



**SOUTH CENTRAL AMBULANCE DISTRICT
ASHTABULA COUNTY
REGULAR AUDIT
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2001-2000**



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ASHTABULA COUNTY**

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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 South Central Ambulance District, Ashtabula 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 combined fund cash balances of the District, as of December 31, 2001 and 2000, and its combined 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 the management, the Board of Trustees, and other officials authorized to receive this report under Section 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

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**SOUTH CENTRAL AMBULANCE DISTRICT
ASHTABULA COUNTY**

**STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH
DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2001**

	General
Cash Receipts:	
Local Taxes	\$447,285
Charges for Services	132,065
Memberships	26,122
Earnings on Investments	22,833
Miscellaneous	<u>20,926</u>
Total Cash Receipts	649,231
Cash Disbursements:	
Salaries	361,889
Personal Services	2,660
Supplies	20,360
Maintenance	14,030
Fringes/Insurance	83,246
Utilities/Rent	10,919
Training	3,078
Equipment	136,067
Other	<u>23,965</u>
Total Disbursements	<u>656,214</u>
Total Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements	(6,983)
Fund Cash Balances January 1	881,249
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	<u><u>\$874,266</u></u>

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

**SOUTH CENTRAL AMBULANCE DISTRICT
ASHTABULA COUNTY**

**STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH
DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2000**

	<u>General</u>
Cash Receipts:	
Local Taxes	\$444,190
Charges for Services	103,453
Memberships	9,663
Earnings on Investments	37,668
Miscellaneous	4,651
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Total Cash Receipts	599,625
Cash Disbursements:	
Salaries	290,792
Personal Services	2,580
Supplies	21,182
Maintenance	12,081
Fringes/Insurance	101,124
Utilities/Rent	10,182
Training	6,444
Equipment	15,503
Other	25,304
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Total Disbursements	485,192
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Total Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements	114,433
Fund Cash Balances January 1	766,816
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	<u><u>\$881,249</u></u>

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

**SOUTH CENTRAL AMBULANCE DISTRICT
ASHTABULA COUNTY**

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

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Description of the Entity

South Central Ambulance District, Ashtabula County, (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 eleven-member Board of Trustees. One Board member is appointed by each political subdivision within the District. Those subdivisions are, Colebrook Township, Dorset Township, Lenox Township, Morgan Township, New Lyme Township, Orwell Township, Orwell Village, Roaming Shores Village, Rock Creek Village, and Rome Township. The District provides 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.

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. Budgetary presentations report budgetary expenditures when a commitment is made (i.e., when an encumbrance is approved).

C. Cash and Investments

Investments are included in fund cash balances. Accordingly, purchases of investments are not recorded as disbursements, and sales of investments are not recorded as receipts. Gains or losses at the time of sale are recorded as receipts and disbursements, respectively.

Certificates of Deposit are valued at cost.

D. Fund Accounting

The District uses fund accounting to segregate cash and investments that are restricted as to use. The District maintains only one fund (general operating) to account for all financial resources.

1. General Fund

The General Fund is the general operating fund. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

E. Budgetary Process

1. Appropriations

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

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

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

2. Estimated Resources

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

3. Encumbrances

The Ohio Revised Code requires the District to reserve (encumber) appropriations when 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.

G. Unpaid Vacation and Sick Leave

Employees are entitled to cash payments for unused vacation and sick leave in certain circumstances, such as upon leaving employment. Unpaid vacation and sick leave are not reflected as liabilities under the basis of accounting used by the District.

2. EQUITY IN POOLED CASH AND INVESTMENTS

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

	<u>2001</u>	<u>2000</u>
Demand deposits	\$ 319,934	\$ 341,315
Certificates of Deposit	<u>\$ 554,332</u>	<u>\$ 539,934</u>
Total Deposits	<u><u>\$ 874,266</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 881,249</u></u>

Deposits: Deposits are either (1) insured by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation, or (2) collateralized by the financial institution's public entity deposit pool.

3. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY

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

2001 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts			
Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$ 590,000	\$ 649,231	\$ 59,231

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

3. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY (Continued)

2001 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures			
Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$ 589,880	\$ 656,214	\$ (66,334)

2000 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts			
Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$ 466,481	\$ 599,625	\$ 133,144

2000 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures			
Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$ 652,880	\$ 485,192	\$ 167,688

4. PROPERTY TAX

Real property taxes become a lien on January 1 preceding the October 1 date for which rates are adopted by 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.

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

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

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

5. RETIREMENT SYSTEMS

The District's full-time employees belong to the Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) of Ohio. It is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer plan. This plan provides retirement benefits, including postretirement healthcare, and survivor and disability benefits to participants as prescribed by the Ohio Revised Code.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2001 AND 2000
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5. RETIREMENTS SYSTEMS (Continued)

Contribution rates are also prescribed by the Ohio Revised Code. For 2001 and 2000, PERS members contributed 8.5% of their gross salaries, of which 6% was picked-up by the District. The District contributed an amount equal to 13.55% of participants' gross salaries for the period under audit, except for the time frame between July 2000 and December 2000, where the rate was 8.13% based on PER'S Temporary Employer Contribution Rate Rollback. The District has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2001.

Effective July 1, 1991, all employees not covered by PERS, have an option to choose Social Security or the PERS. All of the District's employees were covered by PERS.

6. RISK MANAGEMENT

The District has obtained commercial insurance for the following risks:

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

The District also provides health insurance and dental and vision coverage to full-time employees through a private carrier.



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

South Central Ambulance District
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To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of South Central Ambulance District, Ashtabula 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 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 no instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*. However, we noted one instance 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 and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, we noted other matters involving the internal control over financial reporting that do not require inclusion in this report, that we have reported to management of the District in a separate letter dated May 17, 2002.

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This report is intended for the information and use of the management and the Board of Trustees, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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Jim Petro
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May 17, 2002



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ASHTABULA 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
JUNE 18, 2002**