            |
| Due within one year                               | 28,715                             |
| Due in more than one year                         | 4,640,647                          |
| Total Liabilities                                 | 5,025,769                          |
| <b>NET POSITION</b>                               |                                    |
| Unrestricted                                      | (3,006,436)                        |
| Restricted for debt payments                      | 300                                |
| Restricted for capital projects                   | 816,571                            |
| Restricted for employee recruitment and retention | 53,214                             |
| Net Investment in capital assets                  | 8,457,300                          |
| Total Net Position                                | \$ 6,320,949                       |

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

**BLUFFTON TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT  
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014**

|                                 | <b>Governmental<br/>Activities</b> |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <b>EXPENSES</b>                 |                                    |
| Public Safety - Fire Protection |                                    |
| Personnel                       | \$ 11,524,137                      |
| Administration                  | 414,615                            |
| Utilities and Services          | 77,532                             |
| Maintenance                     | 405,610                            |
| Training                        | 85,851                             |
| Equipment                       | 30,291                             |
| Depreciation                    | 402,150                            |
| Loss on Disposition             | 260,387                            |
| Total Program Expenses          | 13,200,573                         |
| Net Program Expense             | 13,200,573                         |
| <br><b>GENERAL REVENUES</b>     |                                    |
| Property Taxes                  | 10,160,601                         |
| Fees                            | 1,185,829                          |
| Interest Income                 | 3,352                              |
| Miscellaneous                   | 6,038                              |
| Total General Revenues          | 11,355,820                         |
| Change in Net Position          | (1,844,753)                        |
| Net Position, Beginning of year | 8,165,702                          |
| Net Position, End of year       | \$ 6,320,949                       |

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

**BLUFFTON TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT  
BALANCE SHEET  
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
JUNE 30, 2014**

|  | <b>GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES</b> |                                  |                                 |                        | <b>TOTAL</b>        |
|--|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|
|  | <b>GENERAL<br/>FUND</b>        | <b>DEBT<br/>SERVICE<br/>FUND</b> | <b>ONE<br/>PERCENT<br/>FUND</b> | <b>IMPACT<br/>FUND</b> |                     |
| <b>ASSETS</b>  |                                |                                  |                                 |                        |                     |
| Cash   | \$ 188,004                     | \$ -                             | \$ -                            | \$ -                   | \$ 188,004          |
| Accounts Receivable  | 208,117                        | -                                | -                               | -                      | 208,117             |
| Due from Beaufort County   | 1,339,248                      | 300                              | 337,178                         | 816,571                | 2,493,297           |
| Inventories  | -                              | -                                | -                               | -                      | -                   |
| Total Assets   | <u>\$ 1,735,369</u>            | <u>\$ 300</u>                    | <u>\$ 337,178</u>               | <u>\$ 816,571</u>      | <u>\$ 2,889,418</u> |
| <b>LIABILITIES</b>   |                                |                                  |                                 |                        |                     |
| Accounts Payable   | \$ 72,443                      | \$ -                             | \$ 283,964                      | \$ -                   | \$ 356,407          |
| Total Liabilities  | <u>72,443</u>                  | <u>-</u>                         | <u>283,964</u>                  | <u>-</u>               | <u>356,407</u>      |
| <b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>                                   |                                |                                  |                                 |                        |                     |
| Unavailable Revenues - Property Taxes                                  | 145,225                        | -                                | -                               | -                      | 145,225             |
| Total Deferred Inflows of Resources                                    | <u>145,225</u>                 | <u>-</u>                         | <u>-</u>                        | <u>-</u>               | <u>145,225</u>      |
| <b>FUND BALANCES</b>   |                                |                                  |                                 |                        |                     |
| Unassigned   | 1,517,701                      | -                                | -                               | -                      | 1,517,701           |
| Restricted   | -                              | 300                              | 53,214                          | 816,571                | 870,085             |
| Total Fund Balances  | <u>1,517,701</u>               | <u>300</u>                       | <u>53,214</u>                   | <u>816,571</u>         | <u>2,387,786</u>    |
| Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows<br>of Resources, and Fund Balances | <u>\$ 1,735,369</u>            | <u>\$ 300</u>                    | <u>\$ 337,178</u>               | <u>\$ 816,571</u>      | <u>\$ 2,889,418</u> |

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.



**BLUFFTON TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT  
RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET  
TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION  
JUNE 30, 2014**

Total net position reported for governmental activities in the statement of net assets is different because:

|  |  |              |
|--|--|--------------|
| Total fund balances for governmental funds |  | \$ 2,387,786 |
|--|--|--------------|

Capital assets used in District's activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds. Those assets consist of:

|   |           |           |
|---|-----------|-----------|
| Land and Improvements   | 1,872,395 |           |
| Buildings and Improvements, net of \$1,274,112 accumulated depreciation | 4,474,745 |           |
| Vehicles, net of \$2,916,667 accumulated depreciation                   | 1,940,985 |           |
| Furniture and Equipment, net of \$193,543 accumulated depreciation      | 169,175   |           |
| Total Capital Assets  |           | 8,457,300 |

Some of the District's receivables will be collected after year-end, but are not available soon enough to pay for the current period's expenditures, and therefore are reported as deferred inflows in the funds.

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Long-term liabilities applicable to the District's activities are not due and payable in the current period and accordingly are not reported as fund liabilities. Interest on long-term debt is not accrued in governmental funds, but rather is recognized as an expenditure when due. All liabilities --both current and long-term--are reported in the statement of net position.

Balances at June 30, 2014 are:

|  |             |             |
|--|-------------|-------------|
| Accrued Vacation                       | (287,146)   |             |
| Accrued Other Post Employment Benefits | (4,382,216) |             |
| Total Long-Term Liabilities            |             | (4,669,362) |

|   |  |              |
|---|--|--------------|
| Total net position of governmental activities |  | \$ 6,320,949 |
|---|--|--------------|

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**BLUFFTON TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT  
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES  
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014**

|  | <b>GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES</b> |                         |                             |                        | <b>TOTAL</b>        |
|--|--------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|
|  | <b>GENERAL</b>                 | <b>DEBT<br/>SERVICE</b> | <b>ONE PERCENT<br/>FUND</b> | <b>IMPACT<br/>FUND</b> |                     |
| <b>REVENUES</b>  |                                |                         |                             |                        |                     |
| Property Taxes   | \$ 10,239,744                  | \$ 300                  | \$ -                        | \$ -                   | \$ 10,240,044       |
| Fees   | 64,489                         | -                       | 303,524                     | 817,816                | 1,185,829           |
| Interest Income  | 2,755                          | -                       | 286                         | 311                    | 3,352               |
| Miscellaneous Income   | 6,038                          | -                       | -                           | -                      | 6,038               |
| Sale of Fixed Assets   | 305,000                        | -                       | -                           | -                      | 305,000             |
| Total Revenues   | <u>10,618,026</u>              | <u>300</u>              | <u>303,810</u>              | <u>818,127</u>         | <u>11,740,263</u>   |
| <b>EXPENDITURES</b>  |                                |                         |                             |                        |                     |
| Public Safety - Fire Protection                              |                                |                         |                             |                        |                     |
| Personnel  | 10,120,369                     | -                       | 298,027                     | -                      | 10,418,396          |
| Administration   | 414,615                        | -                       | -                           | -                      | 414,615             |
| Utilities and Services                                       | 77,532                         | -                       | -                           | -                      | 77,532              |
| Maintenance  | 405,610                        | -                       | -                           | -                      | 405,610             |
| Training   | 85,851                         | -                       | -                           | -                      | 85,851              |
| Equipment  | 30,291                         | -                       | -                           | -                      | 30,291              |
| Capital Outlay   | 1,893,944                      | -                       | -                           | -                      | 1,893,944           |
| Total Expenditures   | <u>13,028,212</u>              | <u>-</u>                | <u>298,027</u>              | <u>-</u>               | <u>13,326,239</u>   |
| Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues<br>over (under) Expenditures | <u>(2,410,186)</u>             | <u>300</u>              | <u>5,783</u>                | <u>818,127</u>         | <u>(1,585,976)</u>  |
| <b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>                        |                                |                         |                             |                        |                     |
| Transfers In   | 564,878                        | -                       | -                           | -                      | 564,878             |
| Transfers Out  | -                              | -                       | -                           | (564,878)              | (564,878)           |
| Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)                         | <u>564,878</u>                 | <u>-</u>                | <u>-</u>                    | <u>(564,878)</u>       | <u>-</u>            |
| Net Change in Fund Balances                                  | (1,845,308)                    | 300                     | 5,783                       | 253,249                | (1,585,976)         |
| Fund Balances, Beginning of year                             | 3,363,009                      | -                       | 47,431                      | 563,322                | 3,973,762           |
| Fund Balances, End of year                                   | <u>\$ 1,517,701</u>            | <u>\$ 300</u>           | <u>\$ 53,214</u>            | <u>\$ 816,571</u>      | <u>\$ 2,387,786</u> |

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

**BLUFFTON TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT  
RECONCILIATION OF STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES  
IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014**

The change in net position reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities is different because:

|  |                |
|--|----------------|
| Net change in fund balances -- total governmental funds  | \$ (1,585,976) |
| Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which capital outlays (\$1,893,944) was more than depreciation (\$402,150) in the current period. | 1,491,794      |
| The net effect of various transactions involving capital assets (i.e., sales, trade-ins) is to decrease net position.  | (565,387)      |
| Revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds.   |                |
| Taxes  | (79,443)       |
| Some expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds.  |                |
| Other Post Employment Benefits   | (1,079,264)    |
| Compensated Absences   | (26,477)       |
|  | (1,105,741)    |
| Total change in net position of governmental activities  | \$ (1,844,753) |

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

**BLUFFTON TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT  
STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION  
FIDUCIARY FUNDS  
JUNE 30, 2014**

|                                       | <b>One Percent<br/>Retirement<br/>Fund</b> | <b>Agency<br/>Fund</b> |
|---------------------------------------|--|------------------------|
| <b>ASSETS</b>                         |  |                        |
| Cash                                  | \$ -                                       | \$ 26,467              |
| Investments                           |  |                        |
| Mutual Funds                          | 2,677,250                                  | -                      |
| Total Assets                          | \$ 2,677,250                               | \$ 26,467              |
| <b>LIABILITIES</b>                    |  |                        |
| Due to Others                         | -  | 26,467                 |
| Total Liabilities                     | -  | \$ 26,467              |
| <b>NET POSITION</b>                   |  |                        |
| Held in trust for employee retirement | 2,677,250                                  |                        |
| Total Net Position                    | \$ 2,677,250                               |                        |

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

**BLUFFTON TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT  
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION  
FIDUCIARY FUNDS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014**

|   | <b>One Percent<br/>Retirement<br/>Fund</b> |
|---|--|
|   |  |
| <b>Additions</b>                              |  |
| Employer Contributions                        | \$ 1,566                                   |
| Interest and Dividend Income                  | 14,323                                     |
| Net increase in the fair value of investments | 365,560                                    |
|   | 381,449                                    |
| <br><b>Deductions</b>                         |  |
| Employee Withdrawals                          | 33,367                                     |
|   | 33,367                                     |
| <br><b>Change in Net Position</b>             | 348,082                                    |
| <br><b>Net Position, Beginning of Year</b>    | 2,329,168                                  |
| <br><b>Net Position, End of Year</b>          | \$ 2,677,250                               |

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

**BLUFFTON TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
JUNE 30, 2014**

**NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Description of Government-Wide Financial Statements**

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of net position and the statement of activities) report information on all of the nonfiduciary activities of the primary government and its component units. All fiduciary activities are reported only in the fund financial statements. *Governmental activities*, which are normally supported by intergovernmental revenues and other nonexchange transactions, are reported separately from *business-type activities*, which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges to external customers for support. Likewise, the *primary government* is reported separately from certain legally separate *component units* for which the primary government is financially accountable.

**Reporting Entity**

The Bluffton Township Fire District was established on June 26, 1978 as a special purpose district within Beaufort County, South Carolina. Its purpose is to provide fire protection to the residents within the public service district, which includes all properties in Beaufort County, south of the Broad River, with the exception of Hilton Head and Daufuskie Islands. The District maintains six fire stations located in Bluffton, Callawassie, Pritchardville, Buckingham, Sun City, and Indian Hill areas of Beaufort County.

The District is an autonomous government whose appointed board controls its operations and fiscal accountability. The District is a separate reporting entity and is not a component unit of any other governmental entity. Beaufort County is a related party in that the Beaufort County Council has final approval of budget, assesses millage, collects taxes and prepares payroll for the District.

The accompanying financial statements present the combined financial positions and combined results of operations of the various fund types controlled by the District. Blended component units are, in substance, part of the primary government's operations, even though they are legally separate entities. Thus, blended component units are appropriately presented as funds of the primary government. Each discretely presented component unit is reported in a separate column in the government-wide financial statements to emphasize that it is legally separate from the government. The District is not reporting any component units as described above.

**Basis of Presentation – Government-Wide Financial Statements**

While separate government-wide and fund financial statements are presented, they are interrelated. The governmental activities column incorporates data from governmental funds and internal service funds, while business-type activities incorporate data from the government's enterprise funds. Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds, proprietary funds, and fiduciary funds, even though the latter are excluded from the government-wide financial statements. The District reports only governmental activities, as there are no business-type activities or component units.

**BLUFFTON TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
JUNE 30, 2014**

**NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - CONTINUED**

As a general rule, the effect of interfund activity has been eliminated from the government-wide financial statements.

**Basis of Presentation – Fund Financial Statements**

The fund financial statements provide information about the District funds, including its fiduciary funds and blended component units. Separate statements for each fund category – governmental, proprietary, and fiduciary – are presented. The emphasis of fund financial statements is on major governmental and enterprise funds, each displayed in a separate column. All remaining governmental and enterprise funds are aggregated and reported in a separate column. Major individual governmental and enterprise funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements.

The District reports the following major governmental funds:

The *general fund* is the government's primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the general government, except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

The *one-percent fund* contains funds collected by Beaufort County as a tax collected from insurance companies and made available to the District for certain specific purposes. Those purposes include retirement and insurance, training and education, and recruitment and retention.

The *debt service fund* is used to account for the accumulated resources for, and the payment of, general long-term debt, principal, interest and related costs, except for the general obligation bond that is being paid out of the Impact Fund.

The *impact fund* is used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are legally restricted to expenditures for specific purposes, including the general obligation bond payments.

The *fiduciary funds* are used to account for assets held on behalf of others. Currently, the District is holding funds for the Bluffton Fire District Cooking Team, and has funds in an annuity administered by Edward Jones. The funds in the Edward Jones account were contributed on behalf of employees.

The District does not report any proprietary funds at the present time.

During the course of operations the District has activity between funds for various purposes. Any residual balances outstanding at year end are reported as due from/to other funds and advances to/from other funds. While these balances are reported in fund financial statements, certain eliminations are made in the preparation of the government-wide financial statements.

Further, certain activity occurs during the year involving transfers of resources between funds. In fund financial statements these amounts are reported at gross amounts and allocated to the various programs as indirect cost allocations. While reported in fund financial statements, certain eliminations are made in the preparation of the government-wide financial statements.

**BLUFFTON TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
JUNE 30, 2014**

**NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - CONTINUED**

**Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting**

The accounting and financial reporting treatment is determined by the applicable measurement focus and basis of accounting. Measurement focus indicates the type of resources being measured such as *current financial resources* or *economic resources*. The basis of accounting indicates the timing of transactions or events for recognition in the financial statements.

The government-wide financial statements are presented using the *economic resources measurement focus* and the *accrual basis of accounting*. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

The governmental fund 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 enough 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 recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures, as well as expenditures related to compensated absences, claims, and judgments, are recorded only when payment is due. General capital asset acquisitions are reported as expenditures in governmental funds. Issuance of long-term debt and acquisitions under capital leases are reported as other financing sources.

Property taxes, operating grants and contributions and fees associated with the current fiscal period are all considered to be susceptible to accrual and so have been recognized as revenues of the current fiscal period. All other revenue items are considered to be measurable and available only when the cash is received by the District.

**Budgetary Information**

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

1. Prior to the end of May, the Chief submits to the District Commissioners a proposed operating budget covering the General Fund for the fiscal year commencing the following July. The operating budget includes proposed expenditures and the means of financing them.
2. After the budget is approved by the District Commissioners it is forwarded to the Beaufort County Council budget committee for review and approval. Any changes required by the county budget committee are made and approved by the Commission. The budget is then submitted to the Beaufort County Council for approval as part of the overall County budget.
3. The Beaufort County Council legally enacts the overall County budget through passage of a county ordinance.
4. Budget amounts as shown in the financial statements are as originally adopted with approved additions and reductions added or subtracted to the related budget items.



**BLUFFTON TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
JUNE 30, 2014**

**NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - CONTINUED**

Annual budgets are adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles for the general fund. All annual appropriations lapse at fiscal year-end.

One-Percent Fund and Impact Fund – The District is not legally required to, and did not adopt a budget for these funds; accordingly, there are no budgetary comparisons in these financial statements for these funds.

The appropriated budget is prepared by fund and department. The Commission or Fire Chief is authorized to transfer budgeted amounts among various expenditure accounts. The Fire Chief may make transfers of appropriations within a department. Transfers of appropriations between departments require the approval of the Board of Commissioners. The legal level of budgetary control (i.e., the level at which expenditures may not legally exceed appropriations) is the fund level. The District may request supplemental budgetary appropriations from the Beaufort County Council throughout the year. However, the Beaufort County Council must approve any revisions that alter the total revenues or expenditures. The supplemental budgetary appropriations made in the general fund included \$869,878 for the purchase of a fire truck that was funded by a transfer of \$564,878 from the impact fund and the sale of a fire truck for \$305,000. An additional supplemental budgetary appropriation of \$354,297 for construction and improvement of two fire stations were funded by cash held by Beaufort County.

Appropriations in all budgeted funds lapse at the end of the fiscal year even if they have related encumbrances. Encumbrances are commitments related to unperformed (executor) contracts for good and services (i.e., purchase order, contracts, and commitments). Encumbrance accounting is utilized to the extent necessary to assure effective budgetary control and accountability and to facilitate effective cash planning and control. While all appropriations and encumbrances lapse at year end, valid outstanding encumbrances (those for which performance under executor contract is expected in the next year) are re-appropriated and become part of the subsequent year's budget pursuant to state regulations.

**Assets, Liabilities, Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources, and Net Position/Fund Balances**

Cash and Cash Equivalents

The District's cash and cash equivalents are considered to be cash on hand, demand deposits, and short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition.

Inventories and Prepaid Items

Inventories of the general fund consist of supplies held for consumption and are immaterial to the financial statements and accordingly are not recorded.

Certain payments to vendors reflect costs applicable to future accounting periods and are recorded as prepaid items in both government-wide and fund financial statements.

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**NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - CONTINUED**

Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include buildings, equipment, and vehicles, are reported in the unrestricted net assets on the statement of financial position. Capital assets are defined by the District as property and equipment with an initial, individual cost of more than \$5,000 and an estimated useful life in excess of two years. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed.

The cost of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the assets or materially extend assets lives are not capitalized.

Major outlays for capital assets and improvements are capitalized as projects are constructed. Property and equipment is depreciated using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives:

| <u>Assets</u>              | <u>Years</u> |
|----------------------------|--------------|
| Buildings and Improvements | 10-40 years  |
| Equipment                  | 3-15 years   |
| Vehicles                   | 5-15 years   |

Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources

In addition to assets, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, *deferred outflows of resources*, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will *not* be recognized as an outflow of resources (expenses/expenditures) until then. The District did not have any items that qualify for reporting in this category.

In addition to liabilities, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, *deferred inflows of resources*, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will *not* be recognized as an inflow of resources (expenses/expenditures) until then. The District has only one type of item, which arises only under modified accrual basis of accounting that qualifies for reporting in this category. Accordingly, the item, *unavailable revenue*, is reported only in the governmental funds balance sheet. The governmental funds report unavailable revenues from property taxes. These amounts are deferred and recognized as an inflow of resources in the period that the amounts become available.

Net Position Flow Assumptions

Sometimes the District will fund outlays for a particular purposes from both restricted (e.g., restricted bond or grant proceeds) and unrestricted resources. In order to calculate the amounts to report as restricted – net position and unrestricted – net position in the government-wide, a flow assumption must be made about the order in which the resources are considered to be applied. It is the District's policy to consider restricted – net position to have been depleted before unrestricted – net position is applied.

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**NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - CONTINUED**

Fund Balance Flow Assumptions

Sometimes the District will fund outlays for a particular purpose from both restricted and unrestricted resources (the total of committed, assigned, and unassigned fund balance). In order to calculate the amounts to report as restricted, committed, assigned, and unassigned fund balance in the governmental fund financial statements, a flow assumption must be made about the order in which the resources are considered to be applied. It is the District's policy to consider restricted fund balance to have been depleted before using any of the components of unrestricted fund balance. Further, when the components of unrestricted fund balance can be used for the same purpose, committed fund balance is depleted first, followed by assigned fund balance. Unassigned fund balance is applied last.

Fund Balance Policies

Fund balance of governmental funds is reported in various categories based on the nature of any limitation requiring the use of resources for specific resources. The District itself can establish limitations on the use of resources through either a commitment (committed fund balance) or an assignment (assigned fund balance).

The committed fund balance classification includes amounts that can be used only for the specific purposes determined by a formal action of the District's highest level of decision-making authority. The Board of Commissioners is the highest level of decision-making authority for the District that can, by vote prior to the end of the fiscal year, commit fund balance. Once adopted, the limitation imposed by the ordinance remains in place until a similar action is taken (the adoption of another policy) to remove or revise the limitation.

Amounts in the assigned fund balance classification are intended to be used by the District for specific purposes but do not meet the criteria to be classified as committed. The Board of Commissioners has the ability to authorize the fire chief to assign fund balance. The Board of Commissioners may also assign fund balance as it does when appropriating fund balance to cover a gap between estimated revenue and appropriations in the subsequent year's appropriated budget. Unlike commitments, assignments generally only exist temporarily. In other words, an additional action does not normally have to be taken for the removal of an assignment. Conversely, as discussed above, an additional action is essential to either remove or revise a commitment.

**Revenues and Expenses/Expenditures**

Program Revenues

Amounts reported as *program revenues* include 1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function or segment and 2) grants and contributions (including special assessments) that are restricted to meeting the operation or capital requirements of a particular function or segment. All taxes, including those dedicated for specific purposes, and other internally dedicated resources are reported as general revenues rather than as program revenues.

Property taxes

The County Ordinance provides for the taxation of all real and personal property located within the District's limits on the first day of January. Motor vehicle taxes are billed and collected by the County Treasurer on a monthly basis. Other personal and real property taxes are levied by the County after September of each year and become due and payable immediately upon receipt by the taxpayer. Real property taxes are delinquent after January 15<sup>th</sup>. Assessed property is subject to lien one year from the levy date if taxes remain unpaid. The property tax rate approved by ordinance for fiscal year 2014 was 24.02 mills.

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**NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – CONTINUED**

Compensated Absences

In the government-wide financial statements unused vacation leave liabilities are reported in the applicable governmental type columns.

In the funds financial statements, governmental funds are presented using the current financial resource measurement focus. This means that only current assets and current liabilities are generally included on their balance sheets, therefore, compensated absences are reported only to the extent that they are payable from current activity.

Upon termination employees will be paid for any unused vacation days shift employees accrue vacation based on a 24 hour day, and administration employees accrue vacation based on an 8 hour day. Shift personnel are allowed to “carry-over” 120 total annual leave hours each calendar year from the previous year. Administrative personnel are allowed to “carry-over” 40 annual leave hours into the next calendar year from the previous year. Any excess annual leave hours not taken by January 1 of the new year, other than designated “carry-over” hours will be lost.

Weekly employees accrue sick leave at a rate of one day per month to a maximum of 90 days. Shift employees accrue sick leave at a rate of twelve hours (1/2 day) per pay period (every two weeks) to a maximum of 2,160 hours or 90 days. The Bluffton Fire District has no financial liability for its sick leave.

**NOTE 2 DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS**

As of June 30, 2014, the District had cash on deposit included in governmental funds of \$214,471. The fiduciary fund consisted of \$2,677,250 in investments for the one percent retirement fund being held for employees’ future retirement benefits.

**Credit Risk** – The District does not have an investment policy but follows state guidelines for investments. The investments of the District include a repurchase agreement invested in government securities and construction funds invested in short-term government securities, which mature daily.

**Interest Rate Risk** – The District does not have an investment policy. Maturities on repurchase agreements are from 1 to 5 days. Maturities on certificate of deposits are 12 months or less.

**Custodial Credit Risk** – Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the government’s deposits may not be returned to it. The District does not have a deposit policy for custodial credit risk. As of June 30, 2014, the District’s bank balance of \$364,789 was partially insured for \$250,000 through the FDIC and with \$48,110 with pledged securities, leaving \$66,679 unsecured.

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**NOTE 3 RECEIVABLES**

Receivables at June 30, 2014, including the applicable allowances for uncollectible accounts, are as follows for the fund and government-wide financial statements, respectively.

| <u>Receivables</u>                   | <u>General</u>    | <u>Total</u>      |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Property taxes                       | \$ 211,427        | \$ 211,427        |
| Other receivables                    | 2,438             | 2,438             |
| Gross receivables                    | 213,865           | 213,865           |
| Allowance for uncollectible accounts | (5,748)           | (5,748)           |
| Net total receivables                | <u>\$ 208,117</u> | <u>\$ 208,117</u> |

Governmental funds report deferred inflows of revenue in connection with receivables for revenues that are not considered to be available to liquidate liabilities of the current period. Government funds also defer revenue recognition in connection with resources that have been received, but not yet earned. At the end of the current fiscal year, the various components of deferred inflows of revenue and unearned revenue reported in the government funds were as follows:

|                                      | <u>Unavailable</u> | <u>Unearned</u> |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| Delinquent property taxes receivable | \$ 145,225         | \$ -            |
| Total                                | <u>\$ 145,225</u>  | <u>\$ -</u>     |

**NOTE 4 CAPITAL ASSETS**

Capital assets activity for the year ended June 30, 2014 was as follows:

| <u>Governmental Activities</u>              | <u>June 30, 2013</u> | <u>Increases</u>    | <u>Decreases</u>    | <u>June 30, 2014</u> |
|---|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| <i>Capital assets not being depreciated</i> |                      |                     |                     |                      |
| Land and improvements                       | \$ 1,872,395         | \$ -                | \$ -                | \$ 1,872,395         |
| Construction in progress                    | 2,003,611            | 964,736             | 2,968,347           | -                    |
| Total capital assets, not being depreciated | <u>3,876,006</u>     | <u>964,736</u>      | <u>2,968,347</u>    | <u>1,872,395</u>     |
| <i>Capital assets being depreciated</i>     |                      |                     |                     |                      |
| Buildings and improvements                  | 2,858,495            | 2,968,347           | 77,985              | 5,748,857            |
| Equipment                                   | 341,230              | 59,330              | 37,842              | 362,718              |
| Vehicles                                    | 4,963,188            | 869,878             | 975,414             | 4,857,652            |
| Total capital assets being depreciated      | <u>8,162,913</u>     | <u>3,897,555</u>    | <u>1,091,241</u>    | <u>10,969,227</u>    |
| Less accumulated depreciation for:          |                      |                     |                     |                      |
| Buildings and improvements                  | 1,223,579            | 111,133             | 60,600              | 1,274,112            |
| Equipment                                   | 176,186              | 30,128              | 12,771              | 193,543              |
| Vehicles                                    | 3,108,261            | 260,889             | 452,483             | 2,916,667            |
| Total accumulated depreciation              | <u>4,508,026</u>     | <u>402,150</u>      | <u>525,854</u>      | <u>4,384,322</u>     |
| Total capital assets being depreciated, net | <u>3,654,887</u>     | <u>3,495,405</u>    | <u>565,387</u>      | <u>6,584,905</u>     |
| Governmental activity capital assets, net   | <u>\$ 7,530,893</u>  | <u>\$ 4,460,141</u> | <u>\$ 3,533,734</u> | <u>\$ 8,457,300</u>  |

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**NOTE 4 CAPITAL ASSETS- CONTINUED**

Depreciation expense was charged to functions/programs of the primary government as follows:

**Governmental Activities**

|  |            |
|--|------------|
| Public Safety - Fire Protection                      | \$ 402,150 |
| Total depreciation expense - governmental activities | \$ 402,150 |

**NOTE 5 LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS**

The following is a summary of changes in long-term obligations for the year ended June 30, 2014:

|                      | June 30,<br>2013 | Increases    | Decreases  | June 30,<br>2014 | Due Within<br>A Year |
|----------------------|------------------|--------------|------------|------------------|----------------------|
| Compensated absences | \$ 260,669       | \$ 676,291   | \$ 649,814 | \$ 287,146       | \$ 28,715            |
| OPEB                 | 3,302,952        | 1,079,264    | -          | 4,382,216        | -                    |
|                      | \$ 3,563,621     | \$ 1,755,555 | \$ 649,814 | \$ 4,669,362     | \$ 28,715            |

**Compensated Absences**

Unused vacation leave liabilities are reported as incurred in the applicable governmental type activities columns in the government-wide financial statements. Employees of the district are entitled to vacation as follows:

|                    |                    |
|--------------------|--------------------|
| 0 to 6 months      | 3 Days             |
| 7 Months to 1 Year | 3 Days per Quarter |
| 1 to 4 Years       | 12 Days            |
| 5 to 9 Years       | 14 Days            |
| 10 to 14 Years     | 16 Days            |
| 15 to 19 Years     | 18 Days            |
| 20 to 25 Years     | 20 Days            |
| Over 25 Years      | 22 Days            |

Employees will be paid only for unused current year's vacation days up to a maximum of 10 days upon separation from employment. Shift employees accrue vacation based on a 24 hour day, and administration employees accrue vacation based on an 8 hour day. A liability of \$287,146 has been recorded to reflect accrued vacation leave which includes 20.29% for related payroll costs for taxes and retirement. Compensated absences are paid from the general fund.

Weekly employees accrue sick leave at a rate of one day per month to a maximum of 90 days. Shift employees accrue sick leave at a rate of twelve hours (1/2 day) per pay period (every two weeks) to a maximum of 2,160 hours or 90 days. Upon separation from employment, any unused sick leave is lost.

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**NOTE 5 LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS – CONTINUED**

**Other Post Employment Benefits**

*Plan Description* – District employees who participated in the District’s health insurance plan and who retire from District service in accordance with the South Carolina Retirement System may have their health insurance continued. The plan is a single-employer plan that covers the current and former employees, including beneficiaries, of only one employer.

A Retirement Health Insurance Plan has been created by the District. It is intended for retirees only, who were employed by the District prior to July 1, 2009. Dependents of retirees are not covered in the plan. To be eligible for the Plan, the employee has to complete fifteen (15) or more years of continuous service immediately prior to retirement. After the employee has become eligible for Medicare, benefits will be reduced by the amount paid by Medicare or Medicaid. For those employees retiring on or after August 1, 2002 and who have not reached Medicare eligibility, in addition to the 15 year continuous service requirement, the retiree’s age plus years of continuous service must be equal to or greater than 65. The eligibility requirement is for normal retirees and those who may become disabled and retire. When the employee reaches the age of 65, they will convert to Medicare and the Retirement Health Insurance Plan will be their secondary insurance. The District may amend the Plan at any time. Retirees will be notified within 90 days prior to any change in policy.

*Funding policy* – The contribution requirements of plan members and the District are established and may be amended by the District Council. The required contribution is based on projected pay-as-you-go financing requirements. For fiscal year ended June 30, 2014, the District’s contributed \$63,668 to the plan. This amount was paid from the general fund.

*Annual OPEB Cost and Net OPEB Obligation* - The District’s annual other postemployment benefit (OPEB) cost (expense) is calculated based on the annual required contribution of the employer (ARC), an amount actuarially determined in accordance with the parameters of GASB Statement 45. The ARC represents a level of funding that, if paid on an ongoing basis, is projected to cover normal cost each year and amortize any unfunded actuarial liabilities (or funding excess) over a period not to exceed thirty years. The following table shows the components of the District’s annual OPEB cost for the year, the amount actually contributed to the plan, and changes in the District’s net OPEB obligation:

|                                       |                     |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Annual required contribution          | \$ 1,192,642        |
| Interest on net OPEB obligation       | 148,633             |
| Adjustment to ARC                     | <u>(198,343)</u>    |
| Annual OPEB cost (expense)            | 1,142,932           |
| Contributions made                    | <u>(63,668)</u>     |
| Increase in net OPEB obligation       | 1,079,264           |
| Net OPEB obligation-beginning of year | <u>3,302,952</u>    |
| Net OPEB obligation-end of year       | <u>\$ 4,382,216</u> |

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**NOTE 5 LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS – CONTINUED**

**Other Post Employment Benefits – Continued**

The District's annual OPEB cost, the percentage of annual OPEB cost contributed to the plan, and the net OPEB obligation for fiscal year 2014 and the two preceding years were as follows:

| <u>Fiscal<br/>Year<br/>Ended</u> | <u>Annual<br/>OPEB Cost</u> | <u>Percentage of<br/>Annual OPEB<br/>Cost Contributed</u> | <u>Employer<br/>Amount<br/>Contributed</u> | <u>Net<br/>OPEB<br/>Obligation</u> |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|---|--|------------------------------------|
| 2012                             | \$ 868,765                  | 3.60%   | \$ 31,233                                  | \$ 2,504,778                       |
| 2013                             | 798,174                     | 5.00%   | 43,918                                     | 3,302,952                          |
| 2014                             | 1,142,932                   | 5.60%   | 63,668                                     | 4,382,216                          |

*Funded Status and Funding Progress* - As of June 30, 2013, the most recent actuarial valuation date, the plan was unfunded. The actuarial accrued liability for benefits was \$9,274,756, and the actuarial value of assets was \$0, resulting in an unfunded actuarial accrued liability (UAAL) of \$9,274,756. The covered payroll (annual payroll of active employees covered by the plan) was \$5,543,393 and the ratio of the UAAL to the covered payroll was 167.3%.

Actuarial valuations of an ongoing plan involve estimates of the value of reported amounts and assumptions about the probability of occurrence of events far into the future. The occurrences that must be considered include employee turnover, pay increases, disablement, retirement, deaths, and investment income on anticipated plan assets. Amounts determined regarding the funded status of the plan and the annual required contributions of the employer are subject to continual revision as actual results are compared with past expectations and new estimates are made about the future. The schedule of funding progress, presented below, presents multiyear trend information about whether the actuarial value of plan assets is increasing or decreasing over time relative to the actuarial accrued liabilities for benefits.

*Actuarial Methods and Assumptions - Projections* of benefits for financial reporting purposes are based on the substantive plan (the plan understood by the employer and the plan members) and include the types of benefits provided at the time of each valuation and the historical pattern of sharing of benefit costs between the employer and plan members to that point. The actuarial methods and assumptions used include techniques that are designed to reduce the effects of short-term volatility in actuarial accrued liabilities and the actuarial value of assets, consistent with the long-term perspective of the calculations.

In the June 30, 2013 actuarial valuation, the projected unit credit cost method was used. The actuarial assumptions included a 4.5% investment rate of return, which is a blended rate of the expected long-term investment return on plan assets and on the employer's own investments calculated based on the funded level of the plan at the valuation date, and an annual healthcare cost trend rate of 9.0% initially, reduced by decrements to an ultimate rate of 4.5% after nine years. Both rates included a 4.0% inflation assumption. The actuarial value of assets is set equal to the reported market value of assets. The assets are allocated among the divisions based on liabilities value at 4.5%. The UAAL is being amortized on an open basis as a level percentage of projected payroll (assumed to increase at 3%) required to fully amortize the UAAL over a thirty year period.



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**NOTE 5 LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS – CONTINUED**

| Actuarial<br>Valuation<br>Date | Actuarial<br>Value of<br>Assets<br>(a) | Actuarial Accrued<br>Liability (AAL)<br>Unit Credit Cost<br>(b) | Unfunded<br>AAL<br>(UAAL)<br>(b-a) | Funded<br>Ratio<br>(a/b) | Covered<br>Payroll<br>(c) | UAAL as a<br>Percentage<br>of Covered<br>Payroll<br>((b-a)/c) |
|--------------------------------|--|---|------------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|---|
| 6/30/2012                      | \$ -                                   | \$ 6,262,081  | \$ 6,262,081                       | 0.0%                     | \$ 5,504,965              | 113.8%  |
| 6/30/2013                      | -                                      | 6,262,081   | 6,262,081                          | 0.0%                     | 3,993,701                 | 156.8%  |
| 6/30/2014                      | -                                      | 9,274,756   | 9,274,756                          | 0.0%                     | 5,543,393                 | 167.3%  |

**NOTE 6 INTEREST INCOME**

Interest income for the year ended June 30, 2014 consists \$3,352 earned on District accounts.

**NOTE 7 PENSION PLANS**

All eligible employees are required to participate in a pension plan. All eligible employees must belong to the South Carolina Retirement System (SCRS). The plan is a cost-sharing multiple-employer administered by the Retirement Division of the SC Public Employee Benefit Authority (SC PEBA). Retirement costs are funded by withholding from the employee's salaries, and by a contribution from the employers of a percentage of the employee's salaries. A Comprehensive Annual Financial Report containing financial statements and required supplementary information for the South Carolina Retirement System and Police Officers Retirement System is issued and publicly available by writing the SC PEBA, Post Office Box 11960, Columbia, South Carolina 29211-1960.

*Funding Policy*

*South Carolina Retirement System (SCRS)*

The District is required to contribute 10.45% which includes 0.15% towards group life insurance. The District's contributions for the years ending June 30, 2014, 2013, and 2012 were \$22,905, \$20,011, \$25,724, respectively, and were equal to the required contributions for each year. Required employee contributions to the Plan for the years ended June 30, 2014, 2012, and 2011 were 7.5%, 7.0%, and 6.5%, respectively. These amounts were all paid out of the general fund.

*South Carolina Police Officers Retirement System (PORS)*

The employer contribution rate for the years ended June 30, 2014, 2013, and 2012 were 12.44%, 11.9%, and 11.363%, respectively. District contributions to PORS for the same time period were \$816,282, \$695,261, and \$630,319, respectively, equal to the actuarially required contributions for each year. These amounts were all paid out of the general fund.

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**NOTE 7 PENSION PLANS - CONTINUED**

**Basic Provisions**

Under current statutes pertaining to the PORS, member employees who retire at age 55 or after 25 years of credited services are entitled to a annual full service retirement benefit, payable monthly for life, equal to 2.14% of the average final compensation (average compensation over the last three years of credited service) time years of credited service. The contributions will be made through the most recent employer on a regular basis and remitted to the South Carolina Retirement System.

Any unrecovered contributions are payable upon death and cost of living adjustments are evaluated annually on an ad hoc basis. Full service may elect other optional methods of benefit distributions, including lump sum distribution, benefit levels coordinated with the retiree's social security benefits and distributions to a named beneficiary. Benefits are fully vested on reaching 5 years of service.

**1% Retirement Plan – Fiduciary Fund Type**

*Plan Description* – The plan is a single employer defined contribution retirement plan established by the District to provide retirement benefits for its firemen. The Plan is administered by the 1% Committee with the Investment Agent empowered to invest funds with the care, skill, prudence and diligence under the circumstances then prevailing that a prudent agent acting in a like capacity and familiar with such matters would use in the conduct of an enterprise of a like character and with like aims. Total eligible participants were 129 with 105 participants covered under the plan. Any full-time paid employee in good standing carried on the membership roll by the District on the relevant date. This includes full time paid firefighters as well as full time paid administrative and support personnel, but does not include unpaid or part-time volunteer firefighters, unpaid or part-time members of the Auxiliary, unpaid or part-time Commissioners, or any other unpaid or part-time associate member of the District.

*Basic Provisions* - If a Participant is a Participant on the date he attains his Normal Retirement Date, the participant shall be 100% vested in his total Account. The Account of a Participant retiring under the Plan at or after his Normal Retirement Date shall be paid to such Participant in accordance with plan documents. In the event of such retirement for disability, he shall be 100% vested in his Account in the Plan computed as of the Annual Valuation Date immediately preceding or coinciding with the date of his actual retirement for such disability, and such amount shall be paid to him in such manner as the 1% Committee shall, in its discretion, direct, in accordance with plan documents. Any Participant who is no longer a Participant for any reason other than permanent disability, retirement or death, shall be entitled to the payment of benefits under the Plan on the basis of the percentages set forth in the Vesting Schedule applicable to this Plan as of the Annual Valuation Date immediately preceding or coinciding with such loss of status as a Participant. Vesting schedule: Less than 5 years of service is 0% and five or more years of service is 100%.

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**NOTE 7 PENSION PLANS - CONTINUED**

*Funding Policy* - The 1% Committee shall maintain a separate account for each participant or shall insure under the provisions of this plan that said account is so maintained by the investment agent. The plan does not allow employee contributions. Contributions made to the plan are paid from the District's One Percent Fund. The District shall contribute to the trust under this plan for each plan year that the plan shall be in effect such amount that shall be:

- Equal to or greater than 50% of the South Carolina Firefighters Associations 1% proceeds to the District, plus,
- 100% of all residual funds left over from the previous year as shall be determined by the 1% Committee from available funds in accordance with all applicable laws, rules and regulation
- Total employer contributions for the year ended June 30, 2014 were \$283,964. The fair market value of the plan for the year ended June 30, 2014 was \$2,677,250.

**NOTE 8 RISK MANAGEMENT**

The District purchases various insurance policies providing coverage of workers compensation, tort, property and casualty, liability and health insurance. Management believes that such coverage is sufficient to preclude any significant uninsured losses for the covered risks. The insurers promise to pay to or on behalf of the insured for covered economic losses sustained during the policy in accordance with insurance policy and benefit program limits.

The District has recorded insurance premium expenditures in the general fund expenditure categories. These expenditures do not include estimated claim losses and estimable premium adjustment. There have been no significant reductions in insurance coverage since the prior year.

**NOTE 9 NET POSITION AND FUND EQUITY**

The computation of net position, investment in capital assets, net is as follows:

|                                 |    |             |
|---------------------------------|----|-------------|
| Capital Assets                  | \$ | 12,841,622  |
| Accumulated depreciation        |    | (4,384,322) |
| Invested in Capital Assets, net |    | 8,457,300   |

The purpose of the restrictions reported in the statement of net position and the governmental funds balance sheet are as follows:

|   |    |         |
|---|----|---------|
| Debt payments                                 | \$ | 300     |
| Capital projects                              |    | 816,571 |
| Employee recruitment and retention            |    | 53,214  |
| Total Restricted Net Position & Fund Balances |    | 870,085 |

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JUNE 30, 2014**

**NOTE 10 TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS**

During the year ended June 30, 2014, a supplemental budget appropriation was approved to transfer \$564,878 from the impact fund to the general fund for the purchase of a new fire truck at a cost of \$869,878. The transfer represented the residual balance due after the sale of another fire truck for \$305,000.

**NOTE 11 SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

In June 2012, the GASB issued Statement No. 68, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions, effective for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014. This Statement revises existing standards for measuring and reporting pension liabilities for pension plans provided to its employees. This Statement requires recognition of a liability equal to the net pension liability, which is measured as the total pension liability, less the amount of the pension plan's fiduciary net position. The total pension liability is determined based upon discounting projected benefit payments based on the benefit terms and legal agreements existing at the pension plan's fiscal year-end. Projected benefit payments are required to be discounted using a single rate that reflects the expected rate of return on investments, to the extent that plan assets are available to pay benefits, and a tax-exempt, high-quality municipal bond rate when plan assets are not available. This Statement requires that most changes in the net pension liability be included in pension expense in the period of the change. To the extent practical, the financial statements presented for the periods affected should be restated. The District will be implementing GASB Statement No. 68 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015 and the beginning net position of the year ended June 30, 2014 will be restated. As of June 30, 2014, the South Carolina Public Employee Benefit Authority (PEBA) has estimated a net pension liability of \$10.9 million obligation, representing unfunded contributions to the South Carolina Retirement System based on current funding policy that will be reported as a liability in the financial statements of the District.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY  
INFORMATION

**BLUFFTON TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT**  
**SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES**  
**BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014**

|  | <b>GENERAL FUND</b>        |                         |                   |   |
|--|----------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|---|
|  | <b>ORIGINAL<br/>BUDGET</b> | <b>FINAL<br/>BUDGET</b> | <b>ACTUAL</b>     | <b>VARIANCE<br/>FAVORABLE<br/>(UNFAVORABLE)</b> |
| <b>REVENUES</b>                        |                            |                         |                   |   |
| Property Taxes                         | \$ 10,445,577              | \$ 10,445,577           | \$ 10,239,744     | \$ (205,833)                                    |
| Fees                                   | -                          | -                       | 64,489            | 64,489  |
| Interest Income                        | -                          | -                       | 2,755             | 2,755   |
| Sale of Fixed Assets                   | -                          | 305,000                 | 305,000           | -   |
| Miscellaneous                          | -                          | -                       | 6,038             | 6,038   |
| Total Revenues                         | <u>10,445,577</u>          | <u>10,750,577</u>       | <u>10,618,026</u> | <u>(132,551)</u>                                |
| <b>EXPENDITURES</b>                    |                            |                         |                   |   |
| <b>Public Safety - Fire Protection</b> |                            |                         |                   |   |
| <b>Current</b>                         |                            |                         |                   |   |
| <b>Personnel</b>                       |                            |                         |                   |   |
| Salaries                               | 6,099,533                  | 6,099,533               | 6,186,617         | (87,084)  |
| Overtime                               | 483,896                    | 483,896                 | 628,793           | (144,897)                                       |
| Employee Recognition                   | 2,000                      | 2,000                   | 2,214             | (214)   |
| Retirement                             | 810,091                    | 810,091                 | 868,713           | (58,622)  |
| Insurance Medical                      | 1,468,475                  | 1,468,475               | 1,587,227         | (118,752)                                       |
| Workmans Compensation                  | 343,500                    | 343,500                 | 333,527           | 9,973   |
| Medicare Payroll Taxes                 | 91,433                     | 91,433                  | 94,306            | (2,873)   |
| Social Security Payroll Taxes          | 390,954                    | 390,954                 | 403,239           | (12,285)  |
| Unemployment Taxes                     | 15,750                     | 15,750                  | 15,733            | 17  |
| Total Personnel                        | <u>9,705,632</u>           | <u>9,705,632</u>        | <u>10,120,369</u> | <u>(414,737)</u>                                |
| <b>Administration</b>                  |                            |                         |                   |   |
| Software and Technical Support         | 6,360                      | 6,360                   | 1,766             | 4,594   |
| Payroll Service                        | 7,000                      | 7,000                   | 7,112             | (112)   |
| Postage                                | 1,508                      | 1,508                   | 2,523             | (1,015)   |
| Telephone                              | 50,000                     | 50,000                  | 52,873            | (2,873)   |
| Internet and Cable                     | 39,480                     | 39,480                  | 41,131            | (1,651)   |
| Consulting                             | 2,500                      | 2,500                   | 1,696             | 804   |
| Office Supplies                        | 13,523                     | 13,523                  | 10,254            | 3,269   |
| Janitorial                             | 8,550                      | 8,550                   | 9,503             | (953)   |
| Uniforms                               | 27,203                     | 27,203                  | 21,721            | 5,482   |
| Accounting and Audit                   | 16,500                     | 16,500                  | 36,323            | (19,823)  |
| Dues and Subscriptions                 | 12,875                     | 12,875                  | 21,358            | (8,483)   |
| Insurance Liability                    | 105,157                    | 105,157                 | 105,160           | (3)   |
| Hurricane                              | 3,650                      | 3,650                   | 975               | 2,675   |
| Fire Inspections                       | 7,750                      | 7,750                   | -                 | 7,750   |
| Equipment Rental                       | 6,360                      | 6,360                   | 7,102             | (742)   |
| Facilities Rental                      | 49,800                     | 49,800                  | 35,384            | 14,416  |
| Human Resources                        | 13,325                     | 13,325                  | 14,589            | (1,264)   |
| Advertising                            | 3,250                      | 3,250                   | 1,205             | 2,045   |
| Legal Fees                             | 15,000                     | 15,000                  | 5,050             | 9,950   |
| Vaccinations and Physicals             | 42,940                     | 42,940                  | 38,890            | 4,050   |
| Total Administration                   | <u>\$ 432,731</u>          | <u>\$ 432,731</u>       | <u>\$ 414,615</u> | <u>\$ 18,116</u>                                |

**BLUFFTON TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT**  
**SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES**  
**BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014**

|                               | <b>GENERAL FUND</b>        |                         |                      |   |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|---|
|                               | <b>ORIGINAL<br/>BUDGET</b> | <b>FINAL<br/>BUDGET</b> | <b>ACTUAL</b>        | <b>VARIANCE<br/>FAVORABLE<br/>(UNFAVORABLE)</b> |
| <b>Utilities and Services</b> |                            |                         |                      |   |
| Electricity                   | \$ 47,500                  | \$ 47,500               | \$ 48,547            | \$ (1,047)                                      |
| Water                         | 10,000                     | 10,000                  | 9,281                | 719   |
| Stormwater                    | 1,100                      | 1,100                   | 67                   | 1,033   |
| Pest Control                  | 2,000                      | 2,000                   | 945                  | 1,055   |
| LP and Natural Gas            | 10,000                     | 10,000                  | 9,342                | 658   |
| Garbage Pick-up               | 8,000                      | 8,000                   | 9,350                | (1,350)   |
| Total Utilities and Services  | <u>78,600</u>              | <u>78,600</u>           | <u>77,532</u>        | <u>1,068</u>                                    |
| <b>Maintenance</b>            |                            |                         |                      |   |
| Vehicle Maintenance           | 100,000                    | 100,000                 | 141,581              | (41,581)  |
| Equipment Maintenance         | 15,000                     | 15,000                  | 30,502               | (15,502)  |
| Communications Maintenance    | 7,500                      | 7,500                   | 13,574               | (6,074)   |
| Building Maintenance          | 35,000                     | 35,000                  | 47,199               | (12,199)  |
| Maintenance and Tech Support  | 13,075                     | 13,075                  | 10,172               | 2,903   |
| Hardware Replacement          | 23,553                     | 23,553                  | 18,389               | 5,164   |
| Medical Supplies              | 22,800                     | 22,800                  | 16,414               | 6,386   |
| Fuel                          | 120,000                    | 120,000                 | 111,538              | 8,462   |
| Small Tools                   | 10,000                     | 10,000                  | 16,241               | (6,241)   |
| Total Maintenance             | <u>346,928</u>             | <u>346,928</u>          | <u>405,610</u>       | <u>(58,682)</u>                                 |
| <b>Training</b>               |                            |                         |                      |   |
| Meals and Lodging             | 32,763                     | 32,763                  | 13,767               | 18,996  |
| Training and Tuition          | 92,785                     | 92,785                  | 59,001               | 33,784  |
| Travel Expenses               | 4,594                      | 4,594                   | 4,680                | (86)  |
| CPR                           | -                          | -                       | 8,403                | (8,403)   |
| Total Training                | <u>130,142</u>             | <u>130,142</u>          | <u>85,851</u>        | <u>44,291</u>                                   |
| <b>Equipment</b>              |                            |                         |                      |   |
| Furniture and Fixtures        | 14,370                     | 14,370                  | 26,618               | (12,248)  |
| Appliances                    | 5,000                      | 5,000                   | 3,553                | 1,447   |
| IT Equipment                  | 10,000                     | 10,000                  | 120                  | 9,880   |
| Total Equipment               | <u>29,370</u>              | <u>29,370</u>           | <u>30,291</u>        | <u>(921)</u>                                    |
| <b>Capital Outlay</b>         |                            |                         |                      |   |
| Buildings and Equipment       | -                          | 2,094,053               | 1,893,944            | 200,109   |
| Total Capital Outlay          | <u>-</u>                   | <u>2,094,053</u>        | <u>1,893,944</u>     | <u>200,109</u>                                  |
| Total Expenditures            | <u>\$ 10,723,403</u>       | <u>\$ 12,817,456</u>    | <u>\$ 13,028,212</u> | <u>\$ (210,756)</u>                             |

**BLUFFTON TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT  
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES  
BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014**

|  | <b>GENERAL FUND</b>        |                         |                     | <b>VARIANCE<br/>FAVORABLE<br/>(UNFAVORABLE)</b> |
|--|----------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|---|
|  | <b>ORIGINAL<br/>BUDGET</b> | <b>FINAL<br/>BUDGET</b> | <b>ACTUAL</b>       |   |
| Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues<br>over Expenditures | \$ (277,826)               | \$ (2,066,879)          | \$ (2,410,186)      | \$ (343,307)                                    |
| <b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>                |                            |                         |                     |   |
| Transfers In   | -                          | 564,878                 | 564,878             | -   |
| Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)                 | -                          | 564,878                 | 564,878             | -   |
| Net Change in Fund Balances                          | (277,826)                  | (1,502,001)             | (1,845,308)         | (343,307)                                       |
| Fund Balances, Beginning of year                     | 3,363,009                  | 3,363,009               | 3,363,009           | -   |
| Fund Balances, End of year                           | <u>\$ 3,085,183</u>        | <u>\$ 1,861,008</u>     | <u>\$ 1,517,701</u> | <u>\$ (343,307)</u>                             |

**NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY SCHEDULE:**

The basis of budgeting is the same as generally accepted accounting principles. The District adopts annual budgets for the general fund using the modified accrual basis. Appropriations lapse at the end of the year.



# SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

## **FIDUCIARY FUNDS**

### **Agency Funds**

Agency funds are used to account for assets held by the government as an agent for individuals, private organizations, and other governments.

|                     |  |
|---------------------|--|
| <b>Cooking Team</b> | This fund is used to account for receipts by the cooking team.           |
| <b>Emergency</b>    | This fund is used to account for donations to the firemen's relief fund. |
| <b>Station 35</b>   | This fund is used for special activities.                                |

**BLUFFTON TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT  
 COMBINING STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION  
 AGENCY FUND  
 JUNE 30, 2014**

|                    | <b>Cooking<br/>Team<br/>Fund</b> | <b>Emergency<br/>Fund</b> | <b>Station 35<br/>Fund</b> | <b>Total</b>     |
|--------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|------------------|
| <b>ASSETS</b>      |                                  |                           |                            |                  |
| Cash               | \$ 8,249                         | \$ 1,282                  | \$ 16,936                  | \$ 26,467        |
| Total Assets       | <u>\$ 8,249</u>                  | <u>\$ 1,282</u>           | <u>\$ 16,936</u>           | <u>\$ 26,467</u> |
| <b>LIABILITIES</b> |                                  |                           |                            |                  |
| Due to others      | \$ 8,249                         | \$ 1,282                  | \$ 16,936                  | \$ 26,467        |
| Total Liabilities  | <u>\$ 8,249</u>                  | <u>\$ 1,282</u>           | <u>\$ 16,936</u>           | <u>\$ 26,467</u> |

**BLUFFTON TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT  
COMBINING STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN ASSETS AND LIABILITIES  
AGENCY FUND  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014**

|                               | <u>Balance<br/>June 30, 2013</u> | <u>Additions</u> | <u>Deductions</u> | <u>Balance<br/>June 30, 2014</u> |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------|-------------------|----------------------------------|
| <b>Cooking Team</b>           |                                  |                  |                   |                                  |
| Assets                        |                                  |                  |                   |                                  |
| Cash                          | \$ 7,005                         | \$ 21,535        | \$ 23,950         | \$ 4,590                         |
| Total Assets                  | <u>\$ 7,005</u>                  | <u>\$ 21,535</u> | <u>\$ 23,950</u>  | <u>\$ 4,590</u>                  |
| Liabilities                   |                                  |                  |                   |                                  |
| Due to others                 | \$ 7,005                         | \$ 21,535        | \$ 23,950         | \$ 4,590                         |
| Total Liabilities             | <u>\$ 7,005</u>                  | <u>\$ 21,535</u> | <u>\$ 23,950</u>  | <u>\$ 4,590</u>                  |
| <b>Emergency</b>              |                                  |                  |                   |                                  |
| Assets                        |                                  |                  |                   |                                  |
| Cash                          | \$ 5,666                         | \$ 275           | \$ 1,000          | \$ 4,941                         |
| Total Assets                  | <u>\$ 5,666</u>                  | <u>\$ 275</u>    | <u>\$ 1,000</u>   | <u>\$ 4,941</u>                  |
| Liabilities                   |                                  |                  |                   |                                  |
| Due to others                 | \$ 5,666                         | \$ 275           | \$ 1,000          | \$ 4,941                         |
| Total Liabilities             | <u>\$ 5,666</u>                  | <u>\$ 275</u>    | <u>\$ 1,000</u>   | <u>\$ 4,941</u>                  |
| <b>Station 35</b>             |                                  |                  |                   |                                  |
| Assets                        |                                  |                  |                   |                                  |
| Cash                          | \$ 3,762                         | \$ 26,445        | \$ 13,271         | \$ 16,936                        |
| Total Assets                  | <u>\$ 3,762</u>                  | <u>\$ 26,445</u> | <u>\$ 13,271</u>  | <u>\$ 16,936</u>                 |
| Liabilities                   |                                  |                  |                   |                                  |
| Due to others                 | \$ 3,762                         | \$ 26,445        | \$ 13,271         | \$ 16,936                        |
| Total Liabilities             | <u>\$ 3,762</u>                  | <u>\$ 26,445</u> | <u>\$ 13,271</u>  | <u>\$ 16,936</u>                 |
| <b>Total All Agency Funds</b> |                                  |                  |                   |                                  |
| Assets                        |                                  |                  |                   |                                  |
| Cash                          | \$ 16,433                        | \$ 48,255        | \$ 38,221         | \$ 26,467                        |
| Total Assets                  | <u>\$ 16,433</u>                 | <u>\$ 48,255</u> | <u>\$ 38,221</u>  | <u>\$ 26,467</u>                 |
| Liabilities                   |                                  |                  |                   |                                  |
| Due to others                 | \$ 16,433                        | \$ 48,255        | \$ 38,221         | \$ 26,467                        |
| Total Liabilities             | <u>\$ 16,433</u>                 | <u>\$ 48,255</u> | <u>\$ 38,221</u>  | <u>\$ 26,467</u>                 |

**BLUFFTON TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT  
SOUTH CAROLINA**

**STATISTICAL SECTION**

This part of the Bluffton Township Fire District, South Carolina comprehensive annual financial report presents detailed information as a context for understanding what the information in the financial statements, notes disclosure, and required supplementary information says about the District's overall financial health.

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| Financial Trends<br>These schedules contain trend information to help the reader understand how the District's financial performance and well-being have changed over time.   | 49-52       |
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| Debt Capacity<br>These schedules present information to help the reader assess the affordability of the District's current levels of outstanding debt and the District's ability to issue additional debt in the future.  | 57-61       |
| Demographic and Economic Information<br>These schedules offer demographic and economic indicators to help the reader understand the environment within which the District's financial activities take place and to help comparisons over time and with other governments. | 62-63       |
| Operating Information<br>These schedules contain information about the District's operations and resources to help the reader understand how the District's financial information relates to the services the District provides and the activities it performs.           | 64-66       |

Sources: Unless otherwise noted, the information in these schedules is derived from the comprehensive annual financial reports for the relevant year.

**BLUFFTON TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT, SOUTH CAROLINA  
NET POSITION BY COMPONENTS  
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS**

Schedule 1

|  | FISCAL YEAR         |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
|  | 2005                | 2006                | 2007                | 2008                | 2009                | 2010                | 2011                | 2012                | 2013                | 2014                |
| <b>GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES</b>             |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |
| Net Investment in Capital Assets           | \$ 2,464,388        | \$ 4,351,959        | \$ 3,810,332        | \$ 3,618,214        | \$ 4,255,623        | \$ 4,730,385        | \$ 6,149,100        | \$ 6,015,049        | \$ 7,530,893        | \$ 8,457,300        |
| Restricted                                 | 187,131             | 1,432,503           | 1,140,543           | 3,055,572           | 2,384,856           | 2,241,287           | 1,028,712           | 1,022,468           | 610,753             | 870,085             |
| Unrestricted                               | 2,634,481           | 3,307,809           | 3,389,993           | 1,859,793           | 3,087,942           | 2,959,001           | 2,394,169           | 1,836,978           | 24,056              | (3,006,436)         |
| Total Governmental Activities Net Position | <u>\$ 5,286,000</u> | <u>\$ 9,092,271</u> | <u>\$ 8,340,868</u> | <u>\$ 8,533,579</u> | <u>\$ 9,728,421</u> | <u>\$ 9,930,673</u> | <u>\$ 9,571,981</u> | <u>\$ 8,874,495</u> | <u>\$ 8,165,702</u> | <u>\$ 6,320,949</u> |

Source: District Audit Reports  
N/A - Not applicable pre GASB 34

**BLUFFTON TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT, SOUTH CAROLINA**  
**CHANGES IN NET POSITION**  
**LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS**  
**(accrual basis of accounting)**

Schedule 2

|                           | FISCAL YEAR         |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |
|---------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
|                           | 2005                | 2006                | 2007                | 2008                | 2009                | 2010                | 2011                | 2012                | 2013                | 2014                |
| <b>Expenses</b>           |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |
| Personnel                 | \$ 4,784,246        | \$ 5,099,259        | \$ 6,201,510        | \$ 7,146,834        | \$ 7,455,465        | \$ 8,550,982        | \$ 9,154,844        | \$ 9,508,638        | \$ 9,593,154        | \$ 11,524,137       |
| Operating                 | 953,396             | 1,091,701           | 1,417,081           | 1,822,161           | 1,059,330           | 1,231,127           | 829,966             | 809,859             | 1,163,803           | 1,274,286           |
| Depreciation              | -                   | -                   | -                   | -                   | 429,510             | 437,794             | 440,503             | 419,730             | 378,411             | 402,150             |
| Interest                  | -                   | -                   | -                   | -                   | 58,227              | 37,510              | 4,316               | 5,975               | -                   | -                   |
| Total Expenses            | <u>5,737,642</u>    | <u>6,190,960</u>    | <u>7,618,591</u>    | <u>8,968,995</u>    | <u>9,002,532</u>    | <u>10,257,413</u>   | <u>10,429,629</u>   | <u>10,744,202</u>   | <u>11,135,368</u>   | <u>13,200,573</u>   |
| <b>Revenues</b>           |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |
| Governmental Activities:  |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |
| Taxes                     | 5,731,240           | 6,763,542           | 7,606,710           | 8,828,036           | 9,857,442           | 9,628,780           | 9,536,444           | 9,459,406           | 9,832,674           | 10,160,601          |
| Payments in Lieu of Taxes | 6,306               | 5,460               | 14,515              | 7,111               | 25,935              | -                   | -                   | -                   | -                   | -                   |
| Penalties and Interest    | 40,112              | 96,973              | 128,155             | 124,963             | 155,478             | 33,850              | 16,183              | 10,938              | 5,927               | 3,352               |
| Sale of Equipment         | 1,500               | (142)               | -                   | -                   | 10,758              | 90,092              | -                   | -                   | -                   | -                   |
| Impact Fees               | 823,095             | 1,213,562           | 812,506             | 734,871             | 138,455             | 148,629             | 194,895             | 165,691             | 218,170             | 818,127             |
| One Percent Fees          | -                   | -                   | -                   | -                   | -                   | -                   | 277,407             | 299,741             | 306,713             | 303,810             |
| False Alarm Fees          | 13,040              | 22,640              | 27,230              | 5,450               | -                   | -                   | -                   | -                   | -                   | -                   |
| Contributions Received    | 22,630              | 9,210               | 30,770              | 17,473              | 9,033               | -                   | -                   | -                   | -                   | -                   |
| Federal Grants            | -                   | -                   | -                   | -                   | -                   | 211,140             | -                   | -                   | -                   | -                   |
| Other                     | -                   | 5,509               | 401                 | 14,120              | -                   | 347,444             | 46,008              | 110,940             | 63,091              | 69,930              |
| Total Revenues            | <u>6,637,923</u>    | <u>8,116,754</u>    | <u>8,620,287</u>    | <u>9,732,024</u>    | <u>10,197,101</u>   | <u>10,459,935</u>   | <u>10,070,937</u>   | <u>10,046,716</u>   | <u>10,426,575</u>   | <u>11,355,820</u>   |
| Change in Net Position    | 900,281             | 1,925,794           | 1,001,696           | 763,029             | 1,194,569           | 202,522             | (358,692)           | (697,486)           | (708,793)           | (1,844,753)         |
| Net Position-Beginning    | 4,159,422           | 5,286,000           | 7,339,172           | 8,340,868           | 8,533,582           | 9,728,151           | 9,930,673           | 9,571,981           | 8,874,495           | 8,165,702           |
| Prior Period Adjustment   | 226,297             | 127,378             | -                   | (570,315)           | -                   | -                   | -                   | -                   | -                   | -                   |
| Net Position-End          | <u>\$ 5,286,000</u> | <u>\$ 7,339,172</u> | <u>\$ 8,340,868</u> | <u>\$ 8,533,582</u> | <u>\$ 9,728,151</u> | <u>\$ 9,930,673</u> | <u>\$ 9,571,981</u> | <u>\$ 8,874,495</u> | <u>\$ 8,165,702</u> | <u>\$ 6,320,949</u> |

Source: District Audit Reports  
N/A - Not applicable pre GASB 34

**BLUFFTON TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT, SOUTH CAROLINA  
FUND BALANCES, GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS  
(modified accrual basis of accounting)**

Schedule 3

|  | FISCAL YEAR         |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
|  | 2005                | 2006                | 2007                | 2008                | 2009                | 2010                | 2011                | 2012                | 2013                | 2014                |
| <b>GENERAL FUND</b>                            |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |
| Restricted                                     | \$ -                | \$ -                | \$ 36,465           | \$ -                | \$ -                | \$ -                | \$ -                | \$ -                | \$ -                | \$ -                |
| Assigned                                       | -                   | -                   | -                   | -                   | -                   | -                   | -                   | 2,077,411           | 957,490             | -                   |
| Unassigned                                     | 717,325             | 1,520,248           | 1,672,832           | 2,013,460           | 3,109,432           | 3,754,142           | 4,054,606           | 2,274,046           | 2,405,519           | 1,517,701           |
| Total General Fund                             | <u>\$ 717,325</u>   | <u>\$ 1,520,248</u> | <u>\$ 1,709,297</u> | <u>\$ 2,013,460</u> | <u>\$ 3,109,432</u> | <u>\$ 3,754,142</u> | <u>\$ 4,054,606</u> | <u>\$ 4,351,457</u> | <u>\$ 3,363,009</u> | <u>\$ 1,517,701</u> |
| <b>DEBT SERVICE FUND</b>                       |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |
| Restricted                                     | \$ 238,728          | \$ 362,692          | \$ 525,709          | \$ 537,866          | \$ 548,124          | \$ 547,814          | \$ 552,705          | \$ 637,191          | \$ -                | \$ 300              |
| Unassigned                                     | -                   | -                   | -                   | -                   | -                   | -                   | -                   | -                   | -                   | -                   |
| Total Debt Service Fund                        | <u>\$ 238,728</u>   | <u>\$ 362,692</u>   | <u>\$ 525,709</u>   | <u>\$ 537,866</u>   | <u>\$ 548,124</u>   | <u>\$ 547,814</u>   | <u>\$ 552,705</u>   | <u>\$ 637,191</u>   | <u>\$ -</u>         | <u>\$ 300</u>       |
| <b>SPECIAL REVENUE FUND (Impact Fees)</b>      |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |
| Restricted                                     | \$ 1,892,793        | \$ 2,793,701        | \$ 2,413,561        | \$ 2,512,890        | \$ 1,832,588        | \$ 1,364,848        | \$ 176,878          | \$ 344,048          | \$ 563,322          | \$ 816,571          |
| Unassigned                                     | -                   | -                   | -                   | -                   | -                   | -                   | -                   | -                   | -                   | -                   |
| Total Capital Projects Fund                    | <u>\$ 1,892,793</u> | <u>\$ 2,793,701</u> | <u>\$ 2,413,561</u> | <u>\$ 2,512,890</u> | <u>\$ 1,832,588</u> | <u>\$ 1,364,848</u> | <u>\$ 176,878</u>   | <u>\$ 344,048</u>   | <u>\$ 563,322</u>   | <u>\$ 816,571</u>   |
| <b>SPECIAL REVENUE FUND (One Percent Fees)</b> |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |
| Restricted                                     | \$ -                | \$ -                | \$ -                | \$ -                | \$ -                | \$ 328,625          | \$ 299,129          | \$ 41,229           | \$ 47,431           | \$ 53,214           |
| Unassigned                                     | -                   | -                   | -                   | -                   | -                   | -                   | -                   | -                   | -                   | -                   |
| Total Capital Projects Fund                    | <u>\$ -</u>         | <u>\$ -</u>         | <u>\$ -</u>         | <u>\$ -</u>         | <u>\$ -</u>         | <u>\$ 328,625</u>   | <u>\$ 299,129</u>   | <u>\$ 41,229</u>    | <u>\$ 47,431</u>    | <u>\$ 53,214</u>    |
| <b>CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND</b>                   |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |
| Assigned                                       | \$ 1,629            | \$ 1,654            | \$ 1,691            | \$ -                | \$ -                | \$ -                | \$ -                | \$ -                | \$ -                | \$ -                |
| Unassigned                                     | -                   | -                   | -                   | -                   | -                   | -                   | -                   | -                   | -                   | -                   |
| Total Capital Projects Fund                    | <u>\$ 1,629</u>     | <u>\$ 1,654</u>     | <u>\$ 1,691</u>     | <u>\$ -</u>         | <u>\$ -</u>         | <u>\$ -</u>         | <u>\$ -</u>         | <u>\$ -</u>         | <u>\$ -</u>         | <u>\$ -</u>         |

Source: District Audit Reports



**BLUFFTON TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT, SOUTH CAROLINA  
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES, GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS  
(modified accrual basis of accounting)**

Schedule 4

|   | FISCAL YEAR         |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
|   | 2005                | 2006                | 2007                | 2008                | 2009                | 2010                | 2011                | 2012                | 2013                | 2014                |
| <b>Revenues</b>   |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |
| Property Taxes  | \$ 5,731,240        | \$ 6,825,027        | \$ 7,746,843        | \$ 8,754,104        | \$ 9,743,143        | \$ 9,571,025        | \$ 9,586,354        | \$ 9,444,329        | \$ 9,861,481        | \$ 10,240,044       |
| Payments In Lieu of Taxes                                 | 6,306               | 5,460               | 14,515              | 7,111               | 25,935              | -                   | -                   | -                   | -                   | -                   |
| Impact Fees   | 823,095             | 1,213,562           | 812,506             | 734,871             | 138,455             | 496,073             | 194,895             | 165,691             | 218,170             | 817,816             |
| One percent fees  | -                   | -                   | -                   | -                   | -                   | -                   | 277,407             | 299,741             | 306,713             | 303,810             |
| Penalties   | 35,627              | 44,655              | 54,192              | 53,888              | 78,448              | -                   | -                   | -                   | -                   | -                   |
| Interest  | 4,485               | 52,318              | 73,963              | 71,075              | 77,030              | 33,850              | 16,183              | 10,938              | 5,927               | 3,352               |
| Contributions Received                                    | 22,630              | 9,210               | 30,770              | 17,473              | 9,033               | -                   | -                   | -                   | -                   | -                   |
| Maintenance/CPR   | -                   | -                   | -                   | -                   | -                   | -                   | -                   | 53,843              | 47,531              | 64,203              |
| Vehicle and Equipment Sales                               | 1,500               | 8,525               | -                   | -                   | 34,604              | 102,077             | -                   | -                   | -                   | 305,000             |
| False Alarm Fees  | 13,040              | 22,640              | 27,230              | 5,450               | -                   | -                   | -                   | -                   | -                   | -                   |
| Miscellaneous   | -                   | 5,509               | 401                 | 14,120              | -                   | 211,140             | 126,008             | 56,015              | 15,560              | 6,038               |
| <b>Total Revenues</b>                                     | <b>6,637,923</b>    | <b>8,186,906</b>    | <b>8,760,420</b>    | <b>9,658,092</b>    | <b>10,106,648</b>   | <b>10,414,165</b>   | <b>10,200,847</b>   | <b>10,030,557</b>   | <b>10,455,382</b>   | <b>11,740,263</b>   |
| <b>Expenditures</b>                                       |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |
| Public Safety - Fire Protection                           |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |
| Personnel   | 4,784,246           | 5,124,247           | 6,159,904           | 7,081,602           | 7,458,929           | 7,706,130           | 8,327,450           | 8,642,162           | 8,797,487           | 10,418,396          |
| Administration  | 235,627             | 275,959             | 330,482             | 425,866             | 406,270             | 416,686             | 318,920             | 360,519             | 447,002             | 414,615             |
| Utilities   | 52,849              | 30,100              | 42,251              | 56,994              | 60,189              | 59,405              | 65,459              | 70,462              | 62,897              | 77,532              |
| Maintenance   | 193,818             | 238,934             | 424,813             | 458,055             | 443,397             | 246,872             | 285,777             | 335,834             | 400,097             | 405,610             |
| Training  | 60,331              | 92,175              | 75,977              | 76,796              | 74,281              | 80,363              | 45,101              | 33,294              | 82,815              | 85,851              |
| Equipment   | -                   | 11,952              | 9,488               | 42,156              | 43,702              | 427,801             | 114,710             | 9,750               | 170,321             | 30,291              |
| Capital Outlay  | 368,913             | 131,283             | 1,240,063           | 402,343             | 531,910             | 340,673             | 1,485,170           | 193,354             | 1,894,926           | 1,893,944           |
| Debt Service  |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |
| Principal   | 200,359             | 352,036             | 415,317             | 643,155             | 558,855             | 583,867             | 454,047             | 92,325              | -                   | -                   |
| Interest  | 111,919             | 102,400             | 90,162              | 93,551              | 71,696              | 47,083              | 16,324              | 2,250               | -                   | -                   |
| Contributions to Beaufort County                          | -                   | -                   | -                   | -                   | 31,491              | -                   | -                   | -                   | -                   | -                   |
| <b>Total Expenditures</b>                                 | <b>6,008,062</b>    | <b>6,359,086</b>    | <b>8,788,457</b>    | <b>9,280,518</b>    | <b>9,680,720</b>    | <b>9,908,880</b>    | <b>11,112,958</b>   | <b>9,739,950</b>    | <b>11,855,545</b>   | <b>13,326,239</b>   |
| Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures | 629,861             | 1,827,820           | (28,037)            | 377,574             | 425,928             | 505,285             | (912,111)           | 290,607             | (1,400,163)         | (1,585,976)         |
| Other Financing Sources (Uses)                            |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |
| Proceeds from Long Term Lease                             | -                   | -                   | -                   | 450,000             | -                   | -                   | -                   | -                   | -                   | -                   |
| Change in Fund Balances                                   | 629,861             | 1,827,820           | (28,037)            | 827,574             | 425,928             | 505,285             | (912,111)           | 290,607             | (1,400,163)         | (1,585,976)         |
| Fund Balances, Beginning                                  | 2,191,750           | 2,850,475           | 4,678,295           | 4,650,258           | 5,064,216           | 5,490,144           | 5,995,429           | 5,083,318           | 5,373,925           | 3,973,762           |
| Prior Period Adjustment                                   | 28,864              | -                   | -                   | (413,616)           | -                   | -                   | -                   | -                   | -                   | -                   |
| Fund Balances, Ending                                     | <b>\$ 2,850,475</b> | <b>\$ 4,678,295</b> | <b>\$ 4,650,258</b> | <b>\$ 5,064,216</b> | <b>\$ 5,490,144</b> | <b>\$ 5,995,429</b> | <b>\$ 5,083,318</b> | <b>\$ 5,373,925</b> | <b>\$ 3,973,762</b> | <b>\$ 2,387,786</b> |
| Debt service as a percentage of noncapital expenditures   | 5.7%                | 7.7%                | 7.1%                | 8.9%                | 7.3%                | 7.0%                | 4.9%                | 1.0%                | 0.0%                | 0.0%                |

Source: District Audit Reports

**BLUFFTON TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT, SOUTH CAROLINA  
 ASSESSED VALUE OF TAXABLE PROPERTY  
 LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS**

**Schedule 5**

| FISCAL<br>YEAR<br>ENDED<br>JUNE 30, | ASSESSED VALUE |                   |                | TAXABLE ASSESSED<br>VALUE AS A PERCENTAGE<br>OF ESTIMATED<br>ACTUAL VALUE | ACTUAL<br>VALUE   | TOTAL<br>DIRECT<br>TAX<br>RATE |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|-------------------|----------------|---|-------------------|--------------------------------|
|                                     | REAL PROPERTY  | PERSONAL PROPERTY | TOTAL          |   |                   |                                |
|                                     | 2005           | N/A               | N/A            |   |                   |                                |
| 2006                                | \$ 299,996,201 | \$ 42,686,043     | \$ 342,682,244 | N/A   | N/A               | 20.20                          |
| 2007                                | 331,509,902    | 50,746,904        | 382,256,806    | N/A   | N/A               | 21.00                          |
| 2008                                | 367,991,031    | 53,000,980        | 420,992,011    | N/A   | N/A               | 22.00                          |
| 2009                                | 419,794,805    | 67,790,589        | 487,585,394    | N/A   | N/A               | 22.70                          |
| 2010                                | 446,047,694    | 72,759,747        | 518,807,441    | N/A   | N/A               | 20.04                          |
| 2011                                | 397,305,961    | 62,152,418        | 459,458,379    | N/A   | N/A               | 20.05                          |
| 2012                                | 401,474,803    | 58,689,310        | 460,164,113    | 3.60%   | \$ 12,776,346,567 | 20.05                          |
| 2013                                | 399,780,975    | 74,002,670        | 473,783,645    | 3.71%   | 12,786,904,195    | 20.49                          |
| 2014                                | 370,432,369    | 73,102,700        | 443,535,069    | 4.40%   | 10,090,544,333    | 24.02                          |

Data Source: County Finance Director

N/A - Information is not available.

Note: Property in Beaufort County is reassessed once every five years on average. The latest reassessment was tax year 2004.

**BLUFFTON TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT, SOUTH CAROLINA  
DIRECT AND OVERLAPPING PROPERTY TAX RATES  
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS**

Schedule 6

| FISCAL<br>YEAR<br>ENDED<br>JUNE 30, | DISTRICT<br>DIRECT RATES |                            |                              | OVERLAPPING RATES |                 |                             |                            |                      |                 |                            |                        | TOTAL<br>DIRECT &<br>OVERLAPPING<br>RATES |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|------------------------|---|
|                                     | OPERATING<br>MILLAGE     | DEBT<br>SERVICE<br>MILLAGE | TOTAL<br>DISTRICT<br>MILLAGE | COUNTY            |                 |                             |                            | SCHOOL               |                 |                            |                        |   |
|                                     |                          |                            |                              | OPERATIONS        | DEBT<br>SERVICE | REAL<br>PROPERTY<br>PROGRAM | TOTAL<br>COUNTY<br>MILLAGE | SCHOOL<br>OPERATIONS | DEBT<br>SERVICE | TOTAL<br>SCHOOL<br>MILLAGE | TOWN<br>OF<br>BLUFFTON |   |
| 2005                                | 17.90                    | 0.70                       | 18.60                        | 32.70             | 5.40            |                             | 38.10                      | 75.20                | 19.00           | 94.20                      | 42.00                  | 192.90                                    |
| 2006                                | 19.50                    | 0.70                       | 20.20                        | 33.70             | 5.40            |                             | 39.10                      | 77.50                | 19.00           | 96.50                      | 42.00                  | 197.80                                    |
| 2007                                | 20.30                    | 0.70                       | 21.00                        | 36.70             | 5.40            |                             | 42.10                      | 91.70                | 17.00           | 108.70                     | 42.00                  | 213.80                                    |
| 2008                                | 21.10                    | 0.90                       | 22.00                        | 38.90             | 5.80            |                             | 44.70                      | 97.30                | 22.60           | 119.90                     | 40.00                  | 226.60                                    |
| 2009                                | 22.30                    | 0.40                       | 22.70                        | 45.50             | 4.00            |                             | 49.50                      | 102.60               | 28.00           | 130.60                     | 40.00                  | 242.80                                    |
| 2010                                | 19.67                    | 0.37                       | 20.04                        | 40.21             | 3.62            |                             | 43.83                      | 90.26                | 24.43           | 114.69                     | 38.00                  | 216.56                                    |
| 2011                                | 19.67                    | 0.38                       | 20.05                        | 40.21             | 4.57            |                             | 44.78                      | 90.26                | 26.33           | 116.59                     | 38.00                  | 219.42                                    |
| 2012                                | 19.67                    | 0.38                       | 20.05                        | 40.21             | 4.57            |                             | 44.78                      | 90.26                | 28.00           | 118.26                     | 38.00                  | 221.09                                    |
| 2013                                | 20.49                    | -                          | 20.49                        | 40.21             | 4.44            | 3.87                        | 48.52                      | 92.26                | 28.00           | 120.26                     | 38.00                  | 227.27                                    |
| 2014                                | 24.02                    | -                          | 24.02                        | 46.48             | 5.48            | 4.90                        | 56.86                      | 103.50               | 31.71           | 135.21                     | 44.35                  | 260.44                                    |

**BLUFFTON TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT, SOUTH CAROLINA  
PRINCIPAL PROPERTY TAX PAYERS  
CURRENT YEAR AND NINE YEARS AGO**

Schedule 7

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| TAXPAYER                             | FISCAL YEAR 2014 TAX YEAR 2013 |                   |   | FISCAL YEAR 2005 TAX YEAR 2004 |                   |   |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|---|--------------------------------|-------------------|---|
|                                      | TAXABLE ASSESSED VALUE         | RANK <sup>1</sup> | PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL DISTRICT TAXABLE ASSESSED VALUE | TAXABLE ASSESSED VALUE         | RANK <sup>1</sup> | PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL DISTRICT TAXABLE ASSESSED VALUE |
| South Carolina Electric & Gas        | \$ 4,212,780                   | 1                 | 3.00%   | \$ 774,120                     | 1                 | 10.06%  |
| Palmetto Electric Coop               | 1,767,840                      | 2                 | 1.26%   | 749,492                        | 4                 | 9.74%   |
| East Coast Newspaper Inc.            | 2,148,650                      | 3                 | 1.53%   | 314,722                        | 6                 | 4.09%   |
| Garrison Bluffton LLC                | 1,356,870                      | 4                 | 0.97%   | -                              | -                 | -   |
| May River Forest LLC                 | 1,069,900                      | 5                 | 0.76%   | 661,533                        | 3                 | 8.60%   |
| Palmetto Bluff LLC                   | 1,080,290                      | 6                 | 0.77%   | -                              | -                 | -   |
| NHC Healthcare/Bluffton LLC          | 504,000                        | 7                 | 0.36%   | -                              | -                 | -   |
| Bluffton Telephone Company           | 942,480                        | 8                 | 0.67%   | -                              | -                 | -   |
| Crowne Old Carolina LLC              | 826,350                        | 9                 | 0.59%   | -                              | -                 | -   |
| BRE Mariner Belfair Town Village LLC | 768,330                        | 10                | 0.55%   | -                              | -                 | -   |
| Equity One (Belfair Inc.)            | -                              | -                 | 0.00%   | 957,946                        | 2                 | 12.45%  |
| Rose Canyon Bluffton LLC             | -                              | -                 | 0.00%   | 478,878                        | 5                 | 6.22%   |
| SP Forests LLC                       | -                              | -                 | 0.00%   | 239,700                        | 7                 | 3.12%   |
| Quinnco-D'Amico Shults LLC           | -                              | -                 | 0.00%   | 258,913                        | 8                 | 3.37%   |
| Suntrust Bank                        | -                              | -                 | 0.00%   | 252,128                        | 9                 | 3.28%   |
| Health care REIT Inc.                | -                              | -                 | 0.00%   | 225,804                        | 10                | 2.93%   |
| Total                                | <u>\$ 14,677,490</u>           |                   | <u>10.46%</u>                                       | <u>\$ 4,913,236</u>            |                   | <u>63.86%</u>                                       |

Source: Town of Bluffton, S.C. CAFR

1. Rank is based on total taxes paid and not total assessed amount.

**BLUFFTON TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT, SOUTH CAROLINA  
PROPERTY TAX LEVIES AND COLLECTIONS  
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS**

Schedule 8

| FISCAL<br>YEAR<br>ENDED<br>JUNE 30, | TAXES LEVIED<br>FOR THE<br>FISCAL YEAR | COLLECTED WITHIN THE<br>FISCAL YEAR OF THE LEVY |                       | COLLECTIONS<br>IN SUBSEQUENT<br>YEARS * | TOTAL COLLECTIONS TO DATE |                       |
|-------------------------------------|--|---|-----------------------|---|---------------------------|-----------------------|
|                                     |  | AMOUNT  | PERCENTAGE<br>OF LEVY |   | AMOUNT                    | PERCENTAGE<br>OF LEVY |
|                                     |  |   |                       |   |                           |                       |
| 2005                                | N/A                                    | N/A   | N/A                   | N/A                                     | N/A                       | N/A                   |
| 2006                                | N/A                                    | N/A   | N/A                   | N/A                                     | N/A                       | N/A                   |
| 2007                                | N/A                                    | N/A   | N/A                   | N/A                                     | N/A                       | N/A                   |
| 2008                                | N/A                                    | N/A   | N/A                   | N/A                                     | N/A                       | N/A                   |
| 2009                                | N/A                                    | N/A   | N/A                   | N/A                                     | N/A                       | N/A                   |
| 2010                                | \$ 8,636,275                           | \$ 8,032,732                                    | 93.01%                | \$ 687,157                              | \$ 8,719,889              | 100.97%               |
| 2011                                | 8,615,219                              | 8,101,144                                       | 94.03%                | 492,956                                 | 8,594,100                 | 99.75%                |
| 2012                                | 8,669,847                              | 8,416,372                                       | 97.08%                | 210,125                                 | 8,626,497                 | 99.50%                |
| 2013                                | 9,846,017                              | 9,558,594                                       | 97.08%                | 147,468                                 | 9,706,062                 | 98.58%                |
| 2014                                | 10,152,237                             | 9,937,073                                       | 97.88%                | -                                       | 9,937,073                 | 97.88%                |

Source: Beaufort County Finance Director

N/A - Information is not available.

\* - This amount represents delinquent taxes collected in the current year.

**BLUFFTON TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT, SOUTH CAROLINA  
RATIOS OF OUTSTANDING DEBT BY TYPE  
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS**

Schedule 9

| FISCAL<br>YEAR<br>ENDED<br>JUNE 30, | GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES |                   |                               | TOTAL<br>PRIMARY<br>GOVERNMENT | PERCENTAGE<br>OF PERSONAL<br>INCOME | PER CAPITA | POPULATION | ESTIMATED<br>PERSONAL<br>INCOME (1) |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------|------------|-------------------------------------|
|                                     | NOTES<br>PAYABLE        | LEASES<br>PAYABLE | GENERAL<br>OBLIGATION<br>BOND |                                |                                     |            |            |                                     |
| 2005                                | \$ 175,136              | \$ -              | \$ 1,930,000                  | \$ 2,105,136                   | 0.04%                               | \$ 59      | 35,909     | \$ 5,679,323,000                    |
| 2006                                | 63,099                  | -                 | 1,690,000                     | 1,753,099                      | 0.03%                               | 45         | 39,282     | 6,386,620,000                       |
| 2007                                | -                       | 447,249           | 1,435,000                     | 1,882,249                      | 0.03%                               | 44         | 42,655     | 6,733,053,000                       |
| 2008                                | -                       | 584,094           | 1,105,000                     | 1,689,094                      | 0.02%                               | 37         | 46,028     | 6,845,583,000                       |
| 2009                                | -                       | 425,240           | 705,000                       | 1,130,240                      | 0.02%                               | 24         | 47,150     | 6,698,637,000                       |
| 2010                                | -                       | 261,372           | 285,000                       | 546,372                        | 0.01%                               | 11         | 50,100     | 6,472,301,000                       |
| 2011                                | -                       | 92,325            | -                             | 92,325                         | 0.00%                               | 2          | 52,726     | 6,901,960,000                       |
| 2012                                | -                       | -                 | -                             | -                              | N/A                                 | -          | 53,581     | 7,217,962,000                       |
| 2013                                | -                       | -                 | -                             | -                              | N/A                                 | -          | 55,847     | 7,507,264,000                       |
| 2014                                | -                       | -                 | -                             | -                              | N/A                                 | -          | N/A        | N/A                                 |

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Source: District Audit Report, US Census Bureau

Note: Details of the County's outstanding debt can be found in the notes to the financial statements.

(1) Bluffton Fire District data not available due to low population; Beaufort County Data provided alternatively.

N/A - Information is not available.

**BLUFFTON TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT, SOUTH CAROLINA  
RATIOS OF GENERAL BONDED DEBT OUTSTANDING  
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS**

| FISCAL<br>YEAR<br>ENDED<br>JUNE 30, | GENERAL<br>OBLIGATION<br>BONDS | LESS: AMOUNTS<br>AVAILABLE IN DEBT<br>SERVICE FUND | TOTAL        | PERCENTAGE OF<br>ASSESSED<br>VALUE OF<br>PROPERTY (1) | PER CAPITA (2) |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|--------------|---|----------------|
| 2005                                | \$ 1,930,000                   | \$ 238,728   | \$ 1,691,272 | N/A   | \$ 47.10       |
| 2006                                | 1,690,000                      | 362,692  | 1,327,308    | 0.387%  | 33.79          |
| 2007                                | 1,435,000                      | 525,709  | 909,291      | 0.238%  | 21.32          |
| 2008                                | 1,105,000                      | 537,866  | 567,134      | 0.135%  | 12.32          |
| 2009                                | 705,000                        | 548,124  | 156,876      | 0.032%  | 3.33           |
| 2010                                | 285,000                        | 547,814  | (262,814)    | -0.051%   | (5.25)         |
| 2011                                | -                              | 552,705  | (552,705)    | -0.120%   | (10.47)        |
| 2012                                | -                              | 637,191  | (637,191)    | -0.138%   | N/A            |
| 2013                                | -                              | -  | -            | 0.000%  | N/A            |
| 2014                                | -                              | -  | -            | 0.000%  | N/A            |

Source: District Audit Report, US Census Bureau

Note: Details of the County's outstanding debt can be found in the notes to the financial statements.

(1) See schedule 5 for assessed value of property.

(2) See schedule 13 for population.

N/A - Information is not available.

**BLUFFTON TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT, SOUTH CAROLINA  
DIRECT AND OVERLAPPING GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES DEBT  
AS OF JUNE 30, 2014**

| <u>GOVERNMENTAL UNIT</u>               | <u>DEBT<br/>OUTSTANDING (1)</u> | <u>ESTIMATED<br/>PERCENTAGE<br/>APPLICABLE</u> | <u>ESTIMATED<br/>SHARE OF<br/>OVERLAPPING<br/>DEBT</u> |
|--|---------------------------------|--|--|
| <b>Debt repaid with property taxes</b> |                                 |  |  |
| Beaufort County                        | \$ 223,885,745                  | 32.50%   | \$ 72,762,867  |
| Beaufort County School District        | 317,515,621                     | 32.50%   | 103,192,577  |
| Town of Bluffton                       | 4,940,000                       | 23.40%   | 1,155,960  |
| Subtotal overlapping debt              | <u>546,341,366</u>              |  | <u>177,111,404</u>                                     |
| <b>District direct debt</b>            | <u>-</u>                        | 100.00%  | -  |
| Total direct and overlapping debt      | <u><u>\$ 546,341,366</u></u>    |  | <u><u>\$ 177,111,404</u></u>                           |

(1) Debt outstanding data provided by each Beaufort County CAFR.

**Note:** Overlapping governments are those that coincide, at least in part, with the geographic boundaries of the District. This schedule estimates the portion of the outstanding debt of those overlapping governments that is borne by the residents and businesses of the District. The assessed values are used to estimate applicable percentages as provided by Beaufort County.



**BLUFFTON TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT, SOUTH CAROLINA  
LEGAL DEBT MARGIN INFORMATION  
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS**

Schedule 12

**Legal Debt Margin Calculation for Fiscal Year 2014**

|                                    |                       |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Assessed Value                     | <u>\$ 443,535,069</u> |
| Debt limit (8% of assessed value)  | 35,482,806            |
| Debt applicable to limit:          |                       |
| None                               | -                     |
| Total net debt applicable to limit | <u>-</u>              |
| Legal Debt Margin                  | <u>\$ 35,482,806</u>  |

|   | <u>2005</u> | <u>2006</u>          | <u>2007</u>          | <u>2008</u>          | <u>2009</u>          | <u>2010</u>          | <u>2011</u>          | <u>2012</u>          | <u>2013</u>          | <u>2014</u>          |
|---|-------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Debt Limit  | N/A         | \$ 27,414,580        | \$ 30,580,544        | \$ 33,679,361        | \$ 39,006,832        | \$ 41,504,595        | \$ 36,756,670        | \$ 36,813,129        | \$ 37,902,476        | \$ 35,482,806        |
| Total net debt applicable to limit                                      | N/A         | <u>1,753,099</u>     | <u>1,882,249</u>     | <u>1,689,094</u>     | <u>1,130,240</u>     | <u>546,372</u>       | -                    | -                    | -                    | -                    |
| Legal debt margin   | N/A         | <u>\$ 29,167,679</u> | <u>\$ 32,462,793</u> | <u>\$ 35,368,455</u> | <u>\$ 40,137,072</u> | <u>\$ 42,050,967</u> | <u>\$ 36,756,670</u> | <u>\$ 36,813,129</u> | <u>\$ 37,902,476</u> | <u>\$ 35,482,806</u> |
| Total net debt applicable to the<br>limit as a percentage of debt limit | N/A         | <u>6.39%</u>         | <u>6.16%</u>         | <u>5.02%</u>         | <u>2.90%</u>         | <u>1.32%</u>         | <u>0.00%</u>         | <u>0.00%</u>         | <u>0.00%</u>         | <u>0.00%</u>         |

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Under state finance law, the District's outstanding general obligation debt should not exceed 8 percent of the total assessed property value.

Source: District Audit Report  
N/A - Information not available

**BLUFFTON TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT, SOUTH CAROLINA  
PLEDGED-REVENUE COVERAGE  
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS**

**Schedule 13**

NONE

**BLUFFTON TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT, SOUTH CAROLINA  
DEMOGRAPHIC STATISTICS  
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS**

| <b>FISCAL<br/>YEAR<br/>ENDED<br/>JUNE 30,</b> | <b>POPULATION</b> | <b>PERSONAL<br/>INCOME (2)</b> | <b>PER<br/>CAPITA<br/>PERSONAL<br/>INCOME (2)</b> | <b>SCHOOL<br/>ENROLLMENT (1)</b> | <b>UNEMPLOYMENT<br/>RATE (3)</b> |
|---|-------------------|--------------------------------|---|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 2005  | 35,909            | \$ 5,679,323,000               | \$ 40,137   | 3,721                            | 2.1%                             |
| 2006  | 39,282            | 6,386,620,000                  | 43,384  | 4,052                            | 2.2%                             |
| 2007  | 42,655            | 6,733,053,000                  | 44,469  | 4,423                            | 2.1%                             |
| 2008  | 46,028            | 6,845,583,000                  | 43,770  | 4,625                            | 4.3%                             |
| 2009  | 47,150            | 6,698,637,000                  | 41,935  | 5,256                            | 5.2%                             |
| 2010  | 50,100            | 6,472,301,000                  | 39,713  | 5,345                            | 9.1%                             |
| 2011  | 52,726            | 6,901,960,000                  | 41,978  | 4,913                            | 8.8%                             |
| 2012  | 53,581            | 7,217,962,000                  | 42,952  | 5,245                            | 8.6%                             |
| 2013  | 55,847            | 7,507,264,000                  | 43,688  | 6,232                            | 7.9%                             |
| 2014  | N/A               | N/A                            | N/A   | N/A                              | 5.6%                             |

Data Source:

(1) National Center for Education Statistics

(2) Bluffton Fire District data not available due to low population; Beaufort County Data provided alternatively.

(3) South Carolina Employment Security Division

N/A - Information is not available.

**BLUFFTON TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT, SOUTH CAROLINA  
PRINCIPAL EMPLOYERS  
CURRENT YEAR AND NINE YEARS AGO**

Schedule 15

| <u>EMPLOYER</u>                 | <u>2014</u>      |             |  | <u>2005</u>      |             |  |
|---------------------------------|------------------|-------------|--|------------------|-------------|--|
|                                 | <u>EMPLOYEES</u> | <u>RANK</u> | <u>PERCENTAGE<br/>OF TOTAL DISTRICT<br/>EMPLOYMENT</u> | <u>EMPLOYEES</u> | <u>RANK</u> | <u>PERCENTAGE<br/>OF TOTAL DISTRICT<br/>EMPLOYMENT</u> |
| Beaufort County School District | 558              | 1           | n/a  | n/a              | n/a         | n/a  |
| CareCore National, LLC          | 474              | 2           | n/a  | n/a              | n/a         | n/a  |
| Inn at Palmetto Bluff           | 323              | 3           | n/a  | n/a              | n/a         | n/a  |
| Publix Supermarket              | 225              | 4           | n/a  | n/a              | n/a         | n/a  |
| NHC Healthcare/Bluffton         | 205              | 5           | n/a  | n/a              | n/a         | n/a  |
| Resort Services                 | 180              | 6           | n/a  | n/a              | n/a         | n/a  |
| Hargray Communications          | 170              | 7           | n/a  | n/a              | n/a         | n/a  |
| Bluffton Township Fire District | 123              | 8           | n/a  | n/a              | n/a         | n/a  |
| Kroger Supermarket              | 122              | 9           | n/a  | n/a              | n/a         | n/a  |
| Town of Bluffton                | 104              | 10          | n/a  | n/a              | n/a         | n/a  |
| Total                           | <u>2,484</u>     |             | <u>N/A</u>   | <u>N/A</u>       |             | <u>N/A</u>   |

Source: Beaufort Regional Chamber of Commerce and Town of Bluffton Finance Department

N/A - Information is not available.

**BLUFFTON TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT, SOUTH CAROLINA**  
**FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT COUNTY GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES BY FUNCTION/PROGRAM**  
**LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS**

Schedule 16

| <b>FUNCTION/PROGRAM</b> | <b>FISCAL YEAR</b> |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |
|-------------------------|--------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|                         | <b>2005</b>        | <b>2006</b> | <b>2007</b> | <b>2008</b> | <b>2009</b> | <b>2010</b> | <b>2011</b> | <b>2012</b> | <b>2013</b> | <b>2014</b> |
| Administration          | 4                  | 5           | 6           | 6           | 6           | 7           | 7           | 6           | 6           | 7           |
| Fire Prevention         | 3                  | 3           | 4           | 4           | 4           | 5           | 5           | 2           | 3           | 4           |
| Maintenance             | 1                  | 1           | 2           | 2           | 3           | 3           | 3           | 3           | 4           | 4           |
| Operations              | 80                 | 91          | 96          | 99          | 97          | 90          | 87          | 87          | 111         | 108         |
| Training                | 1                  | 1           | 3           | 3           | 4           | 4           | 4           | 4           | 3           | 3           |
| <b>Total</b>            | <b>89</b>          | <b>101</b>  | <b>111</b>  | <b>114</b>  | <b>114</b>  | <b>109</b>  | <b>106</b>  | <b>102</b>  | <b>127</b>  | <b>126</b>  |

Source: BTFD Human Resources Department

**BLUFFTON TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT, SOUTH CAROLINA  
OPERATING INDICATORS BY FUNCTION/PROGRAM  
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS**

Schedule 17

|                                     | FISCAL YEAR  |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
|                                     | 2005         | 2006         | 2007         | 2008         | 2009         | 2010         | 2011         | 2012         | 2013         | 2014         |
| <b>EMERGENCY SERVICES</b>           |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| Territory Covered (Sq/miles)        | 246          | 246          | 246          | 246          | 246          | 246          | 246          | 246          | 246          | 246          |
| <b>NATURE OF CALL</b>               |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| Hazardous Materials Incident        | 34           | 37           | 55           | 36           | 49           | 34           | 28           | 29           | 42           | 37           |
| Vehicle Accidents                   | 470          | 475          | 385          | 372          | 317          | 354          | 310          | 322          | 338          | 417          |
| Structure Fires                     | 33           | 41           | 38           | 39           | 49           | 33           | 58           | 39           | 29           | 32           |
| Vehicle Fires                       | 33           | 36           | 38           | 31           | 28           | 21           | 22           | 23           | 30           | 22           |
| Brush Fires                         | 44           | 62           | 76           | 62           | 72           | 56           | 86           | 50           | 44           | 41           |
| Other Fires                         | 61           | 95           | 85           | 82           | 73           | 66           | 83           | 79           | 76           | 84           |
| EMS Calls                           | 1637         | 1,590        | 1,608        | 1,513        | 1,710        | 2,121        | 2,168        | 2,238        | 2,632        | 2542         |
| Service Calls                       | 274          | 625          | 831          | 1,071        | 1,125        | 1,008        | 1,319        | 1,483        | 1,423        | 1505         |
| False Alarms                        | 570          | 587          | 585          | 649          | 656          | 555          | 609          | 597          | 559          | 686          |
| Specialized Rescues                 | 22           | 20           | 15           | 25           | 20           | 16           | 12           | 16           | 6            | 6            |
| Explosions                          | 8            | 4            | 5            | 13           | 7            | 11           | 9            | 10           | 9            | 10           |
| <b>TOTAL CALLS FOR FY</b>           | <b>3,186</b> | <b>3,572</b> | <b>3,721</b> | <b>3,893</b> | <b>4,106</b> | <b>4,275</b> | <b>4,704</b> | <b>4,886</b> | <b>5,188</b> | <b>5,382</b> |
| <b>AVERAGE RESPONSE TIMES</b>       |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| Fire Station #30                    | 5:02         | 4:49         | 4:56         | 5:12         | 5:27         | 5:51         | 5:57         | 6:10         | 6:11         | 6:24         |
| Fire Station #31                    | 6:18         | 5:11         | 6:32         | 6:48         | 6:39         | 6:23         | 7:00         | 6:38         | 6:55         | 6:09         |
| Fire Station #32                    | 6:19         | 5:32         | 6:49         | 7:18         | 7:02         | 5:56         | 6:23         | 7:29         | 7:57         | 7:48         |
| Fire Station #33                    | 4:37         | 4:40         | 4:46         | 4:49         | 5:17         | 5:22         | 5:17         | 5:55         | 5:25         | 4:54         |
| Fire Station #34                    | 5:35         | 6:01         | 6:40         | 6:34         | 6:23         | 6:31         | 6:29         | 6:18         | 6:32         | 6:58         |
| Fire Station #35                    | 5:15         | 5:26         | 5:49         | 5:33         | 5:49         | 5:35         | 5:37         | 5:52         | 6:00         | 6:18         |
| Fire Station #36                    | n/a          | n/a          | n/a          | n/a          | n/a          | n/a          | n/a          | n/a          | 8:37         | 6:43         |
| Fire Station #37                    | n/a          | n/a          | n/a          | n/a          | n/a          | n/a          | n/a          | n/a          | 9:14         | 6:38         |
| <b>District Average<sup>1</sup></b> | <b>5:19</b>  | <b>5:14</b>  | <b>5:36</b>  | <b>5:42</b>  | <b>5:54</b>  | <b>5:56</b>  | <b>6:02</b>  | <b>6:12</b>  | <b>6:17</b>  | <b>6:25</b>  |

<sup>1</sup>Fire Stations #36 and #37 are reserve stations housing reserve equipment. As such, there are no response times calculated on the stations.

N/A - Information is not available. Digital records for the Fire District are not available prior to FY05.

Source: Various District Divisions

**BLUFFTON TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT, SOUTH CAROLINA  
CAPITAL ASSET STATISTICS BY FUNCTION/PROGRAM  
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS**

Schedule 18

| <u>FUNCTION/PROGRAM</u>                 | <u>FISCAL YEAR</u> |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |
|---|--------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|   | <u>2005</u>        | <u>2006</u> | <u>2007</u> | <u>2008</u> | <u>2009</u> | <u>2010</u> | <u>2011</u> | <u>2012</u> | <u>2013</u> | <u>2014</u> |
| <b>EMERGENCY SERVICES:</b>              |                    |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |
| <b>FIRE STATIONS</b>                    |                    |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |
| NUMBER OF MANNED FIRE STATIONS          | 6                  | 6           | 6           | 6           | 6           | 6           | 6           | 6           | 8           | 8           |
| NUMBER OF UNMANNED FIRE STATIONS        | 2                  | 2           | 2           | 2           | 2           | 2           | 2           | 2           | -           | -           |
| <b>FIRETRUCKS</b>                       |                    |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |
| NUMBER OF FIRE ENGINES                  | 9                  | 9           | 10          | 10          | 9           | 9           | 9           | 9           | 9           | 9           |
| NUMBER OF AERIAL APPARATUS              | 1                  | 2           | 2           | 2           | 2           | 2           | 2           | 2           | 2           | 2           |
| NUMBER OF WATER TENDERS                 | 1                  | 1           | 2           | 2           | 2           | 2           | 2           | 2           | 2           | 2           |
| NUMBER OF AIR AND LIGHT UNITS           | 1                  | 1           | 1           | 1           | 1           | 1           | 1           | 1           | 1           | 1           |
| NUMBER OF SQUAD UNITS                   | -                  | -           | -           | -           | 1           | 2           | 2           | 2           | 2           | 2           |
| NUMBER OF RESCUE BOATS                  | 1                  | 1           | 1           | 1           | 1           | 1           | 1           | 1           | 1           | 1           |
| NUMBER OF SUPPORT VEHICLES <sup>1</sup> | 9                  | 10          | 15          | 15          | 15          | 16          | 17          | 17          | 17          | 17          |
| ⌘ Total Vehicles                        | 22                 | 24          | 31          | 31          | 31          | 33          | 34          | 34          | 34          | 34          |

<sup>1</sup>Support vehicles include passenger cars, light pick-up trucks, and ATV's utilized for special events.