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Betty Montgomery**

FREDERICKTOWN COMMUNITY FIRE DISTRICT
KNOX COUNTY

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

Fredericktown Community Fire District
Knox County
133 Columbus Road
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To the Board:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Fredericktown Community Fire District, Knox County, Ohio, (the District) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2003, and December 31, 2002. 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 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 cash balances of the District as of December 31, 2003, and December 31, 2002, 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 July 9, 2004, 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.

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This report is intended solely for the information and use of management, the Board, 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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Betty Montgomery
Auditor of State

July 9, 2004

**FREDERICKTOWN COMMUNITY FIRE DISTRICT
KNOX COUNTY**

**STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND
CHANGES IN CASH BALANCE
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003 AND DECEMBER 31, 2002**

	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>
Cash Receipts:		
Local Taxes	\$186,361	\$183,377
Intergovernmental	21,913	21,401
Charges for Services	800	800
Earnings on Investments	1,543	2,148
Miscellaneous	<u>1,927</u>	<u>679</u>
 Total Cash Receipts	 <u>212,544</u>	 <u>208,405</u>
Cash Disbursements:		
Current:		
General Government	33,994	38,376
Security of Persons and Property	41,364	34,929
Other	892	974
Capital Outlay	<u>83,342</u>	<u>179,142</u>
 Total Cash Disbursements	 <u>159,592</u>	 <u>253,421</u>
 Total Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements	 <u>52,952</u>	 <u>(45,016)</u>
Other Financing Receipts:		
Sale of Fixed Assets	<u>4,555</u>	<u>3,944</u>
 Excess of Cash Receipts and Other Financing Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements	 57,507	 (41,072)
 Cash Balance, January 1	 <u>156,182</u>	 <u>197,254</u>
 Cash Balance, December 31	 <u><u>\$213,689</u></u>	 <u><u>\$156,182</u></u>
 Reserve for Encumbrances, December 31	 <u>\$21,695</u>	 <u>\$0</u>

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

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**FREDERICKTOWN COMMUNITY FIRE DISTRICT
KNOX COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2003 AND 2002**

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Description of the Entity

The Fredericktown Community Fire District, Knox 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 five-member Board. The District provides fire protection 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).

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

C. 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 function and object level of control, and appropriations may not exceed estimated resources. The Board must annually approve appropriation measures and subsequent amendments. The County Budget Commission must also approve the annual appropriation measure. Appropriations lapse at year end.

2. Estimated Resources

Estimated resources include estimates of cash to be received (budgeted receipts) plus 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 individual commitments are made.

A summary of 2003 and 2002 budgetary activity appears in Note 3.

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KNOX COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2003 AND 2002
(Continued)**

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

D. 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 Ohio Revised Code prescribes allowable deposits and investments. The carrying amount of cash at December 31 was as follows:

	2003	2002
Demand deposits	\$213,689	\$156,182

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, 2003 and December 31, 2002 follows:

2003 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts		
Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
\$216,800	\$217,099	\$299

2003 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures		
Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
\$261,695	\$181,287	\$80,408

2002 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts		
Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
\$172,700	\$212,349	\$39,649

2002 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures		
Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
\$271,000	\$253,421	\$17,579

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DECEMBER 31, 2003 AND 2002
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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. 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 payments, 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.

5. RETIREMENT SYSTEMS

The District's employees belong to the Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) of Ohio or pay into Social Security. PERS provides retirement benefits, including postretirement healthcare, and survivor and disability benefits to participants as prescribed by the Ohio Revised Code.

Contribution rates for PERS are also prescribed by the Ohio Revised Code. For 2003 and 2002, members of PERS contributed 8.5% of their gross salaries. The District contributed an amount equal to 13.55% of participants' gross salaries for 2003 and 2002. The District has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2003.

6. RISK MANAGEMENT

Commercial Insurance

The Fredericktown Community Fire District has obtained commercial insurance for the following risks:

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

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

Fredericktown Community Fire District
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To the Board:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Fredericktown Community Fire District, Knox County, Ohio, (the District) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2003, and December 31, 2002, and have issued our report thereon dated July 9, 2004. 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 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 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.

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July 9, 2004



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KNOX 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
AUGUST 26, 2004**