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**IBERATO PARISH FIRE DISTRICT NO. 4
Bossierfield, Louisiana**

**General Purpose Financial Statements
With Independent Auditor's Report
As of and for the Year Ended
December 31, 1999**

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DESOTO PARISH FIRE DISTRICT NO. 8
Mandeville, Louisiana

General Purpose Financial Statements
With Independent Auditor's Report
As of and for the Two Years Ended
December 31, 1999

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Independent Auditor's Report

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
DESOLO PARISH FIRE DISTRICT NO. 8
Crescent Lake, Louisiana**

I have audited the general purpose financial statements of the DeSoto Parish Fire District No. 8, a component unit of the DeSoto Parish Police Jury, as of December 31, 1999, and for each of the years in the two year period then ended, as listed in the table of contents. These general purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the management of the DeSoto Parish Fire District No. 8. 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 financial statements presentation. I believe that my audit provides a reasonable basis for my opinion.

In my opinion, the general purpose financial statements referred to in the first paragraph present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the DeSoto Parish Fire District No. 8, as of December 31, 1999, and the results of its operations for each of the years in the two year period then ended, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, I have also issued a report dated June 1, 2000, on my consideration of the DeSoto Parish Fire District No. 8's internal control over financial reporting and my tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of my audit.

Wally Monson, Louisiana
June 1, 2000

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**GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(OVERVIEW)**

INSCOTI PARISH FIRE DISTRICT NO. 8
Marshall, Louisiana
ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUPS

Continued Balance Sheet, December 31, 1999

	GOVERNMENTAL .. FUND TYPE ACCOUNT GROUPS ..		TOTAL (SUM OF ALL FUND BALANCE SHEETS)
	GENERAL FUND	DEBT SERVICE FUND	GENERAL FUND ASSETS	LONG TERM DEBT	
ASSETS AND OTHER DEBITS					
Cash	\$25,855	\$5,180			\$31,035
Investments	25,514	24,013			49,527
Receivables:					
All valuations taxes	625,325	68,593			741,078
State revenue sharing	6,112				6,112
Other assets	780				780
Land, buildings, and equipment			\$2,478,247		2,478,247
Amount available in debt service fund				\$85,146	85,146
Amount to be provided for retirement of general long-term debt				1,101,854	1,101,854
TOTAL ASSETS AND OTHER DEBITS	<u>\$739,166</u>	<u>\$99,146</u>	<u>\$2,478,247</u>	<u>\$1,196,210</u>	<u>\$4,508,769</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY					
Liabilities:					
Accounts payable	\$12,088				\$12,088
Notes payable				\$275,000	275,000
Capital lease payable				468,210	468,210
Contingencies of individuals payable				453,000	453,000
Total Liabilities	<u>12,088</u>	<u>\$0,000</u>	<u>\$0,000</u>	<u>1,196,210</u>	<u>1,308,210</u>
Fund Equity:					
Investment in general fixed assets			\$2,478,247		2,478,247
Fund balance:					
Reserved for debt service		\$85,146			85,146
Unreserved - unassigned	727,158				727,158
Total Fund Equity	<u>727,158</u>	<u>85,146</u>	<u>2,478,247</u>	<u>\$0,000</u>	<u>3,300,551</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	<u>\$750,166</u>	<u>\$85,146</u>	<u>\$2,478,247</u>	<u>\$1,196,210</u>	<u>\$4,508,769</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

DELSOTO PARISH FIRE DISTRICT NO. 8
Monroe, Louisiana
GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPE

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

	GENERAL	DEBT	TOTAL MEMORANDUM (000'S)
REVENUES			
Ad valorem taxes	\$685,455	\$66,762	\$752,217
Intergovernmental revenues - state funds:			
State revenue sharing	9,468		9,468
Fire insurance rebate	13,561		13,561
Other state grants	1,059		1,059
Use of money and property	28,130	2,606	30,736
Other revenues	899		899
Total revenues	<u>738,512</u>	<u>69,368</u>	<u>807,880</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Public safety:			
Current:			
Personal services	371,238		371,238
Operating services	38,135	480	38,615
Materials and supplies	35,558		35,558
Travel and other	8,538		8,538
Debt service	217,456	66,319	283,775
Capital outlay	473,818		473,818
Total expenditures	<u>1,184,383</u>	<u>66,819</u>	<u>1,251,202</u>
EXCESS (Deficiency) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	<u>(445,871)</u>	<u>2,769</u>	<u>(443,102)</u>
FUND BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>1,173,529</u>	<u>92,177</u>	<u>1,265,706</u>
FUND BALANCE AT END OF YEAR	<u>\$727,658</u>	<u>\$95,146</u>	<u>\$822,804</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

DELSTO PARISH FIRE DISTRICT NO. 8
Monroe, Louisiana
GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPE

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures,
and Changes in Fund Balance
For the Year Ended December 31, 1998

	<u>GENERAL</u>	<u>DEBT</u> <u>SERVICE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u> <u>(OR MINIMUM)</u> <u>(94.5)</u>
REVENUES			
Ad valorem taxes	\$676,540	\$66,260	\$742,800
Intergovernmental revenues - state funds:			
State revenue sharing	9,672		9,672
Fire insurance rebate	12,862		12,862
Other state grants	811		811
Use of money and property	29,488	2,814	32,302
Other revenues	4,522		4,522
Total revenues	<u>734,895</u>	<u>69,074</u>	<u>803,969</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Public safety:			
Current:			
Personal services	286,135		286,135
Operating services	87,489	500	87,989
Materials and supplies	24,824		24,824
Travel and other	7,493		7,493
Debt service	184,196	64,150	248,346
Capital outlay	387,182		387,182
Total expenditures	<u>986,327</u>	<u>64,650</u>	<u>1,050,977</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	(251,432)	4,423	(247,009)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES			
Proceeds from certificates of indebtedness	500,000		500,000
Increase in capital lease	726,501		726,501
Total other financing sources	<u>726,501</u>	<u>NONE</u>	<u>726,501</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES OVER EXPENDITURES	475,069	4,423	479,492
FUND BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>699,360</u>	<u>87,944</u>	<u>787,304</u>
FUND BALANCE AT END OF YEAR	<u>\$1,174,529</u>	<u>\$92,367</u>	<u>\$1,266,896</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

IBSO TO PARISH FIRE DISTRICT NO. 8
Monroe, Louisiana
GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPE -
GENERAL FUND

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

	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>VARIANCE</u> <u>FAVORABLE</u> <u>(UNFAVORABLE)</u>
REVENUES			
Ad valorem taxes	\$665,709	\$664,690	(\$1,019)
Intergovernmental revenue - state funds:			
State revenue sharing	10,314	9,794	(520)
Fire insurance rebate	19,561	19,561	
Other state grants	1,099	1,099	
Use of money and property - interest earnings	18,925	28,130	9,205
Other revenues	828	829	11
Total revenues	<u>716,396</u>	<u>713,983</u>	<u>2,413</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Public safety:			
Current:			
Personnel services and related benefits	373,624	372,690	934
Operating services	128,003	94,322	33,681
Materials and supplies	30,000	31,632	(1,632)
Travel and other	8,890	8,534	356
Debt service	217,456	217,456	
Capital outlay	454,349	453,079	(1,270)
Total expenditures	<u>1,212,322</u>	<u>1,181,717</u>	<u>30,605</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	<u>(95,926)</u>	<u>(47,734)</u>	<u>48,192</u>
FUND BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>581,846</u>	<u>528,580</u>	<u>53,266</u>
FUND BALANCE AT END OF YEAR	<u>NONE</u>	<u>\$80,846</u>	<u>\$80,846</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

IBSDOTO PARISH FIRE DISTRICT NO. 8
Marshfield, Louisiana
GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPE -
GENERAL FUND

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures,
and Changes in Fund Balance -
Budget (Cash Basis) and Actual
For the Year Ended December 31, 1998

	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>VARIANCE:</u> <u>(FAVORABLE)</u> <u>(UNFAVORABLE)</u>
REVENUES			
Ad valorem taxes	\$685,640	\$697,670	\$11,430
Intergovernmental revenue - state funds:			
State revenue sharing	12,904	10,200	(2,704)
Fire insurance rebate	12,862	12,862	
Other state grants	811	811	
Use of money and property - interest earnings	16,883	29,487	12,604
Other revenue	853	4,322	3,469
Total revenues	<u>729,953</u>	<u>754,952</u>	<u>25,999</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Public safety:			
Current:			
Personal services and related benefits	278,908	282,964	4,056
Operating services	89,429	89,327	98
Materials and supplies	30,800	23,272	6,528
Travel and related	8,000	7,322	678
Debt service	184,197	184,786	589
Capital outlay	159,314	166,968	(7,654)
Total expenditures	<u>739,444</u>	<u>755,649</u>	<u>(16,205)</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	(19,491)	1,303	21,194
OTHER FINANCING SOURCE			
Proceeds from certificates of indebtedness		500,000	500,000
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USE	(19,491)	581,303	581,194
FUND BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	19,491	19,490	(291)
FUND BALANCE AT END OF YEAR	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$520,903</u>	<u>\$520,903</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

DESOLO PARISH FIRE DISTRICT NO. 8
Mossfield, Louisiana

Notes to the Financial Statements
As of and for the Two Years Ended December 31, 2009

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

DeSoto Parish Fire District No. 8 was created by the DeSoto Parish Police Jury, as authorized by Louisiana Revised Statute 40:1492 on July 22, 1987. The district is governed by a five member board appointed by the police jury. Board members serve without compensation. The district is responsible for maintaining and operating fire stations and equipment and providing fire protection within the boundaries of the district.

A. REPORTING ENTITY

As the governing authority of the parish, for reporting purposes, the DeSoto Parish Police Jury is the financial reporting entity for DeSoto Parish. The financial reporting entity consists of (a) the primary government (police jury), (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 (GASB) Statement No. 14 established criteria determining which component units should be considered part of the DeSoto Parish Police Jury for financial reporting purposes. The basic criterion for including a potential component unit within the reporting entity is financial responsibility. The GASB has set forth criteria to be considered in determining financial accountability. This criteria include:

- i. Appointing a voting majority of an organization's governing body, and
 - a. The ability of the police jury 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 police jury.

2. Organizations for which the police jury does not appoint a voting majority but are fiscally dependent on the police jury.
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 police jury created the district, appoints the commissioners of the district, and has the ability to impose its will on the district, the district was determined to be a component unit of the DeSoto Parish Police Jury, 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 police jury, the general government services provided by that governmental unit, or the other governmental units that comprise the DeSoto Parish financial reporting entity.

B. 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 related to certain government functions or activities.

A fund is a separate accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts that comprises its assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenues, and expenditures. An account group, on the other hand, is a financial reporting device designed to provide accountability for certain assets and liabilities (general fixed assets and general long-term obligations) that are not recorded in the "funds" because they do not directly affect net expendable available financial resources. They are concerned only with the measurement of financial position, not with the measurement of results of operations.

Funds are classified into three categories: governmental, proprietary, and fiduciary. Each category, in turn, is divided into separate "fund types." Governmental funds are used to account for a government's general activities, where the focus of attention is on the providing of services to the public as opposed to proprietary funds where the focus of attention is on recovering the cost of providing services to the public or other agencies through service charges or user fees. Fiduciary funds are used to account for assets held for others. The district's current operations require the use of only governmental funds. The governmental fund types of the district are described as follows:

General Fund

The General Fund is the general operating fund of the district and is used to account for all financial activities not required to be accounted for in other funds. Primary funding is provided by an ad valorem tax approved by voters of the district, state fire insurance rebates, state revenue sharing, and interest earnings on investments.

Debt Service Fund

The debt service fund is used to account for the accumulation of resources for and the payment of principal and interest on general long-term debt.

C. FIXED ASSETS AND LONG-TERM DEBT

General fixed assets are not capitalized in the funds used to acquire or construct them. Instead, capital acquisition and construction are reflected as expenditures (capital outlay) in the governmental funds and the related assets are reported in the general fixed assets account group. No depreciation has been provided on general fixed assets. Approximately 97 per cent of general fixed assets are valued at actual cost while the remaining 3 per cent are valued at estimated cost, based on the actual historical cost of like items. The cost of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of fixed assets or materially extend their useful lives are not capitalized.

Long-term debt, such as bonded debt, certificates of indebtedness and capital leases is recognized as a liability of a governmental fund only when due. The remaining portion of such debt is reported in the general long-term debt account group.

B. BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The 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 (i.e., revenues and other financing sources) and decreases (i.e., expenditures and other financing uses) in net current assets.

The modified accrual basis of accounting is used for reporting all governmental fund types. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when susceptible to accrual (i.e., when they become both measurable and available). "Measurable" means the amount of the transaction can be determined and "available" means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period. The district uses the following practices in recognizing and reporting 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 47:1569 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.

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

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

Expenditures

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

Other Financing Sources

Proceeds from capital leases and certificates of indebtedness are accounted for as other financing sources and are recognized when the underlying events occur.

IBEROLA PARISH FIRE DISTRICT NO. 8
 Mandeville, Louisiana
 Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

E. BUDGET PRACTICES

A preliminary budget, prepared on the cash basis of accounting, for the coming year is prepared by the board of commissioners and made available to the public. The budget is then adopted during the regular December meeting. The proposed budget for the General Fund is prepared on the modified accrual basis of accounting. The budget is established and controlled by the board of commissioners at the object level of expenditure. Appropriations lapse at year-end and must be reappropriated for the following year to be expended. All changes in the budget must be approved by the board of commissioners. The district does not use encumbrance accounting in its accounting system.

Formal budgetary integration is not employed as a management control device during the year. Budgeted amounts included in the accompanying financial statements include the original adopted budget. The following reconciles the excess of revenues over expenditures as shown on the budget comparison Statements D and E (budget basis) to the same amount shown on Statements B and C (GAAP basis):

	<u>1998</u>	<u>1999</u>
Excess of revenues over expenditures and other uses (budgetary basis)	\$501,300	(\$463,734)
Adjustments:		
Receivables	(20,758)	20,229
Payables	(4,300)	(4,300)
Payroll liabilities	(1,454)	1,454
Other	(21)	-
Excess of revenues over expenditures and other uses (GAAP basis)	<u>\$450,167</u>	<u>(\$446,711)</u>

F. CASH

Under state law, the district may deposit funds within a fiscal agent bank organized under the laws of the State of Louisiana, the laws of any other state in the union, or the laws of the United States. The district may invest in certificates and time deposits of state banks organized under Louisiana law and national banks having principal offices in Louisiana. At December 31, 1999, the district has demand deposits (bank balances) totaling \$38,803.

MISSISSIPPI FIRE DISTRICT NO. 8
Mansfield, Louisiana
Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

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. The market value of the pledged securities plus the federal deposit insurance must at all times equal the amount on deposit with the fiscal agent. These securities are held in the name of the pledging fiscal agent bank in a holding or custodial bank that is mutually acceptable to both parties. Cash and cash equivalents (bank balances) at December 31, 1999, are secured as follows:

Bank balances	<u>\$28,744</u>
Federal deposit insurance	\$28,744
Pledged securities (uncollateralized)	<u>58,281</u>
Total	<u>\$115,769</u>

Because the pledged securities are held by a custodial bank in the name of the fiscal agent bank rather than in the name of the police jury, they are considered uncollateralized (Category 3) under the provisions of GASB Codification C28.108; however, Louisiana Revised Statute 99:1219 imposes a statutory requirement on the custodial bank to advertise and sell the pledged securities within 10 days of being notified by the police jury that the fiscal agent bank has failed to pay deposited funds upon demand. Further, R.S. 99:1224 states that securities held by a third party shall be deemed to be held in the police jury's name.

G. INVESTMENTS

Under state law, the district may invest funds in obligations of the United States, in federally insured investments, or in time deposits with state banks organized under Louisiana law and national banks having principal offices in Louisiana. In addition, local governments in Louisiana are authorized to invest in the Louisiana Asset Management Pool, Inc. (LAMP), a non-profit corporation formed by an initiative of the State Treasurer and organized under the laws of the State of Louisiana, which operates a local government investment pool. At December 31, 1999, the district had investments in LAMP totaling \$47,527, which is stated at cost and approximates market.

In accordance with GASB Codification 190.165 the investment in LAMP at December 31, 1999, is not categorized in the three risk categories provided by GASB Codification 190.164 because the investment is in the pool of funds and therefore not evidenced by securities that exist in physical or book entry form. Only local governments having contracted to participate in LAMP have an investment interest in its pool of assets.

DESGOTO PARISH FIRE DISTRICT NO. 8
Mandeville, Louisiana
Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

The primary objective of LAMP is to provide a safe environment for the placement of public funds in short-term, high-quality investments. The LAMP portfolio includes only securities and other obligations in which local governments in Louisiana are authorized to invest. Accordingly, LAMP investments are restricted to securities issued, guaranteed, or backed by the U.S. Treasury, U.S. government, or one of its agencies, corporations, or instrumentalities, as well as repurchase agreements collateralized by these securities. The dollar weighted average portfolio maturity of LAMP assets is restricted to not more than 90 days, and consists of no securities with a maturity in excess of 387 days. LAMP is designed to be highly liquid to give its participants immediate access to their account balances.

II. RISK MANAGEMENT

The fire district is exposed to various risk of loss related to theft, fire, damage to, and destruction of assets; and injuries to employees. To handle such risk of loss, the fire district maintains a commercial insurance policy covering property, employee liability, and public officials liability. No claims were paid on any of the policies during the past three years which exceeded the policies' coverage amounts. There were no significant reductions in insurance coverage during the year ended December 31, 1999.

I. TOTAL COLUMN ON THE 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 positions in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. Neither is such data comparable to a consolidation.

2. LEVIED TAX

The following is a summary of authorized and levied ad valorem taxes:

	Authorized Millage	Levied Millage		Expiration Date
		1998	1999	
District taxes:				
General maintenance	5.00	3.63	3.63	2007
Debt service	variable	0.55	0.55	2003

TERREBOO PARISH FIRE DISTRICT NO. 8
 Mandeville, Louisiana
 Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

The difference between authorized and levied millages is the result of reassessments of taxable property in the parish as required by Article 7, Section 18 of the Louisiana Constitution of 1976.

3. CHANGES IN GENERAL FIXED ASSETS

The following presents the changes in general fixed assets for the two years ended December 31, 1999:

	Balance January 1,	Additions	Deletions	Balance December 31,
1998:				
Land	\$17,472	\$23,000		\$39,472
Land improvements	33,191			33,191
Buildings	129,399	13,469		142,868
Fire fighting equipment	1,978,585	354,308	(533,901)	1,999,000
Construction in progress	80291	27,385		27,385
Total	<u>\$1,859,047</u>	<u>\$397,192</u>	<u>NONE</u>	<u>\$2,222,196</u>
1999:				
Land	\$39,472			\$39,472
Land improvements	33,191	\$1,271		34,462
Buildings	142,868	457,712		600,600
Fire fighting equipment	1,979,580	41,750		2,021,340
Construction in progress	27,385	\$480,312	(5457,712)	NONE
Total	<u>\$2,222,196</u>	<u>\$951,255</u>	<u>(5457,712)</u>	<u>\$2,685,634</u>

The beginning balances have been adjusted to reflect a physical inventory taken by the agency. Additions and capital outlay differ by \$457,712, which represents construction in progress deletions reclassified to the appropriate category.

4. PENSION PLANS

Substantially all employees of the district are members of either the Firefighters' Retirement System of Louisiana or the Personnel Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana. The state retirement systems are cost-sharing, multiple-employer, defined benefit pension plans administered by separate boards of trustees. Pertinent information relative to each plan follows:

Firefighters' Retirement System

Membership in the Louisiana Firefighters' Retirement System is mandatory for all full-time firefighters employed by a municipality, parish, or fire protection district that did not exist as an ordinance prior to January 1, 1980, excepting itself from participation in the System. Employees are eligible to retire at or after age 55 with at least 12 years of creditable service or at or after age 50 with at least 20 years of creditable service. Upon retirement, members are entitled to a retirement benefit, payable monthly for life, equal to 2.3 per cent of their final average salary for each year of creditable service not to exceed 80 per cent of their final average salary. Final average salary is the employee's average salary for the 36 consecutive months or joined months which produce the highest average. Employees who terminate with at least 12 years of service, and who do not withdraw their employee contributions, may retire at or after age 55 (or at or after age 50 with at least 20 years of creditable service at nomination) and receive the benefit accrued to their date of termination. The system also provides death and disability benefits. Benefits are established by state statute.

The System issues an annual publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for the System. That report may be obtained by writing to the Firefighters' Retirement System, Post Office Box 94099, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804, or by calling (504) 825-4000.

Plan members are required by state statute to contribute 8.0 percent of their annual covered salary and the DeCade Fire District No. 8 is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. The current rate is 9.0 percent of annual covered payroll. The contribution requirements of plan members and the DeCade Fire District No. 8 are established and may be amended by state statute. As provided by Louisiana Revised Statute 11:105, the employer contributions are determined by actuarial valuations and are subject to change each year based on the results of the valuation for the prior fiscal year. DeCade Fire District No. 8's contributions to the System for the years ending December 31, 1995, 1996, and 1997, were \$21,780, \$17,357, and \$8,496, respectively, equal to the required contributions for each year.

Municipal Employees' Retirement System

The System is composed of two distinct plans, Plan A and Plan B, with separate assets and benefit provisions. One employee of the district is a member of Plan A.

All permanent employees working at least twenty-eight hours per week who are paid wholly or in part from parish funds and all elected parish officials are eligible to participate in the System. Under Plan A, employees who retire at or after age 60 with at least 10 years of creditable service, at or after age 55 with at least 25 years of creditable service, or at any age with at least 30 years of creditable service are entitled to a retirement benefit, payable monthly for life, equal to 3 per cent of their final average salary for each year of creditable service. However, for those employees who were members

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of the supplemental plan only before January 1, 1980, the benefit is equal to one per cent of final average salary plus \$24 for each year of supplemental-plan-only service earned before January 1, 1980, plus 3 per cent of final average salary for each salary for each year of service credited after the revision date. Final average salary is the employee's average salary over the 36 consecutive or joined months that produce the highest average. Employees who terminate with at least the amount of creditable service stated above, and do not withdraw their employee contributions, may retire at the ages specified above and receive the benefits accrued to their date of termination. The system also provides death and disability benefits. Benefits are established or amended by state statute.

The System issues an annual publicly available report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for the System. That report may be obtained by writing to the Parochial Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana, Post Office Box 14619, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70888-4619, or by calling (504) 928-1361.

Under Plan A, members are required by state statute to contribute 0.50 per cent of their annual covered salary and the district is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. The current rate is 7.75 per cent of annual covered payroll. Contributions to the system also include one-fourth of one per cent (except Orleans and East Baton Rouge Parishes) of the taxes shown to be collectible by the tax rolls of each parish. These tax dollars are divided between Plan A and Plan B based proportionately on the salaries of the active members of each plan. The contribution requirements of plan members and the district are established and may be amended by state statute. As provided by Louisiana Revised Statute 11:803, the employer contributions are determined by actuarial valuation and are subject to change each year based on the results of the valuation for the prior fiscal year. The district's contributions to the System under Plan A for the years ending December 31, 1999, 1998, and 1997, were \$5,645, \$2,284, and \$1,580, respectively, equal to the required contributions for each year.

5. CAPITAL LEASING

The district records items under capital leases as an asset and an obligation in the accompanying financial statements. Capital leases at December 31, 1999, are comprised of the following:

Lease-purchase agreement for the purchase of two fire trucks entered into on September 12, 1997, due in 5 annual installments of \$99,859 through September 2002, with an interest rate of 4.93% per annum. Lease payments are made from the General Fund.

Lease-purchase agreement for the purchase of two fire trucks entered into on September 23, 1998, due in 7 annual installments of \$79,806 through November 2005, with an interest rate of 4.41% per annum. Lease payments are made from the General Fund.

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6. CHANGES IN GENERAL LONG-TERM DEBT

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

	Certificate of Indebtedness	Capital Lease	Bonded Debt	Total
Long-term debt payable at January 1, 1998	\$55,000	\$490,000	\$260,000	\$805,000
For the year ended December 31, 1998:				
Increases	\$80,000	226,501	NONE	306,501
Decreases	(55,000)	(160,250)	(40,000)	(355,250)
For the year ended December 31, 1999:				
Increases	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE
Decreases	(17,000)	(187,400)	(45,000)	(349,400)
Long-term debt payable at December 31, 1999	<u>\$45,000</u>	<u>\$468,210</u>	<u>\$275,000</u>	<u>\$1,188,210</u>

Certificates of indebtedness payable at December 31, 1999 are comprised of the following:

Certificates issued July 1, 1998, for the purpose of acquiring, constructing and improving fire protection facilities and equipment for the fire district. Annual installments of \$47,000 to \$76,000 are due through March 1, 2006 with interest at 5.5%. Debt retirement payments are made from the Debt Service Fund.

The general obligation bonds payable at December 31, 1999 were issued December 1, 1999. Annual installments of \$40,000 to \$45,000 are due through June 1, 2004 with interest at 8.00 per cent to 7.25 per cent. Debt retirement payments are made from the Debt Service Fund.

The annual requirements to amortize all general long-term obligations outstanding at December 31, 1999, including interest of \$205,803, are as follows:

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 Mandeville, Louisiana
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Year	Certificates of Anticipation	Capital Leases	Bonded Debt	Total
2000	\$77,430	\$179,664	\$63,090	\$280,184
2001	78,350	179,664	64,740	282,754
2002	78,078	179,664	65,999	283,741
2003	77,640	79,805	66,835	184,280
2004	78,010	79,805	67,356	185,171
2005	78,160	79,805		157,965
2006	78,090			78,090
Total	<u>\$545,758</u>	<u>\$538,407</u>	<u>\$328,098</u>	<u>\$1,412,223</u>

9. LITIGATION AND CLAIMS

The district is not involved in any litigation at December 31, 1998, nor is it aware of any unasserted claims.

**Independent Auditor's Reports Required
by Government Auditing Standards**

The following independent auditor's reports on compliance with laws and regulations and internal control over financial reporting are presented in compliance with the requirements of *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and the *Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide*, issued by the Society of Louisiana Certified Public Accountants and the Louisiana Legislative Auditor.



**Independent Auditor's Report on Compliance and
Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
DESOYO PARISH FIRE DISTRICT NO. 8
Grand Care, Louisiana**

I have audited the general purpose financial statements of the DeSoyo Parish Fire District No. 8 as of and for the two years ended December 31, 1999 ended and have issued my report thereon dated June 1, 2000. I conducted my audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Compliance

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the DeSoyo Parish Fire District No. 8's financial statements are free of material misstatements, I performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with these provisions was not an objective of my audit and, 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.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing my audit, I considered the DeSoyo Parish Fire District No. 8's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine my auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing my opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting. My consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements in amounts 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. I noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that I consider to be material weaknesses.

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DELSOLE PARISH FIRE DISTRICT NO. 8
Grand Chené, Louisiana

Independent Auditor's Report on Compliance
And Internal Control Over Financial Reporting, etc.
December 31, 1999

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Delesole Parish Fire District No. 8 and management of the district's office and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.



West Monroe, Louisiana
June 1, 2000

DESOFO PARISH FIRE DISTRICT NO. 8
Grand Core, Louisiana

Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs
For the Two Years Ended December 31, 1999

A. SUMMARY OF AUDIT RESULTS

1. The auditor's report expresses an unqualified opinion on the general purpose financial statements of Desoto Parish Fire District No. 8.
2. No instance of noncompliance material to the financial statements of Desoto Parish Fire District No. 8 was disclosed during the audit.
3. No reportable conditions relating to the audit of the financial statements are reported in the Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control.

B. FINDINGS - FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AUDIT

Name

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Grand Core, Louisiana

Summary Schedule of Prior Audit Findings
For the Year Ended December 31, 1997

There were no audit findings reported in the audit for the two years ended December 31, 1997.