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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, 2009  
AND FOR THE YEAR THEN ENDED**

**WITH  
INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Members of the Board of 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, 2009, 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 and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall 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, 2009, and the respective changes in financial position thereof 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 March 29, 2010, 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 22 through 23 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.

*Silas Simmons, LLP*

Natchez, Mississippi

March 29, 2010

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 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, 2009.

The District's main fire station is located on Plank Road in St. Joseph, Louisiana. The District provides fire protection for all of Tensas Parish, Louisiana with fire stations located in ten locations. The District operates primarily with volunteers and one full-time employee.

#### **FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS**

- General revenues were \$393,118 in 2009, compared to \$330,827 in 2008.
- General expenditures were \$447,034 in 2009, compared to \$353,182 in 2008.

#### **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 - 21 of this report.

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**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS**  
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**GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS**

The following is a summary of the net assets at December 31, 2009 and 2008:

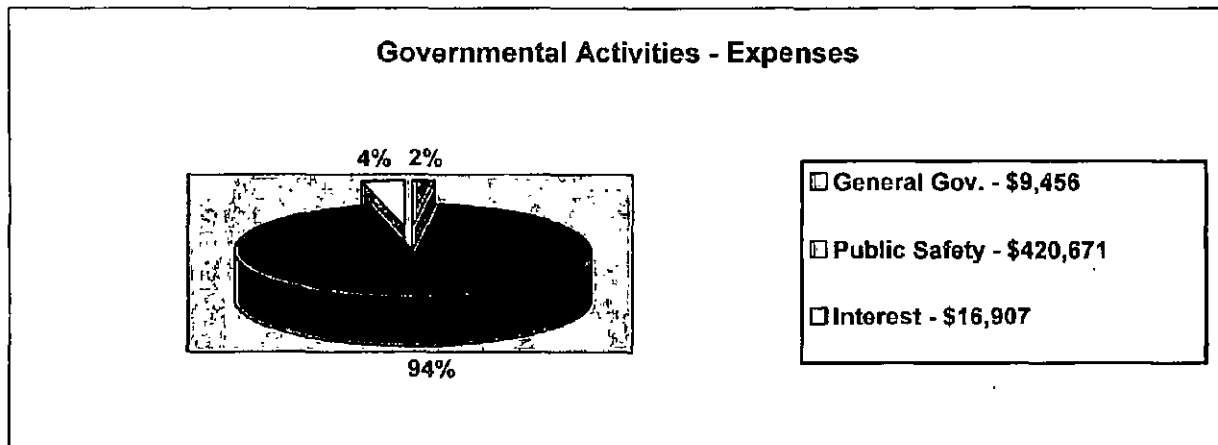
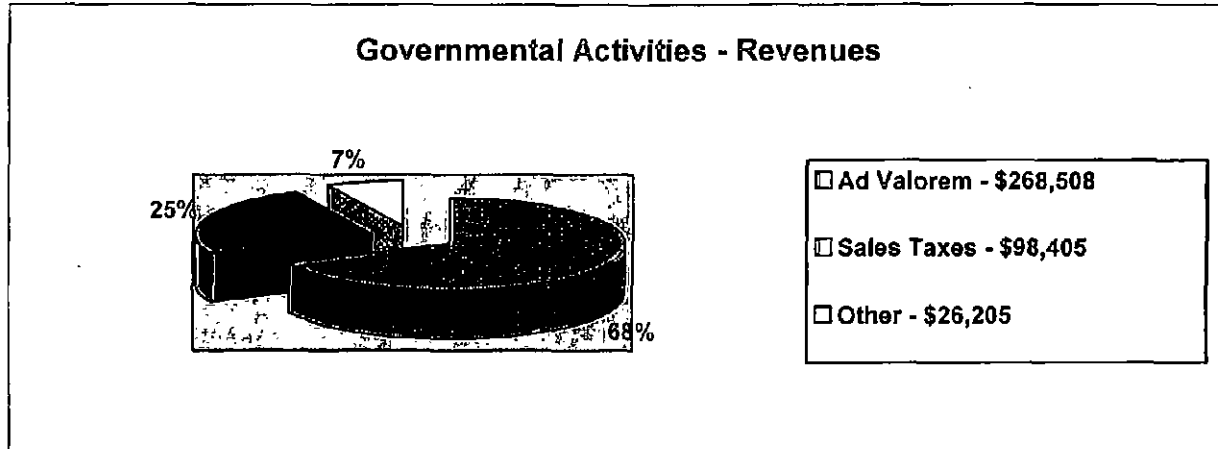
	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
Current and other assets	\$ 268,180	\$ 217,871
Capital assets	<u>979,731</u>	<u>860,201</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 1,247,911</u>	<u>\$ 1,078,072</u>
Current liabilities	\$ 106,458	\$ 65,864
Long-term liabilities	<u>343,161</u>	<u>160,000</u>
Total liabilities	<u>\$ 449,619</u>	<u>\$ 225,864</u>
Net assets		
Investment in capital assets (net of related debt)	\$ 556,546	\$ 645,201
Unrestricted	<u>241,746</u>	<u>207,007</u>
Total net assets	<u>\$ 798,292</u>	<u>\$ 852,208</u>

The following is a summary of the statement of activities for 2009 and 2008:

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
Revenues		
Taxes	\$ 366,913	\$ 301,219
Other	<u>26,205</u>	<u>29,608</u>
	<u>\$ 393,118</u>	<u>\$ 330,827</u>
Expenses		
General and administrative	\$ 9,456	\$ 7,308
Public safety - fire	420,671	336,986
Debt service - interest	<u>16,907</u>	<u>8,888</u>
Total expenses	<u>\$ 447,034</u>	<u>\$ 353,182</u>
Decrease in net assets	\$ (53,916)	\$ (22,355)
Net assets - beginning of year	<u>852,208</u>	<u>874,563</u>
Net assets - end of year	<u>\$ 798,292</u>	<u>\$ 852,208</u>

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The following are a graphical representation of information presented in the Statement of Activities for Governmental Activities in 2009:



**GENERAL FUND BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS**

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

The actual general fund expenditures were \$521 over the budget amounts.

Revenues available for expenditure were \$32,449 over the budgeted amounts.

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**CAPITAL ASSETS**

At the end of the year, the District has \$979,731 invested in capital assets, including land, buildings, furniture, fire fighting equipment, and vehicles. This year there were additions of \$273,730 in capital assets. More detailed information about the District's capital assets is presented in Note 5 of the financial statements.

The additions in 2009 included the following:

Freightliner (2009)	\$	266,464
Air compressor		1,994
Radio and tower		5,272
	\$	<u>273,730</u>

**DEBT**

At year-end, the District had \$160,000 in certificates of indebtedness outstanding and \$263,185 note payable. The District had \$215,000 in certificates of indebtedness outstanding to begin the year ended December 31, 2009, and repaid \$55,000. The District financed a fire truck for \$263,185 during 2009.

**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 2010. In 2010, the District's employees are being increased to three full-time employees.

**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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STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS  
DECEMBER 31, 2009

**ASSETS**

Receivables, net	\$ 265,916
Deposits	1,500
Restricted assets	764
Capital assets, net	<u>979,731</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 1,247,911</u>

**LIABILITIES**

Cash overdrawn	\$ 1,689
Accounts payable	6,199
Accrued liabilities	18,546
Current portion - loans payable	80,024
Long-term portion - loans payable	<u>343,161</u>
Total liabilities	<u>\$ 449,619</u>

**NET ASSETS**

Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	\$ 556,546
Unrestricted	<u>241,746</u>
Total net assets	<u>\$ 798,292</u>

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

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STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES  
DECEMBER 31, 2009**

**GENERAL REVENUES**

Taxes	
Ad valorem taxes	\$ 268,508
Sales tax	98,405
Interest earnings	74
Other revenues	<u>26,131</u>
Total general revenues	<u>\$ 393,118</u>

**GENERAL EXPENSES**

Governmental activities	
General government	\$ 9,456
Public safety - fire	420,671
Interest expense	<u>16,907</u>
Total general expenses	<u>\$ 447,034</u>

Changes in net assets	\$ (53,916)
Net assets - beginning of year	<u>852,208</u>
Net assets - end of year	<u>\$ 798,292</u>

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

**FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**

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BALANCE SHEET  
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
DECEMBER 31, 2009

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Debt Service Fund</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
<b><u>ASSETS</u></b>			
Receivables, (net of allowance for uncollectibles)	\$ 265,916	\$ -	\$ 265,916
Deposits	1,500	-	1,500
Restricted assets	-	764	764
Total assets	<u>\$ 267,416</u>	<u>\$ 764</u>	<u>\$ 268,180</u>
<b><u>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</u></b>			
Cash overdrawn	\$ 1,689	\$ -	\$ 1,689
Accounts payable	6,199	-	6,199
Accrued liabilities	6,626	11,920	18,546
Total current liabilities	<u>\$ 14,514</u>	<u>\$ 11,920</u>	<u>\$ 26,434</u>
Fund balance			
Reserved for debt service (deficit)	\$ -	\$ (11,156)	\$ (11,156)
Unreserved	252,902	-	252,902
Total fund balance	<u>\$ 252,902</u>	<u>\$ (11,156)</u>	<u>\$ 241,746</u>
Total liabilities and fund balance	<u>\$ 267,416</u>	<u>\$ 764</u>	<u>\$ 268,180</u>

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RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET  
TO THE STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS  
DECEMBER 31, 2009**

Total fund balances for governmental funds (Statement C)	\$	241,746
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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	\$	1,759,934	
Less accumulated depreciation		<u>(780,203)</u>	979,731
Long-term liabilities			<u>(423,185)</u>

Total net assets of governmental activities (Statement A)	\$	<u>798,292</u>
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**BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND  
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES  
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2009

	General Fund	Debt Service Fund	Total Governmental Funds
<b>REVENUES</b>			
Taxes			
Ad valorem taxes	\$ 268,508	\$ -	\$ 268,508
Sales tax	98,405	-	98,405
Interest earnings	53	21	74
Other revenues	<u>26,131</u>	-	<u>26,131</u>
Total revenues	<u>\$ 393,097</u>	<u>\$ 21</u>	<u>\$ 393,118</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
General government			
Legal and accounting	<u>\$ 9,456</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 9,456</u>
Public safety - fire			
Salaries	\$ 71,523	\$ -	\$ 71,523
Insurance	59,329	-	59,329
Repairs	43,645	-	43,645
Utilities and telephone	24,452	-	24,452
Supplies	4,479	-	4,479
Rent	10,785	-	10,785
Retirement	8,272	-	8,272
Office supplies	16,216	-	16,216
Fuel	11,518	-	11,518
Travel	4,943	-	4,943
Miscellaneous	<u>11,309</u>	-	<u>11,309</u>
Total public safety - fire	<u>\$ 266,471</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 266,471</u>
Debt service			
Principal retirement	\$ -	\$ 55,000	\$ 55,000
Interest expense	-	<u>16,907</u>	<u>16,907</u>
Total debt service	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 71,907</u>	<u>\$ 71,907</u>
Capital outlay	<u>\$ 273,730</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 273,730</u>
Total expenditures	<u>\$ 549,657</u>	<u>\$ 71,907</u>	<u>\$ 621,564</u>

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STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND  
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES  
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2009**

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Debt Service Fund</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	\$ (156,560)	\$ (71,886)	\$ (228,446)
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES</b>			
Proceeds from debt issued	\$ -	\$ 263,185	\$ 263,185
Transfer in (out)	<u>194,350</u>	<u>(194,350)</u>	<u>-</u>
	\$ 194,350	\$ 68,835	\$ 263,185
Excess (deficiency) of expenditures over revenues	\$ 37,790	\$ (3,051)	\$ 34,739
Fund balance, beginning of year	<u>215,112</u>	<u>(8,105)</u>	<u>207,007</u>
Fund balance, end of year	<u>\$ 252,902</u>	<u>\$ (11,156)</u>	<u>\$ 241,746</u>

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RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,  
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES  
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2009**

Net changes in fund balance – governmental fund (Statement E) \$ 34,739

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. This is the amount by which capital outlays exceeded depreciation in the current period:

Capital outlay	\$	273,730	
Depreciation expense		<u>(154,200)</u>	119,530

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.

Principal paid	\$	55,000	-
Loan proceeds		<u>(263,185)</u>	<u>(208,185)</u>

Change in net assets per statement of activities (Statement B) \$ (53,916)

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

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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NOTES TO 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 2009, and three beginning in 2010.

## NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

### A. Basis of Presentation

The accompanying basic financial statements of the Fire Protection District No. 1 of Tensas Parish, Louisiana have been prepared in conformity with governmental accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The accompanying basic financial statements have been prepared in conformity with GASB Statement 34, *Basic Financial Statement - and Management's Discussion and Analysis - for State and Local Governments*, issued in June 1999.

### B. Reporting Entity

The District does not possess all the corporate powers necessary to make it a legally separate entity from the Tensas Parish Police Jury, which holds the District's corporate powers. For this reason, the District is a component unit of the Tensas Parish Police Jury, the financial reporting entity.

The accompanying financial statements present information only on the funds maintained by the District and do not present information on the police jury, the general government services provided by that governmental unit, or the other governmental units that comprise the financial reporting entity.

### C. Fund Accounting

The District uses funds to maintain its financial records during the year. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid management by segregating transactions related to certain District functions and activities. A fund is defined as a separate fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts.

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NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

C. Fund Accounting (continued)

Governmental Funds

Governmental funds account for all or most of the District's general activities. These funds focus on the sources, uses, and balances of current financial resources. Expendable assets are assigned to the various governmental funds according to the purposes for which they may be used. Current liabilities are assigned to the fund from which they will be paid. The difference between a governmental fund's assets and liabilities is reported as fund balance. In general, fund balance represents the accumulated expendable resources which may be used to finance future period programs or operations of the District. The following is a description of the District's funds:

1. General Fund - the primary operating fund of the District and it accounts for all financial resources, except those required to be accounted for in other funds. The General Fund is available for any purpose provided it is expended or transferred in accordance with state and federal laws and according to District policy.
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.

D. Measurement Focus/ Basis of Accounting

Fund Financial Statements

The amounts reflected in the Governmental Funds of Statements C and D are accounted for using a current financial resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, only current assets and current liabilities are generally included on the balance sheet. The statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances reports on the sources (i.e., revenues and other financing sources) and uses (i.e., expenditures and other financing uses) of current financial resources. This approach is then reconciled, through adjustment, to a government-wide view of the District's operations.

The amounts reflected in the Governmental Funds of Statements C and D use the accrual basis of accounting. Under the accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when susceptible to accrual (i.e., when they become both measurable and available). Measurable means the amount of the transaction can be determined and available means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. The District considers all revenues available if they are collected within 60 days after the year end. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for interest and principal payments on general long-term debt which is recognized when due, and certain compensated absences and claims and judgments which are recognized when the obligations are expected to be liquidated with expendable available financial resources.

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

**D. Measurement Focus/ Basis of Accounting (continued)**

**Government-Wide Financial Statements**

The page labeled Statement of Net Assets (Statement A) and the page labeled Statement of Activities (Statement B) display information about the District as a whole. These statements include all of the financial activities of the District. Information contained in these statements reflect the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting.

**E. Budgets**

The District uses the following budget practices:

1. The Fire Chief prepares a proposed budget and submits same to the District Board of Commissioners no later than fifteen days prior to the beginning of each year.
2. A summary of the proposed budget is published and the public notified that the proposed budget is available for public inspection. At the same time, a public hearing is called.
3. A public hearing is held on the proposed budget at least ten days after publication of the call for the hearing.
4. After the holding of the public hearing and completion of all action necessary to finalize and implement the budget, the budget is adopted through passage of an ordinance prior to the commencement of the year for which the budget is being adopted.
5. Budgetary amendments involving the transfer of funds from one department, program, or function to another or involving increases in expenditures resulting from revenues exceeding amounts estimated require the approval of the District Board.
6. All budgetary appropriations lapse at the end of each year.
7. Budgets are adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). Budget amounts are as originally adopted, or as amended from time to time by the District Board of Commissioners.

**F. Cash and Cash Equivalents**

Cash includes amounts in demand deposits and time deposits. Under state law, the District may deposit funds in demand deposits, interest-bearing demand deposits, or time deposits with state banks organized under Louisiana law or any other state of the United States, or under the laws of the United States.

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

**G. Capital Assets**

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 or more for capitalizing capital assets.

Capital assets are recorded in the Statement of Net Assets and Statement of Activities. Since surplus assets are sold for an immaterial amount when declared as no longer needed for public purposes, no salvage value is taken into consideration for depreciation purposes. All capital assets, other than land, are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Estimated Lives</u>
Buildings and improvements	30 years
Furniture and fixtures	5 years
Vehicles	5 years
Equipment	15 years

**H. Compensated Absences**

The District has implemented GASB Statement Number 16 "Accounting for Compensated Absences". Under GASB Statement Number 16, a liability for unpaid vacation that is attributable to services already rendered and that is not contingent on a specific event that is outside the control of the employer and employee is accrued as employees earn the rights to benefits.

The entire compensated absence liability is reported on the government-wide financial statements. For governmental fund financial statements, the current portion of unpaid compensated absences is the amount that is normally expected to be paid using expendable available financial resources.

**I. 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 revenue, expenditures, and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

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**NOTE 2 - LEVIED TAXES**

The following is a summary of authorized and levied property taxes:

	<u>Authorized Millage</u>	<u>Levied Millage</u>	<u>Expiration Date</u>
Taxes due for: Fire protection	6.00	6.00	2019

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

<u>Taxpayer</u>	<u>Type of Business</u>	<u>Assessed Valuation</u>	<u>% of Total Assessed Valuation</u>	<u>Ad Valorem Tax Revenue for District</u>
American Commercial Barge Line	Barge line	\$ 5,859,510	12.8%	\$ 34,369
American River Transport Co.	Barge line	\$ 4,470,050	9.6%	\$ 25,777

Sales taxes of ¼% for fire protection expires 2018.

**NOTE 3 - CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS**

At December 31, 2009, the District has cash and cash equivalents (book balances) totaling \$764. The cash was held in interest-bearing demand deposit in restricted assets.

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.

**NOTE 4 - RECEIVABLES**

The receivables of \$265,916 at December 31, 2009, are as follows:

Ad valorem	\$ 248,345
Sales taxes	17,571
Less allowance for doubtful accounts	-
Total receivables	<u>\$ 265,916</u>



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**NOTE 5 - CAPITAL ASSETS**

Capital assets and depreciation activities as of and for the year ended December 31, 2009 for the primary government is as follows:

	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
Governmental activities:				
Capital assets not being depreciated				
Land	\$ 3,509	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,509
Capital assets being depreciated				
Buildings	\$ 443,039	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 443,039
Equipment	<u>1,039,656</u>	<u>273,730</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,313,386</u>
Total capital assets being depreciated	<u>\$ 1,482,695</u>	<u>\$ 273,730</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,756,425</u>
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Buildings	\$ (96,652)	\$ (15,270)	\$ -	\$ (111,922)
Equipment	<u>(529,351)</u>	<u>(138,930)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(668,281)</u>
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>\$ (626,003)</u>	<u>\$ (154,200)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (780,203)</u>
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	<u>\$ 856,692</u>	<u>\$ 119,530</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 976,222</u>
Total capital assets	<u>\$ 860,201</u>	<u>\$ 119,530</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 979,731</u>

Depreciation expense of \$154,200 for the year ended December 31, 2009, was charged to the public safety functions.

**NOTE 6 - ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND ACCRUED LIABILITIES**

The accounts payable and accrued liabilities at December 31, 2009, were as follows:

Accounts	\$	6,199
Accrued liabilities:		
Accrued interest	\$	11,920
Withholding		5,856
Retirement		<u>770</u>
Total		<u>18,546</u>
Total	\$	<u>24,745</u>

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**NOTE 7 - GENERAL LONG-TERM DEBT**

At December 31, 2009, 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
\$263,185 - Capital One note payable due in annual installments of \$59,826, beginning May 1, 2010 through May 1, 2014, interest at 4.99%	<u>263,185</u>
	<u>\$ 423,185</u>

The following is a summary of the long-term debt transactions for the year ended December 31, 2009:

Long-term debt at beginning of year	\$ 215,000
Note payable issued during the year	263,185
Certificates retired during the year	<u>(55,000)</u>
Balance at end of year	<u>\$ 423,185</u>

The maturity schedule for the debt is as follows:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2010	\$ 80,024	\$ 15,202	\$ 95,226
2011	79,227	15,902	95,129
2012	83,686	12,270	95,956
2013	87,268	8,235	95,503
Thereafter	<u>92,980</u>	<u>3,763</u>	<u>96,743</u>
Total	<u>\$ 423,185</u>	<u>\$ 55,372</u>	<u>\$ 478,557</u>

**NOTE 8 - 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 which expires in 2010, are as follows:

2010	<u>\$ 1,659</u>
Total	<u>\$ 1,659</u>

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**NOTE 9 - 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, 2009. The District's contribution to the plan for the year ending December 31, 2009, was \$8,272.

**NOTE 10 - 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.

**NOTE 11 - PRIOR PERIOD ADJUSTMENT**

The following is a summary of significant fund equity adjustments to the financial statements at December 31, 2008:

	<u>As Previously Stated</u>	<u>As Restated</u>	<u>Effect of Correction</u>
<b>Statement of Net Assets:</b>			
Receivables, net	\$ 228,560	\$ 196,061	\$ (32,499)
Total net assets	\$ 884,707	\$ 852,208	\$ (32,499)
<b>Statement of Activities:</b>			
Ad valorem taxes	\$ 215,127	\$ 182,628	\$ (32,499)
Changes in net assets	\$ 10,144	\$ (22,355)	\$ (32,499)
<b>Balance Sheet, General Fund:</b>			
Receivables, net	\$ 228,560	\$ 196,061	\$ (32,499)
Total fund balance	\$ 247,611	\$ 215,112	\$ (32,499)
<b>Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances (General Fund):</b>			
Ad valorem taxes	\$ 215,127	\$ 182,628	\$ (32,499)
Excess (deficiency) of expenditures over revenues	\$ (102,561)	\$ (135,060)	\$ (32,499)

**REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION**

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CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL (GAAP BASIS) - GENERAL FUND  
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2009**

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>		<u>Actual Amounts Budgetary Basis</u>	<u>Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)</u>
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>		
<b>REVENUES</b>				
Taxes				
Ad valorem taxes	\$ 176,595	\$ 182,818	\$ 215,317	\$ 32,499
Sales tax	100,000	114,468	114,240	(228)
Interest income	500	71	- 74	3
Other revenues	25,000	25,956	26,131	175
Total revenues	<u>\$ 302,095</u>	<u>\$ 323,313</u>	<u>\$ 355,762</u>	<u>\$ 32,449</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
General government				
Legal and accounting	\$ 7,500	\$ 8,311	\$ 9,011	\$ (700)
Public safety - fire				
Salaries	50,000	75,803	67,255	8,548
Insurance	51,200	59,360	59,329	31
Repairs	37,000	45,138	43,645	1,493
Utilities and telephone	25,000	28,670	23,865	4,805
Supplies	15,000	15,255	16,216	(961)
Rent	9,952	9,955	10,785	(830)
Retirement	5,700	6,981	7,930	(949)
Office supplies	-	-	3,723	(3,723)
Fuel	14,000	11,376	11,376	-
Travel	5,000	4,943	4,943	-
Miscellaneous	5,500	9,350	10,694	(1,344)
Debt service				
Principal	-	55,000	55,000	-
Interest	-	13,835	13,835	-
Capital outlay	73,835	263,185	270,076	(6,891)
Total expenditures	<u>\$ 299,687</u>	<u>\$ 607,162</u>	<u>\$ 607,683</u>	<u>\$ (521)</u>
Excess of revenues over expenditures	\$ 2,408	\$ (283,849)	\$ (251,921)	\$ 31,928
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES</b>				
Proceeds from debt issued	-	263,185	263,185	-
	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 263,185</u>	<u>\$ 263,185</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Excess (deficiency) of expenditures over revenues	\$ 2,408	\$ (20,664)	\$ 11,264	\$ 31,928
Fund balance, beginning of year	189,676	207,014	215,935	8,921
Fund balance, end of year	<u>\$ 192,084</u>	<u>\$ 186,350</u>	<u>\$ 227,199</u>	<u>\$ 40,849</u>

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**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.

	<u>General Fund</u>
Net change in fund balance - budget basis	\$ 11,264
Increase (decrease)	
Net adjustments for revenue accruals	37,356
Net adjustments for expenditure accruals	<u>(13,881)</u>
Net change in fund balance - GAAP basis	<u>\$ 34,739</u>

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

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, 2009, which collectively comprise the Fire Protection District No. 1 of Tensas Parish's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated March 29, 2010. 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 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 2009-1.



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, LLP*

Natchez, Mississippi  
March 29, 2010

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**STATUS OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008**

Reference No.	Fiscal Year Finding Initially Occurred	Description of Finding	Corrective Action Taken (Yes, No, Partially)	Planned Corrective Action/Partial Corrective Action Taken
<b>Section I - Internal Control and Compliance Not Material to the Financial Statements</b>				
2008-1	Numerous	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.	No	This is reported in 2009 as finding 2009-1. Management indicates that it is not cost efficient or feasible to increase the number of employees and had no plans to do so.

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

None

**Section III - Management Letter**

None

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STATUS OF CURRENT YEAR FINDINGS, RECOMMENDATIONS, AND CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2009

Reference No.	Description of Finding	Corrective Action Planned	Name of Contact Person	Anticipated Completion Date
<b>Section I - Internal Control and Compliance Not Material to the Financial Statements</b>				
2009-1	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.	Management indicates that it is not cost efficient or feasible to increase the number of employees.	Rick Jones	N/A
<b>Section II - Internal Control and Compliance Material to Federal Awards</b>				
None				
<b>Section III - Management Letter</b>				
None				