

1509

RECEIVED  
LEGISLATIVE AUDITOR  
04 JUL -1 PM 12:01

ST. LANDRY PARISH FIRE PROTECTION  
DISTRICT NO. III  
  
FINANCIAL REPORT  
  
DECEMBER 31, 2003

Under provisions of state law, this report is a public document. A copy of the report has been submitted to the entity and other appropriate public officials. The report is available for public inspection at the Baton Rouge office of the Legislative Auditor and, where appropriate, at the office of the parish clerk of court.

Release Date 8-11-04

C O N T E N T S

	Page
INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS	1 and 2
GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS	
Combined balance sheet - all fund types and account group	3
Statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balance - governmental fund type	5
Statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balance - budget (budgetary basis) and actual - general fund	6 and 7
Notes to financial statements	8-13
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION	
Schedule of compensation paid to board members	17
Schedule of expenditures - budget (budgetary basis) and actual - general fund	18 and 19
REPORT ON COMPLIANCE AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS	21 and 22
Schedule of findings and questioned costs	23
Schedule of prior year findings	24



# BROUSSARD, POCHE, LEWIS & BREAUX, L.L.P.

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

122 East 5th St.  
P.O. Drawer 307  
Crowley, Louisiana  
70527-0307  
phone: (337) 783-0650  
fax: (337) 783-7238

## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

### Other Offices:

Lafayette, LA  
(337) 988-4930

Opelousas, LA  
(337) 942-5217

Abbeville, LA  
(337) 898-1497

New Iberia, LA  
(337) 364-4554

Church Point, LA  
(337) 684-2855

Eugene C. Gilder, CPA\*

Donald W. Kelley, CPA\*

Herbert Lemoine II, CPA\*

Frank A. Stagno, CPA\*

Scott J. Broussard, CPA\*

L. Charles Abshire, CPA\*

Kenneth R. Dugas, CPA\*

P. John Blanchet III, CPA\*

Stephen L. Lambousy, CPA\*

Craig C. Babineaux, CPA\*

Peter C. Borrello, CPA\*

George J. Trappey III, CPA\*

Gregory B. Milton, CPA\*

S. Scott Sorleau, CPA\*

Patrick D. McCarthy, CPA\*

Martha B. Wyatt, CPA\*

Troy J. Breaux, CPA\*

Fayette T. Dupre', CPA\*

Mary A. Castille, CPA\*

Joey L. Breaux, CPA\*

Terrel P. Dressel, CPA\*

### Retired:

Sidney L. Broussard, CPA 1980

Leon K. Poche', CPA 1984

James H. Breaux, CPA 1987

Erna R. Walton, CPA 1988

George A. Lewis, CPA\* 1992

Geraldine J. Wimberley, CPA\* 1995

Rodney L. Savoy, CPA\* 1996

Larry G. Broussard, CPA\* 1996

Lawrence A. Cramer, CPA\* 1999

Michael P. Crochet, CPA\* 1999

Ralph Friend, CPA 2002

To the Board of Commissioners  
St. Landry Parish Fire Protection District No. III  
Opelousas, Louisiana

We have audited the accompanying general purpose financial statements of the St. Landry Parish Fire Protection District No. III, a component unit of the St. Landry Parish Police Jury, as of December 31, 2003 and for the year then ended, as listed in the table of contents. These general purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the District's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these general purpose financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America 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 general purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the 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 the St. Landry Parish Fire Protection District No. III as of December 31, 2003 and the results of its operations for the year then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report March 31, 2004, on our consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit.

To the Board of Commissioners  
St. Landry Parish Fire Protection District No. III

Our audit was made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the general purpose financial statements taken as a whole. The accompanying information listed as "Schedules" in the table of contents is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements of the St. Landry Parish Fire Protection District No. III. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the general purpose financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the general purpose financial statements taken as a whole.

*Broussard, Poche, Lewis & Brun, L.L.P.*

Crowley, Louisiana  
March 31, 2004

ST.LANDRY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. III

COMBINED BALANCE SHEET -  
ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUP  
December 31, 2003

	Governmental Fund Type	Account Group	Total (Memorandum Only)
	General Fund	General Fixed Assets	
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Cash	\$ 849,759	\$ -	\$ 849,759
Certificates of deposit	188,678	-	188,678
Investments	314,080	-	314,080
Receivables:			
Ad valorem	1,461,816	-	1,461,816
State revenue sharing	175,209	-	175,209
Other	57	-	57
Prepays	6	-	6
Land	-	42,681	42,681
Building	-	854,121	854,121
Equipment	-	1,448,760	1,448,760
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ 2,989,605</b>	<b>\$ 2,345,562</b>	<b>\$ 5,335,167</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY</b>			
Liabilities:			
Accounts payable	\$ 36,948	\$ -	\$ 36,948
Pension deduction payable	49,581	-	49,581
Accrued liabilities	14,403	-	14,403
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 100,932</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 100,932</b>
Fund equity:			
Investment in general fixed assets	\$ -	\$ 2,345,562	\$ 2,345,562
Fund balance- unreserved	2,888,673	-	2,888,673
<b>Total fund equity</b>	<b>\$ 2,888,673</b>	<b>\$ 2,345,562</b>	<b>\$ 5,234,235</b>
<b>Total liabilities and fund equity</b>	<b>\$ 2,989,605</b>	<b>\$ 2,345,562</b>	<b>\$ 5,335,167</b>

See Notes to Financial Statements.

This page is intentionally left blank.

ST. LANDRY PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. III

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,  
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPE  
Year Ended December 31, 2003

	General Fund
	<u>                    </u>
Revenues:	
Taxes:	
Ad valorem	\$ 1,595,968
Intergovernmental:	
State revenue sharing	175,209
Fire insurance rebate	57,009
Interest income	24,678
Other	5,352
	<u>                    </u>
Total revenues	\$ 1,858,216
	<u>                    </u>
Expenditures:	
Current:	
Public safety	\$ 1,688,261
Debt service	51,193
Capital outlay	10,621
	<u>                    </u>
Total expenditures	\$ 1,750,075
	<u>                    </u>
Excess of revenues over expenditures	\$ 108,141
Fund balance, beginning	2,780,532
	<u>                    </u>
Fund balance, ending	\$ 2,888,673
	<u>                    </u>

See Notes to Financial Statements.

ST. LANDRY PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. III

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE -  
 BUDGET (BUDGETARY BASIS) AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND  
 Year Ended December 31, 2003

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Adjustment to Budgetary Basis</u>
Revenues:		
Taxes:		
Ad valorem	\$ 1,595,968	\$ 62,901
Intergovernmental:		
State revenue sharing	175,209	1,429
Fire insurance rebate	57,009	-
Interest income	24,678	8,455
Other	5,352	-
	<u>\$ 1,858,216</u>	<u>\$ 72,785</u>
Expenditures:		
Current:		
Public safety	\$ 1,688,261	\$ (74,293)
Debt service	51,193	-
Capital outlay	10,621	-
	<u>\$ 1,750,075</u>	<u>\$ (74,293)</u>
Excess of revenues over expenditures	\$ 108,141	\$ 147,078
Fund balance, beginning	<u>2,780,532</u>	<u>(1,690,224)</u>
Fund balance, ending	<u>\$ 2,888,673</u>	<u>\$ (1,543,146)</u>

See Notes to Financial Statements.



Actual on Budgetary Basis	Budget	Variance - Favorable (Unfavorable)
\$ 1,658,869	\$ 1,602,879	\$ 55,990
176,638	177,000	(362)
57,009	57,000	9
33,133	35,000	(1,867)
5,352	5,010	342
<u>\$ 1,931,001</u>	<u>\$ 1,876,889</u>	<u>\$ 54,112</u>
\$ 1,613,968	\$ 1,645,449	\$ 31,481
51,193	51,193	-
10,621	10,600	(21)
<u>\$ 1,675,782</u>	<u>\$ 1,707,242</u>	<u>\$ 31,460</u>
\$ 255,219	\$ 169,647	\$ 85,572
<u>1,090,308</u>	<u>1,090,308</u>	<u>-</u>
<u><u>\$ 1,345,527</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,259,955</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 85,572</u></u>

ST. LANDRY PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. III  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The financial statements of the St. Landry Fire Protection District No. III have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applied to government units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the generally accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The more significant of the District's accounting policies are described below.

Reporting entity:

The St. Landry Parish Fire Protection District No. III is a component unit of the St. Landry Parish Police Jury. The District was established to provide fire protection for the residents of the District.

Fund accounting:

The District uses one fund and one account group to report on its financial position and the results of its operations. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid financial management by segregating transactions related to certain government functions or activities.

A fund is a separate accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. An account group, on the other hand, is a financial reporting device designed to provide accountability for certain assets and liabilities that are not recorded in the funds because they do not directly affect net expendable available financial resources.

The general fund, a governmental fund type, is the general operating fund of the District. It is used to account for all financial resources of the District except those required to be accounted for in other funds.

Fixed assets:

General fixed assets:

General fixed assets are not capitalized in the funds used to acquire or construct them. Instead, capital acquisition and construction are reflected as expenditures in governmental funds, and the related assets are reported in the general fixed assets account group. All fixed assets are valued at cost or at estimated cost for purchases made prior to 1980.

Assets in the general fixed assets account group are not depreciated. Due to the nature of its operations, the District has no public domain (infrastructure) fixed assets.

The account group is not a fund. It is concerned only with the measurement of financial position and does not involve measurement of results of operations.

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### Basis of accounting:

The accounting and financial reporting treatment applied to a fund is determined by its measurement focus. All governmental funds are accounted for using a current financial resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, only current assets and current liabilities generally are included on the balance sheet. Operating statements of these funds present increases (i.e., revenues and other financing sources) and decreases (i.e., expenditures and other financing uses) in net current assets.

The modified accrual basis of accounting is used by all governmental fund types. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when susceptible to accrual (i.e., when they become both measurable and available). "Measurable" means the amount of the transaction can be determined and "available" means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period. Ad valorem taxes and the related state revenue sharing are recognized as revenue in the year in which the taxes are assessed and billed. The other major revenue considered susceptible to accrual is interest on investments. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred.

### Use of estimates in the preparation of financial statements:

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenditures during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

### Budgets:

The District follows these procedures in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the financial statements:

1. Prior to January 1, the Chairman submits to the Board a proposed operating budget for the ensuing year. The operating budget includes proposed expenditures and the means of financing them.
2. Public hearings are conducted to obtain taxpayer comments.
3. The budget is legally enacted through the passage of a resolution; amendments are also legally enacted through the passage of a resolution.
4. The budget for the general fund is adopted on a cash basis (BUDGETARY basis). Included in the accompanying financial statements is an adjustment column converting revenues and expenditures as determined by the modified accrual basis of accounting to the budgetary (cash) basis.
5. The budget for the general fund is employed as a management control device during the year.

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### Budgets: (continued)

All budget appropriations lapse at year end. Revenues may not legally fall short of budgeted amounts by more than five percent and expenditures may not legally exceed budgeted appropriations by more than five percent at the individual fund level. The District does not use encumbrance accounting.

The budget amounts disclosed in this report are as amended by the Board.

### Cash and investments:

Cash includes amounts in demand deposits as well as short term investments with an original maturity of 90 days or less acquired by the District.

Investments are stated at related market value.

### Compensated absences:

Employees of the District who have been employed for one year earn 18 days of vacation pay. After ten years of service, they earn one additional day of vacation pay for each year worked up to the maximum of 30 days. Neither vacation days nor sick leave can be carried over to future years; therefore, no accruals for compensated absences are necessary.

### Memorandum only - total columns:

Total columns on the combined financial statements are captioned "Memorandum Only" to indicate that they are presented only to facilitate financial analysis. Data in these columns do not present financial position in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Neither is such data comparable to a consolidation.

### Note 2. Cash and Interest-Bearing Deposits

For reporting purposes, cash and investments include cash, demand deposits, time deposits, and government backed mortgage securities. The District may invest in United States bonds, treasury notes, or certificates, or time certificates of deposit of state banks having their principal office in the State of Louisiana, or any other federally insured investment. The District may also invest in shares of any homestead and building and loan association in any amount not exceeding the federally insured amount.

Under state law, these deposits in financial institutions must be secured 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 be equal to the amount on deposit with the bank. At December 31, 2003, deposits in financial institutions were fully secured by federal deposit insurance and the market value of securities pledged in the District's name.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Note 3. Ad Valorem Taxes

Ad valorem taxes attach as an enforceable lien on property as of January 1 of each year. Taxes are levied by the District in May or June and are actually billed to the taxpayers in the later part of the fiscal year. Billed taxes become delinquent on January 1 of the following year. The taxes are generally collected in December of the current year and January and February of the ensuing year. The following is a summary of the levied ad valorem taxes:

General corporate purpose:	
Operations and maintenance	<u>16.20</u>

Note 4. Changes in General Fixed Assets

A summary of changes in general fixed assets follows:

	<u>Balance January 1, 2003</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Reductions</u>	<u>Balance December 31, 2003</u>
Land and land improvements	\$ 42,681	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 42,681
Buildings	854,121	-	-	854,121
Equipment	<u>1,455,481</u>	<u>10,621</u>	<u>(17,342)</u>	<u>1,448,760</u>
	<u>\$2,352,283</u>	<u>\$ 10,621</u>	<u>\$ (17,342)</u>	<u>\$2,345,562</u>

Included in the amount for equipment above is \$84,791 of estimated costs for items purchased prior to January 1, 1980.

Note 5. Changes in General Long-Term Debt

The following is a summary of long-term debt transactions of the District for the year ended December 31, 2003:

	<u>Balance January 1, 2003</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Reductions</u>	<u>Balance December 31, 2003</u>
Capital lease payable	<u>\$ 48,802</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 48,802</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

Note 6. Capital Lease

On February 8, 1999, the District entered into a capital lease for the purchase of two fire trucks. The total amount financed is \$222,255 to be paid over five years with an interest rate of 4.9%. The lease agreement requires annual payments of \$51,193 through February 1, 2004. The District elected to make the last payment early on December 9, 2003, effectively ending the lease.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Note 7. Pension Plan

Substantially all of the employees of the St. Landry Fire Protection District No. III are members of the Firefighters Retirement System.

Firefighters Retirement System

Plan description:

The Firefighters Retirement System (the System) is a cost-sharing multiple-employer public employee retirement system (PERS).

Membership is mandatory as a condition of employment beginning on date employed if the employee is on a permanent basis as a firefighter, not participating in another publicly funded retirement system and under age fifty (50) at date of employment. Employees who retire at or after age 50 with at least 20 years of credited service, or at or after age 55 with at least 12 years of credited service are entitled to a retirement benefit payable monthly for life, equal to 3-1/3 percent of their average final compensation multiplied by the employee's years of credited service. Final compensation is the employee's monthly earnings during the 36 consecutive or joined months that produce the highest average. The System also provides death and disability benefits. Benefits are established by state statute.

The Firefighters Retirement System issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplemental information. That report may be obtained by writing to Firefighters Retirement System, P. O. Box 94095 Capitol Station, Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9095.

Funding policy:

Plan members are required to contribute 8.0% of their annual covered salary and the District is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. The employer's portion rate from January through February and May through June was 18.25%, in March the rate was 9% and in April the rate increased to 10.25%, from July through December 31, 2003 the rate remained at 21% of annual covered payroll. The contribution requirements of Plan members are established and may be amended by the System's Board of Trustees. The District's contribution to the System for the years ended December 31, 2003, 2002 and 2001 were \$164,192, \$96,819 and \$92,407, respectively, all were equal to the required contributions for their respective years.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Note 8. New Reporting Standard

In June 1999, the GASB issued Statement No. 34, Basic Financial Statements and Managements Discussion and Analysis for State and Local Governments. This standard established new financial reporting requirements for state and local governments throughout the United States. When implemented, it will require new information and restructure much of the information that governments have presented in the past. Comparability with reports issued in all prior years will be affected. The District is required to implement this standard for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2004. The District has not yet determined the full impact that adoption of GASB Statement No. 34 will have on the financial statements.

Note 9. Contingent Liability

As of December 31, 2003, the District is not aware of any violation with respect to environmental issues, which may arise from holdings the District has in fixed assets.

This page is intentionally left blank.



SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

This page is intentionally left blank.

ST. LANDRY PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. III  
ST. LANDRY PARISH POLICE JURY

SCHEDULE OF COMPENSATION PAID TO BOARD MEMBERS  
Year Ended December 31, 2003

	<u>Per Diem</u>	<u>Mileage</u>	<u>Total</u>
Clifford Thierry	\$ 1,100	\$ -	\$ 1,100
Warren Privette	860	46	906
Mitch Martin	1,020	40	1,060
Charles LeBlanc	960	65	1,025
Greg Doucet	800	29	829
Byron Briggs	880	32	912
Charles Breaux	<u>1,100</u>	<u>48</u>	<u>1,148</u>
Total	<u>\$ 6,720</u>	<u>\$ 260</u>	<u>\$ 6,980</u>

The schedule of compensation paid to board members was prepared in compliance with House Concurrent Resolution No. 54 of the 1979 Session of the Louisiana Legislature. The board members receive \$80 for each regular or special meeting they attend and \$30 for each committee meeting they attend.

ST. LANDRY PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. III

SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES - BUDGET (BUDGETARY BASIS)  
 AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND  
 Year Ended December 31, 2003

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Adjustment to Budgetary Basis</u>
Current:		
Public safety -		
Salaries and related benefits	\$ 1,316,314	\$ (3,399)
Civil service board	2,720	-
Volunteer fire stations and firemen	21,743	240
Per diem to board members	7,078	-
Telephone and utilities	34,931	590
Insurance	104,073	1,213
Uniforms and cleaning	4,409	83
Equipment maintenance and supplies	39,288	2,502
Building maintenance and supplies	9,677	239
Professional fees	15,443	200
Office supplies	5,200	158
Pension deduction	49,581	-
Uncollectible taxes expense	76,345	(76,345)
Other	1,459	226
Debt service -		
Principal payments	48,802	-
Interest payments	2,391	-
Capital outlay	<u>10,621</u>	<u>-</u>
Total expenditures	<u>\$ 1,750,075</u>	<u>\$ (74,293)</u>

Actual on Budgetary Basis	Budget	Variance - Favorable (Unfavorable)
\$ 1,312,915	\$ 1,297,300	\$ (15,615)
2,720	2,700	(20)
21,983	20,580	(1,403)
7,078	7,160	82
35,521	36,450	929
105,286	109,200	3,914
4,492	4,300	(192)
41,790	37,650	(4,140)
9,916	9,650	(266)
15,643	16,150	507
5,358	5,130	(228)
49,581	49,500	(81)
-	47,879	47,879
1,685	1,800	115
48,802	48,802	-
2,391	2,391	-
10,621	10,600	(21)
\$ 1,675,782	\$ 1,707,242	\$ 31,460

This page is intentionally left blank.



# BROUSSARD, POCHE, LEWIS & BREAUX, L.L.P.

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

122 East 5th St.  
P.O. Drawer 307  
Crowley, Louisiana  
70527-0307  
phone: (337) 783-0650  
fax: (337) 783-7238

*Other Offices:*

Lafayette, LA  
(337) 988-4930

Opelousas, LA  
(337) 942-5217

Abbeville, LA  
(337) 898-1497

New Iberia, LA  
(337) 364-4554

Church Point, LA  
(337) 684-2855

Eugene C. Gilder, CPA\*  
Donald W. Kelley, CPA\*  
Herbert Lemoine II, CPA\*  
Frank A. Stagno, CPA\*  
Scott J. Broussard, CPA\*  
L. Charles Abshire, CPA\*  
Kenneth R. Dugas, CPA\*  
P. John Blanchet III, CPA\*  
Stephen L. Lambousy, CPA\*  
Craig C. Babineaux, CPA\*  
Peter C. Borrello, CPA\*  
George J. Trappey III, CPA\*  
Gregory B. Milton, CPA\*  
S. Scott Soileau, CPA\*  
Patrick D. McCarthy, CPA\*  
Martha B. Wyatt, CPA\*  
Troy J. Breaux, CPA\*  
Fayette T. Dupre', CPA\*  
Mary A. Castille, CPA\*  
Joey L. Breaux, CPA\*  
Terrel P. Dressel, CPA\*

*Retired:*

Sidney L. Broussard, CPA 1980  
Leon K. Poche', CPA 1984  
James H. Breaux, CPA 1987  
Erma R. Walton, CPA 1988  
George A. Lewis, CPA\* 1992  
Geraldine J. Wimberley, CPA\* 1995  
Rodney L. Savoy, CPA\* 1996  
Larry G. Broussard, CPA\* 1996  
Lawrence A. Cramer, CPA\* 1999  
Michael P. Crochet, CPA\* 1999  
Ralph Friend, CPA 2002

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

To the Board of Commissioners  
St. Landry Parish Fire Protection District No. III  
Opelousas, Louisiana

We have audited the general purpose financial statements of the St. Landry Parish Fire Protection District No. III of and for the year ended December 31, 2003, and have issued our report thereon dated March 31, 2004. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America 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 St. Landry Parish Fire Protection District No. III'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 did not disclose any 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 St. Landry Parish Fire Protection District No. III'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. 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.

To the Board of Commissioners  
St. Landry Parish Fire Protection District No. III

A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operations that we consider to be material weaknesses.

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

*Broussard, Poche, Lewis & Broussard, L.L.P.*

Crowley, Louisiana  
March 31, 2004



ST. LANDRY PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. III

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS  
Year Ended December 31, 2003

We have audited the financial statements of St. Landry Parish Fire Protection District No. III as of and for the year ended December 31, 2003, and have issued our report dated March 31, 2004. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our audit of the financial statements as of December 31, 2003 resulted in an unqualified opinion.

**Section I Summary of Auditors' Reports**

A. Report on Internal Control and Compliance Material to the Financial Statements

Internal Control

Material Weaknesses  Yes  No Reportable Conditions  Yes  None reported

Compliance

Compliance Material to Financial Statements  Yes  No

**Section II Financial Statement Findings**

No matters were reported.

ST. LANDRY PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. III

SCHEDULE OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS  
Year Ended December 31, 2003

**I Internal Control and Compliance Material to the Financial Statements**

None reported.

**II Internal Control and Compliance Material to Federal Awards**

The prior year's report did not include any federal awards.

**III Management Letter**

The prior year's report did not include a management letter.