

September 9, 2016

Greetings,

The FASD Board of Directors held their Annual Meeting on August 26th to, in part, discuss the membership dues structure and the upcoming 2016-2017 renewal period. It was decided and voted upon to continue the dues structure with no increase. The Board feels strongly that keeping the dues at their current rate will continue to keep the budget intact while helping districts to maintain their membership and encourage non-members to join.

Where else can you connect with colleagues around the state who share your dedication, as well as compare experiences and perspectives? FASD membership allows you to share your successes and find ideas that can save your district time and money, far beyond the cost of your annual dues. The Association also follows and lobbies, when necessary, the Florida Legislature and the Governor's office. This service has become increasingly important over the past several years and will continue to be a strong force in the future.

The continuing success of the Certified District Official and Certified Manager Programs is boosted by support from our Associate and other Members. The CDO and CDM Programs offer special district managers and district officials the opportunity to attain certification and recognition. The Board renamed the scholarship fund after Past President Virginia Cebula who was the driving force behind the creation of the education program that created the CDM Program. The Board also decided to work towards advancing the scholarship program into a full Foundation Program that will provide scholarships for education opportunities, inclusive of registration, lodging and travel expenses, as funding is available. There will be more details on the Foundation as we work to develop it, but in the meantime, the Scholarship Program is still ready and willing to accept your contributions.

We continue to enhance the information on our website, including the Members Only section, where there are many example documents for use by our members. These documents, including sample RFP's, procedure manuals, and various accounting policy templates can be downloaded and adopted for use in a member's own special district. This saves countless hours and dollars in document development costs. This Members-only section has been transferred to the **FASD Member Portal** which includes all of the members-only documents, the current and past Focus Newsletters, a member directory with all district and associate members, and a full event history.

Please be sure to complete all of the documents that are included in this package. I want to emphasize the importance of including a list of your top vendors in your renewal application. While it may seem cumbersome, it is imperative for us to recognize vendors who service our member districts in our effort to find new members and conference sponsors. We are bolstering our efforts this year to increase our sponsors and exhibitors at our annual conference to ensure the conference fees do not increase and to continue to bring better keynote speakers and topics. Without accurate records, we cannot ensure all official notifications and newsletter publications are sent to you in a timely manner. It is also essential that you fill out the information regarding your district's size and budget amounts. This information enhances our ability to provide value-added services to our existing members and assists our efforts to attract new members. It is crucial that you provide us with an accurate and unique email address for each member, because that email address will become their username in the Member Portal.

Additionally, we are excited to announce the option to **renew your membership online**! You should have received an email from Fred Crawford with a link to the online application. You can also access the link by visiting <a href="https://www.fasd.com/membership.aspx">www.fasd.com/membership.aspx</a>.

Thank you for your membership and continued support of the Florida Association of Special Districts. If you have any questions regarding membership please contact Fred Crawford at <a href="fcrawford@fasd.com">fcrawford@fasd.com</a> or by calling 855-469-3273. Hope to see you soon!

Sincerest regards,

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Rita Greenberg, President

Florida Association of Special Districts



## 2016-2017 FASD MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL INVOICE

	DISTRICT: Key Largo Fire Rescue and EMS District
Jate: September 1, 2016	Due Date: October 30, 2016
Jues Paid in 2015-2016: \$1012.98	
Amount Due 2016-2017:	(Please Calculate Based on the Dues Schedule Provided Below)
Optional Donation to the Virginia Cebula Scholarship Fund: \$_	oula Scholarship Fund: \$

The Board has renamed the scholarship fund after Past President Virginia Cebula who was the driving force behind the creation of the education program that created the CDM program. There is a minimum donation of \$100 and if you donate one full scholarship (\$1200), receive recognition as a Scholarship Sponsor on our web site, at the Annual Conference, the Legislative Forum and a plaque for your office!

Please Remit to:

Florida Association Of Special Districts Tallahassee, FL 32301 2713 Blairstone Lane



## SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION ON FILE

District Type: Fire

Primary Vendors/Suppliers to be added: District Website: klfrems.org Primary Vendors/Suppliers:

Contact Information on File: (PLEASE Make any Corrections needed by striking out the incorrect information and adding to the bottom of the table – PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT)

Manager Contact Information:

Vicky Fay, KLFR & EMS District Clerk PO Box 371023

Key Largo, FL 33037 Phone: (305) 451-5517 Fax: info@klfrems.org

Additional Members (up to 8):

Elected Official (Y/N)					
Board Elected Chair Official (Y/N) (Y/N)					
Email Address					
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ZIP					
State					
City					
Work Address				ż	
Work Phone					
Title					
First Name Last Name					
First Name					

\*In accordance with Article III Section 1.A. ... The Chief Executive Officer shall serve as the Primary District Member, unless the governing body of a special district designates a person other than the Chief Executive Officer to be the Primary District Member. The Primary District Member serves as the administrator for their districts membership with FASD.

## **ASSOCIATION AD VALOREM DUES**

Dues for District Members are based on annual budgets. Districts that collect ad valorem taxes pay .0005% of their operating budget, see below.

Operating budget times .0005

Maximum of \$4,000

Minimum: \$250

Dues New Members = 50% of operating budget times .0005\*

Dues 1st Year Renewal = 75% of operating budget times .0005 times\*

\*Note: 2016-2017 Dues 1st Year Renewal - districts who have been members prior to Oct. 1, 2016, but joined after October 1, 2015 \*Note: 2016-2017 Dues New Members - districts who join after Oct. 1, 2016 \*New Member Dues are applicable to Special Districts only.