

**SABINE PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 1
WARDS NO. 1 AND 2
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
DECEMBER 31, 2003**

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FLORIEN, LOUISIANA
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SABINE PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 1, WARDS NO. 1 AND 2
FLORIEN, LOUISIANA
TRANSMITTAL LETTER
ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

March 15, 2004

Legislative Auditor
P. O. Box 94397
Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9397

Dear Sirs:

In accordance with Louisiana Revised Statute 24:514, enclosed are the annual financial statements for the Sabine Parish Fire Protection District No. 1, Wards No. 1 and 2, for the year ended December 31, 2003. The report includes only funds under the control and oversight of the Sabine Parish Fire Protection District No.1, Wards No.1 and 2.

The accompanying basic financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Sincerely,


Secretary/Treasurer

Enclosure

SABINE PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 1, WARDS NO. 1 AND 2
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AFFIDAVIT

Personally came and appeared before the undersigned authority, Wallace Arrington, Secretary/Treasurer of the Sabine Parish Fire Protection District No. 1, Wards No. 1 and 2, who, duly sworn, deposes and says, that the financial statements herewith given presents fairly the financial position of the Sabine Parish Fire Protection District No. 1, Wards No. 1 and 2, at December 31, 2003 and the results of operations for the year then ended in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles as prescribed by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board.


Secretary/Treasurer

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 15 day of March, 2004.


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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Sabine Fire Protection District No.1, Wards No.1 and 2
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We have audited the accompanying basic financial statements of the Sabine Fire Protection District No. 1, Wards No. 1 and 2, Florien, Louisiana, a component unit of the Sabine Parish Police Jury, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2003, as listed in the table of contents. These basic financial statements are the responsibility of management of the Sabine Fire Protection District No. 1, Wards No. 1 and 2. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these 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 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 basic financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Sabine Fire Protection District No. 1, Wards No. 1 and 2 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 a report dated March 15, 2004, on our consideration of the Sabine Fire Protection District No. 1, Wards No. 1 and 2'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.

The Management's Discussion and Analysis and the budgetary information on pages 4 through 8 and 21, respectively, are not a required part of the basic financial statements but are supplementary information required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Our audit was made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements of the Sabine Fire Protection District No. 1, Wards No. 1 and 2 taken as a whole. The accompanying supplemental schedules listed in the table of contents are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

Hines, Jackson & Hines
Natchitoches, Louisiana
March 15, 2004

SABINE PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 1, WARDS NO. 1 AND 2
FLORIEN, LOUISIANA
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION, AND ANALYSIS
DECEMBER 31, 2003

The Management's Discussion and Analysis of the Sabine Fire Protection District No. 1, Wards No. 1 and 2's financial performance presents a narrative overview and analysis of Sabine Fire Protection District No. 1, Wards No. 1 and 2's financial activities for the year ended December 31, 2003. This document focuses on the current year's activities, resulting changes, and currently known facts. Please read this document in conjunction with the additional information contained in the transmittal letter presented on page 1 and the Sabine Fire Protection District No. 1, Wards No. 1 and 2's financial statements, which begin on page 9.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- 1) The Sabine Fire Protection District No. 1, Wards No. 1 and 2 had cash of \$79,549 at December 31, 2003 which represents a decrease of \$67,606 from prior year end.
- 2) The Sabine Fire Protection District No. 1, Wards No. 1 and 2 had accounts receivable of \$152,319 at December 31, 2003 which represents a decrease of \$10,403 from prior year end.
- 3) The Sabine Fire Protection District No. 1, Wards No. 1 and 2 had accounts payable and accruals of \$8,411 at December 31, 2003 which represents a decrease of \$1,541 from prior year end.
- 4) The Sabine Fire Protection District No. 1, Wards No. 1 and 2 had total revenues of \$199,664 for the year ended December 31, 2003 which represents an increase of \$1,661 from prior year.
- 5) The Sabine Fire Protection District No. 1, Wards No. 1 and 2 had tax revenues of \$173,223 for the year ended December 31, 2003 which represents an increase of \$2,241 from prior year.
- 6) The Sabine Fire Protection District No. 1, Wards No. 1 and 2 had personal services expenses of \$1,380 for the year ended December 31, 2003 which represents a decrease of \$210 from prior year.
- 7) The Sabine Fire Protection District No. 1, Wards No. 1 and 2 had operating services expenses of \$96,835 for the year ended December 31, 2003 which represents an increase of \$6,871 from prior year.
- 8) The Sabine Fire Protection District No. 1, Wards No. 1 and 2 had supplies expenses of \$12,092 for the year ended December 31, 2003 which represents a decrease of \$505 from prior year.
- 9) The Sabine Fire Protection District No. 1, Wards No. 1 and 2 had capital asset purchases of \$163,500 for the year ended December 31, 2003 which represents an increase of \$45,613 from prior year.

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The following graphic illustrates the minimum requirements for the Sabine Fire Protection District No. 1, Wards No. 1 and 2 as established by Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement 34, Basic Financial Statements and Management's Discussion and Analysis for State and Local Governments.

SABINE PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 1, WARDS NO. 1 AND 2
FLORIEN, LOUISIANA
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION, AND ANALYSIS (CONTINUED)
DECEMBER 31, 2003

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

Management Discussion and Analysis

Basic Financial Statements

Required Supplementary Information
(Other than MD&A)

These financial statements consist of three sections - Management's Discussion and Analysis (this section), the basic financial statements (including the notes to the financial statements), and required supplementary information.

Basic Financial Statements

This annual report consist of a series of financial statements. The Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities (on pages 9 and 10) provide information about the activities of the Sabine Fire Protection District No. 1, Wards No. 1 and 2 as a whole and present a longer-term view of the District's finances. These statements include all assets and liabilities using the accrual basis of accounting, which is similar to the accounting used by most private-sector companies. All of the current year's revenues and expenses are taken into account regardless of when cash is received or paid.

The Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities report the District's net assets and changes in them. You can think of the District's net assets, the difference between assets and liabilities, as one way to measure the Fund's financial health, or financial position. Over time, increases or decreases in the District's net assets are one indicator of whether its financial health is improving or deteriorating.

Fund financial statements start on page 11. All of the District's basic services are reported in governmental funds, which focus on how money flows into and out of those funds and the balances left at year end that are available for spending. These funds are reported using an accounting method called modified accrual accounting, which measures cash and all other financial assets that can readily be converted to cash. The governmental fund statements provide a detailed short term view of the Fund's general government operations and the basic services it provides. Governmental fund information helps you determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance the Fund's activities as well as what remains for future spending.

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION, AND ANALYSIS (CONTINUED)
DECEMBER 31, 2003

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE ENTITY

Statement of Net Assets
As of Year End

	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>
Current and other assets	\$ 232,203	\$ 310,212
Capital assets, net	<u>478,505</u>	<u>392,277</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 710,708</u>	<u>\$ 702,489</u>
Other liabilities	\$ 8,411	\$ 9,952
Compensated Absences payable	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Liabilities	8,411	9,952
Net assets		
Investment in capital assets, net of related debt	478,505	392,277
Unrestricted	<u>223,792</u>	<u>300,260</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>702,297</u>	<u>692,537</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<u>\$ 710,708</u>	<u>\$ 702,489</u>

Net assets of the Sabine Fire Protection District No. 1, Wards No. 1 and 2's increased by \$9,760 or 1.41% from the previous fiscal year. The increase is the result of general revenues exceeding operating expenses during the fiscal year ended 2003 (See table below).

Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended

	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>
General government Expenses	\$ (189,904)	\$ (167,548)
Program revenues		
Operating grants and contributions	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Subtotal	(189,904)	(167,548)
General revenues	<u>199,664</u>	<u>198,003</u>
Change in net assets	<u>\$ 9,760</u>	<u>\$ 30,455</u>

The Sabine Fire Protection District No. 1, Wards No. 1 and 2's total revenues increased by \$1,661 or 0.84% from the previous year. The total cost of all programs and services increased by \$22,356 or 13.34% from the previous year.

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION, AND ANALYSIS (CONTINUED)
DECEMBER 31, 2003

VARIATIONS BETWEEN ORIGINAL AND FINAL BUDGETS

Actual revenues were \$1,564 more than budgeted amounts due to property taxes being more than expected.

Actual expenditures were \$14,468 less than budgeted amounts due to capital outlay expenditures being less than expected.

ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET

The Sabine Fire Protection District No. 1, Wards No. 1 and 2's elected officials considered the following factors and indicators when setting next year's budget, rates and fees. These factors and indicators include:

- 1) Taxes
- 2) State revenue sharing
- 3) Fire insurance rebate

The Sabine Fire Protection District No. 1, Wards No. 1 and 2 does not expect any significant changes in next year's results as compared to the current year.

CONTACTING THE SABINE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 1, WARDS NO. 1 AND 2'S MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, customers, investors and creditors with a general overview of the Sabine Fire Protection District No. 1, Wards No. 1 and 2's finances and to show the Sabine Fire Protection District No. 1, Wards No. 1 and 2's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact Wallace Arrington, Secretary/Treasurer, Post Office Box 38, Florien, Louisiana 71429.

SABINE PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 1, WARDS NO. 1 AND 2
FLORIEN, LOUISIANA
STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS
DECEMBER 31, 2003

ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Cash	\$ 79,549
Accounts receivable	<u>152,319</u>
Total Current Assets	231,868
Noncurrent Assets	
Capital assets, net	478,505
Deposits	<u>335</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 710,708</u>
 LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	
LIABILITIES	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts payable and accruals	<u>\$ 8,411</u>
Total Liabilities	8,411
NET ASSETS	
Investment in capital assets, net of related debt	478,505
Unrestricted	<u>223,792</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>702,297</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<u>\$ 710,708</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

EXHIBIT B

SABINE PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 1, WARDS NO. 1 AND 2
 FLORIEN, LOUISIANA
 STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003

	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Charges for Services</u>	<u>Operating Grants and Contributions</u>	<u>Capital Grants and Contributions</u>	<u>Revenue and Changes in Net Assets</u>
General Government					
Personal services	\$ 1,380	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	(1,380)
Travel	0	0	0	0	0
Operating services	96,835	0	0	0	(96,835)
Supplies	12,092	0	0	0	(12,092)
Professional services	2,325	0	0	0	(2,325)
Depreciation	<u>77,272</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(77,272)</u>
Total General Government	\$ <u>189,904</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	(189,904)
General Revenues					
Taxes					173,223
State revenue sharing					14,646
Fire insurance rebate					9,911
Interest income					1,714
Miscellaneous					<u>170</u>
Total General Revenues					<u>199,664</u>
Change in Net Assets					9,760
Net Assets, Beginning of year as restated					<u>692,537</u>
Net Assets, End of year					<u>\$ <u>702,297</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

SABINE PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 1, WARDS NO. 1 AND 2
FLORIEN, LOUISIANA
BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
DECEMBER 31, 2003

ASSETS		
Cash		\$ 79,549
Accounts receivable		152,319
Deposits		<u>335</u>
Total Assets		<u>\$ 232,203</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES		
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable and accruals		\$ 8,411
Total Liabilities		<u>8,411</u>
FUND BALANCES		
Unreserved		<u>223,792</u>
Total Fund Balances		<u>223,792</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances		<u>\$ 232,203</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

SABINE PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 1, WARDS NO. 1 AND 2
FLORIEN, LOUISIANA
RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET
TO THE STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS
DECEMBER 31, 2003

Total Fund Balances for Governmental Funds (Exhibit C)	\$	223,792
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Total Net Assets reported for governmental activities in the statement of net assets is different because:

Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds. Those assets consist of:

Land	\$	5,500	
Buildings and building improvements, net of \$139,077 in accumulated depreciation		195,257	
Automobiles, net of \$573,614 in accumulated depreciation		254,007	
Machinery and equipment, net of \$51,007 in accumulated depreciation	\$	<u>23,741</u>	
Total Capital Assets			478,505

Long-term liabilities, including compensated absences payable, are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the fund liabilities.

		<u>0</u>
Total Net Assets of Governmental Activities (Exhibit A)	\$	<u>702,297</u>

SABINE PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 1, WARDS NO. 1 AND 2
FLORIEN, LOUISIANA
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES GOVERNMENTAL
FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003

REVENUES	
Taxes	\$ 173,223
State revenue sharing	14,646
Fire insurance rebate	9,911
Interest income	1,714
Miscellaneous	<u>170</u>
Total Revenues	199,664
EXPENDITURES	
General government	
Personal services	1,380
Travel	0
Operating services	96,835
Supplies	12,092
Professional services	2,325
Capital outlay	<u>163,500</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>276,132</u>
Excess/(Deficiency) Of Revenues Over Expenditures	(76,468)
Fund Balance, Beginning of year	<u>300,260</u>
Fund Balance, End of year	<u>\$ 223,792</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

SABINE PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 1, WARDS NO. 1 AND 2
FLORIEN, LOUISIANA
RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN
FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003

Net Change in Fund Balances-Total Governmental Funds (Exhibit E)	\$ (76,468)
The change in Net Assets reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities is different because:	
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which capital outlays (\$163,500) exceeds depreciation (\$77,272) in the current period.	86,228
Some expense reported in the statement of activities, such as compensated absences, do not require the use of current financial resources and therefore are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds.	<u>0</u>
Change in Net Assets of Governmental Activities (Exhibit B)	<u>\$ 9,760</u>

SABINE PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 1, WARDS NO. 1 AND 2
FLORIEN, LOUISIANA
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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The Sabine Fire Protection District No. 1, Wards No. 1 and 2 was created by the Sabine Parish Police Jury, as authorized by Louisiana Revised Statute 40:1492, for the purpose of providing fire protection within the District. The District is governed by a board of five commissioners appointed by the Police Jury and Village of Florien. The commissioners serve two year terms.

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Basis of Accounting

In April of 1984, the Financial Accounting Foundation established the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) to promulgate generally accepted accounting principles and reporting standards with respect to activities and transactions of state and local governmental entities. The GASB has issued a Codification of Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards (GASB Codification). This Codification and subsequent GASB pronouncements are recognized as generally accepted accounting principles for state and local governments. The accompanying financial statements have been prepared in accordance with such principles.

The accompanying financial statements of the Sabine Fire Protection District No. 1, Wards No. 1 and 2 present information only as to the transactions of the programs of the Sabine Fire Protection District No. 1, Wards No. 1 and 2 as authorized by Louisiana statutes and administrative regulations.

Basis of accounting refers to when revenues and expenses are recognized and reported in the financial statements. Basis of accounting relates to the timing of the measurements made, regardless of the measurement focus applied.

The accounts of the Sabine Fire Protection District No. 1, Wards No. 1 and 2 are maintained in accordance with applicable statutory provisions:

Revenue Recognition

Revenues are recognized using the full accrual basis of accounting; therefore, revenues are recognized in the accounting period in which they are earned and become measurable.

Expense Recognition

Expenses are recognized on the accrual basis; therefore, expenses, including salaries, are recognized in the period incurred, if measurable.

B. Budgetary Accounting

Formal budgetary accounting is employed as a management control. The Sabine Fire Protection District No. 1, Wards No. 1 and 2 prepares and adopts a budget each year in accordance with Louisiana Revised Statutes. The operating budget is prepared based on prior year's revenues and expenditures and the estimated increase therein for the current year, using the full accrual basis of accounting. The Fund amends its budget when projected revenues are expected to be less than budgeted revenues by five percent or more and/or projected expenditures are expected to be more than budgeted amounts by five percent or more. All budget appropriations lapse at year end.

SABINE PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 1, WARDS NO. 1 AND 2
FLORIEN, LOUISIANA
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
DECEMBER 31, 2003

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

C. Cash and Cash Equivalents

For the purpose of the Statement of Cash Flows and consistent with GASB Statement 9, the Sabine Fire Protection District No. 1, Wards No. 1 and 2 defines cash and cash equivalents as follows:

Cash - includes not only currency on hand but also demand deposits with banks or other financial institutions and other kinds of accounts that have the general characteristics of demand deposits in that the customer may deposit additional funds at any time and also effectively may withdraw funds at any time without prior notice or penalty.

Cash equivalents - includes all short term, highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and are so near their maturity that they present insignificant risk of changes in value because of interest rates. Generally, only investments which, at the day of purchase, have a maturity date no longer than three months qualify under this definition.

D. Receivables

All receivables are reported at their gross value and, where applicable, are reduced by the estimated portion that is expected to be uncollectible.

E. Bad Debts

Uncollectible accounts receivable 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. At December 31, 2003, \$0 were considered to be uncollectible.

F. Capital Assets

Capital assets are carried at historical costs. Depreciation of all exhaustible capital assets used by the Sabine Fire Protection District No. 1, Wards No. 1 and 2 are charged as an expense against operations in the Statement of Activities. Capital assets net of accumulated depreciation are reported on the Statement of Net Assets. Depreciation is computed using the straight line method over the estimated useful life of the assets, generally 10 to 20 years for buildings and building improvements and 5 to 10 years for moveable property. Expenditures for maintenance, repairs and minor renewals are charged to earnings as incurred. Major expenditures for renewals and betterments are capitalized.

G. Compensated Absences

Sabine Fire Protection District No. 1, Wards No. 1 and 2 does not have full time employees; therefore, no liability for compensated absences has been recorded in the accompanying financial statements.

H. Estimates

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

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
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NOTE 2 DEPOSITS WITH FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND INVESTMENTS

A. Deposits with Financial Institutions

For reporting purposes, deposits with financial institutions including savings, demand deposits, time deposits, and certificates of deposit. Under state law the Sabine Fire Protection District No. 1, Wards No. 1 and 2 may deposit funds within a fiscal agent bank selected and designated by the Interim Emergency Board. Further the Fund may invest in time certificates of deposit of state banks organized under the laws of Louisiana, national banks having their principal office in the state of Louisiana, in savings accounts or shares of savings and loan associations and savings banks and in share accounts and share certificate accounts of federally or state chartered credit unions.

Deposits in bank accounts are stated at cost, which approximates market. Under state law, these deposits must be secured by federal deposit insurance or the pledge of securities owned by the fiscal agent bank. The market value of the pledged securities plus the federal deposit insurance must at all times equal the amount on deposit with the fiscal agent bank. These pledged securities are held in the name of the pledging fiscal agent bank in a holding or custodial bank that is mutually acceptable to both parties. The deposits at December 31, 2003 were secured as follows:

	Cash	Certificates of Deposit	Total
Deposits in bank accounts per balance sheet	\$ 79,549	\$ 0	\$ 79,549
	Cash	Certificates of Deposit	Total
Bank Balances:			
1. Insured or collateralized with securities held by the entity or its agency in the entity's name	\$ 79,638	\$ 0	\$ 79,638
2. Collateralized with securities held by the pledging institution's trust department or agent in the entity's name	0	0	0
3. Uncollateralized, including any securities held for the entity but not in entity's name	0	0	0
Total Bank Balances	\$ 79,638	\$ 0	\$ 79,638

The following is a breakdown by banking institution and amount of the balances shown above:

Banking Institution	Amount
People's State Bank	\$ 32,604
Sabine State Bank	47,034
Total	\$ 79,638

B. Investments

At December 31, 2003, the Sabine Parish Fire Protection District No. 1, Wards No. 1 and 2 had investments of \$0.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
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NOTE 3 ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

The following is a summary of accounts receivable at December 31, 2003:

Class of Receivable	
Taxes	\$ 152,319
Other	<u> 0</u>
Total	<u>\$ 152,319</u>

NOTE 4 CAPITAL ASSETS

A summary of the Sabine Fire Protection District No. 1, Wards No. 1 and 2's capital assets at December 31, 2003 follows:

	Balance December 31, 2002	Additions	Retirements	Balance December 31, 2003
Capital Assets, not being depreciated				
Land	\$ 5,500	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 5,500
Total Capital Assets, not being depreciated	<u> 5,500</u>	<u> 0</u>	<u> 0</u>	<u> 5,500</u>
Capital Assets, being depreciated				
Buildings and building improvements	349,073	0	(14,739)	334,334
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>(136,999)</u>	<u>(16,817)</u>	<u>14,739</u>	<u>(139,077)</u>
Total Buildings and building improvements	212,074	(16,817)	0	195,257
Automobiles	664,121	163,500	0	827,621
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>(523,769)</u>	<u>(49,845)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(573,614)</u>
Total Automobiles	140,352	113,655	0	254,007
Machinery and equipment	296,130	0	(221,382)	74,748
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>(261,779)</u>	<u>(10,610)</u>	<u>221,382</u>	<u>(51,007)</u>
Total Machinery and equipment	<u>34,351</u>	<u>(10,610)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>23,741</u>
Total Capital Assets, being depreciated	<u>386,777</u>	<u>86,228</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>473,005</u>
Total Capital Assets, net	<u>\$ 392,277</u>	<u>\$ 86,228</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 478,505</u>

NOTE 5 ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND ACCRUALS

The following is a summary of accounts payable at December 31, 2003:

Class of Payable	
Vendor	\$ 2,179
Ad valorem taxes-retirement system	<u> 6,232</u>
Total	<u>\$ 8,411</u>

SABINE PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 1, WARDS NO. 1 AND 2
FLORIEN, LOUISIANA
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
DECEMBER 31, 2003

NOTE 6 LEASES

The Sabine Fire Protection District No. 1, Wards No. 1 and 2 was not obligated under any capital or operating lease commitments at December 31, 2003.

NOTE 7 LITIGATION

There was no outstanding litigation against the Sabine Fire Protection District No. 1, Wards No. 1 and 2 at December 31, 2003.

NOTE 8 PRIOR YEAR RESTATEMENT OF NET ASSETS

The following adjustments were made to restate beginning net assets for December 31, 2003:

Fund Balance, beginning of year as previously reported	\$ 300,260
Adjustments: Investments in Capital Assets, beginning of year	1,314,824
Accumulated Depreciation, beginning of year	<u>(922,547)</u>
Net Assets, beginning of year as restated	<u>\$ 692,537</u>

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

SCHEDULE 1

SABINE PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 1, WARDS NO. 1 AND 2
FLORIEN, LOUISIANA
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS - BUDGET (GAAP BASIS) AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003

	Original/Final Budget	Actual	Variance Fav./Unfav.)
REVENUES			
Taxes	\$ 171,500	\$ 173,223	\$ 1,723
State revenue sharing	15,000	14,646	(354)
Fire insurance rebate	9,000	9,911	911
Interest income	2,500	1,714	(786)
Miscellaneous	100	170	70
Total Revenues	198,100	199,664	1,564
EXPENDITURES			
General government			
Personal services	1,600	1,380	220
Travel	0	0	0
Operating services	92,250	96,835	(4,585)
Supplies	14,500	12,092	2,408
Professional services	2,250	2,325	(75)
Capital outlay	180,000	163,500	16,500
Total Expenditures	290,600	276,132	14,468
Excess/(Deficiency) Of Revenues Over Expenditures	(92,500)	(76,468)	16,032
Fund Balance, Beginning of year	300,260	300,260	0
Fund Balance, End of year	\$ 207,760	\$ 223,792	\$ 16,032

OTHER SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

SCHEDULE 2

SABINE PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO.1
WARDS NO. 1 AND 2
FLORIEN, LOUISIANA
SCHEDULE OF COMPENSATION PAID BOARD MEMBERS
DECEMBER 31, 2003

Arrington, Wallace	\$	360
Corley, John H.		360
Griffin, George		60
Kelly, Larry		0
McNeely, Clyde		240
Moore, Argus		60
Solar, Jimmy		90
Saddler, Jimmy		<u>210</u>
Total	\$	<u>1,380</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.

In accordance with Louisiana Revised Statute 40:1498, members, including police jurors serving ex-officio, may be paid per diem of \$30 for attending board meetings - not to exceed two meetings in one calendar month.

SABINE PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 1, WARDS NO. 1 AND 2
FLORIEN, LOUISIANA
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003

SECTION #1

SUMMARY OF AUDITORS' RESULTS

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1.	Type of auditors' report issued.	Unqualified
2.	Internal control over financial reporting:	
	a) Material weaknesses identified?	None
	b) Reportable conditions identified not considered to be material weaknesses?	None
	c) Noncompliance material to the financial statements noted?	None

SECTION #2

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS

None reported.

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

Sabine Fire Protection District No. 1, Wards No. 1 and 2
P.O. Box 38
Florien, Louisiana 71429

We have audited the basic financial statements of the Sabine Fire Protection District No. 1, Wards No. 1 and 2, Florien, Louisiana, a component unit of the Sabine Parish Police Jury, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2003, and have issued our report thereon dated March 15, 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 Sabine Fire Protection District No. 1, Wards No. 1 and 2'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 Sabine Fire Protection District No. 1, Wards No. 1 and 2'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 does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatement 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 solely for the information and use of the Sabine Fire Protection District No. 1, Wards No. 1 and 2 and the Legislative Auditor of the State of Louisiana and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than the specified parties. Under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the Legislative Auditor as a public document.

Hines, Jackson & Hines

Natchitoches, Louisiana
March 15, 2004

SABINE PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 1, WARDS NO. 1 AND 2
FLORIEN, LOUISIANA
SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003

<u>Ref. No.</u>	<u>Fiscal Year Finding Initially Occurred</u>	<u>Description of Finding</u>	<u>Corrective Action Taken (Yes, No, Partially)</u>	<u>Planned Corrective Action/Partial Corrective Action Taken</u>
2002-01	12/31/2002	Actual expenditures were \$29,656 (14.75 percent) more than budgeted amounts.	Yes	This Finding has been resolved.

SABINE PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 1, WARDS NO. 1 AND 2
FLORIEN, LOUISIANA
CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN FOR CURRENT YEAR AUDIT FINDINGS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003

<u>Ref. No.</u>	<u>Description of Finding</u>	<u>Correct Action Planned</u>	<u>Name(s) of Contact Person(s)</u>	<u>Anticipated Completion Date</u>
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Nothing came to our attention that would require disclosure under Government Auditing Standards.