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Betty Montgomery**



**NORTHEAST CHAMPAIGN COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT  
CHAMPAIGN COUNTY**

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To the Board of Trustees:

As you are aware, the Auditor of State's Office (AOS) must modify the *Independent Accountants' Report* we provide on your financial statements due to a February 2, 2005 interpretation from the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA). While AOS does not legally require your government to prepare financial statements pursuant to Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP), the AICPA interpretation requires auditors to formally acknowledge that you did not prepare your financial statements in accordance with GAAP. Our Report includes an opinion relating to GAAP presentation and measurement requirements, but does not imply the amounts the statements present are misstated under the non-GAAP basis you follow. The AOS report also includes an opinion on the financial statements you prepared using the cash basis and financial statement format the AOS permits.

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**Betty Montgomery**  
Auditor of State

May 18, 2005

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**INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT**

Northeast Champaign County Fire District  
Champaign County  
60 East Maple Street  
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To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Northeast Champaign County Fire District, Champaign County, (the District), as of and for the years ended December 31, 2004 and 2003. 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 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 opinion.

As described more fully in Note 1, the District has prepared these financial statements using accounting practices the Auditor of State prescribes or permits. These practices differ from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). Although we cannot reasonably determine the effects on the financial statements of the variances between these regulatory accounting practices and GAAP, we presume they are material.

Revisions to GAAP would require the District to reformat its financial statement presentation and make other changes effective for the year ended December 31, 2004. While the District does not follow GAAP, generally accepted auditing standards requires us to include the following paragraph if the statements do not substantially conform to the new GAAP presentation requirements. The Auditor of State permits, but does not require governments to reformat their statements. The District has elected not to reformat its statements. Since this District does not use GAAP to measure financial statement amounts, the following paragraph does not imply the amounts reported are materially misstated under the accounting basis the Auditor of State permits. Our opinion on the fair presentation of the amounts reported pursuant to its non-GAAP basis is in the second following paragraph.

In our opinion, because of the effects of the matter discussed in the preceding two paragraphs, the financial statements referred to above for the year ended December 31, 2004 do not present fairly, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of the District as of December 31, 2004, or their changes in financial position for the year then ended.

Also, in our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the fund cash balance and reserve for encumbrances of the Northeast Champaign County Fire District, Champaign County, as of December 31, 2004 and 2003, and its cash receipts and disbursements for the years then ended on the accounting basis Note 1 describes.

The aforementioned revision to generally accepted accounting principles also requires the District to include Management's Discussion and Analysis for the year ended December 31, 2004. The District has not presented Management's Discussion and Analysis, which accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America has determined is necessary to supplement, although not required to be part of, the financial statements.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated May 18, 2005, 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.



**Betty Montgomery**  
Auditor of State

May 18, 2005



**NORTHEAST CHAMPAIGN COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT  
CHAMPAIGN COUNTY**

**STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND  
CHANGE IN FUND CASH BALANCE  
GENERAL FUND  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2004**

	<b>General</b>
<b>Cash Receipts:</b>	
Local Taxes	\$276,349
Intergovernmental	53,613
Charges for Services	58,923
Earnings on Investments	2,274
Miscellaneous	2,588
	<u>393,747</u>
Total Cash Receipts	<u>393,747</u>
<b>Cash Disbursements:</b>	
Current:	
General Government	270,001
Debt Service:	
Redemption of Principal	87,500
Interest	2,722
Capital Outlay	174,951
	<u>535,174</u>
Total Disbursements	<u>535,174</u>
Total Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements	<u>(141,427)</u>
<b>Other Financing Receipts:</b>	
Loan Proceeds	50,000
	<u>50,000</u>
Total Other Financing Receipts	<u>50,000</u>
Excess of Cash Receipts and Other Financing Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements	(91,427)
Fund Cash Balance, January 1	<u>175,874</u>
<b>Fund Cash Balance, December 31</b>	<b><u>\$84,447</u></b>
Reserve for Encumbrances, December 31	<u>\$9,840</u>

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

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CHAMPAIGN COUNTY**

**STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND  
CHANGE IN FUND CASH BALANCE  
GENERAL FUND  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003**

	<b>General</b>
<b>Cash Receipts:</b>	
Local Taxes	\$269,479
Intergovernmental	39,170
Charges for Services	70,732
Earnings on Investments	2,199
Miscellaneous	6,234
	<b>387,814</b>
Total Cash Receipts	<b>387,814</b>
<b>Cash Disbursements:</b>	
Current:	
General Government	309,928
Debt Service:	
Redemption of Principal	37,500
Interest	4,688
Capital Outlay	33,277
	<b>385,393</b>
Total Disbursements	<b>385,393</b>
Total Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements	2,421
Fund Cash Balance, January 1	173,453
<b>Fund Cash Balance, December 31</b>	<b>\$175,874</b>
Reserve for Encumbrances, December 31	\$7,200

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

**NORTHEAST CHAMPAIGN COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT  
CHAMPAIGN COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
DECEMBER 31, 2004 AND 2003**

**1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**A. Description of the Entity**

Northeast Champaign County Fire District, Champaign 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 eight-member Board of Trustees. Two board members are appointed by each political subdivision within the District. Those subdivisions are Rush Township, Wayne Township, Village of North Lewisburg, and Village of Woodstock. 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.

**B. Basis of Accounting**

These financial statements follow the basis of accounting the Auditor of State prescribes or permits, which is similar to the cash receipts and disbursements basis of accounting. This basis recognizes receipts when received in cash rather than when earned and recognizes disbursements 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 adequately disclose material matters the Auditor of State prescribes.

**C. Cash and Investments**

The accounting basis values certificates of deposit at cost.

**D. Fund Accounting**

The District uses fund accounting to segregate cash and investments that are restricted as to use. The District classifies its funds into the following type:

**1. General Fund**

The General Fund accounts for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

**E. Budgetary Process**

The Ohio Revised Code requires the District to budget each fund annually.

**1. Appropriations**

Budgetary expenditures (that is, disbursements and encumbrances) may not exceed appropriations at the function 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, 2004 AND 2003  
(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 2004 and 2003 budgetary activity appears in Note 3.

**F. Property, Plant, and Equipment**

The district records disbursements for acquisitions of property, plant, and equipment when paid. The accompanying financial statements do not report these items as assets.

**G. Accumulated Leave**

In certain circumstances, such as upon leaving employment, employees are entitled to cash payments for unused leave. The financial statements do not include a liability for unpaid leave.

**2. EQUITY IN POOLED CASH AND INVESTMENTS**

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

	<b>2004</b>	<b>2003</b>
Demand deposits	\$84,447	\$93,374
Certificates of deposit		82,500
Total deposits	84,447	175,874

**Deposits:** Deposits are insured by the Federal Depository Insurance Act; or collateralized by the financial institution's public entity deposit pool.

**3. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY**

Budgetary activity for the years ending December 31, 2004 and 2003 follows:

<b>2004 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts</b>			
<b>Fund Type</b>	<b>Budgeted Receipts</b>	<b>Actual Receipts</b>	<b>Variance</b>
General	\$438,451	\$443,747	\$5,296

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
DECEMBER 31, 2004 AND 2003  
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**3. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY (Continued)**

<b>2004 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures</b>			
<b>Fund Type</b>	<b>Appropriation Authority</b>	<b>Budgetary Expenditures</b>	<b>Variance</b>
General	\$602,611	\$545,014	\$57,597

<b>2003 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts</b>			
<b>Fund Type</b>	<b>Budgeted Receipts</b>	<b>Actual Receipts</b>	<b>Variance</b>
General	\$373,000	\$387,814	\$14,814

<b>2003 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures</b>			
<b>Fund Type</b>	<b>Appropriation Authority</b>	<b>Budgetary Expenditures</b>	<b>Variance</b>
General	\$499,488	\$392,593	\$106,895

**4. PROPERTY TAX**

Real property taxes become a lien on January 1 preceding the October 1 date for which the Board of Trustees adopts rates. The State Board of Tax Equalization adjusts these rates for inflation. Property taxes are also reduced for applicable homestead and rollback deductions. The State then pays the District amounts equaling the homestead and rollback deductions. Payments are due to the County by December 31. If the property owner elects to pay semiannually, 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 owners assess that property. The property owners must file a tangible property list 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**

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

Contribution rates are prescribed by the Ohio Revised Code. The District's PERS members contributed 8.5% of their gross salaries. The District contributed an amount equal to 13.55% of participants' gross salaries for 2004 and 2003. The District has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2004.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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**6. RISK MANAGEMENT**

**Commercial Insurance**

The District has obtained commercial insurance for the following risks:

- Comprehensive property and general liability; and
- Vehicles



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

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To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the financial statements of the Northeast Champaign County Fire District, Champaign County, (the District), as of and for the years ended December 31, 2004 and 2003, and have issued our report thereon dated May 18, 2005, wherein we noted the District followed accounting practices the Auditor of State prescribes rather than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. 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 to determine our auditing procedures to express our opinion on the financial statements and not to opine on the internal control over financial reporting. Our consideration of the internal control would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a reportable 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 caused by error or fraud in amounts material to the financial statements we audited may occur and not be timely detected by employees when performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider material weaknesses. In a separate letter to the District's management dated May 18, 2005, we reported other matters involving internal control over financial reporting we did not deem reportable conditions.

**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*.

Northeast Champaign County Fire District  
Champaign County  
Independent Accountants' Report on Internal Control Over  
Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters  
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We intend this report solely for the information and use of the audit committee, management, and Board of Trustees. It is not intended for anyone other than these specified parties.

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**Betty Montgomery**  
Auditor of State

May 18, 2005



NORTHEAST CHAMPAIGN COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT  
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SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS  
DECEMBER 31, 2004 AND 2003

Finding Number	Finding Summary	Fully Corrected?	Not Corrected, Partially Corrected; Significantly Different Corrective Action Taken; or Finding No Longer Valid; <b><i>Explain</i></b>
2002-001	Emergency Medical Services Billings and Service Organization Needs SAS 70 Report	Yes	





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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 5, 2005**