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**DEER PARK SILVERTON JOINT FIRE DISTRICT
HAMILTON COUNTY**

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

Deer Park Silverton Joint Fire District
Hamilton County
7050 Blue Ash Road
Cincinnati, Ohio 45236

To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Deer Park Silverton Joint Fire District, Hamilton County, Ohio (the District), as of and for the year ended December 31, 2008 and 2007, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the District's management. Our responsibility is to express opinions 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 opinions.

As discussed in Note 2, the accompanying financial statements and notes follow the cash accounting basis. This is a comprehensive accounting basis other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective cash financial position of the governmental activities, the major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Deer Park Silverton Joint Fire District, Hamilton County, Ohio, as of December 31, 2008 and 2007, and the respective changes in cash financial position and the respective budgetary comparison for the General Fund thereof for the years then ended in conformity with the basis of accounting Note 2 describes.

For the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007, the District revised its financial presentation comparable to the requirements of Governmental Accounting Standard No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements—and Management's Discussion and Analysis—for State and Local Governments*.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated August 12, 2009, 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.

Management's Discussion and Analysis is not a required part of the basic financial statements but is supplementary information the Governmental Accounting Standards Board requires. We have applied certain limited procedures, consisting principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measuring and presenting the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mary Taylor". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mary Taylor, CPA
Auditor of State

August 12, 2009

Deer Park Silverton Joint Fire District
Management's Discussion and Analysis
For the Years Ended December 31, 2008 and 2007
Unaudited

This discussion and analysis of Deer Park Silverton Joint Fire District's financial performance provides an overall review of the District's financial activities for the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007, within the limitations of the District's cash basis accounting. Readers should also review the basic financial statements and notes to enhance their understanding of the District's financial performance.

Highlights

Key highlights for 2008 are as follows:

Net assets of governmental activities increased \$342,802. The District had three funds in 2008, the General Fund, a Special Revenue Fund that was established for a FEMA Grant the District received for the purchase of a new fire truck and a Capital Projects Fund that was established for the purchase of a new ambulance.

The District's general receipts are primarily property and other local taxes. These receipts represent respectively 51 percent of the total cash received for governmental activities during the year. Total receipts for 2008 had a significant increase of \$756,872 from 2007. The increase is primarily due to a FEMA Grant and Bond Proceeds received for the purchase of a new fire truck and a new ambulance.

Total disbursements in 2008 also had a significant increase of \$529,259. This increase is primarily due to the above mentioned purchases of a new fire truck and a new ambulance.

Key highlights for 2007 are as follows:

Net assets of governmental activities increased \$115,189. The District had 1 fund in 2007. The General Fund.

The District's general receipts are primarily property and other local taxes. These receipts represent respectively 74 percent of the total cash received for governmental activities during the year. Total receipts for 2007 had a significant increase of \$454,754 from 2006. These increased are primarily due to the increased tax revenue received from the replacement levy and the sale of surplus equipment (Quint Fire Truck).

Total disbursements in 2007 also had a significant increase of \$243,559 from 2006. These increases are primarily due to the purchase of an ambulance, increased salaries and a rise in Health Insurance costs.

Using the Basic Financial Statements

This annual report is presented in a format consistent with the presentation requirements of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 34, as applicable to the District's cash basis of accounting.

Report Components

The statement of net assets and the statement of activities provide information about the cash activities of the District as a whole.

Fund financial statements provide a greater level of detail. Funds are created and maintained on the financial records of the District as a way to segregate money whose use is restricted to a particular specified purpose. These statements present financial information by fund, presenting funds with the largest balances or most activity in separate columns.

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The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of the government-wide and fund financial statements and provide expanded explanation and detail regarding the information reported in the statements.

Basis of Accounting

The basis of accounting is a set of guidelines that determine when financial events are recorded. The District has elected to present its financial statements on a cash basis of accounting. This basis of accounting is a basis of accounting other than generally accepted accounting principles. Under the District's cash basis of accounting, receipts and disbursements are recorded when cash is received or paid.

As a result of using the cash basis of accounting, certain assets and their related revenues (such as accounts receivable) and certain liabilities and their related expenses (such as accounts payable) are not recorded in the financial statements. Therefore, when reviewing the financial information and discussion within this report, the reader must keep in mind the limitations resulting from the use of the cash basis of accounting.

Reporting the District as a Whole

The Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities reflect how the District did financially during 2008 and 2007, within the limitations of cash basis accounting. The Statement of Net Assets presents the cash balances of the governmental activities of the District at year end. The Statement of Activities compares cash disbursements with program receipts for each governmental program. Program receipts include charges paid by the recipient of the program's goods or services and grants and contributions restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. General receipts are all receipts not classified as program receipts. The comparison of cash disbursements with program receipts identifies how each governmental function draws from the District's general receipts.

These statements report the District's cash position and the changes in cash position. Keeping in mind the limitations of the cash basis of accounting, you can think of these changes as one way to measure the District's financial health. Over time, increases or decreases in the District's cash position is one indicator of whether the District's financial health is improving or deteriorating. When evaluating the District's financial condition, you should also consider other non-financial factors as well such as the District's property tax base, the condition of the District's capital assets, the extent of the District's debt obligations, the reliance on non-local financial resources for operations and the need for continued growth in the major local revenue sources such as property taxes.

In the Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities, we present the District's activities as Governmental activities. All of the District's basic services are reported here, including fire and paramedic. State and federal grants, property taxes and other local revenue finance most of these activities. Benefits provided through governmental activities are not necessarily paid for by the people receiving them.

Reporting the District's Most Significant Funds

Fund financial statements provide detailed information about the District's major fund – not the District as a whole. The District establishes separate funds to better manage its many activities and to help demonstrate that money that is restricted as to how it may be used is being spent for the intended purpose.

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Governmental Funds - All of the District's activities are reported in governmental funds. The governmental fund financial statements provide a detailed view of the District's governmental operations and the basic services it provides. Governmental fund information helps determine whether there are more or less financial resources that can be spent to finance the District's programs. The District's significant governmental funds are presented on the financial statements in separate columns. The information for nonmajor funds (funds whose activity or balances are not large enough to warrant separate reporting) is combined and presented in total in a single column. The District's only major governmental fund is the General Fund.

The District as a Whole

Table 1 provides a summary of the District's net assets for 2008 compared to 2007 on a cash basis:

	Governmental Activities		Increase/ (Decrease)
	2008	2007	
Assets			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$808,554	\$465,752	\$342,802
Net Assets			
Restricted for Other Purposes	\$265,437	0	\$265,437
Unrestricted	\$543,117	\$465,752	\$77,365

As mentioned previously, net assets of governmental activities increased \$342,802 during 2008.

Table 2 reflects the changes in net assets for 2008 compared to 2007 on a cash basis:

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(Table 2)
Changes in Net Assets

	Governmental Activities 2008	Governmental Activities 2007
Receipts:		
Program Receipts:		
Charges for Services	\$380,520	\$373,354
Operating Grants	266,550	3,000
Total Program Receipts	647,070	376,354
General Receipts:		
Property and Other Local Taxes	1,309,437	1,345,550
Capital Projects Debt Issuance	189,400	0
Special Revenue Debt issuance	402,908	0
Interest	12,329	18,005
Miscellaneous	11,375	75,738
Total General Receipts	1,925,449	1,439,293
Total Receipts	\$2,572,519	\$1,815,647
Disbursements:		
Security of Persons and Property	1,988,541	1,647,477
Capital Outlay	188,202	0
Debt Service:		
Principal Retirement	51,078	49,390
Interest and Fiscal Charges	1,896	3,592
Total Disbursements	2,229,717	1,700,458
Increase in Net Assets	342,802	115,189
Net Assets Beginning of Year	465,752	350,563
Net Assets End of Year	\$808,554	\$465,752

Program receipts represent 25 percent and 21 percent of 2008 and 2007 total receipts, respectively, and primarily consist of EMS billing and charges to Columbia Township and the Village of Amberley for fire and paramedic services provided under contract.

General receipts represent 75 percent and 79 percent of the District's 2008 and 2007 total receipts, respectively, and of these amounts, approximately 51 percent and 74 percent are 2008 and 2007 property and other local taxes, respectively. Other receipts are insignificant and somewhat unpredictable revenue sources.

Security of Persons and Property represents 89 percent and 97 percent of 2008 and 2007 total disbursements, respectively. Disbursements included within Security of Persons and Property includes primarily salaries and contracts.

Capital Outlay represents a 100 percent increase of 2008 disbursements due to the purchase of a new ambulance.

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Governmental Activities

If you look at the Statement of Activities on pages 10 and 15, you will see that the first column lists the major services provided by the District. The next column identifies the costs of providing these services. As previously mentioned, the major program disbursements for governmental activities are for Security of Persons and Property, which account for 89 percent and 97 percent of 2008 and 2007 of all governmental disbursements, respectively. The next three columns of the Statement entitled Program Receipts identify amounts paid by people who are directly charged for the service and grants received by the District that must be used to provide a specific service. The net Receipt (Disbursement) column compares the program receipts to the cost of the service. This "net cost" amount represents the cost of the service which ends up being paid from money provided by local taxpayers. These net costs are paid from the general receipts which are presented at the bottom of the Statement. A comparison between the total cost of services and the net cost is presented in Table 3.

(Table 3)
Governmental Activities

	Total Cost Of Services 2008	Net Cost of Services 2,008	Total Cost Of Services 2007	Net Cost of Services 2007
Security of Persons and Property	\$1,988,541	(1,341,471)	\$1,647,477	(\$1,271,123)
Capital Outlay	188,202	(188,202)	0	0
Debt Service:				
Principal Retirement	51,078	(51,078)	49,390	(49,390)
Interest and Fiscal Charges	1,896	(1,896)	3,592	(3,592)
Total Expenses	<u>\$2,229,717</u>	<u>(1,582,647)</u>	<u>\$1,700,459</u>	<u>(\$1,324,105)</u>

General Fund Budgeting Highlights

The District's budget is prepared according to Ohio law and is based upon accounting for certain transactions on a basis of cash receipts, disbursements, and encumbrances.

Final 2008 estimated receipts were \$1,664,016 and actual receipts were \$1,718,961, resulting in a difference of \$54,945. Final 2008 estimated expenditures were \$1,733,479 and actual disbursements were \$1,641,597 resulting in a difference of \$91,882. Final 2007 estimated receipts were \$1,701,016 and actual receipts were \$1,815,647 resulting in a difference of \$114,631. Final 2007 estimated expenditures were \$1,766,712 and actual disbursements were \$1,700,459 resulting in a difference of \$66,253. The District had significant beginning balances each year which offset possible deficits.

Capital Assets and Debt Administration

Capital Assets

The District does not currently keep track of its capital assets.

Debt

The District issued a Tax Anticipation Note on April 16, 2003 in the amount of \$279,100, for seven years, to provide operating funds for current operating expenses. The outstanding balance at December 31, 2008 for the Tax Anticipation Note was \$18,276.

The District issued an Ohio Capital Asset Financing Program Bond on March 20, 2008 in the amount of \$185,000 for 4 years to purchase a 2008 Horton Ambulance.

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The District issued a Vehicle Acquisition General Obligation Bond Anticipation Note on April 8, 2008 in the amount of \$400,000 to purchase a Seagrave Marauder Pumper Fire Truck and equipment options. This note will mature April 8, 2009. The District received a FEMA Grant to pay for a portion of the Fire Truck in the amount \$261,250

For further information regarding the District's debt, refer to Note 10 to the basic financial statements.

Contacting the District's Financial Management

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, investors, and creditors with a general overview of the District's finances and to reflect the District's accountability for the monies it receives. Questions concerning any of the information in this report or requests for additional information should be directed to Belinda C. Joerger, Clerk-Treasurer, Deer Park Silverton Joint Fire District, 7050 Blue Ash Road, Silverton, Ohio 45236.

Deer Park Silverton Joint Fire District
Hamilton County
Statement of Net Assets - Cash Basis
December 31, 2008

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
Assets	
Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$808,554
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<i>Total Assets</i>	<u><u>\$808,554</u></u>
Net Assets	
Restricted for:	
Capital Equipment - Ambulance	1,198
Special Revenue - Pumper	264,239
Unrestricted	<u>\$543,117</u>
<i>Total Net Assets</i>	<u><u>\$808,554</u></u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

Deer Park Silverton Joint Fire District
Hamilton County
Statement of Activities - Cash Basis
For the Year Ended December 31, 2008

	Program Cash Receipts			Net(Disbursements) Receipts and Changes in Net Assets
	Cash Disbursements	Charges for Services and Sales	Operating Grants	Governmental Activities
Governmental Activities				
Security of Persons and Property	\$1,988,541	\$380,520	\$266,550	(\$1,341,471)
Capital Outlay	188,202	0	0	(188,202)
Debt Service				
Principal	51,078	0	0	(51,078)
Interest	1,896	0	0	(1,896)
<i>Total Governmental Activities</i>	<u>\$2,229,717</u>	<u>\$380,520</u>	<u>\$266,550</u>	<u>(1,582,647)</u>
		General Receipts		
		Property Taxes Levied for:		
		General Purposes		1,309,437
		Capital Projects Debt Issuance		189,400
		Special Revenue Debt Issuance		402,908
		Interest		12,329
		Miscellaneous		11,375
				1,925,449
		<i>Total General Receipts</i>		
				1,925,449
		Change in Net Assets		342,802
		<i>Net Assets Beginning of Year</i>		465,752
				465,752
		<i>Net Assets End of Year</i>		\$808,554
				\$808,554

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

Deer Park Silverton Joint Fire District
Hamilton County
Statement of Cash Basis Assets and Fund Balance
General Fund
December 31, 2008

Assets

Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents \$543,117

Total Assets \$543,117

Fund Balances

Unreserved:

Undesignated, Reported in:

General Fund \$543,117

Total Fund Balances \$543,117

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

Deer Park Silverton Joint Fire District
Hamilton County

Statement of Cash Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Cash Basis Fund Balances
Governmental Funds
For the Year Ended December 31, 2008

	General	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Receipts			
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$1,108,292	\$0	\$1,108,292
Charges for Services	380,520	0	380,520
Intergovernmental	206,445	261,250	467,695
Interest	12,329	0	12,329
Miscellaneous	11,375	0	11,375
<i>Total Receipts</i>	1,718,961	261,250	1,980,211
Disbursements			
Current:			
Security of Persons and Property	1,588,622	399,919	1,988,541
Capital Outlay	0	188,202	188,202
Debt Service			
Principal	51,078	0	51,078
Interest	1,896	0	1,896
<i>Total Disbursements</i>	1,641,596	588,121	2,229,717
<i>Excess of Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements</i>	77,365	(326,871)	(249,506)
Other Financing Sources			
Capital Projects Debt Issuance		189,000	189,000
Notes Issued		400,000	400,000
Net Premium on Debt Issued		3,308	3,308
<i>Total Other Financing Sources</i>	0	592,308	592,308
<i>Net Change in Fund Balances</i>	77,365	265,437	342,802
<i>Fund Balances Beginning of Year</i>	465,752	0	465,752
<i>Fund Balances End of Year</i>	\$543,117	\$265,437	\$808,554

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

**Deer Park Silverton Joint Fire District
Hamilton County**

*Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Changes
In Fund Balance - Budget and Actual -Budget Basis
General Fund*

For the Year Ended December 31, 2008

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>		<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance Positive (Negative)</u>
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>		
Receipts				
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$1,108,617	\$1,108,617	\$1,108,292	(\$325)
Charges for Services	386,900	386,900	380,520	(6,380)
Intergovernmental	156,499	156,499	206,445	49,946
Interest	12,000	12,000	12,329	329
Miscellaneous	0	0	11,375	11,375
<i>Total receipts</i>	<u>1,664,016</u>	<u>1,664,016</u>	<u>1,718,961</u>	<u>54,945</u>
Disbursements				
Current:				
Security of Persons and Propertys	1,680,466	1,680,466	1,588,622	91,844
Debt Service				
Principal	51,078	51,078	51,078	0
Interest	1,935	1,935	1,896	39
<i>Total Disbursements</i>	<u>1,733,479</u>	<u>1,733,479</u>	<u>1,641,596</u>	<u>91,883</u>
<i>Net Change in Fund Balance</i>	(69,463)	(69,463)	77,365	146,828
<i>Fund Balance Beginning of Year</i>	<u>465,752</u>	<u>465,752</u>	<u>465,752</u>	<u>0</u>
<i>Fund Balance End of Year</i>	<u><u>\$396,289</u></u>	<u><u>\$396,289</u></u>	<u><u>\$543,117</u></u>	<u><u>\$146,828</u></u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

Deer Park Silverton Joint Fire District
Hamilton County
Statement of Net Assets - Cash Basis
December 31, 2007

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
Assets	
Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$465,752
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<i>Total Assets</i>	<u><u>\$465,752</u></u>
Net Assets	
Unrestricted	<u>\$465,752</u>
<i>Total Net Assets</i>	<u><u>\$465,752</u></u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

Deer Park Silverton Joint Fire District
Hamilton County
Statement of Activities - Cash Basis
For the Year Ended December 31, 2007

	Program Cash Receipts			Net(Disbursements) Receipts and Changes in Net Assets
	Cash Disbursements	Charges for Services and Sales	Operating Grants	Governmental Activities
Governmental Activities				
Security of Persons and Property	\$1,647,477	\$373,354	\$3,000	(\$1,271,123)
Debt Service				
Principal	49,390	0	0	(49,390)
Interest	3,592	0	0	(3,592)
<i>Total Governmental Activities</i>	\$1,700,459	\$373,354	\$3,000	(1,324,105)
		General Receipts		
		Property Taxes Levied for:		
		General Purposes		1,345,551
		Interest		18,005
		Miscellaneous		10,738
		<i>Total General Receipts</i>		1,374,294
		Other Financing Sources		
		Sale of Capital Asset		65,000
		Change in Net Assets		115,189
		<i>Net Assets Beginning of Year</i>		350,563
		<i>Net Assets End of Year</i>		\$465,752

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

Deer Park Silverton Joint Fire District
Hamilton County
Statement of Cash Basis Assets and Fund Balance
General Fund
December 31, 2007

Assets

Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents \$465,752

Total Assets \$465,752

Fund Balances

Unreserved:

Undesignated, Reported in:

General Fund \$465,752

Total Fund Balances \$465,752

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

Deer Park Silverton Joint Fire District
Hamilton County

Statement of Cash Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Cash Basis Fund Balances
General Fund
For the Year Ended December 31, 2007

	<u>General</u>
Receipts	
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$1,179,284
Charges for Services	373,354
Intergovernmental	169,267
Interest	18,005
Miscellaneous	<u>10,738</u>
<i>Total Receipts</i>	<u>1,750,648</u>
Disbursements	
Current:	
Security of Persons and Property	1,647,477
Debt Service	
Principal	49,390
Interest	<u>3,592</u>
<i>Total Disbursements</i>	<u>1,700,459</u>
<i>Excess of Receipts Over Disbursements</i>	50,189
Other Financing Sources	
Sale of Capital Asset	<u>65,000</u>
<i>Total Other Financing Sources</i>	<u>65,000</u>
<i>Net Change in Fund Balances</i>	115,189
<i>Fund Balances Beginning of Year</i>	<u>350,563</u>
<i>Fund Balances End of Year</i>	<u><u>\$465,752</u></u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

**Deer Park Silverton Joint Fire District
Hamilton County**

*Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Changes
In Fund Balance - Budget and Actual -Budget Basis
General Fund*

For the Year Ended December 31, 2007

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
Receipts				
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$1,108,617	\$1,108,617	\$1,179,284	\$70,667
Charges for Services	370,900	370,900	373,354	2,454
Intergovernmental	156,499	156,499	169,267	12,768
Interest	0	0	18,005	18,005
Miscellaneous	0	0	10,738	10,738
<i>Total receipts</i>	<u>1,636,016</u>	<u>1,636,016</u>	<u>1,750,648</u>	<u>114,632</u>
Disbursements				
Current:				
Security of Persons and Propertys	1,693,387	1,713,687	1,647,477	66,210
Debt Service				
Principal	49,390	49,390	49,390	0
Interest	3,635	3,635	3,592	43
<i>Total Disbursements</i>	<u>1,746,412</u>	<u>1,766,712</u>	<u>1,700,459</u>	<u>66,253</u>
<i>Net Change in Fund Balance</i>	(110,396)	(130,696)	50,189	180,885
Other Financing Sources				
Sale of Capital Asset	0	65,000	65,000	0
<i>Total Other Financing Sources</i>	<u>0</u>	<u>65,000</u>	<u>65,000</u>	<u>0</u>
<i>Net Change in Fund Balances</i>	(110,396)	(65,696)	115,189	180,885
<i>Fund Balance Beginning of Year</i>	<u>350,563</u>	<u>350,563</u>	<u>350,563</u>	<u>0</u>
<i>Fund Balance End of Year</i>	<u>\$240,167</u>	<u>\$284,867</u>	<u>\$465,752</u>	<u>\$180,885</u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

**DEER PARK SILVERTON JOINT FIRE DISTRICT
HAMILTON COUNTY**

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

Note 1 – Reporting Entity

Deer Park Silverton Joint Fire District, Hamilton County, Ohio (the District), is a body corporate and politic established to exercise the rights and privileges conveyed to it by the constitution and laws of the State of Ohio. The District is directed by an appointed eight-member Board of Trustees. Four Board members are appointed by each political subdivision within the District. Those subdivisions are the City of Deer Park and the City of Silverton. The District provides fire protection and rescue services within the District and by contract to areas outside the District.

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

A. Primary Government

The primary government consists of all funds, departments, boards and agencies that are not legally separate from the District. The District provides fire and EMS services. The District appropriates general fund money for operations.

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

Note 2 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

As discussed further in Note 2C, these financial statements are presented on a cash basis of accounting. This cash basis of accounting differs from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). Generally accepted accounting principles include all relevant Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) pronouncements, which have been applied to the extent they are applicable to the cash basis of accounting. The following are the more significant of the District's accounting policies.

A. Basis of Presentation

The District's basic financial statements consist of government-wide financial statements, including a statement of net assets and a statement of activities, and fund financial statements which provide a more detailed level of financial information.

Government-Wide Financial Statements

The statement of net assets and the statement of activities display information about the District as a whole. These statements include the financial activities of the primary government. The statements distinguish between those activities of the District that are governmental and those that are considered business-type. Governmental activities generally are financed through taxes, intergovernmental receipts or other nonexchange transactions. Business-type activities are financed in whole or in part by fees charged to external parties for goods or services.

The statement of net assets presents the cash balances of the governmental activities of the District at year end. The statement of activities compares disbursements with program receipts for each of the District's governmental activities. Disbursements are reported by function. A function is a group of related activities designed to accomplish a major service or regulatory program for which the District is responsible. Program receipts include charges paid by the recipient of the program's goods or services and grants and contributions restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. General receipts are all receipts not classified as program receipts, with certain limited exceptions. The comparison of direct disbursements with program receipts identifies the extent to which each government functions is self-financing on a cash basis or draws from the District's general receipts.

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Note 2 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Fund Financial Statements

During the year, the District segregates transactions related to certain District functions or activities in separate funds to aid financial management and to demonstrate legal compliance. Fund financial statements are designed to present financial information of the District at this more detailed level. The focus of governmental fund financial statements is on the major fund. The major fund is presented in a separate column. Nonmajor funds are aggregated and presented in a single column.

B. Fund Accounting

The District uses fund accounting to maintain its financial records during the year. A fund is defined as a fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. Funds are used to segregate resources that are restricted as to use. The funds of the District are of one category, governmental.

Governmental Funds

The District classifies funds financed primarily from taxes, intergovernmental receipts (e.g. grants), and other nonexchange transactions as governmental funds. The District's only major governmental fund is the General Fund. The General Fund is used to account for all financial resources, except those required to be accounted for in another fund. The General Fund balance is available to the District for any purpose provided it is expended or transferred according to the general laws of Ohio. The other governmental funds of the District account for grants and other resources whose use is restricted to a particular purpose.

C. Basis of Accounting

The District's financial statements are prepared using the cash basis of accounting. Receipts are recorded in the District's financial records and reported in the financial statements when cash is received rather than when earned and disbursements are recorded when cash is paid rather than when a liability is incurred.

D. Budgetary Process

All funds are legally required to be budgeted and appropriated. The major documents prepared are the tax budget, the certificate of estimated resources, and the appropriations resolution, all of which are prepared on the budgetary basis of accounting. The tax budget demonstrates a need for existing or increased tax rates. The certificate of estimated resources establishes a limit on the amount the District Trustees may appropriate.

The appropriations resolution is the District Trustee's authorization to spend resources and sets limits on cash disbursements plus encumbrances at the level of control selected by the District Trustees. The legal level of control has been established at the fund, department, and object level for all funds.

The certificate of estimated resources may be amended during the year if projected increases or decreases in receipts are identified by the District Clerk. The amounts reported as the original budgeted amounts on the budgetary statements reflect the amounts on the certificate of estimated resources when the original appropriations were adopted. The amounts reported as the final budgeted amounts on the budgetary statements reflect the amounts on the amended certificate of estimated resources in effect at the time final appropriations were passed by the District Trustees.

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Note 2 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

The appropriations resolution is subject to amendment throughout the year with the restriction that appropriations cannot exceed estimated resources. The amounts reported as the original budgeted amounts reflect the first appropriation ordinance for that fund that covered the entire year, including amounts automatically carried forward from prior years. The amounts reported as the final budgeted amounts represent the final appropriation amounts passed by the District Trustees during the year.

E. Cash and Deposits

To improve cash management, cash received by the District is pooled. Individual fund integrity is maintained through District records. Interest in the pool is presented as “Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents”.

During 2008 and 2007, the District had nonnegotiable certificates of deposit. The nonnegotiable certificates of deposit are reported at cost. The 2008 certificate matured September 2008.

Interest earnings are allocated to District funds according to State statutes, grant requirements, or debt related restrictions. Interest receipts were credited to the General Fund only during 2008 and 2007.

G. Inventory and Prepaid Items

The District reports disbursements for inventories and prepaid items when paid. These items are not reflected as assets in the accompanying financial statements.

H. Capital Assets

Acquisitions of property, plant and equipment are recorded as disbursements when paid. These items are not reflected as assets in the accompanying financial statements.

I. Accumulated Leave

In certain circumstances, such as upon leaving employment or retirement, employees are entitled to cash payments for unused leave. Unpaid leave is not reflected as a liability under the District’s cash basis of accounting.

J. Employer Contributions to Cost-Sharing Pension Plans

The District recognizes the disbursement for their employer contributions to cost-sharing pension plans when they are paid. As described in Notes 8 and 9, the employer contributions include portions for pension benefits and for postretirement health care benefits.

K. Long-Term Obligations

The District’s cash basis financial statements do not report liabilities for the District’s long term obligations. Proceeds of debt are reported when the cash is received and principal and interest payments are reported when paid. Since recording a capital asset when entering into a capital lease is not the result of a cash transaction, neither other financing sources nor a capital outlay expenditures are reported at inception. Lease payments are reported when paid.

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Note 2 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

L. Net Assets

Net assets are reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on their use either through enabling legislation or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors, or laws or regulations of other governments. Net assets restricted for other purposes include local and state monies restricted to expenditures for specific purposes.

The District's policy is to first apply restricted resources when an obligation is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net assets are available.

There are no restricted net assets.

M. Fund Balance Reserves

The District reserves any portion of fund balances which is not available for appropriation or which is legally segregated for a specific future use. Unreserved fund balance indicates that portion of fund balance which is available for appropriation in future periods.

Note 3 – Change in Basis of Accounting

None

Note 4 – Budgetary Basis of Accounting

The budgetary basis as provided by law is based upon accounting for certain transactions on the basis of cash receipts, disbursements, and encumbrances. The Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Fund Balance – Budget and Actual – Budgetary Basis presented for the general fund is prepared on the budgetary basis to provide a meaningful comparison of actual results with the budget.

Note 5 – Deposits and Investments

Monies held by the District are classified by State statute into three categories.

Active deposits are public deposits determined to be necessary to meet current demands upon the District treasury. Active deposits must be maintained either as cash in the District treasury, in commercial accounts payable or withdrawable on demand, including negotiable order of withdrawal (NOW) accounts, or in money market deposit accounts.

Inactive deposits are public deposits that the board of trustees has identified as not required for use within the current five year period of designation of depositories. Inactive deposits must either be evidenced by certificates of deposit maturing not later than the end of the current period of designation of depositories, or by savings or deposit accounts including, but not limited to, passbook accounts.

Interim deposits are deposits of interim monies. Interim monies are those monies which are not needed for immediate use but which will be needed before the end of the current period of designation of depositories. Interim deposits must be evidenced by time certificates of deposit maturing not more than one year from the date of deposit or by savings or deposit accounts, including passbook accounts.

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Note 5 – Deposits and Investments (continued)

Interim monies held by the District can be deposited or invested in the following securities:

1. United States Treasury bills, bonds, notes, or any other obligation or security issued by the United States Treasury, or any other obligation guaranteed as to principal and interest by the United States;
2. Bonds, notes, debentures, or any other obligation or security issued by any federal government agency or instrumentality including, but not limited to, the Federal National Mortgage Association, Federal Home Loan Bank, Federal Farm Credit Bank, Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, Government National Mortgage Association, and Student Loan Marketing Association. All federal agency securities shall be direct issuances of federal government agencies or instrumentalities;
3. Written repurchase agreements in the securities listed above provided the market value of the securities subject to the repurchase agreement must exceed the principal value of the agreement by at least 2 percent and be marked to market daily, and the term of the agreement must not exceed thirty days;
4. Bonds and other obligations of the State of Ohio or Ohio local governments;
5. Time certificates of deposit or savings or deposit accounts including, but not limited to, passbook accounts;
6. No-load money market mutual funds consisting exclusively of obligations described in division (1) or (2) and repurchase agreements secured by such obligations, provided that investments in securities described in this division are made only through eligible institutions;
7. The State Treasurer's investment pool (STAR Ohio).

Investments in stripped principal or interest obligations, reverse repurchase agreements, and derivatives are prohibited. The issuance of taxable notes for the purpose of arbitrage, the use of leverage, and short selling are also prohibited. An investment must mature within five years from the date of purchase, unless matched to a specific obligation or debt of the District, and must be purchased with the expectation that it will be held to maturity. Investments may only be made through specified dealers and institutions.

Deposits

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of bank failure, the District will not be able to recover deposits or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. At December 31, 2008 and 2007, none of the District's bank balances of \$808,554 and \$465,752, respectively, was exposed to custodial credit risk because all deposits were either covered by insurance from the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or by collateral held by an agent in the District's name.

The District has no deposit policy for custodial risk beyond the requirements of State statute. Ohio law requires that deposits be either insured or be protected by eligible securities pledged to and deposited either with the District or a qualified trustee by the financial institution as security for repayment, or by a collateral pool of eligible securities deposited with a qualified trustee and pledged to secure the repayment of all public monies deposited in the financial institution whose market value at all times shall be at least one hundred five percent of the deposits being secured.

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Note 6 – Property Taxes

Property taxes include amounts levied against all real property, public utility property, and tangible personal property located in the District. Real property tax receipts received in 2008 represent the collection of 2007 taxes. Real property taxes received in 2008 were levied after October 1, 2007, on the assessed values as of January 1, 2007, the lien date. Assessed values for real property taxes are established by State statute at 35 percent of appraised market value. Real property taxes are payable annually or semi-annually. If paid annually, payment is due December 31; if paid semiannually, the first payment is due December 31, with the remainder payable by June 20. Under certain circumstances, State statute permits alternate payment dates to be established.

Public utility property tax receipts received in 2008 represent the collection of 2007 taxes. Public utility real and tangible personal property taxes received in 2008 became a lien on December 31, 2007, were levied after October 1, 2007, and are collected with real property taxes. Public utility real property is assessed at 35 percent of true value; public utility tangible personal property is currently assessed at varying percentages of true value.

Tangible personal property tax receipts received in 2008 (other than public utility property) represent the collection of 2008 taxes. Tangible personal property taxes received in 2008 were levied after October 1, 2007, on the true value as of December 31, 2007. In prior years, tangible personal property was assessed at twenty-five percent of true value for capital assets and twenty-three percent of true value for inventory. The tangible personal property is being phased out – the assessment percentage for all property including inventory for 2006 is 18.75 percent. The amount will be reduced for all property including inventory for 2006 is 18.75 percent. This will be reduced to 12.5 percent for 2007, 6.25 percent for 2008 and zero for 2009. Amounts paid by multi-county taxpayers are due September 20. Single county taxpayers may pay annually or semiannually. If paid annually, the first payment is due April 30; if paid semiannually, the first payment is due April 30, with the remainder payable by September 20.

The full tax rate for all District operations for the year ended December 31, 2008, was \$6.40 per \$1,000 of assessed value. The assessed values of real and tangible personal property upon which 2008 property tax receipts were based are as follows:

Real Property:	
Agricultural/Residential	\$152,025,900
Commercial/Industrial	35,436,140
Public Utility Real	8,783,570
Tangible Personal Property:	
General	<u>2,200,000</u>
Total Assessed Value	\$198,445,610

Note 7 – Risk Management

The District has obtained commercial insurance for the following risks:

- Comprehensive property; 2,177,790 deductible 250
- General liability; 3,000,000 deductible 250
- Vehicles; 2,000,000 deductible 250
- Errors and omissions; 2,000,000
- Umbrella Liability 2,000,000

The District also provides health insurance, dental and vision coverage to full-time employees through Humana and Dental Care Plus.

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Note 8 – Defined Benefit Pension Plans

A. Ohio Public Employees Retirement System

The District participates in the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS). OPERS administers three separate pension plans: the Traditional Pension Plan – a cost sharing, multiple- employer defined benefit pension plan; the Member-Directed Plan – a defined contribution plan; and the Combined Plan – a cost sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan that has elements of both a defined benefit and defined contribution plan.

OPERS maintains a cost-sharing multiple employer defined benefit post-employment healthcare plan, which includes a medical plan, prescription drug program and Medicare Part B premium reimbursement, to qualifying members of both the Traditional Pension and the Combined plans. Members of the Member-Directed Plan do not qualify for ancillary benefits, including post-employment coverage.

In order to qualify for post-employment health care coverage, age-and-service retirees under the Traditional Pension and Combined Plans must have 10 or more years of qualifying Ohio service credit. Health care coverage for disability benefit recipients and qualified survivor benefit recipients is available. The health care coverage provided by OPERS meets the definition of an Other Post Employment Benefit (OPEB) as described in GASB Statement 45.

The Ohio Revised Code permits, but does not mandate, OPERS to provide OPEB benefits to its eligible members and beneficiaries. Authority to establish and amend benefits is provided in Chapter 145 of the Ohio Revised Code.

OPERS issues a stand-alone financial report. Interested parties may obtain a copy by writing OPERS, 277 East Town Street, Columbus Ohio 43215-4642, or by calling 614-222-5601 or 800-222-7377

The District's required contributions for pension obligations to the traditional and combined plans for the years ended December 31, 2008, 2007, and 2006 were \$15,908, \$14,508, and \$13,504 respectively. The full amounts for 2008, 2007 and 2006 were paid in full.

B. Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund

The District contributes to the Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund (OP&F), a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan. OP&F provides retirement and disability benefits, annual cost-of-living adjustments, and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. Benefit provisions are established by the Ohio State Legislature and are codified in Chapter 742 of the Ohio Revised Code. OP&F issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial information and required supplementary information for the plan. That report may be obtained by writing to the Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund, 140 East Town Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-5164.

Plan members are required to contribute 10 percent of their annual covered salary to fund pension obligations while the District is required to contribute 24 percent for Firefighters. Contributions are authorized by State statute. The District's required contributions to the Fund for the years ended December 31, 2008, 2007, and 2006 were \$121,895, \$112,237, and \$94,952, respectively. The full amounts for 2008, 2007 and 2006 were paid in full.

C. Social Security System

Effective July 1, 1991, all employees not otherwise covered by the Ohio Public Retirement System or the Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund use Social Security. The District's liability is 6.2% of wages paid.

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Note 9- Postemployment Benefits

A. Ohio Public Employees Retirement System

The Ohio Revised Code provides the statutory authority requiring public employers to fund post retirement health care through their contributions to OPERS. A portion of each employer's contribution to OPERS is set aside for the funding of post retirement health care benefits.

Employer contribution rates are expressed as a percentage of the covered payroll of active members. In 2008, state and local employers contributed at a rate of 14.00% of covered payroll, and public safety and law enforcement employers contributed at a rate 17.40%. The Ohio Revised Code currently limits the employer contribution to a rate not to exceed 14.0% of covered payroll for state and local employer units and 18.1% of covered payroll for law and public safety employer units. Active members do not make contributions to the OPEB Plan.

OPERS' Post Employment Health Care plan was established under, and is administrated in accordance with, Internal Revenue Code 401(J). Each year, the OPERS Retirement Board determines the portion of the employer contribution rate that will be set aside for funding of post employment health care benefits. For 2008, the employer contribution allocated to the health care plan was 7.0% of covered payroll. The OPERS Retirement Board is also authorized to establish rules for the payment of a portion of the health care benefits provided, by the retiree or their surviving beneficiaries. Payment amounts vary depending on the number of covered dependents and the coverage selected.

B. Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund

The Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund (OP&F) provides postretirement health care coverage to any person who receives or is eligible to receive a monthly service, disability or survivor benefit check or is a spouse or eligible dependent child of such person. An eligible dependent child is any child under the age of 18 whether or not the child is attending school, or under the age of 22 if attending school full-time or on a 2/3 basis.

The health care coverage provided by the retirement system is considered an Other Postemployment Benefit (OPEB) as described in *GASB Statement No. 12*. The Ohio Revised Code provides the authority allowing the Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund's board of trustees to provide health care coverage and states that health care costs paid from the funds of OP&F shall be included in the employer's contribution rate. Health care funding and accounting is on a pay-as-you-go basis.

Note 10 – Long Term Debt

<u>Governmental Activities</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Year End 12/31/07</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Reductions</u>	<u>Year End 12/31/08</u>
Tax Anticipation Notes (2003)	3.39%	\$69,354	\$0	(\$51,078)	\$18,276
Leases Payable	4.28%	44,289	0	(44,289)	0
Ambulance Acquisition General Obligation Bonds (2008)	3.88%	<u>0</u>	<u>185,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>185,000</u>
Total		<u>\$113,643</u>	<u>\$185,000</u>	<u>(\$95,367)</u>	<u>\$203,276</u>

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Note 10 – Long Term Debt (continued)

The tax anticipation note was issued to provide operating funds for current operating expenses. The note was issued on April 16, 2003, in the amount of \$279,100 for seven years. The last payment will be in 2009.

The District entered into a Municipal Lease-Purchase Agreement on April 6, 2005 with Fifth Third Bank to lease an ambulance. The District paid the first annual payment of \$46,184 in 2006. The last payment was made in 2008.

The 2008 Bond Issue was an Ohio Capital Asset Bond used to purchase an ambulance. The bond was issued March 20, 2008 in the amount of \$185,000 for 4 years.

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

Year	General Obligation Notes		Municipal Lease/Purchase		General Obligation Bonds		Total
	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest	
2007	\$49,390	\$3,592	\$42,471	\$3,713	\$0	\$0	\$99,166
2008	51,078	1,896	44,289	1,896	0	5,312	99,159
2009	18,276	281	0	0	45,000	7,619	71,176
2010	0	0	0	0	45,000	5,369	50,369
2011	0	0	0	0	45,000	3,625	48,625
2012	0	0	0	0	50,000	1,938	51,938
Total	\$118,744	\$5,769	\$86,760	\$5,609	\$185,000	\$23,863	\$420,433

Note 11 – Notes Payable

A summary of the note transactions for the year ended 2008, follows:

Governmental Activities	Interest Rate	Year End 12/31/08
Vehicle Acquisition General Bond Anticipation Note (2008)	3.50%	<u>\$400,000</u>

On April 8, 2008 the Deer Park Silverton Joint Fire District issued \$400,000 Vehicle Acquisition General Bond Anticipation Notes. This note matures in one year on April 7, 2009. The District obtained this note in order to Prepay for a new 2008 Fire Truck. The District received a premium of \$2,908 on the bond anticipation note.

Note 12 – Subsequent Events

The District paid off an operating expense tax anticipation note issued in 2003. The final principal balance was paid April 1, 2009 in the amount of \$18,276.

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Mary Taylor, CPA

Auditor of State

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

Deer Park Silverton Joint Fire District
Hamilton County
7050 Blue Ash Road
Cincinnati, Ohio 45236

To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, the major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Deer Park Silverton Joint Fire District, Hamilton County, Ohio (the District), as of and for the year ended December 31, 2008 and 2007, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated August 12, 2009. 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 expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not to opine 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 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 District'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 District'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 District'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.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mary Taylor". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mary Taylor, CPA
Auditor of State

August 12, 2009



Mary Taylor, CPA
Auditor of State

**DEER PARK SILVERTON JOINT FIRE DISTRICT
HAMILTON 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 3, 2009**