

**ST. MARTIN PARISH SHERIFF**  
**St. Martinville, Louisiana**

**Financial Report**

**Year Ended June 30, 2025**

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### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

The Honorable Becket Breaux  
St. Martin Parish Sheriff  
St. Martinville, Louisiana

#### Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

##### *Opinions*

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the St. Martin Parish Sheriff, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2025, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the St. Martin Parish Sheriff's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the St. Martin Parish Sheriff, as of June 30, 2025, and the respective changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

##### *Basis for Opinions*

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. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the St. Martin Parish Sheriff and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

##### *Change in Accounting Principles*

As described in Note 21 to the financial statements, in 2025, the Sheriff adopted new accounting guidance, GASB Statement No. 100, *Accounting Changes and Error Corrections* and GASB Statement No. 101, *Compensated Absences*. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.



### *Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements*

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the St. Martin Parish Sheriff's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

### *Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements*

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors' report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards*, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the St. Martin Parish Sheriff's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the St. Martin Parish Sheriff's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.



### ***Required Supplementary Information***

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the budgetary comparison information, schedule of employer's share of net pension liability, schedule of employer contributions, schedule of changes in the Sheriff's total OPEB liability and related ratios, and the notes to the required supplementary information on pages 52 through 57 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Management has omitted the management's discussion and analysis that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require to be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such missing information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. Our opinion on the basic financial statements is not affected by this missing information.

### ***Supplementary Information***

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the St. Martin Parish Sheriff's basic financial statements. The Justice System Funding Reporting Schedules (reporting schedules) were created by Act 87 of the Louisiana 2020 Regular Legislative Session. The reporting schedules are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are also not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the reporting schedules are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

### ***Other Information***

Management is responsible for the other information included in the annual report. The other information comprises the budgetary comparison information for the General Fund revenues and expenses and the affidavit but does not include the basic financial statements and our auditors' report thereon. Our opinions on the basic financial statements do not cover the other information, and we do not express an opinion or any form of assurance thereon.

In connection with our audit of the basic financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and consider whether a material inconsistency exists between the other information and the basic financial statements, or the other information otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work performed, we conclude that an uncorrected material misstatement of the other information exists, we are required to describe it in our report.

**Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards***

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated November 26, 2025, on our consideration of the St. Martin Parish Sheriff's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the St. Martin Parish Sheriff's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the St. Martin Parish Sheriff's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

***Champagne & Company, LLC***

Certified Public Accountants

Breaux Bridge, Louisiana  
November 26, 2025

## **BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**GOVERNMENT-WIDE  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (GWFS)**



ST. MARTIN PARISH SHERIFF  
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Statement of Net Position  
June 30, 2025

	Governmental Activities
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Current assets:	
Cash and interest-bearing deposits	\$ 9,848,066
Investments	5,594,300
Inventory	53,085
Receivables	1,728,918
Due from other governmental units	986,645
Prepaid items	343,168
Total current assets	<u>18,554,182</u>
Noncurrent assets:	
Capital assets; net	<u>18,153,238</u>
Total assets	<u>36,707,420</u>
<b>DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES:</b>	
Deferred amount on pension	2,958,569
Deferred amount on postemployment benefit plan	4,124,389
Total deferred outflows of resources	<u>7,082,958</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>	
Current liabilities:	
Accounts payable	275,650
Due to others	66,183
Other accrued liabilities	805,981
Subscription liability	256,066
Compensated absences	612,713
Total current liabilities	<u>2,016,593</u>
Noncurrent liabilities:	
Subscription liability	139,336
Compensated absences	493,481
Net pension liability	6,902,759
Postemployment benefit obligation payable	13,717,226
Total noncurrent liabilities	<u>21,252,802</u>
Total liabilities	<u>23,269,395</u>
<b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>	
Deferred amount on lease	1,115,168
Deferred amount on pension	904,405
Deferred amount on postemployment benefit plan	4,555,002
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>6,574,575</u>
<b>NET POSITION</b>	
Net investment in capital assets	17,757,836
Unrestricted	(3,811,428)
Total net position	<u>\$ 13,946,408</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the basic financial statements.

ST. MARTIN PARISH SHERIFF  
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Statement of Activities  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2025

Expenses:

Public safety:

Personal services and related benefits	\$ 14,374,408
Operating services	3,504,780
Operations and maintenance	6,243,178
Interest expense	<u>23,052</u>
Total expenses	<u>24,145,418</u>

Program revenues:

Public safety:

Fees, fines, and charges for services	6,436,037
Operating grants and contributions:	
Federal sources	285,425
State sources	<u>1,883,204</u>
Total program revenues	<u>8,604,666</u>
Net program expense	<u>(15,540,752)</u>

General revenues:

Property taxes, levied for general purposes	9,128,760
Sales tax	5,554,016
State revenue sharing	109,437
Video poker	2,262,032
Nonemployer pension contributions	611,545
Interest and investment earnings	675,905
Miscellaneous	<u>218,661</u>
Total general revenues	<u>18,560,356</u>
Change in net position	<u>3,019,604</u>

Beginning net position	11,770,845
Restatement of beginning net position	<u>(844,041)</u>
Beginning net position (as restated)	<u>10,926,804</u>
Ending net position	<u>\$ 13,946,408</u>

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**FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (FFS)**

## **FUND DESCRIPTIONS - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**

### **MAJOR FUNDS**

#### **General Fund**

The General Fund is used to account for resources traditionally associated with governments which are not required to be accounted for in another fund.

#### **Special Revenue Fund**

Special revenue funds are used to account for specific revenues that are legally restricted to expenditures for particular purposes.

#### **911 Communications District -**

To account for the operation of the communications district which was established to implement and administer the 911 emergency telephone system. The system is financed by user fees assessed on customer's telephone service. Expenditures for this system are paid from this fund.

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Balance Sheet  
Governmental Funds  
June 30, 2025

	General	911 Communications District	Total
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Cash and interest-bearing deposits	\$ 9,534,176	\$ 313,890	\$ 9,848,066
Investments	4,541,573	1,052,727	5,594,300
Receivables:			
Due from other governmental units	986,645	-	986,645
Due from other funds	62,214	-	62,214
Sales tax receivable	519,425	-	519,425
Lease receivable	1,115,168	-	1,115,168
Other receivables	8,198	86,127	94,325
Inventory	53,085	-	53,085
Prepaid items	343,168	-	343,168
Total assets	<u>\$ 17,163,652</u>	<u>\$ 1,452,744</u>	<u>\$ 18,616,396</u>
<b>LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES, AND FUND BALANCE</b>			
Liabilities:			
Accounts payable	\$ 400,056	\$ -	\$ 400,056
Due to others	66,183	-	66,183
Other accrued liabilities	1,376,468	42,226	1,418,694
Due to other funds	-	62,214	62,214
Total liabilities	<u>1,842,707</u>	<u>104,440</u>	<u>1,947,147</u>
Deferred inflows of resources:			
Deferred amount on lease	<u>1,115,168</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,115,168</u>
Fund balances -			
Nonspendable	396,253	-	396,253
Restricted	580,658	-	580,658
Committed	772,937	-	772,937
Assigned	-	1,348,304	1,348,304
Unassigned	<u>12,455,929</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,455,929</u>
Total fund balances	<u>14,205,777</u>	<u>1,348,304</u>	<u>15,554,081</u>
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and fund balances	<u>\$ 17,163,652</u>	<u>\$ 1,452,744</u>	<u>\$ 18,616,396</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the basic financial statements.



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Reconciliation of the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet  
to the Statement of Net Position  
June 30, 2025

Total fund balance for governmental funds at June 30, 2025 \$ 15,554,081

Total net position reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position is different because:

Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds. Those assets consist of:

Land	\$ 1,153,593	
Construction in progress	1,941,485	
Buildings and improvements, net of \$4,991,301 accumulated depreciation	10,584,884	
Equipment and vehicles, net of \$8,539,520 accumulated depreciation	4,108,184	
Subscription assets, net of \$417,248 accumulated amortization	<u>365,092</u>	18,153,238

The deferred outflows of expenditures are not a use of current resources, and are therefore not reported in the funds:

Pension plan	2,958,569	
Postemployment benefit obligation	<u>4,124,389</u>	7,082,958

General long-term debt of governmental activities is not payable from current resources and, therefore, not reported in the funds. This debt is:

Subscription liability	(270,996)	
Accrued compensated absences	(493,481)	
Postemployment benefit obligation payable	(13,717,226)	
Net pension liability	<u>(6,902,759)</u>	(21,384,462)

The deferred inflows of contributions are not available resources, and therefore, are not reported in the funds:

Pension plan	(904,405)	
Postemployment benefit obligation	<u>(4,555,002)</u>	(5,459,407)

Total net position of governmental activities at June 30, 2025 \$ 13,946,408

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the basic financial statements.

ST. MARTIN PARISH SHERIFF  
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Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances-  
Governmental Funds  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2025

	General	911 Communications District	Totals
Revenues:			
Taxes	\$ 14,682,776	\$ -	\$ 14,682,776
Intergovernmental	4,540,098	-	4,540,098
Fees, charges, and commissions for services	5,169,128	1,266,909	6,436,037
Interest income	613,676	62,229	675,905
Miscellaneous	470,201	-	470,201
Total revenues	<u>25,475,879</u>	<u>1,329,138</u>	<u>26,805,017</u>
Expenditures:			
Current -			
Public safety:			
Personal services and related benefits	11,694,593	1,029,531	12,724,124
Operating services	3,275,364	229,416	3,504,780
Operations and maintenance	4,249,054	179,002	4,428,056
Debt service	200,126	-	200,126
Capital outlay	3,314,066	-	3,314,066
Total expenditures	<u>22,733,203</u>	<u>1,437,949</u>	<u>24,171,152</u>
Net change in fund balance	<u>2,742,676</u>	<u>(108,811)</u>	<u>2,633,865</u>
Fund balances, beginning	12,075,814	1,457,115	13,532,929
Restatement of beginning fund balance	<u>(612,713)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(612,713)</u>
Fund balances, beginning (as restated)	<u>11,463,101</u>	<u>1,457,115</u>	<u>12,920,216</u>
Fund balances, ending	<u>\$ 14,205,777</u>	<u>\$ 1,348,304</u>	<u>\$ 15,554,081</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the basic financial statements.

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Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and  
Changes in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds  
to the Statement of Activities  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2025

Total net change in fund balances for the year ended June 30, 2025 per Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances	\$ 2,633,865
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The change in net position reported for governmental activities in the  
statement of activities is different because:

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However,  
in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over  
their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense.

Capital outlay which is considered expenditures on Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances	\$ 3,314,066	
Depreciation expense for the year ended June 30, 2025	(1,663,395)	
Amortization expense for the year ended June 30, 2025	<u>(156,468)</u>	1,494,203

Because governmental funds do not record fixed assets and accumulated  
depreciation, any assets disposed of with no selling price do not affect the  
statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balance.

However, in the statement of activities, a gain or loss is shown on assets  
that are not fully depreciated.

Gain on disposal of assets	4,741	
Proceeds from disposal of assets	<u>(251,539)</u>	(246,798)

Expenses not requiring the use of current financial resources and  
therefore are not reported as expenditures in the governmental funds:

Net change in financed purchase liability and subscription liability	177,073	
Net change in postemployment benefit obligation payable and related deferrals	(608,236)	
Net change in net pension liability and related deferrals	<u>(430,503)</u>	<u>(861,666)</u>

Total change in net position for the year ended June 30, 2025 per Statement of activities	<u>\$ 3,019,604</u>
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of the basic financial statements.

## **FUND DESCRIPTIONS - FIDUCIARY FUNDS**

### **CUSTODIAL FUNDS**

All of these funds are reflected in the totals of the custodial funds presented in the statement of fiduciary net position and statement of changes in fiduciary net position.

#### **Civil Fund**

The Civil Fund was established to account for funds held in connection with civil suits, Sheriff's sales, and garnishments and payment of these collections to the Sheriff's General Fund and other recipients in accordance with applicable laws.

#### **Tax Collector Fund**

The Tax Collector Fund was established per Article V, Section 27 of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974, which provides that the Sheriff will serve as the collector of state and parish taxes and fees. The Fund is used to collect and distribute these taxes and fees to appropriate taxing bodies.

#### **Bonds and Fines Fund**

The Bonds and Fines Fund is used to account for the collection of bonds, fines, installment fines, and costs and payment of these collections to the Sheriff's General Fund and other recipients in accordance with applicable laws.

#### **Inmate Trust Fund**

The Prison Inmate Fund is used to account for the deposits made by, and for, inmates to their individual accounts and the appropriate disbursements to these inmates.



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Statement of Fiduciary Net Position - Custodial Funds  
June 30, 2025

ASSETS

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,255,205
Receivables	<u>108,531</u>
Total assets	<u>1,363,736</u>

LIABILITIES

Accounts payable	178,921
Due to local governments	<u>340,074</u>
Total liabilities	<u>518,995</u>

NET POSITION

Restricted for:	
Individuals, organizations, and other governments	<u>\$ 844,741</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the basic financial statements.



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Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position -  
Custodial Funds  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2025

Additions:

Sheriff's sales, suits, and seizures	\$ 1,208,269
Garnishments	299,274
Civil service	168,580
Bonds	249,507
Fines and costs	1,863,050
Inmate deposits	431,658
Taxes, fees, etc., paid to tax collector	52,950,288
Miscellaneous revenue	15
Interest earned	<u>223,307</u>
Total additions	<u>57,393,948</u>

Deductions:

Taxes, fees, etc., distributed to taxing bodies and others	53,136,378
Payments to Sheriff's General Fund	427,536
Payments to local government	2,027,604
Payments to other	1,625,334
Payments to inmates	<u>144,525</u>
Total deductions	<u>57,361,377</u>

Net increase in net position	32,571
Net position, beginning	<u>812,170</u>
Net position, ending	<u>\$ 844,741</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the basic financial statements.

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Notes to Basic Financial Statements

(1) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

As provided by Article V, Section 27 of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974, the Sheriff serves a four-year term as the chief executive officer of the law enforcement district and ex-officio tax collector of the parish. The Sheriff administers the parish jail system and exercises duties required by the parish court system, such as providing bailiffs, executing orders of the court, serving subpoenas, et cetera.

As the chief law enforcement officer of the parish, the Sheriff is responsible for enforcing state and local laws, ordinances, et cetera, within the territorial boundaries of the parish. The Sheriff provides protection to the residents of the parish through on-site patrols, investigations, et cetera, and serves the residents of the parish through the establishment of neighborhood watch programs, anti-drug abuse programs, et cetera. In addition, the Sheriff, when requested, provides assistance to other law enforcement agencies within the parish.

As the ex-officio tax collector of the parish, the Sheriff is responsible for collecting and distributing ad valorem property taxes, parish occupational licenses, state revenue sharing funds, and fines, costs, and bond forfeitures imposed by the district court.

The accompanying financial statements of the St. Martin Parish Sheriff (Sheriff) have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) generally accepted in the United States of America as applied to governmental units. GAAP includes all relevant Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) pronouncements. GASB is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The accounting and reporting framework and the more significant accounting policies are discussed in subsequent subsections of this note.

The accounting and reporting policies of the St. Martin Parish Sheriff (Sheriff) conform to generally accepted accounting principles as applicable to governments. Such accounting and reporting procedures also conform to the requirements of the industry audit guide, *Audits of State and Local Governmental Units*.

The following is a summary of certain significant accounting policies:

A. Financial Reporting Entity

For financial reporting purposes, the Sheriff includes all funds, account groups, activities, et cetera, that are controlled by the Sheriff as an independently elected parish official. As an independently elected parish official, the Sheriff is solely responsible for the operations of his office, which include the hiring and retention of employees, authority over budgeting, responsibility for deficits, and the receipt and disbursement of funds. Other than certain operating expenditures of the Sheriff's office that are paid or provided by the parish government as required by Louisiana law, the Sheriff is financially independent. Accordingly, the Sheriff is a separate governmental reporting entity. Certain units of local government, over which the Sheriff exercises no oversight responsibility, such as the parish government, parish school board, other independently elected parish officials, and municipalities within the parish, are excluded from the accompanying financial statements. These units of government are



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Notes to Basic Financial Statements (continued)

considered separate reporting entities and issue financial statements separate from those of the parish Sheriff.

In determining the financial reporting entity, the Sheriff complies with the provisions of GASB Statement 14, "The Financial Reporting Entity," and includes all component units of which the Sheriff appointed a voting majority of the units' board; the Sheriff is either able to impose its will on the unit or a financial benefit or burden relationship exists. Blended component units are separate legal entities that meet the criteria described above and whose governing body is the same or substantially the same as the Sheriff or the component unit provides services entirely to the Sheriff. These component units' funds are blended into those of the Sheriff's by appropriate activity type to compose the primary government presentation. The component unit that is blended into the reporting activity of the Sheriff's report is described below:

The 911 Communications District was created in 1988 to implement and administer the 911 emergency telephone system. The Sheriff is financially accountable for the District as a result of fiscal dependency. The District is reported as a special revenue fund.

B. Basis of Presentation

Government-Wide Financial Statements (GWFS)

The statement of net position and statement of activities display information about the reporting government as a whole. They include all funds of the reporting entity, except the fiduciary funds. The Sheriff has no business-type activities.

The statement of activities presents a comparison between program revenues of the Sheriff and the cost of the function. Program revenues are derived directly from Sheriff users as a fee for services. Revenues that are not classified as program revenues, including taxes, are presented as general revenues.

Fund Financial Statements

The accounts of the Sheriff are organized and operated on the basis of funds. A fund is an independent fiscal and accounting entity with a separate set of self-balancing accounts. Fund accounting segregates funds according to their intended purpose and is used to aid management in demonstrating compliance with finance-related legal and contractual provisions. The minimum number of funds is maintained consistently with legal and managerial requirements.

The various funds of the Sheriff are all classified as governmental. The emphasis on fund financial statements is on major governmental funds. A fund is considered major if it is the primary operating fund of the Sheriff, if management chooses to define a particular fund as major, or meets the following criteria:

- a. Total assets, liabilities, revenues, or expenditures/expenses of that individual governmental or enterprise fund are at least 10

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percent of the corresponding total for all funds of that category or type; and

- b. Total assets, liabilities, revenues, or expenditures/expenses of the individual governmental or enterprise fund are at least 5 percent of the corresponding total for all governmental and enterprise funds combined.

The funds of the Sheriff considered to be major funds are described below:

Governmental Funds –

General Fund

The General Fund, as provided by Louisiana Revised Statute 33:1422, is the principal fund of the Sheriff's office and accounts for and reports all operations of the Sheriff's office not accounted for and reported in another fund. The Sheriff's primary sources of revenue are an ad valorem tax levied by the law enforcement district, sales and use tax of one-half percent (.5%), and fees for feeding and keeping prisoners. Other sources of revenue include video poker revenue, state revenue sharing, state supplemental pay for deputies, civil and criminal fees, and fees for court attendance and maintenance of prisoners. General operating expenditures are paid from this fund.

911 Communications District Special Revenue Fund

This special revenue fund accounts for the operation of the communications district which was established to implement and administer the conventional and wireless 911 emergency telephone system. The system is financed by user fees assessed on customers' telephone service. Expenditures for this system are paid from this fund.

The Sheriff also reports the following:

Fiduciary Funds –

Fiduciary funds are used to report assets held in a trustee or custodial capacity for others and therefore are not available to support the Sheriff programs. The Sheriff has adopted GASBS No. 84 for the reporting and classification of its fiduciary activities. Fiduciary reporting focus is on net position and changes in net position.

The Sheriff's fiduciary funds are presented in the fiduciary fund financial statements by type (custodial). Because by definition these assets are being held for the benefit of a third party (other local governments, private parties, etc.) and cannot be used to address activities or obligations of the government, these funds are not incorporated into the government-wide statements. The individual custodial funds used by the Sheriff for the year ended June 30, 2025 are as follows:



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Civil Fund – To account for funds held in connection with civil suits, Sheriff's sales and garnishments and payment of these collections to the Sheriff's General Fund and other recipients in accordance with applicable laws.

Tax Collector Fund – Article V, Section 27 of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974, provides that the Sheriff will serve as the collector of state and parish ad valorem taxes and fees. The Tax Collector Fund is used to collect and distribute these taxes and fees to the appropriate taxing bodies.

Bonds and Fines Fund – To account for the collection of bonds, fines, installment fines, and costs and payment of these collections to the Sheriff's General Fund and other recipients in accordance with applicable laws.

Inmate Trust Fund – To account for the deposits made by, and for, inmates to their individual accounts and the appropriate disbursements to these inmates.

Inmate Welfare Fund – To account for funds confiscated from inmates and used for the general welfare of the inmates as a whole.

C. Measurement Focus/Basis of Accounting

Measurement focus is a term used to describe "which" transactions are recorded within the various financial statements. Basis of accounting refers to "when" transactions are recorded regardless of the measurement focus applied.

Measurement Focus

In the government-wide statement of net position and the statement of activities, governmental activities are presented using the economic resources measurement focus. The accounting objectives of this measurement focus are the determination of operating income, changes in net position (or cost recovery), financial position, and cash flows. All assets and liabilities (whether current or noncurrent) associated with their activities are reported.

In the fund financial statements, the current financial resources measurement focus is used. Only current financial assets and liabilities are generally included on their balance sheets. Their operating statements present sources and uses of available spendable financial resources during a given period. These funds use fund balance as their measure of available spendable financial resources at the end of the period.

Basis of Accounting

In the government-wide statement of net position and statement of activities, governmental activities are presented using the accrual basis of accounting. Under the accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recorded when the liability is incurred or economic asset used. Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities and deferred inflows of resources resulting from exchange and exchange-like transactions are recognized when



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the exchange takes place. Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities and deferred inflows of resources resulting from nonexchange transactions are recognized in accordance with the requirements of GASB Statement No. 33 "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Nonexchange Transactions."

In the fund financial statements, governmental funds are presented on the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under this modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when "measurable and available." Measurable means knowing or being able to reasonably estimate the amount. Available means collectible within 60 days of the end of the fiscal year. For revenue recognition as it relates to federal awards, available means collectible within 12 months of the end of the fiscal year. Expenditures (including capital outlay) are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for general obligation bond principal and interest which are reported when due. When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the Sheriff's policy to use restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources as they are needed.

D. Assets, Deferred Outflows, Liabilities, Deferred Inflows, and Equity

Cash and interest-bearing deposits

For purposes of the Statement of Net Position, cash and interest-bearing deposits include all demand accounts, savings accounts, and certificates of deposits of the Sheriff.

Investments

In accordance with Louisiana R.S. 49:327(D), those funds determined by the Sheriff to be in excess of immediate needs shall be available for investment. The Sheriff's investments, which consist of U.S. Treasury securities and repurchase agreements, are stated at amortized cost (since maturities are less than 1 year when purchased). Amortized cost is net of the amortized premium or discount associated with the U.S. Treasury securities and repurchase agreements. The premium or discount is amortized over the term of the security. Interest income is accrued when earned.

The Sheriff also invests in interest-bearing securities with the Louisiana Asset Management Pool (LAMP), which are stated at cost. An investment in the amount of \$1,013,529 at June 30, 2025 is deposited in LAMP, a local government investment pool. In accordance with GASB Codification Section 150.165, the investment in LAMP is not categorized into the three risk categories provided by GASB Codification Section 150.164 because the investment is in the pool of funds and thereby not evidenced by securities that exist in physical or book entry form. LAMP is administered by LAMP, Inc., a non-profit corporation organized under the laws of the State of Louisiana, and is governed by a board of directors comprised of representatives from various local governments and statewide professional organizations. Only local governments having contracted to participate in LAMP have an investment interest in its pool of assets. The primary objective of LAMP is to

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provide a safe environment for the placement of public funds in short-term, high quality investments. The LAMP portfolio includes only securities and other obligations in which local governments in Louisiana are authorized to invest. Accordingly, LAMP investments are restricted to securities issued, guaranteed, or backed by the U.S. Treasury, the U.S. government, or one of its agencies, enterprises, or instrumentalities, as well as repurchase agreements collateralized by those securities. The dollar weighted average portfolio maturity of LAMP assets is restricted to not more than 90 days, and consists of no securities with a maturity in excess of 397 days. LAMP is designed to be highly liquid to give its participants immediate access to their account balances. LAMP is rated AAAM by Standard & Poor's. Under state law, the Sheriff 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 principal offices in Louisiana.

Interfund receivables and payables

During the course of operations, numerous transactions occur between individual funds that may result in amounts owed between funds. Those related to goods and services type transactions are classified as "due to and from other funds." Short-term interfund loans are reported as "interfund receivables and payables." Long-term interfund loans (noncurrent portion) are reported as "advances from and to other funds." Interfund receivables and payables between funds within governmental activities are eliminated in the Statement of Net Position.

Receivables

In the government-wide statements, receivables consist of all revenues earned at year-end and not yet received.

Capital Assets

The accounting treatment for buildings, improvements and equipment (capital assets) depends on whether they are reported in the government-wide or fund financial statements.

In the government-wide financial statements, capital assets are capitalized at historical cost, or estimated historical cost if actual is unavailable, except for donated fixed assets, which are recorded at their estimated fair value at the date of donation. Interest costs are not capitalized as they relate to fixed assets. The Sheriff's threshold for capitalization is \$5,000.

Depreciation of all exhaustible capital assets is recorded as an allocated expense in the Statement of Activities, with accumulated depreciation reflected in the Statement of Net Position. Depreciation is provided over the assets' estimated useful lives using the straight-line method of depreciation. The range of estimated useful lives by type of asset is as follows:



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Buildings and improvements	20-40 years
Equipment and vehicles	3-10 years

In the fund financial statements, capital assets used in governmental fund operations are accounted for as capital outlay expenditures of the governmental fund upon acquisition.

Compensated Absences

Employees of the Sheriff's office earn from 96 hours to 120 hours per calendar year of vacation leave depending on total years of service and number of hours worked. A maximum of 65 hours of unused accrued vacation time is allowed to be carried over to subsequent years. An amount in excess of 65 hours per employee can be carried over only at the discretion of the Sheriff. Full-time employees earn 96 hours per year of sick leave. Sick leave may be accumulated; however, if an employee resigns or is terminated, the accumulated sick leave is forfeited. Upon retirement, accumulated sick leave in excess of 720 hours shall be paid in biweekly installments. An exception shall be made for retirees who have attained 25 or more years of uninterrupted service with St. Martin Parish Sheriff's Office prior to July 1, 2021. This class of retirees shall be entitled to be paid in biweekly installments for all hours of unused sick leave in excess of 320 hours. In lieu of biweekly installments, a retiree may request a lump sum payment barring any budgetary constraints.

The St. Martin Parish Sheriff adopted GASB Statement 101 (see Note 21). At June 30, 2025, the Sheriff has \$1,106,194 of accumulated leave benefits required to be accrued and reported. This amount consists of both short-term and long-term liabilities in the statement of net position. The short term portion of compensated absences liability is recorded in the governmental fund balance sheet, and is included in other accrued liabilities.

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Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources

In some instances, the GASB requires a government to delay recognition of decreases in net position as expenditures until a future period. In other instances, governments are required to delay recognition of increases in net position as revenues until a future period. In these circumstances, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources result from the delayed recognition of expenditures or revenues, respectively.

Equity Classifications

In the government-wide statements, net position is classified as net assets and displayed in three components:

- a. Net investment in capital assets – Consists of capital assets including restricted capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by the outstanding balances of any bonds, mortgages, notes, or other borrowings and deferred inflows of resources that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets.
- b. Restricted net position – Consists of restricted assets reduced by liabilities and deferred inflows of resources related to those assets. Constraints may be placed on the use, either by (1) external groups, such as creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or (2) law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.
- c. Unrestricted net position – Net amount of the assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources that are not included in either of the other two categories of net position.

In the fund statements, governmental fund equity is classified as fund balance. Fund balances of the governmental funds are classified as follows:

*Nonspendable* – amounts that cannot be spent either because they are in nonspendable form or because they are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.

*Restricted* – amounts that can be spent only for specific purposes because of constitutional provisions or enabling legislation or because of constraints that are externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or the laws or regulations of other governments.

*Committed* – amounts that can be used only for specific purposes determined by a formal action of the Sheriff. The Sheriff is the highest level of decision-making authority for the Sheriff's Office. Commitments may be established, modified, or rescinded only through resolutions approved by the Sheriff.

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*Assigned* – amounts that do not meet the criteria to be classified as restricted or committed but that are intended to be used for specific purposes. Under the Sheriff's adopted policy, only he may assign amounts for specific purposes.

*Unassigned* – all other spendable amounts.

As of June 30, 2025, fund balances are composed of the following:

	General Fund	911 Communications District	Total Governmental Funds
Nonspendable:			
Prepaid items	\$ 343,168	\$ -	\$ 343,168
Inventory	53,085	-	53,085
Restricted			
STAR recovery			
resource program	500,774	-	500,774
Stephensville substation	79,884	-	79,884
Committed:			
Construction of			
training academy	772,937	-	772,937
Assigned:			
911 services	-	1,348,304	1,348,304
Unassigned	<u>12,455,929</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,455,929</u>
Total fund balances	<u>\$ 14,205,777</u>	<u>\$ 1,348,304</u>	<u>\$ 15,554,081</u>

When an expenditure is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted fund balance is available, the Sheriff considers restricted funds to have been spent first. When an expenditure is incurred for which committed, assigned, or unassigned fund balances are available, the Sheriff considers amounts to have been spent first out of committed funds, then assigned funds, and finally unassigned funds, as needed, unless the Sheriff has provided otherwise in his commitment or assignment actions.

E. Prepaid Items

Payments made to vendors for services that will benefit periods beyond June 30, 2025 are recorded as prepaid items. The prepaid items that existed at June 30, 2025 were prepaid insurance and prepaid software and maintenance agreements.



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F. Inventory

The inventory is stated at cost, which is determined by the first-in, first-out method.

G. Revenues and Expenditures

Program Revenues

Program revenues included in the Statement of Activities are derived directly from the program itself or from parties outside the Sheriff's taxpayers or citizenry, as a whole; program revenues reduce the cost of the function to be financed from the Sheriff's general revenues.

Revenues:

- Ad valorem taxes and the related state revenue sharing are recorded in the year taxes are due and payable. See Note (4) which discusses how these taxes are levied and the process of billing taxing bodies.
- Sales taxes are considered as "measurable" when in the hands of the sales tax collector and are recognized as revenue at that time.
- Intergovernmental revenues and fees, charges and commissions for services are recorded when the Sheriff is entitled to the funds.
- Interest on interest-bearing deposits is recorded or accrued as revenue when earned.
- Substantially all other revenues are recorded when received.

Grant Revenue

In general, grants received by the Sheriff are reimbursable type grants, and revenues are recognized as earned only when the expenditures to be reimbursed have been incurred.

Other Financing Sources

Transfers between funds that are not expected to be repaid are accounted for as other financing sources (uses) when the transfer is authorized by the Sheriff.

Expenditures

The Sheriff's primary expenditures include salaries and related benefits, which are recorded when the liability is incurred. Capital expenditures and purchases of various operating supplies are recorded as expenditures at the time purchased.

H. Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (generally accepted

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accounting principles) requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

(2) Cash and Interest-Bearing Deposits

Under state law, the Sheriff may deposit funds within a fiscal agent bank organized under the laws of the State of Louisiana, the laws of any other state in the Union, or the laws of the United States. The Sheriff may invest in certificates and time deposits of state banks organized under Louisiana law and national banks having principal offices in Louisiana. At June 30, 2025, the Sheriff has cash and interest-bearing deposits (book balances) totaling \$11,103,271 of which \$1,255,205 is attributable to fiduciary funds, which is not presented in the statement of net position.

Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that in the event of the failure of a depository financial institution, the Sheriff's deposits may not be recovered, or the Sheriff will not be able to recover the collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. 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 pledging financial institution. The market value of the pledged securities plus the federal deposit insurance must at all times equal the amount on deposit with the financial institution. These securities are held in the name of the pledging financial institution in a holding or custodial bank that is mutually acceptable to both parties. Deposit balances (bank balances) at June 30, 2025 are secured as follows:

Bank balances	<u>\$ 11,637,351</u>
At June 30, 2025 the deposits are secured as follows:	
Federal deposit insurance	\$ 1,931,740
Pledged securities	<u>9,705,611</u>
Total	<u>\$ 11,637,351</u>

Deposits in the amount of \$9,705,611 were exposed to custodial credit risk. These deposits are uninsured and collateralized with securities held by the pledging institution's trust department, but not in the Sheriff's name. The Sheriff does not have a policy for custodial credit risk.



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(3) Investments

Funds in the amount of \$4,617,024 are deposited at Edward Jones. These funds are permitted to be invested as outlined in Louisiana Revised Statute 33:2955.

As of June 30, 2025, the balance at Edward Jones was comprised of cash of \$36,253 (presented in cash and interest-bearing deposits), and an investment in mutual funds of \$4,580,771 comprised of U.S. Government securities and repurchase agreements that are fully collateralized. The Sheriff may purchase and redeem shares of the mutual funds on any business day.

The credit rate risk and concentration of credit risk is managed by adherence to R.S. 33:2955.

The custodial credit risk for investments is the risk, in the event of the failure of the counterparty (e.g., broker-dealer) to a transaction, the Sheriff will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in the possession of another party.

The Sheriff had one investment which GASB Statement No. 31 applied. This investment was an investment in LAMP. GASB Statement No. 31 requires that investments that fall within the definitions of said statement be recorded at fair value. However, Statement No. 31 also states that investments in an external investment pool operates in a manner consistent with the Security Exchange Commission's (SEC's) Rule 2a7. LAMP is an external investment pool that operates in a manner consistent with SEC Rule 2a7. LAMP is also regulated by the Treasury of the State of Louisiana and fair value of the position in the pool is the same as the value of pool shares.

At June 30, 2025, the Sheriff's investment, at cost, is \$1,013,529. The amortized cost of this investment at June 30, 2025 was also \$1,013,529.

The Sheriff does not have a formally adopted investment policy that addresses interest rate, custodial credit risk, or credit rate risk.

(4) Ad Valorem Taxes

The Sheriff is the ex-officio tax collector of the parish and is responsible for the collection and distribution of ad valorem property taxes. Ad valorem taxes attach as an enforceable lien on property as of January 1, of each year. Taxes are levied by the taxing bodies in June and are actually billed to the taxpayers by the Sheriff in October. Billed taxes are due by December 31, becoming delinquent on January 1 of the following year. The taxes are based on assessed values determined by the Tax Assessor of St. Martin Parish and are collected by the Sheriff. The taxes are remitted to the appropriate taxing bodies net of deductions for pension fund contributions.

Ad valorem taxes are budgeted and recorded in the year levied and billed. For the year ended June 30, 2025, law enforcement taxes applicable to the Sheriff's General Fund, were levied at the rate of 17.91 mills on property with assessed valuations totaling \$521,135,772.

Total law enforcement taxes levied during 2025 were \$9,333,554.

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(5) Due from Other Governmental Units and Others

Amounts due from other governmental units at June 30, 2025, consist of the following:

Maintenance of prisoners	\$ 204,076
Federal grants	2,686
State, parish, and local contracts	149,999
Video poker revenue	302,706
Court attendance, civil fees, bond fees, etc.	3,832
Salary reimbursements	157,577
Pay telephone commissions	4,787
Other sources	160,982
Totals	<u>\$ 986,645</u>

(6) Capital Assets

Capital asset activity for the year ended June 30, 2025 was as follows:

	Balance 07/01/24	Additions	Deletions	Balance 06/30/25
Governmental activities:				
Non-depreciable assets:				
Land	\$ 1,153,593	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,153,593
Construction in progress	721,407	1,941,485	(721,407)	1,941,485
Non-depreciable assets, total	<u>1,875,000</u>	<u>1,941,485</u>	<u>(721,407)</u>	<u>3,095,078</u>
Depreciable assets:				
Buildings and improvements	14,752,769	823,416	-	15,576,185
Equipment and vehicles	12,267,643	1,270,572	(890,511)	12,647,704
Depreciable assets, total	<u>27,020,412</u>	<u>2,093,988</u>	<u>(890,511)</u>	<u>28,223,889</u>
Less: accumulated depreciation				
Buildings and improvements	(4,605,649)	(385,652)	-	(4,991,301)
Equipment and vehicles	(7,905,490)	(1,277,743)	643,713	(8,539,520)
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>(12,511,139)</u>	<u>(1,663,395)</u>	<u>643,713</u>	<u>(13,530,821)</u>
Depreciable assets, net	<u>14,509,273</u>	<u>430,593</u>	<u>(246,798)</u>	<u>14,693,068</u>
Intangible right of use assets:				
Subscription asset	782,340	-	-	782,340
Less: accumulated amortization	(260,780)	(156,468)	-	(417,248)
Intangible right to use asset, net	<u>521,560</u>	<u>(156,468)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>365,092</u>
Governmental activities, capital assets, net	<u>\$ 16,905,833</u>	<u>\$ 2,215,610</u>	<u>\$ (968,205)</u>	<u>\$ 18,153,238</u>



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Depreciation expense was charged to governmental activities as operations and maintenance in the amount of \$1,663,395. Amortization expense was charged to governmental activities as operations and maintenance in the amount of \$156,468.

(7) Leases

In the year ended June 30, 2024, the Sheriff entered into a lease agreement with the Louisiana State Police which allowed the Louisiana State Police to occupy Jail II and related Substation facility for a period of five years from March 21, 2024 through March 20, 2029. The lease agreement calls for total payments to be \$1,737,050, which includes: an initial payment of \$9,650 in March 2024, fifty-nine monthly payments of \$28,951 per month beginning April 2024, and a final payment of \$19,291 in March 2029. Total lease payments received by the Sheriff for the year ended June 30, 2025 totaled \$347,410. The facility has a cost of \$990,711, accumulated depreciation of \$749,118, and a carrying value of \$241,593.

The Sheriff recognized a lease receivable at June 30, 2025 in the amount of \$1,115,168. Measurement of the lease receivable was determined based on the present value of payments expected to be received during the lease term discounted at a 8.00% interest rate, which is an estimated incremental borrowing rate. The Sheriff also recognized a deferred inflow of resources in the amount of \$1,115,168 which was calculated on the same basis as the lease receivable.

The Sheriff recognized interest income in the amount of \$100,062 related to this lease for the year ended June 30, 2025. The remaining payments until the end of the lease term are as follows:

Year Ending			
June 30	Principal	Interest	Total
2026	\$ 267,877	\$ 79,533	\$ 347,410
2027	290,111	57,299	347,410
2028	314,190	33,220	347,410
2029	242,990	7,917	250,907
	<u>\$ 1,115,168</u>	<u>\$ 177,969</u>	<u>\$ 1,293,137</u>

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(8) Subscription Based Information Technology Arrangement

In the year ended June 30, 2023, the Sheriff entered into a subscription-based information technology arrangement (SBITA) with Motorola for the storage of body camera footage. The SBITA is for a period of five years from October 28, 2022 through October 28, 2027. The agreement calls for total subscription payments of \$889,835. These subscription payments include an initial payment of \$300,000 in fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, and four subsequent annual payments of \$147,459 in fiscal years ending June 30, 2024 through June 30, 2027.

The Sheriff recognized a right to use subscription asset and subscription liability at June 30, 2023 in the amount of \$782,340. Measurement of such was determined based on the present value of subscription payments expected to be made during the subscription term discounted at a 5.83% interest rate, which is an estimated incremental borrowing rate. The Sheriff made payments in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025 toward the subscription liability in the amount of \$117,553.

The remaining payments for the subscription liability are as follows:

June 30	Principal	Interest	Total
2026	\$ 256,066	\$ 38,851	\$ 294,917
2027	139,336	8,124	147,460
	<u>\$ 395,402</u>	<u>\$ 46,975</u>	<u>\$ 442,377</u>

The asset is amortized in a systematic and rational manner over the subscription term. See note 6 for the accumulated amortization of the right to use subscription asset.

(9) Pension Plan / GASB 68

For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the Sheriffs' Pension and Relief Fund (Fund) and additions to/deductions from the Fund's fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the Fund. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

Summary of Significant Accounting Policies:

The Sheriffs' Pension and Relief Fund prepares its employer schedules in accordance with Governmental Accounting Statement No. 68 – *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions – an amendment of GASB Statement No. 27*. GASB Statement No. 68 established standards for measuring and recognizing liabilities, deferred outflows of resources, deferred inflows of resources, and expenses/expenditures. It also provides methods and assumptions that should be used to project benefit payments, discount projected benefit payments to their actuarial present value and attribute



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that present value to periods of employee service. It also provides methods to calculate participating employer's proportionate share of net pension liability, deferred inflows, deferred outflows, pension expense and amortization periods for deferred inflows and deferred outflows.

Basis of Accounting:

The Sheriffs' Pension and Relief Fund's employer pension schedules were prepared using the accrual basis of accounting. Employer contributions, for which the employer allocations are based, are recognized in the period in which the employee is compensated for services performed.

Fund Employees:

The Fund is not allocated a proportionate share of the net pension liability related to its employees. The net pension liability attributed to the Fund's employees is allocated to the remaining employers based on their respective employer allocation percentage.

Plan Fiduciary Net Position:

Plan fiduciary net position is a significant component of the Fund's collective net pension liability. The Fund's plan fiduciary net position was determined using the accrual basis of accounting. The Fund's assets, liabilities, revenues, and expenses were recorded with the use of estimates and assumptions in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Such estimates primarily relate to unsettled transactions and events as of the date of the financial statements and estimates over the determination of the fair market value of the Fund's investments. Accordingly, actual results may differ from estimated amounts.

Plan Description:

The Sheriffs' Pension and Relief Fund (Fund) is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan established in accordance with the provisions of Louisiana Revised Statute 11:2171 to provide retirement, disability, and survivor benefits to employees of sheriff's offices throughout the State of Louisiana, employees of the Louisiana Sheriffs' Association, and the Sheriffs' Pension and Relief Fund's office.

The Fund was established for the purpose of providing retirement benefits for employees of sheriffs' offices throughout the State of Louisiana, employees of the Louisiana Sheriffs' Association, and the employees of the Fund. The projection of benefit payments in the calculation of the total pension liability includes all benefits to be provided to current active and inactive employees through the Fund in accordance with the benefit terms and any additional legal agreements to provide benefits that are in force at the measurement date.

The following is a description of the plan and its benefits and is provided for general information purposes only. Participants should refer to the appropriate statutes for more complete information.

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Retirement Benefits

Members who become eligible for membership on or before December 31, 2011, may retire at age fifty-five with twelve years of creditable service or may retire at any age with thirty years of service. The retirement allowance is equal to three and one-third percent of the member's average final compensation multiplied by his years of creditable service, not to exceed (after reduction for optional payment form) 100% of average final compensation. Active, contributing members with at least ten years of creditable service may retire at age sixty. The accrued normal retirement benefit is reduced actuarially for each month or fraction thereof that retirement begins prior to the member's earliest normal retirement date assuming continuous service.

Members whose first employment began on or after January 1, 2012, may retire at age sixty-two with twelve years of creditable service, or may retire at age sixty with twenty years of creditable service, or may retire at age fifty-five with thirty years of creditable service. The benefit accrual rate for such members with less than thirty years of service is three percent; for members with thirty or more years of service the accrual rate is three and one-third percent. The retirement allowance is equal to the benefit accrual rate times the member's average final compensation multiplied by his years of creditable service, not to exceed (after reduction for optional payment form) 100% of average final compensation. Members with twenty or more years of service may retire with a reduced retirement at age fifty.

A member whose first employment began on or before June 30, 2006, final average compensation is based on the average monthly earnings during the highest thirty-six consecutive months or joined months if service was interrupted. The earnings to be considered for each twelve-month period within the thirty-six month period shall not exceed 125% of the preceding twelve-month period.

A member whose first employment began after June 30, 2006 and before July 1, 2013, final average compensation is based on the average monthly earnings during the highest sixty consecutive months or joined months if service was interrupted. The earnings to be considered for each twelve-month period within the sixty-month period shall not exceed 125% of the preceding twelve-month period.

A member whose first employment began on or after July 1, 2013, final average compensation is based on the average monthly earnings during the highest sixty consecutive months or joined months if service was interrupted. The earnings to be considered for each twelve-month period within the sixty-month period shall not exceed 115% of the preceding twelve-month period.

Disability Benefits

A member is eligible to receive disability benefits if he has at least ten years of creditable service when a non-service related disability is incurred; there are no service requirements for a service related disability. Disability benefits shall be the lesser of 1) a sum equal to the greatest of 45% of final average compensation or the member's accrued retirement benefit at the time of termination of employment due to disability, or 2) the retirement benefit which would be payable assuming continued service to the earliest normal retirement age. Members who become partially disabled receive 75% of the amount payable for total disability.



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Survivor Benefits

Survivor benefits for death solely as a result of injuries received in the line of duty are based on the following: for a spouse alone, a sum equal to 50% of the member's final average compensation with a minimum of \$150 per month. If a spouse is entitled to benefits and has a child or children under eighteen years of age (or over said age if physically or mentally incapacitated and dependent upon the member at the time of his death), an additional sum of 15% of the member's final average compensation is paid to each child with total benefits paid to spouse and children not to exceed 100%. If a member dies with no surviving spouse, surviving children under age eighteen will receive monthly benefits of 15% of the member's final average compensation up to a maximum of 60% of final average compensation if there are more than four children. If a member is eligible for normal retirement at the time of death, the surviving spouse receives an automatic Option 2 benefit. The additional benefit payable to children shall be the same as those available for members who die in the line of duty. In lieu of receiving Option 2 benefit, the surviving spouse may receive a refund of the member's accumulated contributions. All benefits payable to surviving children shall be extended through age twenty-three, if the child is a full-time student in good standing enrolled at a board approved or accredited school, college, or university.

Deferred Benefits

The Fund does provide for deferred benefits for vested members who terminate before being eligible for retirement. Benefits become payable once the member reaches the appropriate age for retirement.

Back Deferred Retirement Option Plan (Back-DROP):

For members retiring before July 1, 2001 in lieu of terminating employment and accepting a service retirement, members can elect to participate in the Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP). Upon entering the DROP, employee and employer contributions cease. The monthly retirement benefit that would have been paid if the member ceased employment is deposited into the DROP account for up to three years. Funds held in the DROP account earn interest and can be disbursed to the member upon request. Effective July 1, 2001, the Back-DROP program replaced the DROP program. In lieu of receiving a service retirement allowance, any member of the Fund who has more than sufficient service for a regular service retirement may make a one-time irrevocable election to receive a "Back-DROP" benefit. A member elects Back-DROP at the time of separation from employment (retirement). The Back-DROP benefit is based on the Back-DROP period selected and the final average compensation prior to the period selected. The Back-DROP period is the lesser of three years or the service time accrued between when a member first becomes eligible for retirement and his actual date of retirement. For those individuals with thirty or more years, the Back-DROP period is the lesser of four years or service time accrued between when a member becomes eligible for retirement and his actual date of retirement. A member's Back-DROP benefit is the maximum monthly retirement benefit multiplied by the number of months in the Back-DROP period. In addition, the member's Back-DROP account will be credited with employee contributions received by the Fund during the Back-DROP period. The member's DROP and Back-DROP balances left on deposit are managed by a third party, fixed income investment manager. Participants have the option to opt out of this program and take a lump sum distribution, if eligible, annuitize all or a portion of the Back-DROP balance, or to rollover the assets to another qualified plan.



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Permanent Benefit Increases / Cost-of-Living Adjustments

As fully described in Title 11 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes, the Fund allows for the payment of permanent benefit increases, also known as cost-of-living adjustments (COLAs), which are funded through investment earnings when recommended by the Board of Trustees and approved by the State Legislature. Cost-of-living provisions for the Fund allows the board of trustees to provide an annual cost of living increase of 2.5% of the eligible retiree's original benefit if certain funding criteria are met. Members are eligible to receive a cost-of-living adjustment once they have attained the age of sixty and have been retired at least one year. Funding criteria for granting cost-of-living adjustments is dependent on the funded ratio.

Employer Contributions:

According to state statute, contribution requirements for all employers are actuarially determined each fiscal year. For the year ending June 30, 2024, the actual employer contribution rate was 11.50% with an additional 0% allocated from the Funding Deposit Account.

In accordance with state statute, the Fund also receives ad valorem taxes, insurance premium taxes, and state revenue sharing funds. These additional sources of income are used as employer contributions and are considered support from non-employer contributing entities but are not considered special funding situations. Non-employer contributions are recognized as revenue and excluded from pension expense. Non-employer contributions for the year ended June 30, 2025, were \$611,545.

Schedule of Employer Allocations:

The schedule of employer allocations reports the historical employer contributions in addition to the employer allocation percentages for each participating employer. The historical employer contributions are used to determine the proportionate relationship of each employer to all employers of Sheriffs' Pension and Relief Fund. The employer's proportion was determined on a basis that is consistent with the manner in which contributions to the pension plan are determined. The allocation percentages were used in calculating each employer's proportionate share of the pension amounts.

The allocation method used in determining each employer's proportion was based on each employer's contributions to the Fund during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024 as compared to the total of all employers' contributions received by the Fund during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024.

Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, Deferred Outflows of Resources, and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions:

At June 30, 2025, the Sheriff reported a liability of \$6,902,759 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2024 and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The Sheriff's proportion of the net pension liability was based on a projection of the Sheriff's long-term share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating employers, actuarially determined. At June 30, 2024, the Sheriff's proportion was 1.142438%, which was a decrease of 0.010895% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2023.

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For the year ended June 30, 2025, the Sheriff recognized pension expense of \$2,175,711 plus employer's amortization of change in proportionate share and differences between employer contributions and proportionate share of contributions, \$2,757.

At June 30, 2025, the Sheriff reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experiences	\$ 1,370,619	\$ 156,757
Changes of assumptions	349,984	-
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	-	651,260
Change in proportion and differences between employer contributions and proportionate share of contributions	101,546	96,388
Employer contributions subsequent to the measurement date	<u>1,136,420</u>	<u>-</u>
Total	<u>\$ 2,958,569</u>	<u>\$ 904,405</u>

Deferred outflows of resources of \$1,136,420 related to pensions resulting from the Sheriff's contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended June 30, 2026. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Fiscal Year Ended	
2026	\$ 202,773
2027	1,735,283
2028	(452,790)
2029	<u>(567,522)</u>
	<u>\$ 917,744</u>

Actuarial Assumptions:

The net pension liability was measured as the portion of the present value of projected benefit payments to be provided through the pension plan to current active and inactive employees



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that is attributed to those employees' past periods of service, less the amount of the pension plan's fiduciary net position.

A summary of the actuarial methods and assumptions used in determining the total pension liability as of June 30, 2024 are as follows:

Valuation Date	June 30, 2024
Actuarial Cost Method	Entry Age Normal Cost
Actuarial Assumptions:	
Investment Rate of Return (Discount Rate)	6.85%, net of pension plan investment expense, including inflation
Projected Salary Increases	5.00% (2.50% inflation, 2.50% merit)
Mortality Rates	<p>Pub-2010 Public Retirement Plans Mortality Table for Safety Below-Median Employees multiplied by 120% for males and 115% for females for active members, each with full generational projection using the appropriate MP2019 scale.</p> <p>Pub-2010 Public Retirement Plans Mortality Table for Safety Below-Median Healthy Retirees multiplied by 120% for males and 115% for females for annuitants and beneficiaries, each with full generational projection using the appropriate MP2019 scale.</p> <p>Pub-2010 Public Retirement Plans Mortality Table for Safety Disabled Retirees multiplied by 120% for males and 115% for females for disabled retirees, each with full generational projection using the appropriate MP2019 scale.</p>
Expected Remaining Service Lives	<p>2024 - 5 years</p> <p>2023 - 5 years</p> <p>2022 - 5 years</p> <p>2021 - 5 years</p> <p>2020 - 6 years</p> <p>2019 - 6 years</p>
Cost of Living Adjustments	The present value of future retirement benefits is based on benefits currently being paid by the Fund and includes previously granted cost-of-living increases. The present values do not include provisions for potential future increases not yet authorized by the Board of Trustees as they were deemed not to be substantively automatic.



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The mortality rate assumptions were set after reviewing an experience study performed over the period July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2019. The data was then assigned credibility weighting and combined with a standard table to produce current levels of mortality. This mortality was then projected forward to a period equivalent to the estimated duration of the Fund's liabilities. Annuity values calculated based on this mortality were compared to those produced by using a setback of standard tables. The result of the procedure indicated that these tables would produce liability values approximating the appropriate generational mortality tables used.

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation.

Estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class based on the Fund's target asset allocation as on June 30, 2024 were as follows:

Asset Class	Expected Rate of Return		
	Target Asset Allocation	Real Return Arithmetic Basis	Long-term Expected Portfolio Real Rate of Return
Equity Securities	62%	6.95%	4.29%
Fixed Income	25%	5.40%	1.33%
Alternative Investments	13%	6.31%	0.82%
Totals	100%		6.44%
Inflation			2.51%
Expected Arithmetic Nominal Return			8.95%

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 6.85%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from plan members will be made at the current contribution rates and that contributions from participating employers and non-employer contributing entities will be made at the actuarially determined rates approved by PRSAC taking into consideration the recommendation of the Fund's actuary. Based on those assumptions, the Fund's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

Sensitivity of the employer's proportionate share of the net pension liability to changes in the discount rate:

The following presents the employer's proportionate share of the net pension liability using the discount rate of 6.85%, as well as what the employer's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage-point lower (5.85%) or one percentage-point higher (7.85%) than the current rate as of June 30, 2025:

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	Changes in Discount Rate		
	Current		
	1.0% Decrease 5.85%	Discount Rate 6.85%	1.0% Increase 7.85%
Employer's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 14,945,928	\$ 6,902,759	\$ 194,979

Changes in Net Pension Liability:

The changes in the net pension liability for the year ended June 30, 2025 were recognized in the current reporting period except as follows:

- a. Differences between expected and actual experience: The differences between expected and actual experience with regard to economic or demographic factors in the measurement of the total pension liability were recognized in pension expense using the straight-line amortization method over a closed period equal to the average of the expected remaining service lives of all employees that are provided with pensions through the pension plan. The difference between expected and actual experience resulted in deferred outflows of resources in the amount of \$1,370,619 and in a deferred inflows of resources in the amount of \$156,757 for the year ended June 30, 2025.
- b. Changes of assumptions: The changes of assumptions about future economic or demographic factors or of other inputs were recognized in pension expense using the straight-line amortization method over a closed period equal to the average of the expected remaining service lives of all employees that are provided with pensions through the pension plan. The changes of assumptions or other inputs resulted in a deferred outflow of resources in the amount of \$349,984 for the year ended June 30, 2025.
- c. Differences between projected and actual investment earnings: Differences between projected and actual investment earnings on pension plan investments were recognized in pension expense using the straight-line amortization method over a closed five-year period. The differences between projected and actual investment earnings resulted in a deferred inflow of resources in the amount of \$651,260 for the year ended June 30, 2025.
- d. Change in proportion: Changes in the employer's proportionate shares of the collective net pension liability and collective deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources since the prior measurement date were recognized in the employer's pension expense (benefit) using the straight-line amortization method over a closed period equal to the average of the expected remaining service lives of all employees that are provided pensions through the pension plan. The change in proportion resulted in a deferred outflow of resources in the amount of \$101,546 and in a deferred inflow of resources in the amount of \$96,388 for the year ended June 30, 2025.



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Contributions - Proportionate Share:

Differences between contributions remitted to the Fund and the employer's proportionate share are recognized in pension expense (benefit) using the straight-line amortization method over a closed period equal to the average of the expected remaining service lives of all employees that are provided with a pension through the pension plan. The resulting deferred inflow/outflow and amortization is not reflected in the schedule of employer amounts due to differences that could arise between contributions reported by the Fund and contributions reported by the participating employer.

Estimates:

The process of preparing the schedule of employer allocations and schedule of pension amounts in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires the use of estimates and assumptions regarding certain types of assets, liabilities, revenues, and expenses. Accordingly, actual results may differ from estimated amounts.

Retirement Fund Audit Report:

The Sheriffs' Pension and Relief Fund has issued a stand-alone audit report on their financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2024. Access to the report can be found on the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's website, [www.la.la.gov](http://www.la.la.gov).

(10) Changes in Long-Term Debt

The following is a summary of long-term debt transactions of the St. Martin Parish Sheriff for the year ended June 30, 2025. The financed purchase liability and subscription liability relate to governmental activities, and the payments are made from the general fund.

	<u>Financed Purchase Liability</u>	<u>Subscription Liability</u>	<u>Total</u>
Long-term debt at June 30, 2024	\$ 52,667	\$ 512,955	\$ 565,622
Debt retired	<u>(52,667)</u>	<u>(117,553)</u>	<u>(170,220)</u>
Long-term debt at June 30, 2025	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 395,402</u>	<u>\$ 395,402</u>



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Long-term debt at June 30, 2025 is comprised of the following:

Equipment Financed Purchase Liability:

\$234,079 financed purchase on taser packages for police officers due in annual installments of \$23,411 for the first payment, and \$52,667 for the remaining four payments; from December 2, 2020 to December 2, 2024

\$ -

Subscription Liability:

\$782,340 subscription liability for the storage of body camera footage due in annual installments of \$300,000 for the first payment and four subsequent payments of \$147,459; from October 2022 through October 2026

\$ 395,402

The annual requirements to amortize all debt outstanding at June 30, 2025 are as follows:

<u>Year Ending</u> <u>June 30</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2026	\$ 256,066	\$ 38,851	\$ 294,917
2027	<u>139,336</u>	<u>8,124</u>	<u>147,460</u>
Totals	<u>\$ 395,402</u>	<u>\$ 46,975</u>	<u>\$ 442,377</u>

(11) Litigation and Claims

At June 30, 2025, the Sheriff is involved in several lawsuits claiming damages. Management is of the opinion that insurance coverage should be adequate to cover most monetary damages. A liability has been accrued at June 30, 2025 in the amount of \$87,697 (included in other accrued liabilities balance), which represents additional anticipated out-of-pocket costs.

(12) Expenditures of the Sheriff's Office Paid by the Parish Council

The cost of maintaining and operating the Sheriff's office building, as required by statute, is paid by the St. Martin Parish Government. These expenditures are not included in the accompanying financial statements.

(13) Risk Management

The Sheriff is exposed to risks of loss in the areas of general and auto liability, property hazards, and workers' compensation. Those risks, with the exception of workers' compensation, are handled by purchasing commercial insurance. The Sheriff is liable for claims up to \$100,000 per

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incident. The Sheriff's office is considered to be self-insured for workers' compensation. There have been no significant reductions in insurance coverage during the current fiscal year nor have settlements exceeded coverage during the preceding two years. There were three settlements during the year ended June 30, 2025.

(14) Health Care Liability

The Sheriff established a limited risk management program for group hospitalization insurance, effective July 1, 2011. The Sheriff hired UMR as administrator for this program.

The General Fund of the Sheriff recognizes the assets, liabilities, revenues and expenditures of the group hospitalization insurance plan. The claims liability of \$254,416 (included in other accrued liabilities balance) reported in the general fund at June 30, 2025, is based on the loss that is probable to have existed at the date of the financial statements and the amount of the loss that can be reasonably reduced by estimated insurance reimbursements. The Sheriff currently does not discount its claims liabilities.

A reconciliation of changes in liabilities is as follows:

	Balance at Beginning of Fiscal Year	Claims and Changes in Estimates	Benefit Payments and Claims	Balance at Fiscal Year-End
Group hospitalization				
2022-2023	\$ 238,870	2,955,383	(2,955,657)	\$ 238,596
2023-2024	\$ 238,596	3,399,159	(3,529,966)	\$ 107,789
2024-2025	\$ 107,789	3,635,101	(3,488,474)	\$ 254,416

(15) Interfund Transactions

A. Receivables and Payables

Interfund receivables and payables consisted of the following at June 30, 2025:

	Receivables	Payables
Major Funds:		
Governmental Funds:		
General Fund	\$ 62,214	\$ -
911 Communications District	-	62,214
Total	\$ 62,214	\$ 62,214

Operating expenses had not yet been reimbursed at year-end, causing the balances noted above. These reimbursements are expected to be made within the next fiscal year.



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(16) Other Post-Retirement Health Care and Life Insurance Benefits / GASB 75

*Plan description* –The St. Martin Parish Sheriff's Office (the Sheriff) provides certain continuing health care and life insurance benefits for its retired employees. The St. Martin Parish Sheriff's OPEB Plan (the OPEB Plan) is a single-employer defined benefit OPEB plan administered by the Sheriff. The authority to establish and/or amend the obligation of the employer, employees and retirees rests with the Sheriff. No assets are accumulated in a trust that meets the criteria in paragraph 4 of Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 75.

*Benefits provided* – Medical and life insurance benefits are provided through comprehensive plans and are made available to employees upon actual retirement. Employees retirement eligibility (D.R.O.P. entry) provisions are as follows: attainment of 30 years of service at any age, or age 55 and 12 years of service if earlier; or, for employees hired after January 1, 2012, the earliest of age 55 and 30 years of service, age 60 and 20 years of service, and age 62 with 12 years of service. In addition to the retirement eligibility requirements above, the retiree must be age 55 with 15 years of service or any age with 30 years of service (hired before 7/1/2009) or 20 years of service (hired on or after 7/1/2009) with St. Martin Parish Sheriff to be eligible for post-retirement healthcare benefits. Members hired before 1/1/2012 may retire with an actuarially reduced benefit at 60 with 10 years of service.

Louisiana Revised Statute 13:5554 amended the above paragraph to have the sheriff of St. Martin Parish pay out of the sheriff's general fund 50% of the premium costs of group hospital, surgical, and medical expense, and the first ten thousand dollars of life insurance contracted if the sheriff or deputy sheriff retired from the St. Martin Parish Sheriff's Office with twenty years of creditable service with the Louisiana Sheriffs' Pension and Relief Fund. These provisions shall apply to sheriffs and deputy sheriffs hired on or after July 1, 2009, and before July 1, 2022. In addition, LRS 13:5554 was amended to have the sheriff of St. Martin Parish pay out of the sheriff's general fund the premium costs of group insurance for any retired sheriff and any retired deputy sheriff who retired from the St. Martin Parish Sheriff's Office as follows: (a) 50% of the premium costs of group hospital, surgical, and medical expense insurance and ten thousand dollars of life insurance contracted if the sheriff and deputy sheriff retired in good standing with thirty continuous years or more of creditable full-time service with the sheriff's office of St. Martin Parish and is at least fifty-five years of age; (b) 50% of the premium costs of group hospital, surgical, and medical expense insurance and ten thousand dollars of life insurance contracted if the sheriff and deputy sheriff retired in good standing with twenty continuous years of creditable full-time service with the sheriff's office of St. Martin Parish and is at least sixty-five years of age. These provisions shall apply only to persons hired or rehired by the St. Martin Parish Sheriff's Office on or after July 1, 2022, and who subsequently retire from the St. Martin Parish Sheriff's Office.

Life insurance coverage is provided to retirees and 100% of the blended rate (active and retired) for the full amount is paid by the employer for employees hired prior to July 1, 2009, otherwise the employer pays for \$10,000 face amount. The amount of life insurance coverage while active is continued after retirement, but insurance coverage amounts are reduced to 75% of the original amount at age 65 and to 50% of the original amount at age 70.

*Employees Covered by Benefit Terms* – As of the measurement date July 1, 2024, the following employees were covered by the benefit terms:



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Inactive employees or beneficiaries currently receiving benefit payments	77
Inactive members entitled to but not yet receiving benefit payments	-
Active employees	<u>203</u>
<b>Total OPEB Liability</b>	<u><u>280</u></u>

The Sheriff's total OPEB liability of \$13,717,226 was measured as of June 30, 2025, the end of the fiscal year.

*Actuarial Assumptions and Other Inputs* – The total OPEB liability in the June 30, 2025 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions and other inputs, applied to all periods included in the measurement, unless otherwise specified:

Inflation	2.5%
Salary increases	5.0%, including inflation
Discount rate	3.93% annually (Beginning of Year to Determine ADC) 5.20% annually (As of End of Year Measurement Date)
Healthcare cost trend rates	Getzen Model, with initial trend of 6.0%
Mortality	Pub-2010

The discount rate was based on the Bond Buyers' 20 Year General Obligation municipal bond index over the 52 weeks immediately preceding the applicable measurement dates.

The actuarial assumptions used in the July 1, 2024 valuation were based on the results of ongoing evaluations of the assumptions from July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2024.

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**Changes in the Total OPEB Liability**

Balance at June 30, 2024	\$ 16,231,939
Changes for the year:	
Service cost	376,483
Interest	640,721
Differences between expected and actual experience	(626,415)
Changes in assumptions	(2,289,367)
Benefit payments, net transfers, and direct expenses	(616,135)
Net changes	<u>(2,514,713)</u>
Balance at June 30, 2025	<u>\$ 13,717,226</u>

*Sensitivity of the Total OPEB Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate* – The following presents the total OPEB liability of the Sheriff, as well as what the Sheriff's total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (4.20%) or 1-percentage-point higher (6.20%) than the current discount rate:

	1.0% Decrease 4.20%	Current Discount Rate 5.20%	1.0% Increase 6.20%
Total OPEB liability	<u>\$ 15,675,709</u>	<u>\$ 13,717,226</u>	<u>\$ 12,107,571</u>

*Sensitivity of the Total OPEB Liability to Changes in the Healthcare Cost Trend Rates* – The following presents the total OPEB liability of the Sheriff, as well as what the Sheriff's total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using healthcare cost trend rates that are 1-percentage-point lower (5.0%) or 1-percentage-point higher (7.0%) than the current healthcare trend rates:

	1.0% Decrease 5.0%	Current Trend Rate 6.0%	1.0% Increase 7.0%
Total OPEB liability	<u>\$ 12,223,519</u>	<u>\$ 13,717,226</u>	<u>\$ 15,586,713</u>

**OPEB Expense and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB**

For the year ended June 30, 2025, the Sheriff recognized OPEB expense of \$1,224,398. At June 30, 2025, the Sheriff reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

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	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experiences	\$ 1,652,330	\$ 701,233
Changes of assumptions	<u>2,472,059</u>	<u>3,853,769</u>
Total	<u>\$ 4,124,389</u>	<u>\$ 4,555,002</u>

Amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

Fiscal Year Ending June 30	
2026	\$ (126,146)
2027	(126,146)
2028	(126,155)
2029	123,062
2030	123,061
Thereafter	<u>(298,316)</u>
	<u>\$ (430,640)</u>

(17) Ex-officio Tax Collector

The amount of cash on hand at year-end was \$589,599. The amount of ad valorem taxes collected by taxing authority was:

St. Martin Parish Government	\$ 15,810,809
St. Martin Parish School Board	16,570,446
St. Martin Parish Assessor	1,605,880
St. Martin Parish Water & Sewer Districts	460,900
St. Martin Parish Law Enforcement	9,072,939
St. Martin Parish Library	3,682,865
Teche-Vermillion Freshwater District	719,352
Atchafalaya Basin Levee District	622,774
Municipalities	567,098
Department of Agriculture and Forestry	20,278
Louisiana Tax Commission	29,047
St. Martin Parish Hospital District	<u>1,139,687</u>
	<u>\$ 50,302,075</u>



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The amount of taxes assessed and uncollected, and the reason for failure to do so is as follows:

	LTC <u>Decreases</u>	FDIC <u>Property</u>	Adjudi- <u>cations</u>
St. Martin Parish Government	\$ 170,613	\$ 28	\$ 13,662
St. Martin Parish School Board	181,458	35	15,221
St. Martin Parish Assessor	17,585	3	1,475
St. Martin Parish Water & Sewer Districts	4,595	-	51
St. Martin Parish Law Enforcement	99,355	19	8,334
St. Martin Parish Library	40,330	8	3,383
Teche-Vermillion Freshwater District	7,878	2	661
Atchafalaya Basin Levee District	8,695	4	474
Municipalities	1,963	-	1,401
Department of Agriculture and Forestry	6	-	30
Louisiana Tax Commission	-	-	-
St. Martin Parish Hospital District	17,494	9	1,353
	<u>\$ 549,972</u>	<u>\$ 108</u>	<u>\$ 46,045</u>

	<u>Unpaid</u>	<u>Bankruptcy</u>	Orphaned <u>Wells</u>
St. Martin Parish Government	\$ 235,469	\$ 271	\$ 1,736
St. Martin Parish School Board	285,574	343	2,009
St. Martin Parish Assessor	27,676	33	195
St. Martin Parish Water & Sewer Districts	828	-	127
St. Martin Parish Law Enforcement	156,363	188	1,100
St. Martin Parish Library	63,471	76	446
Teche-Vermillion Freshwater District	12,397	15	87
Atchafalaya Basin Levee District	31,850	-	239
Municipalities	805	-	-
Department of Agriculture and Forestry	-	-	-
Louisiana Tax Commission	-	-	-
St. Martin Parish Hospital District	68,198	-	-
	<u>\$ 882,631</u>	<u>\$ 926</u>	<u>\$ 5,939</u>

The amount of occupational licenses collected by taxing authority was:

St. Martin Parish Government	\$ 738,271
St. Martin Parish Law Enforcement	130,283
	<u>\$ 868,554</u>

ST. MARTIN PARISH SHERIFF  
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Notes to Basic Financial Statements (continued)

(18) Tax Abatements

The Sheriff is subject to certain property tax abatements granted by the Louisiana State Board of Commerce and Industry (the "State Board"), a state entity governed by board members representing major economic groups and gubernatorial appointees. Abatements to which the Sheriff is subject includes those issued for property taxes under the Industrial Tax Exemption Program ("ITEP").

Under the ITEP, as authorized by *Article 7, Section 21(F) of the Louisiana Constitution and Executive Number JBE 2016-73*, companies that qualify as manufacturers can apply to the State Board for a property tax exemption on all new property, as defined, used in the manufacturing process. Under the ITEP, companies are required to promise to expand or build manufacturing facilities in Louisiana, with a minimum investment of \$5 million. The exemptions are granted for a 5-year term and are renewable for an additional 5-year term upon approval by the State Board. In the case of the local government, these state-granted abatements have resulted in reductions of property taxes, which the Assessor administers as a temporary reduction in the assessed value of the property involved. The abatement agreements stipulate a percentage reduction of property taxes, which can be as much as 100%. The Assessor may recapture abated taxes if a company fails to expand facilities or otherwise fails to fulfill its commitments under the agreement. At June 30, 2025, the Sheriff's ad valorem taxes were reduced by \$214,950 for the industrial exemptions in effect.

(19) Act 706 – Schedule of Compensation, Reimbursements, Benefits, and Other Payments to Entity Head

Under Act 706, the St. Martin Parish Sheriff's Office is required to disclose the compensation, reimbursements, benefits, and other payments made to the Sheriff, in which the payments are related to the position. The following is a schedule of payments made to the Sheriff for the year ended June 30, 2025.

Entity head: Becket Breaux, Sheriff

Salary and allowance	\$ 213,934
Benefits - insurance	17,471
Benefits - retirement	<u>31,020</u>
Total	<u>\$ 262,425</u>

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Notes to Basic Financial Statements (continued)

(20) Compensated Absences

The Sheriff's compensated absences are attributable to governmental activities (general fund). Amounts due within one year are reported on the general fund. The following is a summary of the compensated absences transactions during the year.

Compensated absences payable at June 30, 2024, as restated	\$ 1,106,194
Additions	913,220
Reductions	<u>(913,220)</u>
Compensated absences payable at June 30, 2025	<u>\$ 1,106,194</u>
Amount due within one year	<u>\$ 612,713</u>

(21) New Accounting Pronouncements

In June of 2022, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board issued GASB Statement No. 100, *Accounting Changes and Error Corrections*. The primary objective of this Statement is to enhance the accounting and financial reporting requirements for accounting changes and error corrections to provide more understandable, reliable, relevant, consistent, and comparable information for making decisions or assessing accountability. The Sheriff adopted this standard in the year ended June 30, 2025.

In June of 2022, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board issued GASB Statement No. 101, *Compensated Absences*. This Statement requires that liabilities for compensated absences be recognized for (1) leave that has not been used and (2) leave that has been used but not yet paid in cash or settled through noncash means. A liability should be recognized for leave that has not been used if (a) the leave is attributable to services already rendered, (b) the leave accumulates, and (c) the leave is more likely than not to be used for time off or otherwise paid in cash or settled through noncash means. The unified recognition and measurement model in this Statement will result in a liability for compensated absences that more appropriately reflects when a government incurs an obligation. In addition, the model can be applied consistently to any type of compensated absence and will eliminate potential comparability issues between governments that offer different types of leave. The Sheriff adopted this standard in the year ended June 30, 2025. The implementation of this standard resulted in the Sheriff restating its fund balance (for the current portion) and its net position (for the current and long-term portion) as of June 30, 2024.



**REQUIRED  
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

ST. MARTIN PARISH SHERIFF  
St. Martinville, Louisiana  
General Fund

Budgetary Comparison Schedule  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2025

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
Revenues:				
Taxes	\$ 13,514,000	\$ 14,614,000	\$ 14,682,776	\$ 68,776
Intergovernmental	5,501,648	5,051,440	4,540,098	(511,342)
Fees, charges, and commissions for services	4,262,252	5,163,083	5,169,128	6,045
Interest Income	250,000	450,000	613,676	163,676
Miscellaneous	230,300	423,185	470,201	47,016
Total revenues	<u>23,758,200</u>	<u>25,701,708</u>	<u>25,475,879</u>	<u>(225,829)</u>
Expenditures:				
Current:				
Public safety:				
Personal services and related benefits	12,309,793	12,480,927	11,694,593	786,334
Operating services	3,578,723	3,585,191	3,275,364	309,827
Operations and maintenance	4,222,213	4,330,377	4,249,054	81,323
Debt service	200,125	200,124	200,126	(2)
Capital outlay	3,930,699	4,769,492	3,314,066	1,455,426
Total expenditures	<u>24,241,553</u>	<u>25,366,111</u>	<u>22,733,203</u>	<u>2,632,908</u>
Excess of revenues over expenditures	<u>(483,353)</u>	<u>335,597</u>	<u>2,742,676</u>	<u>2,407,079</u>
Fund balance, beginning	11,632,391	12,075,814	12,075,814	-
Restatement of beginning fund balance	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(612,713)</u>	<u>(612,713)</u>
Fund balances, beginning (as restated)	<u>11,632,391</u>	<u>12,075,814</u>	<u>11,463,101</u>	<u>(612,713)</u>
Fund balance, ending	<u>\$ 11,149,038</u>	<u>\$ 12,411,411</u>	<u>\$ 14,205,777</u>	<u>\$ 1,794,366</u>

See notes to the required supplementary information.

ST. MARTIN PARISH SHERIFF  
St. Martinville, Louisiana  
Special Revenue Fund - 911 Communications District

Budgetary Comparison Schedule  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2025

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
Revenue				
Fees, charges, and commissions for services				
911 fees	\$ 1,332,376	\$ 1,342,088	\$ 1,266,909	\$ (75,179)
Interest income	29,160	42,980	62,229	19,249
Total revenues	<u>1,361,536</u>	<u>1,385,068</u>	<u>1,329,138</u>	<u>(55,930)</u>
Expenditures				
Current:				
Public Safety				
Personal services and related benefits:				
Salaries	958,374	942,348	889,187	53,161
Pension and payroll taxes	<u>122,697</u>	<u>139,078</u>	<u>140,344</u>	<u>(1,266)</u>
Total personnel service and related benefits	<u>1,081,071</u>	<u>1,081,426</u>	<u>1,029,531</u>	<u>51,895</u>
Operating services:				
Hospitalization insurance	245,300	242,650	226,909	15,741
Other liability insurance	<u>6,300</u>	<u>6,825</u>	<u>2,507</u>	<u>4,318</u>
Total operating services	<u>251,600</u>	<u>249,475</u>	<u>229,416</u>	<u>20,059</u>
Operations and maintenance:				
Leases and rents	1,710	1,710	669	1,041
Office supplies and expense	26,700	26,700	70,331	(43,631)
E-911 implement	50,500	50,500	35,408	15,092
Other	<u>71,960</u>	<u>74,135</u>	<u>72,594</u>	<u>1,541</u>
Total operations and maintenance	<u>150,870</u>	<u>153,045</u>	<u>179,002</u>	<u>(25,957)</u>
Capital outlay:				
Equipment and vehicles	-	-	-	-
Total expenditures	<u>1,483,541</u>	<u>1,483,946</u>	<u>1,437,949</u>	<u>45,997</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	(122,005)	(98,878)	(108,811)	(9,933)
Fund balance, beginning	<u>1,491,251</u>	<u>1,457,115</u>	<u>1,457,115</u>	-
Fund balance, ending	<u>\$ 1,369,246</u>	<u>\$ 1,358,237</u>	<u>\$ 1,348,304</u>	<u>\$ (9,933)</u>

See notes to the required supplementary information.



ST. MARTIN PARISH SHERIFF  
St. Martinville, Louisiana

Schedule of Employer's Share of Net Pension Liability  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2025

Year ended June 30,	Employer Proportion of the Net Pension Liability (Asset)	Employer Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset)	Employer's Covered Employee Payroll	Employer's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset) as a Percentage of its Covered Employee Payroll	Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability
2016	1.074946%	4,791,590	7,127,064	67.23%	86.61%
2017	1.130292%	7,173,845	7,712,873	93.01%	82.10%
2018	1.146044%	4,962,684	7,938,059	62.52%	88.49%
2019	1.084296%	4,157,894	7,462,568	55.72%	90.41%
2020	1.113499%	5,267,105	7,785,756	67.65%	88.91%
2021	1.065670%	7,375,665	7,867,776	93.75%	84.73%
2022	1.139327%	(564,594)	8,280,734	(6.82%)	101.04%
2023	1.163914%	9,460,133	8,621,672	109.73%	83.90%
2024	1.153333%	10,135,228	9,243,651	109.65%	83.94%
2025	1.142438%	6,902,759	9,643,867	71.58%	89.40%

\* The amounts presented have a measurement date of the previous fiscal year end.

See notes to the required supplementary information.

ST. MARTIN PARISH SHERIFF  
St. Martinville, Louisiana

Schedule of Employer Contributions  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2025

Year ended June 30,	Contractually Required Contribution	Contributions in Relation to Contractual Required Contribution	Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	Employer's Covered Employee Payroll	Contributions as a % of Covered Employee Payroll
2016	1,061,242	1,061,242	-	7,712,873	13.75%
2017	1,051,793	1,051,793	-	7,938,059	13.25%
2018	951,521	951,521	-	7,462,568	12.75%
2019	956,822	956,822	-	7,785,756	12.29%
2020	969,590	969,590	-	7,867,776	12.32%
2021	1,021,067	1,021,067	-	8,280,734	12.33%
2022	1,061,877	1,061,877	-	8,621,672	12.32%
2023	1,068,979	1,068,979	-	9,243,651	11.56%
2024	1,110,874	1,110,874	-	9,643,867	11.52%
2025	1,136,420	1,136,420	-	9,881,913	11.50%

See notes to the required supplementary information.

ST. MARTIN PARISH SHERIFF  
St. Martinville, Louisiana

Schedule of Changes in the Sheriff's Total OPEB Liability and Related Ratios  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2025

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
<b>Total OPEB Liability</b>					
Service cost	\$ 143,077	\$ 149,686	\$ 241,559	\$ 269,925	\$ 210,507
Interest	270,964	288,136	359,698	284,401	324,125
Changes of benefit terms	-	-	-	-	-
Differences between expected and actual experience	213,560	272,993	301,699	(280,416)	(111,912)
Changes of assumptions	-	1,615,352	1,698,331	2,045,748	(3,177,218)
Benefit payments	-	(273,981)	(289,050)	(152,970)	(161,383)
<b>Net change in total OPEB liability</b>	<b>627,601</b>	<b>2,052,186</b>	<b>2,312,237</b>	<b>2,166,688</b>	<b>(2,915,881)</b>
<b>Total OPEB liability - beginning</b>	<b>7,741,837</b>	<b>8,369,438</b>	<b>10,421,624</b>	<b>12,733,861</b>	<b>14,900,549</b>
<b>Total OPEB liability - ending</b>	<b>\$ 8,369,438</b>	<b>\$ 10,421,624</b>	<b>\$ 12,733,861</b>	<b>\$ 14,900,549</b>	<b>\$ 11,984,668</b>
Covered-employee payroll	\$ 7,284,679	\$ 7,695,491	\$ 7,695,491	\$ 8,206,999	\$ 8,453,209
Sheriff's net OPEB liability as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	114.89%	135.43%	165.47%	181.56%	141.78%
<b>Notes to Schedule:</b>					
Benefit changes:	None	None	None	None	None
Changes of assumptions:					
Discount rate:	3.50%	3.50%	2.21%	2.16%	3.54%
Mortality:	RP-2000	RP-2000	RP-2000	RP-2014	RP-2014
Trend:	5.50%	5.50%	Variable	4.5% - 5.5%	4.5% - 5.5%
	2023	2024	2025		
<b>Total OPEB Liability</b>					
Service cost	\$ 450,312	\$ 452,054	\$ 376,483		
Interest	440,198	604,311	640,721		
Changes of benefit terms	-	-	-		
Differences between expected and actual experience	2,227,192	-	(626,415)		
Changes of assumptions	1,274,039	(651,912)	(2,289,367)		
Benefit payments	-	(548,923)	(616,135)		
<b>Net change in total OPEB liability</b>	<b>4,391,741</b>	<b>(144,470)</b>	<b>(2,514,713)</b>		
<b>Total OPEB liability - beginning</b>	<b>11,984,668</b>	<b>16,376,409</b>	<b>16,231,939</b>		
<b>Total OPEB liability - ending</b>	<b>\$ 16,376,409</b>	<b>\$ 16,231,939</b>	<b>\$ 13,717,226</b>		
Covered-employee payroll	\$ 9,251,082	\$ 9,713,636	\$ 9,700,627		
Sheriff's net OPEB liability as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	177.02%	167.10%	141.41%		
<b>Notes to Schedule:</b>					
Benefit changes:	None	None	None		
Changes of assumptions:					
Discount rate:	3.65%	3.93%	5.20%		
Mortality:	Pub-2010	Pub-2010	Pub-2010		
Trend:	4.5% - 5.5%	Getzen model	Getzen model		

*This schedule is intended to cover 10 fiscal years. As each year ensues in the future, the information will be added until the schedule covers 10 years.*

See notes to the required supplementary information.



ST. MARTIN PARISH SHERIFF  
St. Martinville, Louisiana

Notes to the Required Supplementary Information  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

(1) Budget and Budgetary Accounting

The Sheriff follows these procedures in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the financial statements:

1. The Chief Financial Officer prepares a proposed budget and submits it to the Sheriff for the fiscal year no later than fifteen days prior to the beginning of each fiscal year.
2. A summary of the proposed budget is published, and the public is notified that the proposed budget is available for public inspection. At the same time, a public hearing is called.
3. A public hearing is held on the proposed budget at least ten days after publication of the call for a hearing.
4. After the holding of the public hearing and completion of all action necessary to finalize and implement the budget, the budget is legally adopted prior to the commencement of the fiscal year for which the budget is being adopted.
5. All budgetary appropriations lapse at the end of each fiscal year.
6. The budget is adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). Budgeted amounts included in the accompanying financial statements are as originally adopted and as finally amended by the Sheriff. Such amendments were not material in relation to the original appropriations.

(2) Pension Plan

Changes of Assumptions – Changes of assumptions about future economic or demographic factors or of other inputs were recognized in pension expense using the straight-line amortization method over a closed period equal to the average of the expected remaining service lives of all employees that are provided with pensions through the pension plan.

## **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

ST. MARTIN PARISH SHERIFF  
St. Martinville, Louisiana

Justice System Funding Schedule - Collecting/Disbursing Schedule  
As Required by Act 87 of the 2020 Regular Legislative Session  
Cash Basis Presentation  
June 30, 2025

	Amount for 07/01/2024 - 12/31/2024	Amount for 01/01/2025 - 06/30/2025
<b>1. Beginning Cash Balance</b>	501,010	455,513
<b>2. Collections</b>		
a. Civil Fees	239,659	228,210
b. Bond Fees	165,213	138,595
c. Cash Bonds	-	-
d. Asset Forfeiture/Sale	411,165	797,105
e. Pre-Trial Diversion Program Fees	-	-
f. Criminal Court Costs/Fees	646,314	620,329
g. Criminal Fines – Contempt	33,550	31,400
h. Criminal Fines – Other/Non-Contempt	243,809	243,722
i. Restitution	-	-
j. Probation/Parole/Supervision Fees	-	-
k. Service Fees	-	-
l. Collection Fees	-	-
m. Interest Earnings on Collected Balances	12,339	11,439
n. Other	13,566	10,875
<b>Total Collected</b>	<b>1,765,615</b>	<b>2,081,675</b>
<b>3. Deductions: Collections Retained by the St Martin Parish Sheriff</b>		
I. Collection Fee for Collecting/Disbursing to Others Based on Percentage of Collection	129,618	85,703
II. Collection Fee for Collecting/Disbursing to Others Based on Fixed Amount	6,408	5,640
III. Other Amounts "Self-Disbursed" [Enter amounts on appropriate collection type lines]		
a. Civil Fees	-	-
b. Bond Fees	41,503	39,106
c. Cash Bonds	-	-
d. Asset Forfeiture/Sale	-	-
e. Pre-Trial Diversion Program Fees	-	-
f. Criminal Court Costs/Fees	41,946	34,556
g. Criminal Fines – Contempt	-	-
h. Criminal Fines – Other/Non-Contempt	30,372	26,452
i. Restitution	-	-
j. Probation/Parole/Supervision Fees	-	-
k. Service Fees	-	-
l. Collection Fees [excluding amounts reported in bullets I and II above]	-	-
m. Interest Earnings on Collected Balances	8,394	-
n. Other	-	-
<b>Total Collections Retained by the St Martin Parish Sheriff</b>	<b>258,241</b>	<b>191,457</b>
<b>4. Deductions: Amounts Disbursed to Individuals and Entities, Excluding Governments and Nonprofits</b>		
a. Collection/Processing Fees Paid to Third Party Entities	-	-
b. Civil Fee Refunds	-	-
c. Bond Refunds	-	-
d. Restitution Disbursements to Individuals and Entities, Excluding Governments or a Nonprofit	-	-
e. Other Disbursements to Individuals and Entities, Excluding Governments or a Nonprofit	444,520	894,687
<b>Total Amounts Disbursed to Individuals and Entities, Excluding Governments and Nonprofits</b>	<b>444,520</b>	<b>894,687</b>
<b>5. Deductions: Total Disbursements to Other Governments &amp; Nonprofits</b>	<b>1,108,351</b>	<b>889,873</b>
<b>6. Total Amounts Disbursed/Retained</b>	<b>1,811,112</b>	<b>1,976,017</b>
<b>7. Ending Cash Balance</b>	<b>455,513</b>	<b>561,171</b>
<b>8. Ending Balance of "Partial Payments" Collected but not Disbursed</b>	-	-
<b>9. Other Information:</b>		
I. Ending Balance of Amounts Assessed but Not Yet Collected [i.e. total ending receivable balances]	-	-
II. Total Waivers During the Fiscal Period [i.e. non-cash reduction of receivable balances, such as time served or community service]	-	-

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ST. MARTIN PARISH SHERIFF  
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Justice System Funding Schedule - Collecting/Disbursing Schedule (Continued)  
As Required by Act 87 of the 2020 Regular Legislative Session  
Cash Basis Presentation  
June 30, 2025

5. Details of Disbursements To Other Governments & Nonprofits (Do not include amounts retained by your entity in this table.)					
Agency Receiving Money	Disbursement Description [Fund, Program, etc.] (Optional)	Legal Authority to Disburse Money	Disbursement Type	Amount for 07/01/2024 - 12/31/2024	Amount for 01/01/2025 - 06/30/2025
Criminalistics Laboratory Acadiana		R.S. 40:2266.1	f. Criminal Court Costs/Fees	78,628	65,985
Criminalistics Laboratory Acadiana		R.S. 15:85.1 (A)(2)(c)	b. Bond Fees	708	724
Out of State: Crime Stoppers of St. Martin Parish	Art. 895.4. Probation; fees; certified crime stoppers organizations	CCRP 895.4	f. Criminal Court Costs/Fees	4,940	3,958
Out of State: Breaux Bridge Police Department		R.S. 40:2266.1.1	h. Criminal Fines – Other/Non-Contempt	10	-
16th Judicial District Criminal Court Fund St Martin	\$571.11. Dispositions of fines and forfeitures	R.S. 15:571.11	f. Criminal Court Costs/Fees	71,737	60,983
16th Judicial District Criminal Court Fund St Martin	\$571.11. Dispositions of fines and forfeitures	R.S. 15:571.11	h. Criminal Fines – Other/Non-Contempt	254,371	217,255
16th Judicial District Criminal Court Fund St Martin	\$571.11. Dispositions of fines and forfeitures	R.S. 15:571.11	g. Criminal Fines – Contempt	37,400	26,000
District Attorney for the 16th Judicial District		R.S. 15:571.11	h. Criminal Fines – Other/Non-Contempt	30,342	26,453
District Attorney for the 16th Judicial District		R.S. 15:571.11	f. Criminal Court Costs/Fees	59,693	46,368
District Attorney for the 16th Judicial District		R.S. 22:822	b. Bond Fees	32,240	30,147
District Attorney for the 16th Judicial District		R.S. 15:85.1 (A)(2)(a)	b. Bond Fees	2,478	2,534
District Attorney for the 16th Judicial District	\$85.2. Posting of criminal bonds in parishes of Iberia; St. Mary; and St. Martin; fee assessed	R.S. 15:85.2	b. Bond Fees	4,248	4,344
16th Judicial District Public Defender	\$571.11. Dispositions of fines and forfeitures	R.S. 15:571.11	f. Criminal Court Costs/Fees	111,458	89,705
16th Judicial District Public Defender		R.S. 22:822	b. Bond Fees	32,240	30,147
16th Judicial District Public Defender		R.S. 15:85.1 (A)(1)	b. Bond Fees	708	724
16th Judicial District Criminal Court Fund St Martin		R.S. 22:822	b. Bond Fees	32,240	30,147
Department of Public Safety and Corrections Public Safety Services	Art. 887. Defendant's liability for costs; suspension of costs; no advance costs	CCRP 887 (C)	f. Criminal Court Costs/Fees	2,070	3,486
Department of Wildlife and Fisheries	\$2266.1.1. Fees and costs of court	R.S. 40:2266.1.1	f. Criminal Court Costs/Fees	-	20
Louisiana Department of Health	\$2633. Traumatic Head and Spinal Cord Injury Trust Fund	R.S. 46:2633	f. Criminal Court Costs/Fees	8,197	7,309
LA Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration of Criminal Justice	\$1816. Crime Victims Reparations Fund; creation; sources and use of funds	R.S. 46:1816	f. Criminal Court Costs/Fees	7,630	8,391
Supreme Court	\$86. Judicial College; education account; sources of funds	R.S. 13:86	f. Criminal Court Costs/Fees	1,234	989
St Martin Parish Government		R.S. 15:571.11	f. Criminal Court Costs/Fees	106,064	87,281
St Martin Parish Clerk of Court		R.S. 15:571.11	f. Criminal Court Costs/Fees	40,280	34,799
St Martin Parish Clerk of Court		R.S. 15:85.1 (A)(2)(d)	b. Bond Fees	708	724
Department of the Treasury		R.S. 46:2583	f. Criminal Court Costs/Fees	7,428	5,976
St Martin Parish Clerk of Court	\$5530. Fees in civil matters	R.S. 13:5530	a. Civil Fees	79,599	43,565
St Martin Parish Government		R.S. 13:5722	f. Criminal Court Costs/Fees	24,773	19,947
St Martin Parish Government		R.S. 13:999	f. Criminal Court Costs/Fees	37,160	29,940
St Martin Parish Government		R.S. 15:255	f. Criminal Court Costs/Fees	17,600	11,975
16th Judicial District Criminal Court Fund St Martin	\$571.11. Dispositions of fines and forfeitures	R.S. 15:571.11	m. Interest Earnings on Collected Balances	19,144	-
District Attorney for the 16th Judicial District	\$571.11. Dispositions of fines and forfeitures	R.S. 15:571.11	m. Interest Earnings on Collected Balances	3,023	-

ST. MARTIN PARISH SHERIFF  
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Justice System Funding Schedule - Receiving Schedule  
As Required by Act 87 of the 2020 Regular Legislative Session  
Cash Basis Presentation  
June 30, 2025

		Amount for 07/01/2024 - 12/31/2024	Amount for 01/01/2025 - 06/30/2025
<b>1. Ending Balance of Amounts Assessed but Not Received:</b>		-	-
<b>2. Details of Receipts from Collecting/Disbursing Agency</b>			
Agency Remitting Money	Remittance Type	Amount for 07/01/2024 - 12/31/2024	Amount for 01/01/2025 - 06/30/2025
Acadia Parish Clerk of Court	a. Civil Fees	437	397
Acadia Parish Sheriff	a. Civil Fees	94	-
Allen Parish Clerk of Court	a. Civil Fees	90	51
Ascension Parish Clerk of Court	a. Civil Fees	53	217
Assumption Parish Clerk of Court	a. Civil Fees	150	32
Avoyelles Parish Clerk of Court	a. Civil Fees	-	278
Bossier Parish Clerk of Court	a. Civil Fees	34	-
Breaux Bridge City Court	a. Civil Fees	140	635
Caddo Parish Clerk of Court	a. Civil Fees	47	-
Calcasieu Parish Clerk of Court	a. Civil Fees	87	408
Abbeville City Court	a. Civil Fees	64	134
Crowley City Court	a. Civil Fees	97	-
Denham Springs City Court Ward 2	a. Civil Fees	60	-
Hammond City Court	a. Civil Fees	-	51
Houma City Court	a. Civil Fees	90	152
Jennings City Court and City Marshal	a. Civil Fees	-	40
Lafayette City Court	a. Civil Fees	1,491	2,736
Morgan City City Court	a. Civil Fees	-	66
Thibodaux City Court	a. Civil Fees	34	-
City of Baton Rouge	a. Civil Fees	64	-
New Orleans 2nd City Court Constable	a. Civil Fees	17	-
East Baton Rouge Parish Clerk of Court	a. Civil Fees	427	562
East Feliciana Parish Clerk of Court	a. Civil Fees	-	33
Eunice City Court	a. Civil Fees	211	-
Evangeline Parish Clerk of Court	a. Civil Fees	60	62

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Justice System Funding Schedule - Receiving Schedule (continued)  
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Iberia Parish Clerk of Court	a. Civil Fees	3,771	2,133
Iberia Parish Sheriff	a. Civil Fees	13	147
Iberville Parish Clerk of Court	a. Civil Fees	267	16
Jefferson Davis Parish Clerk of Court	a. Civil Fees	64	29
Lafayette Parish Clerk of Court	a. Civil Fees	11,709	11,029
Lafayette Parish Sheriff	a. Civil Fees	93	-
Lafourche Parish Clerk of Court	a. Civil Fees	176	248
Lake Charles City Court	a. Civil Fees	264	99
Lincoln Parish Clerk of Court	a. Civil Fees	34	-
St Tammany Parish Justice of the Peace Ward 6	a. Civil Fees	33	40
Livingston Parish Sheriff	a. Civil Fees	117	236
Morehouse Parish Clerk of Court	a. Civil Fees	-	70
Marksville City Court	a. Civil Fees	110	-
Monroe City Court	a. Civil Fees	13	-
Natchitoches Parish Clerk of Court	a. Civil Fees	32	-
New Iberia City Court	a. Civil Fees	1,242	998
Opelousas City Court	a. Civil Fees	238	77
Ouachita Parish Clerk of Court	a. Civil Fees	-	127
Rapides Parish Clerk of Court	a. Civil Fees	191	207
Rayne City Court	a. Civil Fees	-	14
Richland Parish Clerk of Court	a. Civil Fees	60	60
Sabine Parish Clerk of Court	a. Civil Fees	23	-
St Charles Parish Clerk of Court	a. Civil Fees	-	53
St Bernard Parish Clerk of Court	a. Civil Fees	34	-
St John the Baptist Parish Clerk of Court	a. Civil Fees	84	51
St Landry Parish Clerk of Court	a. Civil Fees	2,643	2,062
St Martin Parish Clerk of Court	a. Civil Fees	61,658	56,314
St Mary Parish Clerk of Court	a. Civil Fees	787	377
St Tammany Parish Clerk of Court	a. Civil Fees	248	62
Tangipahoa Parish Clerk of Court	a. Civil Fees	110	23
Terrebonne Parish Clerk of Court	a. Civil Fees	392	190
Union Parish Clerk of Court	a. Civil Fees	94	-
Vermilion Parish Clerk of Court	a. Civil Fees	765	474
Vernon Parish Clerk of Court	a. Civil Fees	-	35
Washington Parish Clerk of Court	a. Civil Fees	-	72
West Baton Rouge Parish Clerk of Court	a. Civil Fees	47	204
Winn Parish Clerk of Court	a. Civil Fees	-	90
West Carroll Parish Clerk of Court	a. Civil Fees	13	-
District Attorney for the 16th Judicial District	d. Asset Forfeiture/Sale	24,099	16,217



## **OTHER INFORMATION**

ST. MARTIN PARISH SHERIFF  
St. Martinville, Louisiana  
General Fund

Budgetary Comparison Schedule - Revenues  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2025

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
Taxes:				
Ad valorem	\$ 8,614,000	\$ 9,214,000	\$ 9,128,760	\$ (85,240)
Sales tax	<u>4,900,000</u>	<u>5,400,000</u>	<u>5,554,016</u>	<u>154,016</u>
Total taxes	<u>13,514,000</u>	<u>14,614,000</u>	<u>14,682,776</u>	<u>68,776</u>
Intergovernmental:				
Federal grants	297,602	335,743	285,425	(50,318)
State of Louisiana -				
State grants	2,231,640	1,608,291	1,109,073	(499,218)
Revenue sharing	109,306	109,306	109,437	131
Video poker	2,100,000	2,220,000	2,262,032	42,032
Supplemental pay	<u>763,100</u>	<u>778,100</u>	<u>774,131</u>	<u>(3,969)</u>
Total intergovernmental	<u>5,501,648</u>	<u>5,051,440</u>	<u>4,540,098</u>	<u>(511,342)</u>
Fees, charges, and commissions for services				
Taxes and licenses	200,000	215,005	230,779	15,774
Civil and criminal fees	560,700	728,900	743,299	14,399
Court attendance	11,500	12,500	12,138	(362)
Feeding and keeping prisoners	1,462,420	1,300,000	1,378,355	78,355
State, parish, and local contracts	1,847,632	2,688,178	2,606,361	(81,817)
Commissary sales	80,000	80,000	88,835	8,835
Telephone commissions	<u>100,000</u>	<u>138,500</u>	<u>109,361</u>	<u>(29,139)</u>
Total fees, charges, and commissions for services	<u>4,262,252</u>	<u>5,163,083</u>	<u>5,169,128</u>	<u>6,045</u>
Interest income	<u>250,000</u>	<u>450,000</u>	<u>613,676</u>	<u>163,676</u>
Miscellaneous	<u>230,300</u>	<u>423,185</u>	<u>470,201</u>	<u>47,016</u>
Total revenues	<u>\$ 23,758,200</u>	<u>\$ 25,701,708</u>	<u>\$ 25,475,879</u>	<u>\$ (225,829)</u>

ST. MARTIN PARISH SHERIFF  
St. Martinville, Louisiana  
General Fund

Budgetary Comparison Schedule - Expenditures  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2025

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
Current:				
Public Safety				
Personal services and related benefits:				
Sheriff's salary	\$ 194,485	\$ 194,485	\$ 194,485	\$ -
Deputies' salaries	9,484,260	9,618,281	8,793,203	825,078
Other salaries	905,800	999,772	1,128,995	(129,223)
Pension and payroll taxes	1,613,799	1,572,986	1,480,886	92,100
Sheriff's expense allowance	19,449	19,449	19,449	-
Other related benefits	92,000	75,954	77,575	(1,621)
Total personnel service and related benefits	12,309,793	12,480,927	11,694,593	786,334
Operating services:				
Hospitalization insurance	3,039,723	3,076,191	2,775,856	300,335
Auto insurance	200,000	170,000	165,254	4,746
Other liability insurance	339,000	339,000	334,254	4,746
Total operating services	3,578,723	3,585,191	3,275,364	309,827
Operations and maintenance				
Auto fuel and oil	553,899	473,899	471,730	2,169
Auto maintenance	197,277	206,277	185,553	20,724
Deputy uniforms, supplies, etc.	304,219	337,079	277,113	59,966
Training	121,471	111,471	69,352	42,119
Office supplies and expenses	256,005	249,825	234,145	15,680
Small equipment	68,120	71,731	343,909	(272,178)
Telephone and utilities	417,210	445,010	438,748	6,262
Radio	500	585	585	-
Prisoner feeding and maintenance	494,692	516,692	515,917	775
Legal and professional fees	120,587	201,504	213,040	(11,536)
Criminal investigation expense	-	-	18,323	(18,323)
Leases and rents	40,000	53,000	53,156	(156)
Commissary expense	100	100	-	100
Other	1,648,133	1,663,204	1,427,483	235,721
Total operations and maintenance	4,222,213	4,330,377	4,249,054	81,323

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ST. MARTIN PARISH SHERIFF  
St. Martinville, Louisiana  
General Fund

Budgetary Comparison Schedule - Expenditures (continued)  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2025

	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)</u>
Debt service:				
Principal payments	177,073	177,072	177,074	(2)
Interest	<u>23,052</u>	<u>23,052</u>	<u>23,052</u>	<u>-</u>
Total debt service	<u>200,125</u>	<u>200,124</u>	<u>200,126</u>	<u>(2)</u>
Capital outlay:				
Autos	383,577	1,117,447	937,890	179,557
Buildings	3,341,744	2,361,173	1,519,793	841,380
Other equipment	<u>205,378</u>	<u>1,290,872</u>	<u>856,383</u>	<u>434,489</u>
Total capital outlay	<u>3,930,699</u>	<u>4,769,492</u>	<u>3,314,066</u>	<u>1,455,426</u>
Total expenditures	<u>\$ 24,241,553</u>	<u>\$ 25,366,111</u>	<u>\$ 22,733,203</u>	<u>\$ 2,632,908</u>

STATE OF LOUISIANA, PARISH OF ST. MARTIN

AFFIDAVIT

The Honorable Becket Breaux, Sheriff of St. Martin Parish

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, personally came and appeared, Becket Breaux, the sheriff of St. Martin Parish, State of Louisiana, who after being duly sworn, deposed and said:

The following information is true and correct:

\$589,599 is the amount of cash on hand in the tax collector account on June 30, 2025;

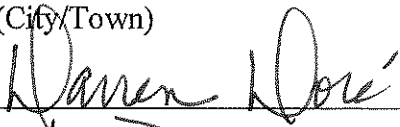
He further deposed and said:

All itemized statements of the amount of taxes collected for tax year 2024 , by taxing authority, are true and correct.

All itemized statements of all taxes assessed and uncollected, which indicate the reasons for the failure to collect, by taxing authority, are true and correct.

  
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Signature  
Sheriff of St. Martin Parish

SWORN to and subscribed before me, Notary, this 16<sup>th</sup> day of December 2025  
in my office in the City of St. Martinville, Louisiana.  
(City/Town)

  
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(Signature)  
Darren Doré (Print), # 21224  
Notary Public  
at death (Commission)

**INTERNAL CONTROL  
COMPLIANCE  
AND  
OTHER MATTERS**



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### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' 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*

The Honorable Becket Breaux  
St. Martin Parish Sheriff  
St. Martinville, Louisiana

We have audited, in accordance with the 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, the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the St. Martin Parish Sheriff, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2025, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the St. Martin Parish Sheriff's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated November 26, 2025.

#### Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the St. Martin Parish Sheriff's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the St. Martin Parish Sheriff's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the St. Martin Parish Sheriff's internal control.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified.

## **Report on Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the St. Martin Parish Sheriff's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. 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*.

## **Purpose of this Report**

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose. Although the intended use of this report may be limited, under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the Louisiana Legislative Auditor as a public document.

## ***Champagne & Company, LLC***

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Breaux Bridge, Louisiana  
November 26, 2025

ST. MARTIN PARISH SHERIFF  
St. Martinville, Louisiana

Schedule of Prior and Current Year Audit Findings and  
Management's Corrective Action Plan  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2025

I: Prior Year Findings:

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

There were no items reported at June 30, 2024.

Compliance

There were no items reported at June 30, 2024.

Management Letter Items

There were no items reported at June 30, 2024.

II. Current Year Findings and Management's Corrective Action Plan:

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

There were no items reported at June 30, 2025.

Compliance

There were no items reported at June 30, 2025.

Management Letter Items

There were no items reported at June 30, 2025.



**ST. MARTIN PARISH SHERIFF**  
**St. Martinville, Louisiana**

**Statewide Agreed-Upon Procedures Report**

**Year Ended June 30, 2025**

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### INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

To the Management of the St. Martin Parish Sheriff and the Louisiana Legislative Auditor:

We have performed the procedures enumerated below on the control and compliance (C/C) areas identified in the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's (LLA's) Statewide Agreed-Upon Procedures (SAUPs) for the fiscal period July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. The St. Martin Parish Sheriff's management is responsible for those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs.

The St. Martin Parish Sheriff has agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate to meet the intended purpose of the engagement, which is to perform specified procedures on the C/C areas identified in LLA's SAUPs for the fiscal period July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. Additionally, LLA has agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate for its purposes. This report may not be suitable for any other purpose. The procedures performed may not address all the items of interest to a user of this report and may not meet the needs of all users of this report and, as such, users are responsible for determining whether the procedures performed are appropriate for their purposes.

The procedures and associated findings are as follows:

#### ***1) Written Policies and Procedures***

*Written Policies and Procedures was not tested at June 30, 2025 (Year 2) due to the fact that there were no exceptions noted in the prior year (Year 1).*

- A. Obtain and inspect the entity's written policies and procedures and observe whether they address each of the following categories and subcategories if applicable to public funds and the entity's operations:
- i. **Budgeting**, including preparing, adopting, monitoring, and amending the budget.
  - ii. **Purchasing**, including (1) how purchases are initiated, (2) how vendors are added to the vendor list, (3) the preparation and approval process of purchase requisitions and purchase orders, (4) controls to ensure compliance with the Public Bid Law, and (5) documentation required to be maintained for all bids and price quotes.
  - iii. **Disbursements**, including processing, reviewing, and approving.
  - iv. **Receipts/Collections**, including receiving, recording, and preparing deposits. Also, policies and procedures should include management's actions to determine the completeness of all collections for each type of revenue or agency fund additions (e.g., periodic confirmation with outside parties,



reconciliation to utility billing after cutoff procedures, reconciliation of traffic ticket number sequences, agency fund forfeiture monies confirmation).

- v. **Payroll/Personnel**, including (1) payroll processing, (2) reviewing and approving time and attendance records, including leave and overtime worked, and (3) approval process for employee rates of pay or approval and maintenance of pay rate schedules.
- vi. **Contracting**, including (1) types of services requiring written contracts, (2) standard terms and conditions, (3) legal review, (4) approval process, and (5) monitoring process.
- vii. **Travel and Expense Reimbursement**, including (1) allowable expenses, (2) dollar thresholds by category of expense, (3) documentation requirements, and (4) required approvers.
- viii. **Credit Cards (and debit cards, fuel cards, purchase cards, if applicable)**, including (1) how cards are to be controlled, (2) allowable business uses, (3) documentation requirements, (4) required approvers of statements, and (5) monitoring card usage (e.g., determining the reasonableness of fuel card purchases).
- ix. **Ethics**, including (1) the prohibitions as defined in Louisiana Revised Statute (R.S.) 42:1111-1121, (2) actions to be taken if an ethics violation takes place, (3) system to monitor possible ethics violations, and (4) a requirement that documentation is maintained to demonstrate that all employees and officials were notified of any changes to the entity's ethics policy.
- x. **Debt Service**, including (1) debt issuance approval, (2) continuing disclosure/EMMA reporting requirements, (3) debt reserve requirements, and (4) debt service requirements.
- xi. **Information Technology Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity**, including (1) identification of critical data and frequency of data backups, (2) storage of backups in a separate physical location isolated from the network, (3) periodic testing/verification that backups can be restored, (4) use of antivirus software on all systems, (5) timely application of all available system and software patches/updates, and (6) identification of personnel, processes, and tools needed to recover operations after a critical event.
- xii. **Prevention of Sexual Harassment**, including R.S. 42:342-344 requirements for (1) agency responsibilities and prohibitions, (2) annual employee training, and (3) annual reporting.

## **2) Board or Finance Committee**

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*The entity is not required to maintain minutes; therefore, these steps are not applicable.*

- A. Obtain and inspect the board/finance committee minutes for the fiscal period, as well as the board's enabling legislation, charter, bylaws, or equivalent document in effect during the fiscal period, and
  - i. Observe that the board/finance committee met with a quorum at least monthly, or on a frequency in accordance with the board's enabling legislation, charter, bylaws, or other equivalent document.
  - ii. For those entities reporting on the governmental accounting model, review the minutes from all regularly scheduled board/finance committee meetings held during the fiscal year and observe whether the minutes from at least one meeting each month referenced or included monthly budget-to-actual comparisons on the general fund, quarterly budget-to-actual comparisons, at a minimum, on all proprietary funds, and semi-annual budget-to-actual comparisons, at a minimum, on all special revenue funds. *Alternatively, for those entities reporting on the not-for-profit accounting model, observe that the minutes referenced or included financial activity relating to public funds if those public funds comprised more than 10% of the entity's collections during the fiscal period.*
  - iii. For governmental entities, obtain the prior year audit report and observe the unassigned fund balance in the general fund. If the general fund had a negative ending unassigned fund balance in the prior year audit report, observe that the minutes for at least one meeting during the fiscal period



referenced or included a formal plan to eliminate the negative unassigned fund balance in the general fund.

- iv. Observe whether the board/finance committee received written updates of the progress of resolving audit finding(s), according to management's corrective action plan at each meeting until the findings are considered fully resolved.

### **3) Bank Reconciliations**

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*Bank Reconciliations was not tested at June 30, 2025 (Year 2) due to the fact that there were no exceptions noted in the prior year (Year 1).*

- A. Obtain a listing of entity bank accounts for the fiscal period from management and management's representation that the listing is complete. Ask management to identify the entity's main operating account. Select the entity's main operating account and randomly select 4 additional accounts (or all accounts if less than 5). Randomly select one month from the fiscal period, obtain and inspect the corresponding bank statement and reconciliation for each selected account, and observe that:
  - i. Bank reconciliations include evidence that they were prepared within 2 months of the related statement closing date (e.g., initialed and dated or electronically logged);
  - ii. Bank reconciliations include written evidence that a member of management or a board member who does not handle cash, post ledgers, or issue checks has reviewed each bank reconciliation within 1 month of the date the reconciliation was prepared (e.g., initialed and dated or electronically logged); and
  - iii. Management has documentation reflecting it has researched reconciling items that have been outstanding for more than 12 months from the statement closing date, if applicable.

### **4) Collections (excluding electronic funds transfers)**

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- A. Obtain a listing of deposit sites for the fiscal period where deposits for cash/checks/money orders (cash) are prepared and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 deposit sites (or all deposit sites if less than 5).

*Obtained a listing of deposit sites for the fiscal period where deposits for cash/checks/money orders (cash) are prepared and management's representation that the listing is complete.*

- B. For each deposit site selected, obtain a listing of collection locations and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select one collection location for each deposit site (e.g., 5 collection locations for 5 deposit sites), obtain and inspect written policies and procedures relating to employee job duties (if there are no written policies or procedures, then inquire of employees about their job duties) at each collection location, and observe that job duties are properly segregated at each collection location such that

*Obtained a listing of collection locations for each deposit site and management's representation that the listing is complete. Obtained written policies and procedures relating to employee job duties.*

- i. Employees responsible for cash collections do not share cash drawers/registers;  
*No exceptions noted.*
- ii. Each employee responsible for collecting cash is not also responsible for preparing/making bank deposits, unless another employee/official is responsible for reconciling collection documentation (e.g., pre-numbered receipts) to the deposit;

*No exceptions noted.*

- iii. Each employee responsible for collecting cash is not also responsible for posting collection entries to the general ledger or subsidiary ledgers, unless another employee/official is responsible for reconciling ledger postings to each other and to the deposit; and

*No exceptions noted.*

- iv. The employee(s) responsible for reconciling cash collections to the general ledger and/or subsidiary ledgers, by revenue source and/or custodial fund additions, is (are) not also responsible for collecting cash, unless another employee/official verifies the reconciliation.

*No exceptions noted.*

- C. Obtain from management a copy of the bond or insurance policy for theft covering all employees who have access to cash. Observe that the bond or insurance policy for theft was in force during the fiscal period.

*No exceptions noted.*

- D. Randomly select two deposit dates for each of the 5 bank accounts selected for Bank Reconciliations procedure #3A (select the next deposit date chronologically if no deposits were made on the dates randomly selected and randomly select a deposit if multiple deposits are made on the same day). *Alternatively, the practitioner may use a source document other than bank statements when selecting the deposit dates for testing, such as a cash collection log, daily revenue report, receipt book, etc.* Obtain supporting documentation for each of the 10 deposits and

- i. Observe that receipts are sequentially pre-numbered.

*No exceptions noted.*

- ii. Trace sequentially pre-numbered receipts, system reports, and other related collection documentation to the deposit slip.

*No exceptions noted.*

- iii. Trace the deposit slip total to the actual deposit per the bank statement.

*No exceptions noted.*

- iv. Observe that the deposit was made within one business day of receipt at the collection location (within one week if the depository is more than 10 miles from the collection location or the deposit is less than \$100 and the cash is stored securely in a locked safe or drawer).

*No exceptions noted.*

- v. Trace the actual deposit per the bank statement to the general ledger.

*No exceptions noted.*

#### **5) Non-Payroll Disbursements (excluding card purchases, travel reimbursements, and petty cash purchases)**

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*Non-Payroll Disbursements (excluding card purchases, travel reimbursements, and petty cash purchases) was not tested at June 30, 2025 (Year 2) due to the fact that there were no exceptions noted in the prior year (Year 1).*

- A. Obtain a listing of locations that process payments for the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 locations (or all locations if less than 5).
- B. For each location selected under procedure #5A above, obtain a listing of those employees involved with non-payroll purchasing and payment functions. Obtain written policies and procedures relating to



employee job duties (if the agency has no written policies and procedures, then inquire of employees about their job duties), and observe that job duties are properly segregated such that

- i. At least two employees are involved in initiating a purchase request, approving a purchase, and placing an order or making the purchase;
  - ii. At least two employees are involved in processing and approving payments to vendors;
  - iii. The employee responsible for processing payments is prohibited from adding/modifying vendor files, unless another employee is responsible for periodically reviewing changes to vendor files;
  - iv. Either the employee/official responsible for signing checks mails the payment or gives the signed checks to an employee to mail who is not responsible for processing payments; and
  - v. Only employees/officials authorized to sign checks approve the electronic disbursement (release) of funds, whether through automated clearinghouse (ACH), electronic funds transfer (EFT), wire transfer, or some other electronic means.
- C. For each location selected under procedure #5A above, obtain the entity's non-payroll disbursement transaction population (excluding cards and travel reimbursements) and obtain management's representation that the population is complete. Randomly select 5 disbursements for each location, obtain supporting documentation for each transaction, and
- i. Observe whether the disbursement, whether by paper or electronic means, matched the related original itemized invoice and supporting documentation indicates that deliverables included on the invoice were received by the entity, and
  - ii. Observe whether the disbursement documentation included evidence (e.g., initial/date, electronic logging) of segregation of duties tested under procedure #5B above, as applicable.
- D. Using the entity's main operating account and the month selected in Bank Reconciliations procedure #3A, randomly select 5 non-payroll-related electronic disbursements (or all electronic disbursements if less than 5) and observe that each electronic disbursement was (a) approved by only those persons authorized to disburse funds (e.g., sign checks) per the entity's policy, and (b) approved by the required number of authorized signers per the entity's policy. *Note: If no electronic payments were made from the main operating account during the month selected the practitioner should select an alternative month and/or account for testing that does include electronic disbursements.*

#### **6) Credit Cards/Debit Cards/Fuel Cards/Purchase Cards (Cards)**

*Credit Cards/Debit Cards/Fuel Cards/Purchase Cards (Cards) was not tested at June 30, 2025 (Year 2) due to the fact that there were no exceptions noted in the prior year (Year 1).*

- A. Obtain from management a listing of all active credit cards, bank debit cards, fuel cards, and purchase cards (cards) for the fiscal period, including the card numbers and the names of the persons who maintained possession of the cards. Obtain management's representation that the listing is complete.
- B. Using the listing prepared by management, randomly select 5 cards (or all cards if less than 5) that were used during the fiscal period. Randomly select one monthly statement or combined statement for each card (for a debit card, randomly select one monthly bank statement). Obtain supporting documentation, and
  - i. Observe whether there is evidence that the monthly statement or combined statement and supporting documentation (e.g., itemized receipts for credit/debit card purchases, exception reports for excessive fuel card usage) were reviewed and approved, in writing (or electronically approved) by someone other than the authorized card holder (those instances requiring such approval that may constrain the legal authority of certain public officials, such as the mayor of a Lawrason Act municipality, should not be reported); and



- ii. Observe that finance charges and late fees were not assessed on the selected statements.
- C. Using the monthly statements or combined statements selected under procedure #6B above, excluding fuel cards, randomly select 10 transactions (or all transactions if less than 10) from each statement, and obtain supporting documentation for the transactions (e.g., each card should have 10 transactions subject to inspection). For each transaction, observe that it is supported by (1) an original itemized receipt that identifies precisely what was purchased, (2) written documentation of the business/public purpose, and (3) documentation of the individuals participating in meals (for meal charges only). For missing receipts, the practitioner should describe the nature of the transaction and observe whether management had a compensating control to address missing receipts, such as a “missing receipt statement” that is subject to increased scrutiny.

#### **7) Travel and Travel-Related Expense Reimbursements (excluding card transactions)**

*Travel and Travel Related Expense Reimbursements (excluding card transactions) was not tested at June 30, 2025 (Year 2) due to the fact that there were no exceptions noted in the prior year (Year 1).*

- A. Obtain from management a listing of all travel and travel-related expense reimbursements during the fiscal period and management’s representation that the listing or general ledger is complete. Randomly select 5 reimbursements and obtain the related expense reimbursement forms/prepaid expense documentation of each selected reimbursement, as well as the supporting documentation. For each of the 5 reimbursements selected
  - i. If reimbursed using a per diem, observe that the approved reimbursement rate is no more than those rates established either by the State of Louisiana ([doa.la.gov/doa/ost/ppm-49-travel-guide/](http://doa.la.gov/doa/ost/ppm-49-travel-guide/)) or the U.S. General Services Administration ([www.gsa.gov](http://www.gsa.gov));
  - ii. If reimbursed using actual costs, observe that the reimbursement is supported by an original itemized receipt that identifies precisely what was purchased;
  - iii. Observe that each reimbursement is supported by documentation of the business/public purpose (for meal charges, observe that the documentation includes the names of those individuals participating) and other documentation required by Written Policies and Procedures procedure #1A(vii); and
  - iv. Observe that each reimbursement was reviewed and approved, in writing, by someone other than the person receiving reimbursement.

#### **8) Contracts**

*Contracts was not tested at June 30, 2025 (Year 2) due to the fact that there were no exceptions noted in the prior year (Year 1).*

- A. Obtain from management a listing of all agreements/contracts for professional services, materials and supplies, leases, and construction activities that were initiated or renewed during the fiscal period. *Alternatively, the practitioner may use an equivalent selection source, such as an active vendor list.* Obtain management’s representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 contracts (or all contracts if less than 5) from the listing, excluding the practitioner’s contract, and
  - i. Observe whether the contract was bid in accordance with the Louisiana Public Bid Law (e.g., solicited quotes or bids, advertised), if required by law;
  - ii. Observe whether the contract was approved by the governing body/board, if required by policy or law (e.g., Lawrason Act, Home Rule Charter);



- iii. If the contract was amended (e.g., change order), observe that the original contract terms provided for such an amendment and that amendments were made in compliance with the contract terms (e.g., if approval is required for any amendment, the documented approval); and
- iv. Randomly select one payment from the fiscal period for each of the 5 contracts, obtain the supporting invoice, agree the invoice to the contract terms, and observe that the invoice and related payment agreed to the terms and conditions of the contract.

## **9) Payroll and Personnel**

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*Payroll and Personnel was not tested at June 30, 2025 (Year 2) due to the fact that there were no exceptions noted in the prior year (Year 1).*

- A. Obtain a listing of employees and officials employed during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 employees or officials, obtain related paid salaries and personnel files, and agree paid salaries to authorized salaries/pay rates in the personnel files.
- B. Randomly select one pay period during the fiscal period. For the 5 employees or officials selected under procedure #9A above, obtain attendance records and leave documentation for the pay period, and
  - i. Observe that all selected employees or officials documented their daily attendance and leave (e.g., vacation, sick, compensatory);
  - ii. Observe whether supervisors approved the attendance and leave of the selected employees or officials;
  - iii. Observe that any leave accrued or taken during the pay period is reflected in the entity's cumulative leave records; and
  - iv. Observe the rate paid to the employees or officials agrees to the authorized salary/pay rate found within the personnel file.
- C. Obtain a listing of those employees or officials that received termination payments during the fiscal period and management's representation that the list is complete. Randomly select two employees or officials and obtain related documentation of the hours and pay rates used in management's termination payment calculations and the entity's policy on termination payments. Agree the hours to the employee's or official's cumulative leave records, agree the pay rates to the employee's or official's authorized pay rates in the employee's or official's personnel files, and agree the termination payment to entity policy.
- D. Obtain management's representation that employer and employee portions of third-party payroll related amounts (e.g., payroll taxes, retirement contributions, health insurance premiums, garnishments, workers' compensation premiums) have been paid, and any associated forms have been filed, by required deadlines.

## **10) Ethics**

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*Ethics was not tested at June 30, 2025 (Year 2) due to the fact that there were no exceptions noted in the prior year (Year 1).*

- A. Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from Payroll and Personnel procedure #9A obtain ethics documentation from management, and
  - i. Observe whether the documentation demonstrates that each employee/official completed one hour of ethics training during the calendar year as required by R.S. 42:1170; and



- ii. Observe whether the entity maintains documentation which demonstrates that each employee and official were notified of any changes to the entity's ethics policy during the fiscal period, as applicable.
- B. Inquire and/or observe whether the agency has appointed an ethics designee as required by R.S. 42:1170.

#### *11) Debt Service*

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- A. Obtain a listing of bonds/notes and other debt instruments issued during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Select all debt instruments on the listing, obtain supporting documentation, and observe that State Bond Commission approval was obtained for each debt instrument issued as required by Article VII, Section 8 of the Louisiana Constitution.

*The entity did not issue any bonds/notes or other debt instruments during the fiscal period; therefore, this procedure is not applicable.*

- B. Obtain a listing of bonds/notes outstanding at the end of the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select one bond/note, inspect debt covenants, obtain supporting documentation for the reserve balance and payments, and agree actual reserve balances and payments to those required by debt covenants (including contingency funds, short-lived asset funds, or other funds required by the debt covenants).

*The entity does not have any bonds/notes outstanding at the end of the fiscal period; therefore, this procedure is not applicable.*

#### *12) Fraud Notice*

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*Fraud Notice was not tested at June 30, 2025 (Year 2) due to the fact that there were no exceptions noted in the prior year (Year 1).*

- A. Obtain a listing of misappropriations of public funds and assets during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Select all misappropriations on the listing, obtain supporting documentation, and observe that the entity reported the misappropriation(s) to the legislative auditor and the district attorney of the parish in which the entity is domiciled as required by R.S. 24:523.
- B. Observe that the entity has posted, on its premises and website, the notice required by R.S. 24:523.1 concerning the reporting of misappropriation, fraud, waste, or abuse of public funds.

#### *13) Information Technology Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity*

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*Information Technology Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity was not tested at June 30, 2025 (Year 2) due to the fact that it was not required to be tested in Year 2.*

**Perform the following procedures, verbally discuss the results with management, and report "We performed the procedure and discussed the results with management":**

- A. Obtain and inspect the entity's most recent documentation that it has backed up its critical data (if there is no written documentation, then inquire of personnel responsible for backing up critical data) and observe evidence that such backup (a) occurred within the past week, (b) was not stored on the government's local server or network, and (c) was encrypted.
- B. Obtain and inspect the entity's most recent documentation that it has tested/verified that its backups can be restored (if there is no written documentation, then inquire of personnel responsible for



testing/verifying backup restoration) and observe evidence that the test/verification was successfully performed within the past 3 months.

- C. Obtain a listing of the entity's computers currently in use and their related locations, and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 computers and observe while management demonstrates that the selected computers have current and active antivirus software and that the operating system and accounting system software in use are currently supported by the vendor.
- D. Randomly select 5 terminated employees (or all terminated employees if less than 5) using the list of terminated employees obtained in Payroll and Personnel procedure #9C. Observe evidence that the selected terminated employees have been removed or disabled from the network.
- E. Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from Payroll and Personnel procedure #9A, obtain cybersecurity training documentation from management, and observe that the documentation demonstrates that the following employees/officials with access to the agency's information technology assets have completed cybersecurity training as required by R.S. 42:1267. The requirements are as follows:
  - Hired before June 9, 2020 - completed the training; and
  - Hired on or after June 9, 2020 - completed the training within 30 days of initial service or employment.

#### ***14) Prevention of Sexual Harassment***

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*Prevention of Sexual Harassment was not tested at June 30, 2025 (Year 2) due to the fact that there were no exceptions noted in the prior year (Year 1).*

- A. Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from Payroll and Personnel procedure #9A, obtain sexual harassment training documentation from management, and observe that the documentation demonstrates each employee/official completed at least one hour of sexual harassment training during the calendar year as required by R.S. 42:343.
- B. Observe that the entity has posted its sexual harassment policy and complaint procedure on its website (or in a conspicuous location on the entity's premises if the entity does not have a website).
- C. Obtain the entity's annual sexual harassment report for the current fiscal period, observe that the report was dated on or before February 1, and observe that the report includes the applicable requirements of R.S. 42:344:
  - i. Number and percentage of public servants in the agency who have completed the training requirements;
  - ii. Number of sexual harassment complaints received by the agency;
  - iii. Number of complaints which resulted in a finding that sexual harassment occurred;
  - iv. Number of complaints in which the finding of sexual harassment resulted in discipline or corrective action; and
  - v. Amount of time it took to resolve each complaint.

We were engaged by the St. Martin Parish Sheriff to perform this agreed-upon procedures engagement and conducted our engagement in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and applicable standards of *Government Auditing Standards*. We were not engaged to and did not conduct an examination or review engagement, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion or conclusion, respectively, on those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion or conclusion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

We are required to be independent of the St. Martin Parish Sheriff and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements related to our agreed-upon procedures engagement.

This report is intended solely to describe the scope of testing performed on those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs, and the result of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on control or compliance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose. Under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the LLA as a public document.

***Champagne & Company, LLC***  
Certified Public Accountants

Breaux Bridge, Louisiana  
November 26, 2025