

SCIOTO VALLEY JOINT FIRE DISTRICT
MARION COUNTY
REPORT ON FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2009 AND 2008



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Auditor of State

Board of Trustees
Scioto Valley Joint Fire District
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We have reviewed the *Independent Auditors' Report* of the Scioto Valley Joint Fire District, Marion County, prepared by Holbrook & Manter, for the audit period January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2009. 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 Scioto Valley Joint Fire District is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

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August 24, 2010

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Board of Trustees
Scioto Valley Joint Fire District
Marion County

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Scioto Valley Joint Fire District, Marion County, Ohio, (the District) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008. 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.

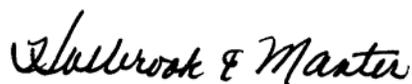
Instead of the combined funds the accompanying financial statements present for 2009 and 2008, GAAP requires presenting entity wide statements and also to present its larger (i.e. major) funds separately for 2009 and 2008. While the District does not follow GAAP, generally accepted auditing standards 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, 2009 and 2008 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, 2009 and 2008, 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 Scioto Valley Joint Fire District, Marion County, as of December 31, 2009 and 2008, and its combined cash receipts and disbursements for the years then ended on the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

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 June 10, 2010 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.

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Certified Public Accountants

June 10, 2010

SCIOTO VALLEY JOINT FIRE DISTRICT
MARION COUNTY
COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN FUND
CASH BALANCES-ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2009

	General
CASH RECEIPTS:-	
Local taxes	\$ 111,090
Charges for services	5,743
Intergovernmental	3,987
Earnings on investments	5,628
Total cash receipts	126,448
CASH DISBURSEMENTS:-	
Current;-	
Public Safety	62,843
Capital outlay	9,984
Total cash disbursements	72,827
Total cash receipts over (under) cash disbursements	53,621
Fund cash balances, January 1, 2009	239,017
Fund cash balances, December 31, 2009	\$ 292,638

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

**SCIOTO VALLEY JOINT FIRE DISTRICT
MARION COUNTY**
COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN FUND
CASH BALANCES-ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008

	General
CASH RECEIPTS:-	
Local taxes	\$ 109,345
Charges for services	4,000
Intergovernmental	111
Earnings on investments	8,122
Total cash receipts	121,578
CASH DISBURSEMENTS:-	
Current:-	
Public safety	70,990
Capital outlay	16,471
Total cash disbursements	87,461
Total cash receipts over (under) cash disbursements	34,117
Other financing receipts (disbursements):	
Other financing sources	822
Other financing uses	0
Total other financing receipts (disbursements)	822
Excess of cash receipts and other financing receipts over (under) cash disbursements and other financing disbursements	34,939
Fund cash balances, January 1, 2008	204,078
Fund cash balances, December 31, 2008	\$ 239,017

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

**SCIOTO VALLEY JOINT FIRE DISTRICT
MARION COUNTY
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2009 AND 2008**

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES:-

Description of the Entity - Scioto Valley Joint 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 three member Board of Trustees. One board member is appointed by each political subdivision within the District. Those subdivisions are Bowling Green Township, Montgomery Township, and the Village of LaRue. 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.

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 - The Township records certificates of deposit at cost.

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 canceled, and re-appropriated in the subsequent year.

A summary of 2009 and 2008 budgetary activity appears in Note 3.

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.

**SCIOTO VALLEY JOINT FIRE DISTRICT
MARION COUNTY
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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:

	2009		2008
Deposits:-			
Demand Deposits	\$ 42,189	\$	13,927
Money Market	180,508		30,207
Certificate of Deposits	69,941		194,883
Total deposits	\$ 292,638	\$	239,017

Deposits - The District's deposits are either (1) insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or (2) collateralized by securities specifically pledged by the financial institution to the District, or (3) collateralized by the financial institution's public entity deposit pool.

SCIOTO VALLEY JOINT FIRE DISTRICT
MARION COUNTY
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2009 AND 2008

NOTE 3 - BUDGETARY ACTIVITY:-

Budgetary activity for the year ending December 31, 2009 was as follows:-

2009 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts

<u>Fund Type</u>	<u>Budgeted Receipts</u>	<u>Actual Receipts</u>	<u>Variance</u>
General	\$ 111,796	\$ 126,448	\$ 14,652
Total	\$ 111,796	\$ 126,448	\$ 14,652

2009 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

<u>Fund Type</u>	<u>Appropriation Authority</u>	<u>Budgetary Expenditures</u>	<u>Variance</u>
General	\$ 349,517	\$ 72,827	\$ 276,690
Total	\$ 349,517	\$ 72,827	\$ 276,690

**SCIOTO VALLEY JOINT FIRE DISTRICT
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NOTE 3 - BUDGETARY ACTIVITY:- (continued)

Budgetary activity for the year ending December 31, 2008 was as follows:-

2008 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts

<u>Fund Type</u>	<u>Budgeted Receipts</u>	<u>Actual Receipts</u>	<u>Variance</u>
General	\$ 119,500	\$ 122,400	\$ 2,900
Total	\$ 119,500	\$ 122,400	\$ 2,900

2008 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

<u>Fund Type</u>	<u>Appropriation Authority</u>	<u>Budgetary Expenditures</u>	<u>Variance</u>
General	\$ 322,994	\$ 87,461	\$ 235,533
Total	\$ 322,994	\$ 87,461	\$ 235,533

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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 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 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.

Tangible personal property tax is being phased out.

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 2009 and 2008, PERS members contributed 10% of their gross salaries. The District contributed an amount equal to 14% of participants' gross salaries for 2009 and 2008. The District has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2009.

NOTE 6 - RISK MANAGEMENT:-

The District has obtained commercial insurance for the following risks:

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



**Independent Auditors' Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting
and on Compliance and Other Matters Required by *Government Auditing Standards***

Board of Trustees
Scioto Valley Joint Fire District
Marion County

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Scioto Valley Joint Fire District, Marion County, Ohio (the District), as of and for the years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008, and have issued our report thereon dated June 10, 2010, 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 as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of opining on the effectiveness of the District's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Scioto Valley Fire District's internal control over financial reporting.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, when performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and timely correct misstatements. A material weakness is a deficiency or a combination of deficiencies in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material financial statement misstatement will not be prevented, or detected and timely corrected.

Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in the internal control that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider material weaknesses, as defined above.

We did note certain internal control matters that we reported to the Township's management in a separate letter dated June 10, 2010.

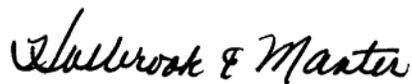
Compliance and Other Matters

As part of reasonably assuring about 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 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 an instance of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*, which is described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings as item 2009-001.

We did note certain noncompliance or other matters that we reported to the Government's management in a separate letter dated June 10, 2010.

The Scioto Valley Fire District's response to the findings identified in our audit is described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. We did not audit the District's response and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

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

June 10, 2010

**SCIOTO VALLEY JOINT FIRE DISTRICT
MARION COUNTY
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2009 AND 2008**

**FINDING RELATED TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GAGAS**

Finding Number	2009-001
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Noncompliance Citation – Prior Certification of Funds.

Section 5705.41 (D), Ohio Revised Code, states that no subdivision shall make any contract or order any expenditure of money unless a certificate of the fiscal officer is attached. The fiscal officer must certify that the amount required to meet such a commitment has been lawfully appropriated and is in the treasury or in the process of collection to the credit of an appropriate fund free from any previous encumbrance. Furthermore, contracts and orders for expenditures lacking prior certification should be null and void unless, for expenditures under \$3,000, the Board of Trustees obtains from the fiscal officer a certificate stating that there was at the time of the making of the contracts or orders a sufficient sum appropriated. The board, by resolution, then may authorize the issuance of a warrant for the payments of the amount due.

During our testing of expenditures, several expenditures tested were obligated without proper prior certification. Expenditures without prior certification could result in expenditures exceeding appropriations, although, no such instances were noted. We recommend that a purchase order be properly completed before all expenditures are initiated.

Officials' Response

The Fiscal Officer has made improvements since the last audit report was released and will continue to properly implement Ohio Revised Code requirements.

**SCIOTO VALLEY JOINT FIRE DISTRICT
MARION COUNTY
SCHEDULE OF PRIOR YEAR AUDIT FINDINGS
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2009 AND 2008**

Finding Number	Finding Summary	Fully Corrected?	Not Corrected, Partially Corrected; Significantly Different Corrective Action Taken; or Finding No Longer Valid; Explain:
2007-001	Significant Deficiency - Internal Control and Review Procedures.	Yes	Corrective action taken.
2007-002	ORC 5705.41(D) - Prior Certification of Funds	No	Reissued as finding 2009-001.



Mary Taylor, CPA
Auditor of State

SCIOTO VALLEY JOINT FIRE DISTRICT

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
SEPTEMBER 7, 2010**