

In a recent article published in the November 14, 2007 edition of the Winfield Register newspaper, there were several allegations made, and we would like to make sure that the facts are correctly presented.

The headline reads that the "Fire District Passes Audit," and the article goes on to imply that the Fire District has failed its audits since 2003. The fact is a recent law change required that the Fire District prepare a Fixed Asset Depreciation Schedule within a three-year period of time. The Fire District complied with that requirement within that three years; however, in the meantime, the auditor could not comment on the fixed assets in the audit until that informaton was available.

In addition, the article states that the Fire District will be asking for a cumulative 430% increase over the next five years. The fact is, the Fire District will be asking for a 12.5% increase each year for the next four years.

If you have any questions regarding this or any other Fire District information, please feel free to contact Chief Phillip DiMenza or Deputy Chief Bryan Lewis at (630) 653-5050.