

Mount Lemmon Fire Strategic Planning Listening Session



Who is Mount Lemmon Fire District?

The Mt Lemmon Fire District provides Fire Protection (both structure and wildland), EMS, Rescue and Public Assistance to a 12.5 square mile area of the Santa Catalina Mountains in the Coronado National Forest. Established in 1979 as a fully volunteer agency, the District has grown into a combination department with a Fire Chief, a full-time staff of Officers, Firefighters and Paramedics, as well as over a dozen Volunteers.



Who is Mount Lemmon Fire District?

MISSION STATEMENT

"To minimize the threat to life and property due to fire, medical or other emergencies through education, prevention, preparedness, prompt response, treatment and effective customer service."



Who is Mount Lemmon Fire District?

VISION STATEMENT

To consistently provide our Mount Lemmon residents and visitors with quality services, in a professional and efficient manner, and provide leadership that ensures progress and success.



Who is Mount Lemmon Fire District?

- 1979: Mount Lemmon Volunteer Fire Department was established
- 1984: Fire station was built
- 1987: Mount Lemmon Fire District was established
- 2000: Station 2 was built



Who is Mount Lemmon Fire District?

- 2001:
 - 2 paid firefighters per shift
 - First time third party dispatched by Drexel Heights Fire District
 - Transferred from 401k to PSPRS



Who is Mount Lemmon Fire District?

- 2002:
 - May 21st Bullock Fire – 30,563 acres
 - New cabin chassis for Engine 316



Who is Mount Lemmon Fire District?

- 2003: June 17th Aspen Fire
 - 84,750 acres
 - 340 homes and businesses
 - Total infrastructure damages \$4.1 million
 - Firefighting cost \$17 million
 - Took delivery of our new Engine 315



Who is Mount Lemmon Fire District?

- 2005:
 - Prioritized the need for ALS
 - Also, adding a third person to shifts
 - Purchased 2 water tenders costing \$161,240

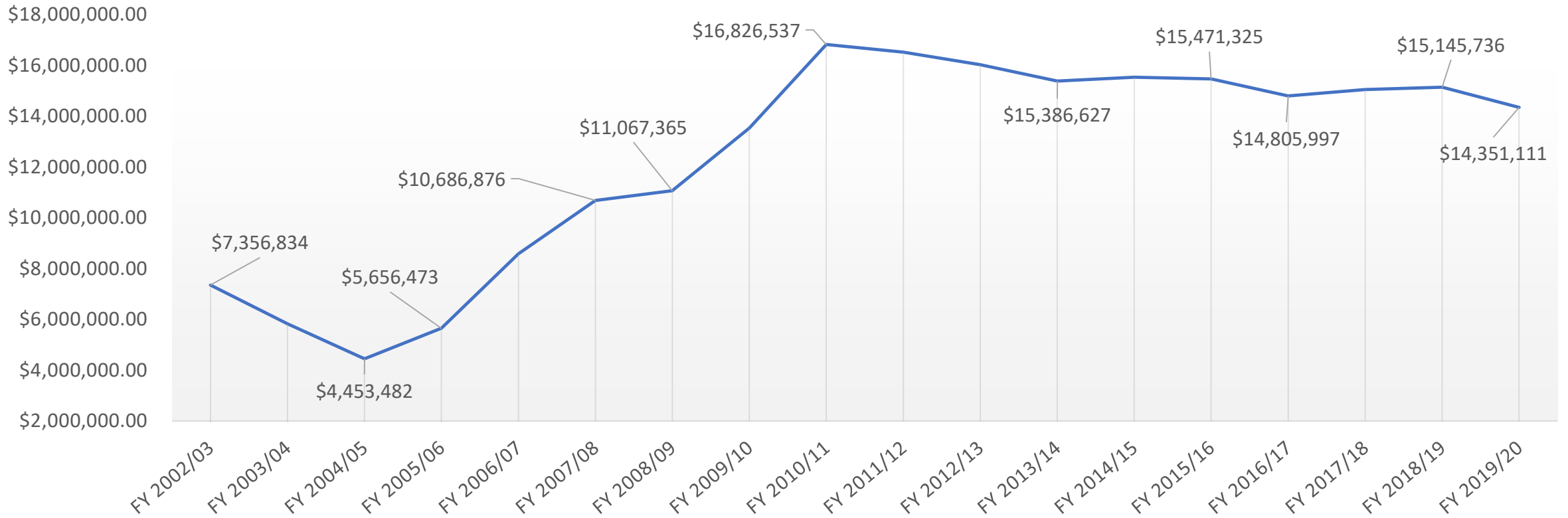


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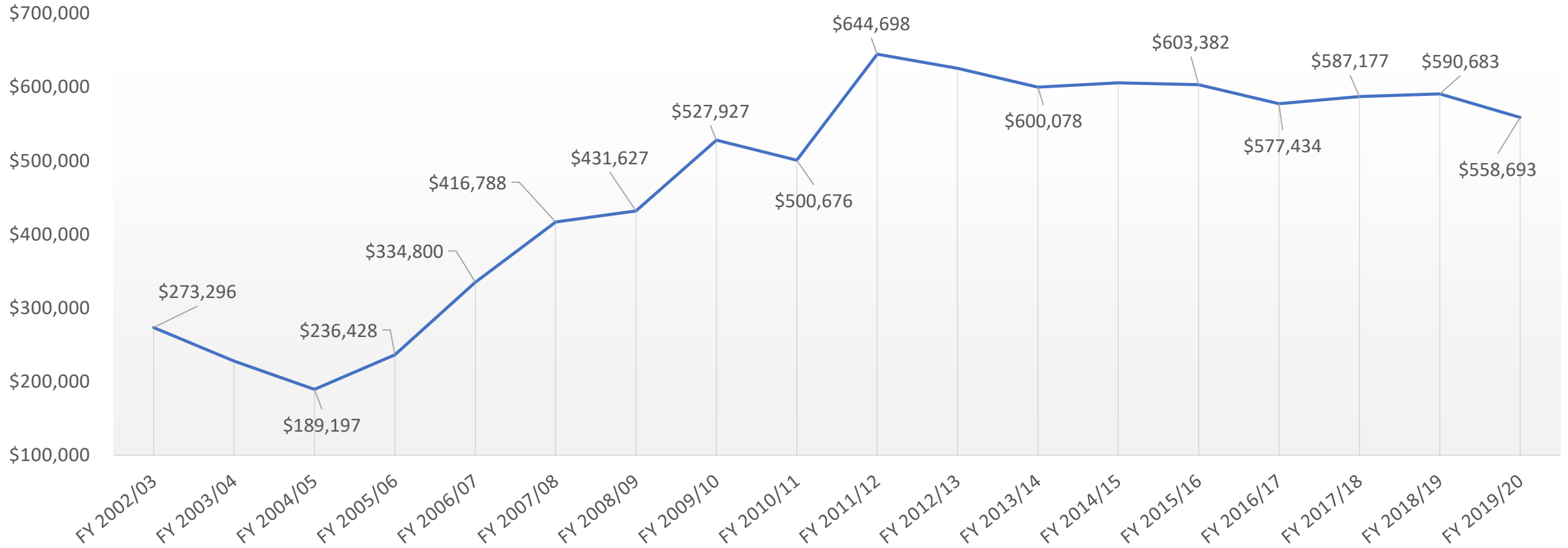
- 2007: 24/7 ALS and third person per shift was accomplished
- 2009: Staffing reduced-2 man shifts
- 2011:
 - Went from 3 to 5 member board
 - Purchased surplus Rescue (ambulance) from TFD-\$6,874
- 2017: June 30th THE BURRO FIRE burns 27,238 acres



MLFD Taxable Net Assessed Value



MLFD Tax Levey & FD Assistance Tax



Who is Mount Lemmon Fire District?

- Donated Air Packs:
 - Tucson Fire Department
 - Avra Valley Fire District
 - Drexel Heights Fire District



Who is Mount Lemmon Fire District?

- Total Grants Received:

- Equipment: \$300,000
- Fuels Treatment: \$146,000

• Federal State County Tribal Local



Who is Mount Lemmon Fire District?

- Items:

New Turnout sets

Cardiac monitor

K-12

PPV Fan

Chain saws

Mark 3 Pump

MDT

Cascade System

EMS Jump Bag/PEDS

C310

Cascade improvements

Air Packs

Radio

Wildland

PPE/Equipment

Headsets

Exhaust Extrication

System



Who is Mount Lemmon Fire District?

Our wonderful community!



WHAT IS NEXT?



Fire Board Analysis

- Strengths
- Weaknesses
- Opportunities
- Challenges



Strengths

- Our Chief, longevity of personnel
 - Work Hard
 - Think creatively
- Volunteer Force
- Knowledge of Community Idiosyncracies
- Reputation
- Community Involvement by District Personnel



Weaknesses

- Revenue
- Age of Equipment
- Staffing Level and Depth of Response Personnel
- Capital Improvements
- Amount of Information Proactively Provided to the Community and Stakeholders



Opportunities

- Training with Collaborating Agencies
- Increasing the Footprint of the District
- State and Federal Grants
- Subscription Services
- External Revenue Sources
- Expanded Use of Volunteer Force Beyond Emergency Response



Challenges

- Reflecting true cost of a small fire district servicing a population several orders of magnitude larger than its tax base
- Replacement of Apparatus
- Staffing, Benefits, Retention, Including External Recruiting
- Increasing Revenue to Reflect the Number of out of District Visitors Requiring Service
- Retaining High Quality Professional Staff at Current Salaries
- Good Metrics to Support County and USFS Funding



Thank You for Attending

- Listening Groups Today
- PowerPoint will be posted on the MLFD website
- Additional thoughts accepted through 15 June @ **info@mlfdaz.org**
- 5-Year Strategic Plan Released Labor Day 2019

