

**FIRE PROTECTION GRANT OF
BAYOU LA TERRE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT
(RECEIVED FROM ASSUMPTION PARISH POLICE JURY)
Bayou La Terre, Louisiana**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
December 31, 1996**

NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements of the Fire Protection Grant of Bayou La Terre Volunteer Fire Department received from Assumption Parish Police Jury 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. The more significant of the fire department's accounting policies are described below.

FINANCIAL REPORTING ENTITY - On April 18, 1991, the Assumption Parish Police Jury entered into a grant agreement with Bayou La Terre Volunteer Fire Department of Assumption Parish. The fire protection grant was for the purpose of acquiring, maintaining, and operating buildings, machines, water tanks, water systems, water lines and any other things necessary to provide proper fire protection and control of the property within the boundaries of the department.

The volunteer fire department is a privately created quasi-public organization that is subject to the grant provisions of its funding agency. The board members are now appointed by the police jury. The volunteer fire department is not a fiscally dependent on the police jury and the nature and significance of their relationship with the police jury is not such that their exclusion would render the police jury's financial statements incomplete or misleading. Therefore, the volunteer fire department is a separate special purpose government.

The accompanying financial statements present information only on the fire protection grant received by the fire department from the Assumption Parish Police Jury and do not present information on the Police Jury, the general government services provided by that governmental unit, and other governmental units that comprise the Police Jury's reporting entity, nor any other non grant funds received by the fire department. Bayou La Terre Volunteer Fire Department of Assumption Parish has no component units.

FUND ACCOUNTING - The fire department is organized and operated on the basis of a fund and account group whereby a separate, self-balancing set of accounts is maintained that comprises its assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenues, and expenditures.

SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS - The special revenue fund is used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are legally restricted to expenditures for specified purposes.

MEMORANDUM ONLY-TOTAL COLUMN - The total column on the balance sheet is captioned Memorandum Only (provided) to indicate that it is presented only to facilitate financial analysis. Data in this column does not present financial position in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. Neither is such data comparable to a consolidation.

BASES OF ACCOUNTING - Basis of accounting refers to when revenues and expenditures are recognized and reported in the financial statements. Basis of accounting relates to the timing of the measurements made, regardless of the measurement form applied. The fire department's records are maintained on a cash basis of accounting. However, the fund, as reported in the accompanying financial statements, has been converted to a modified accrual basis of accounting using the following practices in recording revenues and expenditures:

**FIRE PROTECTION GRANT OF
 BAYOU L'OUISSE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT
 (INCORPORATED FROM ASSUMPTION PARISH POLICE JURY)
 Bayou L'ouisse, Louisiana**

**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES
 IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET (GAAP BASIS) AND ACTUAL -
 SPECIAL REVENUE FUND
 FIRE PROTECTION GRANT
 For the Year Ended December 31, 1996
 (See Accountant's Compilation Report)**

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
REVENUES			
Incorporational revenues-			
Fire protection grant from Assumption Parish Police Jury	\$ 38,194	\$ 38,705	\$ 511
Fire insurance rebate	8,048	8,048	-
Use of money and property-			
Interest earnings	880	880	-
Other revenue	49	49	-
TOTAL REVENUES	47,671	47,682	11
EXPENDITURES			
Current operating			
Public safety	35,819	28,114	7,705
Capital outlay			
Public safety	14,840	23,200	(8,360)
Debt Service			
Principal	14,961	14,961	-
Interest	5,285	5,285	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	70,905	71,861	(1,956)
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	(23,234)	(24,179)	(945)
FUND BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	36,530	36,530	-
FUND BALANCE AT END OF YEAR	\$ 13,296	\$ 12,351	\$ (945)

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

**FIRE PROTECTION GRANT OF
BAYOU LAFRANCE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT
(RECEIVED FROM ASSUMPTION PARISH POLICE JURY)
Report Yearwise, Louisiana**

**BALANCE SHEET - FIRE PROTECTION GRANT
December 31, 1996**

(See Accountant's Compilation Report)

	Special Revenue Fund-Fire Protection Grant	General Fund Assets Assigned With Grant Funds	General Long-Term Debt To Be Paid With Grant Funds	Total (Millions of Dollars)
ASSETS AND OTHER DEBITS				
Assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 34,288	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 34,288
Investments-Fire Protection Grant	211	-	-	212
General Fund Assets-Grant	-	254,858	-	254,858
Fire protection equipment	-	-	-	-
Amounts to be provided for retirement of general long-term debt	-	-	68,280	68,280
TOTAL ASSETS AND OTHER DEBITS	\$ 34,415	\$ 254,858	\$ 68,280	\$ 321,023
LIABILITIES, EQUITY AND OTHER CREDITS				
Liabilities:				
Accounts payable	\$ 2,074	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,074
Long purchase obligation payable	-	-	68,280	68,280
TOTAL LIABILITIES	2,074	-	68,280	70,354
Equity and Other Credits:				
Investments in general	-	254,858	-	254,858
Fund balance-invested, undesignated	32,341	-	-	32,341
TOTAL EQUITY AND OTHER CREDITS	32,341	254,858	-	287,199
TOTAL LIABILITIES, EQUITY AND OTHER CREDITS	\$ 34,415	\$ 254,858	\$ 68,280	\$ 321,023

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S COMPILATION REPORT

To the Board of Commissioners of
Bayou L'Anse aux Lions Fire Department
Bayou L'Anse, Louisiana

We have compiled the accompanying fire protection grant financial statements of Bayou L'Anse Volunteer Fire Department received from Assumption Parish Police Jury, Bayou L'Anse, Louisiana, as of and for the year ended December 31, 1987, 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. 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.

As discussed in Note A, the financial statements present only the fire protection grant from Assumption Parish Police Jury and are not intended to present fairly the financial position and results of operations of Bayou L'Anse Volunteer Fire Department, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

Waguespack & Associates (APAC)

Belle Rose, Louisiana

June 12, 1987

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND ACCOUNTANT'S COMPLIANCE REPORT

**FIRE PROTECTION GRANT BY
BAYOU LA TERRE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT
ORIGINATED FROM ASSUMPTION FIRE (POLICE JURY)
Bayou La Terre, Louisiana
December 31, 1996**

Under provisions of state law, this report is a public document. A copy of this report has been submitted to the auditor, or reviewer, 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: 2-6-97

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MEETINGS

8. Examine evidence indicating that agendas for meetings recorded in the minutes book were posted as mandated as required by LA-A-RS 42:1 through 42:12 (the open meetings law).

The Bayou La Batre Volunteer Fire Department posts a notice and accompanying agenda of each meeting on the bulletin board. Although management has asserted that such documents were properly posted, we could find no evidence supporting such assertion other than an unmarked copy of the notices and agendas.

DEBT

9. Examine bank deposits for the period under examination and determine whether any such deposits appear to be proceeds of bank loans, bonds, or life insurances.

We inspected copies of all bank deposit slips and bank statements for the period under examination and noted no deposits which appeared to be proceeds of bank loans, bonds, or life insurances.

ADVANCES AND RECEIPTS

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.

The fire department did not employ any employees for the year and a tracing of the minutes of the fire department did not indicate any such payments made to the volunteer members.

We were not engaged in, 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 the management of Bayou La Batre Volunteer Fire Department and the Legislative Auditor, State of Louisiana, and should not be used by those who have not agreed to the procedures and takes responsibility for the sufficiency of the procedures for their purpose. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

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Belle Meade, Louisiana
June 12, 1997

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

As indicated in procedure (2), there were no employees during the period under examination. Thus, this procedure would not be applicable.

BUDGETING

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

Management provided us with a copy of the original budget and all amendments to the budget during the year.

6. Trace the budget adoption and amendments to the relevant books.

We traced the adoption of the original budget to the minutes which indicated the budget had been adopted by the Commissioners of the Bryan-Utner Volunteer Fire Department. No amendments were made to the budget during the year.

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

We compared the revenues and expenditures of the final budget to actual revenues and expenditures. Actual revenues and expenditures did not exceed budgeted amounts by more than 5%.

ACCOUNTING AND REPORTING

8. Randomly select six 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 the 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

The six disbursements 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 approval from the treasurer. In addition, the treasurer's report was traced to the fire department minutes where the report was approved by the commissioners.

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**INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS REPORT
ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES**

To the Board of Commissioners of
Bayou L'Envers Volunteer Fire Department
Bayou L'Envers, Louisiana

We have performed the procedures included in the *Louisiana Government Audit Guide* and enumerated below, which were agreed to by the management of Bayou L'Envers Volunteer Fire Department and the Legislative Auditor, State of Louisiana, solely to assist the users in evaluating management's assertions about Bayou L'Envers Volunteer Fire Department's compliance with certain laws and regulations during the period ended December 31, 1996 included in the accompanying *Louisiana Appropriation Memorandum*. This agreed-upon procedures engagement was performed in accordance with standards established by the American Institute of the Certified Public Accountants. The sufficiency of these procedures is solely the responsibility of the specified users of this report. Consequently, we make no representation regarding the sufficiency of the procedures described below in order for the purpose for which this report has been requested or for any other purpose.

PUBLIC BIDDING

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 50:217-1-2231 (the public bid law).

We noted three payments in one vendor for a capital outlay project which in total exceeded \$5,000 but was less than \$50,000. We examined the documentation which indicated that the expenditures associated with this project had been bid properly and accepted in accordance with the provision of LSA-RS 50:217-1-2231. No expenditures were made during the year for public works exceeding \$50,000.

ETHICS 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 42:100-1124 (the code of ethics), and a list of outside business interests of all board members and employees, as well as their immediate families.

All members and commissioners of the fire department are volunteers. Therefore, the fire department had no employees during the period under examination.

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

Management provided us with the requested list including the noted information.

**REPORT AND ACCOMPANYING QUESTIONNAIRE REQUIRED BY
THE LEGISLATIVE AUDITOR, STATE OF LOUISIANA**

FIRE PROTECTION GRANT OF
BAYOU LAKEUSE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT
(RECEIVED FROM ASSUMPTION PARISH POLICE JURY)
Bayou LaLac, Louisiana

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
December 31, 1996

NOTE E - CAPITAL LEASES - CONTINUED

1993	\$	20,544
1994		20,544
1995		20,544
2000		<u>20,544</u>
Total minimum lease payments		82,176
Less amount representing interest		<u>13,072</u>
Present value of net minimum lease payments		<u>\$ 69,104</u>

**FIRE PROTECTION GRANT BY
 BAYOU LOUISIANA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT
 (RECEIVED FROM ASSUMPTIONS PARISH POLICE JURY)
 Bayou La Louis, Louisiana**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
 December 31, 1996**

NOTE B - CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - CONTINUED

Interest-bearing demand deposits	\$ <u>34,288</u>
Partial deposit insurance	\$ <u>34,288</u>
Total insurance	\$ <u>34,288</u>

NOTE C - CHANGES IN GENERAL FIXED ASSETS

The following is a summary of changes in fixed assets.

	BALANCE <u>12-31-95</u>	ADDITIONS	DELETIONS	BALANCE <u>12-31-96</u>
Fire protection facilities and equipment	\$ <u>251,655</u>	\$ <u>24,200</u>	\$ _____	\$ <u>275,855</u>

NOTE D - LITIGATION AND CLAIMS

There are no claims or litigation pending against the fire department at December 31, 1996 according to management of the fire department.

NOTE E - CAPITAL LEASE

Bayou Louisiana Volunteer Fire Department entered into a lease purchase agreement during 1992 for the acquisition of a fire truck. The terms of the agreement require five (7) annual payments of \$20,544 at 6.71 per cent interest. The following is a schedule by years, of future minimum lease payments, under a capital lease arrangement with the present value of the net minimum lease payments as of December 31, 1996:

**FIRE PROTECTION GRANT OF
BAYOU TERRE VOLUNTARY FIRE DEPARTMENT
(RECEIVED FROM ASSUMPTION PARISH POLICE JURY)
Bayou Terrace, Louisiana**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
December 31, 1996**

NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - CONTINUED

Revenues are recognized in the accounting period in which they become susceptible to accrual—that is when they become measurable and available to finance expenditures of the fiscal period.

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

BUDGET PRACTICE - The fire department adopts an annual budget based on anticipated revenues consistent with generally accepted accounting principles. Annual appropriations of funds are not made. Incidental amounts are not integrated in the formal accounting system. Encumbrance accounting is not followed because of the small number of transactions involved.

CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - For reporting purposes, cash and cash equivalents include cash, demand deposits, and time certificates of deposit. Amounts are classified as cash equivalents if the original maturities are 90 days or less. Under state law, the department may deposit funds within a fiscal agent bank organized under the laws of the State of Louisiana and national banks having their principal offices in Louisiana. Further, the department may invest its time deposits or certificates of deposit of state banks organized under Louisiana law and national banks having principal offices in Louisiana.

GENERAL FIXED ASSETS AND LONG-TERM LIABILITIES - Fixed assets are accounted for in the general fund assets account group. No depreciation has been provided on general fund assets. All fixed assets are valued at historical cost. The account group is not a fund. It is reported only with the measurement of financial position and does not involve measurement of results of operations. It is the policy of the department not to capitalize interest. As the department has no infrastructure assets, an accounting policy for infrastructure assets has been adopted.

PENSION PLAN AND VACATION AND SICK LEAVE - All members of the fire department are volunteers. Therefore, the fire department does not contribute to a pension plan and does not have a formal vacation and leave policy.

NOTE B - CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

At December 31, 1996, the department had cash and cash equivalents totaling (book balances) \$44,263 at December 31, 1996. Cash and cash equivalents are stated at cost, which approximates market. The following is a summary of cash and cash equivalents (book balances) at December 31, 1996, with the related interest deposit insurance: