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**Simmesport Volunteer Fire Department
Simmesport, Louisiana
General Purpose Financial Statements
Year Ended June 30, 1998**

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**SIMMESPORT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.
SIMMESPORT, LOUISIANA**

**GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
AS OF AND FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1998**

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INTRODUCTORY SECTION

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER
ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
SEPTEMBER 24, 1998

Office of Legislative Auditor
Attention: Ms. Dorothy Milner
Post Office Box 94397
1600 North Third
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-9397

Dear Ms. Milner:

In accordance with Louisiana Revised Statute 24:514, enclosed are the annual financial statements for the Simmesport Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1998. The report includes all funds under the control and oversight of the Volunteer Fire Department. The accompanying financial statements have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

Sincerely,



Officer

Enclosure

SIMMESPORT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.
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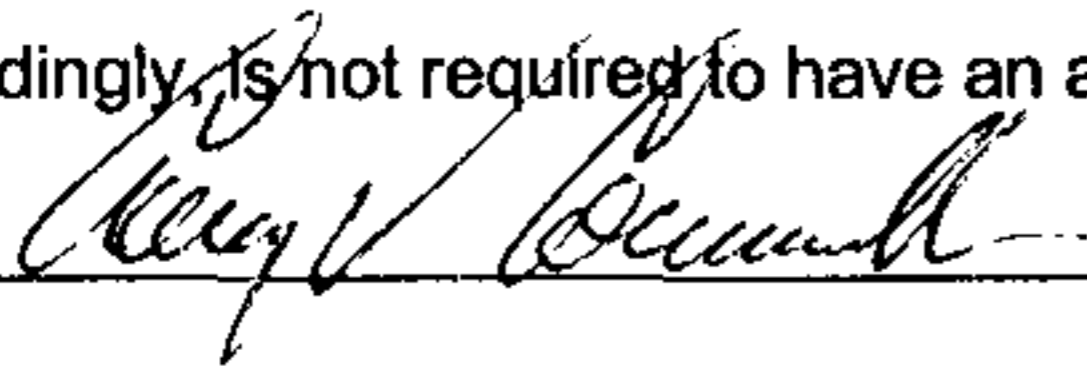
ANNUAL SWORN FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS OF
AND FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1998
WITH APPROPRIATE SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Required by Louisiana Revised Statute 24:514
to be filed with the Legislative Auditor
within 90 days after the close of the fiscal year

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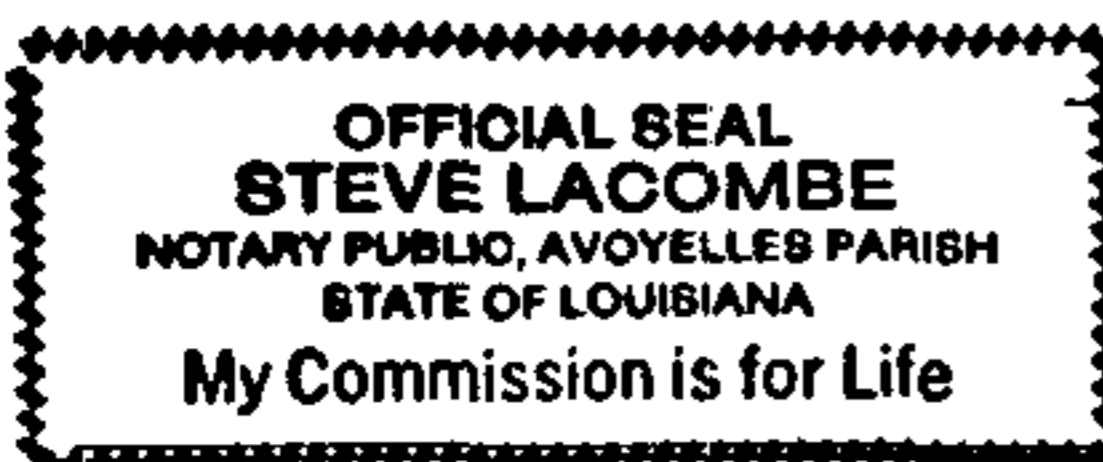
Personally came and appeared before the undersigned authority, Craig Couvillion, President, who, duly sworn, deposes and says that the financial statements herewith given present fairly the financial position of the Simmesport Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. as of June 30, 1998 and the results of operations for the year then ended, in accordance with the basis of accounting described within the accompanying financial statements.

In addition, Craig Couvillion, President who, duly sworn, deposes and says that the Simmesport Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. received \$50,000 or less in revenues for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1998, and accordingly, is not required to have an audit for the previously mentioned fiscal year end.



Signature

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 30th day of September 1998




NOTARY PUBLIC

Officer Craig V. Couvillion
Address P. O. Box 605
Simmesport, LA 71369
Telephone No. (318) 941-2493

FINANCIAL SECTION

ACCOUNTANTS' COMPILATION LETTER

Board of Directors
Simmesport Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.
Simmesport, Louisiana

We have compiled the annual sworn general purpose financial statements for the Simmesport Volunteer Fire Department, Inc., as of and for the year ended June 30, 1998, as required by Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513. The sworn general purpose financial statements were compiled 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 compiled financial statements and accordingly, do not express an opinion or any other form of assurance on them.

Ducote & Company

DUCOTE & COMPANY
Marksville, Louisiana
September 25, 1998

GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**SIMMESPORT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.
SIMMESPORT, LOUISIANA
COMBINED BALANCE SHEET
ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUPS
JUNE 30, 1998**

	Governmental Fund Type Special Revenue	Account Groups		Totals (Memorandum Only)
		General Long-Term Obligations	General Fixed Assets	
<u>ASSETS AND OTHER DEBITS</u>				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$21,548	\$0	\$0	\$21,548
Investments	20,000	0	0	20,000
Property plant and equipment:				
Buildings	0	0	70,025	70,025
Machinery and equipment	0	0	55,411	55,411
Amount to be provided for retirement of Long-term obligations	0	48,730	0	48,730
TOTAL ASSETS AND OTHER DEBITS	\$41,548	\$48,730	\$125,436	\$215,714
<u>LIABILITIES, FUND EQUITY AND OTHER CREDITS</u>				
Liabilities				
Loan payable	\$0	\$48,730	\$0	\$48,730
TOTAL LIABILITIES	0	48,730	0	48,730
<u>FUND EQUITY AND OTHER CREDITS:</u>				
Investment in general fixed assets	0	0	125,436	125,436
Unreserved-undesignated	7,911	0	0	7,911
Unreserved-designated	33,637	0	0	33,637
TOTAL FUND EQUITY AND OTHER CREDITS	41,548	0	125,436	166,984
TOTAL LIABILITIES, FUND EQUITY AND OTHER CREDITS	\$41,548	\$48,730	\$125,436	\$215,714

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

**SIMMESPORT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.
SIMMESPORT, LOUISIANA
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES - SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1998**

	<u>Special Revenue Fund</u>
<u>REVENUES</u>	
Taxes	\$22,859
Intergovernmental	13,703
Miscellaneous	<u>1,778</u>
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>38,340</u>
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	
Current:	
Public safety	36,650
Capital outlay	13,622
Debt service	<u>8,521</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>58,793</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	(20,453)
FUND BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>62,001</u>
FUND BALANCE AT END OF YEAR	<u>\$41,548</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

SIMMESPORT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS OF AND FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1998

INTRODUCTION

The Simmesport Volunteer Fire Department, Inc., was incorporated on March 1, 1988, under the provision of the Louisiana Revised Statutes 1950, Title 12, Chapter 2. The Corporation is organized on a non-profit basis and operates primarily for the purpose of performing all acts and deeds incidental or proper for the purpose of providing for fire protection for persons, homes, business establishments, and generally all persons and properties situated within the volunteer fire district as reasonably can be expected with equipment acquired by the department. The Board of Directors consists of not less than seven, nor more than eleven members. The Board of Directors members are elected at the annual membership meeting. No compensation is paid to the Board members.

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICES

A. BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying financial statements of the Simmesport Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applicable to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles.

B. REPORTING ENTITY

The Simmesport Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. is the financial reporting entity. The financial reporting entity consists of (a) the primary government (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.

Government Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 14 established criteria for determining which component units, if any, should be considered part of the financial reporting entity. The basic criterion for including a potential component unit within the reporting entity is financial accountability. The GASB has set forth criteria to be considered in determining financial accountability. This criteria includes:

1. Appointing a voting majority of an organization's governing body, and
 - a. The ability of the entity to impose its will on the organization and/or
 - b. The potential for the organization to provide specific financial benefits to or impose specific financial burdens on the entity.
2. Organizations for which the department does not appoint a voting majority but are fiscally dependent on the department.
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.

SIMMESPORT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, (Continued)

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICES, (Continued)

The accompanying financial statements present information only on the funds maintained by the governmental unit, or the other governmental units that comprise the financial reporting entity. There are no component units meeting the above criteria requiring inclusion in the financial reporting entity.

C. FUND ACCOUNTING

The accounts of the Simmesport Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. are organized and operated on a basis of funds and account groups, each of which is considered a separate accounting entity. The operations of each fund are accounted for with a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenues and expenditures, or expenses as appropriate. Government resources are allocated to and accounted for in individual funds based upon the purpose for which they are to be spent and the means by which spending activities are controlled. The various funds and account groups are grouped in the financial statements in this report in the following categories:

Governmental Funds-

Special Revenue Funds

Special Revenue Funds are used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are legally restricted to expenditures for specific purposes.

Fixed Assets-

The accounting and reporting treatment applied to the fixed assets are associated with a fund are determined by its measurement focus. All governmental fund type operations are accounted for on a spending or "financial flow" measurement focus and only current assets and current liabilities are generally included on their balance sheets.

Fixed assets used in governmental fund type operations (general fixed assets) are accounted for in the General Fixed Asset Account Group and are recorded as expenditures in the governmental fund type when purchased. No depreciation has been provided on general fixed assets.

D. BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The accounting and financial reporting treatment applied to a fund is determined by its measurement focus. Basis of accounting refers to when revenues and expenditures or expenses are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. Basis of accounting relates to the timing of the measurements made, regardless of the measurement focus applied.

All governmental funds are accounted for using the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized when they become measurable and available as net current assets. Ad valorem taxes are recognized as revenue in the year for which such taxes are billed and collected. Other major revenues that are considered susceptible to accrual include earned grant revenues and other intergovernmental revenues.

SIMMESPORT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, (Continued)

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICES (Continued)

D. BASIS OF ACCOUNTING (CONTINUED)

Expenditures are generally recognized under the modified accrual basis of accounting when related fund liability is incurred, except the principal and interest on general long-term debt is recognized as expenditure when due.

E. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AND INVESTMENTS

Cash includes amounts in demand deposits, interest-bearing demand deposits, and money market accounts. Cash equivalents include amounts in time deposits and those investments with original maturities of 90 days or less. Under state law, the department may deposit funds in demand deposits, interest-bearing demand deposits, money market accounts, or time deposits with state banks organized under Louisiana law and national banks having their principal offices in Louisiana.

Under state law, the department may invest in United States bonds, treasury notes, or certificates. These are classified as investments if their original maturities exceed 90 days; however, if the original maturities are 90 days or less, they are classified as cash equivalents. Investments are stated at cost.

F. BUDGET PRACTICES

The department is not required by law to formally adopt a budget. Therefore, the presentation of a statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances - budget and actual, for the special revenue funds is not required.

G. FIXED ASSETS

Fixed assets of governmental funds are recorded as expenditures at the time they are purchased or constructed, and related assets are reported in the general fixed assets account group. No depreciation has been provided on general fixed assets. All fixed assets are valued at historical cost.

H. COMPENSATED ABSENCES

The department has no employees; all services are performed by volunteers. Therefore, the department has no policy relating to compensated absences.

I. LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS

Long-term obligations expected to be financed from governmental funds are reported in the general long-term obligations account group. Expenditures for principal and interest payments for long-term obligations are recognized in the governmental funds when due.

SIMMESPORT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, (Continued)

NOTE 2. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

At June 30, 1998, the department has cash and cash equivalents (book balances) totaling \$21,548 as follows:

Demand Deposits	<u>\$21,548</u>
Total	<u>\$21,548</u>

These deposits are stated at cost, which approximates market. Under state law, these deposits (or the resulting bank balance) 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. At June 30, 1998, the department has \$21,548 in deposits (collected bank balances). These deposits are secured from risk by \$21,548 of federal deposit insurance.

Even though the pledged securities are considered uncollateralized under the provisions of GASB Statement 3, Louisiana Revised Statute 39:1229 imposes a statutory requirement on the custodial bank to advertise and sell the pledged securities within 10 days of being notified by the department that the federal agent has failed to pay deposited funds upon demand.

NOTE 3. INVESTMENTS

At June 30, 1998, the department has investments totaling \$20,000 as follows:

	<u>Carrying Amount</u>	<u>Market Value</u>
Certificate of deposit	<u>\$ 20,000</u>	<u>\$ 20,000</u>
Total	<u>\$ 20,000</u>	<u>\$ 20,000</u>

The investments are in the name of the Simmesport Volunteer Fire Department and are held at the department's office. Because the certificate of deposit is in the name of the department and is held by the department or its agent, the certificate of deposit is considered insured and registered Category 3, in applying the credit risk of GASB Codification Section 150.164.

SIMMESPORT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, (Continued)

NOTE 4. CHANGES IN GENERAL FIXED ASSETS

A summary of changes in general fixed assets follow:

	Balance <u>6/30/97</u>	Additions	Deletions	Balance <u>6/30/98</u>
Building & Improvements	\$ 69,026	\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ 70,026
Machinery & Equipment	<u>42,808</u>	<u>12,602</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>55,410</u>
Totals	<u>\$111,834</u>	<u>\$ 13,602</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$125,436</u>

NOTE 5. CHANGES IN GENERAL LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS

The following is a summary of the long-term obligation transactions during the year:

	Installment <u>Note</u>
Long term obligations payable at June 30, 1997	\$ 54,403
Additions	-
Deductions	(<u>5,673</u>)
Long term obligations payable at June 30, 1998	<u>\$ 48,730</u>

NOTE 6. DESIGNATION OF FUND BALANCE

In the Special Revenue Fund, the unreserved fund balance in the Volunteer Fire Department District #2 Tax Fund has been designated for the purchase of equipment or supplies, salaries of firemen, repair of equipment, training and/or training aids, fire station building and/or maintenance, and/or any other fire protection related expenditure within the subdistrict, pursuant to Article 8 of the Avoyelles Fire Protection District #2.

NOTE 7. LITIGATION AND CONTINGENCIES

At June 30, 1998, the Simmesport Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. was not involved in any litigation that would materially affect the financial statements.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF
INDIVIDUAL FUNDS AND ACCOUNT GROUPS**

SPECIAL REVENUES FUNDS

Simmesport Volunteer Fire Department - This fund is used to account for the revenues received by the Volunteer Fire Department from various sources including self-generated funds used for providing fire protection within it's district.

Simmesport Fire Department Tax Fund - This fund is used to account for the revenues received by the Volunteer Fire Department from Ad Valorem Property Tax Assessments within Fire District #2 of the Parish of Avoyelles as allocated to each sub-district within this taxing district.

**SIMMESPORT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.
SIMMESPORT, LOUISIANA
COMBINING BALANCE SHEET
SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS
JUNE 30, 1998**

	<u>Volunteer Fire Department Fund</u>	<u>Fire Department Tax Fund</u>	<u>Totals</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$7,911	\$13,637	\$21,548
Investments	<u>0</u>	<u>20,000</u>	<u>20,000</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$7,911</u>	<u>\$33,637</u>	<u>\$41,548</u>
 <u>LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY</u>			
Liabilities	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Fund Equity:			
Unreserved-undesignated	7,911	0	7,911
Unreserved-designated	<u>0</u>	<u>33,637</u>	<u>33,637</u>
TOTAL FUND EQUITY	<u>7,911</u>	<u>33,637</u>	<u>41,548</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	<u>\$7,911</u>	<u>\$33,637</u>	<u>\$41,548</u>

The accompanying note are an integral part of this financial statement.

**SIMMESPORT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.
SIMMESPORT, LOUISIANA
COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1998**

	<u>Volunteer Fire Department Fund</u>	<u>Fire Department Tax Fund</u>	<u>Totals</u>
<u>REVENUES</u>			
Taxes:			
Ad Valorem	\$0	\$22,859	\$22,859
Intergovernmental:			
2% Fire insurance rebate	12,203	0	12,203
Appropriation from police jury	1,500	0	1,500
Miscellaneous:			
Interest income	<u>1,000</u>	<u>778</u>	<u>1,778</u>
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>14,703</u>	<u>23,637</u>	<u>38,340</u>
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>			
Public safety:			
Repairs and maintenance	1,117	15,576	16,693
Parts and supplies	4,061	12,962	17,023
Legal and professional	0	500	500
Miscellaneous expense	551	8	559
Utilities	510	0	510
Continuing education/CPR & EMT classes	1,149	0	1,149
Meetings and dues	217	0	217
Capital outlay	1,400	12,222	13,622
Debt service	<u>0</u>	<u>8,521</u>	<u>8,521</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>9,004</u>	<u>49,789</u>	<u>58,793</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	5,699	(26,152)	(20,453)
FUND BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>2,212</u>	<u>59,789</u>	<u>62,001</u>
FUND BALANCE AT END OF YEAR	<u>\$7,911</u>	<u>\$33,637</u>	<u>\$41,548</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.