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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE BASED  
ON AN ASSET OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PREPARED  
IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTING STANDARDS**

The Honorable Mayor, City Council,  
and Board of Trustees  
Firemen's Pension and Relief Fund  
City of Alexandria, Louisiana

We have audited the financial statements of the Firemen's Pension and Relief Fund (the Fund) of the City of Alexandria, Louisiana, as of and for the year ended April 30, 1997, and have issued our report thereon dated July 7, 1997. In our report, our opinion was qualified because the notes of the Firemen's Pension and Relief Fund do not include disclosures relating to the pension benefit obligation as required by generally accepted accounting principles.

We conducted our 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 we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

Compliance with laws and regulations applicable to the Fund is the responsibility of the management of the Firemen's Pension and Relief Fund of the City of Alexandria, Louisiana. As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of the Fund's compliance with certain provisions of laws and regulations, however, the objective of our audit of the financial statements was not to provide an opinion on overall compliance with such provisions. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

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

This report is intended for the information of management, the Mayor, and City Council of the City of Alexandria, Louisiana, and the Board of Trustees of the Fund. However, this report is a matter of public record, and its distribution is not limited.

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The Honorable Mayor, City Council,  
and Board of Trustees  
Fireman's Pension and Relief Fund  
City of Alexandria, Louisiana

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of Fireman's Pension and Relief Fund of the City of Alexandria, Louisiana, for the year ended April 30, 1997, we 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 our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control structure. Accordingly, we 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 accounts that would be material in relation to the 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 the management, the Mayor, and City Council of the City of Alexandria, Louisiana, and the Board of Trustees of the Fund. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

  
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July 7, 1997



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INTERNAL CONTROLS

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

The Honorable Mayor, City Council,  
and Board of Trustees  
Fireman's Pension and Relief Fund  
City of Alexandria, Louisiana

We have audited the financial statements of the Fireman's Pension and Relief Fund (the Fund) of the City of Alexandria, Louisiana, as of and for the year ended April 30, 1997, and have issued our report thereon dated July 3, 1997. In our report, our opinion was qualified because the notes to the Fireman's Pension and Relief Fund do not include disclosures relating to the pension benefit obligation as required by generally accepted accounting principles.

We conducted our 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 we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

The management of the Fireman's Pension and Relief Fund of the City of Alexandria, Louisiana, 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 recorded in accordance with management's authorization and recorded properly to permit the preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Because of inherent limitations in any internal control structure, certain misstatements 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.

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#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

FIREMEN'S PENSION AND RETIRE FUND  
CITY OF ALEXANDRIA, LOUISIANA  
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION  
ATTACHED TO COVER SHEET AND EXPONED BY TYPE

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EXPONED BY SOURCE

FISCAL YEAR	EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTIONS	RETIREES CONTRIBUTIONS	INTEREST	OTHER	TOTAL
1988	\$178,895	\$ 883,168	\$18,814	\$ 79	\$1,080,956
1989	182,359	1,008,894	17,883	894	1,209,030
1991	183,182	1,108,836	17,482	587	1,310,087
1992	179,733	1,204,850	18,278	-0-	1,402,861
1993	177,328	1,258,879	8,437	-0-	1,444,644
1994	-0-	7,889	3,393	16,263	27,545
1995	-0-	-0-	3,628	-0-	3,628
1996	-0-	-0-	8,812	-0-	8,812
1997	-0-	188,088	6,687	-0-	194,775

EXPONED BY TYPE

FISCAL YEAR	PLAN MEMBERS	OTHER MEMBERS	ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	TOTAL
1988	\$1,009,595	\$ 883	\$10,488	\$1,020,966
1989	1,003,808	258	8,892	1,012,958
1991	1,005,438	388	8,288	1,014,114
1992	1,421,439	788	8,431	1,430,658
1993	1,508,868	758	16,668	1,526,294
1994	148,888	3,684	3,594	156,166
1995	16,768	350	3,683	18,801
1996	88,378	-0-	1,775	90,153
1997	114,998	380	3,277	118,655

Contributions were not made in accordance with actuarially determined contribution requirements.

Effective May 1, 1993, the system merged with the statewide Firefighters' Retirement System. (See Note 1)

See Independent auditor's report.

FINANCIAL POSITION AND RELIABILITY  
CITY OF BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA  
REQUIRES SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION  
ANALYSIS OF FUNDING PROGRESS

EXHIBIT 1

FISCAL YEAR	(1) NET ASSETS AVAILABLE	(2) PENSION BENEFIT OBLIGATION	(3) PERCENT FUNDED	UNFUNDED PENSION BENEFIT OBLIGATION AND		
				(4) UNFUNDED PENSION BENEFIT	(5) ANNUAL COVERED PAYROLL	
					(6) PERCENTAGE OF COVERED PAYROLL	
1980	\$304,580	\$34,468,918	1.884	\$34,114,338	20,338,800	141.1%
1981	343,341	35,858,261	1.388	35,514,920	2,278,662	1129.0%
1982	343,341	37,391,187	1.355	37,047,846	2,278,208	1187.0%
1983	343,341	33,368,227	1.884	33,024,886	2,238,481	1385.1%
1984	343,341	38,758,954	1.388	38,415,613	2,214,919	1282.0%

Analysis of the dollar amounts of net assets available for benefits, pension benefit obligation, and unfunded pension benefit obligation in isolation can be misleading. Expressing the net assets available for benefits as a percentage of the pension benefit obligation provides one indication of the system's funding status on a going-concern basis. Analysis of this percentage over time indicates whether the system is becoming financially stronger or weaker. Generally, the greater this percentage, the stronger the system. Trends in unfunded pension benefit obligations and annual covered payroll are both affected by inflation. Expressing the unfunded pension benefit obligation as a percentage of annual covered payroll approximately adjusts for the effects of inflation and the analysis of the system's progress made is accumulating sufficient assets to pay benefits when due. Generally, the smaller this percentage, the stronger the system. Effective May 1, 1983, the system merged with the statewide Firefighters' Retirement System. (See Note 1)

\* At cost (See Note 2)

See independent auditor's report.



REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

FIREMEN'S PENSION AND RELIEF FUND  
CITY OF ALEXANDRIA, LOUISIANA

APRIL 30, 1997

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

due, and make comparisons among public employee retirement systems. The amount is independent of the method used to determine contributions to the Fund discussed in Note 4.

Effective May 1, 1993, the Fund merged with the statewide firefighters' retirement system. Due to the merger, there was no actuarial valuation, as of April 30, 1997, to determine the pension benefit obligation. Subsequent to the merger, the Fund only remains contingently liable for certain retirement programs in accordance with the merger agreement (See Note 1).

**4. CONTRIBUTIONS REQUIRED AND CONTRIBUTIONS MADE**

The Fund's funding policy provides for employer contributions sufficient to pay any accumulated deficits. The policy makes no provision for the funding of the pension benefit obligation and does not require that the contribution is actuarially determined. Employer contributions of \$108,890 were made during the year ending April 30, 1997.

**5. HISTORICAL TRENDS INFORMATION**

Historical trend information is designed to provide information about the system's progress made in accumulating sufficient assets to pay benefits when due. Certain information is available only for the years ended April 30, 1998, through April 30, 1992. It is presented in Schedules I and J in the Required Supplemental Information sections of this report (pages 9 and 10).

PIERCE'S PENSION AND RELIEF FUND  
CITY OF ALEXANDRIA, LOUISIANA

APRIL 30, 1987

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND FUND ASSET PATTERNS

Basis of Accounting - The Fund's financial statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting. Employee contributions are recognized as revenues at the period in which employee services are performed.

Methods Used in Valuing Investments - The Fund's investments are valued at cost, subject to adjustment for market declines judged to be other than temporary. Investment income is recognized as earned. Gains and losses on sales of fixed income securities are recognized on the transaction date.

Cash - At year end, the Fund's deposits were entirely covered by federal depository insurance or by collateral held by the Fund's agent in the Fund's name.

Investments - The Fund may invest in (1) interest-bearing bonds issued or guaranteed, or insured by the United States of America, (2) bonds or other evidence of indebtedness issued by the State of Louisiana or the City of Alexandria, or (3) interest-bearing deposits in institutions in which the investment is insured by the United States of America.

A summary of investments at year-end is shown below. All investments are held by the Fund or its agent in the Fund's name. Deposits classified as investments were entirely covered by federal depository insurance or by collateral held by the Fund's agent in the Fund's name.

	CARRYING AMOUNT	MARKED TO MARKET
Certificates of deposit	\$81,173	\$81,173
IRMA certificates	1,611	1,611
	\$82,784	\$82,784

Estimates - The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

3. FUNDING STATUS AND PROGRESS

The "pension benefit obligation" is a standardized disclosure measure of the present value of pension benefits, adjusted for the effects of projected salary increases, estimated to be payable in the future as a result of employee service to date. The measure is the actuarial present value of credited projected benefits and is intended to help users assess the Fund's funding status on a going-concern basis, assess progress made in accumulating sufficient assets to pay benefits when

FIREMEN'S PENSION AND RELIEF FUND  
CITY OF ALEXANDRIA, LOUISIANA

APRIL 30, 1997

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. PLAN DESCRIPTION

The Firemen's Pension and Relief Fund (the Fund) of the City of Alexandria, Louisiana, is the administrator of a single-employer defined benefit plan established by Act 13 of the Louisiana legislature of 1948, as amended, and administered by the City of Alexandria. The Fund is considered part of the City of Alexandria's financial reporting entity and is included in the City's financial report as a pension trust fund.

The financial statements contained herein present only the Firemen's Pension and Relief Fund and are not intended to present fairly the financial position and results of operations of the City of Alexandria, Louisiana in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

Effective May 1, 1993, the Firemen's Pension and Relief Fund of the City of Alexandria merged with the statewide Firefighters' Retirement System. On this date, all retirees and survivors receiving benefits at April 30, 1993, transferred to the Firefighters' Retirement System.

The City of Alexandria and the Firemen's Pension and Relief Fund of the City of Alexandria guaranteed that no active members, retirees, beneficiaries, or survivors merged into the Firefighters' Retirement System would lose any rights or benefits that he or she would have been entitled to under the Firemen's Pension and Relief Fund of the City of Alexandria. Specifically, it is agreed that if a firefighter dies, retires, or becomes disabled subsequent to the merger, the Fund shall pay or cause to be paid to the firefighter or the firefighter's survivors under the Fund any difference in benefits, if any, when those benefits payable under the Fund prior to the merger exceed those benefits payable under the State system. It is further agreed and understood that if a firefighter survivor has or has right to a twenty year retirement any time under the age of 54 and is not eligible to receive benefits from the State system, then the Fund shall provide benefits until that person is eligible for benefits under the State system.

At April 30, 1997, Fund membership consisted of:

Current employees	
Vested (20 years of service and age less than 55)	14
Retirees and survivors currently receiving benefits	1
Total	15

Covered employees are not required to contribute to the Fund. The City is required to contribute an amount sufficient to meet any deficit of the Fund with regard for reserve requirements accruing or having accrued on an actuarial basis. Benefits and contribution provisions are established by state law and may be amended only by the Louisiana legislature.

FIREMEN'S PENSION AND RELIEF FUND  
 CITY OF ALABAMA, MOBILE  
 STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE  
 YEAR ENDED APRIL 30, 1997

DOLLARS

OPERATING REVENUES	
Employee contributions	\$188,000
Investment income	_8,410
Total Operating Revenues	196,410
OPERATING EXPENSES	
Plan benefits	188,850
Death benefits	750
Administrative expenses	_8,810
Total Operating Expenses	198,410
NET OPERATING (LOSS)	(19,000)
FUND BALANCE, BEGINNING OF YEAR	_89,110
<u>FUND BALANCE, END OF YEAR</u>	<u>\$ 70,110</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

PENSIONERS' PENSION AND RELIEF FUND  
CITY OF MONROE, LOUISIANA  
BALANCE SHEET  
APRIL 30, 1977

DOLLARS

**ASSETS**

Cash in bank		\$ 2,000
Receivable interest receivable		000
INVESTMENTS, at cost		
Certificates of deposit (Market value \$80,173)	\$1,173	
GMAA certificates (Market value \$4,471)	4,471	
Total Investments		\$5,644
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>\$5,644</b>

**LIABILITIES**

**NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR PENSIONERS**

**FUND BALANCE**

Reserved for pension benefits		\$55,000
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**FUND BALANCE**

\$55,000

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.



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The Honorable Mayor, City Council,  
and Board of Trustees  
Fireman's Pension and Relief Fund  
City of Alexandria, Louisiana

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The financial information listed in the foregoing table of contents as required supplemental information required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, and additional information is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements of the Fireman's Pension and Relief Fund of the City of Alexandria, Louisiana. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, except for the matters of not providing the required supplemental information relating to funding programs, for fiscal years subsequent to April 30, 1997, required by generally accepted auditing principles to be included on Schedule I, Analysis of Funding Programs, such information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued a report dated July 7, 1997, on our consideration of the Fireman's Pension and Relief Fund's internal control structure and a report dated July 7, 1997, on its compliance with laws and regulations.

*Carne Moore Harrington, LLP*  
Certified Public Accountants

July 7, 1997



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FINANCIAL STATEMENT

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

The Honorable Mayor, City Council,
and Board of Trustees
Firemen's Pension and Relief Fund
City of Alexandria, Louisiana

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Firemen's Pension and Relief Fund of the City of Alexandria, Louisiana, as of April 30, 1997, and for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the City of Alexandria's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

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

As described more fully in Note 3, the financial statements present only the Firemen's Pension and Relief Fund and are not intended to present fairly the financial position and results of operations of the City of Alexandria, Louisiana, in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

As described more fully in Note 3, the notes of the Firemen's Pension and Relief Fund do not include disclosures of the pension benefit obligation as required by generally accepted accounting principles. The additional disclosures necessary to comply with generally accepted accounting principles are not known.

In our opinion, except for omissions of relevant disclosures as noted in the preceding paragraph, the financial statements referred to in the first paragraph present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Firemen's Pension and Relief Fund of the City of Alexandria, Louisiana, as of April 30, 1997, and the results of its operations for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

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FINANCER'S PENSION AND RELIEF FUND  
CITY OF ALEXANDRIA, LOUISIANA

APRIL 30, 1997

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