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### **2025 Budget Message**

(Pursuant to C.R.S. 29-1-103(1)(E))

The attached 2025 Budget for Florissant Fire Protection District (The District) includes these important features:

It should be noted that The District will realize a second year of increased tax revenues for tax year 2024 due to increased property valuations from the 2022 property assessment cycle. The District will not, however, receive any state-funded backfills, a significant decrease in revenue from the prior year. A temporary reduction in the mill levy to reduce the increased taxpayer burden, due to the significantly increased property assessments, was seriously considered. Given the deficit spending from prior years, inflationary pressures across all sectors and aging capital assets, it was determined that all possible revenues were needed to meet the goals of The District while also replenishing the reserve funds to a sustainable level for future contingencies and potential emergencies. Still, the 2025 certified mill levy for The District remains at approximately half that of any other fire district within Teller County.

The primary goal of this budget is to provide reliable top-quality service to the community while incorporating capital improvements to the apparatus and the stations. The budget focuses on the two most critical components of The District: the members and the apparatus. The members are supported with increased training, especially in EMS and wildland fire related certifications. This budget introduces a nominal reimbursement to the volunteers in recognition of the time they invest in serving the community. The payroll in this budget retains the full time chief, as well as a part-time District Administrator position to handle bookkeeping, payroll, and other administrative duties. The budget also includes a small stipend for two Deputy Chiefs to oversee Medical and Fire operations and training. The most significant increase in the budgeted expenses occurs in the Capital Outlays for the apparatus and equipment the members use for direct responses when serving the community. The District has started to renew the aging fleet that is seeing more frequent breakdowns and incurring expensive repairs. This budget relies heavily on grants and fundraising to begin a significant investment in capital assets to ensure that the volunteer members will be able to respond to the community with apparatus and equipment that are reliable and fully functional.

This budget repeats the precedence set in the 2024 budget by not requiring any depletion of our reserve funds. The estimates for grants, fundraising and donations are aggressive and are never guaranteed but the members of The District are up to the challenge to raise the funds necessary to improve the service level to the community with as little impact on property taxes as possible. We have worked to create a flexible budget should there be a shortfall in the actual versus budget revenues for these areas to reduce expenditures if need be.

The budgetary basis of accounting timing measurement method used is:

Cash basis

Modified accrual basis

Encumbrance basis

Accrual

The services to be provided/delivered during the budget year are the following:

Fire extinguishment, fire investigation, rescue services, EMS response and care, hazardous materials response, natural disaster response, public assistance response for various non-emergency related requests, fire and safety inspections, fire mitigation inspections, NFPA recommended fire apparatus and equipment testing, public education, and any other emergency service response not specifically noted but requested is provided by Florissant Fire Protection District within the capabilities of our equipment, training and personnel.