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CITY OF NATCHITOCHEs CITY MARSHAL
ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT
DECEMBER 31, 1995

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City of Natchitoches City Marshal

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

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We have compiled the accompanying balance sheet of the City Marshal, City of Natchitoches, Louisiana, a component unit of the City of Natchitoches as of December 31, 1995, and the related Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance for the year then ended, in accordance with standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The financial statements have been prepared on the modified-accrual basis of accounting, which is the generally accepted accounting method established by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board for governmental units.

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

Johnson, Thomas & Cunningham
Johnson, Thomas & Cunningham, CPA's

June 19, 1996
Natchitoches, Louisiana

GENERAL PURPOSED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(COMBINED STATEMENTS - OVERVIEW)

City of Natchitoches City Marshal
Natchitoches, Louisiana

Combined Balance Sheet- Fund Type and Account Group
December 31, 1995

	<u>Governmental</u> <u>Fund Type</u> <u>General</u> <u>Fund</u>	<u>Fudiciary</u> <u>Fund Type</u> <u>Civil</u> <u>Fund</u>	<u>Account Group</u> <u>General</u> <u>Fixed</u> <u>Assets</u>	<u>Totals</u> <u>(Memorandum Only)</u> <u>1995</u> <u>1994</u>	
<u>Assets</u>					
Cash	\$7,940	\$36,464	\$ 0	\$44,404	\$42,257
Receivables	0	0	0	0	0
Equipment	0	0	4,399	4,399	4,399
Total Assets	\$7,940	\$36,464	\$4,399	\$48,803	\$46,656
<u>Liabilities</u>					
Unsettled Deposits	\$ 0	\$36,464	\$ 0	\$36,464	\$34,810
Accounts Payable	2,850	0	0	2,850	4,192
Total Liabilities	\$2,850	\$36,464	\$ 0	\$39,314	\$39,002
<u>Fund Equity</u>					
Investment in General					
Fixed Assets	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$4,399	\$ 4,399	\$ 4,399
Fund Balance-Unreserved- Undesignated	5,090	0	0	5,090	3,255
Total Fund Equity	\$5,090	\$ 0	\$4,399	\$ 9,489	\$ 7,654
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	\$7,940	\$36,464	\$4,399	\$48,803	\$46,656

See notes to financial statements.

City of Natchitoches City Marshal
Natchitoches, Louisiana

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance-
Governmental Fund Type--General Fund
Year Ended December 31, 1995

	General Fund <u>1995</u>
REVENUES:	
Fines & Forfeits	\$148,165
Miscellaneous	<u> 122</u>
Total Revenues	<u>\$148,287</u>
EXPENDITURES:	
Current-	
General Government	\$ 17,127
External Appropriations	<u>129,325</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>\$146,452</u>
Excess (Deficiency of Revenues Over Expenditures	\$ 1,835
Fund Balance-Beginning of Year	<u> 3,255</u>
Fund Balance-End of Year	<u>\$ 5,090</u>

See notes to financial statements.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

City Marshal, City of Natchitoches, LA

Notes to Financial Statements
December 31, 1995

1. The Reporting Entity:

As provided by Louisiana Statute, the City Marshal administers the Court system of the City of Natchitoches, Louisiana. The City Marshal is elected to a term of six years.

In April of 1984, the Financial Accounting Foundation established the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) to promulgate generally accepted accounting principles and reporting standards with respect to activities and transactions of state and local governmental accounting and financial reporting standards. The codification and subsequent GASB pronouncements are recognized as generally accepted accounting principles for state and local government.

The City Marshal prepares its financial statements in accordance with the standards established by the GASB. GASB Codification Section 2100 establishes criteria for determining the governmental reporting entity and has defined the governmental reporting entity to be the City of Natchitoches. The accompanying statements present only transactions of the City Marshal, a component unit of the City of Natchitoches, Louisiana.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies:

The accounting and reporting policies of the City Marshal conform to generally accepted accounting principles as applicable to governmental units. Such accounting and reporting policies also conform to the requirements of Louisiana Revised Statutes 24:517.

As the governing authority of the city, for reporting purposes, the City of Natchitoches, Louisiana, is the financial reporting entity for the local government. The financial reporting entity consists of (a) the primary government (city), (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 City of Natchitoches, Louisiana, 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.

1. Appointing a voting majority of an organization's governing body, and
 - a. The ability of the city 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 city.

City Marshal, City of Natchitoches

Notes to Financial Statements
December 31, 1995

These assets are recorded as expenditures in the General Fund when purchased. No depreciation has been provided on general fixed assets.

All fixed assets are valued at historical cost.

Long-term obligations expected to be financed from governmental funds are accounted for in the General Long-Term Debt Account Group, not in the governmental fund. The City Marshal had no long-term liabilities at December, 1995.

The two account groups are not "funds". They are concerned only with the measurement of financial position, not with measurement of results of operations.

Basis of Accounting:

Basis of accounting refers to when revenues and expenditures are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. Basis of accounting relates to the timing of the measurement made, regardless of the measurement focus applied.

The General Fund is accounted for using the modified accrual basis of accounting. Its revenues are recognized when they become measurable and available as net current assets. Expenditures are generally recognized when the related fund liability is incurred. Purchase of various operating supplies are regarded as expenditures at the time purchased.

The City Marshal does not employ the use of "Encumbrance accounting".

Total Columns on Combined Statements-Overview:

Total columns on the combined statements - overview are captioned "Memorandum Only" to indicate that they are presented only to facilitate financial analysis.

Budgetary Practices:

As an officer of the court, the City Marshal is not required to submit a budget.

Investments:

The Marshal does not have any investments other than cash invested in interest bearing checking accounts.

City Marshal, City of Natchitoches

Notes to Financial Statements
December 31, 19963. Pension Plan:

Employees of the Marshal's office are members of the Louisiana Municipal Employees Retirement System. The City of Natchitoches pays the retirement costs for the Marshal's employees into the fund. Neither the City nor the Marshal guarantee the benefits granted by the retirement system.

4. General Fixed Assets:

A summary of changes in general fixed assets is shown in the account group section of the report.

5. Litigation:

The Marshal is not a party in any litigation seeking damages for the year ended December 31, 1995.

6. Related Party Transactions:

The Marshal had no related party transactions for the year ended December 31, 1995.

7. Expenses Paid by Other Governmental Units

All salaries and wages, including the City Marshal and the employees of the Marshal's office, are paid by the City of Natchitoches.

8. Cash and Investments:

For reporting purposes, cash and cash equivalents include cash, demand deposits, time deposits, and certificates of deposits. At December 31, 1995, the Marshal had cash equivalents totaling \$44,404. Under Louisiana Law, these deposits must be secured by Federal deposit insurance, or by the pledge of securities owned by the bank. The market value of the pledged securities plus the federal deposit insurance must at all times equal the amount on deposit with the bank. The deposits at December 31, 1995, were as follows:

	<u>Bank Balance</u>	<u>FDIC Insurance</u>	<u>Balance Uninsured</u>
Cash - Checking	\$44,404	\$44,404	\$0
Cash In Banks	\$44,404	\$44,404	\$0

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE INDIVIDUAL FUNDS
AND ACCOUNT GROUP

GENERAL FUND

To account for the general operation of the City Marshal's Office. The various fees and charges due to the City Marshal are accounted for in this fund, and the general operating expenses of the Marshal are paid from this fund, as well as disbursements to various other governmental agencies.

City of Natchitoches, City Marshal
Natchitoches, Louisiana

General Fund
Balance Sheet
December 31, 1995

<u>Assets</u>	
Cash	\$7,940
Accounts Receivable	<u>0</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$7,940</u>
<u>Liabilities & Fund Balance</u>	
Liabilities-	
Accounts Payable	\$2,850
Fund Balance-	
Unreserved-Undesignated	<u>5,090</u>
Total Liabilities & Fund Balance	<u>\$7,940</u>

See notes to financial statements.

City of Natchitoches City Marshal
Natchitoches, Louisiana

General Fund
Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance-
Year Ended December 31, 1995

REVENUES:

Fines & Forfeits-	
Traffic Fines	\$125,748
Criminal Fines	22,417
Miscellaneous-	
Refunds	<u>122</u>
Total Revenues	\$ <u>148,287</u>

EXPENDITURES:

Current-	
General Government-	
Personnel Costs	\$ 3,700
Telephone	1,980
Office Supplies & Expenses	11,447
External Appropriations-	
City Court	36,805
City Court Clerk	3,118
District Attorney	17,320
Indigent Defender Board	29,127
Commission on Law Enforcement	3,395
Juvenile Detention Center	12,990
NW La. Crime Lab	16,210
Crime Victims-Commission Enforcement	2,482
LA State Police Breath Analysis	1,575
Court Management Information Center	2,043
LA TASCI Trust Fund	<u>4,260</u>
Total Expenditures	\$ <u>146,452</u>

Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	\$ 1,835
Fund Balance-Beginning of Year	<u>3,255</u>
Fund Balance-End of Year	\$ <u>5,090</u>

See notes to financial statements.

FIDUCIARY FUND TYPE

Agency Fund-

Civil Fund-This fund is used to account for garnishments, sales, fines and forfeitures imposed by the court system. Garnished wages are remitted to this fund, and the related parties are paid from the fund.

City of Natchitoches, City Marshal
Natchitoches, Louisiana

Civil Fund
Balance Sheet
December 31, 1995

<u>Assets</u>	
Cash	\$36,464
Total Assets	\$36,464
<u>Liabilities & Fund Equity</u>	
Liabilities-	
Unsettled Deposit Balances	\$36,464
Total Liabilities	\$36,464
Fund Equity-	0
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	\$36,464

See notes to financial statements

City of Natchitoches, City Marshal
Natchitoches, Louisiana

Civil Fund
Statement of Changes in Deposit Balances
Year Ended December 31, 1995

Deposit Balances at Beginning of Year	\$ 34,810
Additions:	
Deposits Made During Year	<u>182,642</u>
Sub-Total	<u>\$217,452</u>
Deductions:	
City of Natchitoches	\$ 72,473
Collected Restitutions	0
City Marshal	5,872
City Court	22,788
Plaintiffs and Attorneys	68,106
Refunds	7,697
Appraisals and Advertising	641
Clerk of Court	897
Other Costs	<u>2,514</u>
Total Deductions	<u>\$180,988</u>
Deposit Balances at End of Year	<u>\$ 36,464</u>

See notes to financial statements.

GENERAL FIXED ASSETS ACCOUNT GROUP

To account for fixed assets used in this governmental type fund operations.

City of Natchitoches, City Marshal
Natchitoches, Louisiana

General Fixed Assets Account Group
Statement of Changes in General Fixed Assets
Year Ended December 31, 1995

	<u>Balance 1-1-95</u>	<u>General Fund Additions</u>	<u>Deletions/ Retirements</u>	<u>Balance 12-31-95</u>
General Fixed Assets-				
Land	\$ 0	\$0	\$0	\$ 0
Buildings	0	0	0	0
Equipment	<u>\$4,399</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$4,399</u>
Total General Fixed Assets	<u>\$4,399</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$4,399</u>

See notes to financial statements.

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT ON MANAGEMENT'S
ASSERTION ABOUT COMPLIANCE WITH SPECIFIED REQUIREMENTS

To the Natchitoches City Marshal

We have performed the procedures included in the *Louisiana Government Audit Guide* and enumerated below, which were agreed to by the management of the Natchitoches City Marshal and the Legislative auditor, State of Louisiana, solely to assist the users in evaluating management's assertions about the Natchitoches City Marshal's compliance with certain laws and regulations during the year ended December 31, 1995, 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, we 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 \$5,000, or public works exceeding \$50,000, and determine whether such purchases were made in accordance with LSA-RS 38:2211-2251 (the public bid law).

There were no expenditures made during the year for materials and supplies exceeding \$5,000 or for public works exceeding \$50,000.

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 LSA-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 us 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 us 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 agreed-upon procedure (3) 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.

Not applicable. As an officer of the Court, the City Marshal is not required to submit a budget.

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

Not applicable.

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%.

Not applicable.

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;

We 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 six payments were properly 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 adequate approvals.

Meetings

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

Not applicable. The City Marshal does not hold public meetings.

Debt

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

We 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.

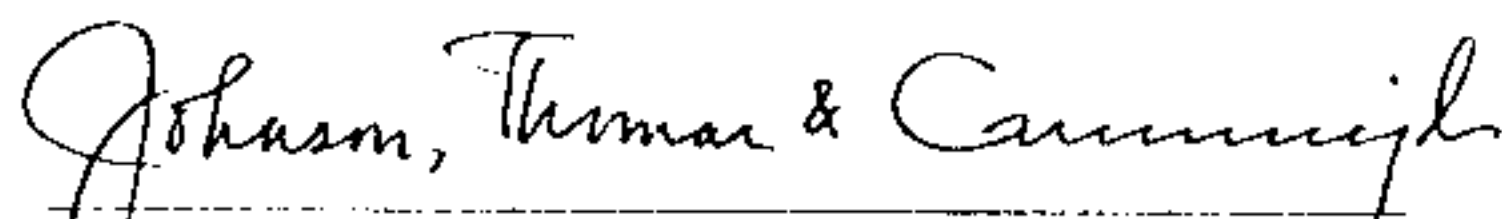
Advances and Bonuses

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

We noted no instances which would indicate payments to employees which would constitute bonuses, advances, or gifts.

We were 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, we do not express such an opinion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

This report is intended solely for the use of management of the Natchitoches City Marshal 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.


Johnson, Thomas & Cunningham, CPAs

June 19, 1996
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