

**IMPACT STATEMENT
FOR
RIO VERDE FOOTHILLS HILLS FIRE DISTRICT
July 5, 2005**

Pursuant to the provisions of A.R.S.§48-261, the undersigned submit and enclose the following as a Fire District Impact Statement for the proposed creation of a new fire district to be known as Rio Verde Foothills Fire District.

1. Description of Boundaries

Attached to this statement are two exhibits.

Exhibit A: is a legal description of the boundaries for the proposed fire district.

Exhibit B: is a detailed, accurate map of the area to be included in the proposed fire district.

2. Estimated Assessed Valuation

The estimated 2004 (year) assessed valuation as provided by the office of the Assessor, Maricopa County, State of Arizona on November 16, 2004, for the area within the proposed fire district as of November 16, 2004 is Fifty-nine million, nine hundred thirty-seven thousand, five hundred and forty-three dollars (\$59,937,543.00).

3. Property Tax Liability

The estimated change in property tax liability of the proposed Rio Verde Foothills Fire District is estimated to be \$2.50 per \$100 assessed valuation. The new Fire District proposes to set the tax rate of the District, pursuant to the guidelines in ARS§48-807 in an amount to support the budget which will be between \$2.50 and \$2.75 per \$100.00 of assessed value. Final rate will be based on the budget that is submitted by District Board.

Example: A \$300,000 house with an assessed value of \$30,000, at the new Rio Verde Foothills Fire District proposed secondary tax rate of \$2.50, would have an increased tax liability of \$750.00 per year after creation of this District.

4. Benefits that will result from the Rio Verde Foothills Fire District:

- a. The New District will receive Fire District Assistance Tax in the amount of \$300,000 to help defray costs to taxpayers. This money is available to fire districts only.
- b. The New District will receive State Fire Marshall Pension Fund monies to help defray costs to taxpayers. This money is available to fire districts only.
- c. Direct accountability of Directors of New District to the electorate via the ballot box.

- d. Creation of a Fire district will guarantee permanent fire and medical services for the unincorporated Rio Verde area.
- e. Creation of a fire district will make it possible to build and man a fire station. This will dramatically reduce the amount of time needed to arrive at an event. This will increase the level of life safety for fire and medical perspectives.
- f. Time reduction and increased equipment availability will increase wild fire protection. The need for this is illustrated in the desert fires we are experiencing this year.
- g. Reducing the present dangers of inadequate fire protection will stabilize and increase property values.
- h. Adding additional emergency services in this area will compliment emergency services in the general area. Such as those provided by the Forest Service, Rio Verde, Scottsdale and Cave Creek. Conversely, adding these services will reduce the reliance (and potential conflict) on other emergency service districts.

5. Injuries that will result from the New District:

- a. Money to support fire and emergency medical service must be raised. A secondary property tax in the amount of \$2.50 per \$100 of assessed value would be levied on all property in the New District.

6. Proposed Members of the Rio Verde Foothills Fire District's Organizing Board of Directors:

Nena Leone Henry
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 Scottsdale, Az 85262
 Founding President of

M. Glen Taylor
 14114 Milton Court
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 28310 N. 148th. Street
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 Fire Captain. Fire
 District

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Two Partners Construction L.L.C.

Committee Chairman

"Members of the board shall be qualified electors of the district. If warranted by statute, the County Board of Supervisors shall order an increase in the number of members of the proposed district board 120 days before the next general election so that 5 board positions will be voted on at the next General Election."