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## **Financial Statements Audit Report**

# **King County Fire Protection District No. 34**

**For the period January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2013**

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Board of Commissioners  
King County Fire Protection District No. 34  
Redmond, Washington

**Report on Financial Statements**

Please find attached our report on King County Fire Protection District No. 34's financial statements.

We are issuing this report in order to provide information on the District's financial condition.

Sincerely,

TROY KELLEY  
STATE AUDITOR

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# **Independent Auditor's 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***

## **King County Fire Protection District No. 34 January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2013**

Board of Commissioners  
King County Fire Protection District No. 34  
Redmond, Washington

We have audited, 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, the financial statements of King County Fire Protection District No. 34, King County, Washington, as of and for the years ended December 31, 2013 and 2012, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated November 14, 2014.

We issued an unmodified opinion on the fair presentation of the District's financial statements in accordance with its regulatory basis of accounting. We issued an adverse opinion on the fair presentation with regard to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) because the financial statements are prepared by the District using accounting practices prescribed or permitted by Washington State statutes and the State Auditor's *Budgeting, Accounting and Reporting System* (BARS) manual described in Note 1, which is a basis of accounting other than GAAP. The effects on the financial statements of the variances between the basis of accounting described in Note 1 and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, although not reasonably determinable, are presumed to be material.

### ***INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING***

In planning and performing our audits of the financial statements, we considered the 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 opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the 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 District'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.

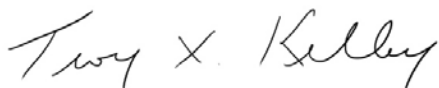
## ***COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS***

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the District's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of the District's 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 District'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 District's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited. It also serves to disseminate information to the public as a reporting tool to help citizens assess government operations.



**TROY KELLEY**  
STATE AUDITOR

November 14, 2014

# **Independent Auditor's Report on Financial Statements**

## **King County Fire Protection District No. 34 January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2013**

Board of Commissioners  
King County Fire Protection District No. 34  
Redmond, Washington

### ***REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS***

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of King County Fire Protection District No. 34, King County, Washington, for the years ended December 31, 2013 and 2012, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's financial statements, as listed on page 9.

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

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with the financial reporting provisions of Washington State statutes and the *Budgeting, Accounting and Reporting System* (BARS) manual prescribed by the State Auditor described in Note 1. This includes determining that the basis of accounting is acceptable for the presentation of the financial statements in the circumstances. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

#### ***Auditor's Responsibility***

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits 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 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 District'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 District'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.

***Unmodified Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting (BARS Manual)***

As described in Note 1, King County Fire Protection District No. 34 has prepared these financial statements using accounting practices prescribed or permitted by Washington State statutes and the State Auditor's *Budgeting, Accounting and Reporting System* (BARS) manual. Those accounting practices differ from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). The differences in these accounting practices are also described in Note 1.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position and results of operations of King County Fire Protection District No. 34, for the years ended December 31, 2013 and 2012, on the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

***Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. GAAP***

Auditing standards issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) require auditors to formally acknowledge when governments do not prepare their financial statements, intended for general use, in accordance with GAAP. The effects on the financial statements of the variances between GAAP and the accounting practices the District used, as described in Note 1, although not reasonably determinable, are presumed to be material. As a result, we are required to issue an adverse opinion on whether the financial statements are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with GAAP.

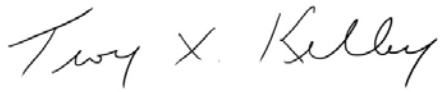
***Adverse Opinion on U.S. GAAP***

The financial statements referred to above were not intended to, and in our opinion they do not, present fairly, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of King County Fire Protection District No. 34, as of December 31, 2013 and 2012, or the changes in financial position or cash flows for the years then ended, due to the significance of the matter discussed in the above "Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. GAAP" paragraph.

***OTHER REPORTING REQUIRED BY GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS***

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated on our consideration of the 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 District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Troy X. Kelley".

**TROY KELLEY**  
STATE AUDITOR

November 14, 2014



## Financial Section

### **King County Fire Protection District No. 34 January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2013**

#### ***FINANCIAL STATEMENTS***

Fund Resources and Uses Arising from Cash Transactions – 2013

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## FUND RESOURCES AND USES ARISING FROM CASH TRANSACTIONS

For the Year Ended December 31, 2013

BARS Code		Total for All funds*	001 Operating	300 Capital Projects
<b>Beginning Cash and Investments</b>				
30810	Beg Fund Bal-Reserved	4,370,359	0	4,370,359
30880	Beg Fund Bal-Unreserved	1,859,715	1,859,715	0
38800/58800	Prior Period Adjustments, net	0	0	0
<b>Operating Revenues</b>				
310	Taxes	6,245,096	6,245,096	0
320	Licenses & Permits	0	0	0
330	Intergovernmental Revenues	0	0	0
340	Charges for Goods and Services	3,615	3,615	0
350	Fines & Penalties	0	0	0
360	Miscellaneous Revenues	74,466	50,629	23,837
Total Operating Revenues:		6,323,177	6,299,340	23,837
<b>Operating Expenditures</b>				
510	General Government	0	0	0
520	Public Safety	6,062,878	6,062,878	0
598	Intergovernmental Payments	0	0	0
Total Operating Expenditures:		6,062,878	6,062,878	
Net Operating Increase (Decrease):		260,299	236,462	23,837
<b>Nonoperating Revenues</b>				
370, 380, 395, 398	Other Financing Sources	0	0	0
391-393	Debt Proceeds	0	0	0
397	Transfers-In	0	0	0
Total Nonoperating Revenues:		0		
<b>Nonoperating Expenditures</b>				
580, 596, 599	Other Financing Uses	0	0	0
591-593	Debt Service	0	0	0
594-595	Capital Expenditures	667	0	667
597	Transfers-Out	0	0	0
Total Nonoperating Expenditures:		667		667
Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Investments		259,632	236,462	23,170
<b>Ending Cash and Investments</b>				
50810	End Fund Bal-Reserved	4,393,529	0	4,393,529
50880	End Fund Balance-Unreserved	2,096,177	2,096,177	0

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this Statement.

## FUND RESOURCES AND USES ARISING FROM CASH TRANSACTIONS

For the Year Ended December 31, 2012

BARS Code		Total for All funds*	001 Operating	200 GO Bond	300 Capital Projects
<b>Beginning Cash and Investments</b>					
30810	Beg Fund Bal-Reserved	2,850,411	0	5,424	2,844,987
30880	Beg Fund Bal-Unreserved	2,886,267	2,886,267	0	0
38800/58800	Prior Period Adjustments, net	0	0	0	0
<b>Operating Revenues</b>					
310	Taxes	6,328,226	6,328,180	46	0
320	Licenses & Permits	0	0	0	0
330	Intergovernmental Revenues	0	0	0	0
340	Charges for Goods and Services	3,347	3,347	0	0
350	Fines & Penalties	0	0	0	0
360	Miscellaneous Revenues	64,241	44,339	1,956	17,946
Total Operating Revenues:		6,395,814	6,375,866	2,002	17,946
<b>Operating Expenditures</b>					
510	General Government	224,218	224,218	0	0
520	Public Safety	5,678,200	5,678,200	0	0
598	Intergovernmental Payments	0	0	0	0
Total Operating Expenditures:		5,902,418	5,902,418		
Net Operating Increase (Decrease):		493,396	473,448	2,002	17,946
<b>Nonoperating Revenues</b>					
370, 380, 395, 398	Other Financing Sources	0	0	0	0
391-393	Debt Proceeds	0	0	0	0
397	Transfers-In	1,507,426	0	0	1,507,426
Total Nonoperating Revenues:		1,507,426			1,507,426
<b>Nonoperating Expenditures</b>					
580, 596, 599	Other Financing Uses	0	0	0	0
591-593	Debt Service	0	0	0	0
594-595	Capital Expenditures	0	0	0	0
597	Transfers-Out	1,507,426	1,500,000	7,426	0
Total Nonoperating Expenditures:		1,507,426	1,500,000	7,426	
Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Investments		493,396	-1,026,552	-5,424	1,525,372
<b>Ending Cash and Investments</b>					
50810	End Fund Bal-Reserved	4,370,359	0	0	4,370,359
50880	End Fund Balance-Unreserved	1,859,715	1,859,715	0	0

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this Statement.

## Notes to the Financial Statements

### **Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

The King County Fire District 34 reports financial activity using the revenue and expenditure classifications, statements, and schedules contained in the *Cash Basis Budgeting, Accounting and Reporting System* (BARS) manual. This basis of accounting and reporting is another comprehensive basis of accounting (OCBOA) that is prescribed by the State Auditor's Office under the authority of Washington State law, Chapter 43.09 RCW.

The King County Fire District was incorporated on January 12, 1948 and operates under the laws of the state of Washington applicable to a Fire District. The King County Fire District is a general purpose government and provides fire suppression and fire prevention services. The King County Fire District uses single-entry, cash basis accounting which is a departure from generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP).

#### **A. Fund Accounting**

The accounts of the King County Fire District are organized on the basis of funds, each of which is considered a separate accounting entity. Each fund is accounted for with a separate set of single-entry accounts that comprises its cash, investments, revenues and expenditures, as appropriate. The King County Fire District resources are allocated to and accounted for in individual funds depending on their intended purpose. The following are the fund types used by the King County Fire District:

#### **GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES:**

##### **General (Current Expense) Fund**

This fund is the primary operating fund of the King County Fire District. It accounts for all financial resources except those required or elected to be accounted for in another fund.

##### **Capital Projects Funds**

These funds account for financial resources which are restricted, committed, or assigned for the acquisition or construction of capital facilities or other capital assets.

#### **B. Basis of Accounting**

Basis of accounting refers to when revenues and expenditures are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. Revenues are recognized only when cash is received and expenditures are recognized when paid, including those properly chargeable against the report year(s) budget appropriations as required by state law.

Purchases of capital assets are expensed during the year of acquisition. There is no capitalization of capital assets, nor allocation of depreciation expense. Inventory is expensed when purchased.

The basis of accounting described above represents a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

C. Budgets

The King County Fire District adopts annual appropriated budgets for two funds. These budgets are appropriated at the fund level. The budget constitutes the legal authority for expenditures at that level. Annual appropriations for these funds lapse at the fiscal year end.

Annual appropriated budgets are adopted on the same basis of accounting as used for financial reporting.

The appropriated and actual expenditures for the legally adopted budgets were as follow:

Fund/Department	Final Appropriated Amounts	Actual Expenditures	Variance
General Fund:			
Total General Fund	\$6,119,000	\$6,062,878	\$56,122
Capital Project Fund	\$2,500	\$667	\$1,833

Budgeted amounts are authorized to be transferred between departments within any fund/object classes within departments; however, any revisions that alter the total expenditures of a fund, or that affect the number of authorized employee positions, salary ranges, hours, or other conditions of employment must be approved by the King County Fire District 34 legislative body.

D. Cash

It is the King County Fire District 34's policy to invest all temporary cash surpluses. The amount is included in the cash and investments shown on the statements of fund resources and uses arising from cash transactions. The interest on these investments is prorated to the various funds.

E. Deposits

The King County Fire District 34 deposits and certificates of deposit are covered by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

F. Investments See Note 2, *Investments*.G. Capital Assets

Capital assets are assets with an initial individual cost of more than \$9,999 and an estimated useful life in excess of one year. The capital assets of the King County Fire District are recorded as expenditures when purchased.

H. Compensated Absences

Vacation leave may be accumulated up to 360 hours (45 days) and is payable upon separation or retirement. As of December 31, 2013, the total vacation liability is 110 hours.

Sick leave may be accumulated up to a maximum of 960 hours. Upon retirement employees receive payment for 25% of unused sick leave. As of December 31, 2013, the total sick pay liability is 147 hours.

As a bonus for consistent attendance, the District's employees are entitled to a credit equal to 25% of unused sick leave accrued during the preceding 12 months. At the employee's option, the credit may be added to the employee's vacation leave or paid to the employee at their regular rate of pay.

### **Note 2 - Investments**

The King County Fire District 34's investments are insured, registered or held by the King County Treasurer or its agent in the King County Fire District 34's name.

Investments are presented at market value.

Investments total at December 31, 2013 is \$6,489,707.

### **Note 3 - Property Tax**

The county treasurer acts as an agent to collect property tax levied in the county for all taxing authorities. Collections are distributed at the end of each month.

Property tax revenues are recognized when cash is received by King County Fire District 34. Delinquent taxes are considered fully collectible because a lien affixes to the property after tax is levied.

The King County Fire District regular levy for the year 2013 was \$1.50 per \$1,000 on an assessed valuation of \$4,196,487,269 for a total regular levy of \$6,294,731.

### **Note 4 - Pension Plans**

Substantially all King County Fire District 34's full-time and qualifying part-time employees participate in the Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) administered by the Washington State Department of Retirement Systems, under cost-sharing multiple-employer public employee defined benefit and defined contribution retirement plans. Actuarial information is on a system-wide basis and is not considered pertinent to the King County Fire District 34's financial statements. Contributions to the systems by both employee and employer are based upon gross wages covered by plan benefits.

Historical trend or other information regarding each plan is presented in the Washington State Department of Retirement Systems annual financial report. A copy of this report may be obtained by writing to:

Department of Retirement Systems  
Communications Unit  
PO Box 48380  
Olympia, WA 98504-8380

**Note 5 - Other Disclosures**

King County Fire District #34 has an operating agreement with the City of Redmond, whereby the city provides fire prevention, suppression and medical aid services to all properties and persons within the boundaries of the District. The city also furnishes all personnel required to perform the services described above, except one full-time Administrative Assistant and one part-time District Secretary. In return, the District pays the city for said services based upon a percentage of cost determined by a combination of factors, including location of stations and calls for service. This agreement expires at the end of 2016.

## Notes to the Financial Statements

### **Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

The King County Fire District 34 reports financial activity using the revenue and expenditure classifications, statements, and schedules contained in the *Cash Basis Budgeting, Accounting and Reporting System* (BARS) manual. This basis of accounting and reporting is another comprehensive basis of accounting (OCBOA) that is prescribed by the State Auditor's Office under the authority of Washington State law, Chapter 43.09 RCW.

The King County Fire District 34 was incorporated on January 12, 1948 and operates under the laws of the state of Washington applicable to a Fire District. The King County Fire District 34 is a general purpose government and provides fire suppression and fire prevention services. The King County Fire District 34 uses single-entry, cash basis accounting which is a departure from generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP).

#### **A. Fund Accounting**

The accounts of the King County Fire District 34 are organized on the basis of funds, each of which is considered a separate accounting entity. Each fund is accounted for with a separate set of single-entry accounts that comprises its cash, investments, revenues and expenditures, as appropriate. The King County Fire District 34 resources are allocated to and accounted for in individual funds depending on their intended purpose. The following are the fund types used by the King County Fire District 34:

#### **GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES:**

##### **General (Current Expense) Fund**

This fund is the primary operating fund of the King County Fire District 34. It accounts for all financial resources except those required or elected to be accounted for in another fund.

##### **Debt Service Funds**

These funds account for the financial resources that are restricted, committed, or assigned to expenditures for principal, interest and related costs on general long-term debt.

##### **Capital Projects Funds**

These funds account for financial resources which are restricted, committed, or assigned for the acquisition or construction of capital facilities or other capital assets.

#### **B. Basis of Accounting**

Basis of accounting refers to when revenues and expenditures are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. Revenues are recognized only when cash is received and expenditures are recognized when paid, including those properly chargeable against the report year(s) budget appropriations as required by state law.

Purchases of capital assets are expensed during the year of acquisition. There is no capitalization of capital assets, nor allocation of depreciation expense. Inventory is expensed when purchased.



The basis of accounting described above represents a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

C. Budgets

The King County Fire District 34 adopts annual appropriated budgets for four funds. These budgets are appropriated at the fund level. The budget constitutes the legal authority for expenditures at that level. Annual appropriations for these funds lapse at the fiscal year end.

Annual appropriated budgets are adopted on the same basis of accounting as used for financial reporting.

The appropriated and actual expenditures for the legally adopted budgets were as follow:

Fund/Department	Final Appropriated Amounts	Actual Expenditures	Variance
General Fund:			
Operating	\$5,941,750	\$5,902,418	\$39,332
Reserve	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total General Fund	\$5,941,750	\$5,902,418	\$39,332
..... GO Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0
..... Capital Proj Fund	\$2,500	\$0	\$2,500

Budgeted amounts are authorized to be transferred between (departments within any fund/object classes within departments); however, any revisions that alter the total expenditures of a fund, or that affect the number of authorized employee positions, salary ranges, hours, or other conditions of employment must be approved by the King County Fire District 34 legislative body.

D. Cash

It is the King County Fire District 34's policy to invest all temporary cash surpluses. The amount is included in the cash and investments shown on the statements of fund resources and uses arising from cash transactions. The interest on these investments is prorated to the various funds.

E. Deposits

The King County Fire District 34 deposits and certificates of deposit are covered by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation and/or the Washington Public Deposit Protection Commission.

F. Investments See Note 2, *Investments*.

G. Capital Assets

Capital assets are assets with an initial individual cost of more than \$9,999 and an estimated useful life in excess of 1 year. The capital assets of the King County Fire District 34 are recorded as expenditures when purchased.

#### H. Compensated Absences

Vacation leave may be accumulated up to 360 hours (45 days) and is payable upon separation or retirement. As of December 31, 2012, the total vacation liability is 235 hours.

Sick leave may be accumulated up to a maximum of 960 hours. Upon retirement employees receive payment for 25% of unused sick leave. Upon separation, employees do not receive payment for unused sick leave. As of December 31, 2012, the total sick pay liability is 32 hours.

As a bonus for consistent attendance, the District's employees are entitled to a credit equal to 25% of unused sick leave accrued during the preceding 12 months. At the employee's option, the credit may be added to the employee's vacation leave or paid to the employee at their regular rate of pay.

#### **Note 2 - Investments**

The King County Fire Protection District 34's investments are held by the King County Treasurer or its agent in the King County Fire Protection District 34's name.

Investments are presented at market value.

Investments by type at December 31, 2012 are as follows:

<u>Type of Investment</u>	<u>Balance</u>
L.G.I.P.	\$ 1,059,113
U.S. Government Securities	2,678,932
Other: _____	24,920
Treasure Securities	2,242,827
Repurchase Agreements	<u>224,282</u>
Total	<u>\$6,230,074</u>

#### **Note 3 - Property Tax**

The county treasurer acts as an agent to collect property tax levied in the county for all taxing authorities. Collections are distributed at the end of each month.

Property tax revenues are recognized when cash is received by King County Fire Protection District 34. Delinquent taxes are considered fully collectible because a lien affixes to the property after tax is levied.

The King County Fire Protection District 34's regular levy for the year 2012 was \$1.50 per \$1,000 on an assessed valuation of \$4,210,304,043 for a total regular levy of \$6,315,456.

#### **Note 4 – Debt Service Requirements**

King County Fire District #34 had no debt during or at the end of the year ending December 31, 2012.

### **Note 5 - Pension Plans**

Substantially all King County Fire Protection District 34's full-time and qualifying part-time employees participate in the Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) administered by the Washington State Department of Retirement Systems, under cost-sharing multiple-employer public employee defined benefit and defined contribution retirement plans. Actuarial information is on a system-wide basis and is not considered pertinent to the King County Fire Protection District 34's financial statements. Contributions to the systems by both employee and employer are based upon gross wages covered by plan benefits.

In addition, the King County Fire District #34 employees participate in the Washington State Department of Retirement Systems Deferred Compensation Program (DCP). The District matches \$0.80 for \$1.00 contributed by the employee (up to 6.2% of salary).

Historical trend or other information regarding each plan is presented in the Washington State Department of Retirement Systems annual financial report. A copy of this report may be obtained by writing to:

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PO Box 48380  
Olympia, WA 98504-8380

### **Note 6 - Other Disclosures**

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## ABOUT THE STATE AUDITOR'S OFFICE

The State Auditor's Office is established in the state's Constitution and is part of the executive branch of state government. The State Auditor is elected by the citizens of Washington and serves four-year terms.

We work with our audit clients and citizens to achieve our vision of government that works for citizens, by helping governments work better, cost less, deliver higher value, and earn greater public trust.

In fulfilling our mission to hold state and local governments accountable for the use of public resources, we also hold ourselves accountable by continually improving our audit quality and operational efficiency and developing highly engaged and committed employees.

As an elected agency, the State Auditor's Office has the independence necessary to objectively perform audits and investigations. Our audits are designed to comply with professional standards as well as to satisfy the requirements of federal, state, and local laws.

Our audits look at financial information and compliance with state, federal and local laws on the part of all local governments, including schools, and all state agencies, including institutions of higher education. In addition, we conduct performance audits of state agencies and local governments as well as [fraud](#), state [whistleblower](#) and [citizen hotline](#) investigations.

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We take our role as partners in accountability seriously, and provide training and technical assistance to governments, and have an extensive quality assurance program.

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