

PIONEER FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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To: El Dorado County Fire Chief's Association, EDC District-II Supervisor, and the PIO Fire District Citizens & Staff

Date: Wednesday, March 11th 2009

RE: Loss of County Augmentation Funds/Aid-to-Fire for PIO Fire District and its Impacts

Our Mission...

Pioneer Fire Protection District strives to provide cost effective, professional, quality emergency response for the protection of life, property and the environment within the district.

We will accomplish this by...

Delivering exceptional service and compassionate solutions as a cohesive team with dedication, vigilance and pride.

Agency Profile:

Pioneer Fire Protection District, a combination (paid & volunteer) fire protection district was formed pursuant to the Health & Safety Code on December 30th 1980 by LAFCO Resolution L-80-26. PIO Fire is located in the central southern portion of El Dorado County, and encompasses approximately 296 square miles/187,000 acres, and serves a current population of approximately 8,000 residents, plus the Amador County community of River Pines with six strategically located fire stations.

A. Overview of Agreement to Provide Funding for Fire Protection & Emergency Medical Services:

Currently eight (8) El Dorado County Fire Protection Districts under this agreement receives a percentage of the County's property tax revenue that is less than 13%. The County agrees to provide each District with sufficient revenue to provide the District with revenues equal to approximately 13% of the tax revenue within the District's boundaries to adjust service levels, make appropriate staffing adjustments IAW-NFPA mandates and requirements, and seek alternative funding sources. It is the County's desire to assist the Districts in achieving long-term stability. **PIO Fire** this fiscal year received \$279,047 of County Supplemental Funds. The amount to be provided is set forth as follows:

PIO Fire District currently receives approximately 9.17% of the property tax revenue within the District boundaries. Therefore, under this agreement, County agrees to provide the District with "Supplemental Funds equal to approximately 3.83% of the property tax revenue within the boundaries of the District" in order to increase the District's revenues to be equal to approximately 13% of the property tax revenue. **Source:** Page-8, item-7 of the Joint District Agreement to Provide Funding for FPS4, IAW-County Agreement dated 08/28/2001.

- B. The Immediate and Long Range Impacts for PIO Fire With the Loss of County "Augmentation Funds/Aid-to-Fire" Are:
- 1. Station-31 (Willows) shall be closed, *staffed currently 2/0 90% of the time.

- 2. Station-38 (Three Forks), District Headquarters staffing cut 50%.
- 3. Response times would **double** to our local residents in outlying areas, i.e., Happy Valley, Grizzly Flats, Omo Ranch, and Mt. Aukum.
- 4. Mutual-Aid/Automatic-Aid to neighboring fire agencies and neighboring communities i.e., Amador County's community of River Pines would become a thing of the past, due to staffing levels.
- 5. Firefighter Safety would be drastically affected with the 2ln/2Out NFPA Requirements we must adhere to.
- 6. The ability to purchase Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for firefighters and EMT's, and even providing upkeep because of loss Supplemental Funding.
- 7. Fleet Management shall also take a major hit!
- 8. Part-time Paramedic (ALS) service application shall be terminated due to the inability to maintain personnel and equipment.
- 9. Please note the **increase** in PIO Fire emergency call volume over the last three (3) years, Year 2006 @ **504**; Year 2007 @ **515** and Year 2008 was @ **667**.
- 10. The inability of PIO Fire to conform to NFPA-1710 and NFPA-1720 Standard deployment requirements and mandates with the loss of Supplemental Funds.
 - NFPA Standard-1710, Standard for the Organization & Deployment of Fire Suppression
 Operations, Emergency Medical Operations, and Special Operations to the Public by Career
 Fire Departments.
 - Document's Scope: 1.1.1 This standard contains minimum requirements relating to the organization and deployment of fire suppression operations, emergency medical operations, and special operations to the public by substantially all career fire departments. 1.1.2 The requirements address functions and objectives of fire department emergency service delivery, response capabilities, and resources. 1.1.3 This standard also contains minimum requirements for managing resources and systems, such as health & safety, incident management, training, communications, and pre-incident planning. 1.1.4 This standard addresses the strategic and system issues involving the organization operation, and deployment of a fire department and does not address tactical operations at a specific emergency incident.
 - NFPA Standard-1720, Standard for the Organization & Deployment of Fire Suppression Operations, Emergency Medical Operations, and Special Operations to the Public by Volunteer Fire Departments.
 - Documents Scope: This standard contains minimum requirements relating to the organization & deployment of fire suppression operations, emergency medical operations, and special operations to the public by substantially all volunteer fire departments. 1.1.1 The requirements address functions and outcomes of fire department emergency service delivery, response capabilities, and resources. 1.1.2 This standard also contains minimum requirements for managing resources and systems, such as health & safety, incident management, training, communications, and pre-incident planning. 1.1.3 This standard addresses the strategic and system issues involving the organization, operation, and deployment of a fire department and does not address tactical operations at a specific emergency incident. 1.1.4 This standard does not address fire prevention, community education, fire investigations, support services, personnel management, and budgeting.
- C. Discussion Questions forwarded by Mr. Ron Grassi, EDC Assistant Administrative Officer on Tuesday, March 3rd 2009
- Since 2001 PIO Fire has received funds from EDC, what has been the historical use of these funds?
 These supplemental funds currently frozen @ \$279,047 are used for all day-to-day staffing of Fire Station-31 (Willows) and Station-38 (Three Forks) District Headquarters. They also are used for apparatus fleet

- maintenance upkeep/service, the purchasing of personal protective equipment (PPE), purchasing of fire equipment and tools, for training, fire prevention/public education.
- What would be the impact on PIO Fire if funding was reduced by approximately \$71,163 for fiscal
 year 2009-10? The listed amount of supplemental funding identified would have an effect, but would be
 manageable. Any amount less would directly affect all day-to-day fire ground operations, firefighter safety
 and mutual-aid.
- 3. What would be the impact on PIO Fire if funding was not available for fiscal year 2010-11? It would be devastating to all the district's day-to-day operations as listed above in Section- B.
- 4. What alternative solutions can you offer to the current funding structure? 1st, rename it by resolution or some type of administrative action. The idea of supplemental funds, augmentation funds, aid-to-fire, gift, etc is silly. These funds are for public safety and should be so stated! The funding should be used as so indentified for public safety for state health and safety code compliance and mandates. 2nd, if it was felt that in 2001 it was needed, then what's changed? Look at the history of why this implementation was first instituted by the county.3nd, each of the eight fire districts have been producing quarterly reports for the past few months validating were the monies are spent by each agency, if an agency is NOT using these monies as appropriated, then the monies should be revoked and put into a pot for use by the agencies that have followed the letter of the ordinance or resolution set forth by EDC, and apply for the extra money as if applying for a State VFA or FEMA Grant. I surely can make a case for extra money anytime for PIO Fire District.
- 5. What other comments or suggestions can you offer which may assist the County in the decision making process? As so stated many in meetings with the county fire chiefs, LAFCO, the Board of Supervisors, and with our own local boards, this is a very serious and risky direction for El Dorado County to pursue for fire and rescue services after losing 254 homes less than two years ago. As public safety officials, we truly understand the dilemma that the County finds itself in during this current economic downturn and as most of us actually live within our jurisdictions that we provide day-to-day service to, and we're also voters and taxpayers. But we're also mandated and required to provide under the state's health and safety code fire/rescue/ems services to the public in a form that is safe for our firefighters and the public, while again being fiscally responsible and manageable.

D. 2009-10 Objectives:

- 1. Continue to be fiscally responsible, and transparent to our local taxpayers.
- Continue to provide a high level of fire/rescue/ems service to our seven communities.
- 3. Retain our workforce and provide them a healthy and safe work environment.
- 4. Continue to seek always alternative funding sources such as local, state and federal grants, a local benefit assessment, or special fire tax if permissible by local taxpayers and jurisdiction.
- 5. Evaluate response data available, and reduce response overlap/redundancy during fire ground/rescue operations.

- Work towards a future responsible "Countywide Minimum Standard of Response Plan" for all El Dorado
 County Local Government Fire Agencies, while continuing to provide a very high level of fire/rescue/EMS
 service to all our residents.
- E. Trust Fund, if the County gives the Districts at least twenty-four (24) months advance notice of termination, and makes all payments of Supplemental Funds due prior to the termination date, then moneys in the Trust Fund shall be disbursed to the County for its unrestricted use upon the date of payment of the final Supplemental Funds due under the agreement. This provision recognizes that by giving such notice of termination and providing the required Supplemental Funds, the County has accomplished the Trust Fund's purpose of providing a transition period. Alternatively, if at least twenty-four (24) months notice of termination has been given, the County, in its sole discretion, may utilize the Trust fund to complete its payments of Supplemental funds.

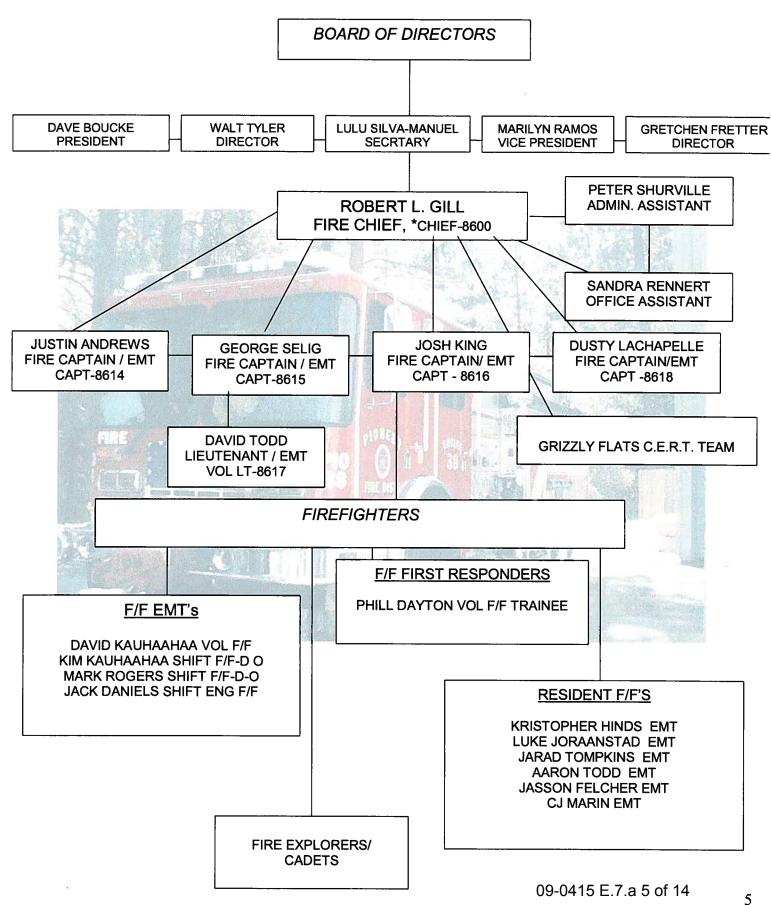
In closing, if Pioneer Fire Protection District loses these Augmentation Funds/Aid-to-Fire, it shall be devastating to our agency as a whole, and to our local residents we serve. It also shall provide a major hit to the county's and state's master mutual-aid/automatic aid response system that's in place for our county and state during times of major wildfires, floods and specialized rescues/events. This money allotted by the County is vital to all of our day-to-day operations, and we use it very wisely. When you add up the totals for supplementing eight fire agencies @ \$1.3-million, this is not going to balance the budget today or tomorrow for El Dorado County.

Remember, it was the County's desire to assist the Districts in achieving long-term stability, and we're headed in that direction to provide the highest level of service for our El Dorado County taxpayers. Please let us not forget again, it's not even been two years since we lost **254 homes** in El Dorado County, and Pioneer Fire apparatus and personnel responded to assist our neighbors in harm's way professionally and honorably during that Angora Fire Incident at South Lake Tahoe.

Respectfully,

Robert L. Gill, Fire Chief/CEO 03/11/2009

Since 1980, proudly serving the El Dorado County communities of Mt Aukum, Fair Play, Outingdale, Grizzly Flats, Omo Ranch & Somerset.





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Pioneer Fire

Fund# 650 Assessed Valuation and Debt Service Tax Rate Summary

> Assessed Value Secured Unsecured

Delinquency Secured Unsecured Means of Financing Voter Approved Debt Unsecured Secured Total Tax Rate

\$729,604,918 \$6,012,762

> Summary of Estimated Additional Financing Sources (Estimated Revenue, Other Financing Sources, and Residual Equity Transfer)

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Sub-0	Dbj.	Actual 2006-07	Actual 2007-08	Dist. Requested 2008-09	Adopted by Board 2008-09
0001	Fund Balance	169,315	116,665	0	0
Fund Balance Available		169,315	116,665	0	0
0100	PropTax - Current Secured	540,033	588,355	610,095	610,095
0110	PropTax - Current Unsecured	11,177	12,568	14,323	14,323
0120	PropTax - Prior Secured	-445	-61	-200	-200
0130	PropTax - Prior Unsecured	206	224	220	220
0140	Supplemental PropTax - Current	17,206	13,730	11,500	11,500
0150	Supplemental PropTax - Prior	16,490	5,379	4,000	4,000
T	axes	584,667	620,195	639,938	639,938
0360	Penalties/Cost Delinquent Taxes	417	520	450	450
F	ines, Forfeitures And Penalties	417	520	450	450
0400	Interest	8,349	7,973	7,500	7,500
R	levenue From Use Of Money And Property	8,349	7,973	7,500	7,500
0820	State Homeowners Property Tax Relief	6,346	6,482	5,500	5,500
ir	ntergovernmental Revenue - State	6,346	6,482	5,500	5,500
1200	Other - Government Agencies	243,695	279,047	279,047	279,047
A	evenue Other Governmental Agencies	243,695	279,047	279,047	279,047
1403	Development Fees	238,961	41,540	41,540	41,540
C	harges For Services	238,961	41,540	41,540	41,540
1940	Miscellaneous Revenue	30,516	58,896	44,300	44,300
N	liscellaneous Revenues	30,516	58,896	44,300	44,300
	Total Financing Sources	1,282,265	1,131,318	1,018,275	1,018,275

(Summary of Financial Requirements)

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587 2	22,039	63,200	63,200
621	1,694	2,500	2,500
428	88,090	32,000	32,000
263 71	18,334	731,250	731,250
346	6,456	0	. 0
009	1,806	4,000	4,000
74	6,804	2,000	2,000
318	8,949	6,500	6,500
518	0	0	. 0
533	4,237	5,000	5,000
314	0	0	0
311	8,854	3,000	3,000
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324	1,766	2,000	2,000
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708	1,131	2,000	2,000
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Sub-Obj.		Actual 2006-07	Actual 2007-08	Dist. Requested 2008-09	Adopted by Board 2008-09
4142	Maint Telephone / Radios	2,303	133	2,000	2,00
4145	Equipment Parts	2,707	426	0	_,
4160	Maint Veh - Contract Services	1,673	16,259	25,000	25,00
4161	Maint Veh - Drop Ship Inventory	0	989	0	
4162	Maint Vehicles - Supplies	35,172	16,749	0	(
4164	Maint Vehicles - Tires & Tubes	0	2,736	0	
4180	Maintenance - Buildng & Imprvmnts	95,542	23,699	8,000	8,00
4183	Maintenance - Grounds	2,724	5,045	2,500	2,50
4197	Building Supplies	1,117	426	0	,
4220	Memberships	1,667	1,735	1,700	1,700
4240	Miscellaneous Expenses	0	17	0	(
4260	Office Expenses	11,673	7,809	5,000	5,000
4261	Postage	268	557	350	350
4262	Software	0	448	500	500
4264	Books / manuals	0	9,383	250	250
4266	Printing / Dupulicating Serv	188	70	0	(
4300	Professional and Specialized Services	49,396	7,024	3,000	3,000
4303	Maintenance Roads	500	0	0	(
4304	Spec Dept Exp - Agency Adm Fees	0	906	750	750
4305	Prof Serv - Accounting	3,500	2,500	2,700	2,700
4308	External Data Processing Services	12	0	0	_,, .,
4313	Prof & Spec Sev - Legal	4,028	2,170	2,500	2,500
4324	Medical, Dental and Lab Services	116	1,501	1,500	1,500
4335	Prof Serv - Other EDC Depts	0	. 0	500	500
4344	Resident Firefighter Program	13,538	23,676	39,250	39,250
4400	Publications and Legal Notices	1,778	195	300	300
4420	Rent & Leases Equipment	1,360	1,816	500	500
4460	Small Toos & Instruments	1,698	2,613	1,000	1,000
4461	Minor Equipment	21,006	2,603	1,000	1,000
4462	Computer Equipment	. 0	2,347	1,000	1,000
4500	Special Departmental Expense	2,773	127	1,000	1,000
1502	Educational Materials	378	144	1,000	1,000
4503	Staff Development	1,255	1,551	4,000	4,000
4511	Election Outreach	0	4,836	5,500	5,500
4530	Spec Dept Exp - Water Treatment	0	840	850	850
1540	Staff Development Reimbursement (Not 1099)	120	1,914	2,000	2,000
1600	Transportation and Travel	0	826	0	2,000
4602	Private Auto Mileage	593	150	300	300
1606	Fuel Purchase - Bulk	15,399	30,820	35,000	35,000
1620	Utilities	14,121	18,178	17,250	17,250
Services And Supplies		336,278	246,237	203,700	203,700
S020	Fixed Assets - Bldgs & Improvements	2,252	8,973	41,539	
3040	Fixed Assets - Equipment	240,252	50,980	41,539	41,539 0
Fixed Assets		242,504	59,953	41,539	
7700 Appropriation for Contingencies		242,504	•		41,539
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	Total Financing Uses	1,174,045	1,024,523	1,026,489	1,026,489

	List of County-Funded Exp	71101			
Period	Budgeted Expenditures		Amount	Actual Expenditures	Amount
CONTRACT NO.	FY08 Aid to Fire Funds		\$248,569		\$248,56
				Actual - Month 1	
	Personnel: Fire Protection	\$		Personnel: Fire Protection	\$12,906.0
Jan-08	Operating: Fire Protection	\$		Operating: Fire Protection	\$5,099.0
0a11-00	Capital: Fire Protection	\$		Capital: Fire Protection	\$15,042.0
	Total Expenditures	\$	33,047.00		\$33,047.0
	Fund Balance	\$	215,522.00	Fund Balance	\$215,522.00
				Actual - Month 2	
	Personnel: Fire Protection	\$	12,906.00	Personnel: Fire Protection	\$12,906.0
Eab 00	Operating: Fire Protection	\$	5,099.00	Operating: Fire Protection	\$5,099.0
Feb-08	Capital: Fire Protection	\$		Capital: Fire Protection	\$8,002.0
	Total Expenditures	\$	26,007.00	Total Expenditures	\$26,007.0
	Fund Balance	\$	189,515.00	Fund Balance	\$189,515.0
32				Actual - Month 3	
	Personnel: Fire Protection	\$	12,906.00	Personnel: Fire Protection	\$12,906.0
M 00	Operating: Fire Protection	\$		Operating: Fire Protection	\$5,099.0
Mar-08	Capital: Fire Protection	\$		Capital: Fire Protection	\$8,002.0
	Total Expenditures	\$	26,007.00	Total Expenditures	\$26,007.0
	Fund Balance	\$	163,508.00	Fund Balance	\$163,508.0
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	Personnel: Fire Protection	\$	12,906.00	Personnel: Fire Protection	\$12,906.0
	Operating: Fire Protection	\$	5,099.00	Operating: Fire Protection	\$5,099.0
Apr-08	Capital: Fire Protection	\$	542.00	Capital: Fire Protection	\$542.0
	Total Expenditures	\$	18,547.00	Total Expenditures	\$18,547.0
	Fund Balance	\$	144,961.00	Fund Balance	\$144,961.0
11 1900				Actual - Month 5	
	Personnel: Fire Protection	\$	12,906.00	Personnel: Fire Protection	\$12,906.0
	Operating: Fire Protection	\$	5,099.00	Operating: Fire Protection	\$5,099.0
May-08	Capital: Fire Protection	\$	542.00	Capital: Fire Protection	\$542.0
	Total Expenditures	\$	18,547.00	Total Expenditures	\$18,547.0
	Fund Balance	\$	126,414.00	Fund Balance	\$126,414.0
				Actual - Month 6	
	Personnel: Fire Protection	\$	12,906.00	Personnel: Fire Protection	\$12,906.0
	Operating: Fire Protection	\$	5,099.00	Operating: Fire Protection	\$5,099.0
Jun-08	Capital: Fire Protection	\$	542.00	2	\$542.0
	Total Expenditures	\$	18,547.00		\$18,547.0
	Fund Balance		107,867.00	Fund Balance	\$107,867.0
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	Personnel: Fire Protection	\$	12,906.00	Personnel: Fire Protection	\$12,906.0
	Operating: Fire Protection	\$	5,099.00	Operating: Fire Protection	
Jul-08	Capital: Fire Protection	\$	5,099.00		\$5,099.0
	Total Expenditures			Capital: Fire Protection	\$542.0
	Fund Balance	\$	18,547.00	Total Expenditures	\$18,547.0
	Funa Baiance	\$	89,320.00	Fund Balance	\$89,320.0

				Actual - Month 8	
	Personnel: Fire Protection	\$	12,906.00	Personnel: Fire Protection	\$12,906.00
Aug-08	Operating: Fire Protection	\$	5,099.00	Operating: Fire Protection	\$5,099.00
Aug-00	Capital: Fire Protection	\$	542.00	Capital: Fire Protection	\$542.00
	Total Expenditures	\$	18,547.00	Total Expenditures	\$18,547.00
	Fund Balance	\$	70,773.00	Fund Balance	\$70,773.00
				Actual - Month 9	
	Personnel: Fire Protection	\$	12,906.00	Personnel: Fire Protection	\$12,906.00
C 00	Operating: Fire Protection	\$	5,099.00	Operating: Fire Protection	\$5,099.00
Sep-08	Capital: Fire Protection	\$	542.00	Capital: Fire Protection	\$542.00
	Total Expenditures	\$	18,547.00	Total Expenditures	\$18,547.00
	Fund Balance	\$	52,226.00	Fund Balance	\$52,226.00
				Actual - Month 10	
	Personnel: Fire Protection	\$	13,906.00	Personnel: Fire Protection	\$11,768.00
0-4.00	Operating: Fire Protection	\$	5,099.00	Operating: Fire Protection	\$5,099.00
Oct-08	Capital: Fire Protection	\$	542.00	Capital: Fire Protection	\$542.00
	Total Expenditures	\$	19,547.00	Total Expenditures	\$17,409.00
	Fund Balance	\$	32,679.00	Fund Balance	\$34,817.00
	4875275			Actual - Month 11	
	Personnel: Fire Protection	\$	13,906.00	Personnel: Fire Protection	\$11,768.00
Nov-08	Operating: Fire Protection	\$	5,099.00	Operating: Fire Protection	\$5,099.00
NOV-U8	Capital: Fire Protection	\$	542.00	Capital: Fire Protection	\$542.00
	Total Expenditures	\$	19,547.00	Total Expenditures	\$17,409.00
	Fund Balance	\$	13,132.00	Fund Balance	\$17,408.00
				Actual - Month 12	
	Personnel: Fire Protection	Sinter I	g. vice	Personnel: Fire Protection	\$11,767.00
Dec-08	Operating: Fire Protection	\$	5,099.00	Operating: Fire Protection	\$5,099.00
Dec-08	Capital: Fire Protection	\$	542.00	Capital: Fire Protection	\$542.00
	Total Expenditures	\$	5,641.00	Total Expenditures	\$17,408.00
	Fund Balance		-	Fund Balance	\$248,569.00
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	Aid to Fire Budget	\$	248,569.00	Aid to Fire Expenditures	\$ 248,569.00
Year-to-Date	Total Expenditures			Total Expenditures	\$ 248,569.00
	Fund Balance	\$	248,569.00	Fund Balance	\$ -

This spreadsheet is set up with the scenario that 1/12 of the funds are spent each month. Please return the spreadsheet with your fire department's planned expenditure rate. For instance, if you plan on using the funds for a special project over a four-month period, then use 25% in four percentage cells and delete the other eight.

Scope of Work: PIONEER

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PROGRAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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