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ST. TAMMANY PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 7
(A Component Unit of the St. Tammany Parish Government)

Independent Accountant's Compilation Report

Independent Accountant's Report on Applying
Agreed-upon Procedures

As of and for the Year Ended December 31, 1999

Under provisions of state law, this report is a public document. A copy of the report has been submitted to the entity and other appropriate public officials. The report is available for public inspection at the Baton Rouge office of the Legislative Auditor and, where appropriate, at the office of the parish clerk of court.

Release Date MAY 17 2000

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ST. TAMMANY PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 7
(A Component Unit of the St. Tammany Parish Government)
Pearl River, Louisiana

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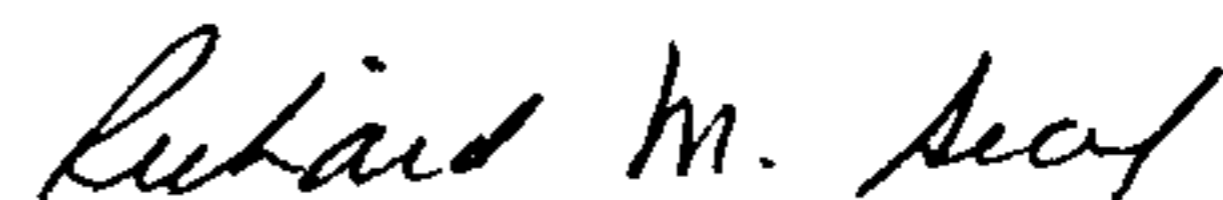
INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S COMPILATION REPORT

Board of Commissioners
St. Tammany Parish Fire Protection
District No. 7
Pearl River, Louisiana

I have compiled the accompanying general purpose financial statements of the St. Tammany Parish Fire Protection District No. 7, a component unit of the St. Tammany Parish Government, as of and for the year ended December 31, 1999, in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

A compilation is limited to presenting in the form of financial statements information that is the representation of management. I have not audited or reviewed the accompanying general purpose financial statements and, accordingly, do not express an opinion or any other form of assurance on them.

In accordance with the *Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide* and the provisions of state law, I have issued a report, dated May 2, 2000, on the results of my agreed-upon procedures.



Certified Public Accountant

Bogalusa, Louisiana
May 2, 2000

ST. TAMMANY PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 7
 (A Component Unit of the St. Tammany Parish Government)
 Pearl River, Louisiana
 ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUPS

Combined Balance Sheet
 December 31, 1999

	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES		ACCOUNT GROUPS		Totals (Memorandum Only)
	General Fund	Debt Service Fund	General Fixed Assets	General Long-Term Debt	
ASSETS					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 54,697	\$ 11,022	\$	\$	\$ 65,719
Receivables:					
Ad valorem taxes	129,841				129,841
State revenue sharing	5,692		635,596		5,692
Land, buildings, and equipment				11,022	635,596
Amount available in debt service fund				53,978	11,022
Amount to be provided for general long-term debt				65,000	53,978
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 190,230</u>	<u>\$ 11,022</u>	<u>\$ 635,596</u>	<u>\$ 65,000</u>	<u>\$ 901,848</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY					
Liabilities:					
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 1,712	\$	\$	\$ 65,000	\$ 1,712
General obligation bonds					65,000
Total Liabilities	<u>1,712</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>65,000</u>	<u>66,712</u>
Fund Equity:					
Investment in general fixed assets			635,596		635,596
Fund balance -					
Reserved for debt service		11,022			11,022
Undesignated	188,518				188,518
Total Fund Equity	<u>188,518</u>	<u>11,022</u>	<u>635,596</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>835,136</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	<u>\$ 190,230</u>	<u>\$ 11,022</u>	<u>\$ 635,596</u>	<u>\$ 65,000</u>	<u>\$ 901,848</u>

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ST. TAMMANY PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 7
(A Component Unit of the St. Tammany Parish Government)
Pearl River, Louisiana
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES

Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and
Changes in Fund Balances
For the Year Ended December 31, 1999

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Debt Service Fund</u>	<u>Totals (Memorandum Only)</u>
REVENUES			
Ad valorem taxes	\$ 129,295	\$	\$ 129,295
Intergovernmental revenues			
- state funds:			
State revenue sharing	5,734		5,734
Fire insurance rebate	11,612		11,612
Miscellaneous	60		60
Interest	<u>1,625</u>	<u>1,931</u>	<u>3,556</u>
Total revenues	<u>148,326</u>	<u>1,931</u>	<u>150,257</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Public safety - fire protection:			
Insurance	15,486		15,486
Salaries	16,682		16,682
Truck and auto repair	11,567		11,567
Truck and auto gas	5,280		5,280
Utilities	3,156		3,156
Fire fighting supplies	471		471
Telephone	2,334		2,334
Radio repairs	3,484		3,484
Station maintenance	1,953		1,953
Office supplies	884		884
Taxes and licenses	1,083		1,083
Legal and accounting	4,958		4,958
Miscellaneous	1,683		1,683
Beeper rental	1,025		1,025
Uniforms	414		414
Advertising	1,610		1,610
Continuing Education	1,059		1,059
Capital outlay	1,423		1,423

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ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES

Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and
Changes in Fund Balances
For the Year Ended December 31, 1999

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Debt Service Fund</u>	<u>Totals (Memorandum Only)</u>
EXPENDITURES (Cont'd)			
Debt service:			
Principal	\$	\$ 65,000	\$ 65,000
Interest		8,405	8,405
Other		524	524
Total expenditures	<u>74,552</u>	<u>73,929</u>	<u>148,481</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	73,774	(71,998)	1,776
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES(USES)			
Transfers from other funds		21,859	21,859
Transfers to other funds	<u>(21,859)</u>	<u> </u>	<u>(21,859)</u>
Total other financing sources(uses)	<u>(21,859)</u>	<u>21,859</u>	<u> </u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other sources over expenditures and other uses	51,915	(50,139)	1,776
Fund balance at beginning of year	<u>136,603</u>	<u>61,161</u>	<u>197,764</u>
Fund balance at end of year	<u>\$ 188,518</u>	<u>\$ 11,022</u>	<u>\$ 199,540</u>

(Concluded)

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ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES

Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes
in Fund Balances - Budget (Gaap Basis) and Actual
For the Year Ended December 31, 1999

	General Fund		
	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
REVENUES			
Ad valorem taxes	\$ 92,400	\$ 129,295	\$ 36,895
Intergovernmental revenues-state funds:			
State revenue sharing		5,734	5,734
Fire insurance rebate		11,612	11,612
Miscellaneous		60	60
Interest	900	1,625	725
Total revenues	93,300	148,326	55,026
 EXPENDITURES			
Public safety - fire protection:			
Insurance	18,000	15,486	2,514
Salaries	22,800	16,682	6,118
Truck and auto repair	9,000	11,567	(2,567)
Truck and auto gas	3,600	5,280	(1,680)
Utilities	3,600	3,156	444
Fire fighting supplies	900	471	429
Telephone	3,600	2,334	1,266
Radio repairs		3,484	(3,484)
Station maintenance	2,400	1,953	447
Office supplies		884	(884)
Taxes and licenses		1,083	(1,083)
Legal and accounting	4,200	4,958	(758)
Miscellaneous		1,683	(1,683)
Beeper rental		1,025	(1,025)
Advertising		1,610	(1,610)
Uniforms		414	(414)
Continuing education		1,059	(1,059)
Capital outlay	25,200	1,423	23,777
Total expenditures	93,300	74,552	18,748

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Pearl River, Louisiana
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES

Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes
in Fund Balances - Budget (Gaap Basis) and Actual
For the Year Ended December 31, 1999

	<u>General Fund</u>		
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	—	73,774	73,774
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES(USES)			
Transfers to other funds	—	(21,859)	(21,859)
Total other financing sources(uses)	—	(21,859)	(21,859)
Excess (deficiency) of revenue and other sources over expenditures and other uses	—	51,915	51,915
Fund balances, beginning	<u>74,338</u>	<u>136,603</u>	<u>62,265</u>
Fund balances, ending	<u>\$ 74,338</u>	<u>\$ 188,518</u>	<u>\$ 114,180</u>

(Concluded)

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ST. TAMMANY PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 7
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Pearl River, Louisiana

Notes to the Financial Statements
As of and for the Year Ended December 31, 1999

INTRODUCTION

St. Tammany Parish Fire Protection District No. 7 was created by the St. Tammany Parish Government, as authorized by Louisiana Revised Statute 40:1492, on August 20, 1972 to purchase and maintain fire equipment and provide fire protection for the residents of District No. 7 of St. Tammany Parish. The district is governed by a five member board appointed by the Parish Government, who serve without compensation.

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying general purpose financial statements of the St. Tammany Parish Fire Protection District No. 7 have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles.

B. REPORTING ENTITY

As the governing authority of the parish, for reporting purposes, the St. Tammany Parish Government is the financial reporting entity for St. Tammany Parish. The financial reporting entity consists of (a) the primary government (Parish Government), (b) organizations for which the primary government is financially accountable, and (c) other organizations for which nature and significance of their relationship with the primary government are such that exclusion would cause the reporting entity's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete.

Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 14 established criteria for determining which component units should be considered part of the St. Tammany Parish Government for financial reporting purposes. The basic criterion for including a potential component unit within the reporting entity is financial accountability. The GASB has set forth criteria to be considered in determining financial accountability. This criteria includes:

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Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)*

1. Appointing a voting majority of an organization's governing body, and
 - a. The ability of the Parish Government to impose its will on that organization and/or
 - b. The potential for the organization to provide specific financial benefits to or impose specific financial burdens on the Parish Government.
2. Organizations for which the Parish Government does not appoint a voting majority but are fiscally dependent on the Parish Government.
3. Organizations for which the reporting entity's financial statements would be misleading if data of the organization is not included because of the nature or significance of the relationship.

Because the Parish Government appoints the district's governing body and can impose its will, the district was determined to be a component unit of the St. Tammany Parish Government, the financial reporting entity. The accompanying financial statements present information only on the funds maintained by the district and do not present information on the Parish Government, the general government services provided by that governmental unit, or the other governmental units that comprise the financial reporting entity.

C. FUND ACCOUNTING

The district uses funds and account groups to report on its financial position and the results of its operations. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid financial management by segregating transactions relating to certain government functions or activities.

A fund is a separate accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. On the other hand, an account group is a financial reporting device designed to provide accountability for certain assets and liabilities that are not recorded in the funds because they do not directly affect net expendable financial resources.

Funds of the district are classified as governmental funds. Governmental funds account for all or most of the district's general activities, including the collection and disbursement of specific or legally restricted monies, the acquisition of general fixed assets, and the servicing of general long-term debt. Governmental funds include:

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Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)*

1. General Fund - the general operating fund of the district and accounts for all financial resources, except those required to be accounted for in other funds.
2. Debt Service Fund - accounts for transactions relating to resources retained and used for the payment of principal and interest on those long-term obligations recorded in the general long-term debt account group.

D. BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The accounting and financial reporting treatment applied to a fund is determined by its measurement focus. All governmental funds are accounted for using a current financial resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, only current assets and current liabilities generally are included on the balance sheet. Operating statements for these funds present increases and decreases in net current assets. The modified accrual basis of accounting is used by the governmental funds. The governmental funds use the following practices in recording revenues and expenditures:

Revenues

Ad valorem taxes and the related state revenue sharing are recorded in the year the taxes are due and payable. Ad valorem taxes are assessed on a calendar year basis and attach as an enforceable lien and become due and payable on the date the tax rolls are filed with the recorder of mortgages. Louisiana Revised Statute 47:1993 requires that the tax roll be filed on or before November 15 of each year. Ad valorem taxes become delinquent if not paid by December 31. The taxes are normally collected in December of the current year and January and February of the ensuing year.

Other intergovernmental revenues are recorded when the district is entitled to the funds.

Interest income on demand and time deposits is recorded when the interest has been earned and the amount is determinable.

Based on the above criteria, ad valorem taxes, state revenue sharing, and other intergovernmental revenues have been treated as susceptible to accrual.

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Expenditures

Expenditures are generally recognized under the modified accrual basis of accounting when the related fund liability is incurred.

Other Financing Sources(uses)

Transfers between funds that are not expected to be repaid are accounted for as other financing sources(uses). These other financing sources(uses) are recognized at the time the underlying event occurs.

E. USE OF ESTIMATES

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles includes the use of estimates that affect the financial statements. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

F. BUDGET PRACTICES

St. Tammany Parish Fire Protection District No. 7 adopted the budget on July 14, 1998. Since the total proposed expenditures were less than \$250,000, no public hearings were required.

The budget is prepared on the modified accrual basis of accounting. All appropriations lapse at year end. Budget amounts included in the accompanying financial statements include the original adopted budget; there were no amendments.

G. ENCUMBRANCES

Encumbrance accounting, under which purchase orders, contracts, and other commitments are recorded, is not employed by the district, and encumbrances outstanding at year end are not reported.

H. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Cash includes amounts in demand deposits and interest-bearing demand deposits. The district may invest in certificates and time deposits of state banks organized under Louisiana law and national banks having principal offices in Louisiana.

ST. TAMMANY PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 7
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Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

I. GENERAL FIXED ASSETS AND LONG-TERM DEBT

General fixed assets are not capitalized in the fund used to acquire or construct them. Instead, capital acquisition and construction are reflected as expenditures (capital outlay) in the governmental fund and the related assets are reported in the general fixed assets account group. All purchased fixed assets are valued at historical cost. No depreciation has been provided on general fixed assets. Donated fixed assets are valued at their estimated fair market value on the date received.

Long-term obligations expected to be financed from the General Fund are accounted for in the general long-term debt account group.

The two account groups are not funds. They are concerned only with measurement of financial position and do not involve measurement of results of operations.

J. COMPENSATED ABSENCES AND PENSION PLAN

The district does not have a formal vacation and sick leave policy and does not contribute to a pension plan.

K. TOTAL COLUMN ON COMBINED BALANCE SHEET

The total column on the balance sheet is captioned Memorandum Only (overview) to indicate that it is presented only to facilitate financial analysis. Data in this column does not present financial position or results of operations in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. Neither is such data comparable to a consolidation.

2. LEVIED TAXES

The following is a summary of levied ad valorem taxes:

	<u>1999</u>
Operations and maintenance	5.18
Operations and maintenance	5.21
Bond principal and interest	<u>3.00</u>
	<u>13.39</u>

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 Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

3. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

At December 31, 1999, the district has cash and cash equivalents (book balances) totaling \$65,719, as follows:

Interest-bearing demand deposits	<u>\$ 65,719</u>
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These deposits are stated at cost, which approximates market. Under state law, these deposits, or the resulting bank balances, must be secured by federal deposit insurance or the pledge of securities owned by the fiscal agent bank. Deposit balances (bank balances) at December 31, 1999, total \$66,495. These deposits were fully secured from risk by federal deposit insurance.

4. CHANGES IN GENERAL FIXED ASSETS

A summary of changes in general fixed assets for the year ended December 31, 1999 follows:

	Balance December 31, <u>1998</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	Balance December 31, <u>1999</u>
Land and buildings	\$ 261,380	\$	\$	\$ 261,380
Trucks and vehicles	304,698			304,698
Equipment	<u>68,095</u>	<u>1,423</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>69,518</u>
Total	<u>\$ 634,173</u>	<u>\$ 1,423</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 635,596</u>

5. OPERATING LEASE

On March 19, 1987, the district entered into a lease agreement with the St. Tammany Parish Government. The district leased a certain piece of property for the price of \$1 per year for a period of 20 years. The St. Tammany Station (No. 3) was subsequently built on this site.

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 Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

6. CHANGES IN GENERAL LONG-TERM DEBT

The following is a summary of the long-term debt transactions for the year ended December 31, 1999:

	<u>Bonded Debt</u>
Long-term debt payable at December 31, 1997	\$ 130,000
Deductions 1999	<u>(65,000)</u>
Long-term debt payable at December 31, 1999	<u>\$ 65,000</u>

The General Obligation Bonds of St. Tammany Parish Fire Protection District No. 7 dated March 1, 1987, issued and authorized in the amount of \$200,000 in denominations of \$5,000, were issued for the purpose of acquiring buildings, machinery and equipment, including both real and personal property. The bonds are payable from ad valorem taxation. The bonds bear interest rates from 6.20% to 12% per annum. Those bonds matured March 1, 1998, and thereafter, are callable for redemption in full at any time on or after March 1, 1997. During 1999, \$65,000 of the bonds were paid, consisting of \$10,000 of bonds maturing normally, and \$55,000 of bonds were called and redeemed early. The annual requirements to amortize the bonds outstanding at December 31, 1999, are as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2000	\$	\$	\$
2001			
2002			
2003			
Thereafter	<u>\$ 65,000</u>	<u>\$ 8,803</u>	<u>\$ 73,803</u>
Total	<u>\$ 65,000</u>	<u>\$ 8,803</u>	<u>\$ 73,803</u>

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CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT ◦ CERTIFIED GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL MANAGER

INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

Board of Commissioners
St. Tammany Parish Fire Protection
District No. 7
Pearl River, Louisiana

I have performed the procedures included in the *Louisiana Government Audit Guide* and enumerated below, which were agreed to by the management of St. Tammany Parish Fire Protection District No. 7 and the Legislative Auditor, State of Louisiana, solely to assist the users in evaluating management's assertions about St. Tammany Parish Fire Protection District No. 7's compliance with certain laws and regulations during the year ended December 31, 1999, included in the accompanying *Louisiana Attestation Questionnaire*. This agreed-upon procedures engagement was performed in accordance with standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The sufficiency of these procedures is solely the responsibility of the specified users of the report. Consequently, I make no representation regarding the sufficiency of the procedures described below either for the purpose for which this report has been requested or for any other purpose.

Public Bid Law

1. Select all expenditures made during the year for material and supplies exceeding \$15,000, or public works exceeding \$100,000, and determine whether such purchases were made in accordance with L.A.-RS 38:2211-2251 (the public bid law).

There were no expenditures made during the year for materials and supplies exceeding \$15,000 and no expenditures for public works.

Code of Ethics for Public Officials and Public Employees

2. Obtain from management a list of the immediate family members of each board member as defined by L.A.-RS 42:1101-1124 (the code of ethics), and a list of outside business interests of all board members and employees, as well as their immediate families.

Management provided me with the required list including the noted information.

3. Obtain from management a listing of all employees paid during the period under examination.

Management provided me with the required list.

4. Determine whether any of those employees included in the listing obtained from management in agreed-upon procedure (3) were also included on the listing obtained from management in agreed-upon procedure (2) as immediate family members.

None of the employees included on the list of employees provided by management appeared on the list provided by management in agreed-upon procedure (2).

Budgeting

5. Obtain a copy of the legally adopted budget and all amendments.

Management provided me with a copy of the original budget. There were no amendments to the budget during the year.

6. Trace the budget adoption and amendments to the minute book.

I traced the adoption of the original budget to the minutes of a meeting held on July 14, 1998. No amendments were made to the budget during the year.

7. Compare the revenues and expenditures of the final budget to actual revenues and expenditures to determine if actual revenues or expenditures exceed budgeted amounts by more than 5%.

I compared the revenues and expenditures of the final budget to actual revenues and expenditures. Actual revenues and expenditures plus beginning fund balance for the year did not exceed budgeted amounts by more than 5%.

Accounting and Reporting

8. Randomly select 6 disbursements made during the period under examination and:

- (a) trace payments to supporting documentation as to proper amount and payee;

I examined supporting documentation for each of the six selected disbursements and found that payment was for the proper amount and made to the correct payee.

- (b) determine if payments were properly coded to the correct fund and general ledger account; and

All payments were coded to the correct fund and general ledger account.

- (c) determine whether payments received approval from proper authorities.

Inspection of documentation supporting each of the six selected disbursements indicated approval by the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners. In addition, disbursements were traced to St. Tammany Parish Fire Protection District No. 7's minute book where they were approved by the full commission.

Meetings

9. Examine evidence indicating that agendas for meetings recorded in the minute book were posted or advertised as required by L.A.-RS 42:1 through 42:12 (the open meetings law).

St. Tammany Parish Fire Protection District No. 7 posted agendas for each meeting as required by L.A.-RS 42:1-12.

Debt

10. Examine bank deposits for the period under examination and determine whether any such deposits appear to be proceeds of bank loans, bonds, or like indebtedness.

I inspected copies of all bank deposit slips for the period under examination and noted no deposits which appeared to be proceeds of bank loans, bonds, or like indebtedness.

Advances and Bonuses

11. Examine payroll records and minutes for the year to determine whether any payments have been made to employees which may constitute bonuses, advances, or gifts.

I examined payroll records and minutes for the year and noted no instances which would indicate payments to employees that would constitute bonuses, advances, or gifts.

My prior year report, dated February 1, 1999, included one finding that has been resolved.

I was not engaged to, and did not, perform an examination, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion on management's assertions. Accordingly, I do not express such an opinion. Had I performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to my attention that would have been reported to you.

This report is intended solely for the use of management of St. Tammany Parish Fire Protection District No. 7 and the Legislative Auditor, State of Louisiana, and should not be used by those who have not agreed to the procedures and taken responsibility for the sufficiency of the procedures for their purposes. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.


Certified Public Accountant

Bogalusa, Louisiana
May 2, 2000

ST. TAMMANY PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 7
 (A Component Unit of the St. Tammany Parish Government)
 Pearl River, Louisiana

Summary Schedule of Prior Compilation Findings
 For the Year Ended December 31, 1999

Ref. No.	Fiscal Year Finding Initially Occurred	Description of Findings	Corrective Action Taken (Yes, No, Partially)
98-1	1998	R.S. 39:1308A requires that a budget for the ensuing year be adopted prior to the end of the year in progress. The minutes reflect that the 1998 budget was adopted on July 14, 1998, approximately seven months late.	Yes

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LOUISIANA ATTESTATION QUESTIONNAIRE

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In connection with your compilation of our financial statements as of December 31, 1999 and for the year then ended, and as required by Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513 and the *Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide*, we make the following representations to you. We accept full responsibility for our compliance with the following laws and regulations and the internal controls over compliance with such laws and regulations. We have evaluated our compliance with the following laws and regulations prior to making these representations.

These representations are based on the information available to us as of _____
February 2, 2000.

Public Bid Law

It is true that we have complied with the public bid law, LSA-RS Title 38:2212, and, where applicable, the regulations of the Division of Administration, State Purchasing Office.

Yes No

Code of Ethics for Public Officials and Public Employees

It is true that no employees or officials have accepted anything of value, whether in the form of a service, loan, or promise, from anyone that would constitute a violation of LSA-RS 42:1101-1124.

Yes No

It is true that no member of the immediate family of any member of the governing authority, or the chief executive of the governmental entity, has been employed by the governmental entity after April 1, 1980, under circumstances that would constitute a violation of LSA-RS 42:1119.

Yes [] No []

Budgeting

We have complied with the state budgeting requirements of the Local Government Budget Act (LSA-RS 39:1301-14) or the budget requirements of LSA-RS 39:34.

Yes [] No []

Accounting and Reporting

All non-exempt governmental records are available as a public record and have been retained for at least three years, as required by LSA-RS 44:1, 44:7, 44:31, and 44:36.

Yes [] No []

We have filed our annual financial statements in accordance with LSA-RS 24:514, 33:463, and/or 39:92, as applicable.

Yes [] No []

We have had our financial statements audited or compiled in accordance with LSA-RS 24:513.

Yes [] No []

Meetings

We have complied with the provisions of the Open Meetings Law, provided in RS 42:1 through 42:12.

Yes [] No []

Debt

It is true we have not incurred any indebtedness, other than the credit for 90 days or less to make purchases in the ordinary course of administration, nor have we entered into any lease-purchase agreements, without the approval of the State Bond Commission, as provided by Article VII, Section 8 of the 1974 Louisiana Constitution, Article VI, Section 33 of the 1974 Louisiana Constitution, and LSA-RS 39:1410.60-1410.65.

Yes [] No []

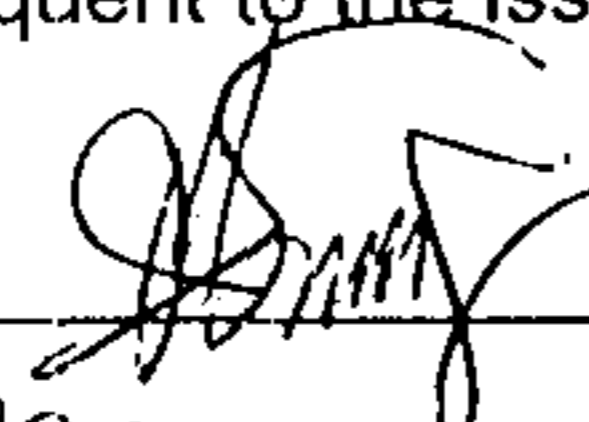
Advances and Bonuses


It is true we have not advanced wages or salaries to employees or paid bonuses in violation of Article VII, Section 14 of the 1974 Louisiana Constitution, LSA-RS 14:138, and AG opinion 79-729.

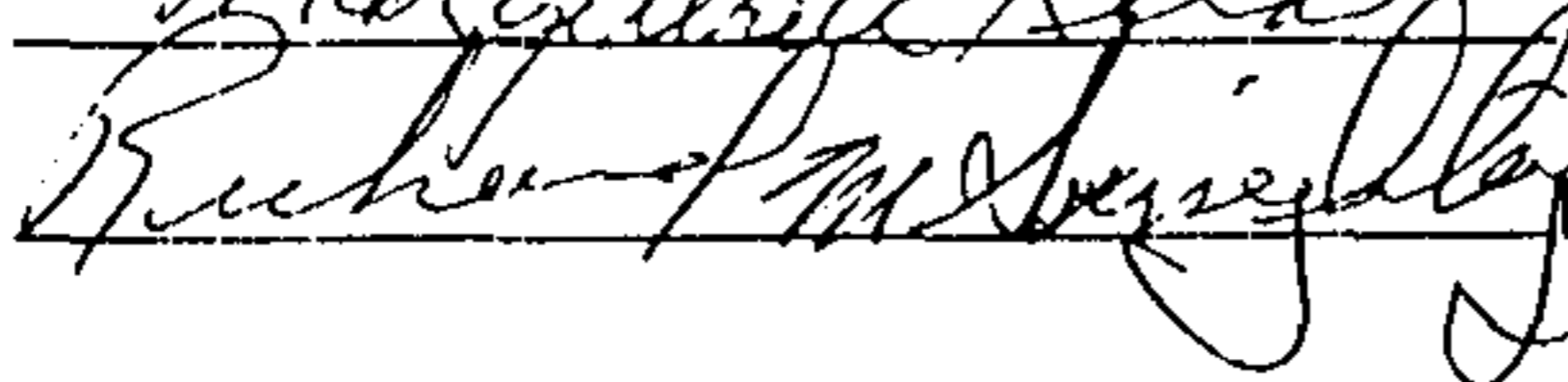
Yes [] No []

We have disclosed to you all known noncompliance of the foregoing laws and regulations, as well as any contradictions to the foregoing representations. We have made available to you documentation relating to the foregoing laws and regulations.

We have provided you with any communications from regulatory agencies or other sources concerning any possible noncompliance with the foregoing laws and regulations, including any communications received between the end of the period under examination and the issuance of this report. We acknowledge our responsibility to disclose to you any known noncompliance which may occur subsequent to the issuance of your report.

 Secretary 2/2/2000 Date

 Treasurer 2-2-2000 Date

 President 2-2-2000 Date