



**CLINTON SOUTH JOINT FIRE DISTRICT
CLINTON COUNTY**

REGULAR AUDIT

FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2001-2000



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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS

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To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Clinton South Joint Fire District, Clinton County, Ohio (the District), as of and for the years ended December 31, 2001 and 2000. 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 *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As discussed in Note 1, the District prepares its financial statements on the basis of accounting prescribed or permitted by the Auditor of State, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than generally accepted accounting principles.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the fund cash balance of the District, as of December 31, 2001 and 2000, and its cash receipts and disbursements for the years then ended on the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated May 17, 2002, 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 grants. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management, the Board of Trustees and other officials authorized to receive this report under § 117.26, Ohio Revised Code, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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Jim Petro
Auditor of State

May 17, 2002

**CLINTON SOUTH JOINT FIRE DISTRICT
CLINTON COUNTY**

**STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND
CHANGE IN FUND CASH BALANCES - ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2001**

	General	Special Revenue	Totals (Memorandum Only)
Cash Receipts:			
Local Taxes	\$29,412	0	29,412
Intergovernmental	3,310	11,478	14,788
Miscellaneous	167	0	167
	<u>32,889</u>	<u>11,478</u>	<u>44,367</u>
Total Cash Receipts			
Cash Disbursements:			
Current:			
Public Safety	41,590	11,478	53,068
	<u>41,590</u>	<u>11,478</u>	<u>53,068</u>
Total Cash Disbursements			
Total Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements	<u>(8,701)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(8,701)</u>
Excess of Cash Receipts and Other Financing Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements	(8,701)	0	(8,701)
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	<u>29,374</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>29,374</u>
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	<u>\$20,673</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$20,673</u>

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

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CLINTON COUNTY**

**STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND
CHANGE IN FUND CASH BALANCES -ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2000**

	General	Special Revenue	Totals (Memorandum Only)
Cash Receipts:			
Local Taxes	\$28,367	0	28,367
Intergovernmental	3,253	0	3,253
Miscellaneous	255	0	255
Total Cash Receipts	31,875	0	31,875
Cash Disbursements:			
Current:			
Public Safety	34,514	5,959	40,473
Total Cash Disbursements	34,514	5,959	40,473
Total Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements	(2,639)	(5,959)	(8,598)
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	32,013	5,959	37,972
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	\$29,374	\$0	\$29,374

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

**CLINTON SOUTH JOINT FIRE DISTRICT
CLINTON COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2001 AND 2000**

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Description of the Entity

Clinton South Joint Fire District, Clinton 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 two-member Board of Trustees. One Board member is appointed by each subdivision within the District. Those subdivisions are the Village of Midland and Jefferson Township. The District provides fire protection and rescue services within the District.

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

B. Basis of Accounting

These financial statements follow the basis of accounting prescribed or permitted by the Auditor of State, which is similar to the cash receipts and disbursements basis of accounting. Receipts are recognized when received in cash rather than when earned, and disbursements are recognized when paid rather than when a liability is incurred.

These statements include adequate disclosure of material matters, as prescribed or permitted by the Auditor of State.

C. Cash

The District's funds are deposited in a checking account with a local commercial bank.

D. Fund Accounting

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

1. General Fund

The General Fund is the general operating fund. It is used to account for all financial resources except those restricted as to use.

2. Special Revenue Fund

This fund is used to account for proceeds from specific sources that are restricted to expenditure for specific purposes. The District has the following Special Revenue Fund:

Fire Equipment Fund

This fund receives grant moneys and donations that will be used to purchase equipment.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2001 AND 2000
(Continued)**

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

E. Budgetary Process

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

1. Appropriations

Budgetary expenditures (that is, disbursements and encumbrances) may not exceed appropriations at the fund, function or object level of control, and appropriations may not exceed estimated resources. The Board of Trustees must annually approve appropriation measures and subsequent amendments. No appropriation measures were approved for the Fire Equipment Fund for the reporting period.

2. Estimated Resources

Estimated resources include estimates of cash to be received (budgeted receipts) plus unencumbered cash as of January 1.

3. Encumbrances

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

A summary of 2001 and 2000 budgetary activity appears in Note 3.

F. Property, Plant and Equipment

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

2. EQUITY IN POOLED CASH AND DEPOSITS

The District maintains a pool of deposits. The Ohio Revised Code prescribes allowable deposits and investments. The carrying amount of deposits at December 31 follows:

	<u>2001</u>	<u>2000</u>
Demand deposits	<u>\$20,673</u>	<u>\$29,374</u>

Deposits are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2001 AND 2000
(Continued)**

3. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY

Budgetary activity for the years ended December 31, 2001, and 2000 follows:

2001 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts			
Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$29,463	\$32,889	\$3,426
Special Revenue	3,737	11,478	7,741
Total	\$33,200	\$44,367	\$11,167

2001 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures			
Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$46,610	\$41,590	\$5,020
Special Revenue	0	11,478	(11,478)
Total	\$46,610	\$53,068	(\$6,458)

2000 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts			
Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$28,789	\$31,875	\$3,086
Special Revenue	0	0	0
Total	\$28,789	\$31,875	\$3,086

2000 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures			
Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$46,610	\$34,514	\$12,096
Special Revenue	5,959	5,959	0
Total	\$52,569	\$40,473	\$12,096

4. PROPERTY TAX

Real property taxes become a lien on January 1 preceding the October 1 date for which rates are adopted by the Board of Trustees. The State Board of Tax Equalization adjusts these rates for inflation. Property taxes are also reduced for applicable homestead and rollback deductions. Homestead and rollback amounts are then paid by the State, and are reflected in the accompanying financial statements as Intergovernmental Receipts. Payments are due to the County by December 31. If the property owner elects to make semiannual payment, the first half is due December 31. The second half payment is due the following June 20. Tangible personal property tax is assessed by the property owners, who must file a list of such property to the County by each April 30. The County is responsible for assessing property, and for billing, collecting, and distributing all property taxes on behalf of the District.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2001 AND 2000
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5. RETIREMENT SYSTEMS

The District's employees belong to the Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) of Ohio. PERS is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer plan. This plan provides retirement benefits, including post retirement healthcare, and survivor and disability benefits to participants as prescribed by the Ohio Revised Code. Contribution rates are also prescribed by the Ohio Revised Code. For 2001 and 2000, PERS members contributed 8.5% of their gross salaries. The District contributed an amount equal to 13.55% of participants' gross salaries for 2001 and from January 1, 2000 through December 31, 2000. PERS temporarily reduced the employer contribution rate to 8.13% effective July 1, 2000 through December 31, 2000. The District has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2001.

6. RISK MANAGEMENT

The District has obtained commercial insurance for the following risks:

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

7. MATERIAL NONCOMPLIANCE

The district did not properly appropriate funds for expenditure during the audit period.



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**REPORT OF INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS ON COMPLIANCE AND ON
INTERNAL CONTROL REQUIRED BY GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS**

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To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Clinton South Joint Fire District, Clinton County, Ohio (the District), as of and for the years ended December 31, 2001 and 2000, and have issued our report thereon dated May 17, 2002. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Compliance

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the District's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed one instance of noncompliance that is required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards* which is described in the accompanying schedule of findings as item 2001-30414-001. We also noted certain immaterial instances of noncompliance that we have reported to management of the District in a separate letter dated May 17, 2002.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the District's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting. Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be material weaknesses.

However, we noted certain matters involving the internal control structure over financial reporting that do not require inclusion in this report that we have reported to the management of the District in a separate letter dated May 17, 2002.

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Auditor of State

May 17, 2002

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**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS
DECEMBER 31, 2001 AND 2000**

**FINDINGS RELATED TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GAGAS**

FINDING NUMBER 2001-30414-001

Material Noncompliance

Ohio Rev. Code, Section 5705.41(B), states that no subdivision or taxing unit is to expend money unless it has been appropriated. For 2001, expenditures from the special revenue fund were not appropriated. This was due to the District's incorrect posting of a grant to the general fund rather than to the special revenue fund. However, even prior to the audit adjustment moving the receipt and expenditure to the proper fund, there were not enough monies appropriated in the general fund to account for the grant expenditure. Failure to appropriate expenditures could result in overspending and negative fund cash balances. The District should appropriate all expenditures.



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CLERK'S CERTIFICATION

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

Susan Babbitt

CLERK OF THE BUREAU

**CERTIFIED
JULY 2, 2002**