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## Re: Ste. Genevieve County Ambulance District Public Safety Department Split (#9018)

## Dear Mya:

As you requested, we have performed actuarial valuations as of February 29, 2024 for the active and deferred members reported as Public Safety members and the remaining active and deferred members of the General department of the Ste. Genevieve County Ambulance District. The results of the actuarial valuations follow (contribution rates shown below are uncapped employer contribution rates):

	Public Safety	Other General	
	Subdepartment	Subdepartments	Combined
Member Statistics			
Number Active	19	1	20
Payroll	\$1,241,064	\$55,269	\$1,296,333
Average Pay	65,319	55,269	64,817
Accumulated Contributions (Actives)	304,669	5,346	310,015
Number Deferred	0	8	8
Actuarial Accrued Liabilities (AAL)			
Active AAL	\$2,394,442	\$26,987	\$2,421,429
Deferred AAL	0	436,579	436,579
Increase AAL - Public Safety Provisions and Assumptions	460,242	0	0
Total AAL	\$2,854,684	\$463,566	\$2,858,008
Actuarial Value of Assets			
Members Deposit Fund (MDF)	\$304,669	\$123,724	\$428,393
Employer Accumulation Fund (EAF)*	1,165,627	160,926	1,326,553
Total Assets	\$1,470,296	\$284,650	\$1,754,946
Funded Ratio	51.5%	61.4%	61.4%
Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability (UAAL)	\$1,384,388	\$178,916	\$1,103,062
Computed Employer Contribution Rate			
Normal Cost Rate	8.50%	8.90%	6.50%
Casualty Rate	0.50	0.50	0.50
Prior Service Cost Rate	<u>9.20</u>	<u>28.20</u>	<u>7.40</u>
Total Employer Contribution Rate (Uncapped)	18.20%	37.60%	14.40%

<sup>\*</sup> Assets allocated to each division are estimated.

The Public Safety subdepartment is valued using public safety benefit provisions (normal retirement and deferred age equal to 55) and public safety assumptions. For members proposed to be covered in the Public Safety subdepartment, the actuarial accrued liability increased by \$460,242 and is amortized over 20 years based on the funding policy for benefit changes.

Please note that the results for the 'Combined' department are the same as those reported for the General department in the February 29, 2024 annual actuarial valuation report for the Ste. Genevieve County Ambulance District. However, adding the results for the subdepartments shown on the previous page will not match the combined results due to valuing the Public Safety members alone as Public Safety members and combined as General members.

Per LAGERS staff, EAF assets were split between the two subdepartments so that each subdepartment's funded percent would be the same as the combined General department based upon the General benefit provisions and assumptions as of February 29, 2024. This would require an accounting transfer based on market value, as of February 29, 2024, of \$148,616 of EAF assets staying in the General department with the remainder being transferred to the Public Safety department.

Below are projections needed to comply with Missouri state disclosure requirements (Section 105.665 of the RSMo) regarding the adoption of LAGERS benefits by a political subdivision. Under the Present Plan, members eligible to be considered Public Safety members are valued using General plan provisions and assumptions. Under the Alternate Plan, these members are valued using Public Safety plan provisions and assumptions. The projections below only include members eligible for the Public Safety subdepartment.

	Present Plan			Alternate Plan		Change due to Proposed Provisions				
		Estimated	d Employer	Estimated	Estimated	d Employer	Estimated	Estimated	l Employer	Estimated
	Estimated	Contr	ibution	Difference	Contr	ibution	Difference	Contr	ibution	Difference
Valuation	Projected	As a % of	Annual	Between	As a % of	Annual	Between	As a % of	Annual	Between
Date	Payroll	Payroll	Dollars	AAL and AVA	Payroll	Dollars	AAL and AVA	Payroll	Dollars	AAL and AVA
2024	\$ 1,241,064	13.30%	\$ 165,062	\$ 924,146	18.20%	\$ 225,874	\$ 1,384,388	4.90%	\$ 60,812	\$ 460,242
2025	1,275,193	13.30%	169,601	905,612	18.20%	232,085	1,362,853	4.90%	62,484	457,241
2026	1,310,261	13.30%	174,265	883,491	18.20%	238,468	1,336,553	4.90%	64,203	453,062
2027	1,346,293	13.30%	179,057	857,470	18.20%	245,025	1,305,065	4.90%	65,968	447,595
2028	1,383,316	13.30%	183,981	827,213	18.20%	251,764	1,267,936	4.90%	67,783	440,723
2029	1,421,357	13.30%	189,040	792,357	18.20%	258,687	1,224,676	4.90%	69,647	432,319
2030	1,460,444	14.20%	207,383	752,507	19.10%	278,945	1,174,754	4.90%	71,562	422,247
2031	1,500,606	14.10%	211,585	693,030	19.00%	285,115	1,103,391	4.90%	73,530	410,361
2032	1,541,873	13.30%	205,069	627,546	18.20%	280,621	1,024,049	4.90%	75,552	396,503
2033	1,584,275	13.50%	213,877	568,493	18.40%	291,507	948,997	4.90%	77,630	380,504

The results shown for each employer only include members reported to LAGERS as of the valuation date, February 29, 2024. The methods and assumptions used in the actuarial valuations were the same as those used in the annual actuarial valuations as of February 29, 2024. In particular, the assumed rate of investment return was 7.00% and the assumed rate of payroll growth was 2.75%.



The actuarial valuation results presented on the previous pages are based upon the employer's benefit provisions as of February 29, 2024. A summary follows:

Provisions	ER #9018		
Benefit Program	L-6		
Final Average Salary	5 Years		
Member Contribution Rate	4%		
Retirement Eligibility	Regular		

The long-term cost (C) of providing retirement benefits depends only on the benefits (B) that are paid to participants, the expenses (E) of administering the plan, and the investment return (I) generated on invested assets: C = B + E - I. For a given level of benefits, the cost of providing those benefits is lowered if administrative expenses are lowered or investment income is increased.

The long-term costs are financed by a series of employer and member contributions. The series of contributions is flexible. If more is contributed in early years, less has to be contributed in later years, and vice-versa. Over time the series of contributions has to have the same value as benefits and expenses. The actuary determines each year's contribution based on a funding method and a set of actuarial assumptions. The chosen funding method and assumptions do not affect the long term cost of providing retirement benefits, but have a strong impact on the series of contributions made to fund the benefits.

This report was prepared using our proprietary valuation model and related software which in our professional judgment has the capability to provide results that are consistent with the purposes of the valuation and has no material limitations or known weaknesses. We performed tests to ensure that the model reasonably represents that which is intended to be modeled.

Mita Drazilov is a Member of the American Academy of Actuaries, and meets the Qualification Standards of the American Academy of Actuaries to render the actuarial opinions contained herein.

Please call if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
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