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### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board of Directors Hopkins Hill Fire District Coventry, Rhode Island

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Hopkins Hill Fire District, as of and for the year ended August 31, 2018, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Hopkins Hill Fire 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 and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. 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 auditors' 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 the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

### **Basis for Modified Opinions**

GASB Statement 68, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions, requires the net pension asset and/or liability and various components related to the net pension asset and/or liability be reported utilizing a measurement date which is no earlier than the end of the prior fiscal year. However, Hopkins Hill Fire District participates in the retirement plans administered by the State of Rhode Island and as such, the measurement date utilized by those plans was June 30, 2017 which is a date earlier than Hopkins Hill District's prior fiscal year end. The amount by which this departure would affect the net pension assets, deferred outflow of resources, net pension liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, net position, and expenses of the Governmental Activities has not been determined.

### **Modified Opinions**

In our opinion, except for the effects of the matter described in the "Basis for Modified Opinions" paragraph, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Governmental Activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Hopkins Hill Fire District as of August 31, 2018, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

### **Prior Period Adjustments**

As discussed in Note 7 to the financial statements, during the fiscal year ended August 31, 2018, the Hopkins Hill Fire District restated beginning net position of governmental activities and restated beginning fund balance of the General Fund for items not reported in the prior period. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

### Other Matters

### Required Supplementary Information

Hopkins Hill Fire District has omitted the Management's Discussion and Analysis that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires to be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such missing 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. Our opinion on the basic financial statements is not affected by this missing information.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require the budgetary comparison information on pages 31-32 and required schedules related to pension plans on pages 34-35, respectively, 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 Hopkins Hill Fire District's financial statements as a whole. The schedule of property taxes on page 36 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The schedule of property taxes is 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 information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

### Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated April 1, 2019, on our consideration of the Hopkins Hill Fire District's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards in considering the Hopkins Hill Fire District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

West Warwick, Rhode Island

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April 1, 2019

### HOPKINS HILL FIRE DISTRICT STATEMENT OF NET POSITION August 31, 2018

<u>ASSETS</u>	
CURRENT ASSETS	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 820,001
Taxes receivable, net	126,427
Interest penalties receivable, net	43,150
Other receivables	3,938
Prepaid expense	25,058
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	1,018,574
NON-CURRENT ASSETS	
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	588,352
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	588,352
TOTAL ASSETS	1,606,926
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Deferred outflows of resources related to pension plans	508,693
TOTAL DEFFERED OUTFLOWS	508,693
<u>LIABILITIES</u> CURRENT LIABILITIES	
Accounts payable	<del>-</del>
Accrued expenses	-
Current portion of long-term debt	101,299
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	101,299
LONG-TERM LIABILITIES	
Net pension liability	629,980
Long-term debt obligations, net	124,854
TOTAL LONG-TERM LIABILITIES	754,834
TOTAL LIABILITIES	856,133
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Deferred inflows of resources related to pension plans	191,078
TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS	191,078
NET POSITION	
Net investment in capital assets	362,199
Restricted	83,913
Unrestricted	622,296
TOTAL NET POSITION	\$ 1,068,408

# HOPKINS HILL FIRE DISTRICT STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES For the Year August 31, 2018

			Program Revenues	·	Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position
		Charges for	Operating	Capital	
		Services, Fees	Grants and	Grants and	Governmental
FUNCTIONS/PROGRAMS:	Expenses	& Licenses	Contributions	Contributions	Activities
GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES					
Public safety-fire protection & rescue	\$ 1,779,851	\$ 907,388		1 <del>6/2</del>	\$ (872,463)
Interest on long-term debt	4,110	<b>‡</b>	1	•	(4,110)
TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES	\$ 1,783,961	\$ 907,388	-	<del>59</del>	(876,573)
	GENERAL REVENUES	NUES			

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Property taxes including interest on taxes Unrestricted investment earnings	1,024,747
Miscellaneous TOTAL GENERAL REVENUES	1,038,305
CHANGE IN NET POSITION	161,732
NET POSITION - September 1, 2017-Restated	906,676
NET POSITION - August 31, 2018	\$ 1,068,408

HOPKINS HILL FIRE DISTRICT BALANCE SHEET GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS August 31, 2018

	GEI	GENERAL FUND	M	RESCUE FUND	DISPATCH		T GOVER	TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
ASSETS  Cash and cash equivalents  Taxes receivable, net Interest penalties receivable, net Other receivables Prepaid expense	69	468,200 126,427 43,150 3,938 25,058	€9	267,888	€9	83,913	<del>6</del>	820,001 126,427 43,150 3,938 25,058
TOTAL ASSETS	cs.	666,773	5	267,888	€	83,913	€	1,018,574
LIABILITIES Accounts payable Accrued expenses TOTAL LIABILITIES	€9		<del>69</del>		8		€9	1 1 1
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES Unavailable revenues - property taxes Unavailable revenues - interest and penalties TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES		88,970 43,150 132,120		1 1		1 1		88,970 43,150 132,120
FUND BALANCES  Non-spendable Assigned Restricted Unassigned TOTAL FUND BALANCES		25,058 - 509,595 534,653	}	267,888				25,058 267,888 83,913 509,595 886,454
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES	8	666,773	8	267,888	↔	83,913	€9	1,018,574

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

### HOPKINS HILL FIRE DISTRICT RECONCILIATION OF TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCES TO NET POSITION OF GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES IN THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION August 31, 2018

Total Governmental Funds Balances	\$ 886,454
Capital assets used in governmental activities which are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the Governmental Fund balance sheet.	588,352
Long-term liabilities not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds. These liabilities are reported in the Statement of Net Position.	(226,153)
Unavailable tax revenues (net of an allowance for uncollectibles) recorded in the funds, but not reported under the measurement focus in the Statement of Net Position.	88,970
Unavailable interest and penaties revenues (net of an allowance for uncollectibles) recorded in the funds but not reported under the measurement focus in the Statement of Net Position.	43,150
Net pension liability and related deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pension plans are reported in the Statement of Net Position but are not reported on the Fund Statements.	 (312,365)
Net Position of Governmental Activities	\$ 1,068,408

### HOPKINS HILL FIRE DISTRICT STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

For the Year Ended August 31, 2018

	G	ENERAL FUND		RESCUE FUND	I	DISPATCH FUND	GO	TOTAL VERNMENTAL FUNDS
REVENUES								
Taxes	\$	911,058	\$	-	\$	-	\$	911,058
Interest on taxes		24,721				-		24,721
Contract services		264,771		-		371,481		636,252
Ambulance services		´-		271,136		-		271,136
Investment income		3,393		1,007		-		4,400
Miscellaneous		9,158				-		9,158
TOTAL REVENUES		1,213,101	_	272,143		371,481	_	1,856,725
EXPENDITURES								
Current:								
Salaries and wages		530,343		35,875		237,169		803,387
Employment taxes and fringes		234,755		•		113,348		348,103
District officers		46,599		_		-		46,599
Fire department operations		16,855		-		_		16,855
Fuel		12,577		-		_		12,577
Apparatus repairs and maintenance		30,085		-		-		30,085
Dispatch operation		-		_		5,735		5,735
Rescue operations		70,617		32,236		-		102,853
Hydrant rental		51,800		· -		-		51,800
Street lighting		37,592		_		_		37,592
Telephone/internet/cable TV		3,277		_		-		3,277
Advertising		1,146		_		_		1,146
Occupancy		25,536				-		25,536
Insurance		54,541		_		_		54,541
Tax collector's expenses		857		•		_		857
Audit and legal expense		15,250		-		_		15,250
Office expense		11,172		<u>.</u>		_		11,172
Miscellaneous		1,303		-		_		1,303
Debt Service:		-,5						-,
Principal Principal		_		49,966		_		49,966
Interest		_		4,110		_		4,110
Capital:				4,110				
LED street lighting upgrades		49,607		-		-		49,607
Equipment refurbishment		139,388	_		_			139,388
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		1,333,300		122,187		356,252		1,811,739
Expenditures over (under) revenues before		(100 100)		140.056		15 220		44.007
other financing sources (uses)		(120,199)		149,956		15,229	_	44,986
Other Financing Sources (Uses):		105 504		201 722				200.517
Transfers in		187,784		201,732		-		389,516
Transfers out		(201,732)	_	(187,784)				(389,516)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)		(13,948)	_	13,948			_	<del>-</del>
CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE		(134,147)		163,904		15,229		44,986
FUND BALANCES - September 1, 2017 - Restated		668,800	_	103,984	_	68,684		841,468
FUND BALANCES - August 31, 2018	\$	534,653	\$	267,888	\$	83,913	\$	886,454

### HOPKINS HILL FIRE DISTRICT

### RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

For the Year Ended August 31, 2018

Change in Fund Balance - Governmental Funds	\$ 44,986
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 depreciation expense exceeded capital outlays for the year ended August 31, 2018	13,131
Governmental funds report principal repayments on debt obligations as an expenditure. However, the repayment of principal has no effect on changes in net position.	49,966
Revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in governmental funds. Unavailable tax revenue increased from fiscal 2017.	88,970
Decrease in compensated absences. The governmental fund reflects this activity when it will will be paid with measurable and available resources. The change from prior year balances is reflected in the statement of activities and changes in net position.	68,183
Changes in net pension asset, deferred outflows of resources related to pension plans, and deferred inflows related to pension plans results in an increase or decrease to the pension expense reported in the statement of activities. For fiscal 2018, the effect of these adjustments resulted in a decrease in the pension expense reported in the Statement of Activities.	 (103,504)
Change in Net Position - Governmental Activities in the Statement of Activities	\$ 161,732

### NOTE 1 – REPORTING ENTITY AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

### THE FINANCIAL REPORTING ENTITY

The Hopkins Hill Fire District (the District) was organized by the Rhode Island General Assembly and approved by the electorate in 1955 to meet the fire needs in Coventry, Rhode Island. The Fire District provides fire protection, hazmat, and rescue services throughout the District. The District also provides fire protection and hazmat services to other local commercial entities under separate contracts.

The District complies with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). GAAP includes all relevant Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) pronouncements. The accounting and reporting framework and the more significant accounting policies are discussed in subsequent subsections of this note.

### PRIMARY GOVERNMENT

In evaluating how to define the District for financial reporting purposes, management has considered all potential component units. The decision to include a potential component unit in the reporting entity was made by applying the criteria set forth in GASB Statement No. 61. Under GASB Statement No. 61, a legally separate entity is required to be included as a component unit if it is fiscally dependent upon the primary government and there is a financial benefit or burden relationship present. The primary government is financially accountable if it appoints the voting majority of the organization's governing board and (1) it is able to impose its will on that organization or (2) there is a potential for the organization to provide specific financial benefits to or impose specific financial burdens on the primary government. A potential component unit has a financial benefit or burden relationship with the primary government if, for example, any one of the following conditions exists:

- a. The primary government is legally entitled to or can otherwise access the organization's resources.
- b. The primary government is legally obligated or has otherwise assumed the obligation to finance the deficits of, or provide financial support to, the organization.
- c. The primary government is obligated in some manner for the debt of the organization.

There were no entities which met the criteria noted above.

### BASIS OF PRESENTATION

Government-Wide Financial Statements — The statement of net position and the statement of activities display information about the reporting government as a whole. They include all funds of the reporting entity except for fiduciary funds and component units that are fiduciary in nature. The statement distinguishes between governmental and business-type activities. Governmental activities generally are financed through taxes, intergovernmental revenues, and other non-exchange revenues. Business-type activities are financed in whole or in part by fees charged to external parties for goods and services. Currently, the District has no business-type activities. Certain eliminations have been made as prescribed by GASB Statement No. 34 in regards to interfund activities, receivables, and payables.

Fund Financial Statements – Fund financial statements of the reporting entity are organized into funds each of which is considered to be separate accounting entities. Each fund is accounted for by providing a separate set of self-balancing accounts which constitute its assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenues, and expenditures/expenses. An emphasis is placed on major funds within the governmental category. A fund is considered major if it is the primary operating fund of the District or meets the following criteria:

- a. Total assets and deferred outflows of resources, liabilities and deferred inflow of resources, revenues, or expenditures/expenses of that individual, government fund, or enterprise fund are at least 10 percent of the corresponding total for all funds of that category or type, and
- b. Total assets and deferred outflow of resources, liabilities and deferred inflow of resources, revenues, or expenditures/expenses of that individual, governmental fund or enterprise funds are at least 5 percent of the corresponding total for all governmental and enterprise funds combined.

The funds of the financial reporting entity are described below:

### GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

<u>General Funds</u> – The General Fund is the primary operating fund of the District and is always classified as a major fund. It is used to account for all activities except those legally or administratively required to be accounted for in other funds.

<u>Special Revenue Funds</u> – Special Revenue Funds are used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are committed or restricted to expenditures for specific purposes other than that debt service or capital projects.

### MAJOR AND NONMAJOR FUNDS

The funds are further classified as major or nonmajor as follows:

Major Funds:

General:

See above for description.

Special Revenue Fund:

Dispatch fund

Special Revenue Fund:

Rescue fund

Nonmajor Funds:

None

### MEASUREMENT FOCUS

On the government-wide Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities governmental activities are presented using the economic resources measurement focus. The accounting objectives of this measurement focus are the determination of the income and financial position. All assets and liabilities (whether current or noncurrent) associated with their activities are reported. Fund equity is classified as net assets.

In the fund financial statements, the "current financial resources" measurement focus or the "economic resources" measurement focus is used as appropriate. Only current financial assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources are generally included on their balance sheets. Their operating statements present sources and uses of available spendable financial resources during a given period. These funds are using fund balance as their measure of available spendable financial resources at the end of the period. The District considers property taxes as available if they are collected within 60 days after year end.

### BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

In the government-wide Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities, governmental activities are presented using the accrual basis of accounting. Under the accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recorded when the liability is incurred or economic asset used. Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets, deferred outflow of resources, liabilities and deferred inflows of resources resulting from exchange and exchange-like transactions are recognized when the exchange takes place.

In the fund financial statements, governmental funds are presented on the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under this modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when "measurable and available." Measurable means knowing or being able to reasonably estimate the amount. Available means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay current liabilities. Expenditures (including capital outlay) are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for general obligation bond principal and interest which are reportable when due.

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

### ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

In the government-wide Statements, receivables consist of all revenues earned at year-end and not yet received. Receivable balances for the governmental activities include property taxes, interest penalties on delinquent property taxes, and fire rescue fees.

In the fund financial statements, receivables in governmental funds include revenue accruals such as property taxes and interest penalties on delinquent property taxes. Non-exchange transactions collectible but not available are considered unearned in the fund financial statements in accordance with the modified accrual basis of accounting. Allowances for uncollectible accounts receivable are based upon historical trend and the periodic aging of accounts receivable. At August 31, 2018, the District has estimated the allowance for taxes receivable to be \$10,000 and the allowance for interest penalties receivable to be \$7,500.

### **INVENTORIES**

For governmental fund types, disbursements for inventory-type items are not recorded as assets but have been recorded as expenditures at the time individual inventory items were purchased.

### PREPAID ITEMS

Prepaid items are accounted for under the allocation method whereby a prepaid asset is established at the ate of payment and subsequently amortized over the accounting periods expected to benefit from the initial payment.

### **PENSIONS**

For purposes of measuring the net pension liability (asset), deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the Municipal Employees' Retirement System (MERS) of Rhode Island and additions to/deductions from MERS' fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are

reported by MERS. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

### PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

The accounting treatment over property, plant, and equipment (capital assets) depends on whether the assets are reported in the government-wide or fund financial statements.

Government-Wide Statements — In the government-wide financial statements, long-lived assets are accounted for as capital assets. All capital assets are valued at historical cost or estimated historical cost if actual is unavailable, except for donated capital assets, which are recorded at their estimated fair value at the date of donation. Infrastructure, such as streets and drainage systems, are capitalized. The capitalization threshold of the District is any individual item with a total cost greater than \$5,000.

Depreciation of all exhaustible capital assets is recorded as an allocated expense in the Statement of Activities, with accumulated depreciation reflected in the Statement of Net Position. Depreciation is provided over the assets' estimated useful lives using the straight-line method of depreciation. The range of estimated useful lives by the type of asset is as follows:

Depreciation of all exhaustible capital assets is recorded as an allocated expense in the Statement of Activities, with accumulated depreciation reflected in the Statement of Net Assets. Depreciation is provided over the assets' estimated useful lives using the straight-line method of depreciation. The range of estimated useful lives by type of asset is as follows:

•	Y ears
Buildings and improvements	7 - 39
Vehicles	5 - 20
Fire equipment	5 - 20
Furniture and equipment	5 - 15

<u>Fund Financial Statements</u> – In the fund financial statements, long-lived assets used in governmental fund operations are accounted for as capital outlay expenditures of the governmental fund upon acquisition.

### COMPENSATED ABSENCES

Employees are granted vacation and sick leave in varying amounts. Upon retirement, termination or death, certain employees are compensated for unused vacation and sick leave (subject to certain limitations) at their current rates of pay. The amount recorded is the unused days earned at the current rate of pay. For governmental activities, the general fund is used to satisfy this liability as it becomes due. Compensated absences are recorded as a long-term liability in the Government-Wide financial statements as they are not due and payable in the current period. Accordingly, these liabilities are not included in the fund financial statements.

### **EQUITY CLASSIFICATIONS**

Government-Wide Statements - Equity is classified as net position and displayed in three components:

<u>Net investment in capital assets</u> – consists of capital assets including restricted capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by the outstanding balances of any bonds, mortgages, notes, or other borrowings that are attributable by the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets.

<u>Restricted net position</u> – consists of net position with constraints placed on them either by (1) external groups such as creditors, grantors, contributions, laws, or regulations of other governments, or (2) law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

<u>Unrestricted net position</u> – all other net positions that do not meet the definition of "restricted" or "net investment in capital assets".

<u>Fund Statements</u> – Governmental fund equity is classified as fund balance. With the implementation of GASB Statement No. 54, fund balance is classified as one of the following five categories: non-spendable, restricted, committed, assigned, or unassigned. These categories are defined below:

<u>Non-spendable</u> – includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are either (a) not in spendable form or (b) legally or contractually required to be maintained intact. "Not in spendable form" includes items that are not expected to be converted to cash.

<u>Restricted</u> – includes amounts that are restricted to specific purposes. Fund balance is reported as restricted when constraints placed in the use of resources are either externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments, or imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

<u>Committed</u> – includes amounts that can be used only for the specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal action of the government's highest level of decision-making authority. Those committed amount cannot be used for any other purpose unless the government removes or changes the specified use by taking the same type of action it employed to previously commit those amounts. The highest level of decision-making authority for the Hopkins Hill Fire District is the taxpayers that assemble annually to vote on the District's budget and resolutions proposed by the Chief and Board of Directors.

<u>Assigned</u> - includes amounts that are constrained by the government's intent to be used for specific purposes but are neither restricted nor committed. The intent should be expressed by (a) the governing body itself of (b) a body (a budget or finance committee) or official to which the governing body has delegated the authority to assign amounts to be used for specific purposes.

<u>Unassigned</u> – is the residual classification for the General Fund. This classification represents fund balance that has not been assigned to other funds and that has not been restricted, committed, or assigned to specific purposes within the General Fund.

RECONCILIATION OF GOVERNMENT-WIDE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION AND BALANCE SHEET OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

The governmental fund balance sheet includes reconciliation between fund balance - total governmental funds and net position- governmental activities as reported in the Government-Wide

statement of net position. One element of that reconciliation explains that "net pension liability and related deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pension plans are reported in the Statement of Net Position but are not reported on the Fund Statements." The details of this \$312,365 are as follows:

Differences between expected and	\$	58,168
actual experience		
Changes in assumptions		138,375
Net difference between projected and		
and actual earnings		34,864
Net pension liability		(629,980)
Pension contributions after the		
measurement date	_	86,208
NET ADJUSTMENT	\$	(312,365)

EXPLANATION OF CERTAIN DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENTAL FUND STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE AND THE GOVERNMENT-WIDE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

The governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances includes reconciliation between *net changes in fond balances - total governmental funds* and *changes in net position of governmental activities* as reported in the Government-Wide statement of activities. One element of that reconciliation explains that "Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities the cost of those assets is allocated over their useful lives and reported as depreciation expense." The details of this \$13,131 difference are as follows:

Fund expenditures capitalized for reporting	\$ 188,995
in Government-Wide Statements	
Depreciation expense	 (175,864)
NET ADJUSTMENT	\$ 13,131

### RECENTLY ISSUED ACCOUNTING STANDARDS

During the fiscal year ended August 31, 2018 the District implemented the following new accounting pronouncements:

GASB Statement No. 73 – Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions and Related Assets That Are Not within the Scope of GASB Statement 68, and Amendments to Certain Provisions of GASB Statements 67 and 68

GASB Statement No. 74 – Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefit Plans Other Than Pension Plans

GASB Statement No. 80 - Blending Requirements for Certain Component Units—an amendment of GASB Statement No. 14

GASB Statement No. 82 – Pension Issues–an amendment of GASB Statements No. 67, No. 68, and No. 73

The following are recently issued governmental accounting standards which will be applicable in future years:

GASB Statement No. 75 – Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions, effective for fiscal year ending August 31, 2018

GASB Statement No. 81 – Irrevocable Split-Interest Agreements, effective for fiscal year ending August 31, 2018

GASB Statement No. 83 – Certain Asset Retirement Obligations, effective for fiscal year ending August 31, 2019

GASB Statement No. 84 - Fiduciary Activities, effective for fiscal year ending August 31, 2020

GASB Statement No. 85 - Omnibus 2017, effective for fiscal year ending August 31, 2018

GASB Statement No. 86 - Certain Debt Extinguishment Issues, effective for fiscal year ending August 31, 2018

GASB Statement No. 87 - Leases, effective for fiscal year ending August 31, 2021

The impact of these pronouncements on the District's financial statements has not been determined.

### **USE OF ESTIMATES**

The preparation of basic financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States requires management to make assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

### NOTE 2 - BUDGETARY PROCESS

### ADOPTION

Budgets are adopted in accordance with District charter requirements. It is the responsibility of the Board of Directors to submit a proposed budget to the members of the District at the August board meeting. A public hearing is conducted on the recommended budget and the final recommended budget is legally enacted through a vote of the District residents at the Annual District Meeting held in September. Annual appropriated budgets are adopted for the general fund. All annual appropriations lapse at fiscal year-end.

### **ENCUMBRANCES**

Encumbrances represent commitments related to unperformed contracts for goods or services. Encumbrance accounting, under which purchase orders, contracts and other commitments for the expenditure of funds are recorded in order to reserve that portion of the applicable appropriation, is employed in the governmental funds. Encumbrances outstanding at year-end are reported as either committed or assigned fund balances and do not constitute expenditures or liabilities because the commitments will be honored during the subsequent year. The District had no encumbrances outstanding at August 31, 2018.

### **NOTE 3 – CASH AND INVESTMENTS**

The State of Rhode Island requires that certain uninsured deposits be collateralized. Section 35-10.1-7 of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island, dealing with the collateralization of public deposits, requires that all time deposits with maturities of greater than 60 days and all deposits in institutions that do not meet the minimum capital requirements of its Federal regulator must be collateralized.

### A. Deposits

At August 31, 2018, the District's carrying amount of cash and cash equivalents was \$820,001 and the bank balance was \$834,860.

### B. Interest Rate Risk

The District does not have a formal investment policy that limits investment maturities as a means of managing its exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates. The District did not maintain any investments at August 31, 2018 or during the year then ended.

### C. Concentration of Credit Risk

At August 31, 2018, the District's deposits were held at one financial institution. The District attempts to minimize its concentration of credit risk by depositing and investing funds with multiple institutions and investing in government obligations. The District's deposits are maintained in highly rated financial institutions whose ratings are reviewed on a periodic basis. At August 31, 2018, \$250,000 of the District's bank balance was covered by the financial institutions under federal depository insurance and \$584,860 was covered by a collateralization agreement.

### D. Custodial Credit Risk

Custodial credit risk in the case of deposits is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the District's deposits may not be returned. The state of Rhode Island requires that certain uninsured deposits bye collateralized. Section 35-10.1-7 of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island, dealing with the collateralization of public deposits, requires that all time deposits with maturities of greater than 60 days and all deposits in institutions that do not meet the minimum capital requirements of tis federal regulator must be collateralized. The District dos not have a formal deposit policy for custodial credit risk but is governed by State laws as described above.

### **NOTE 4 – RECEIVABLES**

Receivables at August 31, 2018, including the applicable allowances for uncollectible accounts, are as follows:

	General Fund			
Receivables:				
Taxes	\$	136,427		
Interest penalties		50,650		
Other receivables		3,938		
GROSS RECEIVABLES		191,015		
Less: Allowances for				
uncollectible accounts	••••	(17,500)		
NET RECEIVABLES	\$	173,515		

All real estate in the District is taxed to the owners according to the last valuation made by the Tax Assessor of the Town of Coventry. The tax rate established for the year ended August 31, 2018 was \$2.25 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation on residential and personal property and \$3.375 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation on commercial property. The District does assess a \$10 minimum tax. The taxable value of property with an assessment date of December 31, 2016 was \$358,211,105.

Taxes are levied after the adoption of the annual budget (second Monday in September) and are payable and due by October 31<sup>st</sup>. Taxpayers are also given the option to make quarterly payments due October 31<sup>st</sup>, January 31<sup>st</sup>, April 30<sup>th</sup>, and July 31<sup>st</sup>. All unpaid taxes levied become delinquent on November 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year and are subject to interest at an annual rate of 18%. Total assessments for the year ended August 31, 2018 was \$917,395.

The District is responsible for assessing, collecting, and distributing property taxes in accordance with enabling State legislation. The District recognizes property tax revenues in accordance with Section P70, "Property Taxes" of the Codification of Government Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards. Unpaid property taxes as of August 31, 2018 are recorded as a receivable. Those net property taxes receivable which were not collected within 60 days immediately following August 31, 2018 are reported as deferred inflow of resources and amounted to \$88,970. Property taxes recognized as revenue for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2018 due to their collection in the 60 days following August 31, 2018 totaled \$37,457.

NOTE 5 – CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset activity for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2018 is as follows:

	Balance September 1, 2017		Additions		Retirements & Disposals			Balance ust 31, 2018
Capital assets not being depreciated: Land	\$	20,000	\$		\$	<u>-</u>	\$	20,000
Total capital assets not being depreciated		20,000				-		20,000
Capital assets being depreciated:								
Build and building improvements	3	313,660		-		-		313,660
Apparatus, vehicles and equipment	2,3	382,363	188,	,995		-		2,571,358
Total capital assets being depreciated		596,023 716,023		,99 <u>5</u>	<del></del>			2,885,018 2,905,018
Total capital assets		110,023	100,	,775				2,703,010
Less accumulated depreciation: Build and building improvements Apparatus, vehicles and equipment	•	161,212) 979,590)		,569) ,295)		<u>-</u>	(	(184,781) 2,131,885)
Total accumulated depreciation	(2,1	140,802)	(175,	,864)			(	2,316,666)
Net capital assets	\$ 5	575,221	\$ 13,	,131	\$		\$	588,352

Depreciation expense charged to public safety was \$175,864 for the year ended August 31, 2018.

### **NOTE 6 – LONG-TERM LIABILITIES**

### Long-Term Liability Activity

Long-term liability activity for the year ended August 31, 2018 was as follows:

	_	Balance mber 1, 2017	Ac	ditions_	Re	tirements	Balance gust 31, 2018	Di	Amounts Le Within One Year
Governmental Activities:									
Long-term debt:									
Lease purchase obligation	\$	153,933	\$	-	\$	(49,965)	\$ 103,968	\$	51,299
Compensated absences		190,367				(68,182)	 122,185		50,000
TOTAL	\$	344,300	\$	-	\$	(118,147)	\$ 226,153	\$	101,299

### Lease Purchase Obligation

Lease purchase obligation at August 31, 2018 is comprised of the following:

	Interest	Issued/Maturity	Original			Balance	
	Rate	Date Issue		Issue	August 31, 2018		
Governmental Activies:							
Lease purchase obligation	2.690%	7/7/15 - 8/1/20	\$	250,000	\$	103,968	

### <u>Debt Service Requirements</u>

Presented below is a summary of debt service requirements, including interest, to maturity by years:

Fiscal Year Ending August 31,	Principal Interest			Interest	Total		
2019	\$	51,299	\$	2,776	\$	54,075	
2020		52,669		1,406		54,075	
	\$	103,968	\$	4,182	\$	108,150	

Interest expense paid on long-term debt obligations and reported in the governmental fund expenditures of the General Fund was \$4,110 for the year ended August 31, 2018.

Payments on all long-term debt and other long-term liabilities that pertain to the District's governmental activities are made by the General Fund.

### **NOTE 7 – RESTATEMENT**

The government-wide activities and General Fund net position and fund balance have been restated as follows:

	Governmental Activities		 General Fund
Net position and fund balance as previously reported at August 31, 2017	\$	996,370	\$ 722,802
To correct long-term debt		(153,934)	(48,666)
To record contract revenue to proper period		38,629	38,629
To record deferred property taxes		-	(43,965)
To correct land not recorded in fixed assets		(20,000)	-
To restate prior accumulated depreciation		9,897	-
To correct various balances		35,714	<del>-</del>
Net position and fund balance as restated at September 1, 2017	\$	906,676	\$ 668,800

### NOTE 8 - FUND BALANCE

As stated in Note 1, Fund Balance may be classified as one of five categories: Non-spendable, Restricted, Committed, Assigned, or Unassigned. Committed Fund Balance represents that amount of fund balance which can only be used for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal action of the District's highest level of decision-making authority. The Hopkins Hill Fire District's taxpayers are considered to be the highest level of decision making authority. In accordance with the District Charter, the taxpayers vote on the annual budget and on any resolutions proposed by the Board of Directors. The passage of the District's annual budget and proposed resolutions may result in the commitment of fund balance.

Non-spendable Fund Balance at August 31, 2018 totaled \$25,058 and represented amounts which have been prepaid on insurance policies for future fiscal years.

Restricted Fund Balance at August 31, 2018 totaled \$83,913. This represents funds used exclusively in the operations for the Coventry Dispatch.

Assigned Fund Balance represents the amount of fund balance which has been constrained by the District's intent to be used for specific purposes. The assignment of fund balance is determined by actions of the Board of Directors rather than the actions of the District taxpayers. The ability to assign

fund balance is granted to the Board of Directors by the District taxpayers. At August 31, 2018, the District had \$267,888 of assigned fund balance relating to the District's operations.

The Hopkins Hill Fire District does not currently have a spending policy regarding the order in which restricted, committed, assigned, and unassigned fund balances are spent when more than one amount is available for the expenditures incurred. Accordingly, by default the District is following the policy prescribed by GASB Statement No. 54 which specifies that fund balance is reduced first by committed, then by assigned, then by unassigned when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which any unrestricted fund balance could be used. In all situations, the District considers restricted fund balance to be used first when available and when expenditures are incurred that meet the requirements of the restricted fund balance.

### NOTE 9 - RISK MANAGEMENT

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; and natural disasters for which the District carries commercial insurance. Liabilities are reported when it is probable that a loss has occurred and the amount of the loss can be reasonably estimated. As of August 31, 2018, the District has estimated the reserve for any potential losses to be immaterial and therefore has not recorded any liability in the financial statements.

### NOTE 10 - DEFINED BENEFITS PENSION PLAN

### General Information about the Pension Plan

### Plan Description

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

MERS issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. This report may be obtained accessing the ERSRI website at <a href="http://www.ersri.org">http://www.ersri.org</a>.

### Benefit Provisions

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

police officers and/or firefighters are treated as belonging to a unit separate from the general employees, with separate contribution rates applicable.

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

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

Final Average Compensation (FAC): Prior to July 1, 2012 and for general employee members eligible to retire as of August 31, 2012, the average was based on the member's highest three consecutive annual salaries. Effective July 1, 2012, the average was based on the member's highest five consecutive annual salaries. Once a member retires or is terminated, the applicable FAC will be the greater of the member's highest three-year FAC as of July 1, 2012 or the five-year FAC as of the retirement/termination date. Monthly benefits are based on one-twelfth of this amount.

Subsequent to August 31, 2015, litigation challenging the various pension reform measures enacted in previous years by the General Assembly (2009, 2010, and 2011) was settled. The final settlement approved by the Court on July 8, 2015 also included enactment of the pension settlement provisions by the General Assembly. These amended benefit provisions, which have been included in the determination of the total pension liability at the August 31, 2015 measurement date and are reflected in the summary of benefit provisions described below.

### General employees

Members with less than five years of contributory service as of August 31, 2012 and members hired on or after that date are eligible for retirement on or after their Social Security normal retirement age (SSNRA).

Members who had at least five years of contributory service as of August 31, 2012 will be eligible for retirement at an individually determined age. This age is the result of interpolating between the member's prior Retirement Date, described below, and the retirement age applicable to members hired after August 31, 2012 in (a) above. The interpolation is based on service as of August 31, 2012 divided by projected service at the member's prior Retirement Date. The minimum retirement age is 59.

Members with 10 or more years of contributory service on August 31, 2012 may choose to retire at their prior Retirement Date if they continue to work and contribute until that date. If this option is elected, the retirement benefit will be calculated using the benefits accrued as of August 31, 2012, i.e., the member will accumulate no additional defined benefits after this date, but the benefit will be paid without any actuarial reduction.

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

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

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

The annual benefit is equal to 2.00% of the member's monthly FAC for each year of service prior to July 1, 2012 and 1.00% of the member's monthly FAC for each year of service from July 1, 2012 through August 31, 2015. For all service after August 31, 2015, the annual benefit is equal to 1.0% per year unless the member had 20 or more years of service as of August 31, 2012 in which case the benefit accrual is 2.0% per year for service after August 31, 2015. The benefit cannot exceed 75% of the member's FAC. Benefits are paid monthly.

### Police and Fire employees

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

Members who, as of August 31, 2012, had at least 10 years of contributing service, had attained age 45, and had a prior Retirement Date before age 52 may retire at age 52.

Active members on August 31, 2012 may choose to retire at their prior Retirement Date if they continue to work and contribute until that date. If option is elected, the retirement benefit will be calculated using the benefits accrued as of August 31, 2012, i.e., the member will accumulate no additional defined benefits after this date, but the benefit will be paid without any actuarial reduction.

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

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

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

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

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

### Other benefit provisions

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

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

Post-retirement benefit increases are paid to members who retire after August 31, 2012. Members will be eligible to receive cost of living increases at the later of the member's third anniversary of retirement and the month following their SSNRA (age 55 for members designated as police officers and/or firefighters). When a municipality elects coverage, it may elect either COLA C (covering only current and future active members and excluding members already retired) or COLA B (covering current retired members as well as current and future active members).

- a. The COLA will be suspended for any unit whose funding level is less than 80%; however, an interim COLA may be granted in four-year intervals while the COLA is suspended. The first interim COLA may begin January 1, 2018.
- b. Effective July 1, 2015, the COLA is determined based on 50% of the plan's five-year average investment rate of return less 5.5% limited to a range of 0.0% to 4.0%, plus 50% of the lesser of 3.0% or last year's CPI-U increase for a total maximum increase of 3.50%. Previously, it was the plan's five-year average investment rate of return less 5.5% limited to a range of 0.0% to 4.0%.
- c. The COLA will be limited to the first \$25,000 of the member's annual pension benefit. For retirees and beneficiaries who retired on or before July 1, 2015, years in which a COLA is payable based on the every fourth year provision described in (i) above will be limited to the first \$30,000. These limits will be indexed annually to increase in the same manner as COLAs, with the known values of \$25,000 for 2013, \$25,000 for 2014, \$25,168 for 2015, \$25,855 for 2016, and \$26,098 for 2017.

### Employees Covered by Benefit Terms

At the June 30, 2017 valuation date, the following employees were covered by the benefit terms:

Retirees & Beneficiaries	2
Inactive, non-retired members	-
Active members	12
Total	14

### **Contributions**

The amount of employee and employer contributions have been established under Rhode Island General Law Chapter 45-21. General employees are required to contribute 2% of their salaries. General employees with more than 20 years of service as of June 30, 2012 are required to contribute 8.25%. Hopkins Hill Fire District contributes at a rate of covered employee payroll as determined by an independent actuary on an annual basis. The General Assembly can amend the amount of these contribution requirements. During the fiscal year ended August 31, 2018, the Hopkins Hill Fire District contributed \$90,568 to the MERS plan which represented 12.1% of the annual covered payroll totaling approximately \$747,516.

### Net Pension Liability

The total pension liability was determined by actuarial valuations performed as of June 30, 2016 and rolled forward to June 30, 2017, using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement.

Summary of Actuarial Assumptions Used in the Valuations to determine the Net Pension Liability at the June 30, 2017 measurement date (June 30, 2016 valuation rolled forward to June 30, 2017)								
Actuarial Cost Method	Entry Age Normal - the Individual Entry Age Actuarial Cost methodology is used.							
Amortization Method	Level Percent of Payroll - Closed							
Actuarial Assumptions								
Investment Rate of Return	7.00%							
Projected Salary Increases	General Employees - 3.50% to 7.50%; Police & Rescue Employees - 4.00% to 14.00%							
Inflation	2.75%							
	Mortality - variants of the RP-2014 mortality tables - for the improvement scale, update							
Mortality	to the ultimate rates of the MP-2016 projection scale							
Cost of Living Adjustments	A 2% COLA is assumed after January 1, 2014.							

The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2015 valuation rolled forward to June 30, 2016 and the calculation of the total pension liability at June 30, 2016 were consistent with the results of an actuarial experience study performed as of June 30, 2013.

The long-term expected rate of return best-estimate on pension plan investments was determined by the actuary using a building-block method. The actuary started by calculating best-estimate future expected real rates of return (expected returns net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) for each major asset class, based on a collective summary of capital market expectations from 35 sources. The June 30, 2016 expected arithmetic returns over the long-term (20 years) by asset class are summarized in the following table:

	Long-Term Target	Long-Term Expected Arithmetic Real Rate
Asset Class	Asset Allocation	of Return
Global Equity		
US Equity	20.60%	6.85%
Internal Developed Equity	15.90%	6.71%
Emerging Markets Equity	3.50%	8.91%
Private Growth	3.5070	0.7174
Private Equity	11.30%	9.62%
Non-Core RE	2.20%	5.17%
OPP Private Credit	1.50%	9.62%
Income	1,0070	200-70
High Yield Infrastructure	1.00%	4.26%
REITS	1.00%	5.17%
Liquid Credit	2.80%	4.26%
Private Credit	3.20%	4.26%
Crisis Protection Class		
Treasury Duration	4.00%	0.83%
Systematic Trend	4.00%	3.81%
Inflation Protection		
Core Real Estate	3.60%	5.17%
Private Infrastructure	2.40%	5.57%
TIPs	1.00%	1.72%
Natural Resources	1.00%	3.98%
Volatility Protection		
IG Fixed Income	11.50%	2.12%
Absolute Return	6.50%	3.81%
Cash	3.00%	0.83%

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

### Discount rate

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability of the plans was 7.0 percent. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from plan members will be made at the current contribution rate and that contributions from the employers will be made at statutorily required rates, actuarially determined. Based on those assumptions, the pension plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

Changes in the Net Pension Liability

	Increase (Decrease)					
Balances as of June 30, 2016		Total Pension Liability		Plan Fiduciary Net Position		et Pension Liability
		2,803,214	\$	2,488,433	\$	314,781
Changes for the Year						
Service cost		151,727		-		151,727
Interest on the total pension liability		214,573		<u></u>		214,573
Differences between expected & actual experience		88,930		-		88,930
Employer contributions		-		93,353		(93,353)
Employee contributions		-		72,876		(72,876)
Net investment income		-		294,398		(294,398)
Changes of assumptions		179,941		-		179,941
Benefit payments, including employee refunds		(36,210)		(36,210)		-
Administrative expense		-		(2,781)		2,781
Other changes		-		(137,874)		137,874
Net changes		598,961		283,762		315,199
Balance as of June 30, 2017	\$	3,402,175	\$	2,772,195	\$	629,980

### Sensitivity of the Net Pension Liability to changes in the discount rate

The following presents the net pension liability of the District calculated using the discount rate of 7.0 percent, as well as what the District's net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower or 1-percentage-point higher than the current rate.

1.00% Decrease			rrent Discount Rate	1.00% Increase			
	(6.00%)		(7.00%)	(8.00%)			
\$	1,007,790	\$	629,980	\$	348,773		

### Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position

Detailed information about the pension plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued ERSRI financial reports.

### Pension Expense, Deferred Outflows of Resources, and Deferred Inflows of Resources

For the year ended August 31, 2018 the District recognized pension expense of \$103,504 - an increase in the net pension liability and is netted against retirement expenditures. The District reported deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

					Ne	et Deferred	
	Deferred		I	Deferred	Outflows/		
	Οι	atflows of	In	flows of	(Inflows) of		
	R	esources	R	esources	Resources		
Contributions subsequent to							
measurement date	\$	86,208	\$	-	\$	86,208	
Difference between projected							
and actual earnings		114,314		56,146		58,168	
Assumption changes		157,539		19,164		138,375	
Difference between expected and							
actual experience		150,632		115,768		34,864	
Total	\$	508,693	\$	191,078	\$	317,615	

Deferred outflows of resources related to 2018 contributions to pension plans subsequent to the measurement date (June 30, 2017 where applicable) will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability for the year ended August 31, 2019.

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

Year	Net	Deferred
Edning	Ου	tflows of
June 30,	R	esources
2019	\$	35,220
2020		64,456
2021		42,872
2022		7,052
2023		28,684
Thereafter		53,123
Total	\$	231,407

Amounts noted above and reported as deferred outflows or inflows of resources at June 30, 2018 will be recognized as a component of pension expense over the following periods of time:

- Closed 5 year period beginning in the current period for the deferred outflows or inflows of resources related to projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments.
- All other deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pension plans as described above
  are amortized over a closed period of time equal to the average of the expected remaining service
  lives of all employees that are provided with pensions through the pension plan (includes active
  and inactive employees) determined as of the beginning of the measurement period.

### NOTE 11 - DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PENSION PLAN

### Plan Description

Employees not participating in Social Security participate in a defined contribution plan authorized by General Law Chapter 36-10.3. The defined contribution plan is established under IRS section 401(a) and is administered by TIAA-CREF. Employees may choose among various investment options available to plan participants. Employees contribute 3.0% of their annual covered salary and employers contribute 3.0% of annual covered salary depending on years of service. Employee contributions are immediately vested while employer contributions and any investment earnings thereon are vested after three years of contributory service. Benefit terms and contributions required under the plan by both the employee and employer are established by the General Laws, which are subject to amendment by the General Assembly.

Amounts in the defined contribution plan are available to participants in accordance with Internal Revenue Service guidelines for such plans.

The District recognized pension expense of \$22,425, for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2018.

The System issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for plans administered by the System. The report can be obtained at <a href="http://www.ersri.org">http://www.ersri.org</a>.

### **NOTE 13 - COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES**

The District has received grants from various federal and state agencies for specific purposes that are subject to review and audit by the grantor agencies. Such audits could lead to a request for reimbursement to the grantor agencies for expenditures disallowed under the terms of the grants. District officials are of the opinion that such disallowances, if any, would be immaterial.

Subsequent to year end, the District committed to purchasing a new apparatus for approximately \$1,000,000. The apparatus will be purchased with District reserves and a lease purchase financing agreement not to exceed \$800,000.

### HOPKINS HILL FIRE DISTRICT STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL GENERAL FUND - BUDGETARY BASIS

### (Unaudited)

For the Year Ended August 31, 2018

	Original & nal Budget		Actual	with I	Variance Final Budget ve (Negative)
REVENUES					
Property tax collections	\$ 918,189	\$	911,058	\$	(7,131)
Interest on taxes	19,561		24,721		5,160
Contract services	265,000		264,771		(229)
Investment income	-		3,393		3,393
Miscellaneous	 		9,158		9,158
TOTAL REVENUES	 1,202,750	-	1,213,101		10,351
EXPENDITURES					
Insurance	50,000		54,541		(4,541)
Legal	500		-		500
Office supplies	3,000		5,362		(2,362)
Street lighting	36,000		37,592		(1,592)
Hydrant rental	51,000		51,800		(800)
Financial audit	15,000		15,250		(250)
Advertising	1,000		1,146		(146)
Information Tech	 2,500		3,920		(1,420)
Total District Administration	159,000		169,611		(10,611)
Chairperson	1,100		1,100		-
Head tax assessor	1,000		1,000		-
Vice chairperson	1,000		1,000		-
Member at large	1,000		1,000		-
Clerk	8,000		8,000		-
Treasurer	8,000		8,000		-
Tax collector	17,500		17,499		1
Deputy chief	2,500		2,500		-
Assistant deputy chief	2,000		2,000		-
Chief engineer	1,000		1,000		-
Captains and lietanants	 4,000		3,500		500
Total District Officer Compensation	47,100		46,599		501
Base salaries	553,900		539,589		14,311
Payroll taxes	14,000		14,996		(996)
Pension payments	88,500		83,317		5,183
Medical plan	115,000		113,028		1,972
Full-time fill-ins	64,000		64,757		(757)
Part-time shifts	25,000		24,960		40
Holiday pay	22,500		20,174		2,326
Uniform allowance	8,000		8,000		-
Medical testing	 1,500				1,500
Total Employee Payroll	892,400		868,821		23,579

### HOPKINS HILL FIRE DISTRICT STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL GENERAL FUND - BUDGETARY BASIS

### (Unaudited)

For the Year Ended August 31, 2018

Electric	3,000	2,009	991
Natural gas	7,000	5,627	1,373
Phone/Cable/Internet	3,400	3,277	123
Domestic water	1,000	650	350
Equipment maintenance contracts	1,000	808	192
Station upkeep	4,000	16,441	(12,441)
<b>Total Station Operation</b>	19,400	28,812	(9,412)
Diesel & gasoline	10,000	12,577	(2,577)
Maintenance & repairs	30,000	30,085	(85)
Total Fire Apparatus Operation	40,000	42,662	(2,662)
Rescue supplies	3,000	5,318	(2,318)
Oxygen refill	1,500	1,109	391
Equipment maintenance contracts	1,500	1,176	324
Cellular phone	3,100	3,563	(463)
Total Rescue Operation	9,100	11,166	(2,066)
Miscellaneous small tools	1,000	681	319
Badges & ID's	1,000	827	173
Petty cash	200	200	-
Callmen pay	15,000	6,481	8,519
Educational	3,500	4,855	(1,355)
Fire chief's convention	550	550	-
Office supplies	2,000	1,726	274
Fire alarm maintenance	3,500	3,261	239
Total Employee Payroll	26,750	18,581	8,169
New equipment	5,000	4,917	83
Capital purchases	2,500	3,301	(801)
Miscellaneous	1,500	1,303	197
Total Expenditures	1,202,750	1,195,773	6,977
Excess of Revenues over Expenditure	\$ -	\$ 17,328	\$ 17,328

### HOPKINGS HILL FIRE DISTRICT NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION August 31, 2018

### BUDGETARY TO GAAP BASIS RECONCILIATION

The Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances presents a comparison of the legally adopted budget (more fully described in Notes to Financial Statements – Note 2) with actual data on a budgetary basis. Because accounting principles applied for purposes of developing data on a budgetary basis differ significantly from those used to present financial statements in conformity with GAAP, a reconciliation of resultant basis, entity and timing differences in excess (deficiency) of revenues and other sources of financial resources over expenditures and other uses of financial resources for the year ended August 31, 2018 is presented below:

	-	neral Fund - AAP Basis
Total Expenditures and Other Financing Uses		
General Fund - GAAP Basis	\$	1,319,352
Capital expenditures not part of budget		(180,777)
Returned check fees not part of budget	•	(164)
Tax collectors expense not part of budget		(857)
Rescue operations expenditures not part of budget		58,219
Total Expenditures - Budgetary Basis	<u>\$</u>	1,195,773
Change in Fund Balance - General Fund - GAAP Basis	\$	(134,147)
Capital expenditures not part of budget		180,777
Returned check fees not part of budget		164
Tax collectors expense not part of budget		857
Operation transfer to Ambulance Fund not in budget		27,896
Rescue operations expenditures not part of budget		(58,219)
Excess Expenditures over Revenue - Budgetary Basis	\$	17,328

## HOPKINS HILL FIRE DISTRICT REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION - PENSION PLANS SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN EMPLOYER'S NET PENSION ASSET AND RELATED RATIOS (Unaudited)

August 31, 2018

		General Employees gust 31, 2017	Αι	General Employees igust 31, 2016		General Employees igust 31, 2015		General Employees gust 31, 2014
A. Total pension liability				— · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·				
1. Service Cost	\$	151,727	\$	143,253	\$	140,317	\$	133,751
2. Interest on the total pension liability		214,573		196,981		166,668		148,791
3. Changes of benefit terms		· -				65,410		-
4. Difference between expected and actual experience						•		
of the total pension liability		88,930		(75,638)		56,901		
5. Changes of assumptions		179,941		-		· -		(26,600)
6. Benefit payments, including refunds or employee contributions		(36,210)		(32,343)		(20,832)		(20,897)
7. Net change in total pension liability		598,961		232,253		408,464		235,045
8. Total pension liability – beginning		2,803,214		2,570,961		2,162,497		1,927,452
9. Total pension liability - ending (a)	\$	3,402,175	\$	2,803,214	<u>\$</u>	2,570,961	\$	2,162,497
B. Plan fiduciary net position								
1. Contributions – employer	\$	93,353	\$	99,324	\$	95,203	\$	81,247
2. Contributions – employee		72,876		70,789		56,838		54,816
3. Net investment income		294,398		(863)		53,055		277,270
4. Benefit payments, including refunds of employee contributions		(36,210)		(32,343)		(20,832)		(20,897)
5. Pension plan administrative expense		(2,781)		(2,324)		(2,126)		(1,736)
6. Other		(137,874)	_	89,930		(1)		
7. Net change in plan fiduciary net position		283,762		224,513		182,137		390,700
8. Plan fiduciary net position – beginning		2,488,433		2,263,920		2,081,783		1,691,083
9. Plan fiduciary net position – ending (b)	\$	2,772,195	<u>\$</u>	2,488,433	<u>\$</u>	2,263,920	<u>\$</u>	2,081,783
C. Net pension liability - ending (a) - (b)	<u>\$</u>	629,980	<u>\$</u>	314,781	\$	307,041	\$	80,714
D. Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the								
total pension liability		81.48%		88.77%		88.06%		96.27%
E. Covered employee payroll	\$	728,754	\$	707,774	\$	710,466	\$	685,201
F. Net pension liability as a percentage of covered payroll		86.45%		44.47%		43.22%		11.78%

<sup>\*</sup>This schedule is presented to illustrate the requirement to show information for 10 years. However, until a full 10-year trend is compiled, information is presented for years which information is available.

# HOPKINS HILL FIRE DISTRICT REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION - PENSION PLANS SCHEDULE OF CONTRIBUTIONS (MERS) (Unaudited) August 31, 2018

	D 필문	General Employees Fiscal 2017	P. E. S.	General Employees Fiscal 2016		General Employees Fiscal 2015	0 西蓝	General Employees Fiscal 2014
Actuarially determined contribution	69		6-3	\$ 99,324	64	\$ 95,203	₩.	81,247
Contributions in relation to the actuarially determined contribution		93,353		99,324	I	95,203		81,247
Contribution deficiency (excess)	€9	٠	<b>.</b> ,	1	↔		63	-
Covered-employee payroll	69	728,754	69	707,774 \$	69	710,466	64	685,201
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll		12.81%		14.03%		13.40%		11.86%

### Notes

1.) Employers participating in the Municipal Employee's Retirement System are required by RI General Laws, Section 45-21-42, to contribute an actuarially determined contribution rate each year. 2.) Schedule is intended to show information for 10 years - additional years will be displayed as they become available.

# Changes in benefit provisions

challenging the various pension reform measures enacted in previous years by the General Assembly. The final settlement approved by the Court on July 8, 2015 also included enactment of the pension The June 30, 2015 measurement date determination of the net pension liability for the ERS and MERS plans reflects changes in benefit changes resulting from the settlement of litigation settlement provisions by the General Assembly. These amended benefit provisions, are summarized below:

- Employees with more than 20 years of service at July 1, 2012 will increase their employee contribution rates to 11% for state employees and municipal general employees will contribute 8,25% (9.25% for units with a COLA provision) and participate solely in the defined benefit plan going forward - service credit accruals will increase from 1% to 2% per year.
- Members are eligible to retire upon the attainment of: age 65 with 30 years of service, 64 with 31 years of service, 63 with 32 years of service, or 62 with 33 years of service. Members may retire earlier if their RIRSA date is earlier or are eligible under a transition rule.
- MERS public safety employees may retire at age 50 with 25 years of service, or any age with 27 years of service. MERS public safety employees will contribute 9.00% (10.00% for units with a COLA provision)
- Employees with more than 10 but less than 20 years of service at July 1, 2012 will receive an increased employer contribution to the defined contribution plan based on the members years of service (an additional .25% for members with 10-15 years of service and .50% for members with 15-20 years of service). Also, members who earn less than \$35,000 per year will not be required to pay the administrative fees to the defined contribution plan.
- Members who retired from a COLA eligible plan before 7/1/2012 will received a one-time cost of living adjustment of 2% of the first \$25,000 paid as soon as administratively possible.
- Retirees as of June 30, 2015 will receive two \$500 stipends; the interim cost of living increases will occur at 4 year rather than 5 year intervals.
- The COLA formula was adjusted to: 50% of the COLA is calculated by taking the previous 5-year average investment return, less 5.5% (5yr return 5.5%, with a max of 4%) and 50% calculated using previous year's CPI-U (max of 3%) for a total max COLA of 3.5%. This COLA is calculated on the first \$25,855, effective 01/01/16, and indexed as of that date as well. (The indexing formula is run annually regardless of funding level each year.)

# HOPKINS HILL FIRE DISTRICT OTHER SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY TAXES RECEIVABLE For the Year Ended August 31, 2018

		_			_	_	_	_	_	_		_	_	_		_				_											
JULY-AUGUST (FY19) CASH COLLECTIONS	SUBJECT TO 60-DAY	FT IS ACCRUAL	300.20		21.5		•	• .		• .			•		•			•	\$ 37.457												
ARY TOTAL FY 2018	CASH	OCCECTIONS	838 047	48 780	\$ 622	648	418	01	102	82	7.5	75	· 60	- 8	86	9	69	70	895.3												
FY 2018 CASH COLLECTIONS SUMMARY T - OCT SEPTEMBER 2017 - TI LLECTIONS AUGUST 2018 F1	COLLECTIONS NOT CASH STREET TO 60-DAY COLLECTIONS		3 LP6 888	31910	1831	488	330	49	46			•	•		•				873,601 \$	.1											
FY 2018 CASH C SEPT - OCT 2017 COLLECTIONS	SUBJECT TO 60-DAY C	Ì	,	2	3.791	091	8	19	26	78	75	75	8	: 66	2 86	69	69	0,4	21,739 \$												
	BALANCE S Apenst 31 2018		26.970		9,063	7,792	7,370	7,281	6,602	133	370	262	93	124	105	29	25		136,427 \$	<u>'</u> ]	000 01			ENT YEAR	895,340			37,457		(21,739)	911,058
CURRENT	YEAR COLLECTIONS	ļ	838,947 \$		5,622	648	418	110	102	78	75	75	<u>~</u>	86	86	69	69	7.0	895,340			i sa	•	RECONCILIATION OF CURRENT YEAR PROPERTY TAX REVENUE	€9	in 60 days	ending		Filenoise		ROPERTY
AMOUNT	TO BE COLLECTED C	i	915,917 \$	68,988	14,685	8,440	7,788	7,391	6,704	211	445	337	174	222	203	86	94	20	1,031,767 \$					RECONCILLA PROPE	Current year collections	Revenue collected within 60 days	subsequent fiscal year ending	August 31, 2018	Less prior year 60 day revenue	rule collections	CURRENT YEAR PROPERTY TAX REVENUE
		!	1,069 \$	•	,		2				,		,	•	,	•	•		1,071 \$					Ì	Ç	Rev	ns en	Ą	Les	2	υ,
ADDITIONS	ADJUSTMENTS ABATEMENTS		(822) \$	896	(143)	S					178	•	14	•	,		•		200 \$					ATEGORY	LEVY	887,711	29,684	917,395		917,395	
ADI	REFUNDS ADJU		(413) \$			ŧ	•	ı	•				,	•			i		(413) \$					RTY VALUE BY CA	VALUATIONS	349,322,759 \$	13,198,346	362,521,105	(4,310,000)	358,211,105 \$	
CURRENT	YEAK ASSESSMENT R		917,395 \$		,		,	•	•	•	•	,	,	u	,	•	•		917,395 \$					ET ASSESSED PROPERTY VALU ASSESSED DECEMBER 31, 2016	'	s		•		S	
50 x x x x x	71		\$ ·	68,020	14,828	8,435	7,790	7,391	6,704	211	267	337	160	222	203	86	94	70	114,830 \$		,	\$ 114,830		SCHEDULE OF NET ASSESSED PROPERTY VALUE BY CATEGORY ASSESSED DECEMBER 31, 2016	DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY	Real property	Langible personal property	TOTAL	Exemplions	NET ASSESSED VALUE	
FISCAL		8100		2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2005	2005	2004	2003	2002		Less: Allowance	for Uncollectible Taxes			ı	-	- '		•			



INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT
ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER
FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON
COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED
ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH
GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

To the Board of Directors Hopkins Hill Fire District Coventry, Rhode Island

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Hopkins Hill Fire District, as of and for the year ended August 31, 2018, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Hopkins Hill Fire District's basic financial statements, and have issued or report thereon dated April 1, 2019.

### **Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

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

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or, significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

### **Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Hopkins Hill Fire District's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

### Purpose of this Report

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

West Warwick, Rhode Island

NADEAU WADONCK LLP

April 1, 2019