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**WESTERN JOINT AMBULANCE DISTRICT  
HAMILTON COUNTY**

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Western Joint Ambulance District  
Hamilton County  
7998 Main Street Box 802  
Miamitown, Ohio 45041

To the Board of Trustees:

As you are aware, the Auditor of State's Office (AOS) must modify the *Independent Accountants' Report* we provide on your financial statements due to an interpretation from the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA). While AOS does not legally require your government to prepare financial statements pursuant to Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP), the AICPA interpretation requires auditors to formally acknowledge that you did not prepare your financial statements in accordance with GAAP. Our Report includes an adverse opinion relating to GAAP presentation and measurement requirements, but does not imply the amounts the statements present are misstated under the non-GAAP basis you follow. The AOS report also includes an opinion on the financial statements you prepared using the cash basis and financial statement format the AOS permits.

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**Dave Yost**  
Auditor of State

August 25, 2011

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## INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

Western Joint Ambulance District  
Hamilton County  
7998 Main Street Box 802  
Miamitown, Ohio 45041

To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Western Joint Ambulance District, Hamilton County, Ohio (the District), as of and for the years ended December 31, 2010 and 2009. These financial statements are the responsibility of the District's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to reasonably assure whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As described more fully in Note 1, the District has prepared these financial statements using accounting practices the Auditor of State prescribes or permits. These practices differ from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). Although we cannot reasonably determine the effects on the financial statements of the variances between these regulatory accounting practices and GAAP, we presume they are material.

While the District does not follow GAAP, generally accepted auditing standards requires us to include the following paragraph if the statements do not substantially conform to GAAP presentation requirements. The Auditor of State permits, but does not require Districts to reformat their statements. The District has elected not to follow GAAP statement formatting requirements. The following paragraph does not imply the amounts reported are materially misstated under the accounting basis the Auditor of State permits. Our opinion on the fair presentation of the amounts reported pursuant to its non-GAAP basis is in the second following paragraph.

In our opinion, because of the effects of the matter discussed in the preceding two paragraphs, the financial statements referred to above for the years ended December 31, 2010 and 2009 do not present fairly, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of the District as of December 31, 2010 and 2009, or its changes in financial position for the years then ended.

Also, in our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the fund cash balances of Western Joint Ambulance District, Hamilton County, as of December 31, 2010 and 2009, and its cash receipts and disbursements for the years then ended on the accounting basis Note 1 describes.

The District has not presented Management's Discussion and Analysis, which accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America has determined is necessary to supplement, although not required to be part of, the financial statements.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated August 25, 2011, on our consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. While we did not opine on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance, that report describes the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance, and the results of that testing. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*. You should read it in conjunction with this report in assessing the results of our audit.

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**Dave Yost**  
Auditor of State

August 25, 2011



**WESTERN JOINT AMBULANCE DISTRICT  
HAMILTON COUNTY**

**STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND  
CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES  
GENERAL FUND  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2010 AND 2009**

	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>
<b>Cash Receipts:</b>		
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$544,248	\$904,830
Intergovernmental	138,493	174,606
Earnings on Investments	0	3
Miscellaneous	2,913	475
 Total Cash Receipts	 685,654	 1,079,914
<b>Cash Disbursements:</b>		
Current Disbursements:		
Security of Persons and Property:		
Salaries	400,966	446,835
Fringe Benefits	108,581	113,510
Materials and Supplies	15,796	18,179
Equipment	15,159	8,214
Other	41,051	52,225
Capital Outlay		
Debt Service:		
Redemption of Principal	7,508	29,035
Interest and Other Fiscal Charges	102	1,405
 Total Cash Disbursements	 589,163	 669,402
 Total Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements	 96,491	 410,511
 Fund Cash Balances, January 1	 955,061	 544,550
 <b>Fund Cash Balances, December 31</b>	 <b>\$1,051,552</b>	 <b>\$955,061</b>

*The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.*

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HAMILTON COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
DECEMBER 31, 2010 AND 2009**

**1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

**A. Description of the Entity**

The constitution and laws of the State of Ohio establish the rights and privileges of the Western Joint Ambulance District, Hamilton County, Ohio (the District), as a body corporate and politic. A two-member Board of Trustees governs the District. Each political subdivision within the District appoints one member. Those subdivisions are Crosby Township and Whitewater Township. The District provides ambulance services within the District.

The District's management believes these financial statements present all activities for which the District is financially accountable.

**B. Accounting Basis**

These financial statements follow the accounting basis the Auditor of State prescribes or permits. This basis is similar to the cash receipts and disbursements accounting basis. The District recognizes receipts when received in cash rather than when earned, and recognizes disbursements when paid rather than when a liability is incurred. Budgetary presentations report budgetary expenditures when a commitment is made (i.e., when an encumbrance is approved).

These statements include adequate disclosure of material matters, as the Auditor of State prescribes or permits.

**C. Cash and Deposits**

Certificates of deposits are valued at cost.

**D. Fund Accounting**

The District has no cash and deposits that are required to be restricted as to use; therefore the District accounts for all financial resources in the General Fund.

**E. Budgetary Process**

The Ohio Revised Code requires that each fund be budgeted annually.

**1. Appropriations**

Budgetary expenditures (that is, disbursements and encumbrances) may not exceed appropriations at the fund, function or object level of control, and appropriations may not exceed estimated resources. The Board of Trustees must annually approve appropriation measures and subsequent amendments. The County Budget Commission must also approve the annual appropriation measure.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
DECEMBER 31, 2010 AND 2009  
(Continued)**

**1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)**

**2. Estimated Resources**

Estimated resources include estimates of cash to be received (budgeted receipts) plus cash as of January 1. The County Budget Commission must also approve estimated resources.

**3. Encumbrances**

The Ohio Revised Code requires the District to reserve (encumber) appropriations when individual commitments are made. Encumbrances outstanding at year end are carried over, and need not be reappropriated.

A summary of 2010 and 2009 budgetary activity appears in Note 3.

**F. Property, Plant, and Equipment**

The District records disbursements for acquisitions of property, plant, and equipment when paid. The accompanying financial statements do not report these items as assets.

**G. Accumulated Leave**

In certain circumstances, such as upon leaving employment, employees are entitled to cash payments for unused leave. The financial statements do not include a liability for unpaid leave.

**2. Cash and Deposits**

The District maintains a deposit and investments pool all funds use. The Ohio Revised Code prescribes allowable deposits and investments. The carrying amount of deposits and investments at December 31 was as follows:

	2010	2009
Demand deposits	<u>\$39,915</u>	<u>\$151,804</u>
Certificates of deposit	<u>1,011,637</u>	<u>803,257</u>
Total deposits	<u><u>\$1,051,552</u></u>	<u><u>\$955,061</u></u>

**Deposits:** Deposits are insured by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation or collateralized by the financial institution's public entity deposit pool

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
DECEMBER 31, 2010 AND 2009  
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**3. Budgetary Activity**

Budgetary activity for the years ending December 31, 2010 and 2009 follows:

2010 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts			
Fund Type	Budgeted	Actual	Variance
	Receipts	Receipts	
General	\$664,200	\$685,654	\$21,454
Total	\$664,200	\$685,654	\$21,454

2010 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures			
Fund Type	Appropriation	Budgetary	Variance
	Authority	Expenditures	
General	\$1,617,315	\$589,163	\$1,028,152
Total	\$1,617,315	\$589,163	\$1,028,152

2009 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts			
Fund Type	Budgeted	Actual	Variance
	Receipts	Receipts	
General	\$1,060,000	\$1,079,914	\$19,914
Total	\$1,060,000	\$1,079,914	\$19,914

2009 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures			
Fund Type	Appropriation	Budgetary	Variance
	Authority	Expenditures	
General	\$1,603,123	\$669,402	\$933,721
Total	\$1,603,123	\$669,402	\$933,721

**4. Property Tax**

Real property taxes become a lien on January 1 preceding the October 1 date for which the Trustees adopted tax rates. The State Board of Tax Equalization adjusts these rates for inflation. Property taxes are also reduced for applicable homestead and rollback deductions. The financial statements include homestead and rollback amounts the State pays as Intergovernmental Receipts. Payments are due to the County by December 31. If the property owner elects to pay semiannually, the first half is due December 31. The second half payment is due the following June 20.

Tangible personal property tax is assessed by the property owners, who must file a list of such property to the County by each April 30.

The County is responsible for assessing property, and for billing, collecting, and distributing all property taxes on behalf of the Township.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
DECEMBER 31, 2010 AND 2009  
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**5. Retirement Systems**

The District's employees belong to the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS). OPERS is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer plan. The Ohio Revised Code prescribes this plans' benefits, which include postretirement healthcare and survivor and disability benefits.

The Ohio Revised Code also prescribes contribution rates. For 2010 and 2009, OPERS members contributed 10% of their gross salaries and the District contributed an amount equaling 14% of participants' gross salaries. The District has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2010.

**6. Risk Management**

**Commercial Insurance**

The District has obtained commercial insurance for the following risks:

- Comprehensive property and general liability;
- Vehicles; and
- Errors and omissions.



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## INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS REQUIRED BY *GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS*

Western Joint Ambulance District  
Hamilton County  
7998 Main Street Box 802  
Miamitown, Ohio 45041

To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the financial statements of the Western Joint Ambulance District, Hamilton County, Ohio (the District), as of and for the years ended December 31, 2010 and 2009, and have issued our report thereon dated August 25, 2011 wherein we noted the District followed accounting practices the Auditor of State prescribes rather than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. 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 the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*.

### **Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the District's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our audit procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of opining on the effectiveness of the District's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we have not opined on the effectiveness of the District's internal control over financial reporting.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, when performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and timely correct misstatements. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or combination of internal control deficiencies resulting in more than a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the District's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and timely corrected.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be deficiencies, significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider material weaknesses, as defined above.

### **Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of reasonably assuring whether the District's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we tested its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could directly and materially affect the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and accordingly, we do not express an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters we must report under *Government Auditing Standards*.

We did note certain matters not requiring inclusion in this report that we reported to the District's management in a separate letter dated August 25, 2011.

We intend this report solely for the information and use of management, the Board of Trustees, and others within the District. We intend it for no one other than these specified parties.

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**Dave Yost**  
Auditor of State

August 25, 2011



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**SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS  
DECEMBER 31, 2010 AND 2009**

Finding Number	Finding Summary	Fully Corrected?	Not Corrected, Partially Corrected; Significantly Different Corrective Action Taken; or Finding No Longer Valid; <b><i>Explain</i></b>
2008-001	ORC 5705.41(D)(1), the District failed to encumber	Partially corrected	Reissued in Management Letter
2008-002	The District did not maintain all required records according to OAC 117-2-02.	Yes	

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**CLERK'S CERTIFICATION**

This is a true and correct copy of the report which is required to be filed in the Office of the Auditor of State pursuant to Section 117.26, Revised Code, and which is filed in Columbus, Ohio.

*Susan Babbitt*

**CLERK OF THE BUREAU**

**CERTIFIED  
SEPTEMBER 15, 2011**