

# East Fork Fire Protection District

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### **East Fork Fire Protection District Adopts Audit Report**

Minden – The East Fork Fire Protection District, in its very first year standing on its own, received a clean audit report from the District's independent auditors. Under Nevada Revised Statute 354.624, government entities are required to submit an annual audit of its financial statements which must be presented in accordance with the accounting principles generally accepted in the United States and audited by independent certified public accountants. The professional accounting firm of Sciarani and Company, who specialize in local government auditing, prepared and presented the audit to the Board at the Board's regular meeting on December 19, 2017. In the audit presentation, it was identified that all funds are being used expressly for the purposes for which that they were created and that they were administered in accordance with the accounting principles generally accepted in the United States. There were no audit violations.

The auditing firm made some general recommendations, all related to the recent change in governance, including referencing the Standards for Internal Control Measures and becoming very familiar with NRS 354, which pertains to local government financial operations. The District has taken steps in light of recent alleged lapses in internal controls in Douglas County government to ensure it has adequate internal control measures in place. After the audit presentation and the Board's official acceptance, the following three agenda items were dedicated to internal control presentations regarding vehicle maintenance, facilities maintenance, purchasing, claims processing, and narcotic control measures. The East Fork Fire Protection District provides paramedic level services which are authorized to administer narcotic related treatments. Future presentations will include payroll reporting, annual and sick leave accrual recording, and medical billing.

Board President Bernard Curtis complimented the auditor and the districts' administrative staff for their efforts in managing the districts' finances and accounting. The stand-alone audit is very transparent and follows the three primary funds under the District's authority. As part of its separation from Douglas County, the district hired Joseph Langkilde, CPA as the district's accountant. The District Fire Chief, Tod Carlini, officially serves as the Chief Financial Officer of the district and has over 25 years of local government budgeting experience. Chief Carlini stated that he was exceptionally proud of the effort of Mr. Langkilde, his two Deputy Chiefs, Steve Eisele, and Dave Fogerson, Executive Officer Manager Lisa Owen, who manages payroll, Toni Braga, who manages all grants, Erin Albert, who processes claims, Amy Modispacher, Ashley May, and Katie Dorsey who manage medical billing, Holly Megee, who receives plan review fees, Vince Weaver, who maintains and manages purchases for Support Services, and

Master Mechanic, Chris Henning, who manages vehicle maintenance parts and repair orders.  
*"We have a great team of dedicated employees who are often forgotten and not recognized enough for the great jobs that they do and the behind the scenes effort that allows our response personnel to do their jobs."*

The audit is available for viewing on the district's website at [eastforkfire.org](http://eastforkfire.org).