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MANCHAC VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

COMPILATION REPORT

DECEMBER 31, 1998

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

December 31, 1998

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

Dear Ms. Milner:

In accordance with Louisiana Revised Statute 24:514, enclosed are the annual financial statements for the Manchac Volunteer Fire Department of Tangipahoa Parish as of and for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1998. The report includes all funds under the control and oversight of the fire department. The accompanying financial statements have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carmen G. Reno".

Ms. Carmen Reno
Manchac Volunteer Fire Department

Enclosure

MANCHAC VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT
MANCHAC, LOUISIANA

ANNUAL SWORN FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
AS OF AND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1998
WITH APPROPRIATE SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

AFFIDAVIT

Personally came and appeared before the undersigned authority, Ms. Carmen Reno, who duly sworn, deposes and says that the financial statements herewith given present fairly the financial position of the Manchac Volunteer Fire Department as of December 31, 1998, and the results of operations for the year then ended, in accordance with the basis of accounting described within the accompanying financial statements.

Carmen G. Reno

Signature

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 3RD day of June, 1999.

Maher R. Williams

NOTARY PUBLIC

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ACCOUNTANT'S COMPILATION REPORT

Members of the Manchac Volunteer Fire Department
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We have compiled the accompanying balance sheet of the Manchac Volunteer Fire Department as of December 31, 1998, and the related statement of support, revenue, and expenses and changes in fund balance, and statement of cash flows, for the year then ended in accordance with the 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 accompanying financial statements and, accordingly, do not express an opinion or any other form of assurance on them.



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May 6, 1999

MANCHAC VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

BALANCE SHEET

DECEMBER 31, 1998

	1998
Assets	
Cash	\$ 126,920
Ad Valorem Receivable	15,681
State Revenue Sharing Receivable	<u>5,371</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 147,972</u>
Liabilities and Fund Balance	
Accounts Payable	\$ 4,849
Accrued Payroll Tax	<u>92</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>4,941</u>
Fund Balance, Unrestricted	<u>143,031</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	<u>\$ 147,972</u>

See accompanying notes and accountant's compilation report.

MANCHAC VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

STATEMENT OF SUPPORT, REVENUE, AND EXPENSES AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1998

	<u>1998</u>
Public Support	
Allocated by Fire Protection District No. 2	\$ 67,632
Total Public Support	<u>67,632</u>
 Revenue	
Interest Income	3,289
Miscellaneous Income	<u>293</u>
Total Revenue	<u>3,582</u>
Total Public Support and Revenues	<u>71,214</u>
 Expenses	
Supporting Services	
Accounting	1,750
Bank Charges	64
Building Repairs & Maintenance	2,029
Capital Expenditures-Equipment	11,173
Contract Labor	11,658
Equipment Repairs and Maintenance	5,733
Fuel & Lubricants	746
Insurance	596
Office Supplies	82
Payroll Taxes	715
Salaries	4,800
Salaries-Volunteer	155
Station Supplies	2,722
Telephone	920
Uniforms	5,756
Utilities	<u>5,308</u>
Total Expenses	<u>54,207</u>
Excess of Public Support and Revenue Over Expenses	17,007
Fund Balance, Beginning of Year	<u>126,024</u>
Fund Balance, End of Year	<u>\$ 143,031</u>

See accompanying notes and accountant's compilation report.

MANCHAC VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1998

	<u>1998</u>
Cash Flows from Operating Activities	\$ <u>17,007</u>
Excess of Revenue Over Expenses	
Adjustments to Reconcile Excess of Revenues Over Expenses	
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities:	
Change in Ad Valorem Receivable	(660)
Change in State Revenue Sharing Receivable	(2,793)
Change in Accounts Payable	3,508
Change in Accrued Payroll Tax Payable	<u>6</u>
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities	<u>61</u>
Net Increase in Cash and Temporary Cash Investments	17,068
Cash and Temporary Cash Investments, January 1, 1998	<u>109,852</u>
Cash and Temporary Cash Investments, December 31, 1998	\$ <u><u>126,920</u></u>

See accompanying notes and accountant's compilation report.

MANCHAC VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 1998

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The purpose of the Manchac Volunteer Fire Department is to enter into agreements or contracts with nearby communities to provide fire protection or to establish a mutual aid system. The Manchac Volunteer Fire Department is one of the fire departments, located in Tangipahoa Parish, that comprise the Tangipahoa Parish Fire Protection District No.2. Fire Protection District No.2 was created by the Tangipahoa Parish Police Jury on October 20, 1953.

Fire Protection District No.2 receives ad valorem taxes, state revenue sharing, and the 2% fire insurance rebate monies, which are in turn distributed, along with any interest earned, to the individual fire departments, in accordance with an annual agreement.

The accounting policies of the Manchac Volunteer Fire Department (the fire department) conform to generally accepted accounting principles as applicable to nonprofit organizations. In accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 29, *The use of Not-for-Profit Accounting and Financial Reporting by Governmental Entities*, the Manchac Volunteer Fire Department applies the AICPA not-for-profit model for financial reporting. GASB No. 29 defines the AICPA not-for-profit model to consist of the accounting and reporting principles contained in Statement of Position (SOP) 78-10, and *Audits of Voluntary Health and Welfare Organizations*, as amended by SOP 87-2 and as modified by all applicable Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) pronouncements issued through November 30, 1989, and as modified by most applicable GASB pronouncements. The following is a summary of the significant policies:

A. Fund Accounting

The accounts of the fire department are maintained in accordance with the principles of fund accounting. The fire department has only one fund. The operation of this fund is accounted for with a set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenue, and expenses. Following is a brief explanation of the fund included in these financial statements:

Current Fund

Unrestricted - The unrestricted fund is used to account for resources currently available over which the fire department has discretionary control to use in carrying on its operations in accordance with the limitations of the charter and bylaws.

MANCHAC VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(Continued)

DECEMBER 31, 1998

B. Basis of Accounting

Basis of accounting refers to when income and expenses are recognized. Basis of accounting relates to the timing of the measurements made, regardless of the measurement focus applied.

The fire department's funds are accounted for using an accrual basis. Under this method, revenues are recognized when they are earned, and expenses are recognized when they are incurred.

C. Donated Materials and Office Space

The fire department is given use of fire equipment from the Tangipahoa Parish Fire Protection District #2. All assets other than cash, are the property of the Tangipahoa Fire Protection District #2 and/or the Tangipahoa Parish Council.

D. Federal Income Taxes

The fire department is exempt from Federal and State income taxes under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

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**INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT
ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES**

To the Board of Commissioners
Manchac Volunteer Fire Department
Post Office Box 20
Manchac, Louisiana 70711

We have performed the procedures included in the *Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide* and enumerated below, which were agreed to by the management of the Manchac Volunteer Fire Department, the Legislative Auditor, State of Louisiana, and applicable state agency/agencies solely to assist the users in evaluating management's assertions about the Manchac Volunteer Fire Department's compliance with certain laws and regulations during the year ended December 31, 1998 included in the accompanying *Louisiana Attestation Questionnaire*. This agreed-upon procedures engagement was performed in accordance with standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The sufficiency of these procedures is solely the responsibility of the specified users of the report. Consequently, we make no representation regarding the sufficiency of the procedures described below either for the purpose for which this report has been requested or for any other purpose.

Federal, State, and Local Awards

1. Determine the amount of Federal, State and local award expenditures for the fiscal year, by grant and grant year.

During the fiscal year ending December 31, 1998, Manchac Volunteer Fire Department did not receive federal financial assistance. State and Local assistance received during this fiscal year consisted of Ad Valorem taxes, State Revenue Sharing funds, and State Fire Insurance Rebates, as allocated by Rural Fire Protection District No. 2 of Tangipahoa Parish, Louisiana. Total expenditures incurred by Manchac Volunteer Fire Department in the delivery of fire prevention and control services, totaled \$ 54,207 for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1998.

2. From the total expenditures of Manchac Volunteer Fire Department, we randomly selected six disbursements.

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3. For the items selected in procedure 2, we traced the six disbursements to supporting documentation as to proper amount and payee.

We examined supporting documentation for each of the six selected disbursements and found that payment was for the proper amount and made to the correct payee.

4. For the items selected in procedure 2, we determined if the six disbursements were properly coded to the correct fund and general ledger account.

All six of the payments were properly coded to the correct fund and general ledger account.

5. For the items selected in procedure 2, we determined whether the six disbursements received approval from proper authorities.

Inspection of the documentation supporting each of the six selected disbursements indicated approvals from proper authorities.

6. For the items selected in procedure 2, we determined whether the disbursements were made in accordance with applicable laws and regulations for fire protection services of Manchac Volunteer Fire Department.

7. For the programs selected for testing in item (2) that had been closed out during the period under review, we compared the close-out report, when required, with the entity's financial records to determine whether the amounts agree.

N/A - See agreed-upon procedure (1) above.

Meetings

8. We examined evidence indicating that agendas for meetings recorded in the minute book were posted as an open meeting as required by LSA-RS 42:1 through 42:12 (the open meetings law)

The volunteer fire department was not aware that they were required to post notices of public meetings. The Board of Commissioners has stated that they will be certain to post required notices.

Comprehensive Budget

9. For all grants exceeding five thousand dollars, we determined that each applicable federal, state, or local grantor agency was provided with a comprehensive budget of those grants that included the purpose and duration, and for state grants included specific goals and objectives and measures of performance.

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During the fiscal year ending December 31, 1998, the fire department did not receive any federal, state, or local grants exceeding five thousand dollars. The volunteer fire department is not subject to the budget laws, since the volunteer fire department is a nonprofit organization.

Prior Comments and Recommendations

10. We reviewed any prior-year suggestions, recommendations, and/or comments to determine the extent to which such matters have been resolved.

We noted no prior year suggestions, recommendations, or comments.

We were not engaged to, and did not, perform an examination, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion on management's assertions. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

This report is intended solely for the use of management of the Manchac Volunteer Fire Department and the Legislative Auditor, State of Louisiana, and the applicable state agency/agencies and should not be used by those who have not agreed to the procedures and taken responsibility for the sufficiency of the procedures for their purposes. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.



Bruce Harrell and Company, CPAs
A Professional Accounting corporation

May 6, 1999

LOUISIANA ATTESTATION QUESTIONNAIRE

MAY 6, 1999 Date

Bruce Harrell & Company, CPAs
A Professional Accounting Corporation
109 West Minnesota Park Suite 7
Hammond, Louisiana 70403

Entity: Manchac Volunteer Fire Department
Post Office Box 20
Manchac, Louisiana 70421

In connection with the compilation of our financial statements as of December 31, 1998 and for the period then ended, and as required by Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513 and the Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide, we make the following representations to you. We accept full responsibility for our compliance with the following laws and regulation and the internal controls over compliance with such laws and regulations. We have evaluated our compliance with the following laws and regulations prior to making these representations.

These representations are based on the information available to us as of May 6, 1999.

Federal, State and Local Awards

We have detailed for you the amount of Federal, state and local award expenditures for the fiscal year, by grant and grant year.

Note: Financial assistance consists primarily of ad valorem taxes, state revenue sharing, and fire insurance rebates.

Yes(X) No() N/A()

All transactions relating to federal, state, and local grants have been properly recorded within our accounting records and reported to the appropriate state, federal, and grantor officials.

Yes(X) No() N/A()

The reports filed with federal, state, and local agencies are properly supported by books of original entry and supporting documentation.

Yes(X) No() N/A()

We have complied with all applicable specific requirements of all federal, state, and local programs we administer, to include matters contained in the Compliance Supplement, matters contained in the grant awards, eligibility requirements, activities allowed and unallowed, and reporting and budget requirements.

Yes(X) No() N/A(X)

Open Meetings

Our meetings, as they relate to public funds, have been posted as an open meeting as required by LSA-RS 42:1 through 42:12 (the open meetings law).

Yes() No(X) N/A()

LOUISIANA ATTESTATION QUESTIONNAIRE (continued)

Budget

For each federal, state, and local grant we have filed with the appropriate grantor agency a comprehensive budget for those grants that included the purpose and duration, and for state grants included specific goals and objectives and measures of performance.

Yes() No() N/A(X)

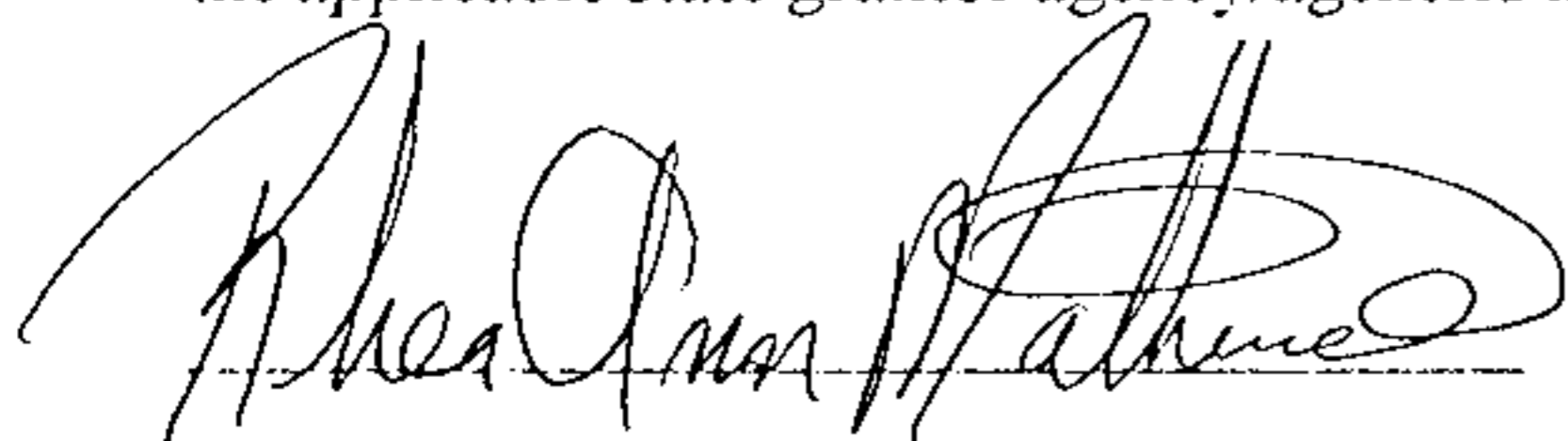
Prior Year Comments

We have resolved all prior-year recommendations and/or comments.


Yes() No() N/A(X)

We have disclosed to you all known noncompliance of the foregoing laws and regulations, as well as any contradictions to the foregoing representations. We have made available to you documentation relating to the federal, state, and local grants, to include the applicable laws and regulations.


We have provided you with any communications from regulatory agencies or other sources concerning any possible noncompliance with the foregoing laws and regulations, including any communications received between the end of the period under examination and the issuance of this report. We will also disclose to you, the Legislative Auditor, and the applicable state grantor agency/agencies any known noncompliance which may occur up to the date of your report.


Secretary

May 6, 1999 Date


Treasurer

May 6, 1999 Date


President

May 6 - 1999 Date