



# Southern Park County Fire Protection District

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## 2024 Budget Message

(January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024)

### Important Features of the Budget

The Budget is presented in a format that is in compliance with budget law. Revenues are generated from general property taxes, specific ownership taxes, donations, grants, service income and interest income. Expenses are categorized under administration, county treasurer fees, firefighting and medical supplies, repairs and maintenance, training, utilities, vehicle fuel, and capital outlays. The District is subject to TABOR and restricts a portion of its reserves to comply with TABOR. Forecast property tax income budgeted for 2024 is \$199,292 more than the amount received in 2023.

The Board implemented Medical Billing which provided an additional income. Any income (while limited) realized from this source will be used to assist in financing any needs identified by the Department.

Additional funds have been allocated to medical supplies, accounting services, and vehicle repair. We have an older fleet of vehicles which require more attention.

Capital funds are allocated for completing the purchase of an upgraded ambulance and replacements for a tender and structure engine. The last two years have seen replacement roofing and paint at stations 2 and 3 in addition to the water storage system at Station 1.

### Budgetary Rules of Accounting

The budget is prepared on a cash basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded in the accounts when they are received, and expenses are recorded when cash is distributed.

### The District

The District is a political subdivision established pursuant to the Colorado Revised Statutes, as amended. The District, located in Park County, Colorado, currently provides the following services: Firefighting, Fire Prevention, Emergency Medical and Rescue services.

Ken Thomas, Board Chair

Mike Brandt, Treasurer