### LINCOLN PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 1 RUSTON, LOUISIANA

Financial Statements
For the Year Ended December 31, 2013

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#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Commissioners
Lincoln Parish Fire Protection District No. 1
Ruston, Louisiana

#### Report on the Financial Statements

I have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities of the Lincoln Parish Fire Protection District No. 1, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2013, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

#### Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal controls relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

#### Auditor's Responsibility

My responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on my audit. I conducted my 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 I plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, I express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinions.

To the Board of Commissioners
Lincoln Parish Fire Protection District No. 1
Ruston, Louisiana

#### **Opinions**

In my opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities of the Lincoln Parish Fire Protection District No. 1, as of December 31, 2013, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### **Other Matters**

#### Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the Management's Discussion and Analysis and Budgetary Comparison Information on pages 3-5 and 19-22 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic or historical context. I have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to my inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge I obtained during my audit of the basic financial statements. I do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide me with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

#### Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, I have also issued my report dated May 16, 2014 on my consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and on my tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of my testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of the testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards in considering Lincoln Parish Fire Protection District No. 1's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

WILLIAM R. HULSEY (APAC) Certified Public Accountant

May 16, 2014

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION (PART A) MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

### LINCOLN PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (MD&A)

Our discussion and analysis of the Lincoln Parish Fire Protection District provides an overview of the District's activities for the year ended December 31, 2013 as compared to 2012. Please read it in conjunction with the District's financial statements.

#### USING THIS ANNUAL REPORT

This annual report consists of a series of financial statements. The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities provide information about the activities of the Fire District as a whole.

#### Reporting the District as a Whole The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities

These statements include all assets and liabilities using the accrual basis of accounting, which is similar to the accounting used by most private-sector entities. All of the current year's revenues and expenses are taken into account regardless of when cash is received or paid.

These two statements report to the District's net position and changes in them. The District's net position (the differences between assets and liabilities) measure the District's financial position. The increases or decreases in the District's net position are an indicator or whether its financial position is improving or not.

#### THE FIRE DISTRICT AS A WHOLE

For the year ended December 31, 2013 and 2012, net position changed as follows:

Beginning Net Position	2 <u>013</u> \$3,379,024	2012 \$ 3,108,502
Increase in Net Position	67,784	270,522
Ending Net Position	\$3,446,808	\$ 3,379,024

#### The Fire District's FUNDS

The following schedule presents a summary of revenues and expenditures for the years ended December 31, 2013 and 2012:

	2013	Percent	2012	Percent
Revenues	Amount	Of Total	Amount	Of Total
Sales Tax	\$ 567,971	45.87%	\$ 434,079	28.09%
Structure Fees	572,622	46.25%	569,460	36.85%
Grants	-	0%	454,252	29.40%
Other revenues	97,518	7.88%	87,453	5.66%
Total Revenues	\$1,238,111	100.00%	\$1,545,244	100.00%

	2013	Percent	2012	Percent
Expenditures	Amount	Of Total	Amount	Of Total
Public Safety	\$ 1,170,327	100.00%	\$1,274,722	73.35%
Capital Outlay	-	0%	463,035	26.65%
Total Expenditures	\$1,170,327	100.00%	\$1,737,757	100.00%

#### GENERAL FUND BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS

The Fire District's General Fund revenues were above the final budgeted amount by \$137,812 while expenditures had an unfavorable variance of \$6,823.

#### CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

At December 31, 2013, the Fire District had \$5,968,675 (\$1,020,553, net of accumulated depreciation) invested in capital assets including buildings, vehicles, and machinery and equipment as shown below:

	December 31			December 31
	2012	Additions	Disposals	2013
Vehicles	\$1,668,285	\$ -	\$ -	\$1,685,285
Building	981,627		_	981,627
Machinery & Equipment	3,288,963	-	_	3,288,963
Land	12,800	_	-	12,800
Construction in Progress	-		<u>-</u>	-
Totals at Historical Cost	\$5,968,675	-		5,968,675
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(4,858,714)	(89,408)	-	(4,948,122)
Totals, net	\$ 1,109,961	\$ (89,408)	\$ -	\$1,020,553

#### Debt

The District had a total liability for compensated absences of \$29,476 at year end.

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

The Fire District has continued to hire additional firefighter/operators in the last several years. The District has also within the last two years completed two additional fire stations and renovated another. At year end, the District had completed the construction adding on to its main facility. It is the goal of the District to provide the best fire protection possible for the citizens of Lincoln Parish and will continue to improve its fire rating.

#### CONTACTING THE DISTRICT'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, and creditors with a general overview of the District's finances and to show the District's accountability for the money it receives. If you have any questions about the report or need additional information, contact the following:

Contact Person:

Donnie Watson

Title:

Interim Fire Chief

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## LINCOLN PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 1 RUSTON, LOUISIANA STATEMENT OF NET POSITION DECEMBER 31, 2013

	Governmental Activities
Assets	
Cash	\$ 479,096
Investments	1,105,372
Accounts Receivable	585,264
Due from LPPJ	320,065
Non-Depreciable Assets	12,800
Depreciable Assets	1,007,753
Total Assets	3,510,350
Deferred Outflows of Resources	
Prepaid Expenses	7,570
Liabilities	; :
Accounts Payable	18,729
Due to LPPJ	22,907
Non-Current Liabilities	
Compensated Absenses	29,476
Total Liabilities	71,112
Net Position	
Net Investment in Capital Assets	1,007,753
Unrestricted	2,439,055
Total Net Position	\$ 3,446,808

## LINCOLN PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 1 RUSTON, LOUISIANA STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2013

	Expenses		harges for Services	Ope Gran	n Revenue erating onts and ributions	Ca Gran	npital nts and ributions	Rev C No Go	venue and changes in et Position vernmental Activities
Function/Program Activities Government Activities:					<u>.</u>				
Public Safety	\$ 1,170,327	\$	572,622	\$	<u>-</u>	\$	_	\$	(597,705)
		-							; ; ;
		Ger	neral Reven	ues:					
				Sales Ta	x				567,971
				Fire Insu	rance Rel	oate			79,345
				Interest 1	Earned				18,173
				Miscella	neous Re	venue			<u>-</u>
				Total	General I	Revenue	S		665,489
				Changes	in Net Po	sition			67,784
				Net Posi	tion - Beg	inning			3,379,024
				Net Posi	tion - End	ling		\$	3,446,808

FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

# LINCOLN PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 1 RUSTON, LOUISIANA BALANCE SHEET GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS DECEMBER 31, 2013

	General Fund	Debt Service Fund	Equipment Reserve Fund
ASSETS:			- : :
Cash	\$ -	\$ 87,940	\$ 341,109
Investments	6,546	-	1,098,826
Accounts Receivable	585,264	-	: <b>-</b>
Prepaid Expenses	7,570	-	: : :
Due from LPPJ	314,775	-	-
Due from Other Funds	18,454	<del></del>	194,788
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 932,609	\$ 87,940	\$ 1,634,723
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY:			
LIABILITIES:	•		; ; ;
Accounts Payable	\$ 18,729	\$ -	\$ -
Due to LPPJ	-	-	22,907
Due to Other Funds	366,406	84,454	
Total Liabilities	385,135	84,454	22,907
FUND BALANCES:			
Nonspendable	7,570	-	-
Restricted	-	3,486	1,611,816
Committed	-	- -	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,
Assigned	-	-	-
Unassigned	539,904		
Total Fund Balances	547,474	3,486	1,611,816
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	\$ 932,609	\$ 87,940	\$ 1,634,723

### LINCOLN PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 1 RUSTON, LOUISIANA

## RECONCILIATION OF TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCES TO NET POSITION OF GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES DECEMBER 31, 2013

Fire Training	Total Governmental	Total Community   Front Delegan	£ 2.455.721
 Center	Funds	Total Governmental Fund Balances	\$ 2,455,731
\$ 50,047	\$ 479,096 1,105,372 585,264 7,570 320,065	Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:	
 254,875	468,117		:
\$ 310,212	\$ 2,965,484	Capital assets used in governmental	
	<del>-</del>	activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds.	1,020,553
		Compensated absenses are not due and payable in the current period and therefore	
\$ 	\$ 18,729	are not reported in the funds.	(29,476)
 17,257	22,907 468,117	Net Position of Governmental Activities	\$ 3,446,808
 17,257	509,753		
· _	7,570		
-	1,615,302		
	-		
292,955 -	292,955 539,904		
 292,955	2,455,731		
\$ 310,212	\$ 2,965,484		:

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

#### LINCOLN PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 1

#### RUSTON, LOUISIANA

### STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2013

	General Fund	Debt Service Fund	Equipment Reserve Fund
Revenues:			
Structure Fees	\$ 572,622	\$ -	\$ -
Sales Tax	567,971	-	- !
Insurance Rebate	79,345	•	_
Other Revenues	4,350	62	13,544
Total Revenues	1,224,288	62	13,544
Expenditures:			
Public Safety			
Salaries and Benefits	051 205		
	854,285	•	<del>-</del> .
Insurance and Surety Bonds	51,827	-	
GIS Mapping	19,166	-	-
Professional Services	23,462	~	:
Uniforms	7,630	~	-
Utilities	37,209	~	- :
Vehicle Expenditures	31,917	-	-
Maintenance	18,806	-	-
Education and Training	730	-	•
Telephone	1,439	-	- :
Office Supplies	2,073	~	- :
Dues and Subscriptions	304	-	- '
Equipment Rental	803	•	- ,
Travel	991	-	
Miscellaneous	9,535	-	- ;
Leases and Taxes	1,389	-	- '
Materials and Supplies	3,960	-	<u>-</u> ·
Capital Outlay			
Total Expenditures	1,065,526		<del>-</del>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	158,762	62	13,544
Other Financing Sources (uses):			
Operating Transfers In	10,000	•	•
Operating Transfers Out			-
Total Other Financing Sources(Uses)	10,000		
Net Change in Fund Balance	168,762	62	13,544
Fund Balances, Beginning	378,712	3,424	1,598,272
Fund Balances, Ending	\$ 547,474	\$ 3,486	\$ 1,611,816

### LINCOLN PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 1 RUSTON, LOUISIANA

#### RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF

#### REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN

#### FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO

#### THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

	Fire		Total	FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2013	
7	Training	Go	vernmental		
	Center		Funds		
				Net Change in Fund Balances - Total	
\$	-	\$	572,622	Governmental Funds	\$ 169,757
	-		567,971		
	-		79,345		
	217		18,173	Amounts reported for governmental	
	217		1,238,111	activities in the statement of activities	
	_			are different because:	
				Government funds report capital outlays	
				as expenditures while governmental	
	-		854,285	activities report depreciation expense to	
	-		51,827	allocate those expenditures over the life	
	-		19,166	of the assets:	
	· -		23,462	Capital asset purchases capitalized	-
	-		7,630	Depreciation expense	 (89,408)
	2,180		39,389		(89,408)
	-		31,917		
	-		18,806	Some expenses reported in the statement of activities	
	-		730	do not require the use of current financial	
	-		1,439	resources and therefore are not reported as	
	-		2,073	expenditures in governmental funds	 (12,565)
	-		304		
	-		803	Change in Net Position in Governmental	
	-		991	Activities	\$ 67,784
	46		9,581		
	-		1,389		
	602		4,562		
	-				
	2,828		1,068,354		
	(2,611)		169,757		
	-		10,000		
_	(10,000)		(10,000)		
	(10,000)				
	(12,611)		169,757		
	305,566		2,285,974		
\$	292,955	\$	2,455,731		

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

#### NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Lincoln Parish Fire Protection District No. 1 (the District) of Ruston, Louisiana was created by resolution and adopted by the Police Jury on April 23, 1991. The governing body of the District consists of a seven member Board of Commissioners. Four of these commissioners are appointed by the municipalities of Downsville, Dubach, Simsboro, and the Town of Vienna. Three additional members are appointed by the Policy Jury.

The District complies with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). GAAP includes all relevant Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) pronouncements. In the government-wide financial statements, Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) pronouncements and Accounting Principles Board (APB) opinions issued on or before November 30, 1989 have been applied unless those pronouncements conflict with or contradict GASB pronouncements, in which case, GASB prevails. The accounting and reporting framework and the more significant accounting policies are discussed in subsequent sections of this note.

#### Basis of Presentation

In June, 1999, the GASB unanimously approved statement No. 34, Basic Financial Statements – and Management's Discussion and Analysis – for State and Local Governments. Certain of the significant changes in the presentation of its funds financial information include, for the first time a Management Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) section providing an analysis of the District's overall financial position and results of operations and financial statements prepared using full accrual accounting for all fund activities. These and other changes are reflected in the accompanying financial statements including the notes to the financial statements.

#### Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Financial Statement Presentation

Government-Wide Financial Statements – The governmental-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. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

Governmental Fund Financial Statements – The governmental 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, the District considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal year end

Principal revenue sources considered susceptible to accrual include ad valorem taxes, structure fees, sales tax, and interest on investments. Some revenue items that are considered measurable and available to finance operations during the year from an accounting perspective are not available for expenditure due to the District's present appropriation system.

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

#### Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Financial Statement Presentation (Continued)

These revenues have been accrued in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America since they have been earned and are expected to be collected within sixty days of the end of the period. Other revenues are considered to be measurable and available only when cash is received by the District. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. Modifications to the accrual basis of accounting include:

- Employees' vested annual leave is recorded as an expenditure when utilized. The amount of accumulated annual leave unpaid at December 31, 2013 has been reported only in the government-wide financial statements.
- Interest on general long-term obligations is recognized when paid.
- Debt service expenditures are recorded only when payment is due.

#### **Fund Accounting**

The financial activities of the District are recorded in individual funds, each of which is deemed to be a separate accounting entity. The District uses fund accounting to report on its financial position and results of operations. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid financial management by segregating transactions related to certain government functions or activities. A fund is a separate accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts.

#### Governmental Funds

General Fund – This fund is established to account for resources devoted to financing the general services that the District performs. Fees and other revenues used to finance the fundamental operation of the District are included in this fund. The fund is charged with all costs of operating the District for which a separate fund has not been established.

Debt Service – This fund is established for the purpose of accumulating resources for the payment of interest and principal on long-term general obligation debt other than those payable from Enterprise Funds and Special Assessment Funds.

Equipment Reserve Fund – This fund is established to reserve funds for the replacement of equipment when necessary.

Fire Training Center Fund - This fund is established for the purpose of constructing and maintaining a building for training of firefighters.

#### Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America 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 those estimates.

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

#### **Budgeting Procedures**

The budgets for the funds are proposed by the Director and formally adopted by the Commissioners. The budget is prepared on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles. Budgetary amendments involving the transfer of funds from one function to another or involving increases in expenditures resulting from revenues exceeding amounts estimated require approval of the Commissioners. At year end, all appropriations lapse.

#### Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash includes demand deposits and money market accounts. Under state law, the Lincoln Parish Fire Protection District No. 1 may deposit funds within a fiscal agent bank organized under the laws of the State of Louisiana, the laws of any other state in the Union or the laws of the United States. Further, the Lincoln Parish Fire Protection District No. 1 may invest in the time deposits or certificates of deposit of state banks organized under Louisiana law and national banks having principal offices in Louisiana.

The District's policy is to include short-term interest bearing deposits having a maturity of three months or less as cash equivalents in the financial statements.

#### Valuation of Carrying Amounts and Deposits

Cash is reported at net book value – the year-end bank balance plus any deposits in transit and less any outstanding checks that have not cleared the bank as of that date.

#### **Fund Equity**

GASB Statement No. 54 establishes standards for five fund balance classifications that comprise a hierarchy based primarily on the extent to which a government is bound to observe constraints imposed upon the use of resources reported in government funds. The nonspendable fund balance classification includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are either (a) not in spendable form – prepaid items or inventories; or (b) legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.

The spendable portion of the fund balance comprises the remaining four classifications: restricted, committed, assigned and unassigned.

Restricted Fund Balance – This classification reflects the constraints imposed on resources either (a) externally by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or (b) imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Committed Fund Balance – These amounts can only be used for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal resolutions or ordinances of the commissioners – the government's highest level of decision making authority. Those committed amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the police jurors remove the specified use by taking the same type of action imposing the commitment. This classification also includes contractual obligations to the extent that existing resources in the fund have been specifically committed for use in satisfying those contractual requirements.

#### NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

#### Fund Equity (Continued)

Assigned Fund Balance – This classification reflects the amounts constrained by the District's "intent" to be used for specific purposes, but are neither restricted nor committed. The commissioners and management have the authority to assign amounts to be used for specific purposes. Assigned fund balances include all remaining amounts (except negative balances) that are reported in governmental funds, other than the general fund, that are not classified as nonspendable and are neither restricted not committed.

Unassigned Fund Balance – This fund balance is the residual classification for the general fund. It is also used to report negative fund balances in other governmental funds.

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the District's policy to use externally restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources – committed, assigned and unassigned – in order as needed.

#### Receivables

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

#### Short-term Interfund Receivables/Payables

During the course of operations, numerous transactions occur between individual funds for goods provided or services rendered. These receivables and payables are classified as "due from other funds" or "due to other funds" on the balance sheet. In the process of aggregating data for the statements of net position and the statement of activities, some amounts reported as interfund activity and balances in the funds were eliminated or reclassified.

Quasi-external transactions are accounted for as revenue and expenditures. Transactions that constitute reimbursements to a fund are recorded as expenditures in the reimbursing fund and as a reduction of expenditures in the fund that is reimbursed. All other interfund transactions that are not to be repaid are recorded as transfers.

#### Fixed Assets

Fixed assets of the District are stated at cost and are reported in the government-wide financial statements. Depreciation of all exhaustible fixed assets is charged as an expense against operations. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of 5 years.

#### Compensated Absences

Employees accrue from 18 to 30 days of annual leave each year depending on years of service with the District. Firemen may receive up to one year's sick leave per illness as prescribed under Louisiana law.

A provision of \$29,476 has been made for the compensated absences and vacation in these financial statements.

#### NOTE 2 – CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Custodial Credit Risk – Deposits. The custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the District's deposits may not be returned to it. The District's policy to ensure there is no exposure to this risk is to require each financial institution to pledge its' own securities to cover any amount in excess of Federal Depository Insurance Coverage. Louisiana Revised Statute 39:1229 imposes a statutory requirement on the custodial bank to advertise and sell the pledged securities within 10 days of being notified by the District that the fiscal agent bank has failed to pay deposited funds upon demand. Accordingly, the District had no custodial credit risk related to its deposits at December 31, 2013. The District had cash and cash equivalents in demand deposits, totaling \$479,096 at December 31, 2013.

These deposits are stated at cost, which approximates market. 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. Cash and cash equivalents (bank balances other than these backed by the U.S. government) at December 31, 2013, are secured, as follows:

Bank Balances	<u>\$</u>	536,909
FDIC Insurance		750,000
Pledged Securities (uncollateralized)	_	
Total	\$	750,000

#### NOTE 3 – PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

Capital asset activity for the year ended December 31, 2013 is as follows:

	D	ecember 31, 2012					Dec	ember 31, 2013
		Balance	Ad	ditions	Dispo	<u>osals</u>	Ī	<u>Balance</u>
Assets:								
Land	\$	12,800	\$		\$	-	\$	12,800
Construction in Process		-		_		-		
Vehicles		1,685,285		-		-	1,	685,285
Building		981,627		-		-		981,627
Machinery & Equipment		3,288,96 <u>3</u>					3.	288,963
Totals at Historical Cost		5,968,675				<del>_</del>	5.	968,675
Less Accumulated Depreciation for:								
Vehicles	(	1,658,271)	( 1	15,079)		-	(1,	673,350)
Building	(	49,578)	( 1	13,242)		_	(	62,820)
Machinery & Equipment	(	3,150,865)	( 6	51,087)			(3,	211,952)
Total Accumulated Depreciation	(	<u>4,858,714</u> )	(_8	<u>89,408</u> )			(4,	948,122)
CAPITAL ASSETS, NET	<u>\$</u>	<u>1,109,961</u>	<u>\$(_8</u>	<u>89,408)</u>	<u>\$</u>		<u>\$1</u> ,	020,553

Depreciation was charged to the Public Safety function of the District for \$89,408.

#### NOTE 4 – INVESTMENTS

Custodial Credit Risk – Investments. The custodial credit risk for investments is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty, the government will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The District's investments in United States government securities are held by the District's agent in the District's name. Therefore, the District had no custodial credit risk related to its investments at December 31, 2013.

Under state law, the District may invest funds in obligations of the United States, in federally-insured investments, or in time deposits with state banks organized under Louisiana law and national banks having their principal offices in Louisiana. At December 31, 2013, the District had the following investments stated at cost, which approximates market:

United States Government Securities

\$ 1,105,372

Interest Rate Risk. In accordance with its investments policy, the District manages its exposure to declines in fair market values by limiting investment portfolio to "money market investments,: which are defined as creditworthy, highly liquid investments with maturities of one year or less. Although there may be certain circumstances in which longer-term securities are utilized, the general use of long-term securities shall be avoided.

Credit Risk. The District's investment policy limits investments to fully insured and/or fully-collateralized certificates of deposits and direct and indirect obligations of U.S. governments agencies.

Concentration of Credit Risk. The District's investment policy limits the District's investment instruments to: 1) certificates of deposit; 2) certain direct obligations of the U.S. Government; 3) bonds, debentures, notes, or other evidence of indebtedness issued or guaranteed by federal agencies and provided such obligations are backed by the full faith and credit of the United States of America; and 4) the Louisiana Asset Management Pool.

#### NOTE 5 - ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

The receivable of \$585,264 on December 31, 2013, are detailed as follows:

	<u>Total</u>
Structure Fees Sales Tax Other Receivables	\$ 513,865 69,082 2,317
Total	\$ 585,264

Based on prior experience, the uncollectible ad valorem taxes net of proceeds from the sheriff's sale of property is immaterial, thus no provision has been made for such loss.

#### NOTE 6 – DUE TO/FROM OTHER FUNDS

Individual fund balances due to/from other funds at December 31, 2013, are as follows:

	Due From	Due To
<u>Fund</u>	Other Funds	Other Funds
Major Funds:		
General Fund	\$ 18,454	\$ 366,406
Debt Service Fund	-	84,454
Fire Training Center	254,875	17,257
Equipment Reserve Fund	194,788	
Totals	<u>\$ 468,117</u>	<u>\$ 468,117</u>

These balances resulted from the time lag between the dates that interfund goods and services are provided or reimbursable expenditures occur, transactions are recorded in the accounting system and payments between funds are made.

#### NOTE 7 - PENSION PLAN

#### Plan Description

The Firefighters' Retirement System is a defined benefit pension plan covering firefighters employed by any municipality, parish, or fire protection district of the State of Louisiana under the provisions of Louisiana Revised Statutes 11:2251 through 2269.

Under the Firefighters' Retirement System, a member is eligible for normal retirement if he has:

- 20 or more years of service and has attained age 50 or
- 12 years of service and has attained age 55 or
- 25 years of service at any age

Those employees meeting one of these requirements are entitled to annual pension benefits equal to 3 1/3% of their average final compensation based on the 36 consecutive months of highest pay multiplied by their total years of service, not to exceed 100%. Benefits vest upon rendering 12 years of service to the District. Employees may elect to receive their pension benefits in the form of joint and survivor annuity. The District has nine employees covered under this retirement system.

The System issues an annual publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for the System. That report may be obtained by writing to the Firefighters Retirement System, 3100 Brentwood Drive, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70809-1752, or by calling (225) 925-4060.

#### NOTE 7 - PENSION PLAN (continued)

#### **Funding Policy**

Under the plan, members are required by state statute to contribute 10% of their annual covered salary and the Fire Protection District #1 is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. The current rate is 28.25% of annual covered payroll which went into effect in July of 2013. The previous rate was 24%. The District's contributions to the System under for the years ending December 31, 2013, 2012, and 2011 were \$164,945, \$147,991, and \$135,553, respectively, equal to the required contributions for each year.

#### NOTE 8 – LEASE OBLIGATIONS

The Lincoln Parish Fire Protection District No. 1 has entered into twenty leases for real property on which to locate fire stations. The leases have various commencing dates beginning in April 1993, and running through April 1994. All leases run for twenty-five years following the commencing date with an option for the district to renew the lease for an additional twenty-five years thereafter. All leases are for \$1 per year. Leases shall expire on their own terms if a fire station, fire protection facility or similar structure is not constructed on the leased premises within twenty-four months from the date the agreement is executed by the lessor. Additionally, leases shall expire if the fire station, fire protection facility or other similar structure is not equipped with appropriate fire protection equipment or ceases to be used as a fire protection facility for the period of twenty-four consecutive months.

Because the leases are operating leases, no provision for the underlying property has been made in general fixed assets nor have the leases been reflected as general long-term debt. The following is a schedule of future minimum lease payments:

Year Ending December 31.	<u>Amoun</u>	<u>t</u>
2014	\$ 20	
2015	20	
2016	20	
2017	20	
2018	20	
2019	20	
Total minimum nayments required	<b>\$</b> 120	

#### NOTE 9 - LONG-TERM DEBT

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Reduction	Ending Balance	Amounts Due Within One Year
Government Activities: Accrued Vacation and Sick Time	\$ <u>16,911</u>	<u>\$ 12,565</u>	<u>\$</u>	\$ 29,47 <u>6</u>	<u>\$ 29,476</u>

#### NOTE 10 - DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN

Employees of the Lincoln Parish Fire Protection District No. 1 may participate in a deferred compensation plan adopted under the provisions of Internal Revenue Code Section 457 (Deferred Compensation Plans with Respect to Service for State and Local Governments).

The deferred compensation plan is available to all employees of the Lincoln Parish Fire Protection District No. 1. Under the plan, employees may elect to defer a portion of their salaries and avoid paying taxes on the deferred portion until the withdrawal date. The deferred compensation amount is not available for withdrawal by employees until termination, retirement, death, or unforeseeable emergency. In accordance with the provisions of GASB Statement No. 32 and No. 34, plan balances and activities are not reflected in the financial statements of the Lincoln Parish Fire Protection District No. 1.

#### NOTE 11 - LITIGATION AND CLAIMS

According to the Parish District Attorney, the Lincoln Parish Fire Protection District No. 1 had no pending or threatened litigation as of December 31, 2013.

#### NOTE 12 - COMPENSATION FOR THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The members of the Board for the Fire Protection District No. 1 receive no compensation.

#### NOTE 13 – SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Subsequent events have been evaluated through May 16, 2014, which the day the financial statements were available to be issued, and it has been determined that no significant events have occurred for disclosure.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION (PART B) BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEUDLES

### <u>LINCOLN PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 1</u> <u>RUSTON, LOUISIANA</u>

#### BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - GENERAL FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2013

	Dudgeted	Amounta	Actual	Variance With Final Budget Favorable
	Budgeted Amounts Original Final		Amounts	(Unfavorable)
Revenues (Inflows):				(Olita Colacio)
Intergovernmental:				1
Local Grant	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
State Grant	131,386	-	<u>-</u>	_
Taxes - Sales	410,000	453,000	567,971	114,971
Structure Fees	553,651	553,651	572,622	18,971
Other Revenues	69,125	79,825	83,695	3,870
Total Revenues	1,164,162	1,086,476	1,224,288	137,812
Expenditures (Outflows): Public Safety				:
Salaries and Benefits	898,886	853,694	854,285	(591)
Insurance and Surety Bonds	45,869	49,540	51,827	(2,287)
GIS Mapping	, <u>-</u>	19,166	19,166	-
Professional Services	16,500	23,110	23,462	(352)
Uniforms	5,565	8,500	7,630	870
Utilities	35,000	33,700	37,209	(3,509)
Vehicle Expenditures	38,500	31,650	31,917	(267)
Maintenance	20,000	17,880	18,806	(926)
Education and Training	1,000	730	730	
Telephone	1,450	1,440	1,439	1
Office Supplies	2,000	2,100	2,073	27
Dues and Subscriptions	430	304	304	_
Equipment Rental	850	800	803	(3)
Travel	1,250	991	991	_:
Miscellaneous	8,530	9,808	9,535	273
Leases and Taxes	1,403	1,390	1,389	1
Materials and Supplies	5,000	3,900	3,960	(60)
Election Expenses		-	-	`
Capital Outlay	131,386	-	_	Ę
Total Expenditures	1,213,619	1,058,703	1,065,526	(6,823)
Excess Expenditures Over Revenues	(49,457)	27,773	158,762	130,989
Other Financing Uses				
Transfers In (Out)	62,216	10,000	10,000	
Fund Balance at Beginning of Year	378,712	378,712	378,712	
FUND BALANCE AT END OF YEAR	\$ 391,471	\$ 416,485	\$ 547,474	\$ 130,989

## LINCOLN PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 1 RUSTON, LOUISIANA BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - EQUIPMENT RESERVE FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2013

Variance With

	Budgeted	l Amounts	Actual	Final Budget Favorable
	Original	Final	Amounts	(Unfavorable)
Revenues (Inflows): Other Revenues Total Revenues	\$ 16,500 16,500	\$ 16,500 16,500	\$ 13,544 13,544	\$ (2,956) (2,956)
Expenditures (Outflows): Capital Outlay Total Expenditures	25,000 25,000			-
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	(8,500)	16,500	13,544	(2,956)
Other Financing Sources Transfers In (Out)	(62,216)	-	-	-
Fund Balance at Beginning of Year	1,598,272	1,598,272	1,598,272	<del>-</del>
FUND BALANCE AT END OF YEAR	\$ 1,527,556	\$ 1,614,772	\$ 1,611,816	\$ (2,956)

### <u>LINCOLN PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 1</u> <u>RUSTON, LOUISIANA</u>

### BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - FIRE TRAINING CENTER FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2013

Variance With

	 Budgeted	l Amo			Actual	Fin Fa	al Budget avorbale
	 Original		Final	A	Amounts	(Un	favorable)
Revenues (Inflows):							
Grant Revenue	\$ 20,000	\$	20,000	\$	- '	\$	(20,000)
Other Revenues	 465		465		217		(248)
Total Revenues	 20,465		20,465		217		(20,248)
Expenditures (Outflows):							
Maintenance	6,000		-		-		- ;
Utilities	3,000		2,570		2,180		390
Materials & Supplies	500		570		602		(32)
Insurance	2,285		2,285		-		2,285
Miscellaneous Costs	100		40		46		(6)
Acquisition of Equipment/Training	 8,000						
Total Expenditures	 19,885		5,465		2,828		2,637
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	580		15,000		(2,611)		(17,611)
Other Financing Sources							•
Transfers In (Out)	20,000		(10,000)		(10,000)		-
Fund Balance at Beginning of Year	 305,566	_	305,566	<del></del>	305,566		
FUND BALANCE AT END OF YEAR	\$ 326,146	\$	310,566	\$	292,955		(17,611)

### LINCOLN PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 1 RUSTON, LOUISIANA NOTES TO BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2013

The budgets for the funds are proposed by the Director and formally adopted by the Commissioners. The budget is prepared on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles. Budgetary amendments involving the transfer of funds from one function to another or involving increases in expenditures resulting from revenues exceeding amounts estimated, require approval of the Commissioners. At year end, all appropriations lapse.

State law requires the District to amend its budgets when revenues plus projected revenues within a fund are expected to fall short from budgeted revenues by five percent or more and when expenditures and other uses of a fund are expected to exceed budgeted amounts by five percent or more.

OTHER SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION – COMPLIANCE REPORTING

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### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

To the Board of Commissioners
Lincoln Parish Fire Protection District No. 1
Ruston, Louisiana

I have audited, in accordance with the 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, the financial statements of the governmental activities of the Lincoln Parish Fire Protection District No. 1, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2013, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements, and have issued my report thereon dated May 16, 2014.

#### Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing my audit of the financial statements, I considered the District's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing my opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control. Accordingly, I do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control.

A deficiency in internal control 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, detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the District's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

My consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. Given these limitations, during my audit I did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that I consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

To the Board of Commissioners
Lincoln Parish Fire Protection District No. 1
Ruston, Louisiana

#### Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Lincoln Parish Fire Protection District No. 1's financial statements are free from material misstatement, I performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, 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 my audit, and accordingly, I do not express such an opinion. The results of my tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

#### Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of my testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

This report is intended for the use of management of the Lincoln Parish Fire Protection District No. 1 and the Legislative Auditor, State of Louisiana, and should not be used by those who have not agreed to the procedures and taken responsibility for the sufficiency of the procedures for their purposes. Under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the Legislative Auditor as a public document.

WILLIAM R. HULSEY (APAC)
Certified Public Accountant

May 16, 2014

### LINCOLN PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 1 RUSTON, LOUISIANA SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2013

Board of Commissioners Lincoln Parish Fire Protection District No. 1 Ruston, Louisiana

I have audited the financial statements of the Lincoln Parish Fire Protection District No. 1 (the District) as of and for the year ended December 31, 2013, and have issued my report thereon dated May 16, 2014. I conducted my 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. My audit of the financial statements as of December 31, 2013, resulted in an unqualified opinion.

#### **SECTION I - Summary of Auditor's Results**

A.	Report on Internal Control and Compliance Material to the	Financial Statements
	Internal Control  Material Weakness Significant Deficiencies not considered to be	yes <u>X</u> no
	Material Weaknesses	yes X no
	Compliance Compliance Material to Financial Statements	yes <u>X</u> no
В.	Federal Awards	
	Material Weakness Identified Significant Deficiencies not considered to be Material Weaknesses	yes_X_no
·	Type of Opinion on Compliance For Major Programs (No Munqualified Qualified Disclaimer Adverse Are their findings required to be reported in accordance Section .510 (a)? N/A	,
C.	Identification of Major Programs: N/A	
	Name of Federal Program (or cluster) CFDA Number(s)	
	Dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and Ty	pe B Programs. N/A
	Is the auditee a "low-risk" auditee, as defined by OMB Circu	ular A-133? N/A

#### **SECTION II - Financial Statement Findings**

No matters were reported.

#### SECTION III - Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs

No matters were reported.

## LINCOLN PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 1 RUSTON, LOUISIANA SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2013

#### Internal Control and Compliance Material to Federal Awards

There were no findings for this category.

#### Internal Control and Compliance Material to the Financial Statements

There were no findings for this category.

#### **Management Letter Comments**

There were no findings for this category.