

ORANGE COUNTY CIVIL SERVICE
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
PERMANENT FUND TYPE--AGENCY--CIVIL FUND
For the Year Ended June 30, 1996

	BALANCE JULY 1, 1995	ADDITIONS	DEDUCTIONS	BALANCE JUNE 30, 1996
ASSETS				
Cash	\$ 1,025,014	\$ 2,928,828	\$ 3,420,718	\$ 1,193,222
LIABILITIES				
Due to General Fund	\$ 488,884	\$ 2,417,887	\$ 3,129,313	\$ 288,238
Deposits held for litigants	715,000	7,116,159	8,849,888	803,714
Total	\$ 1,025,014	\$ 10,233,886	\$ 12,603,858	\$ 1,193,222

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

ORLEANS PARISH CIVIL SHERIFF

COMBINED BALANCE SHEET
AS FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING
JUNE 30, 1988

	Governmental Fund Type (General Fund)	Fiduciary Fund Type- Agency (Civil Fund)	Agency Group (General Fixed Assets)	Totals (Memorandum Only)
ASSETS				
Assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents (NOTE 2)	\$ 549,316	\$1,150,873	\$ -	\$1,700,189
Accounts receivable	212,734	-0-	-0-	212,734
Accrued interest receivable	1,222	-0-	-0-	1,222
Due from Civil Fund	388,238	-0-	-0-	388,238
Prepaid insurance	3,975	-0-	-0-	3,975
Building improvements (NOTE 3)	-0-	-0-	29,810	29,810
Furniture and fixtures (NOTE 3)	-0-	-0-	331,471	331,471
Computer/data processing equipment (NOTE 3)	-0-	-0-	728,370	728,370
Automobiles (NOTE 3)	-0-	-0-	123,633	123,633
Total assets	\$ 1,252,263	\$1,150,873	\$1,113,283	\$3,516,519
LIABILITIES, EQUITY, AND OTHER CREDITS				
Liabilities:				
Accounts payable	\$ 15,896	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15,896
Accounts liabilities	183,246	-0-	-0-	183,246
Due to general fund	-0-	288,238	-0-	288,238
Deposits held for liabilities (NOTE 1A)	-0-	565,236	-0-	565,236
Total liabilities	199,142	853,474	-0-	1,052,616
Contingencies (NOTE 3)				
Equity and Other Credits:				
Investment in general fixed assets (NOTE 3)	-0-	-0-	1,213,283	1,213,283
Fund balance: Unreserved/ undesignated	853,121	-0-	-0-	853,121
Total equity and other credits	853,121	-0-	1,213,283	2,066,404
Total liabilities, equity, and other credits	\$ 1,052,263	\$1,153,474	\$1,213,283	\$3,469,020

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

ORLEANS PARISH CIVIL SHERIFF

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, CONTINUED

NOTE 4 - Pension Plan, Continued:

The Sheriff's Pension and Relief Fund provides retirement benefits for elected sheriffs, deputies and officers of specified courts. There are sixty-five (65) contributing sheriff offices. Contributions of participating sheriffs, together with shared local and state revenues, are pooled within the System to fund accrued benefits, with employer/employee contribution rates approved by the Louisiana Legislature.

Rates of contributions are set by statute. Employees contribute eight point seven (8.7) percent of salaries, and employers contribute, by payroll deductions, six (6) percent of salaries. Contributions are remitted monthly by employers.

Generally, all sheriffs and full-time deputies are eligible to participate in the System, provided they meet certain physical conditions. Benefits vest with twelve (12) years of service. At retirement age, employees are entitled to annual benefits equal to the following:

Service earned before 1989:

12 years, but less than 15 years	= 2.50% per year
15 years, but less than 20 years	= 2.75% per year
20 or more years	= 3.00% per year

Service earned 1989 and after (effective July 1, 1995):

12 years, but less than 15 years	= 2.75% per year
15 years, but less than 20 years	= 3.00% per year
20 years or more years	= 3.25% per year

Average salary is determined based on the member's highest average salary for any consecutive thirty-six months of service. Vested employees may retire at age 55 with a minimum of twelve years of credited service or at age 50 with a minimum of twenty years of credited service.

Effective July 1, 1999 the Sheriff's Pension Fund instituted a Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP) for its members. In order to be eligible, members need to be at least age 55 with 12 or more years of service, or at least age 51 with 35 or more years of service. Nonpersonal service is not eligible to be used to qualify. Members who participate in Drop complete the regular retirement process just as though they were retiring, including selection of the option and beneficiary. Neither the option nor the beneficiary can be changed. The member continues to work in the Sheriff's office and receives a salary but does not earn creditable service.

ORLEANS PARISH CIVIL SHERIFF
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPE--GENERAL FUND
For the Year Ended June 30, 1996

Revenues:	
Fees and commissions	69,158,244
Security services	937,419
State appropriations-	
supplemental pay for deputies	141,019
Interest	<u>32,832</u>
Total revenues	<u>70,270,514</u>
Expenditures:	
salaries and related benefits:	
Salaries	5,268,476
Employee contributions	148,788
Unemployment insurance	28,388
Group insurance	388,896
Social security contributions	29,758
continuing education	8,828
Medicare tax	34,541
contractual services:	
Sheriff's expense allowance	8,498
Communications and telephones	22,815
Equipment repairs	67,942
Equipment repair and maintenance	38,284
Oil and gas-auto	71,888
Supplies and maintenance-auto	19,488
liability insurance	158,362
dues and subscriptions	7,883
data processing	28,188
Legal and accounting	26,888
consulting fees	26,178
Material and supplies:	
Stationery, printing and supplies	48,582
Postage and bulk mailing	48,032
Other:	
Household	8,737
Conferences and travel expenses	2,734
Building security	24,282
Parking	8,437
office maintenance	25,388
capital outlay:	
Equipment purchases	<u>35,234</u>
Total expenditures	<u>6,587,654</u>
Excess of revenues over expenditures	(434,938)
Fund balance, beginning of year	2,038,888
Fund balance, end of year	<u>1,603,950</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

ORLEANS PARISH CIVIL SHERIFF

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, CONTINUED

NOTE 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, Continued:

E. Vacation and Sick Leave

Employees of the Sheriff are entitled to one-to-four weeks of annual leave depending on the employee's years of service. An additional day is allowed for each year of service over twenty years. Annual leave may not be accumulated. All annual leave is charged to the period in which it is taken or used and any unused annual leave is not considered a vested benefit and accordingly the Sheriff has not established any liability for accrued annual leave benefits.

Each full-time employee of the Sheriff with more than one year of employment is allowed five days of sick leave each year, earned one day for each month worked. Sick leave is cumulative up to twenty working days; however, all accrued sick leave is not a vested benefit and accordingly the Sheriff has not established any liability for accrued sick leave benefits.

F. Total Column on Balance Sheet

The total column on the balance sheet is captioned "Memorandum Only" to indicate that it is presented only to facilitate financial analysis. Data in this column does not present financial position in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. Neither is such data comparable to a consolidation.

G. Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash includes amounts on hand and in demand deposits, interest-bearing demand deposits, and cash equivalents. Cash equivalents include amounts in government backed discount notes with original maturities of 90 days or less. Cash equivalents are held in safe keeping at a custodial bank in the Sheriff's name. Under state law, the Sheriff may deposit funds in demand deposits, money market accounts, or time deposits with state banks organized under Louisiana law and national banks having their principal offices in Louisiana.

ORLEANS PARISH CIVIL SHERIFF
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, CONTINUED

NOTE 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, Continued:

B. General Fixed Assets Account Group, continued

The fixed assets used in the governmental fund type operations of the Sheriff are recorded as expenditures at the time purchased. These related assets are simultaneously capitalized and accounted for in the General Fixed Assets Account Group. No depreciation has been provided on these fixed assets. All fixed assets are valued at historical cost.

C. Basis of Accounting

Governmental Funds and Fiduciary Funds utilize the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under this method, revenues are recognized in the accounting period in which they become both available and measurable. Charges for services, fines and forfeitures, and miscellaneous revenues are recorded as revenues when received in cash. Expenditures are recognized in the accounting period in which the fund liability is incurred, if measurable.

Agency Fund assets and liabilities are accounted for on the modified accrual basis.

D. Budgetary Accounting

The proposed budget for 1996 was made available for public inspection on June 25, 1995. The proposed budget, prepared on the modified accrual basis of accounting, was published in the official journal ten days prior to the public hearing for comments from taxpayers. The budget is legally adopted and amended, as necessary, by the Sheriff. At fiscal close, all appropriations lapse. All changes in the budget must be approved by the Sheriff. Unexpended appropriations and any excess of revenues over expenditures are carried forward to the subsequent year as beginning Fund balance.

Neither encumbrance accounting nor formal integration of the budget into the accounting records is employed as a management control device. However, periodic comparisons of budget and actual amounts are made. Budget amounts included in the accompanying financial statements reflect the originally adopted budget and all subsequent amendments.

ORLEANS PARISH CIVIL SHERIFF
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies:

The Sheriff serves a four-year term, as provided by Article V, Section 33 and R.S.33:1501.1 of the Louisiana Constitution of 1874. The Sheriff is the chief executive officer of the Civil District Courts of the Parish of Orleans and he serves citations, summonses, subpoenas, notices and other processes and executes writs for judicial sales and disburse monies realized in accordance with laws, mandates, orders and judgments directed to him by the District courts, the Courts of Appeals and the Supreme Court.

According to GASB No. 14, the Sheriff is considered a primary government and does not include any component units. For financial reporting purposes, the Sheriff includes all funds, account groups and activities that are controlled by the Sheriff as an independently elected parish official. The activities of the parish, school board, other independently elected parish officials, and municipal level governments are not included within the accompanying financial statements as they are considered autonomous governmental units. These units of government issue financial statements separate from those of the Sheriff.

A. Fund Accounting

The accounts of the Sheriff are organized on the basis of funds and account groups, each of which are 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. Revenues are accounted for in the individual funds based upon the purpose for which they are to be spent and the means by which spending activities are controlled. The funds presented in the financial statements are described as follows:

ORLEANS PARISH CIVIL SHERIFF

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
 CHECKED BY FIVE SEPARATE OFFICES (LAW ENFORCE AND AGRICULTURE)
 OPERATIONAL FUND FIVE-CORRAL FUND
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED June 30, 2004

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable Disadvantage
Revenues:			
Fee and Commissions			
State appropriations-			
supplemental pay for deputies	145,700	152,019	6,319
Interest	75,000	57,811	(17,189)
Security services	100,000	100,000	---
Total revenues	1,881,001	1,229,120	(651,881)
Expenditures:			
Salaries and related benefit:			
Salaries	1,284,474	1,284,474	(170,000)
Pension contributions	144,704	144,704	(11)
Employment Insurance	24,123	24,284	(161)
Group Insurance	100,000	100,000	---
Social security contributions	25,431	25,708	(277)
Outstanding education	1,000	1,000	---
Retirement fee	24,280	24,284	---
Contracted services:			
Sheriff's expense allowance	8,470	8,450	20
Communications and telephone	22,471	22,982	(511)
Equipment rentals	47,190	47,191	(1)
Equipment, repair and maintenance	20,000	20,284	(284)
Gas and oil costs	70,000	71,884	(1,884)
Repairs and maintenance auto	40,000	39,450	550
Liability insurance	267,811	268,242	(431)
Fuel and motor vehicles	8,500	7,483	1,017
Bride processing	10,000	10,100	(100)
Legal and accounting	20,000	20,000	---
Printing fees	20,000	20,179	(179)
Materials and supplies:			
Stationery, printing and supplies	40,000	40,001	(1)
Postage and bulk mailing	50,000	49,282	718
Other:			
Miscellaneous	12,000	9,137	2,863
Contracted and travel expenses	5,000	2,734	2,266
Building security	20,000	20,000	---
Parking	4,000	4,137	(137)
Office maintenance	15,000	14,200	800
Capital outlay:			
Equipment purchases	100,000	100,000	---
Total expenditures	1,881,000	1,597,059	(283,941)
Transfers (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	(1,190,000)	(194,939)	(995,061)
Fund balances, beginning of year		1,800,000	
Fund balances, end of year		(1,800,000)	

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Honorable Paul H. Valteau, Jr.
Orleans Parish Civil Sheriff

We have audited the general purpose financial statements of the Orleans Parish Civil Sheriff (the Sheriff) as of and for the year ended June 30, 1996, as listed in the Table of Contents. These general purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the Sheriff'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 generally accepted auditing standards and Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. These 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 accounts and disclosures in the general purpose 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 Sheriff as of June 30, 1996, and the results of its operations and changes in assets and liabilities of the Financial Fund Type for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued a report dated September 13, 1996 on our consideration of the Sheriff's internal control structure and a report dated September 13, 1996 on its compliance with laws and regulations.

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September 13, 1996

ORLEANS PARISH CIVIL SHERIFF
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, CONTINUED

NOTE 3 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, continued:

c. Governmental Fund Type-General Fund

The General Fund is the general operating fund of the Sheriff and is provided for by Louisiana Revised Statute 33:1903. The major source of revenues is from fees and commissions. Other sources of revenues include state supplemental pay for deputies, revenues for providing security services and interest earned on cash and cash equivalents. Expenditures of the fund include the Sheriff's salary and expense allowance, salaries of deputies and other operating expenses. Also, the fund is charged with all costs of operating the Sheriff's Office for which a separate fund has not been established.

c. Fiduciary Fund Type-Agency-Civil Fund

The Agency-Civil Fund is used as a depository for collection of civil suits, garnishments, Sheriff's sale of real estate and movable property. Disbursements from this fund are made to various parish agencies, litigants in suits, etc., in a manner prescribed by law. This fund is custodial in nature (assets equal liabilities) and does not involve measurement of results of operations.

B. General Fixed Assets Account Group

The account group is not a "fund", but rather a group of accounts that is used to account for assets acquired principally for general purposes. It is concerned only with the measurement of financial position and is not involved with measurement of results of operations.

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON COMPLIANCE
BASED ON AN AUDIT OF GENERAL PURPOSE
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN
ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS**

Honorable Paul E. Yalton, Jr.
Orleans Parish Civil Sheriff

We have audited the general purpose financial statements of the Orleans Parish Civil Sheriff (the Sheriff) as of and for the year ended June 30, 1996, and have issued our report thereon dated September 13, 1996.

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 general purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement.

Compliance with laws and regulations applicable to the Sheriff, is the responsibility of the Sheriff's management. As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the general purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of the Sheriff's compliance with certain provisions of laws and regulations. However, the objective of our audit of the general purpose financial statements was not to provide an opinion on overall compliance with such provisions. 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.

ORLEANS PARISH CIVIL SHERIFF

NOTICE TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, CONTINUED

NOTE 2 - Cash and Cash Equivalents:
continued

Even though the pledged securities are considered uncollateralized (Category 3) under the provisions of GASB Statement 3, Louisiana Revised Statute 38:1228 imposes a statutory requirement on the custodial bank to advertise and sell the pledged securities within 30 days of being notified by the Sheriff that the fiscal agent has failed to pay deposited funds upon demand.

NOTE 3 - Schedule of Changes in General Fixed Assets:

Activity for general fixed assets which are capitalized by the Sheriff during the year ended June 30, 1998 are as follows:

Description	General Fixed Assets			General Fixed Assets June 30, 1998
	July 1, 1997	Additions	Deletions	
Buildings				
Improvements	\$ 29,810	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ 29,810
Furniture and fixtures	339,754	6,188	4,440	341,492
Automobiles	177,558	-0-	50,817	126,741
Computer/data processing	714,901	27,844	24,428	718,317
	<u>\$1,262,023</u>	<u>\$34,032</u>	<u>\$79,685</u>	<u>\$1,216,370</u>

NOTE 4 - Pension Plans:

Federal Social Security Program

Many employees of the Sheriff's office belong to the Federal Social Security Program. The Sheriff does not guarantee the benefits granted by the Federal Social Security Program.

Sheriff's Pension and Relief Fund

Substantially all employees of the Sheriff's office are members of the Sheriff's Pension and Relief Fund (SRPF), a multiple-employer public employee retirement system (PERS).

ORLEANS PARISH CIVIL SHERIFF
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, CONTINUED

NOTE 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, Continued:

H. Use of 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 disclosure 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 these estimates.

NOTE 3 - Cash and Cash Equivalents:

At June 30, 1996, the Sheriff has cash and cash equivalents (book balances) totaling \$1,743,188, as follows:

Cash on hand	\$	350
Interest-bearing demand deposits		18,177
Cash equivalents:		
FIMC discount note	529,700	
Non interest-bearing demand deposits		1,133,522
Total		\$1,743,188

These deposits are stated at cost, which approximates market. Under state law, these deposits (or the resulting bank balances) must be secured by federal deposit insurance or the pledge of securities owned by the fiscal agent bank. The market value of the pledged securities plus the federal deposit insurance must at all times equal the amount on deposit with the fiscal agent. These securities are held in the name of the pledging fiscal agent bank in a holding or custodial bank that is mutually acceptable to both parties. At June 30, 1996, the Sheriff has \$1,133,780 in deposits (collected bank balances). These deposits are secured from risk by \$180,000 of federal deposit insurance and \$953,780 of pledged securities held by the custodial bank in the name of the fiscal agent bank (GASB Category 3).

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON COMPLIANCE
BASED ON AN AUDIT OF GENERAL PURPOSE
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN
ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS
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This report is intended for the information of management and the Legislative Auditor of the State of Louisiana. This restriction is not intended to limit the distribution of this report, which is a matter of public record.

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September 13, 1998

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Release Date DEC. 24, 1996

GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TOGETHER WITH INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1996

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON
INTERNAL CONTROL STRUCTURE BASED ON
AN AUDIT OF GENERAL PURPOSE
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN
ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS**

Honorable Paul N. Valteau, Jr.
Orleans Parish Civil Sheriff

We have audited the general purpose financial statements of the Orleans Parish Civil Sheriff (the Sheriff) as of and for the year ended June 30, 1996, and have issued our report thereon dated September 13, 1996.

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 general purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement.

The management of the Sheriff is responsible for establishing and maintaining an internal control structure. In fulfilling this responsibility, estimates and judgments by management are required to assess the expected benefits and related costs of internal control structure policies and procedures. The objectives of an internal control structure are to provide management with reasonable, but not absolute, assurance that assets are safeguarded against loss from unauthorized use or disposition, and that transactions are recorded in accordance with management's authorization and recorded properly to permit the preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Because of inherent limitations in any internal control structure, errors or irregularities may nevertheless occur and not be detected. Also, projection of any evaluation of the structure to future periods is subject to the risk that procedures may become inadequate because of changes in conditions or that the effectiveness of the design and operation of policies and procedures may deteriorate.

ORLEANS PARISH CIVIL SHERIFF
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, CONTINUED

NOTE 4 - Pension Plans, Continued:

The pension benefit obligation is presented as of June 30, 1999, because the June 30, 1998, information is not available.

The pension benefit obligation is a standardized measure of the present value of pension benefits, adjusted for the effects of projected salary increases and stop-rated benefits, estimated to be payable in the future as a result of employee service to date. The measure, which is the actuarial present value of credited projected benefits, is intended to help users assess the System's funding status on a going-concern basis, assess progress made in accumulating sufficient assets to pay benefits when due, and make comparisons among PHS and employers. The System does not make separate measurements of assets and pension benefit obligations for individual employees.

Historical trend information showing the system's progress in accumulating sufficient assets to pay benefits when due is presented in the System's June 30, 1995, comprehensive annual financial report. The Orleans Parish Civil Sheriff does not guarantee the benefits granted by the System.

NOTE 5 - Contingency - Litigation:

The Sheriff is a defendant in several lawsuits. The legal advisor to the Sheriff estimates that the ultimate resolution of the cases, not adequately covered by insurance, would not involve a substantial liability to the Sheriff, and therefore, no expense or provision has been established.

ORLEANS PARISH CIVIL SHERIFF
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, CONTINUED

NOTE 4 - Pension Plans, continued:

for the period of the DROP. Members who enter the DROP between ages 53 and 56 continue to pay their employee contribution; those who entered early DROP before July 1, 1996 continue to pay contributions throughout their DROP participation, even after attaining age 55. Members who enter the DROP at age 56 or above do not continue to pay an employee contribution. In all cases, the employer contribution continues.

The system also provides death and disability benefits. All benefits are established by state statute.

employees are required by state statute to contribute eight point seven (8.7) percent of gross salary, to which the Sheriff adds a six (6) percent contribution as an employee's match. The Sheriff's contribution to the System for the year ended June 30, 1996 is as follows:

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1996

Total Current Year Payroll	\$1,848,476
Total Current Year Regular Payroll	\$2,851,298
Total Current DROP Payroll	\$ 133,381

Contributions:	Required by State		Actual		Actually Required	
	Percent	Amount	Percent	Amount	Percent	Amount
	Employees	8.70%	\$230,654	8.70%	\$230,654	8.70%
Employer	6.00%	167,075	6.00%	167,075	6.00%	167,075
Total	14.70%	\$397,729	14.70%	\$397,729	14.70%	\$397,729

Percent of employer's actually required contribution
to all participating employers 1.42%

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1995

Retirement System:	
Net Assets	\$ 398,281,842
Pension benefit obligation	(428,491,800)
Unfunded pension benefit obligation	\$ 471,200,358

**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON
INTERNAL CONTROL STRUCTURE BASED ON
AN AUDIT OF GENERAL PURPOSE
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN
ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS
(CONTINUED)**

In planning and performing our audit of the general purpose financial statements of the Sheriff, for the year ended June 30, 1998, we obtained an understanding of the internal control structure. With respect to the internal control structure, we obtained an understanding of the design of relevant policies and procedures and whether they have been placed in operation, and we assessed control risk in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the general purpose financial statements and not to provide an opinion on the internal control structure. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

Our consideration of the internal control structure would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control structure that might be material weaknesses under standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. A material weakness is a reportable condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control structure elements does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that errors or irregularities in amounts that would be material in relation to the general purpose 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 structure and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses as defined above.

This report is intended for the information of management, and the Legislative Auditor of the State of Louisiana. This restriction is not intended to limit the distribution of this report, which is a matter of public record.

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September 13, 1998