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OF LIVINGSTON PARISH
REPORT ON AUDIT OF
COMPONENT UNIT FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 1998

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board of Commissioners
 Fire Protection District No. 4 of
 Livingston Parish
 Livingston Parish Council
 Walker, Louisiana

We have audited the accompanying component unit only financial statements of the Fire Protection District No. 4 of Livingston Parish, Louisiana, a component unit of the Livingston Parish Council, as of and for the year ended December 31, 1998, as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the District'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 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 component unit financial statements referred to in paragraph one present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Fire Protection District No. 4 of Livingston Parish, Louisiana, as of December 31, 1998, and the results of operations for the year then ended, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

Fire Protection District No. 4 of
Livingston Parish

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued a report dated April 8, 1999, on our consideration of Fire District No. 4 of Livingston Parish's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants.

Our audit was made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the component unit financial statements taken as a whole. The individual fund and individual account group financial statements and the supplementary information and schedules listed in the table of contents are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the component unit financial statements of the Fire Protection District No. 4 of Livingston Parish, Louisiana. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the examination of the component unit financial statements, and, in our opinion, the information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the component unit financial statements taken as a whole.

Respectfully submitted,

Arminis J. Bourgeois, L.L.P.

COMPONENT UNIT FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(COMBINED STATEMENTS - OVERVIEW)

Fire Protection District No. 4 of
Livingston Parish

COMBINED BALANCE SHEET - ALL FUND TYPES
AND ACCOUNT GROUPS

December 31, 1998

ASSETS	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPE	
	GENERAL	DEBT SERVICE
Cash on Hand and in Banks	\$ 181,328	\$ 5,035
Investments	142,518	-
Receivables, Net of Allowance for Uncollectible Accounts	248,314	37,911
User Fees Receivable	199,272	-
Fixed Assets	-	-
State Revenue Sharing Receivable	22,920	-
Due from Other Funds	-	-
Other Asset	-	-
Amount Available in the Debt Service Fund for Debt Retirement	-	-
Amount to be Provided for Accumulated Unpaid Vacation and Compensatory Time	-	-
Amount to be Provided for Retirement of General Long-Term Debt	-	-
Total Assets	\$ 794,352	\$ 42,946
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY		
Liabilities:		
Accounts Payable	\$ 75,428	\$ 1,104
Accrued Expenses	3,872	-
Due to Other Funds	-	-
General Obligation Bond Payable	-	-
Certificates of Indebtedness	-	-
Accumulated Unpaid Vacation and Compensatory Time	-	-
Total Liabilities	79,300	1,104

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<u>ACCOUNT GROUPS</u>		<u>TOTAL</u>	
<u>GENERAL</u>	<u>GENERAL</u>	<u>(MEMORANDUM ONLY)</u>	
<u>FIXED</u>	<u>LONG-TERM</u>	<u>1998</u>	<u>1997</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>	<u>DEBT</u>		
\$ -	\$ -	\$ 186,363	\$ 308,132
-	-	142,518	-
-	-	286,225	258,103
-	-	199,272	167,598
2,218,213	-	2,218,213	2,057,384
-	-	22,920	22,969
-	-	-	5,792
-	-	-	493
-	41,842	41,842	32,302
-	8,029	8,029	6,572
-	<u>828,013</u>	<u>828,013</u>	<u>924,020</u>
<u>\$2,218,213</u>	<u>\$ 877,884</u>	<u>\$3,933,395</u>	<u>\$3,783,365</u>
<u><u> </u></u>	<u><u> </u></u>	<u><u> </u></u>	<u><u> </u></u>
\$ -	\$ -	\$ 76,532	\$ 62,556
-	-	3,872	3,250
-	-	-	5,792
-	186,855	186,855	206,322
-	683,000	683,000	750,000
-	<u>8,029</u>	<u>8,029</u>	<u>6,572</u>
-	877,884	958,288	1,034,492

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COMBINED BALANCE SHEET - ALL FUND TYPES
AND ACCOUNT GROUPS (CONTINUED)

December 31, 1998

	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPE	
	GENERAL	DEBT SERVICE
Fund Equity:		
Investment in General Fixed Assets	-	-
Fund Balances:		
Reserved for Debt Service	-	41,842
Unreserved:		
Designated for Capital Additions	51,666	-
Undesignated	663,386	-
Total Fund Equity	715,052	41,842
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	\$ 794,352	\$ 42,946

The accompanying notes constitute an integral part of this statement.

<u>ACCOUNT GROUPS</u>		<u>TOTAL</u>	
<u>GENERAL</u>	<u>GENERAL</u>	<u>(MEMORANDUM ONLY)</u>	
<u>FIXED</u>	<u>LONG-TERM</u>	<u>1998</u>	<u>1997</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>	<u>DEBT</u>		
2,218,213	-	2,218,213	2,057,384
-	-	41,842	32,302
-	-	51,666	51,666
-	-	<u>663,386</u>	<u>607,521</u>
<u>2,218,213</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,975,107</u>	<u>2,748,873</u>
<u>\$2,218,213</u>	<u>\$ 877,884</u>	<u>\$3,933,395</u>	<u>\$3,783,365</u>

Fire Protection District No. 4 of
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COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCES - ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES

For the Year Ended December 31, 1998

	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES		TOTAL (MEMORANDUM ONLY)	
	GENERAL	DEBT SERVICE	1998	1997
	GENERAL	SERVICE	1998	1997
Revenues:				
Property Taxes	\$ 280,342	\$ 42,195	\$ 322,537	\$ 294,936
Intergovernmental	68,762	-	68,762	69,112
Interest	13,611	859	14,470	14,640
Fire Insurance Commissions	51,926	-	51,926	48,888
Other	1,382	-	1,382	2,201
User Fees	<u>301,890</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>301,890</u>	<u>280,622</u>
Total Revenues	717,913	43,054	760,967	710,399
Expenditures:				
Salaries and Labor	107,515	-	107,515	96,537
Board Members Per Diem	1,410	-	1,410	1,320
Collection Fees	67,866	1,104	68,970	74,618
Bad Debts and Property Tax Adjustments	18,727	2,654	21,381	17,418
Capital Asset Expenditures	160,829	-	160,829	864,061
Dues and Subscriptions	1,037	-	1,037	811
Gas and Oil	9,259	-	9,259	9,821
Insurance	38,101	-	38,101	33,757
Janitorial and Kitchen Supplies	2,080	-	2,080	1,814
Accounting and Legal	7,079	-	7,079	6,329
Maintenance Contracts	264	-	264	678
Miscellaneous	4,959	33	4,992	1,789
Office Supplies and Postage	3,398	-	3,398	2,884
Repairs and Maintenance	61,409	-	61,409	21,527
Small Tools and Supplies	40,115	-	40,115	16,364
Taxes, Licenses and Permits	8,061	-	8,061	7,433
Telephone	8,060	-	8,060	7,994
Training and Continued Education	2,378	-	2,378	3,066
Utilities	13,514	-	13,514	12,752
Debt Service:				
Principal Retirement	67,000	19,467	86,467	30,845
Interest	<u>38,987</u>	<u>10,256</u>	<u>49,243</u>	<u>32,525</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>662,048</u>	<u>33,514</u>	<u>695,562</u>	<u>1,244,343</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	55,865	9,540	65,405	(533,944)

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COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCES - ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES - (CONTINUED)

For the Year Ended December 31, 1998

	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES		TOTAL (MEMORANDUM ONLY)	
	GENERAL	DEBT SERVICE	1998	1997
	Other Financing Sources (Uses):			
Proceeds from Issuance of Certificates of Indebtedness	-	-	-	750,000
Cost of Issuance of the Certificates of Indebtedness	-	-	-	(11,567)
Excess of Revenues and Other Sources over Expenditures and Other Uses	55,865	9,540	65,405	204,489
Fund Balances at Beginning of Year	659,187	32,302	691,489	487,000
Fund Balances at End of Year	\$ 715,052	\$ 41,842	\$ 756,894	\$ 691,489

The accompanying notes constitute an integral part of this statement.

Fire Protection District No. 4 of
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COMBINED STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET (NON-GAAP BASIS)
AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND AND DEBT SERVICE FUNDS

For the Year Ended December 31, 1998

	GENERAL FUND				
	ACTUAL GAAP BASIS	ADJUSTMENTS TO CASH BASIS	ACTUAL CASH BASIS	BUDGET CASH BASIS	VARIANCE - FAVORABLE (UNFAVORABLE)
Revenues:					
Property Taxes	\$ 280,342	\$ (34,319)	\$246,023	\$ 250,000	\$ (3,977)
Intergovern- mental	68,762	49	68,811	67,000	1,811
Interest	13,611	-	13,611	6,000	7,611
Fire Insurance Commissions	51,926	-	51,926	47,000	4,926
Other	1,382	-	1,382	1,100	282
User Fees	<u>301,890</u>	<u>(31,674)</u>	<u>270,216</u>	<u>245,000</u>	<u>25,216</u>
Total Revenues	717,913	(65,944)	651,969	616,100	35,869
Expenditures:					
Salaries and Labor	107,515	(621)	106,894	162,500	55,606
Board Members Per Diem	1,410	-	1,410	-	(1,410)
Collection Fees	67,866	(1,791)	66,075	30,000	(36,075)
Bad Debts and Property Tax Adjustments	18,727	(18,727)	-	-	-
Capital Asset Expenditures	160,829	(2,638)	158,191	225,000	66,809
Dues and Sub- scriptions	1,037	-	1,037	2,500	1,463
Gas and Oil	9,259	1,237	10,496	20,700	10,204
Insurance	38,101	(270)	37,831	58,100	20,269
Janitorial and Kitchen Supplies	2,080	-	2,080	2,200	120
Professional Fees	7,079	525	7,604	18,000	10,396
Maintenance Contracts	264	-	264	500	236
Miscellaneous	4,959	71	5,030	4,020	(1,010)
Office Supplies and Postage	3,398	(96)	3,302	3,100	(202)
Repairs and Maintenance	61,409	(6,699)	54,710	67,000	12,290

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DEBT SERVICE FUND				
ACTUAL GAAP BASIS	ADJUSTMENTS TO CASH BASIS	ACTUAL CASH BASIS	BUDGET CASH BASIS	VARIANCE - FAVORABLE (UNFAVORABLE)
\$ 42,195	\$ (15,185)	\$ 27,010	\$ 24,000	\$ 3,010
-	-	-	-	-
859	-	859	-	859
-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-
<u>43,054</u>	<u>(15,185)</u>	<u>27,869</u>	<u>24,000</u>	<u>3,869</u>
-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-
1,104	(114)	990	-	(990)
2,654	(2,654)	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-
33	-	33	10	(23)
-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-

Fire Protection District No. 4 of
Livingston Parish

COMBINED STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET (NON-GAAP BASIS)
AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND AND DEBT SERVICE FUNDS (CONTINUED)

For the Year Ended December 31, 1998

	GENERAL FUND				
	ACTUAL GAAP BASIS	ADJUSTMENTS TO CASH BASIS	ACTUAL CASH BASIS	BUDGET CASH BASIS	VARIANCE - FAVORABLE (UNFAVORABLE)
Small Tools and Supplies	40,115	(2,423)	37,692	48,000	10,308
Taxes, Licenses and Permits	8,061	(1,643)	6,418	13,800	7,382
Telephone	8,060	344	8,404	9,000	596
Training and Continued Education	2,378	(400)	1,978	16,000	14,022
Utilities	13,514	(81)	13,433	18,500	5,067
Debt Service:					
Principal					
Retirement	67,000	-	67,000	67,000	-
Interest	38,987	-	38,987	42,000	3,013
Total Expen- ditures	<u>662,048</u>	<u>(33,212)</u>	<u>628,836</u>	<u>807,920</u>	<u>179,084</u>
Excess (Defici- ency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	55,865	(32,732)	23,133	(191,820)	214,953
Other Financing Sources (Uses):					
Transfers In	-	-	-	-	-
Excess of Revenues and Other Sources Over Expendi- tures and Other Uses	55,865	(32,732)	23,133	(191,820)	214,953
Fund Balances at Beginning of Year	<u>659,187</u>	<u>(358,474)</u>	<u>300,713</u>	<u>300,713</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund Balances at End of Year \$	<u><u>715,052</u></u>	<u><u>\$(391,206)</u></u>	<u><u>\$323,846</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 108,893</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 214,953</u></u>

The accompanying notes constitute an integral part of this statement.

DEBT SERVICE FUND				
ACTUAL GAAP BASIS	ADJUSTMENTS TO CASH BASIS	ACTUAL CASH BASIS	BUDGET CASH BASIS	VARIANCE - FAVORABLE (UNFAVORABLE)
-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-
19,467	-	19,467	19,467	-
<u>10,256</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,256</u>	<u>10,256</u>	<u>-</u>
<u>33,514</u>	<u>(2,768)</u>	<u>30,746</u>	<u>29,733</u>	<u>(1,013)</u>
9,540	(12,417)	(2,877)	(5,733)	2,856
<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
9,540	(12,417)	(2,877)	(5,733)	2,856
<u>32,302</u>	<u>(24,390)</u>	<u>7,912</u>	<u>7,912</u>	<u>-</u>
<u>\$ 41,842</u>	<u>\$ (36,807)</u>	<u>\$ 5,035</u>	<u>\$ 2,179</u>	<u>\$ 2,856</u>

Fire Protection District No. 4 of
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

December 31, 1998

(1) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies -

The Fire Protection District No. 4 "the District" of Livingston Parish is a body corporate created by the Livingston Parish Police Jury, (now Livingston Parish Council) as provided by Louisiana Revised Statutes. The Fire District is governed by a board of five commissioners, two of whom are appointed by the Livingston Parish Council, two of whom are appointed by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Walker, Louisiana and one member to be selected by the four members appointed. The Fire District was created on March 22, 1975 for the purpose of providing fire protection and prevention to District No. 4 of the Parish of Livingston.

The financial statements of the District have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB), is the standard-setting body for governmental accounting and financial reporting. On June 30, 1998, the GASB issued a codification of the existing Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards which, along with subsequent GASB pronouncements (Statements and Interpretations), constitutes GAAP for governmental units. The more significant of these accounting policies are described below and, where appropriate, subsequent pronouncements will be referenced.

A. Financial Reporting Entity

This report includes all funds and account groups which are controlled by or dependent on the Fire Protection District No. 4 of Livingston Parish Board of Commissioners. Control by or dependence on the board was determined on the basis of taxing authority, authority to issue debt, election or appointment of governing body, and other general oversight responsibility.

In conformance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board, Statement 14, the Fire District is a component unit of the Livingston Parish Council (formerly the Livingston Parish Police Jury), the governing body of the parish. The accompanying financial statements present information only on the funds and account groups maintained by the Fire District and do not present information on the Council and the general government services provided by that governmental unit.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

December 31, 1998

B. Fund Accounting

The accounts of the Fire District are organized on the 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 purposes for which they are to be spent and the means by which spending activities are controlled. The various funds of the Fire District are grouped, in the financial statements in this report, into two generic fund types and one broad fund category as follows:

General Fund - The General Fund is the general operating fund of the Fire District. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

Debt Service Fund - The Debt Service Fund is used to account for the accumulation of resources for, and the payment of, general long-term debt principal, interest, and related costs.

In addition to the two generic fund types, the District maintains two account groups. The two account groups are not "funds". They are concerned only with the measurement of financial position. They are not involved with measurement of results of operations.

General Fixed Asset Account Group - The fixed assets used in the governmental fund type operations of the Fire District are accounted for in the General Fixed Assets Account Group, rather than in the governmental funds. No depreciation has been provided on general fixed assets. All fixed assets are valued at historical cost. Donated assets are recorded at their fair market value at date of donation.

General Long-Term Debt Account Group - Long-term liabilities expected to be financed from governmental funds are accounted for in the General Long-Term Debt Account Group, not in the governmental fund type operations.

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Livingston Parish

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

December 31, 1998

C. Basis of Accounting

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. Their revenues are recognized when they become measurable and available as net current assets. Property taxes are recorded as revenues when levied even though a portion of the taxes may be collected in subsequent years.

Expenditures are generally recognized under the modified accrual basis of accounting when the related fund liability is incurred. An exception to this general rule is principal and interest on general long-term debt which is recognized when due. Purchase of various operating supplies are regarded as expenditures at the time purchased.

D. Budgetary Practices

The District utilizes the following budgetary practices:

The Fire Chief prepares the annual budget which is based on what is expected to be collected during the fiscal year and it is approved by the Board of Commissioners. The adopted budget constitutes the authority of the Fire Chief to incur liabilities and authorize expenditures from the respective budgeted funds. Additionally, certain expenditures are approved monthly by the Board before payment. The budgets of the District are prepared on the cash basis of accounting.

E. Bad Debts

Uncollectible amounts due for property taxes are recognized as bad debts through the establishment of an allowance account at the time information becomes available which would indicate the uncollectibility of the particular receivable.

Estimated uncollectible amounts due for user fees are recognized as bad debts and as a reduction of revenue, as a lien cannot be placed on the property for these uncollectible fees.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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F. Total Columns on Combined Statements

Total Columns on the Combined Statements is captioned (Memorandum Only) to indicate that it is presented only to facilitate financial analysis. Data in these columns do not present financial position, results of operations, or changes in financial position in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. Neither is such data comparable to a consolidation.

G. Accumulated Unpaid Vacation and Compensatory Pay

At December 31, 1998 the District's liability for accumulated unpaid vacation and compensatory pay has been recorded in the general long-term debt group of accounts.

H. Comparative Data

Comparative total data for the prior year has been presented in the accompanying financial statements in order to provide an understanding of changes in the District's financial position and operations. However, comparative (i.e., presentation of prior year totals by fund type) data has not been presented in each of the statements since their inclusion would make the statements unduly complex and difficult to read.

I. Retirement Commitments

All employees of the District are required to be members of the Social Security System. This is the only retirement system of the District. The District contributed \$8,009 to the System during the year as its share of contributions. Future deficits in the system will be financed by the Federal Government and the District has no further liability to the system.

(2) Property Taxes -

On October 1, 1994, the voters of District No. 4 of Livingston Parish approved the renewal of a ten year 10 mill property tax to be assessed on the value of all property subject to taxation in the District. The tax will be levied annually for the period of ten years beginning January 1, 1995 and ending with the year beginning January 1, 2004. The tax shall be used for the purpose of maintaining and operating the District's fire protection facilities and paying the costs of obtaining water for fire protection purposes, including charges for fire hydrant rentals and services.

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Property taxes attach as an enforceable lien on property as of January 1, of each year. Taxes are levied in September or October and are actually billed to the taxpayers in November. Billed taxes become delinquent on January 1 of the following year.

The Fire District's taxes are collected by the Livingston Parish Tax Collector and are remitted to the Fire District monthly. The Fire District pays the Assessor's Office a fee for this service.

For the year 1998, taxes of 10.57 mills were levied on property with assessed valuations totaling \$30,515,400.

Total taxes assessed and taxes receivable at December 31, 1998, are as follows:

	<u>GENERAL OPERATIONS 9.17 MILLS</u>	<u>DEBT SERVICE 1.4 MILL</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Total 1998 Taxes Assessed	\$ 280,342	\$ 42,195	\$ 322,537
Less: Current Year Taxes Collected in 1998	<u>(18,037)</u>	<u>(2,148)</u>	<u>(20,185)</u>
Taxes Receivable - Current Year	262,305	40,047	302,352
Prior Year Tax Receivables at December 31, 1997	261,683	28,431	290,114
Less: Prior Year Tax Collected in 1998	<u>(227,985)</u>	<u>(24,862)</u>	<u>(252,847)</u>
Taxes Receivable - Prior Years	<u>33,698</u>	<u>3,569</u>	<u>37,267</u>
Total Property Taxes Receiv- able at December 31, 1998	296,003	43,616	339,619
Allowance for Uncollectible Accounts	<u>(47,689)</u>	<u>(5,705)</u>	<u>(53,394)</u>
Net Property Tax Receivable at December 31, 1998	<u>\$ 248,314</u>	<u>\$ 37,911</u>	<u>\$ 286,225</u>

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(3) Changes in General Fixed Assets -

A summary of changes in general fixed assets is as follows:

	<u>BUILDINGS</u>	<u>FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT</u>	<u>AUTOS AND TRUCKS</u>	<u>LAND</u>	<u>CONSTRUC- TION IN PROGRESS</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Balance - January 1, 1998	\$340,761	\$380,437	\$1,193,230	\$ 23,009	\$ 119,947	\$2,057,384
Additions	138,296	50,349	91,506	-	8,232	288,383
Deletions	-	-	-	-	(127,554)	(127,554)
Balance - December 31, 1998	<u>\$479,057</u>	<u>\$430,786</u>	<u>\$1,284,736</u>	<u>\$ 23,009</u>	<u>\$ 625</u>	<u>\$2,218,213</u>

Plainview Station

On June 9, 1995, the District purchased land for the construction of a Plainview Station. The cost of the land was \$5,000. In addition, the District had a metal building built on the property and had begun to work on the interior of the building. The building was completed in 1998 for a total cost of \$41,091 and was transferred from the construction in progress account to the buildings account.

Arnold Road Station

On August 2, 1996, the District purchased land for the construction of an Arnold Road Station. The cost of the land was \$5,000. In addition, the District had a metal building built on the property and had begun to work on the interior portion of the building. The building was completed in 1998 for a total cost of \$43,477 and was transferred from the construction in progress account to the buildings account.

Cronin Oaks Station

In May of 1996, the District began the preliminary work to build a new fire station on land that had been donated to the District. The building was completed in 1998 for a total cost of \$42,983 and was transferred from the construction in progress account to the buildings account.

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(4) Changes in Long-Term Debt -

A. The following is a summary of bond transactions of the District for the year ended December 31, 1998:

Bond Payable at January 1, 1998	\$206,322
Increase in Bonds Issued	-
Bond Retired Current Year	<u>(19,467)</u>
Bond Payable at December 31, 1998	<u>\$186,855</u>

General Obligation Bond:

On October 28, 1976, the District issued a public improvement bond in the amount of \$450,000 for the purpose of purchasing, constructing, and acquiring land, building, equipment and other facilities to aid in providing fire protection to District No. 4. The bond was purchased by the United States Department of Agriculture - Farmers Home Administration. All bond proceeds were expended for the designated purpose prior to June 30, 1982.

On September 1, 1987, Farmers Home Administration under the requirements of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1986 was required to sell a number of randomly selected Community Program loans. The District's loan was one selected for sale. The new owner of the District's loan is Community Program Loan Trust and is being serviced by GMAC Commercial Mortgage Corporation. All subsequent payments and requirements of the original issue remain the same. The District makes payments on the bond indebtedness in annual installments of \$29,723 which includes interest at 5% per annum. The bonded indebtedness at December 31, 1998 was \$186,855.

A schedule of the outstanding 1976 General Obligation Bond and the interest and principal requirements by dates is as follows:

<u>DUE DATE</u>	<u>PRINCIPAL</u>	<u>INTEREST</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
October 28, 1999	\$ 20,369	\$ 9,354	\$ 29,723
October 28, 2000	21,387	8,336	29,723
October 28, 2001	22,457	7,266	29,723
October 28, 2002	23,579	6,144	29,723
October 28, 2003	24,758	4,965	29,723
October 28, 2004	25,996	3,727	29,723
October 28, 2005	27,296	2,427	29,723
October 28, 2006	<u>21,013</u>	<u>1,063</u>	<u>22,076</u>
Total General Obligation Bond	<u>\$186,855</u>	<u>\$ 43,282</u>	<u>\$230,137</u>

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B. The following is a summary of the Certificates of Indebtedness transactions of the District for the year ended December 31, 1998:

Certificates Payable at January 1, 1998	\$750,000
Certificates Redeemed Current Year	<u>(67,000)</u>
Certificates Payable at December 31, 1998	<u>\$683,000</u>

General Obligation Certificate of Indebtedness:

On May 16, 1997, the District issued Excess Revenue Certificates of Indebtedness, Series, 1997, in the amount of \$750,000 at an annual interest rate of 5.37% for the purpose of purchasing five fire trucks. All proceeds were expended for the purchase of the five trucks in 1997.

The Certificates are secured and payable solely from a pledge and dedication of the excess of annual revenues above statutory, necessary and usual charges of the District for each fiscal year beginning January 1, 1997 through December 31, 2006.

A schedule of the outstanding Certificates and the interest and principal requirements by dates is as follows:

<u>DUE DATE</u>	<u>PRINCIPAL</u>	<u>INTEREST</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
May 15, 1999	\$ 71,000	\$ 18,339	\$ 89,339
November 15, 1999	-	16,432	16,432
May 15, 2000	75,000	16,432	91,432
November 15, 2000	-	14,418	14,418
May 15, 2001	79,000	14,418	93,418
November 15, 2001	-	12,298	12,298
May 15, 2002	82,000	12,298	94,298
November 15, 2002	-	10,096	10,096
May 15, 2003	86,000	10,096	96,096
November 15, 2003	-	7,786	7,786
May 15, 2004	91,000	7,786	98,786
November 15, 2004	-	5,343	5,343
May 15, 2005	97,000	5,343	102,343
November 15, 2005	-	2,739	2,739
May 15, 2006	<u>102,000</u>	<u>2,739</u>	<u>104,739</u>
Total Certificates of Indebtedness	<u>\$683,000</u>	<u>\$156,563</u>	<u>\$839,563</u>

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(5) Intergovernmental Revenues -

During the year ended December 31, 1998, the District received state revenue sharing funds of \$68,762.

(6) Other Income -

Other income for the year ended December 31, 1998, is composed of the following:

Grant from Louisiana Forestry Commission	\$ 582
Donations	731
Miscellaneous	<u>69</u>
Total Other Income	<u>\$ 1,382</u>

(7) Litigation -

At December 31, 1998, there is no litigation pending against the Fire District.

(8) Cash and Cash Equivalents -

For reporting purposes, cash and cash equivalents include cash, demand deposits, and time certificates of deposit. Under state law the District may deposit funds within a fiscal agent bank organized under the laws of the State of Louisiana, any other state in the union, or under the laws of the United States. Further, the District may invest in time deposits or certificates of deposit of state banks organized under Louisiana law and national banks having principal offices in Louisiana.

As confirmed by the fiscal agent, the District had cash and cash equivalents totaling \$187,714 with a carrying value of \$181,328 at December 31, 1998. Cash and cash equivalents are stated at cost, which approximates market. These deposits must be secured under state law by federal deposit insurance or the pledge of securities owned by the bank. The market value of the pledged securities plus the federal deposit insurance must at all times equal the amount on deposit with the bank. These pledged securities are held in the name of the pledging bank in a custodial bank that is mutually acceptable to the parties involved. The following is a summary of cash and cash equivalents at December 31, 1998, with the related federal deposit insurance and pledged securities, if any. The cash and cash equivalents at December 31, 1998, were secured as follows:

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December 31, 1998

	CONFIRMED BANK BALANCE <u>DECEMBER 31, 1998</u>	FDIC INSURANCE	BALANCE UNINSURED
Cash in Interest Bearing			
Checking Accounts	\$ <u>187,714</u>	\$ <u>100,000</u>	\$ <u>87,714</u>
Total	\$ <u>187,714</u>	\$ <u>100,000</u>	87,714
Uncollateralized - Securities Pledged and Held by the Custodial Bank in the Name of the Fiscal Agent			<u>301,125</u>
Deficiency of FDIC Insurance and Pledged Securities over Cash and Cash Equivalents			\$ <u>NONE</u>

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

(9) Investments -

The Fire District has invested monies into LAMP. LAMP, a local government investment pool, is administered by LAMP, Inc., a non-profit corporation organized under the laws of the State of Louisiana, which was formed by an initiative of the State Treasurer in 1993. While LAMP is not required to be a registered investment company under the Investment Company Act of 1940, its investment policies are similar to those established by Rule 2-a7, which governs registered money market funds. 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, the U.S. Government, or one of

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its agencies, enterprises, or instrumentalities, as well as repurchase agreements collateralized by those 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 397 days. The fair market value of investments is determined on a weekly basis to monitor any variances between amortized cost and market value. For purposes of determining participants' shares, investments are valued at amortized cost. LAMP is designed to be highly liquid to give its participants immediate access to their account balances. At December 31, 1998 the Fire District has \$142,518 invested in LAMP which is stated at amortized cost in accordance with GASB Statement No. 31, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Certain Investments and for External Investment Pools*. In accordance with GASB Codification Section I50.165, these investments are not categorized because they are not evidenced by securities that exist in physical or book entry form.

(10) Fire Protection Service Fees -

On July 20, 1996, a special election was held within District No. 4. The voters of District No. 4 of Livingston Parish approved the authorization to collect an amount not to exceed \$32.00 per annum for each residential or commercial structure for a term not to exceed ten years commencing January 1, 1997.

Total Fire Protection Service Fees estimated to collect for the year 1998 is as follows:

Total Number of Residential and Commercial Structures Within the District	9,679
	<u>X \$32.00</u>
Total Gross 1998 Service Fees to Collect	\$ 309,728
Less: Estimated 6% Uncollectible	<u>(18,584)</u>
Total Net 1998 Service Fees to Collect	291,144
Service Fees Collected in 1998	<u>(91,872)</u>
Net Service Fees Receivable at December 31, 1998	<u>\$ 199,272</u>

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(11) The Year 2000 Issue -

The District's Board is aware of the issues associated with the programming code in existing computer systems as the year 2000 approaches. The "Year 2000" problem is pervasive and complex as virtually every computer operation will be affected in some way by the rollover of the two digit year value to 00. The issue is whether computer systems will properly recognize date sensitive information when the year changes to 2000. Systems that do not properly recognize such information could generate erroneous data or cause a system to fail.

As the District's computer equipment, which is being used in the "mission critical" applications, is relatively new equipment it is already "Year 2000" compliant. Due to the size of the District, minimum software applications are required and each of these applications will be updated and tested during 1999.

It is estimated that the District will be required to expend less than \$10,000 during 1999 to become fully compliant for the "Year 2000".

Because of the unprecedented nature of the "Year 2000" issue, its effects and the success of related remediation efforts will not be fully determinable until the year 2000 and thereafter. Management cannot assure that the District is or will be "Year 2000" ready, that the District's remediation efforts will be successful in whole or in part, or that parties with whom the District does business will be "Year 2000" ready.

GENERAL FUND

To account for resources traditionally associated with governments
which are not required to be accounted for in another fund.

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GENERAL FUND

COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEETS

December 31, 1998 and 1997

	<u>1998</u>	<u>1997</u>
ASSETS		
Cash on Hand and in Banks	\$ 181,328	\$ 294,428
Investments	142,518	-
Property Tax Receivables, Net of Allowance for Uncollectible Accounts of \$47,689 in 1998 and \$28,961 in 1997	248,314	232,723
User Fees Receivable	199,272	167,598
State Revenue Sharing Receivable	22,920	22,969
Due from Debt Service Fund	-	5,792
Other Asset	-	493
Total Assets	<u>\$ 794,352</u>	<u>\$ 724,003</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE		
Liabilities:		
Accounts Payable	\$ 75,428	\$ 61,566
Accrued Payroll	<u>3,872</u>	<u>3,250</u>
Total Liabilities	79,300	64,816
Fund Balance:		
Unreserved:		
Designated for Capital Additions	51,666	51,666
Undesignated	<u>663,386</u>	<u>607,521</u>
Total Fund Balance	<u>715,052</u>	<u>659,187</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	<u>\$ 794,352</u>	<u>\$ 724,003</u>

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GENERAL FUND

COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE

For the Years Ended December 31, 1998 and 1997

	<u>1998</u>	<u>1997</u>
Revenues:		
Property Taxes	\$ 280,342	\$ 265,935
Intergovernmental	68,762	69,112
Interest	13,611	13,373
Fire Insurance Commissions	51,926	48,888
Other	1,382	2,201
User Fees	<u>301,890</u>	<u>280,622</u>
Total Revenues	717,913	680,131
Expenditures:		
Salaries and Labor	107,515	96,537
Bad Debts and Property Tax Adjustments	18,727	15,717
Board Members Per Diem	1,410	1,320
Capital Asset Expenditures	160,829	864,061
Collection Fees	67,866	73,628
Dues and Subscriptions	1,037	811
Gas and Oil	9,259	9,821
Insurance	38,101	33,757
Janitorial and Kitchen Supplies	2,080	1,814
Accounting and Legal	7,079	6,329
Maintenance Contracts	264	678
Miscellaneous	4,959	1,779
Office Supplies and Postage	3,398	2,884
Repairs and Maintenance	61,409	21,527
Small Tools and Supplies	40,115	16,364
Taxes, Licenses and Permits	8,061	7,433
Telephone	8,060	7,994
Training and Continued Education	2,378	3,066
Utilities	13,514	12,752
Debt Service:		
Principal	67,000	12,142
Interest	<u>38,987</u>	<u>21,505</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>662,048</u>	<u>1,211,919</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	55,865	(531,788)

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GENERAL FUND

COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - (CONTINUED)

For the Years Ended December 31, 1998 and 1997

	<u>1998</u>	<u>1997</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses):		
Proceeds from the Issuance of Certificates of Indebtedness	-	750,000
Cost of Issuance of the Certificates of Indebtedness	<u>-</u>	<u>(11,567)</u>
Excess of Revenues and Other Sources over Expenditures and Other Uses	55,865	206,645
Fund Balance at Beginning of Year	<u>659,187</u>	<u>452,542</u>
Fund Balance at End of Year	<u>\$ 715,052</u>	<u>\$ 659,187</u>

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DEBT SERVICE FUND

To accumulate resources for and to account for the payment of principal and interest on general obligation bonds.

General Obligation Bond - Issued October 28, 1976, for the purpose of constructing buildings and purchasing land and fire protection equipment for the Fire Protection District No. 4 of Livingston Parish. Payments are due in annual installments of principal and interest of \$29,723 until maturity in 2006. Interest is at 5.00%. Revenues from property taxes are dedicated to service this debt.

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DEBT SERVICE FUND

COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEETS

December 31, 1998 and 1997

	<u>1998</u>	<u>1997</u>
ASSETS		
Cash in Bank	\$ 5,035	\$ 13,704
Property Tax Receivables, Net of Allowance for Uncollectible Accounts of \$5,705 in 1998 and \$3,051 in 1997	<u>37,911</u>	<u>25,380</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 42,946</u>	<u>\$ 39,084</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE		
Liabilities:		
Accounts Payable	\$ 1,104	\$ 990
Due to General Fund	<u>-</u>	<u>5,792</u>
Total Liabilities	1,104	6,782
Fund Balance:		
Reserved for Debt Service	<u>41,842</u>	<u>32,302</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	<u>\$ 42,946</u>	<u>\$ 39,084</u>

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DEBT SERVICE FUND

COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE

For the Years Ended December 31, 1998 and 1997

	<u>1998</u>	<u>1997</u>
Revenues:		
Property Taxes	\$ 42,195	\$ 29,001
Interest	<u>859</u>	<u>1,267</u>
Total Revenues	43,054	30,268
Expenditures:		
Collection Fees	1,104	990
Bad Debts and Property Tax Adjustments	2,654	1,701
Miscellaneous	33	10
Bond Principal	19,467	18,703
Bond Interest	<u>10,256</u>	<u>11,020</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>33,514</u>	<u>32,424</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over Expenditures	9,540	(2,156)
Fund Balance at Beginning of Year	<u>32,302</u>	<u>34,458</u>
Fund Balance at End of Year	<u>\$ 41,842</u>	<u>\$ 32,302</u>

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GENERAL FIXED ASSETS ACCOUNT GROUP

To account for fixed assets not specifically accounted for by other funds.

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COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS OF GENERAL FIXED ASSETS - BY SOURCE

December 31, 1998 and 1997

	<u>1998</u>	<u>1997</u>
General Fixed Assets, at Cost:		
Land	\$ 23,009	\$ 23,009
Buildings	479,057	340,761
Furniture and Equipment	430,786	380,437
Autos and Trucks	1,284,736	1,193,230
Construction in Progress	<u>625</u>	<u>119,947</u>
Total General Fixed Assets	<u>\$2,218,213</u>	<u>\$2,057,384</u>
Investment in General Fixed Assets From:		
General Obligation Bond	\$ 421,120	\$ 421,120
Certificates of Indebtedness	750,000	750,000
General Fund Revenues	1,033,059	872,230
Donations	<u>14,034</u>	<u>14,034</u>
Total Investment in General Fixed Assets	<u>\$2,218,213</u>	<u>\$2,057,384</u>

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN GENERAL FIXED ASSETS

For the Year Ended December 31, 1998

	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>LAND</u>	<u>BUILDINGS</u>	<u>FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT</u>	<u>AUTOS AND TRUCKS</u>	<u>CONSTRUC- TION IN PROGRESS</u>
General Fixed Assets at Beginning of Year	\$2,057,384	\$ 23,009	\$340,761	\$380,437	\$1,193,230	\$ 119,947
Additions: General Fund Revenues	288,383	-	138,296	50,349	91,506	8,232
Deductions: Assets Removed or Transferred	<u>(127,554)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(127,554)</u>
General Fixed Assets at End of Year	<u>\$2,218,213</u>	<u>\$ 23,009</u>	<u>\$479,057</u>	<u>\$430,786</u>	<u>\$1,284,736</u>	<u>\$ 625</u>

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GENERAL LONG-TERM DEBT
ACCOUNT GROUP

To account for unmatured principal amounts on general long-term debt expected to be financed from governmental type funds. Payment of maturing obligations, including interest, are accounted for in the debt service funds. To also account for the accumulated unpaid vacation to be financed from the general fund.

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COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS OF GENERAL LONG-TERM DEBT

December 31, 1998 and 1997

	<u>1998</u>	<u>1997</u>
AMOUNT AVAILABLE AND TO BE PROVIDED FOR THE RETIREMENT OF GENERAL LONG-TERM DEBT:		
Amount Available in the Debt Service Fund for Debt Retirement	\$ 41,842	\$ 32,302
Amount to be Provided for Retirement of General Long-Term Debt:		
From Dedicated Property Taxes	145,013	174,020
From User Fees	683,000	750,000
Amount to be Provided for Accumulated Unpaid Vacation and Compensatory Time	<u>8,029</u>	<u>6,572</u>
Total Available and to be Provided	<u>\$ 877,884</u>	<u>\$ 962,894</u>
GENERAL LONG-TERM DEBT PAYABLE:		
General Obligation Bond	\$ 186,855	\$ 206,322
Certificates of Indebtedness	683,000	750,000
Accumulated Unpaid Vacation and Compensatory Time	<u>8,029</u>	<u>6,572</u>
Total General Long-Term Debt	<u>\$ 877,884</u>	<u>\$ 962,894</u>

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OTHER SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

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SCHEDULE OF COMPENSATION PAID BOARD MEMBERS

For the Years Ended December 31, 1998 and 1997

<u>NAME, ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER</u>	<u>TERM OF OFFICE</u>	<u>1998</u>	<u>1997</u>
Ivy B. Day Chairman 12640 Day Street Walker, LA 70785 667-3647	2 Years	\$ -	\$ -
Ricky E. Goff Vice-Chairman 29271 Betty Drive Walker, LA 70785 665-3628	2 Years	\$ 390	\$ 300
Gary Lass 14435 Scivicque Lane Port Vincent, LA 70726 698-6253	2 Years	\$ 330	\$ 390
Ralph C. Sibley 13085 Friendship Road Walker, LA 70785 664-3364	2 Years	\$ 300	\$ 300
Donald R. Dedon 34220 Walker North Road Walker, LA 70785 665-5711	2 Years	\$ <u>390</u>	\$ <u>330</u>
		<u>\$ 1,410</u>	<u>\$ 1,320</u>

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SCHEDULE OF INSURANCE IN FORCE

December 31, 1998

<u>INSURANCE COMPANY</u>	<u>COVERAGE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>EXPIRATION DATE</u>
Louisiana Workers' Compensation Corporation	Workmen's Compensation	\$ 500,000	03/02/99
American Alter- native Insurance Corporation	Commercial Auto Policy	\$ 300,000	3/01/99
Western Surety	Surety Bonds: Fire Chief	\$ 150,000	3/20/99
	Secretary	\$ 150,000	3/20/99
American Alter- native Insurance Corporation	Multi-Peril Business Policy	\$2,000,000	3/01/99

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON
COMPLIANCE AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL
OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING BASED ON AN
AUDIT OF THE GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL
STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE
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Board of Commissioners
Fire Protection District No. 4 of
Livingston Parish
Livingston Parish Council
Denham Springs, Louisiana

We have audited the general purpose financial statements of the Fire Protection District No. 4 of Livingston Parish, Louisiana, as of and for the year ended December 31, 1998, and have issued our report thereon dated April 8, 1999. 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 the District's 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 the District's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting. Our 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

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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. We noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses.

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Respectfully submitted,

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