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**COLUMBIANA COUNTY DRUG TASK FORCE  
COLUMBIANA COUNTY**

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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, Ohio, (the Task Force) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2002 and 2001. 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 *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 Task Force 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 Columbiana County Drug Task Force as of December 31, 2002 and 2001, 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 30, 2003 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 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, Board of Control 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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**Betty Montgomery**  
Auditor of State

May 30, 2003

**COLUMBIANA COUNTY DRUG TASK FORCE  
COLUMBIANA COUNTY**

**STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND  
CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES  
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2002**

	Law Enforcement Trust	Mandatory Drug Fines	Confidential Informant Funds	Restitution	Supplies and Equipment	Justice Department	Totals (Memorandum Only)
<b>Cash Receipts:</b>							
Confiscations, Forfeitures and Restitutions	\$24,922	\$1,700	\$200	\$3,585			\$30,407
Intergovernmental Receipts			20,000				20,000
Donations					2,500		2,500
Interest						5	5
Miscellaneous					800		800
<b>Total Cash Receipts</b>	<u>24,922</u>	<u>1,700</u>	<u>20,200</u>	<u>3,585</u>	<u>3,300</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>53,712</u>
<b>Cash Disbursements:</b>							
Current:							
Security of Persons and Property	67	2,473	29,382	1,383			33,305
Miscellaneous	1,182	2,313		1,732	63		5,290
Equipment	202	41		170	3,300		3,713
Matching Funds		6,877					6,877
Capital Outlay		15,018					15,018
<b>Total Cash Disbursements</b>	<u>1,451</u>	<u>26,722</u>	<u>29,382</u>	<u>3,285</u>	<u>3,363</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>64,203</u>
<b>Total Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements</b>	<u>23,471</u>	<u>(25,022)</u>	<u>(9,182)</u>	<u>300</u>	<u>(63)</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>(10,491)</u>
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	11,572	41,762	20,192	1,199	115	2,505	77,345
<b>Fund Cash Balances, December 31</b>	<u><b>\$35,043</b></u>	<u><b>\$16,740</b></u>	<u><b>\$11,010</b></u>	<u><b>\$1,499</b></u>	<u><b>\$52</b></u>	<u><b>\$2,510</b></u>	<u><b>\$66,854</b></u>

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

**COLUMBIANA COUNTY DRUG TASK FORCE  
COLUMBIANA COUNTY**

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

	<b>Law Enforcement Trust</b>	<b>Mandatory Drug Fines</b>	<b>Confidential Informant Funds</b>	<b>Restitution</b>	<b>Supplies and Funds</b>	<b>Justice Department</b>	<b>Totals (Memorandum Only)</b>
<b>Cash Receipts:</b>							
Confiscations, Forfeitures and Restitutions	\$1,239	\$48,585	\$3,600	\$470			\$53,894
Intergovernmental Receipts			24,583	4,018			28,601
Interest						18	18
Miscellaneous					83		83
<b>Total Cash Receipts</b>	<b>1,239</b>	<b>48,585</b>	<b>28,183</b>	<b>4,488</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>82,596</b>
<b>Cash Disbursements:</b>							
Current:							
Security of Persons and Property	2,244	493	8,932	1,370			13,039
Miscellaneous	3,416	204		1,900			5,520
Equipment					67		67
Matching Funds	20,000						20,000
Capital Outlay	5,754	6,745		1,584			14,083
<b>Total Cash Disbursements</b>	<b>31,414</b>	<b>7,442</b>	<b>8,932</b>	<b>4,854</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>52,709</b>
<b>Total Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements</b>	<b>(30,175)</b>	<b>41,143</b>	<b>19,251</b>	<b>(366)</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>29,887</b>
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	41,747	619	941	1,565	99	2,487	47,458
<b>Fund Cash Balances, December 31</b>	<b>\$11,572</b>	<b>\$41,762</b>	<b>\$20,192</b>	<b>\$1,199</b>	<b>\$115</b>	<b>\$2,505</b>	<b>\$77,345</b>

*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, 2002 AND 2001**

**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 Rev. 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, City of Wellsville, Village 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 respective budgets.

The Task Force's management believes these financial statements presents all activities for which the Task Force 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 and Investments**

The Task Force maintains five checking accounts, four 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 are used to account for proceeds from specific sources (other than from 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, 2002 AND 2001  
(Continued)**

**1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

**D. Fund Accounting (Continued)**

**Special Revenue Funds (Continued)**

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

*Restitution Fines Fund* – This fund receives money for the reimbursement of the costs of investigations from the County Adult Probation Department for the administration of the Task Force and future investigations.

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

*Justice Department Trust Fund* – This fund receives federal money from the US Department of Justice for participation in the federal equitable sharing program.

**E. Property, Plant and Equipment**

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

**2. EQUITY IN CASH**

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 at December 31 was as follows:

	2002	2001
Demand deposits	\$55,844	\$57,153
Cash on hand	11,010	20,192
Total deposits	\$66,854	\$77,345

**Deposits:** Deposits are insured by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation. Cash on hand is not collateralized.

**3. RISK MANAGEMENT**

The Task Force vehicles and equipment are insured by Columbiana County. The County is a member of County Risk Sharing Authority, Inc., (CORSAs) which is a shared risk pool among thirty-nine counties in Ohio. CORSAs was formed as an Ohio nonprofit corporation for the purpose of establishing the CORSAs 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 CORSAs. These coverages include comprehensive general liability, certain property insurance and public officers' errors and omissions liability insurance.



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

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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, Ohio (the Task Force) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2002 and 2001, and have issued our report thereon dated May 30, 2003. 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 Task Force'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 no instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported under *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 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 Task Force in a separate letter dated May 30, 2003.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the management, Board of Control 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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May 30, 2003



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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  
JUNE 24, 2003**