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Report on
The Financial Statements of
FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 1
of LAFOURCHE PARISH
June 30, 1967

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Board of Commissioners
Fire Protection District No. 3
of Lafourche Parish

Independent Auditor's Report

I have audited the accompanying general purpose financial statements of FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 3 OF LAFOURCHE PARISH, component unit of the Lafourche Parish Council, as of and for the year ended June 30, 1997, as listed in the table of contents. These general purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 3 OF LAFOURCHE PARISH management. My responsibility is to express an opinion on these general purpose financial statements based on my audit.

I conducted my audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that I plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the general purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the general purpose financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall general purpose financial statement presentation. I believe that my audit provides a reasonable basis for my opinion.

In my opinion, the general purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 3 OF LAFOURCHE PARISH as of June 30, 1997, and the results of its operations for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued a report dated December 22, 1997 on our consideration of FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 3 OF LAFOURCHE PARISH internal control structure and a report dated December 22, 1997 on its compliance with laws and regulations.

Board of Commissioners
Fire Protection District No. 3
Of Lafayette Parish

Independent Auditor's Report (continued)

My audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the general purpose financial statements taken as a whole. The accompanying financial information listed as supplementary information in the table of contents is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the general purpose financial statements of the FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 3 OF LAFAYETTE PARISH. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the general purpose financial statements and, in my opinion, is fairly presented in all material respects in relation to the general purpose financial statements taken as a whole.



Alden G. Mohr, Jr.
Certified Public Accountant

December 22, 1997

FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 3 OF LAFOURCHE PARISH
 COMBINED BALANCE SHEET - ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT CATEGORIES

June 30, 1997

	GENERAL FUND	ACCOUNTS CLASSIFIED		TOTALS (MEMORANDUM) ONLY
		GENERAL FIXED ASSETS	GENERAL LONG-TERM DEBT	
ASSETS				
Cash on hand and in banks	\$ 444,806	\$	\$	\$ 444,806
Accounts receivable:				
All valuation taxes	886			886
Insurance rebate	18,240			18,240
Land		82,019		82,019
Building, fixtures and equipment		4,056,888		4,056,888
Amount to be provided for compensated absences			8,228	8,228
Total assets	\$ 533,762	\$ 4,138,907	\$ 8,228	\$4,680,897
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY				
Accounts payable	\$ 10,743	\$	\$	\$ 10,743
Other accrued liabilities	11,506			11,506
Compensated absences payable			8,228	8,228
Total liabilities	\$22,249		\$8,228	\$30,477
Fund equity				
Investment in general fixed assets		4,138,907		4,138,907
Fund balance - unreserved, undesignated	481,455			481,455
Total fund equity	481,455	4,138,907		4,620,362
Total liabilities and fund equity	\$22,249	\$ 4,138,907	\$ 8,228	\$4,680,897

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 3 OF LAPOURCE PARISH
 COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
 ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES
 For the year ended June 30, 1997

	General Fund
REVENUES	
Ad valorem taxes	\$ 770,466
Intergovernmental	115,446
Interest income	1,438
Miscellaneous	<u>40,351</u>
Total revenues	<u>927,701</u>
EXPENDITURES	
Public safety:	
Current:	
Salaries and related benefits	301,560
Professional services	5,186
Collection expense	23,811
Insurance	148,183
Office supplies	8,483
Repairs and maintenance	46,676
Operating supplies	24,316
Telephone	9,662
Travel expense	28,300
Travel and schooling	16,916
Utilities	33,698
Uniforms	5,358
Radio expense	23,864
Fire equipment - expendable	18,483
Physicals	543
Fire stations	14,955
Hazardous materials	
Miscellaneous	4,945
Capital outlay	<u>313,821</u>
Total expenditures	<u>907,601</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	20,100
Fund balances - July 1	<u>438,348</u>
Fund balances - June 30	<u>\$ 458,448</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 3 OF LAMARCHE PARISH
 COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
 BUDGET (GAAP) AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND
 For the year ended June 30, 1997

	ACTUAL	BUDGET	VARIANCE FAVORABLE UNFAVORABLE
REVENUES			
Ad valorem taxes	\$773,466	\$714,950	\$ 58,516
Intergovernmental	211,446	68,000	143,446
Interest income	7,434	4,234	3,200
Miscellaneous	40,363	3,500	36,863
Total revenues	<u>1,032,709</u>	<u>786,684</u>	<u>246,025</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Public safety:			
Current:			
Salaries and related benefits	301,582	296,024	5,558
Professional services	5,166	6,250	1,084
Collection expense	23,811	23,811	-
Insurance	149,169	166,825	17,656
Office supplies	4,481	10,740	6,259
Repairs and maintenance	48,678	40,800	7,878
Operating supplies	24,318	19,250	5,068
Telephones	9,682	9,850	168
Truck expense	24,108	26,650	2,542
Travel and schooling	18,518	24,000	5,482
Utilities	33,058	35,100	2,042
Uniforms	5,258	8,200	2,942
Radio expense	21,864	28,720	6,856
Fire equipment - expendable	10,442	18,600	8,158
Supplies	843	2,500	1,657
Fire stations	14,856	-	(14,856)
Hazardous materials	-	1,000	1,000
Miscellaneous	4,845	3,500	1,345
Capital outlay	<u>219,921</u>	<u>195,500</u>	<u>24,421</u>
Total expenditures	<u>1,072,601</u>	<u>926,332</u>	<u>146,269</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	26,108	(139,648)	163,756
Fund balances - July 1	<u>458,349</u>	<u>458,349</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund balances - June 30	<u>\$484,457</u>	<u>\$318,701</u>	<u>\$165,756</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 3 OF LAFOURCHE PARISH
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

INTRODUCTION

Fire Protection District No. 3 of Lafourche Parish was created by the Policy Jury of the Parish of Lafourche on May 13, 1968. The district serves the area of Lafourche Parish three miles north of the paracommunal roadway, south to the Jefferson Parish line, west to the Terrebonne Parish line along LA 24 in the community of Grand Bois.

NOTE A - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The financial statements of the Fire Protection District No. 3 of Lafourche Parish have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles as applied to government units. The Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles.

REPORTING ENTITY

Government Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 14 established criteria for determining which component units should be considered part of the reporting entity 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:

REPORTING ENTITY

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

Because the Lafourche Parish Council appoints two of the five appointed members of the district's governing board and they in turn select a chairperson who is ratified by the Council and has the ability to impose its will on the Fire District, the Fire District was determined to be a component unit of Lafourche Parish. The accompanying financial statements present information only on the funds administered by the Fire District and do not present information on Lafourche Parish. The general government services provided by that government unit, or the other governmental units that comprise the financial reporting entity.

FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 3 OF LAPOURCHE PARISH

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE A - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)
FUND ACCOUNTING

The fire district's accounts are organized on the basis of funds and account groups, each of which is considered a fund of Lapourche Parish. The operations of each fund are accounted for with a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenues, and expenditures. The fire district has one fund, a general fund, which is described as follows:

General Fund

The general fund is the general operating fund of the fire district. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in other funds. The fire district has no resources which are required to be accounted for in other funds.

FIXED ASSETS AND LONG-TERM DEBT

The fixed assets used in the governmental fund type operations of the fire district are accounted for in the general fixed assets account group, rather than in the governmental fund. Public domain or infrastructures are not capitalized. No depreciation has been provided on general fixed assets. All fixed assets are valued at historical cost. The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend asset lives are not capitalized.

Long-term obligations expected to be financed from governmental funds, including compensated absences for accumulated unpaid health leave benefits of General Fund employees, are accounted for in the general long-term debt account group, not in the governmental funds.

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

BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

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

Governmental funds (i.e. General fund) are maintained on the modified accrual basis of accounting wherein revenues are recognized in the accounting period in which they become available and measurable. Expenditures are recognized in the accounting period in which the liability is incurred, if measurable. Insurance rebates, revenue sharing and all voluntary tax revenues are considered "measurable" when in the hands of intermediary collecting governments and are recognized as revenue at that time.

FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 3 OF LAFOURCHE PARISH

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE A - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

BUDGET PRACTICES

The budget practices of the fire district are prescribed by the Louisiana Local Government Budget Act. The act requires the district to have the budget completed and available for public inspection no later than fifteen days prior to the beginning of each fiscal year.

The fire district prepares a budget for its fund. The budget is adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP).

Amendments to the budget must be approved by the board.

Appropriations which are not expended lapse at year end.

ENCUMBRANCES

Encumbrance accounting is not utilized by the fire district.

CASH AND INVESTMENTS

Cash includes demand deposits in banks. Investments consist primarily of time certificates of deposit.

R.S. 33:1273 and 33:2051 authorize the fire district to invest in United States bonds, treasury notes, certificates or time certificates of deposit of state banks organized under the laws of Louisiana and national banks having the principal office in the state of Louisiana, or any other federally insured investment, or in mutual or trust fund institutions which are registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Securities Act of 1933 and the Investment Act of 1940, and which have underlying investments consisting solely of debt limited to securities of the United States government or its agencies, or any other investment allowed by R.S. 33:2054.

The market value of the investments (certificates of deposit) is equal to their cost.

COMPENSATED AGENCIES

PAIDIAL AND SICK LEAVE

Full-time employees accumulate annual leave at a rate of 3.18 hours per pay day for the first five years of employment and at a rate of 4.62 hours thereafter. Full-time employees accumulate sick leave at a rate of 3.5 hours per pay day. (Pay days are 10-weekly.) The maximum accumulation is 377 hours for supervisory personnel and 277 hours for all other personnel. Once the maximum is met the employee is paid one hours pay for every two hours over maximum. At June 30, 1997, there were no employees at or over the maximum. The liability for unused annual leave payable at June 30, 1997 is estimated to be \$8,947 which is recorded in the general long-term debt account group. The current portion of annual leave payable, which would be liquidated with expendable available resources, is not material.

FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 3 OF LAPOURCHE PARISH

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE A - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)COMPENSATED AGENCIES (continued)COMPENSATORY LEAVE

Compensation paid will be based on the employee's hourly rate of pay at termination or transfer. The liability for accrued payable compensatory leave at June 30, 1997 is estimated to be \$2,328 which is recorded in the general long-term debt account group.

TOTAL COLUMNS ON STATEMENTS

Total columns on the statements are captioned Memorandum Only (overview) to indicate that they are presented only to facilitate financial analysis. Data in these columns do not present financial position and results of operations in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. Neither is such data comparable to a consolidation.

CASH AND INVESTMENTS (Time Certificates of Deposit)

The carrying amounts for cash and investment are as follows for the year ended June 30, 1997:

Cash in Bank - Unrestricted	\$ 368,808
Investments	___208,000
	<u>\$ 576,808</u>

At June 30, 1997, the carrying amount of the Fire District's cash and investments (time certificates of deposit) was \$404,808 and the bank balance was \$ 483,805. Cash and cash equivalents are stated at cost, which approximates market. The deposits at June 30, 1997 were reported as follows:

	<u>Cash Equivalents</u>			<u>Total</u>
	<u>Cash</u>	<u>Certificates of Deposits</u>	<u>Other (Unstated)</u>	
Carrying Amount on Balance Sheet	\$ 368,808	\$ 208,000	\$ -	576,808
<u>Bank Balances:</u>				
a. Insured (FDIC) or collateralized with securities held by the entity or its agent in the entity's name	___283,808	___208,000	-	491,808
b. Collateralized with securities held by pledging financial institution's trust department or agent in the entity's name	_____	_____	_____	_____
c. Uncollateralized, including any securities held for the entity but not in the entity's name	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL Bank Balances	<u>\$ 283,808</u>	<u>\$ 208,000</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 491,808</u>

There were no uncollateralized securities fitting the description in (c) above during the year.

FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 3 OF LAFOURCHE PARISH

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE A - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

REVENUE RECOGNITION - PROPERTY TAXES

Ad valorem taxes are assessed on a calendar year basis, become due on November 15 of each year, and become delinquent on December 31. The taxes are generally collected in December, January and February of the fiscal year. Ad valorem taxes which are based on population and households in the parish are recorded in the year the taxes are received. Substantially all taxes that will be collected for the year are received before June 30, therefore, if taxes were recorded when assessed the amount recorded would not be materially different from the amount in the financial statements.

NOTE B - CHANGES IN GENERAL FIXED ASSETS

A summary of changes in general fixed assets:

	<u>Land</u>	<u>Building and Equipment</u>	<u>Total</u>
Balance June 30, 1996	\$ 187,815	\$ 4,076,629	\$ 4,264,444
Additions		28,259	28,259
- Retirements	25,880	-	25,880
Balance June 30, 1997	<u>\$2,815</u>	<u>4,098,888</u>	<u>4,178,860</u>

NOTE C - CHANGES IN GENERAL LONG-TERM DEBT ACCOUNT CHANGE

A summary of changes in long-term debt follows:

	<u>Compensated Absences</u>
Balance June 30, 1996	\$ 28,605
Additions	-
Retirements	31,338*
Balance June 30, 1997	<u>\$ 8,225</u>

* Net change

NOTE D - CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENTS

During the year the Fire District was party to an intergovernmental agreement with the Greater Lafourche Port Commission to provide communication services, including dispatching of calls, on a twenty-four hour a day basis, seven days a week for the Port Commission at a fee of \$12,000 per year. The Fire District also provided fire protection services at Port Fourchon for a fee of \$28,000.

The Fire District had an identical agreement to provide communication services for Ambulance Service District No. 3 of Lafourche Parish except that the fee received was \$8,000 per quarter.

NOTE E - POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

The Fire District has no Post Employment Benefits.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 3 OF LAPOURCKE PARISH
 SCHEDULE I
 SCHEDULE OF FEE DEBTS PAID COMMISSIONERS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1990

	Amount
Julian Smith	\$ --
Peter Callala	--
Greg Mallaro	--
Norman LeFebre	--
Kim Breaner	--
Fredson Amund	--
	\$ --

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL
STRUCTURE BASED ON AN AUDIT OF GENERAL PURPOSE
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH
GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS**

Board of Commissioners
Fire Protection District No. 3
of Lafourche Parish

I have audited the general purpose financial statements of FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 3 OF LAFOURCHE PARISH, component unit of Lafourche Parish, as of and for the year ended June 30, 1997, and have issued my report thereon dated December 22, 1997.

I have conducted my audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Controller General of the United States. These standards require that I plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the general purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement.

The management of FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 3 OF LAFOURCHE PARISH is responsible for establishing and maintaining an internal control structure. In fulfilling this responsibility, estimates and judgments by management are required to assess the expected benefits and related costs of internal control structure policies and procedures. The objectives of an internal control structure are to provide management with reasonable, but not absolute, assurance that assets are safeguarded against loss from unauthorized use or disposition, and that transactions are executed in accordance with management's authorization and recorded properly to permit the preparation of general purpose financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Because of inherent limitations in any internal control structure, errors or irregularities may nevertheless occur and not be detected. Also, projection of any evaluation of the structure to future periods is subject to the risk that procedures may become inadequate because of changes in conditions or that the effectiveness of the design and operation of policies and procedures may deteriorate.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL
STRUCTURE BASED ON AN AUDIT OF GENERAL PURPOSE
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH
GOVERNMENT BRITISH STANDARDS
(Continued)

In planning and performing my audit of the general purpose financial statements of the FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 3 OF LAFOUCHE PARISH for the year ended June 30, 1989, I obtained an understanding of the internal control structure. With respect to the internal control structure, we obtained an understanding of the design of relevant policies and procedures and whether they have been placed in operation, and we assessed control risk in order to determine my auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing my opinion on the general purpose financial statements and not to provide an opinion on the internal control structure. Accordingly, I do not express such an opinion.

Our consideration of the internal control structure would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control structure that might be material weaknesses under standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control structure elements does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that errors and irregularities in amounts that would be material in relation to the general purpose financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control structure and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses as defined above.

This report is intended for the information of management and the Legislative Auditor of the State of Louisiana. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

December 22, 1989



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE
BASED ON AN AUDIT OF GENERAL PURPOSE
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH
GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

Board of Commissioners
Fire Protection District No. 3
of Lafourche Parish

I have audited the general purpose financial statements of FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 3 OF LAFOURCHE PARISH, a component unit of LAFOURCHE PARISH, as of and for the year ended June 30, 1997, and have issued my report thereon dated December 22, 1997.

I conducted my audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that I plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the general purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement.

Compliance with laws, regulations, contracts, and grants applicable to the FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 3 OF LAFOURCHE PARISH is the responsibility of the FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 3 OF LAFOURCHE PARISH'S management. As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, I performed tests of the FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 3 OF LAFOURCHE PARISH'S compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants. However, the objective of our audit of the general purpose financial statements was not to provide an opinion on overall compliance with such provisions. Accordingly, I do not express such an opinion.

The results of my tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported under Government Auditing Standards.

This report is intended for the information of management and the Legislative Auditor of the State of Louisiana. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

December 22, 1997