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## FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 1 OF TENSAS PARISH, LOUISIANA (A COMPONENT UNIT OF THE TENSAS PARISH POLICE JURY) ST. JOSEPH, LOUISIANA

## ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2008 AND FOR THE YEAR THEN ENDED

WITH INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

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.

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## **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

Members of the Board Commissioners Fire Protection District No. 1 of Tensas Parish, Louisiana St. Joseph, Louisiana

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, major funds and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Fire Protection District No. 1 of Tensas Parish, Louisiana, a component unit of the Tensas Parish Police Jury, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2008, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements, as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of Fire Protection District No. 1 of Tensas Parish, Louisiana's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these basic financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. 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 basic financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinions.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Fire Protection District No. 1 of Tensas Parish, Louisiana, as of December 31, 2008, 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 dated May 29, 2009, on our consideration of the Fire Protection District No. 1 of Tensas Parish, Louisiana's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants, and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.

The Management's Discussion and Analysis and budgetary comparison information on page 3 through 6 and 21 through 22 are not a required part of the basic financial statements but are supplementary information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Our audit was made for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Fire Protection District No. 1 of Tensas Parish's basic financial statements. The supplemental information schedules listed in the table of contents are presented for the purpose 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 examination of the basic statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

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Natchez, Mississippi May 29, 2009

Our discussion and analysis of Fire Protection District No. 1 of Tensas Parish, Louisiana (hereafter referred to as the District) financial performance provides an overview of the District's financial activities for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008.

## **FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS**

- General revenues were \$363,326 in 2008 compared to \$427,270 in 2007.
- General expenditures were \$353,182 in 2008 compared to \$365,234 in 2007.

## **OVERVIEW OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the District's basic financial statements. The District's basic financial statements comprise three components: 1) government-wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements, and 3) notes to the financial statements. This report also contains other supplementary information in addition to the basic financial statements themselves.

Government-wide financial statements. The government-wide financial statements are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the District's finances, in a manner similar to a private-sector business.

The statement of net assets presents information on all of the District's assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two reported as net assets. Over time, increases or decreases in net assets may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the district is improving or deteriorating.

The statement of activities presents information showing how the District's net assets changed during the most recent fiscal year.

The government-wide financial statements outline functions of the District that are principally supported by property taxes and sales taxes. Fixed assets and related debt is also supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues.

The government-wide financial statements can be found on pages 7 – 8 of this report.

Fund financial statements. A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives.

The basic governmental fund financial statements can be found on pages 9 - 13 of this report.

Notes to the financial statements. The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements. The notes to the financial statements can be found on pages 14 – 20 of this report.

## **GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS**

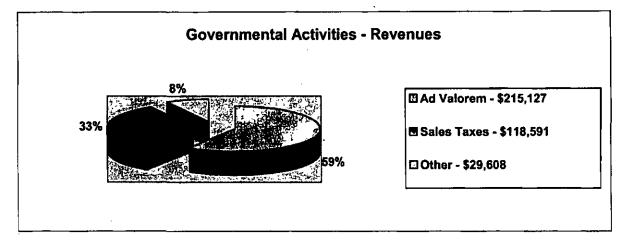
The following is a summary of the net assets at December 31, 2008 and 2007:

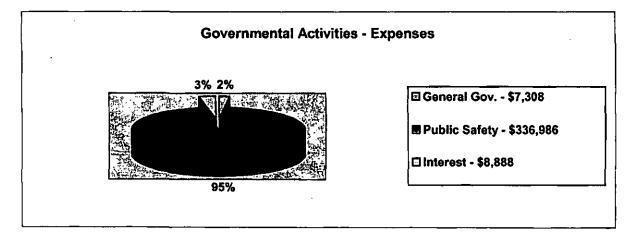
	2008	2007
Current and other assets Capital assets	\$ 250,370 860,201	\$ 358,006 841,705
Total assets	1,110,571	1,199,711
Current liabilities	65,864	110,148
Long-term liabilities	<u>160,000</u>	215,000
Total liabilities	225,864	325,148
Net assets		
Investment in capital assets (net of related debt)	645,201	527,705
Unrestricted	239,506	346,858
Total net assets	<u>\$ 884,707</u>	<u>\$ 874.563</u>

The following is a summary of the statement of activities for 2008 and 2007:

	2008	
Revenues		
Taxes	\$ 333,718	\$ 279,957
Grants	-	118,095
Other	29,608	29,218
	363,326	427,270
Expenses		
General and administrative	7,308	19,309
Public safety – fire	336,986	338,512
Debt service - interest	8,888	7,413
Total expenses	353,182	365,234
Increase in net assets	10,144	62,036
Net assets – beginning of year	874,563	812,527
Net assets – end of year	<u>\$ 884.707</u>	<u>\$ 874.563</u>

The following are a graphical representation of information presented in the Statement of Activities for Governmental Activities in 2008:





## GENERAL FUND BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS

The District's budget was amended once during the last year.

The actual general fund expenditures were \$6,339 over the budget amounts.

Revenues available for expenditure were \$14,940 more than budgeted amounts.

## CAPITAL ASSETS

At the end of the year, the District has \$860,201 invested in capital assets, including land, buildings, furniture, fire fighting equipment, and vehicles. This year there were additions of \$155,520 in capital assets. More detailed information about the District's capital assets is presented in Note 4 of the financial statements.

The additions in 2008 included the following:

Freightliner (1994)	· \$	38,880
Freightliner (1994)	•	38,880
Freightliner (1994)		38,880
Freightliner (1994)		38,880
2	\$	155,520

## DEBT

At year-end, the District had \$215,000 in certificates of indebtedness outstanding. The District had \$314,000 in certificates of indebtedness outstanding to begin the year ended December 31, 2008, and repaid \$99,000 for a net decrease of \$99,000 in long-term debt.

## ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGETS AND RATES

Taking all factors into consideration, the District's general fund balance is expected to remain unchanged by the close of 2009.

## **CONTACTING THE DISTRICT'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT**

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, customers and creditors with a general overview of the District's finances and to show the District's accountability for the money it receives. Any questions about this report or requests for additional information may be directed to Ricky Jones, Fire Chief, 205 Hancock Street, St. Joseph, Louisiana 71366, (318) 766-3004.

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## **BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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## 7 STATEMENT A

## FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 1 OF TENSAS PARISH, LOUISIANA (A COMPONENT UNIT OF THE TENSAS PARISH POLICE JURY) ST. JOSEPH, LOUISIANA STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS DECEMBER 31, 2008

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ASSETS Cash and cash equivalents Receivables, net Deposits Restricted assets Capital assets, net	\$ 19,567 228,560 1,500 743 <u>860,201</u>
Total assets	1,110,571
<u>LIABILITIES</u> Accrued liabilities Current portion – loans payable Long-term portion – loans payable	10,864 55,000 <u>160,000</u>
Total liabilities	225,864
<u>NET ASSETS</u> Invested in capital assets, net of related debt Unrestricted	645,201 239,506
Total net assets	<u>\$ 884,707</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

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## STATEMENT B

## FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 1 OF TENSAS PARISH, LOUISIANA (A COMPONENT UNIT OF THE TENSAS PARISH POLICE JURY) ST. JOSEPH, LOUISIANA STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES DECEMBER 31, 2008

<u>GENERAL REVENUES</u> Taxes	
Ad valorem taxes	\$ 215,127
Sales tax	118,591
Interest earnings	509
Other revenues	2 <u>9,099</u>
Total general revenues	<u> </u>
<u>GENERAL EXPENSES</u>	
Governmental activities	
General government	7,308
Public safety - fire	336,986
Interest expense	8,888
• •	
Total general expenses	353,182
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Changes in net assets	10,144
Net assets – beginning of year	874,563
Net assets - end of year	\$ 884.707

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

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FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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## **GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**

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## 9 STATEMENT C

## FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 1 OF TENSAS PARISH, LOUISIANA (A COMPONENT UNIT OF THE TENSAS PARISH POLICE JURY) ST. JOSEPH, LOUISIANA BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31, 2008

				Debt		Total
	General S		Service		Gov	ernmental
		Fund		Fund	]	Funds
ASSETS						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	19,567	\$	· –	\$	19,567
Receivables, (net of allowance						
for uncollectibles)	•	228,560		-		228,560
Deposits		1,500		-		1,500
Restricted assets				743		743
Total assets		249,627		743		250.370
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES						
Accrued liabilities		2,016		8,848		10,864
Total current liabilities		2,016		8,848		10,864
Fund balance						
Reserved for debt service (deficit)		-		(8,105)		(8,105)
Unreserved		247,611		-		247,611
Total fund balance		247,611		(8,105)		239,506
Total liabilities and fund balance	<u>\$</u>	249.627	<u>\$</u>	743	<u>\$</u>	250,370

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# STATEMENT D

## FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 1 OF TENSAS PARISH, LOUISIANA (A COMPONENT UNIT OF THE TENSAS PARISH POLICE JURY) ST. JOSEPH, LOUISIANA RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET TO THE STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS DECEMBER 31, 2008

Total fund balances for governmental funds (Statement C)		\$	239,506
Total net assets reported for governmental activities in the statement of net assets is different because:			
Capital assets used by governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds. Those assets consist of:			
Cost of capital assets Less accumulated depreciation Long-term liabilities	\$  1,486,204 (626,003)		860,201 _(215,000)
Total net assets of governmental activities (Statement A)		<u>\$</u>	<u>    884,707</u>

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## 11 STATEMENT E

## FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 1 OF TENSAS PARISH, LOUISIANA (A COMPONENT UNIT OF THE TENSAS PARISH POLICE JURY) ST. JOSEPH, LOUISIANA STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008

	Genera Fund	ol	Debt Service <u>Fund</u>	Total Governmental <u>Funds</u>
REVENUES				
Taxes		F 107 P		ф 01 Г 10 7
Ad valorem taxes		5,127 \$	-	\$ 215,127
Sales tax	11	8,591 272	- 237	118,591 509
Interest earnings			237	
Other revenues		<u>9,099</u>	237	<u>29,099</u>
Total revenues	3t	<u>3,089</u>		363.326
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
General government				
Legal and accounting		<u>7,308</u>	<del>,</del>	7,308
Public safety – fire				
Salaries	ţ	60,621	-	50,621
Insurance	3	3,912	-	33,912
Repairs	3	31,936	-	31,936
Utilities and telephone	2	21,815	-	21,815
Supplies		1,337	-	11,337
Rent		9,955	-	9,955
Retirement		5,126	-	5,126
Office supplies	-	0,630	•	10,630
Fuel	-	13,035	-	13,035
Travel		2,382	-	2,382
Miscellaneous		<u>9,213</u>		9,213
Total public safety - fire	19	9,962		199,962
Debt service				
Principal retirement		-	99,000	99,000
Interest expense			8,888	8,888
Total debt service		<u>-</u>	107,888	107,888
Capital outlay	1!	<u>55,520</u>	<u> </u>	155,520
Total expenditures	<u>\$ 3</u> (	<u>52,790</u> \$		<u>\$ 470,678</u>

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## 12 STATEMENT E

## FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 1 OF TENSAS PARISH, LOUISIANA (A COMPONENT UNIT OF THE TENSAS PARISH POLICE JURY) ST. JOSEPH, LOUISIANA STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008

	General Fund		Debt Service Fund		Gov	Total vernmental Funds
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	<b>\$</b> `	299	\$	(107,651)	\$	(107,352)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES Transfer in (out)		(102,860) (102,860)		<u>102,860</u> 102,860		<u>-</u>
Excess (deficiency) of expenditures over revenues		<u>(102,561</u> )		<u>(4,791</u> )		<u>(107,352</u> )
Fund balance, beginning of year		<u>350,172</u>	·	(3,314)		346,858
Fund balance, end of year	<u>\$</u>	<u>247.61</u> 1	<u>\$</u>	(8,105)	<u>\$</u>	239,506

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## 13 STATEMENT F

## FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 1 OF TENSAS PARISH, LOUISIANA (A COMPONENT UNIT OF THE TENSAS PARISH POLICE JURY) ST. JOSEPH, LOUISIANA RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008

Net changes in fund balance – governmental fund (Statement E)	\$	(107,352)
Amounts reported for governmental activity in the statement of activity 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.		
Capital outlay which is considered expenditures on Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances Depreciation expense		155,520 (137,024)
Governmental funds report debt service payments as expenditures and proceeds from loans as revenues. However, in the statement of activities, repayments of principal of indebtedness reduces long- term liabilities in the statement of net assets and loan proceeds increase long-term liabilities. This is the amount of principal		·
payments made:		99,000
Change in net assets per statement of activities (Statement B)	<u>\$</u>	<u> </u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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## INTRODUCTION

- 1. The Tensas Parish Police Jury created the Fire Protection District No. 1 of Tensas Parish, Louisiana May 25, 1999 by resolution. The District operates in compliance with Part I Chapter 7, Title 40 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950.
- 2. The purpose of the District is to provide fire protection for Tensas Parish.
- 3. The District's boundaries are all of Tensas Parish, Louisiana. Tensas Parish is located in Northeast Louisiana and has a population of 6,300.
- 4. A Board of Commissioners of five members appointed by the Tensas Parish Police Jury governs the District. The board members are presently serving without compensation.
- 5. The District had one paid full-time employee during 2008.

## NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Government Wide and Fund Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements (i.e. the statement of net assets and the statement of changes in net assets) report information on all of the activities of the Fire Protection District No. 1 of Tensas Parish, Louisiana (hereafter referred to as the District).

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segment is offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. Program revenues include taxes, interest and other items that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or segment.

B. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Financial Statement Presentation

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Property taxes are recognized as revenues in the year for which they are levied. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

## NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Government fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the government considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures, as well as expenditures related to compensated absences and claims and judgments, are recorded only when payment is due.

Property taxes, sales taxes and interest associated with the current fiscal period are considered to be susceptible to accrual and so have been recognized as revenues of the current fiscal period. All other revenue items are considered to be measurable and available only when cash is received by the government.

The District reports the following governmental funds:

- 1. General Fund the general operating fund of the district and accounts for all financial resources, except those required to be accounted for in other funds.
- 2. Debt Service Fund accounts for transactions relating to resources retained and used for the payment of principal and interest on those long-term obligations recorded in the general long-term obligations account group.
- C. Deposits and Investments

The entity's cash and cash equivalents are considered to be cash on hand, demand deposits and short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition. State law and the District's investment policy allow the entity to invest in collateralized certificates of deposits, government back securities, commercial paper, the state sponsored investment pool, and mutual funds consisting solely of government backed securities.

D. Receivables and Payables

All trade and property tax receivables are shown net of allowance for uncollectible.

Property taxes are levied on a calendar year basis and become due on January 1 of each year. The following is a summary of authorized and levied ad valorem taxes:

Authorized	Levied Millage	Expiration <u>Date</u>	
Taxes due for: Fire protection	4.51	4.51	2018

## NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

The following are the principal taxpayers and related property tax revenue for the District:

			% of Total	Ad	Valorem
	Type of	Assessed	Assessed		Revenue
<u>Taxpayer</u>	Business	 Valuation	<u>Valuation</u>	fo	<u>r District</u>
American Commercial Barge Line	Barge line	\$ 3,385,190	7.8%	\$	16,780
American River Transport Co.	Barge line	\$ 3,177,570	7.3%	\$	15,704
Ingram Barge Company	Barge line	\$ 2,759,500	6.3%	\$	13,553

Sales taxes of ¼% for fire protection expires 2018.

## E. Restricted Assets

Certain cash accounts are restricted by debt covenants and may be used only for payment of bonds and interest.

## F. Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include property, plant and equipment, are reported in the applicable government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are capitalized at historical cost. Donated assets are recorded as capital assets at their estimated fair market value at the date of donation. The District maintains a threshold level of \$1,000 for capitalizing capital assets.

The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend assets lives are not capitalized. Major outlays for capital assets and improvements are capitalized as projects are constructed.

All capital assets, other than land, are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

Description	Estimated Lives
Buildings and improvements	30 years
Furniture and fixtures	5 years
Vehicles	5 years
Equipment	15 years

## G. Compensated Absences

The District has the following policy relating to vacation and sick leave:

Vacation: After one year, employee receives five days vacation. After two years, employee receives ten days vacation.

Sick leave: Employee accumulated one day per month.

## NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

## H. Fund Equity

In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report reservations of fund balance for amounts that are not available for appropriation or are legally restricted by outside parties for use for a specific purpose. Designations of fund balance represent tentative management plans that are subject to change.

## I. Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require 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, expenditures and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

## J. Budget Practices

A proposed operating budget for the General Fund and Debt Service Fund prepared on the cash basis of accounting is approved by the Board of Commissioners and adopted in accordance with the Local Government Budget Law. The proposed operating budgets are legally adopted and amended, as necessary, by the District. All appropriations lapse at year-end.

Formal budget integration employed as a management control device. Budget amounts included in the accompanying financial statements include the original budget amounts and all subsequent amendments, if any.

## NOTE 2 - CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

At December 31, 2008 the District has cash and cash equivalents (book balances) totaling \$20,310. The cash was held in interest-bearing demand deposit.

These deposits are stated at cost, which approximates market. Under state law, these deposits must be secured by federal deposit insurance or 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 December 31, 2008, the District has \$20,310 in deposits (collected bank balances). These deposits are secured from risk by \$500,000 of federal deposit insurance.

## **NOTE 3 - RECEIVABLES**

The receivables of \$228,560 at December 31, 2008 are as follows:

Ad valorem	\$	195,155
Sales taxes		33,405
Less allowance for doubtful accounts		
Total receivables	<u>\$</u>	228,560

## NOTE 4 - CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital assets and depreciation activities as of and for the year ended December 31, 2008 for the primary government is as follows:

	Beginning Balance	V V		Ending Balance
Governmental activities: Capital assets not being depreciated				
Land	<u>\$3.509</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$3,509</u>
Capital assets being depreciated				
Buildings	443,039	-	-	443,039
Equipment	884,136	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	1,039,656
Total capital assets being depreciated	1,327,175	155,520		1,482,695
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Buildings	(81,382)	(15,270)	-	(96,652)
Equipment	(407,597)	(121,754)	<u></u>	(529,351)
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>(488,979</u> )	<u>(137,024</u> )		(626,003)
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	838,196	18,496		856,692
Total capital assets	<u>\$841,705</u>	<u>\$18,496</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$860,201</u>

Depreciation expense of \$137,024 for the year ended December 31, 2008, was charged to the public safety functions.

## NOTE 5 - ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND ACCRUED LIABILITIES

The accrued liabilities of \$10,864 at December 31, 2008, are as follows:

Payroll taxes and retirement	\$ 2,016
Accrued interest	 <u> </u>
	\$ 10.864

## NOTE 6 - GENERAL LONG-TERM DEBT

At December 31, 2008, long-term debt was comprised of the following:

\$160,000 – 2007 certificates of indebtedness due in annual installments of \$29,000 to \$36,000 beginning March 1, 2010 through March 1, 2014, interest at 5.1%	\$ 160,000
\$690,000 – 2000 certificates of indebtedness due in annual installments of \$70,000 to \$105,000 beginning March 1, 2002 through March 1, 2009, interest at 5,75%	55,000
	<u>\$ 215.000</u>

The following is a summary of the long-term debt transactions for the year ended December 31, 2008:

Long-term debt at beginning of year	\$	314,000
Certificates issued during the year Certificates retired during the year		-
Cermicales felled during the year		<u>(99,000</u> )
Balance at end of year	<u>\$</u>	215.000

The maturity schedule for the debt is as follows:

Date	<u>Princi</u>	pal	Inte	res <u>t</u>		Total
2009	\$	55,000	\$	13,835	\$	68,835
2010		29,000		6,401		35,401
2011		30,000		5,304		35,304
2012		32,000		4,131		36,131
Thereafter		<u>69,000</u>		<u>3,596</u>		72,596
Total	<u>\$2</u>	<u>15.000</u>	<u>\$</u>	33,267	<u>\$</u>	248.267

## **NOTE 7 - INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT**

The District entered into an intergovernmental agreement in 1999 with the Towns of Waterproof, St. Joseph and Newellton, Louisiana in which the District is to provide fire protection for each of the Towns and all the areas of Tensas Parish outside of the Towns. Included in the agreement is a provision for the District to pay the Town of Newellton \$9,995 per year to reimburse for certain note payments that the Town has an obligation to pay concerning fire fighting equipment. The future payments to be made under this agreement are as follows:

2009	\$	9,955
2010		1,659
Total	<u>\$</u>	11.614

## **NOTE 8 – PENSION PLANS**

Plan Description: The District contributes to the Firefighters' Retirement System. The plan is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined-benefit pension plan. The plan is administered by a board of trustees. The plan provides retirement benefits, disability benefits, annual cost-of living adjustments, and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. Louisiana Revised Statutes 11:2551 et seq. grants the board of trustees the authority to establish and amend benefit provisions of the plans.

The retirement system issues publicly available financial reports that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for the plans. The financial reports may be obtained from:

Firefighters' Retirement System P. O. Box 94095, Capital Station Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-9095

Funding Policy: Plan members are required to contribute 8% of their annual covered salary and the District is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. The District's rate is 12.50% of annual covered payroll as of December 31, 2008. The District's contribution to the plan for the years ending December 31, 2008 was \$5,126.

## **NOTE 9 - RISK MANAGEMENT**

The District is exposed to certain risks of losses such as property damage, liability issues and other potential losses that may occur. The District minimizes its losses by purchase of commercial insurance. The District's exposure over the amount of insurance is considered to be immaterial.

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REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

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## FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 1 OF TENSAS PARISH, LOUISIANA (A COMPONENT UNIT OF THE TENSAS PARISH POLICE JURY) ST. JOSEPH, LOUISIANA STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL (GAAP BASIS) - GENERAL FUND YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008

	Budgeted	Amounts	Actual Amounts Budgetary	Variance Favorable
	Original	Final	Basis	<u>(Unfavorable)</u>
REVENUES:				<u>_totautotable</u>
Taxes				
Ad valorem taxes	\$ 176,595	\$ 186,963	\$ 202,030	\$ 15,067
Sales tax	100,000	118,639	118,639	-
Interest income	2,500	500	272	(228)
Other revenues	25,000	28,998	29,099	101
Total revenues		335,100	350,040	
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EXPENDITURES:				
General government				
Legal and accounting	7,500	7,308	7,308	-
Public safety - fire				
Salaries	36,000	54,500	55,016	(516)
Insurance	39,500	33,912	33,912	-
Repairs	40,000	66,000	32,097	33,903
Utilities and telephone	25,000	22,647	22,536	111
Supplies	5,000	11,337	12,072	(735)
Rent	9,952	9,952	9,955	(3)
Retirement	6,500	5,428	5,428	
Office supplies	20,000	11,234	10,630	604
Fuel	14,000	13,314	13,315	(1)
Travel	5,000	2,381	2,382	(1)
Miscellaneous	17,500	6,606	10,787	(4,181)
Capital outlay	125,000	120,000	<u> </u>	(35,520)
Total expenditures	350,952	364,619	370,958	(6,339)
Excess of revenues over expenditures	(46,857)	(29,519)	(20,918)	8,601
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES:				
Transfers (out)	(103,180)	)(103,180)	(102,860)	320
	(103,180)			
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(Deficiency) of expenditures over				
revenues	(150,037)	(132,699)	(123,778)	8,921
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Fund balance, beginning of year	339,713	<u>339,713</u>	339,713	
Fund balance, end of year	<u>\$189,676</u>	<u>\$207.014</u>	<u>\$ 215,935</u>	<u>\$8,921</u>

## FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 1 OF TENSAS PARISH, LOUISIANA (A COMPONENT UNIT OF THE TENSAS PARISH POLICE JURY) ST. JOSEPH, LOUISIANA NOTES TO THE REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Budgetary Comparison Schedule

1. Basis of Presentation

The Budgetary Comparison Schedule presents the original legally adopted budget, the actual data on the cash basis, and variances between the final budget and the actual data.

2. Budget/GAAP Reconciliation

The major differences between the budgetary basis and the GAAP basis are:

- a. Revenues are recorded when received in cash (budgetary) as opposed to when susceptible to accrual (GAAP).
- b. Expenditures are recorded when paid in cash (budgetary) as opposed to when susceptible to accrual (GAAP).

The following schedule reconciles net change in fund balances on the budgetary basis schedules to the GAAP basis financial statements for the General Fund.

		General Fund	
Net change in fund balance – budget basis Increase	\$	(123,778)	
Net adjustments for revenue accruals		13,049	
Net adjustments for expenditure accruals		8,168	
Net change in fund balance - GAAP basis	<u>\$</u>	<u>(102,561</u> )	

## **REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE**

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BLIC ACCOUNTANTS and ADVISORS 209 N. Commerce Street P.O. Box 1027 REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTINGNatchez, Mississippi 39121-1027 AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS www.silassimmons.com

Members of the Board of Commissioners Fire Protection District No. 1 of Tensas Parish St. Joseph, Louisiana

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of Fire Protection District No. 1 of Tensas Parish as of and for the year ended December 31, 2008, which collectively comprise the Fire Protection District No. 1 of Tensas Parish's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated May 29, 2009. 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.

## Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered Fire Protection District No. 1 of Tensas Parish's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Fire Protection District No. 1 of Tensas Parish's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Fire Protection District No. 1 of Tensas Parish's internal control District No. 1 of Tensas Parish's internal control over financial reporting.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. However, as discussed below, we identified certain deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be significant deficiencies.

A control deficiency exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affect the Fire Protection District No. 1 of Tensas Parish's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles such that there is more than a remote likelihood that a misstatement of the District's financial statements that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the District's internal control. We consider the deficiency described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses to be a significant deficiency in internal control over financial reporting. The finding we describe in the accompanying current year findings is referenced number 2008-1.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that a material misstatement of the financial statements will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control.

Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in the internal control that might be significant deficiencies and, accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all significant deficiencies that are also considered to be material weaknesses. However, we believe that the significant deficiency described above is not a material weakness.

## **Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Fire Protection District No. 1 of Tensas Parish'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 object of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that is required to be reported under Government Auditing Standards.

This report is intended for the information and use of management of the Fire Protection District No. 1 of Tensas Parish and the Legislative Auditor of the State of Louisiana. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

Silas Simmons, UP

Natchez, Mississippi May 29, 2009

		Planned Corrective Action/Partial Corrective Action Taken		This is reported in 2008 as finding 2008-1. Management indicates that it is not cost efficient or feasible to increase the number of employees and had no plans to do so.	This finding has been corrected.
		Corrective Action Taken (Yes, No, Partially)		No .	Yes
FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 1 OF TENSAS PARISH, LOUISIANA DECEMBER 31, 2008	STATUS OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2007	Description of Finding	Section I - Internal Control and Compliance Not Material to the Financial Statements	We noted the District does not have adequate segregation of duties. One employee controls almost all financial transactions including writing checks, compiling the general ledger, reconciling bank accounts, and co-signing checks. To increase internal controls, we recommend adequate segregation of duties. Because of lack of segregation of duties, internal controls are weakened.	Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513 requires all audit engagements be completed and transmitted to the Louisiana Legislative Auditor within six months of the close of the year. Accordingly, the District's audit report for the year ended December 31, 2007, was due to the Legislative Auditor by June 30, 2008.
		Fiscal Year Finding Initially Occurred	l Control and Compl	Numerous	2005
		Reference No.	Section I - Interné	2007-1	2007-2

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Section II - Internal Control and Compliance Material to Federal Awards

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None

Section III - Management Letter

None

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# FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 1 OF TENSAS PARISH, LOUISIANA

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# STATUS OF CURRENT YEAR FINDINGS, RECOMMENDATIONS, AND CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008

Name Anticipated of Contact Completion Person Date	Rick Jones N/A		
N Corrective of ( Action Planned P	Management indicates that it is Ric not cost efficient or feasible to increase the number of employees.	· ·	
Reference No. Description of Finding Section I - Internal Control and Compliance Not Material to the Financial Statements	We noted the District does not have adequate segregation of duties. One employee controls almost all financial transactions including writing checks, compiling the general ledger, reconciling bank accounts, and co-signing checks. To increase internal controls, we recommend adequate segregation of duties. Because of lack of segregation of duties, internal controls are weakened.	We recommend that an attempt be made to strengthen internal control problems created by having few employees.	Section II - Internal Control and Compliance Material to Federal Awards None
Reference No. Section I - Internal	2008-1		Section II - Interna None

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Section III - Management Letter

None

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