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**COLUMBIANA COUNTY DRUG TASK FORCE
COLUMBIANA COUNTY**

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To the Board of Control:

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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August 6, 2009

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

Columbiana County Drug Task Force
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To the Board of Control:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Columbiana County Drug Task Force, Columbiana County, (the Task Force) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Task Force'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 Task Force 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 Task Force's larger (i.e. major) funds separately. While the Task Force 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 task forces to reformat their statements. The Task Force 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, 2008 and 2007 do not present fairly, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of the Task Force as of December 31, 2008 and 2007, 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 Columbiana County Drug Task Force, Columbiana County, as of December 31, 2008 and 2007, and its combined cash receipts and disbursements for the years then ended on the accounting basis Note 1 describes.

The Task Force 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 6, 2009, on our consideration of the Task Force'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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August 6, 2009

**COLUMBIANA COUNTY DRUG TASK FORCE
COLUMBIANA COUNTY**

**COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND
CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008**

	Governmental Fund Types						Totals (Memorandum Only)
	Law Enforcement Trust	Mandatory Drug Fines	Confidential Informant Funds	Restitution	Supplies and Equipment	Justice Department	
Cash Receipts:							
Confiscations, Forfeitures and Restitutions	\$36,689	\$300	\$15,373	\$6,452	\$7,971		\$66,785
Intergovernmental Receipts	7,600				\$48,838	\$4,144	60,582
Interest						13	13
Miscellaneous			87				87
Total Cash Receipts	44,289	300	15,460	6,452	56,809	4,157	127,467
Cash Disbursements:							
Current:							
Security of Person and Property	12,132	1,202	12,085	1,369	16,273		43,061
Matching Funds	4,071					5,000	9,071
Equipment	7,600				16,267		23,867
Miscellaneous	104	134	100				338
Total Cash Disbursements	23,907	1,336	12,185	1,369	32,540	5,000	76,337
Total Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements	20,382	(1,036)	3,275	5,083	24,269	(843)	51,130
Other Financing Receipts / (Disbursements):							
Transfers-In			2,839				2,839
Transfers-Out					(2,839)		(2,839)
Total Other Financing Receipts / (Disbursements)	0	0	2,839	0	(2,839)	0	0
Excess of Cash Receipts and Other Financing Receipts Over / (Under) Cash Disbursements and Other Financing Disbursements	20,382	(1,036)	6,114	5,083	21,430	(843)	51,130
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	7,294	1,968	1,954	2,110	13,224	8,166	34,716
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	\$27,676	\$932	\$8,068	\$7,193	\$34,654	\$7,323	\$85,846
Reserve for Encumbrances, December 31	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

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, 2007**

	Governmental Fund Types					Justice Department	Totals (Memorandum Only)
	Law Enforcement Trust	Mandatory Drug Fines	Confidential Informant Funds	Restitution	Supplies and Equipment		
Cash Receipts:							
Confiscation, Forfeitures and Restitutions	\$18,055	\$0	\$0	\$2,092	\$14,449		\$34,596
Intergovernmental Receipts					15,371		15,371
Donations					1,650		1,650
Interest						\$17	17
Intergovernmental							0
Special Assessments							0
Earnings on Investments							0
Miscellaneous					2,178		2,178
Total Cash Receipts	18,055	0	0	2,092	33,648	17	53,812
Cash Disbursements:							
Current:							
Security of Persons and Property	2,293	1,457	13,358	1,048	8,461	500	27,117
Matching Funds	10,750						10,750
Equipment	1,000	720		376	2,009		4,105
Miscellaneous	36	185					221
Total Cash Disbursements	14,079	2,362	13,358	1,424	10,470	500	42,193
Total Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements	3,976	(2,362)	(13,358)	668	23,178	(483)	11,619
Other Financing Receipts / (Disbursements):							
Transfers-In			11,997				11,997
Transfers-Out					(11,997)		(11,997)
Total Other Financing Receipts / (Disbursements)	0	0	11,997	0	(11,997)	0	0
Excess of Cash Receipts and Other Financing Receipts Over / (Under) Cash Disbursements and Other Financing Disbursements	3,976	(2,362)	(1,361)	668	11,181	(483)	11,619
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	3,318	4,330	3,315	1,442	2,043	8,649	23,097
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	\$7,294	\$1,968	\$1,954	\$2,110	\$13,224	\$8,166	\$34,716

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

**COLUMBIANA COUNTY DRUG TASK FORCE
COLUMBIANA COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2008 AND 2007**

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Description of the Entity

The Columbiana County Drug Task Force, Columbiana County, (the Task Force) is a multi-jurisdictional drug task force for the sharing of police service and equipment to undertake joint operations to stop the trafficking of illegal drugs. The Task Force was created by the authority of Ohio Revised Code Sections 737.04 and 737.041. Member agencies included Columbiana County Sheriff, Columbiana County Prosecutor, City of East Palestine, City of Salem, City of East Liverpool, Village of Wellsville, City of Columbiana, Liverpool Township, Village of Lisbon and Village of Salineville.

Member agencies provide their own personnel to operate the Task Force. The individual agencies pay for salaries and benefits from their respected budgets.

The Task Force's management believes these financial statements present all activities for which the Task Force 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 Task Force recognizes receipts when received in cash rather than when earned, and recognizes disbursements when paid rather than when a liability is incurred.

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

C. Cash and Investments

The Task Force's accounting basis includes investments as assets. This basis does not record disbursements for investment purchases or receipts for investment sales. This basis records gains or losses at the time of sale as receipts or disbursements respectively.

The Task Force maintains six checking accounts five of which are non interest-bearing accounts.

D. Fund Accounting

The Task Force uses fund accounting to segregate cash that is restricted as to use. The Task Force classifies its funds into the following types:

Special Revenue Funds

These funds account for proceeds from specific sources (other than from private-purpose trusts or for capital projects) that are restricted to expenditure for specific purposes. The Task Force had the following significant Special Revenue Funds:

Law Enforcement Trust Fund - This fund receives confiscated and forfeited money for the administration of the Task Force and future investigations.

Mandatory Drug Fines Fund - This fund receives mandatory drug fine money assessed by the common pleas court for the administration of the Task Force and future investigations.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2008 AND 2007
(Continued)**

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – (Continued)

Confidential Informant Fund - This fund receives federal grant money from the Trumbull County Drug Task Force for the assistance in investigations by using confidential informants.

Supplies and Equipment Fund - This fund receives money from donations by the private sector for the purchase of equipment and supplies.

E. Property, Plant, and Equipment

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

2. EQUITY IN POOLED CASH AND INVESTMENTS

The Task Force maintains a separate bank account for each fund with the exception of the Confidential Informant Fund which is cash on hand. The Ohio Revised Code prescribes allowable deposits and investments. The carrying amount of cash and investments at December 31 was as follows:

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>
Demand deposits	\$32,763	\$82,498
Cash on hand	1,953	3,348
Total deposits	<u>34,716</u>	<u>85,846</u>

Deposits: Deposits are insured by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation.

3. RISK MANAGEMENT

The Task Force's vehicles and equipment are insured by Columbiana County. The County is a member of the County Risk Sharing Authority, Inc., (CORSA) which is a shared risk pool among thirty-nine counties in Ohio. CORSA was formed as an Ohio nonprofit corporation for the purpose of establishing the CORSA Insurance/Self Insurance Program, a group primary and excess participation in coverage of losses and pay all contributions necessary for the specified insurance coverage provided by CORSA. The coverage's include comprehensive general liability, certain property insurance and public officers' errors and omissions liability insurance.



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

Columbiana County Drug Task Force
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To the Board of Control:

We have audited the financial statements of the Columbiana County Drug Task Force, Columbiana County, (the Task Force) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007, and have issued our report thereon dated August 6, 2009, wherein we noted the Task Force 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 Task Force's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our audit procedures for expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not to opine on the effectiveness of the Task Force's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we have not opined on the effectiveness of the Task Force's internal control over financial reporting.

A control deficiency exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in 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 affects the Task Force's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with its applicable accounting basis, such that there is more than a remote likelihood that the Task Force's internal control will not prevent or detect a more-than-inconsequential financial statement misstatement.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies resulting in more than a remote likelihood that the Task Force's internal control will not prevent or detect a material financial statement misstatement.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all internal control deficiencies that might be 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.

We noted certain matters that we reported to the Task Force's management in a separate letter dated August 6, 2009.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of reasonably assuring whether the Task Force'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 noncompliance or other matters that we reported to the Task Force's management in a separate letter dated August 6, 2009.

We intend this report solely for the information and use of the Board of Control and management. We intend it for no one other than these specified parties.

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COLUMBIANA 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
SEPTEMBER 22, 2009**