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Financial Report

Terrebonne Parish Fire District No. 7

Chauvin, Louisiana

December 31, 1999

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FINANCIAL SECTION



Bourgeois Bennett

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Commissioners,
Terrebonne Parish Fire District No. 7,
Chauvin, Louisiana.

We have audited the accompanying general-purpose financial statements of Terrebonne Parish Fire District No. 7 (the District), a component unit of Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, as of and for the year ended December 31, 1999, as listed in the table of contents. These general-purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the District's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these general-purpose financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards 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.

In our opinion, the general-purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position Terrebonne Parish Fire District No. 7 as of December 31, 1999, and the results of its operations for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated May 17, 2000 on our consideration of Terrebonne Parish Fire District No. 7's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants.

Bourgeois Bennett, L.L.C.

Certified Public Accountants.

Houma, La.,
May 17, 2000.

**COMBINED BALANCE SHEET -
GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUPS**

Terrebonne Parish Fire District No. 7

December 31, 1999

	Governmental Fund Types	
	General	Debt Service
ASSETS AND OTHER DEBITS		
Assets		
Cash	\$ 333	\$ -
Investments	477,577	35,528
Receivables - taxes	368,644	11,413
Due from State of Louisiana - state revenue sharing	18,525	-
Fixed assets	-	-
Other Debits		
Amount available in Debt Service Fund	-	-
Amount to be provided for retirement of general long-term obligations	-	-
	\$ 865,079	\$ 46,941
LIABILITIES, EQUITY AND OTHER CREDITS		
Liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued expenditures	\$ 12,768	\$ -
Due to Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government	6,505	-
Deferred revenue	409,065	11,804
Bonds payable	-	-
Other long-term obligations	-	-
	428,338	11,804
Equity and Other Credits		
Investment in general fixed assets		
Fund balances:		
Reserved - debt service	-	35,137
Unreserved	436,741	-
	436,741	35,137
	\$ 865,079	\$ 46,941

See notes to financial statements.

Account Groups		Total (Memorandum Only)
General Fixed Assets	General Long-Term Obligations	
\$ -	\$ -	\$ 333
-	-	513,105
-	-	380,057
-	-	18,525
377,353	-	377,353
-	35,137	35,137
-	92,737	92,737
<u>\$ 377,353</u>	<u>\$ 127,874</u>	<u>\$ 1,417,247</u>
	\$ -	\$ 12,768
	-	6,505
	-	420,869
	30,000	30,000
	97,874	97,874
	<u>127,874</u>	<u>568,016</u>
\$ 377,353		377,353
-		35,137
-		436,741
<u>377,353</u>		<u>849,231</u>
<u>\$ 377,353</u>	<u>\$ 127,874</u>	<u>\$ 1,417,247</u>

**COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES**

Terrebonne Parish Fire District No. 7

For the year ended December 31, 1999

	General	Debt Service	Total (Memorandum Only)
Revenues			
Taxes	\$ 362,596	\$ 30,004	\$ 392,600
Intergovernmental:			
State of Louisiana:			
State revenue sharing	28,482	-	28,482
Fire insurance tax	16,419	-	16,419
Supplemental pay	18,000	-	18,000
Miscellaneous:			
Interest	27,698	1,808	29,506
Other	121	-	121
Total revenues	<u>453,316</u>	<u>31,812</u>	<u>485,128</u>
Expenditures			
Current:			
General Government:			
Ad valorem tax adjustment	23,617	1,945	25,562
Ad valorem tax deductions	10,601	873	11,474
Total general government	<u>34,218</u>	<u>2,818</u>	<u>37,036</u>
Public Safety:			
Personal services	196,331		196,331
Supplies and materials	31,800		31,800
Other services and charges	56,817		56,817
Repairs and maintenance	9,888		9,888
Capital expenditures	94,890		94,890
Total public safety	<u>389,726</u>		<u>389,726</u>
Debt Service:			
Principal retirement	16,491	30,000	46,491
Interest and fiscal charges	6,599	3,368	9,967
Total debt service	<u>23,090</u>	<u>33,368</u>	<u>56,458</u>
Total expenditures	<u>447,034</u>	<u>36,186</u>	<u>483,220</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	6,282	(4,374)	1,908
Other Financing Source			
Proceeds of general fixed asset dispositions	1,600	-	1,600
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Financing Source Over Expenditures	7,882	(4,374)	3,508
Fund Balances			
Beginning of year	428,859	39,511	468,370
End of year	<u>\$ 436,741</u>	<u>\$ 35,137</u>	<u>\$ 471,878</u>

See notes to financial statements.

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL -
GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPE - GENERAL FUND

Terrebonne Parish Fire District No. 7

For the year ended December 31, 1999

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)</u>
Revenues			
Taxes	\$ 360,450	\$ 362,596	\$ 2,146
Intergovernmental:			
State of Louisiana:			
State revenue sharing	28,450	28,482	32
Fire insurance tax	16,400	16,419	19
Supplemental pay	18,500	18,000	(500)
Miscellaneous:			
Interest	23,000	27,698	4,698
Other	100	121	21
	<u>446,900</u>	<u>453,316</u>	<u>6,416</u>
Total revenues			
Expenditures			
Current:			
General Government:			
Ad valorem tax adjustment	24,000	23,617	383
Ad valorem tax deductions	11,000	10,601	399
	<u>35,000</u>	<u>34,218</u>	<u>782</u>
Public Safety:			
Personal services	187,877	196,331	(8,454)
Supplies and materials	30,400	31,800	(1,400)
Other services and charges	59,150	56,817	2,333
Repairs and maintenance	12,000	9,888	2,112
Capital expenditures	98,500	94,890	3,610
	<u>387,927</u>	<u>389,726</u>	<u>(1,799)</u>
Debt Service:			
Principal retirement	16,500	16,491	9
Interest and fiscal charges	6,600	6,599	1
	<u>23,100</u>	<u>23,090</u>	<u>10</u>
Total expenditures	<u>446,027</u>	<u>447,034</u>	<u>(1,007)</u>
Excess of revenues over expenditures	873	6,282	5,409
Other Financing Source			
Proceeds of general fixed asset dispositions	1,600	1,600	-
Excess of Revenues and Other Financing Source Over Expenditures	2,473	7,882	5,409
Fund Balance			
Beginning of year	428,859	428,859	-
End of year	<u>\$ 431,332</u>	<u>\$ 436,741</u>	<u>\$ 5,409</u>

See notes to financial statements.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Terrebonne Parish Fire District No. 7

December 31, 1999

Note 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounting policies of Terrebonne Parish Fire District No. 7 (the District) conform to generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The following is a summary of significant accounting policies:

a) Reporting Entity

The District is a component unit of Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government (the Parish) and as such, these financial statements will be included in the comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR) of the Parish for the year ended December 31, 1999.

The District has reviewed all of its activities and determined that there are no potential component units which should be included in its financial statements.

b) Fund 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 related 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.

Note 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

b) Fund Accounting (Continued)

Governmental Funds

Governmental Funds are those through which the governmental functions of the District are financed. The acquisition, use and balances of the District's expendable financial resources and the related liabilities are accounted for through Governmental Funds. The measurement focus is upon determination of changes in financial position, rather than upon net income determination. The following are the Governmental Funds of the District:

General Fund - The General Fund is the general operating fund of the District. It is used to account for all financial resources except those that are required to be accounted for in another fund.

Debt Service Fund - The Debt Service Fund is used to account for the accumulation of resources for, and the payment of, general long-term obligations principal, interest and related costs.

Account Groups

Account groups are used to establish accounting control and accountability. The District's Account Groups are as follows:

General Fixed Assets Account Group - This account group is used to account for fixed assets not accounted for in proprietary or trust funds.

General Long-Term Obligations Account Group - This account group is used to account for general long-term obligations and certain other liabilities that are not specific liabilities of proprietary or trust funds.

c) Basis of Accounting

Basis of accounting refers to when revenues and expenditures are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. Basis of accounting relates to the timing of the measurements made, regardless of the measurement focus applied.

Note 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

c) Basis of Accounting (Continued)

All Governmental Funds are accounted for using the modified accrual basis of accounting. Their revenues are recognized when they become measurable and available as net current assets. Ad valorem taxes and the related state revenue sharing (Intergovernmental revenue) are recorded as revenues in the period for which levied, thus the 1999 property taxes which are being levied to finance the 2000 budget will be recognized as revenue in 2000. The 1999 tax levy is recorded as deferred revenue in the District's 1999 financial statements. Miscellaneous revenues are recorded as revenues when received in cash by the District because they are generally not measurable until actually received.

Expenditures are generally recognized under the modified accrual basis of accounting when the related fund liability is incurred. An exception to this general rule is principal and interest on general long-term obligations which are recognized when due.

d) Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

e) Operating Budgetary Data

As required by the Louisiana Revised Statutes 39:1303, the Board of Commissioners (the Board) adopted a budget for the District's General Fund. The budgetary practices include public notice of the proposed budget, public inspection of the proposed budget and a public hearing on the budget prior to adoption. Any amendment involving the transfer of monies from one function to another or increases in expenditures must be approved by the Board. The District amended its budget once during the year. All budgeted amounts which are not expended, or obligated through contracts, lapse at year end.

The General Fund budget is adopted on a basis materially consistent with generally accepted accounting principles.

Note 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

f) Accounts Receivable

The financial statements for the District contain no allowance for uncollectible accounts. Uncollectible amounts due for ad valorem taxes are recognized as bad debts at the time information becomes available which would indicate the uncollectibility of the particular receivable. These amounts are not considered to be material in relation to the financial position or operations of the fund.

g) Investments

Investments are stated at fair value as established by open market, except for the Louisiana Asset Management Pool (LAMP). LAMP is an external pool which is operated in a manner consistent with the SEC's Rule 2a7 of the Investment Company Act of 1940. Rule 2a7 allows SEC-registered mutual funds to use amortized cost rather than market value to report net assets to compute share prices if certain conditions are met.

Investments during the year consisted of Certificates of Deposit, Federal Home Loan Bank Notes, Federal National Mortgage Association Notes, Federal Farm Credit Bank Notes, Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (FHLMC) Notes and LAMP.

h) Fixed Assets

Fixed assets used in governmental fund type operations (fixed assets) are accounted for in the General Fixed Assets Account Group, rather than in governmental funds. The Account Group is not a fund. It is concerned only with the measurement of financial position.

It is not involved with the measurement of results of operations. Public domain ("infrastructure") fixed assets consisting of certain improvements other than buildings including roads, bridges, curbs and gutters, streets and sidewalks, drainage systems and lighting systems are not capitalized along with other fixed assets. No depreciation has been provided on fixed assets.

All fixed assets are valued at historical cost.

Note 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

i) Long-Term Obligations

The accounting and reporting treatment applied to the long-term obligations associated with a fund is determined by its measurement focus. All governmental funds are accounted for on a spending or "financial flow" measurement focus. This means that only current assets and current liabilities are generally included on their balance sheets. Their reported fund balance (net current assets) is considered a measure of "available spendable resources". Governmental fund operating statements present increases (revenues and other financing sources) and decreases (expenditures and other financing uses) in net current assets. Accordingly, they are said to present a summary of sources and uses of "available spendable resources" during a period.

Long-term obligations expected to be financed from governmental funds is accounted for in the General Long-Term Obligations Account Group, not in the governmental funds.

The Long-Term Obligations Account Group is not a "fund". It is concerned only with the measurement of financial position. It is not involved with the measurement of results of operations.

j) Vacation and Sick Leave

Accumulated vacation and sick leave is recorded as an expenditure of the period in which paid in the Governmental Fund.

Full time employees are entitled to eighteen days vacation after one year of service. Each year the employee must take their vacation time before their anniversary date (day they first began working). If not taken by their anniversary date the vacation time is forfeited. The vacation period shall be increased one day for each year of service over ten years, up to a maximum vacation period of thirty days. There is no material accumulated vacation at December 31, 1999.

Note 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

j) Vacation and Sick Leave (Continued)

Every fireman in the employ of a fire protection district shall be entitled to full pay during sickness or incapacity not brought about by his own negligence or culpable indiscretion for a period of not less than fifty-two weeks. A fireman employed by any fire protection district who draws full pay during sickness or incapacity shall have such pay decreased by the amount of workers' compensation benefits actually received by the employee. A fireman is entitled to sick leave benefits even though the injury or illness may have occurred while he was off duty. Firemen are not prohibited from engaging in part-time employment while receiving sick leave. A probationary fireman who is not a regular or permanent fireman is not entitled to sick leave benefits provided by the district. There is no accumulated sick leave for the District as of December 31, 1999.

k) Encumbrances

Encumbrance accounting, under which purchase orders, contracts and other commitments are recorded in the fund general ledgers, is not utilized by the District.

l) Memorandum Only - Total Columns

The total columns on the general-purpose financial statements are captioned "Memorandum Only" because they do not represent consolidated financial information and are presented only to facilitate financial analysis. The columns do not present information that reflects financial position or results of operations in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Interfund eliminations have not been made in the aggregation of this data.

Note 2 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

District monies are held in a cash and investment pool maintained by the Parish and available for use by all funds. Each fund type's portion of this pool is displayed on the combined balance sheet as "cash" and "investments."

Louisiana state law allows all political subdivisions to invest excess funds in obligations of the United States, certificates of deposit of state or national banks having their principal office in Louisiana or any other federally insured investment.

Note 2 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (Continued)

Bank Deposits:

State law requires deposits (cash and certificates of deposit) of all political subdivisions to be fully collateralized at all times. Acceptable collateralization includes FDIC insurance and the market value of securities purchased and pledged to the political subdivision. Obligations of the United States, the State of Louisiana and certain political subdivisions are allowed as security for deposits. Obligations furnished as security must be held by the political subdivision or with an unaffiliated bank or trust company for the account of the political subdivision.

Cash and deposits are categorized into three categories of credit risk.

Category 1 includes deposits covered by federal depository insurance or by collateral held by the District or its agent in the District's name.

Category 2 includes deposits covered by collateral held by the pledging financial institution's trust department or its agent in the District's name.

Category 3 includes deposits covered by collateral held by the pledging financial institution or its trust department or agent but not in the District's name and deposits which are uninsured or uncollateralized.

The year end bank balances of deposits and the carrying amounts as shown on the combined balance sheet are as follows:

	Bank Balances			Book Balance
	Category			
	1	2	3	
Cash	\$3,925	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 333
Investments:				
Certificates of deposit	-	-	223,380	223,380
Totals	\$3,925	\$ -	\$223,380	\$223,713

Note 2 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (Continued)

As mentioned previously, funds are held and invested by the Parish who has proper pledging to cover funds for the District. At December 31, 1999, certificates of deposit in excess of the FDIC insurance were collateralized by securities held by unaffiliated banks for the account of the Parish. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB), which promulgates the standards for accounting and financial reporting for state and local governments, considers these securities uncollateralized. Even though the pledged securities are considered uncollateralized under the provisions of GASB Statement 3, Louisiana Revised Statute 39:1229 imposes a statutory requirement on the custodial bank to advertise and sell the pledged securities within 10 days of being notified by the depositor that the fiscal agent has failed to pay deposited funds upon demand.

Investments:

State statutes authorize the District to invest in the U.S. Treasury, agencies and instrumentalities; commercial paper rated AAA 1, 2, or 3; repurchase agreements and the Louisiana Asset Management Pool.

The District's investments are categorized to give an indication of the level of risk assumed by the entity at year end.

Category 1 includes investments that are insured or registered or for which the securities are held by the District or its agent in the District's name.

Category 2 includes uninsured and unregistered investments for which the securities are held by the counterparty's trust department or agent in the District's name.

Category 3 includes uninsured and unregistered investments for which the securities are held by the counterparty or by its trust department or agent, but not in the District's name.

Note 2 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (Continued)

At year end the carrying amount of investments are as follows:

	Risk Category			Carrying Amount
	1	2	3	
Investment subject to categorization:				
Federal Home Loan Bank Notes	\$102,551	\$ -	\$ -	\$102,551
Federal National Mortgage Association Notes	40,278	-	-	40,278
Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (FHLMC) Notes	<u>2,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,000</u>
Totals	<u>\$144,829</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	144,829
Investments not subject to categorization:				
Louisiana Asset Manage- ment Pool (LAMP)				<u>144,896</u>
Total investments				<u>\$289,725</u>

Investment in the Louisiana Asset Management Pool is not categorized as to credit risk because it is not evidenced by securities that exist in physical or book entry form.

A reconciliation of deposits and investments as shown on the Combined Balance Sheet for the District is as follows:

Carrying amount of deposits	\$223,713
Carrying amount of investments	<u>289,725</u>
Total	<u>\$513,438</u>
Cash	\$ 333
Investments	<u>513,105</u>
Total	<u>\$513,438</u>

Note 3 - PROPERTY TAXES

Property taxes are levied each November 1 on the assessed value listed as of the prior January 1 for all real property, merchandise and movable property located in the Parish. Assessed values are established by the Terrebonne Parish Assessor's Office and the State Tax Commission at percentages of actual value as specified by Louisiana law. A reevaluation of all property is required to be completed no less than every four years. The last reevaluation was completed for the list of January 1, 1996. Taxes are due and payable December 31 with interest being charged on payments after January 1. Taxes can be paid through the tax sale date, which is the last Wednesday in June. Properties for which the taxes have not been paid are sold for the amount of the taxes. The tax rate for the year ended December 31, 1999 was \$16.15 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation on property within Fire District No. 7 for the purpose of constructing, maintaining and operating fire protection facilities within the District and paying the cost of obtaining water for fire protection purposes and \$0.50 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for the payment of principal and interest. As indicated in Note 1c, taxes levied November 1, 1999 are for budgeted expenditures in 2000 and will be recognized as revenues in 2000.

Note 4 - CHANGES IN FIXED ASSETS

A summary of changes in fixed assets follows:

	Balance January <u>1, 1998</u>	<u>Additions</u>	Balance December <u>31, 1998</u>
Land and buildings	\$ 33,075	\$ -	\$ 33,075
Machinery and equipment	38,314	41,739	80,053
Office furniture, fixtures and equipment	9,273	-	9,273
Trucks and automobiles	<u>201,801</u>	<u>53,151</u>	<u>254,952</u>
Totals	<u>\$282,463</u>	<u>\$94,890</u>	<u>\$377,353</u>

Note 4 - CHANGES IN FIXED ASSETS (Continued)

Assets acquired prior to 1994 totaling \$653,638 are included in the General Fixed Assets Account Group of the Parish. These assets as of December 31, 1999 are made up of the following:

Land and building	\$428,995
Machinery and equipment	30,773
Office furniture and equipment	7,305
Trucks and automobiles	<u>186,565</u>
 Total	 <u>\$653,638</u>

There were deletions of trucks and automobiles in the amount of \$38,100 and machinery and equipment in the amount of \$3,810 in the fixed assets held by the Parish for the District in 1999.

Note 5 - LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS

At December 31, 1999, the District had outstanding general obligations bonds totaling \$30,000 bearing interest of 7¼% which are repayable on March 1, 2000 primarily from ad valorem tax revenues.

In January 1997, the District entered into a lease agreement as lessee for financing the acquisition of a fire truck. The lease agreement qualifies as a capital lease for accounting purposes and, therefore, has been recorded at the present value of the future minimum lease payments as of the inception date in the General Fixed Assets Account Group in the amount of \$179,956.

The following is a summary of changes in long-term obligations of the District:

	<u>Payable January 1, 1999</u>	<u>Debt Retired</u>	<u>Payable December 31, 1999</u>
Bonds	\$ 60,000	\$30,000	\$ 30,000
Capitalized lease	<u>114,365</u>	<u>16,491</u>	<u>97,874</u>
 Totals	 <u>\$174,365</u>	 <u>\$46,491</u>	 <u>\$127,874</u>

Note 5 - LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS (Continued)

The annual requirements including interest to amortize all long-term obligations outstanding at December 31, 1999 are as follows:

<u>Maturity</u>	<u>Bonds</u>	<u>Capital Lease</u>
2000	\$31,088	\$ 23,090
2001	-	23,090
2002	-	23,090
2003	-	23,090
2004	-	<u>23,089</u>
Totals	31,088	115,449
Less:		
Interest	<u>1,088</u>	<u>17,575</u>
Net amount	<u>\$30,000</u>	<u>\$ 97,874</u>

Note 6 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN

Plan Description - The District contributes to the Firefighters' Retirement System of Louisiana (the System), a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit public retirement system which is controlled and administered by a separate Board of Trustees. The System provides retirement, deferred and disability benefits, survivor's benefits and cost of living adjustments to plan members and beneficiaries. Act 434 of the 1979 Louisiana Legislative Session established the plan. The System is governed by Louisiana Revised Statutes 11:2251 through 11:2269, specifically, and other general laws of the State of Louisiana. The System issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for the System. The report may be obtained by writing to Firefighters' Retirement System of Louisiana, 2051 Silverside Drive, Suite 210, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70808-4136.

Funding Policy - Plan members are required to contribute 8% of their earnable compensation and the District is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. The current rate is 9% of annual covered payroll. The contribution requirements of plan members and the District are established and may be amended by state statute. The District's contributions to the System for the years ending December 31, 1999, 1998 and 1997 were \$11,209, \$10,735, and \$9,796, respectively, equal to the required contributions for each year.

Note 7 - POSTRETIREMENT HOSPITALIZATION AND LIFE INSURANCE BENEFITS

The District provides for the payment of hospitalization and life insurance premiums for two retired employees as approved by the Board. The District will fund the entire premium for all employees retiring with at least ten years service or retiring from the formal retirement systems. A retired employee may provide dependent hospitalization coverage at a cost ranging from \$40 to \$44 per month depending on their retirement date. The cost of providing this benefit is recognized as an expenditure as premiums are paid. For the year ended December 31, 1999, those costs amounted to \$8,077.

Future liabilities under the District's plan for potentially eligible employees are dependent upon the age and length of service of those employees. The average employee age and service years are not available. At December 31, 1999 the average hospitalization and life insurance costs per retired employee were approximately \$337 per month.

Note 8 - SUPPLEMENTAL PAY

In addition to the compensation paid to the District's employees, firemen may be eligible to receive supplemental pay. The amount of the compensation is determined by State Law and is revised periodically.

As per Louisiana Revised Statute 33:2002, any full-time, regular employee of the parish fire protection district who is hired after March 31, 1986, who has passed a certified firemen's training program equal to the National Fire Protection Association Standard 1001 and who is paid three hundred dollars per month from public funds is eligible for supplemental pay. These full-time employees are carried on the payroll paid from funds of the parish obtained through lawfully adopted bond issues or lawfully assessed taxes, either directly or through a board or commission set up by law or ordinance. Employees employed by the District are not eligible for supplemental pay if they are presently drawing a retirement or disability pension, clerical employees and mechanics and for those employees who have not passed a certified firemen's training program but are hired after March 31, 1986. State supplemental pay for firefighters must be taken into account in calculating firefighters longevity pay, holiday pay and overtime pay. The period of service for computing additional compensation includes prior service of employees who have returned or who hereafter return to such service provided that service in any parish or fire protection district fire department shall be used in computing such prior service which includes full-time employees of a volunteer fire department.

As of December 31, 1999, the District has recognized revenue and expenditures of \$18,000 in salary supplements that the State of Louisiana has paid directly to the District's employees.

Note 9 - RISK MANAGEMENT

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to workers' compensation; torts; theft of, damage to and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; natural disasters; and group health benefits for which the District carries commercial insurance and also participates in the Parish's risk management program for workers' compensation and group insurance. No settlements were made during the year that exceeded the District's insurance coverage. The District's premiums for workers' compensation are based on a fixed percentage of payroll. The premiums for group insurance are based on a fixed rate per employee. The Parish handles all claims filed against the District. The District could have additional exposure for claims in excess of the Parish's insurance contracts as described below:

<u>Policy</u>	<u>Coverage Limits</u>
Workers' Compensation	Statutory
Group Insurance	\$1,125,000

Coverage for claims in excess of the above stated limits are to be funded first by assets of the Parish's risk management internal service fund, \$122,294 for workers' compensation and \$3,069,030 for group insurance at December 31, 1998, then secondly by the District. At December 31, 1999, the District had no claims in excess of the above coverage limits.

Note 10 - COMPENSATION OF BOARD MEMBERS

The following amounts were paid to Board Members for the year ended December 31, 19997:

<u>Board Members</u>	<u>Number of Meetings Attended</u>	<u>Per Diem</u>
Barry Chauvin	10	\$ 300
Herman LeBlanc	10	300
Reily LeBoeuf	10	300
Ted Pellegrin	7	210
Jamie Theriot	10	<u>300</u>
Total		<u>\$1,410</u>

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION SECTION



Bourgeois Bennett

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

To the Board of Commissioners,
Terrebonne Parish Fire District No. 7,
Chauvin, Louisiana.

Our report on our audit of the general-purpose financial statements of Terrebonne Parish Fire District No. 7 (the District) for the year ended December 31, 1999, appears on page 1. That audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on such financial statements taken as a whole. The information contained in the schedule of revenues and expenditures and graphs of revenues and expenditures for the year ended December 31, 1999 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the general-purpose financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the general-purpose financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the general-purpose financial statements for the year ended December 31, 1999, taken as a whole.

We also have previously audited, in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the balance sheets of Terrebonne Parish Fire District No. 7 as of December 31, 1998 and 1997, and the related statements of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balance for each of the two years in the period ended December 31, 1998 (none of which is presented herein), and we expressed unqualified opinions on those financial statements. In our opinion, the information presented in the schedule of revenues and expenditures and graphs of revenues and expenditures for the years ended December 31, 1998 and 1997 is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the general-purpose financial statements from which it has been derived.

Bourgeois Bennett, L.L.C.

Certified Public Accountants.

Houma, La.,
May 17, 2000.

SCHEDULE OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES**Terrebonne Parish Fire District No. 7**

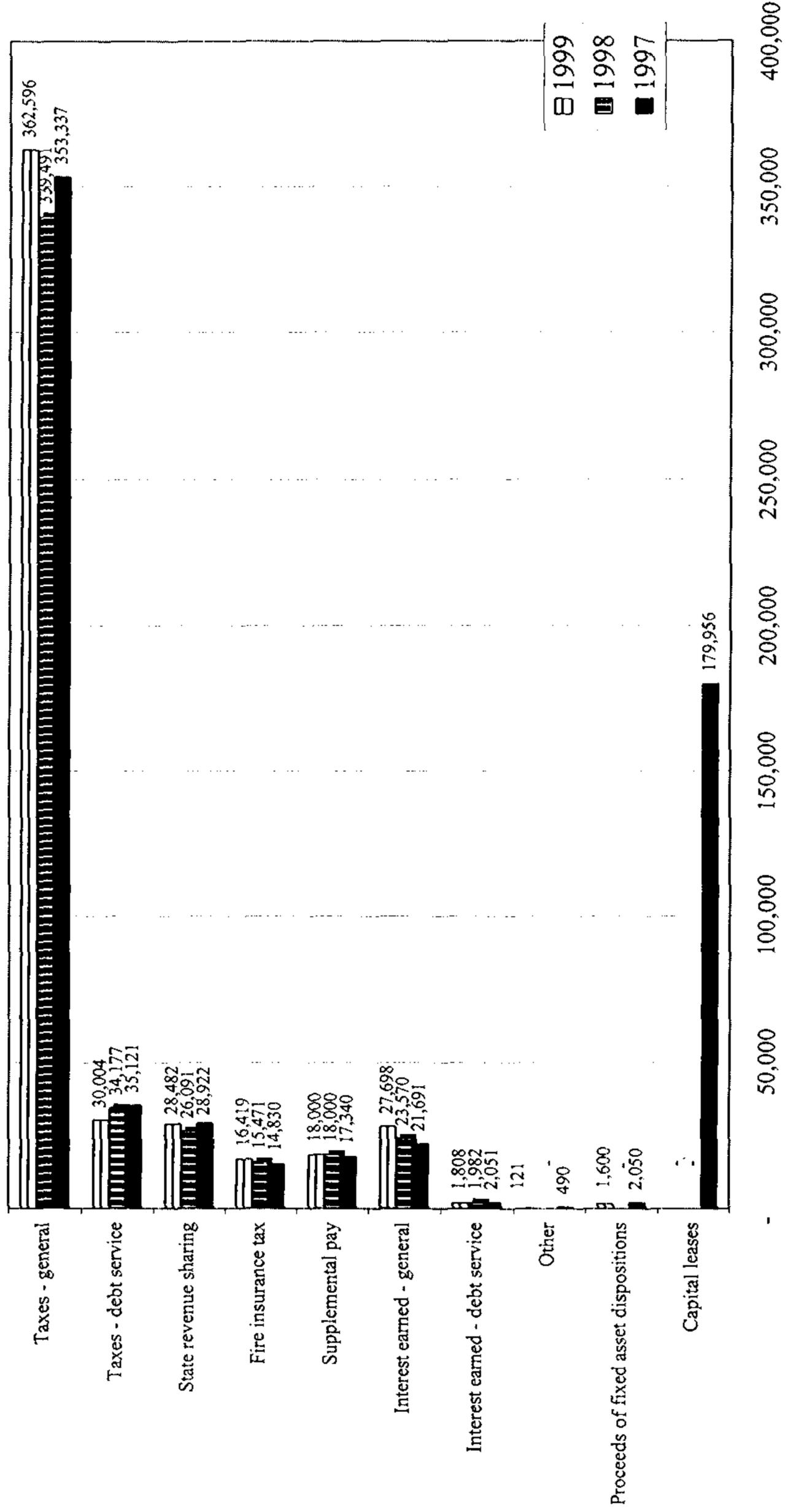
For the years ended December 31, 1999, 1998 and 1997

	<u>1999</u>	<u>1998</u>	<u>1997</u>
REVENUES			
Taxes - general	\$ 362,596	\$ 339,491	\$ 353,337
Taxes - debt service	30,004	34,177	35,121
State revenue sharing	28,482	26,091	28,922
Fire insurance tax	16,419	15,471	14,830
Supplemental pay	18,000	18,000	17,340
Interest earned - general	27,698	23,570	21,691
Interest earned - debt service	1,808	1,982	2,051
Other	121	-	490
Proceeds of fixed asset dispositions	1,600	-	2,050
Capital leases	-	-	179,956
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Total revenues	<u>\$ 486,728</u>	<u>\$ 458,782</u>	<u>\$ 655,788</u>
EXPENDITURES			
General government - general	\$ 34,218	\$ 23,502	\$ 18,762
General government - debt service	2,818	2,366	1,865
Personal services	196,331	182,062	158,228
Supplies and materials	31,800	32,685	30,499
Other services and charges	56,817	55,043	64,301
Repairs and maintenance	9,888	10,518	9,511
Capital expenditures	94,890	11,695	226,555
Principal retirement - general	16,491	15,591	50,000
Principal retirement - debt service	30,000	30,000	30,000
Interest - general	6,599	7,498	-
Interest - debt service	3,368	5,543	7,575
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Total expenditures	<u>\$ 483,220</u>	<u>\$ 376,503</u>	<u>\$ 597,296</u>

REVENUES

Terrebonne Parish Fire District No. 7

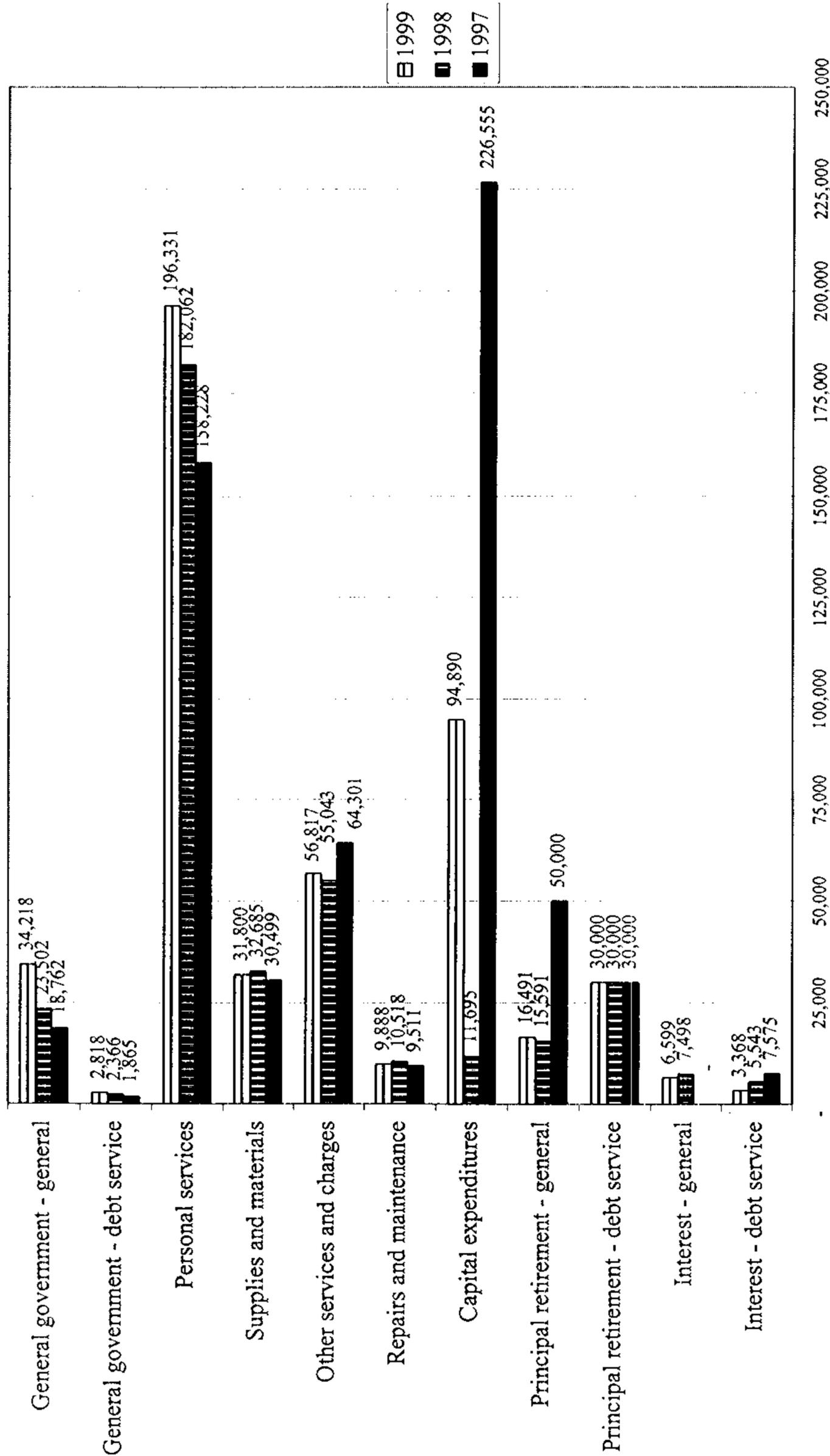
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EXPENDITURES

Terrebonne Parish Fire District No. 7

For the years ended December 31, 1999, 1998 and 1997



SPECIAL REPORTS OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS



Bourgeois Bennett

**REPORT ON COMPLIANCE AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER
FINANCIAL REPORTING BASED ON AN AUDIT OF GENERAL-
PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE
WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS**

To the Board of Commissioners,
Terrebonne Parish Fire District No. 7,
Chauvin, Louisiana.

We have audited the general-purpose financial statements of Terrebonne Parish Fire District No. 7 (the District), a component unit of Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, as of and for the year ended December 31, 1999, and have issued our report thereon dated May 17, 2000. We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards 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 general-purpose 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 general-purpose 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 operations that we consider to be material weaknesses.

This report is intended for the information of the Board of Commissioners, management, the State of Louisiana and the Legislative Auditor for the State of Louisiana and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Bourgeois Bennett, L.L.C.

Certified Public Accountants.

Houma, La.,
May 17, 2000.

REPORTS BY MANAGEMENT

SCHEDULE OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS

Terrebonne Parish Fire District No. 7

For the year ended December 31, 1999

Section I Internal Control and Compliance Material to the General-Purpose Financial Statements

Internal Control

No material weaknesses were reported during the audit for the year ended December 31, 1998.
No reportable conditions were reported during the audit for the year ended December 31, 1998.

Compliance

No compliance findings material to the general-purpose financial statements were noted during the audit for the year ended December 31, 1998.

Section II Internal Control and Compliance Material to Federal Awards

Terrebonne Parish Fire District No. 7 did not receive federal awards during the year ended December 31, 1998.

Section III Management Letter

A management letter was not issued in connection with the audit for the year ended December 31, 1998.

MANAGEMENT'S CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN

Terrebonne Parish Fire District No. 7

For the year ended December 31, 1999

Section I Internal Control and Compliance Material to the General-Purpose Financial Statements

Internal Control

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No reportable conditions were reported during the audit for the year ended December 31, 1999.

Compliance

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