



## Agenda

- Discuss why agreement is revised
- Summarize revisions
- Discuss next steps

## Why Revise Agreement?

- Raise awareness of agreement requirements for fire departments and their Boards of Directors
- Protect taxpayer investment in fire protection
- Enhance financial accountability
- Enhance procedures and increase transparency for Boards of Directors
- Clarify certain sections of the agreement



## Revision Summary

- Revisions to Section 9 – Decision Making Process Open to Public
  - Requires agenda and minutes for open and closed meetings
  - Allows County access to all agendas and minutes
- Revisions to Section 14 – Liquidation or Dissolution
  - Allows for continued use of property and equipment by successor department when ongoing requirement for fire protection





## Revision Summary

- Revisions to Section 16 – Fire Department's Use of Funds
  - Requires department to notify County of certain personnel changes and changes in use of County funds
  - Requires department to notify County of financial transaction that creates a security interest in favor of a third party
  - Allows County to request documentation related to use of County funds



## Revision Summary

- Revisions to Section 17 – Fire Department's Budget Preparation
  - Department to disclose any existing debt and any arrangements for repayment
- Section 20 (H) - Fiscal Responsibility
  - Was previously titled Fund Balance
  - Clarifies net asset definition



## Revision Summary

- Section 20 (Q) - Personnel
  - Requires department to comply with FLSA
- Section 20 (V) – Fire Service Compensation Guidelines
  - Clarifies compliance requirement
- Section 21 – Relationship of Parties
  - Clarifies relationship between County and department



## Revision Summary

- Section 22 – Term of Agreement
  - Agreements are one year agreements
- Section 24 – Termination
  - Clarifies termination provision





## Next Steps

- Receive feedback from the Fire Commission
- Present to Board of Commissioners in April
- Implement new agreement July 1, 2012



Questions?

