

PERRY JOINT FIRE DISTRICT

LAKE COUNTY, OHIO

AUDIT REPORT

For the Years Ended December 31, 2011 and 2010

Charles E. Harris and Associates, Inc.
Certified Public Accountants and Government Consultants



Dave Yost • Auditor of State

Board of Trustees
Perry Joint Fire District
3742 Center Road
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We have reviewed the *Report of Independent Accountants* of the Perry Joint Fire District, Lake County, prepared by Charles E. Harris & Associates, Inc., for the audit period January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2011. Based upon this review, we have accepted these reports in lieu of the audit required by Section 117.11, Revised Code. The Auditor of State did not audit the accompanying financial statements and, accordingly, we are unable to express, and do not express an opinion on them.

The financial statements in the attached report are presented in accordance with a regulatory basis of accounting prescribed or permitted by the Auditor of State. Due to a February 2, 2005 interpretation from the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA), modifications were required to the *Report of Independent Accountants* on your financial statements. While the Auditor of State 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. The attached report includes an opinion relating to GAAP presentation and measurement requirements, but does not imply the statements are misstated under the non-GAAP regulatory basis. The *Report of Independent Accountants* also includes an opinion on the financial statements using the regulatory format the Auditor of State permits.

Our review was made in reference to the applicable sections of legislative criteria, as reflected by the Ohio Constitution, and the Revised Code, policies, procedures and guidelines of the Auditor of State, regulations and grant requirements. The Perry Joint Fire District is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

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Dave Yost
Auditor of State

October 1, 2012

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

Perry Joint Fire District
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To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Perry Joint Fire District, Lake County, Ohio (the District) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2011 and 2010, as listed in the table of contents. 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.

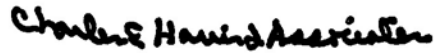
Instead of the combined funds the accompanying financial statements present, GAAP require presenting entity wide statements and also presenting the District's larger (i.e. major) funds separately. While the District does not follow GAAP, generally accepted auditing standards requires us to include the 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, 2011 and 2010 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, 2011 and 2010, 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 combined fund cash balances of the Perry Joint Fire District, Lake County, as of December 31, 2011 and 2010, and its combined cash receipts and disbursements for the years then ended on the accounting basis Note 1 describes.

As described in Note 1, during 2011 the Perry Joint Fire District, Lake County adopted Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 54, *Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions*.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated June 20, 2012, 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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Charles E. Harris & Associates, Inc.
June 20, 2012

**PERRY JOINT FIRE DISTRICT
LAKE COUNTY**

**COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND
CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2011**

	Governmental Fund Types				Totals (Memorandum Only)
	General	Special Revenue	Debt Service	Capital Projects	
Cash Receipts:					
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$ 2,932,680	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,932,680
Charges for Services	4,375	185,008	-	-	189,383
Intergovernmental	883,145	32,300	-	-	915,445
Earnings on Investments	8,808	-	-	-	8,808
Miscellaneous	34,807	-	-	-	34,807
Total Cash Receipts	3,863,815	217,308	-	-	4,081,123
Cash Disbursements:					
Current Disbursements:					
Security of Persons and Property	3,416,369	169,166	-	192	3,585,727
Capital Outlay	-	31,294	-	-	31,294
Debt Service:					
Redemption of Principal	-	-	70,000	-	70,000
Interest and Other Fiscal Charges	-	-	6,163	-	6,163
Total Cash Disbursements	3,416,369	200,460	76,163	192	3,693,184
Excess Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements	447,446	16,848	(76,163)	(192)	387,939
Other Financing Receipts (Disbursements):					
Transfers-In	-	-	76,163	-	76,163
Transfers-Out	(76,163)	-	-	-	(76,163)
Advances-In	1,006	-	-	-	1,006
Advances-Out	-	(1,006)	-	-	(1,006)
Total Other Financing Receipts (Disbursements)	(75,157)	(1,006)	76,163	-	-
Net Change in Fund Cash Balance	372,289	15,842	-	(192)	387,939
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	2,479,803	257,965	38,331	67,174	2,843,273
Fund Cash Balances					
Restricted	-	273,807	-	66,982	340,789
Committed	236,780	-	38,331	-	275,111
Unassigned (Deficit)	2,615,312	-	-	-	2,615,312
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	\$ 2,852,092	\$ 273,807	\$ 38,331	\$ 66,982	\$ 3,231,212

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

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**COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND
CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2010**

	Governmental Fund Types				Totals (Memorandum Only)
	General	Special Revenue	Debt Service	Capital Projects	
Cash Receipts:					
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$ 3,055,570	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,055,570
Charges for Services	1,960	163,666	-	-	165,626
Intergovernmental	900,960	-	-	-	900,960
Earnings on Investments	24,776	-	-	-	24,776
Miscellaneous	24,239	-	-	-	24,239
Total Cash Receipts	4,007,505	163,666	-	-	4,171,171
Cash Disbursements:					
Current Disbursements:					
Security of Persons and Property	3,339,809	27,415	-	17,898	3,385,122
Capital Outlay	-	-	-	357,708	357,708
Debt Service:					
Redemption of Principal	-	-	127,500	-	127,500
Interest and Other Fiscal Charges	-	-	11,759	-	11,759
Total Cash Disbursements	3,339,809	27,415	139,259	375,606	3,882,089
Excess Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements	667,696	136,251	(139,259)	(375,606)	289,082
Other Financing Receipts (Disbursements):					
Transfers-In	60,000	3,107	139,259	-	202,366
Transfers-Out	(202,366)	-	-	-	(202,366)
Total Other Financing Receipts (Disbursements)	(142,366)	3,107	139,259	-	-
Excess of Cash Receipts and Other Financing Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements and Other Financing Disbursements	525,330	139,358	-	(375,606)	289,082
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	1,954,473	118,607	38,331	442,780	2,554,191
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	\$ 2,479,803	\$ 257,965	\$ 38,331	\$ 67,174	\$ 2,843,273

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

**PERRY JOINT FIRE DISTRICT
LAKE COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2011 AND 2010**

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 Perry Joint Fire District, Lake County, (the District) as a body corporate and politic. A six-member Board of Trustees governs the District. The District was created on September 27, 2002 by a joint resolution passed by Perry Township, Perry Village and North Perry Village. The District is directed by an appointed six-member Board of Trustees. Two board members are appointed by each political subdivision within the District, of which one member is required to be an elected official from each entity. The District oversees the fire protection and rescue services for the communities 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 adequately disclosed material matters the Auditor of State prescribes.

C. Cash and Investments

The District's accounting basis includes investments as assets. Accordingly, investment purchases are not recorded as disbursements, and investment sales are not recorded as receipts. Gains or losses at the time of sale are recorded as receipts or disbursements, respectively.

STAR Ohio is recorded at share values the State Treasurer report.

D. Fund Accounting

The District uses fund accounting to segregate cash and investments that are restricted as to use. The District classifies its funds into the following types:

1. General Fund

The General Fund reports all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

2. Special Revenue Fund

This fund accounts for proceeds from specific sources (other than from private-purpose trusts or for capital projects) that are restricted to expenditure for specific purposes. The District had the following significant Special Revenue Fund:

The E.M.S. Fund – This fund was used to fund the purchase of emergency medical service and rescue equipment.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2011 AND 2010**

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

D. Fund Accounting (Continued)

3. Debt Service Fund

This fund accumulates resources to pay bond and note indebtedness. The District had the following Debt Service Fund:

Debt Payment Fund - This fund is used to account for debt payments for the lease of the fire station, loan, and the bond issue.

4. Capital Project Fund

This fund accounts for receipts restricted to acquiring or constructing major capital projects (except those financed through enterprise or trust funds). The District had the following significant Capital Project Fund:

Capital Equipment Fund - This fund receives transfers from the General Fund for future purchases and maintenance of fire fighting equipment. This fund also received proceeds for the Bond issued in 2007.

E. Budgetary Process

The Ohio Revised Code requires the District to budget each fund 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. Appropriations lapse at year end.

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 canceled, and reappropriated in the subsequent year.

A summary of 2011 and 2010 budgetary activity appears in Note 3.

F. Fund Balance

For December 31, 2011, fund balance is divided into five classifications based primarily on the extent to which the District must observe constraints imposed upon the use of its governmental-fund resources. The classifications are as follows:

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2011 AND 2010**

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

F. Fund Balance (Continued)

1. Nonspendable

The District classifies assets as *nonspendable* when legally or contractually required to maintain the amounts intact.

2. Restricted

Fund balance is *restricted* when constraints placed on the use of resources are either externally imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or is imposed by law through constitutional provisions.

3. Committed

Trustees can *commit* amounts via formal action (resolution). The District must adhere to these commitments unless the Trustees amend the resolution. Committed fund balance also incorporates contractual obligations to the extent that existing resources in the fund have been specifically committed to satisfy contractual requirements.

4. Assigned

Assigned fund balances are intended for specific purposes but do not meet the criteria to be classified as *restricted* or *committed*. Governmental funds other than the general fund report all fund balances as *assigned* unless they are restricted or committed. In the general fund, *assigned* amounts represent intended uses established by District Trustees or a District official delegated that authority by resolution, or by State Statute.

5. Unassigned

Unassigned fund balance is the residual classification for the general fund and includes amounts not included in the other classifications. In other governmental funds, the unassigned classification is used only to report a deficit balance.

The District applies restricted resources first when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which either restricted or unrestricted (committed, assigned, and unassigned) amounts are available. Similarly, within unrestricted fund balance, committed amounts are reduced first followed by assigned, and then unassigned amounts when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which amounts in any of the unrestricted fund balance classifications could be used.

G. 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.

H. 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.

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DECEMBER 31, 2011 AND 2010**

2. Equity in Pooled Cash and Investments

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

	2011	2010
Demand deposit	\$ 7,149	\$ 5,802
Money Market Account	2,699,285	912,366
Total deposits	2,706,434	918,168
STAR Ohio	524,778	524,482
Certificates of deposit	-	1,400,623
Total investments	524,778	1,925,105
Total deposits and investments	\$ 3,231,212	\$ 2,843,273

Deposits: Deposits are insured by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation or collateralized by securities specifically pledged by the financial institution to the District.

Investments: Investments in STAR Ohio and mutual funds are not evidenced by securities existing in physical or book-entry form.

3. Budgetary Activity

Budgetary activity for the years ending December 31, 2011 and December 31, 2010 follows:

2011 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts			
	Budgeted	Actual	
Fund Type	Receipts	Receipts	Variance
General	\$ 4,026,437	\$ 3,864,821	\$ (161,616)
Special Revenue	154,000	217,308	63,308
Debt Service	82,000	76,163	(5,837)
Capital Projects	50,000	-	(50,000)
Total	\$ 4,312,437	\$ 4,158,292	\$ (154,145)

2011 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Disbursements			
	Appropriation	Budgetary	
Fund Type	Authority	Disbursements	Variance
General	\$ 6,183,000	\$ 3,492,532	\$ 2,690,468
Special Revenue	232,300	201,466	30,834
Debt Service	114,000	76,163	37,837
Capital Projects	231,000	192	230,808
Total	\$ 6,760,300	\$ 3,770,353	\$ 2,989,947

2010 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts			
	Budgeted	Actual	
Fund Type	Receipts	Receipts	Variance
General	\$ 4,065,132	\$ 4,067,505	\$ 2,373
Special Revenue	103,171	166,773	63,602
Debt Service	82,000	139,259	57,259
Capital Projects	-	-	-
Total	\$ 4,250,303	\$ 4,373,537	\$ 123,234

**PERRY JOINT FIRE DISTRICT
LAKE COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2011 AND 2010**

3. Budgetary Activity (Continued)

2010 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Disbursements			
Fund Type	Appropriation	Budgetary	Variance
	Authority	Disbursements	
General	\$ 5,078,000	\$ 3,542,175	\$ 1,535,825
Special Revenue	103,170	27,415	75,755
Debt Service	114,000	139,259	(25,259)
Capital Projects	425,000	375,606	49,394
Total	<u>\$ 5,295,170</u>	<u>\$ 3,708,849</u>	<u>\$ 1,586,321</u>

4. Property Taxes

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.

Public utilities are also taxed on personal and real property located within the District.

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 District.

5. Debt Financing Agreements

Debt outstanding at December 31, 2011 was as follows:

	Principal	Interest Rate
North Perry Village Loan	\$ 50,000	0.00%
Ohio CAFB Bond	75,000	3.6 to 3.65%
Total	<u>\$ 125,000</u>	

In 2002, North Perry Village loaned the District \$500,000 for the purpose of purchasing parcels of land. On July 11, 2008, an agreement was reached with North Perry Village to accept an accelerated debt schedule including a 20% reduction in the original loan amount, a \$350,000 payment in 2008 and the remaining \$50,000 to be paid upon the sale of land owned by the Fire District at the corner of Narrows and Lane Roads, contingent on sufficient proceeds from the sale. As of December 31, 2011, the land has not been sold.

In 2007, the District issued an Ohio Capital Asset Financing Program Bond for \$350,000. This bond matures in 2012.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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5. Debt Financing Agreements (Continued)

Amortization of the above debt, including interest, is scheduled as follows:

Year ending December 31:	Ohio CAFFP	
	Bond	Total
2012	\$ 78,188	\$ 78,188
	\$ 78,188	\$ 78,188
Total		

6. Retirement Systems

The District's certified Fire Fighters belong to the Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund (OP&F). Other employees belong to the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS). OP&F and OPERS are cost-sharing, multiple-employer plans. The Ohio Revised Code prescribes these plans' benefits, which include postretirement healthcare and survivor and disability benefits.

The Ohio Revised Code also prescribes contribution rates. For 2011 and 2010, OP&F participants contributed 10% of their wages. For 2011 and 2010, the District contributed to OP&F an amount equal to 24% of full-time fire fighters' wages. For 2011 and 2010, 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, 2011.

7. Risk Management

Commercial Insurance

The District has obtained commercial insurance for the following risks:

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

Settled claims have not exceeded coverage in any of the last three years and there was no significant reduction in coverage from the prior year.

8. Related Party Transactions

As detailed in Note 5, the District had a debt agreement with North Perry Village.

9. Budgetary Noncompliance

Contrary to Ohio Revised Code 5705.39, the District had appropriations that exceeded total estimated resources in the Capital Equipment Fund in 2011.

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

Perry Joint Fire District
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To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the financial statements of the Perry Joint Fire District, Lake County, Ohio (the District) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2011 and 2010, and have issued our report thereon dated June 20, 2012, 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. For the year ended December 31, 2011, we noted the District implemented Governmental Accounting Standard Board Statement No. 54, "Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions". 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 opinions 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 a combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity'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.

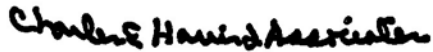
Compliance and Other Matters

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 an instance of noncompliance or other matter we must report under *Government Auditing Standards*, which is described in the accompanying schedule of findings as item 2011-PJFD-01.

We also noted certain matters not requiring inclusion in this report that we reported to the District's management in a separate letter dated June 20, 2012.

The District's response to the finding identified in our audit is described in the accompanying schedule of findings. We did not audit the District's response and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

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



Charles E. Harris & Associates, Inc.
June 20, 2012

**PERRY JOINT FIRE DISTRICT
LAKE COUNTY**

**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS
December 31, 2011 and 2010**

<p>FINDINGS RELATED TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GAGAS</p>

Finding Number 2011-PJFD-01 – Non-compliance Citation

Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.39 provides in part that total appropriations from each fund shall not exceed the total estimated resources. No appropriation measure is effective until the county auditor files a certificate that the total appropriations from each fund do not exceed the total official estimate or amended official estimate.

At December 31, 2011, the Capital Equipment Fund's appropriations exceeded total estimated resources by \$113,826.

We recommend that the District better monitor the budgetary process and amend appropriations and estimated resources on a regular basis to avoid having appropriations exceed total estimated resources.

Management's Response:

Better monitoring procedures will be implemented to prevent further instances.

**PERRY JOINT FIRE DISTRICT
LAKE COUNTY**

SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS

The prior audit report, for the years ending December 31, 2009 and 2008, reported no material citations or recommendations.



Dave Yost • Auditor of State

PERRY JOINT FIRE DISTRICT

LAKE COUNTY

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
OCTOBER 11, 2012**