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LAFITTE-BARBERIA-CROSS POINT  
VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY

LAFITTE, LOUISIANA

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

DECEMBER 31, 1987

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To Board of Directors of the  
Lafitte-Barataria-Crown Point Volunteer Fire Company

We have audited the accompanying general purpose financial statements of Lafitte-Barataria-Crown Point Volunteer Fire Company, as of and for the year ended December 31, 1997, as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Volunteer Fire Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our 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. Those 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 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.

In our opinion, the general purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Lafitte-Barataria-Crown Point Volunteer Fire Company at December 31, 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 our report dated June 23, 1998 on our consideration of Lafitte-Barataria-Crown Point Volunteer Fire Company's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants.

*James Butler, Arcelaux & Bowen*  
James L. Butler  
Harvey, Louisiana  
June 23, 1997

LAFITTE-BARATARIA-CROWN POINT VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY

COMBINED BALANCE SHEET - ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUPS

December 31, 1997

	Governmental Fund Type	General Fund Assets Account Group	Total Governmental Fund
	Amount	Amount	Amount
<b>ASSETS AND OTHER DEBITS</b>			
Cash in bank	\$ 21,777	\$ -	\$ 21,777
Fixed assets	-----	2,282,222	2,282,222
<b>Total assets and other debits</b>	<b>\$ 21,777</b>	<b>\$ 2,282,222</b>	<b>\$ 2,304,000</b>
<b>LIABILITIES, EQUITY AND OTHER CREDITS</b>			
<b>LIABILITIES:</b>			
Accounts payable	\$ 4,821	\$ -	\$ 4,821
accrued wages	2,763	-----	2,763
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>21,584</b>	<b>-----</b>	<b>21,584</b>
<b>Equity and other credits:</b>			
Investment in general fixed assets	-	2,279,170	2,279,170
fund balance	28,224	-----	28,224
<b>Total equity and other credits</b>	<b>28,224</b>	<b>2,279,170</b>	<b>2,307,394</b>
<b>Total liabilities, equity and other credits</b>	<b>\$ 28,224</b>	<b>\$ 2,279,170</b>	<b>\$ 2,307,394</b>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

**LAFITTE-DARATRIHA-CROWN POINT VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY  
GENERAL FUND**

**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE  
Year ended December 31, 1997**

**Revenues:**

<b>Intergovernmental:</b>			
from Jefferson Parish:			
Contractual services	\$391,220		
Subsidies for maintenance and operation	47,500		
State supplemental pay	<u>2,200</u>	\$ 440,920	
Interest		9,074	
Miscellaneous		<u>16,384</u>	
<b>Total revenues</b>			<b>466,678</b>

**Expenditures:**

<b>Current operating:</b>			
Payroll and related taxes, including state supplemental pay of \$7,200	193,624		
Accounting and office	10,597		
Fire prevention and training	22,348		
Fuel	6,455		
Insurance	45,519		
Miscellaneous	17,324		
Repairs and maintenance	22,888		
Utilities	20,749		
<b>Capital outlay:</b>			
Purchase of equipment	3,121		
New station	<u>187,334</u>		
<b>Total expenditures</b>			<b>641,857</b>

Excess of expenditures over revenues	(175,179)
Fund balance at beginning of year	253,180
Fund balance at end of year	<u>\$ 77,901</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

LAFITTE-BARBERIA-CROWN POINT VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
December 31, 1987

1. ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Lafitte-Barberia-Crown Point Volunteer Fire Company (the Fire Company) was created in 1960 under the non-profit corporation provisions of Louisiana Revised Statutes 13:303. The Fire Company contracts with the Parish of Jefferson, State of Louisiana to provide fire protection and related services to a portion of the 4th Fire Protection District of the Parish of Jefferson.

Because the Fire Company receives the vast majority of its financial support from the Parish of Jefferson to provide a public service, it is considered a quasi-public entity for financial reporting purposes. Accordingly, the accompanying general purpose financial statements have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles 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 significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of the accompanying general purpose financial statements are described as follows:

- A. Financial Reporting Entity. The accompanying general purpose financial statements include all funds and account groups which are controlled by the Fire Company. Control is based on application of the criteria established by the GASB for determining the reporting entity. The basic criteria, but not the only, is the ability to exercise oversight responsibility. Oversight responsibility is derived from, among other things, the ability to significantly influence operations. Based on the foregoing criteria, there are no component units which have been combined with the Fire Company to form the reporting entity, nor are there any potential component units which should be combined with the Fire Company to form the reporting entity.
- B. Fund Accounting. The accounts of the Fire Company are organized on a fund and account group basis, each of which is considered a separate accounting entity, with a separate set of self-balancing accounts which comprise the assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenues and expenditures. The Fire Company has only one fund, the General Fund, which is used to account for all of its financial resources.

LAFITTE-BASKINWALA-CROWN POINT VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED

December 31, 1997

- C. Basis of Accounting. The Fire Company's accounting records for its General Fund are maintained on the cash basis of accounting. For financial reporting in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles, the accounting records are converted to the modified accrual basis under which revenues and expenditures are recognized as follows.

Revenues. The Fire Company has an agreement with the Parish of Jefferson under which the Fire Company is to provide fire protection and related services in a specifically designated area of Fire Protection District No. 4. The agreement provides that the Fire Company is to receive from the Parish a sum of money in monthly installments which will represent the net proceeds of the property tax levied annually by Fire Protection District No. 4. The Fire Company also receives from the Parish the 28 fire insurance premium tax which the Parish receives from the State of Louisiana for Fire Protection District No. 4. The proceeds of the property tax (\$183,888) and the 28 fire insurance premium tax (\$79,323) are reported as intergovernmental revenues from contractual services in the accompanying statement of revenues and expenditures. Intergovernmental revenues are reported as revenues of the period for which received. Interest revenue is reported in the period in which earned. Miscellaneous revenues are reported in the period in which received.

Expenditures. Expenditures are recognized when the related liability is incurred.

- D. Budget. The Fire Company is not legally required to adopt a budget. For 1997 a budget was prepared for internal use but not in a format compatible to the financial statements; therefore comparison of actual results with a budget is not provided in the accompanying financial statements.

- E. Fixed Assets. Fixed assets are recorded as expenditures (capital outlay) in the General Fund when purchased and are accounted for in the General Fixed Assets Account Group. Purchased fixed assets are stated at historical cost. Donated fixed assets are stated at their estimated fair market value on the date received. General fixed assets are not depreciated.



LAFAYETTE-BARATARIA-CROWN POINT VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED

December 31, 1987

- F. Total Column on Combined Balance Sheet. The total column on the combined balance sheet is captioned "memorandum only" to indicate that this information is presented only to facilitate financial analysis. Data in the total column does not present financial position in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. Neither is such data comparable to a consolidation.
- G. On-behalf Payments. Fireman supplemental pay which is paid directly to employees of the Fire Company by the State of Louisiana, Department of Public Safety, are recognized as intergovernmental revenue and salaries expenditures in the year in which paid.
- H. Compensated Absences. Accumulated annual transitional leave is reported in the General Fund because it is expected to be liquidated with expendable available financial resources. An expenditure or liability has not been recorded for accumulated sick leave because it is nonvested.

3. CASH

At December 31, 1987, the carrying amount of the Fire Company's bank deposits was \$88,777 and the bank balance was \$99,989, all of which was covered by federal depository insurance.

3. FUND ASSETS

The following is a summary of changes in the general fund assets account group during the year ended December 31, 1987.

	Balance December 31,	ADD- ITIONS	DEDUCTIONS	Balance December 31
Household improvements - services at 1988 and 1987	\$ 100,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100,000
Auto. Trucks and equipment	150,000	1,000	-	151,000
New fire station	77,000	100,000	-	177,000
	\$1,027,000	\$100,000	\$ -	\$1,127,000

4. CONSTRUCTION OF NEW FIRE STATION

The Fire Company currently operates from four fire stations located within its district. Several of these facilities were constructed as early as the 1930s. Membership has identified the need for an updated facility.

LAFITTE-BARATARIA-CROON JOINT VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED  
December 31, 1997

4. CONSTRUCTION OF NEW FIRE STATION - continued

During the year ended December 31, 1997, the Organization began planning for construction of a new fire station. The amount expended to date, \$374,648 has been capitalized and is included in the General Fixed Assets Account Group.

During the year 1995, the organization agreed to subsidize the construction of a new fire station to be owned by the fourth fire District of the Parish of Jefferson and donated land for that purpose. The organization agreed to supply \$188,300 of the \$302,800 construction cost.

5. ECONOMIC DEPENDENCY

Substantially all of the Fire Company's public support is derived from funds provided by Jefferson Parish. On October 2, 1996, the Organization contracted with the Parish to provide fire-fighting and rescue services for a period of ten years.

6. LEASES

The Fire Company leases a portion of ground from Jefferson Parish for an annual rental of \$1. The Fire Company has constructed a fire station (843) on that ground at a cost of \$110,000. This amount is included in the General Fixed Assets Group.

7. DESIGNATED FUND BALANCE

In order to provide funding for construction of the new fire station discussed in Note 4, the Board of Directors had designated \$200,000 of Fund Balance for the project. As on December 31, 1997 the entire \$200,000 of Designated Fund Balance had been expended for its designated purpose.

8. CONTRIBUTED SERVICES

A significant contribution of time is made by unpaid volunteers to accomplish the purpose for which the Fire Company was established. The value of this contributed time is not included in the accompanying financial statements because it is not susceptible to objective measurement or evaluation.

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## REPORT ON COMPLIANCE AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

Board of Directors of the  
Lafitte-Berthelina-Crown Point Volunteer Fire Company

We have audited the general purpose financial statements of Lafitte-Berthelina-Crown Point Volunteer Fire Company as of and for the year ended December 31, 1997, and have issued our report thereon dated June 23, 1998. We conducted our 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 Lafitte-Berthelina-Crown Point Volunteer Fire Company's general purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement, we 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 statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our 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 our audit, we considered Lafitte-Berthelina-Crown Point Volunteer Fire Company's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the general purpose financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting. However, we noted a certain matter involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be a reportable

condition. Reportable conditions involve matters coming to our attention relating to significant deficiencies in the design or operation of the internal control over financial reporting that, in our judgment, could adversely affect Lafitte-Barataria-Crown Point Volunteer Fire Company's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial data consistent with the assertions of management in the general purpose financial statements. The reportable condition is described in the following paragraph.

**Condition** - A purchase order and filing system designed to document approval and receipt of goods is in place and being utilized, however there were several instances wherein the purchase order documentation and the canceled checks were not able to be located. The Fire Company should adhere to its purchase order and filing procedures in all instances where expenditures are being made.

**Management's Response** - We have already initiated alternative procedures that will provide additional security over the filing system and insure that the purchase order system already in place, is followed.

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 accounts that could 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. Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control that might be reportable conditions and, accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all reportable conditions that are also considered to be material weaknesses. However, we believe the reportable condition described in the preceding paragraph is a material weakness.

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

*Hyes, Butler, Aronowicz & Jones*

Baton Rouge, Louisiana  
June 22, 1988