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REPORT

WASHINGTON PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT # 6
WASHINGTON PARISH POLICE JURY
Varnado, Louisiana

Component Unit Financial Statements
As of and for the Year
Ended December 31, 1997
with Supplemental Information Schedules

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

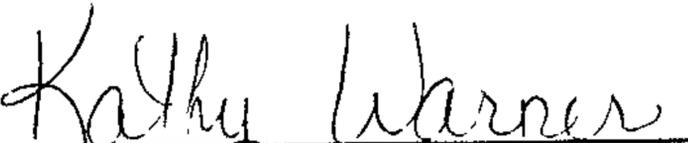
DECEMBER 31, 1997

Office of the Legislative Auditor
P. O. Box 94397
Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9397

Dear Sir:

In accordance with Louisiana Revised Statute 24:514, enclosed are the annual financial statements for the Washington Parish Fire Protection District # 6 as of and for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1997. The report includes all funds under the control and oversight of the district. The accompanying financial statements have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

Sincerely



Officer

WASHINGTON PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT # 6
VARNADO, LOUISIANA

ANNUAL SWORN FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND
CERTIFICATION OF REVENUES \$50,000 OR LESS
AS OF AND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1997
WITH APPROPRIATE SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

The annual sworn financial statements are required by Louisiana Revised Statute 24:514 to be filed with the Legislative Auditor within 90 days after the close of the fiscal year. The certification of revenues \$50,000 or less, is required by Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513 (l) (1) (c) (i).

AFFIDAVIT

Personally came and appeared before the undersigned authority, Kathy Warner, who, duly sworn, deposes and says that the financial statements herewith given present fairly the financial position of the Washington Parish Fire Protection District #6 as of December 31, 1997, and the results of the operations for the year then ended, in accordance with the basis of accounting described within the accompanying financial statements.

In addition, Kathy Warner, who, duly sworn, deposes and says that the Washington Parish Fire Protection District #6 received \$50,000 or less in revenues and other sources for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1997, and accordingly, is not required to have an audit for the previously mentioned fiscal year end.

Kathy Warner
Signature

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 3rd day of June, 1998.

Louise C. Barber
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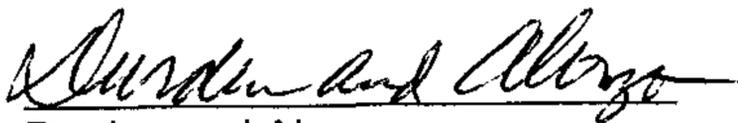
Donna W. Alonzo

Board of Commissioners
Washington Parish Fire
Protection District #6
Varnado, Louisiana

We have compiled the accompanying financial statements and the account group financial statements that do not include a statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances—budget and actual of the Washington Parish Fire Protection District #6, a component unit of the Washington Parish Police Jury, as of and for the year ended December 31, 1997, in accordance with the Statements of Standards for Accounting and Review Services issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

A compilation is limited to presenting in the form of financial statements information that is the representation of management. We have not audited or reviewed the accompanying financial statements and, accordingly, do not express an opinion or any other form of assurance on them.

The District declined to present a statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances—budget and actual, for the general fund for the year ended December 31, 1997. Presentation of such statements for those governmental funds for which budgets have been legally adopted is required by generally accepted accounting principles.



Durden and Alonzo,
Certified Public Accountants

June 2, 1998

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

STATEMENT A

WASHINGTON PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT # 6
 WASHINGTON PARISH POLICE JURY
 Varnado, Louisiana

All Fund Types and Account Groups

Balance Sheet
 December 31, 1997

	<u>Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Account Groups</u>	<u>Total</u>
	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>General Fixed Assets</u>	<u>Memorandum Only</u>
ASSETS AND OTHER DEBITS			
ASSETS:			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 35,741	-	\$ 35,741
Receivables	31,299	-	31,299
Prepaid expenses	2,741	-	2,741
Land, buildings & equipment	-	139,733	139,733
TOTAL ASSETS AND OTHER DEBITS	<u>\$ 69,781</u>	<u>\$ 139,733</u>	<u>\$ 209,514</u>
LIABILITIES, EQUITY, AND OTHER CREDITS			
EQUITY AND OTHER CREDITS:			
Investment in general fixed assets	-	139,733	\$ 139,733
Fund balance - unreserved	69,781	-	69,781
Total Equity and Other Credits	<u>69,781</u>	<u>139,733</u>	<u>209,514</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES, EQUITY, AND OTHER CREDITS	<u>\$ 69,781</u>	<u>\$ 139,733</u>	<u>\$ 209,514</u>

See the accompanying notes to the financial statements

STATEMENT B

WASHINGTON PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT # 6
WASHINGTON PARISH POLICE JURY
Varnado, Louisiana

GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures
and Changes in Fund Balance
For the Year Ended December 31, 1997

REVENUES:	
Ad valorem taxes	\$ 30,257
State revenue sharing	3,876
Miscellaneous	3,871
Interest earned	839
Total Revenues	<u>38,843</u>
EXPENDITURES:	
Insurance	1,205
Repairs and maintenance	3,281
Utilities	894
Capital Outlay	17,440
Legal and accounting	1,100
Supplies	1,999
Fuel, gas, and oil	827
Other	346
Total expenditures	<u>27,092</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	11,751
FUND BALANCE, JANUARY 1, 1997	<u>58,030</u>
FUND BALANCE, DECEMBER 31, 1997	<u>\$ 69,781</u>

See accompanying notes to the financial statements

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

WASHINGTON PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT # 6
WASHINGTON PARISH POLICE JURY
Varnado, Louisiana

Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year Ended December 31, 1997

INTRODUCTION

As provided by Louisiana Revised Statute 40:1496.12B, the Fire Protection District Number Six of Washington Parish was created July 10, 1990, through a resolution passed by the Washington Parish Policy Jury. The District shall constitute a public corporation and as such shall have all the powers of public corporations, including perpetual existence and the right and power to incur debt and contract obligations, to sue and be sued, and to have a corporate seal. The district shall also be authorized to do and perform all acts in its corporate capacity and in its name, necessary and proper, for the purposes of acquiring, *maintaining and operating buildings, machinery, equipment, water tank, water hydrants, water lines, and such other things as might be necessary or proper for effective fire prevention and control as considered necessary by the parish governing body of the district for the protection of the property within the limits of the district against fire.*

The governing body of the parish shall appoint a five member board that shall perform all duties, functions, and powers responsible for the operation and maintenance of the district. All funds of the district shall be administered by the board. The board of commissioner members may be paid a per diem of fifty dollars for attending meetings of the board, *and may be reimbursed any expenses incurred in performing the duties imposed upon them.*

The District encompasses approximately 85 square miles in a portion of Wards 5, 7, 8 and 4 of Washington Parish. It serves approximately 1,800 people and several small businesses living and operating within the boundaries of the district. The district operates out of one fire station located in the Village of Varnado on Louisiana Highway 21. The district has no employees and operates with a volunteer staff of firefighters.

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying financial statements of the Washington Parish Fire Protection District # 6 have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applied to government units.

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles.

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Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)
For the Year Ended December 31, 1997

B. REPORTING ENTITY

As the governing authority of the parish, for reporting purposes, the Washington Parish Police Jury is the financial reporting entity for Washington Parish. The financial reporting entity consists of (a) the primary government, police jury, (b) organizations for which the primary government is financially accountable, and (c) other organizations for which nature and significance of their relationship with the primary government are such that exclusion would cause the reporting entity's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete.

Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 14 established criteria for determining which component units should be considered part of the Washington Parish Police Jury for financial reporting purposes. The basic criterion for including a potential component unit within the reporting entity is financial accountability. The GASB has set forth criteria to be considered in determining financial accountability. This criteria includes:

1. Appointing a voting majority of an organization's governing body, and
 - a. The ability of the police jury to impose its will on that organization and/or
 - b. The potential for the organization to provide specific financial benefits to or impose specific financial burdens on the police jury.
2. Organizations for which the police jury does not appoint a voting majority but are fiscally dependent on the police jury.
3. Organizations for which the reporting entity financial statements would be misleading if data of the organization is not included because of the nature or significance of the relationship.

Because the police jury appoints a voting majority of the district's governing board and the police jury has the ability to impose its will on the district, the district was determined to be a component unit of the Washington Parish Police Jury, the financial reporting entity. The accompanying financial statements present information only on the funds maintained by the district and do not present information on the police jury, the general government services provided by that governmental unit, or the other governmental units that comprise the financial reporting entity.

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C. FUNDING ACCOUNTING

The district uses funds and account groups to report on its financial position and the results of its operations. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid financial management by segregating transactions relating to certain government functions or activities.

A fund is a separate accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. An account group, on the other hand is a financial reporting device designed to provide accountability for certain assets and liabilities that are not recorded in the funds because they do not directly affect net expendable available financial resources.

Funds of the district are classified as governmental funds. Governmental funds account for the district's general activities, including the collection and disbursements of specific or legally restricted monies, the acquisition or construction of general fixed assets, and the servicing of general long-term debt. Governmental funds of the district include:

- a. General Fund – the general operating fund of the District accounts for all financial resources, except those required to be accounted for in other funds.
- b. Debt Service Fund – the debt service fund of the District accounts for the matured portion of and the payment of principal and interest of liabilities of the General Long-term Debt Account Group.

D. BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The accounting and financial reporting treatment applied to a fund is determined by its measurement focus. The governmental funds are accounted for using a current financial resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, only current assets and current liabilities generally are included on the balance sheet. Operating statements of these funds present increases and decreases in net current assets. The modified accrual basis of accounting is used by the governmental funds. The governmental funds use the following practices in recording revenues and expenditures:

Revenues

Revenues are recognized in the accounting period they become available and measurable. Donations, fund raising net revenues and state revenue sharing is recorded when received. Ad valorem taxes become a lien against the assessed

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property on assessment date or levy date, but the actual amount paid to the governmental unit may not be collected until a later period. Generally, the ad valorem tax must be collected within sixty days after the end of the period in which the ad valorem tax revenue was recognized.

Expenditures

Expenditures are recognized in the accounting period when the fund liability is incurred.

E. BUDGETS AND ENCUMBRANCES

The District follows these procedures in establishing data for the budget and adopting the annual report::

1. The Treasurer and Chairman prepares a proposed budget and submits same to board meeting of the 11th month of the preceding year.
2. The budget is reviewed by the board and additions and or deletions are offered at the December meeting. The necessary action is taken to finalize budget data and the budget is adopted.
3. The budget is mailed to the Police Jury for inclusions in their records.
4. Budgetary amendments involving changes in revenue or expenditures require approval by the board.

All expenditure appropriations lapse at year end. Unexpended appropriations and any excess revenue over expenditures are carried forward to the subsequent year as beginning fund balances.

Neither encumbrance accounting nor formal integration of the budget into the accounting records is employed as a management device.

F. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Cash includes amounts in demand deposits and interest bearing demand deposits. Under state law, the district may deposit funds in demand deposits, interest-bearing demand deposits, money market accounts, or time deposits with state banks organized under Louisiana law and national banks having their principal offices in Louisiana.

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Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)
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G. PREPAID ITEMS

The District uses the allocation method of recording prepaid expenses.

H. FIXED ASSETS

Fixed assets are recorded as expenditures at the time purchased or constructed and the related assets are reported in the general fixed assets account group. No depreciation has been provided on general fixed assets. All fixed assets are valued at historical cost or estimated historical cost.

I. COMPENSATED ABSENCES

The District does not have any paid employees; therefore, it does not have a formal leave policy.

J. LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS

Long-term obligations expected to be financed from governmental funds are reported in the general long-term debt account group. Expenditures for principal and interest payments for long-term obligations are recognized in the governmental funds when due.

K. FUND EQUITY

Reserves

Reserves represent those portions of fund equity not appropriable for expenditure or legally segregated for a specific future use.

Designated Fund Balances

Designated fund balances represent tentative plans for future use of financial resources.

L. TOTAL COLUMNS ON STATEMENTS

The total columns on the statements are captioned Memorandum Only to indicate that they are presented only to facilitate financial analysis. Data in these columns do not present financial position or results of operations in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. Neither is such data comparable to a consolidation.

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Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)
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2. LEVIED TAXES

On October 3, 1992, the District successfully passed a proposal for a special ad valorem tax upon property owners of the district. The assessment authorizes the levy of and collection of a special ad valorem tax of ten mills for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the year 1993, for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, maintaining and operating fire protection facilities and equipment including paying the cost of obtaining water for fire protection purposes and salaries of firemen, and all purposes incidental thereto.

1997 Assessed value of taxable property	\$ 3,234,300
10.00 mill tax (less pension deduction)	<u>\$ 31,299</u>

3. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

At December 31, 1997, the District has cash and cash equivalents totaling \$35,741., as follows:

Interest bearing demand deposits	\$ 35,741.
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These deposits are stated at cost, which approximates market. Under state law, these deposits (or the resulting bank balances) must be secured by federal deposit insurance or the pledge of securities owned by the fiscal agent bank. The market value of the pledged securities plus the federal deposit insurance must at all times equal the amount on deposit with the fiscal agent. These securities are to be held in the name of the pledging fiscal agent bank in a holding or custodial bank that is mutually acceptable to both parties. At December 31, 1997, the District had \$35,841. in deposits (collected bank balances). These deposits were secured from risk by \$100,000. of the federal deposit insurance.

4. RECEIVABLES

The following is a summary of receivables at December 31, 1997:

<u>Class of receivable</u>	<u>Ad valorem Taxes</u>
General Fund	\$ 31,299.

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Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)
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5. CHANGES IN GENERAL FIXED ASSETS

A summary of changes in general fixed assets follows:

	Balance January 1, 1997	Additions	Deductions	Balance December 31, 1997
Fire trucks	\$ 26,898	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 26,898
Land	4,158	7,217	-	11,375
Buildings	65,922	1,439	-	67,361
Equipment	25,315	8,784	-	34,099
TOTAL	\$ 122,293	\$ 17,440	\$ -	\$ 139,733

7. LITIGATION AND CLAIMS

As of December 31, 1997, there were no litigation or claims against the District.

8. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

There were no related party transactions during the period covered by these financial statements.

9. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

There were no subsequent events after the balance sheet date requiring disclosure.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

WASHINGTON PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT #6
WASHINGTON PARISH POLICE JURY
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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION SCHEDULE
For the Year Ended December 31, 1997

COMPENSATION PAID BOARD MEMBERS

The schedule of compensation paid to board members is presented in compliance with House Concurrent Resolution No. 54 of the 1979 Session of the Louisiana Legislature. Board members were not paid compensation in any form.