

FORT MORROW CONSOLIDATED FIRE DISTRICT
MARION COUNTY
REPORT ON FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2005 AND 2004



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We have reviewed the *Independent Auditors' Report* of the Fort Morrow Consolidated Fire District, Marion County, prepared by Holbrook & Manter, for the audit period January 1, 2004 through December 31, 2005. Based upon this review, we have accepted these reports in lieu of the audit required by Section 117.11, Revised Code. The Auditor of State did not audit the accompanying financial statements and, accordingly, we are unable to express, and do not express an opinion on them.

The financial statements in the attached report are presented in accordance with a regulatory basis of accounting prescribed or permitted by the Auditor of State. Due to a February 2, 2005 interpretation from the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA), modifications were required to the *Independent Auditors' Report* on your financial statements. While the Auditor of State 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. The attached report includes an opinion relating to GAAP presentation and measurement requirements, but does not imply the statements are misstated under the non-GAAP regulatory basis. The *Independent Auditors' Report* also includes an opinion on the financial statements using the regulatory format the Auditor of State permits.

Our review was made in reference to the applicable sections of legislative criteria, as reflected by the Ohio Constitution, and the Revised Code, policies, procedures and guidelines of the Auditor of State, regulations and grant requirements. The Fort Morrow Consolidated Fire District is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

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May 17, 2007

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Board of Trustees
Fort Morrow Consolidated Fire District
Marion County

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Fort Morrow Consolidated Fire District, Marion County, Ohio, (the District) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2005 and 2004. 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 audits.

We conducted our audits 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 audits 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 audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As discussed in Note 1, the District has prepared these financial statements using accounting practices the Auditor of State of Ohio 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 years ended December 31, 2005 and 2004. Instead of the combined funds the accompanying financial statements present for 2005 and 2004, the revisions require presenting entity wide statements and also to present its larger (i.e. major) funds separately for 2005 and 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 of Ohio permits, but does not require, governments to reformat their statements. The District has elected not to reformat its statements. Since the 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 of Ohio 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 years ended December 31, 2005 and 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, 2005 and 2004, or its changes in financial position for the years then ended.

Also, in our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the combined fund cash balances of Fort Morrow Consolidated Fire District, Marion County, as of December 31, 2005 and 2004, and its combined cash receipts and disbursements for the years then ended on the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

The aforementioned revision to generally accepted accounting principles also requires the District to include Management's Discussion and Analysis for the years ended December 31, 2005 and 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 2, 2007 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.



Certified Public Accountants

May 2, 2007

**FORT MORROW CONSOLIDATED FIRE DISTRICT
MARION COUNTY**

**STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2005 AND 2004**

	2005	2004
CASH RECEIPTS:-		
Local taxes	\$ 106,221	\$ 105,424
Intergovernmental	52,440	31,608
Earnings on investments	2,286	1,754
Miscellaneous	7,588	9,588
Total cash receipts	168,535	148,374
CASH DISBURSEMENTS:-		
Current:-		
Security of persons and property	21,981	21,196
General government	84,767	51,086
Other	10,222	10,443
Capital outlay	10,037	221,572
Total cash disbursements	127,007	304,297
Total receipts over (under) cash disbursements	41,528	(155,923)
Fund cash balances, January 1	74,560	230,483
Fund cash balances, December 31	\$ 116,088	\$ 74,560

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

FORT MORROW CONSOLIDATED FIRE DISTRICT
MARION COUNTY
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NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES:-

Description of the Entity - Fort Morrow Consolidated Fire District, Marion 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 four member Board of Trustees. One board member is appointed by each political subdivision within the District. Those subdivisions are Marlboro Township, Richland Township, Waldo Township and the Village of Waldo. 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.

Basis of Accounting - These financial statements follow the basis of accounting prescribed or permitted by the Auditor of State of Ohio, 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 of Ohio.

Cash and Investments - Investments are reported as assets. 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 or disbursements, respectively.

Certificate of deposits are valued at cost.

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 types:

General Fund

The General Fund is the general operating fund. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required by law or contract to be restricted.

Budgetary Process - The Ohio Revised Code requires that the District budget each fund annually.

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 Marion County Budget Commission must also approve the annual appropriation measure. Unencumbered appropriations lapse at year-end.

Estimated Resources

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

Encumbrances

The Ohio Revised Code requires the District to reserve (encumber) appropriations when commitments are made. Encumbrances outstanding at year-end are cancelled, and reappropriated in the subsequent year.

A summary of 2005 and 2004 budgetary activity appears in Note 3.

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NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES:- (continued)

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.

NOTE 2 - EQUITY IN POOLED CASH:-

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

	2005		2004
Deposits:-			
Demand Deposits	\$ 31,968	\$	24,560
Certificate of Deposit	84,120	\$	50,000
Total deposits	\$ 116,088	\$	74,560

Deposits - The District's deposits are insured by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation, or collateralized by securities specifically pledged by the financial institution to the District.

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NOTE 3 - BUDGETARY ACTIVITY:-

Budgetary activity for the year ending December 31, 2005 was as follows:-

2005 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts

<u>Fund Type</u>	<u>Budgeted Receipts</u>	<u>Actual Receipts</u>	<u>Variance</u>
General	\$ 0	\$ 168,535	\$ 168,535
Special Revenue	<u>112,443</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(112,443)</u>
Total	\$ <u>112,443</u>	\$ <u>168,535</u>	\$ <u>56,092</u>

2005 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

<u>Fund Type</u>	<u>Appropriation Authority</u>	<u>Budgetary Expenditures</u>	<u>Variance</u>
General	\$ 0	\$ 127,007	\$ (127,007)
Special Revenue	<u>224,560</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>224,560</u>
Total	\$ <u>224,560</u>	\$ <u>127,007</u>	\$ <u>97,553</u>

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NOTE 3 - BUDGETARY ACTIVITY:-

Budgetary activity for the year ending December 31, 2004 was as follows:-

2004 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts

<u>Fund Type</u>	<u>Budgeted Receipts</u>	<u>Actual Receipts</u>	<u>Variance</u>
General	\$ 0	\$ 148,374	\$ 148,374
Special Revenue	<u>89,939</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(89,939)</u>
Total	\$ <u>89,939</u>	\$ <u>148,374</u>	\$ <u>58,435</u>

2004 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

<u>Fund Type</u>	<u>Appropriation Authority</u>	<u>Budgetary Expenditures</u>	<u>Variance</u>
General	\$ 0	\$ 304,297	\$ (304,297)
Special Revenue	<u>357,484</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>357,484</u>
Total	\$ <u>357,484</u>	\$ <u>304,297</u>	\$ <u>53,187</u>

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NOTE 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 Delaware and Marion 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 Delaware and Marion 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.

NOTE 5 - RETIREMENT SYSTEMS:-

The District's employees belong to the Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) of Ohio or social security. PERS 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.

Contribution rates are also prescribed by the Ohio Revised Code. For 2005 and 2004, PERS members contributed 8.5% of their gross salaries. The District contributed an amount equal to 13.55% of participants' gross salaries for 2005 and 2004. The District has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2005.

NOTE 6 - RISK MANAGEMENT:-

The District has obtained commercial insurance for the following risks:

- Comprehensive property and general liability
- Vehicles
- Wrongful Acts; and
- Inland Marine



**Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance
and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in
Accordance With Government Auditing Standards**

Board of Trustees
Fort Morrow Consolidated Fire District
Marion County

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Fort Morrow Consolidated Fire District, Marion County, Ohio (the District), as of and for the years ended December 31, 2005 and 2004, and have issued our report thereon dated May 2, 2007, wherein we noted the District had followed accounting practices the Auditor of State of Ohio 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 *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

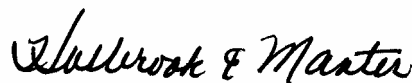
Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

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 an opinion 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 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 we have reported to the management of the District in a separate letter dated May 2, 2007.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the District's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of 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 or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*. In a separate letter to the District's management dated May 2, 2007, we reported other matters related to noncompliance we deemed immaterial.

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



Certified Public Accountants

May 2, 2007

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MARION 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
MAY 31, 2007**