

**CENTRAL FIRE
PROTECTION
DISTRICT**

#4



**2015
ANNUAL
OPERATING
BUDGET**

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For the Year Beginning January 1, 2015



THE CENTRAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT #4
OF
EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH

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MISSION STATEMENT

The Central Fire Protection District #4 has the responsibility of providing services to the citizens of the Central Community in the protection of life and property from the perils of fire and other emergencies, through execution of the latest methods of rescue, first aid, and firefighting.

The Central Fire Protection District #4 is a combination paid/volunteer fire service organization maintaining five stations, an administration, and training facility.

The Central Fire Protection District #4 is dedicated to the preservation of life and property in the community and to continuously improve the capability and delivery of its public service.

The Central Fire Protection District #4 will manage its fire service task with the highest regard for humanity, safety, property preservation, the environment, cost, and community well being.

BUDGET MESSAGE FROM THE FIRE CHIEF

December 16, 2014

Board of Commissioners
Central Fire Protection District #4
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Gentlemen:

I respectfully submit for your review and consideration a budget for the Central Fire Protection District #4 (the District) for the year 2015. The budget document includes anticipated revenues and expenditures for the general fund, and special revenue funds of the District. Special funds include revenue and expenditures from the 5 mil property tax which is dedicated to salaries, benefits, and capital improvements.

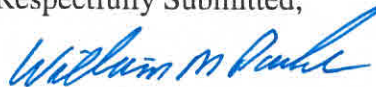
The financial plan for the District is to provide a means of financing the essential recurring fire protection services to the public. The budget allows for the inflationary cost of providing the same services as provided in prior years.

The objective of the budget is to provide for essential services, and for expenditures that are expected to occur during the year, which are elective in nature.

It is anticipated that revenues will increase over prior years mainly due to an increase of property taxes.

The objective of the District is to provide a means of financing the essential services, while at the same time providing a fund balance that will be sufficient to cover unanticipated expenditures.

Respectfully Submitted,



William M. Porche,
Fire Chief

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

- Continue to provide services to the citizens of the District in the protection of life and property from the perils of fire and other emergencies. The execution of the latest methods of rescue, first-aid, and firefighting.
- Continue to maintain its Class Three insurance rating, which reduces insurance premiums for the citizens in the District, and at the same time work toward reduction to a lower class rating.
- Continue to maintain five fire stations strategically located throughout the area, in order to provide the most efficient response time to emergency incidents.
- Expand our volunteer staffing by recruiting and training additional firefighters.
- Expand our full time staff through the hiring of additional personnel by applying for federal assistance from the SAFER grant program.
- Begin the implementation of positions approved by the passage of 4.25 mil tax.
- Enhance our firefighting equipment with anticipated grant funds.
- Continue to actively seek and obtain future grants funds.
- Continue to promote financial responsibility of the Central Fire Protection District #4 through preparing and adhering to the budget.
- Continue to maximize the computer system and network performance through continued technical improvements and updating our systems.
- Continue to provide public education programs that gives members of the community the opportunity to participate in, and attend various demonstrations and educational classes (e.g., CPR, first aid), and programs promoting fire prevention and fire safety in the home or place of business. To continue home smoke alarm program, battery program to the elderly and less fortunate in the Central Fire Protection District.
- Continue to expand and improve our training programs including mock drills and classes in vehicle extrication, Incident Command, Hazardous Materials, CPR training, first responder training, etc. for all paid personnel and volunteers so that they are informed of the latest methods and techniques in firefighting, rescue, and mass disaster response.
- To develop a strategic plan to maintain our standard of operations and performance during the continued growth of our community.
- Continue to consider suggestions and new ideas that will foster more proficient fire service for the people in the Central Community.

