

**ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT**  
**ST. TAMMANY PARISH**  
**FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 3**  
**AS OF AND FOR THE YEAR ENDED**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2024**



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## **INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT**

To the Board of Commissioners  
St. Tammany Parish Fire Protection District No. 3  
Lacombe, Louisiana

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

#### ***Opinions***

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities the major fund of St. Tammany Parish Fire Protection District No. 3, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District'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 and the major fund of St. Tammany Parish Fire Protection District No. 3, as of December 31, 2024, and the respective changes in financial position 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 Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the District, 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.

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

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the 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 District'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.



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***Auditor's 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 auditor's 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 District'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 District'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.



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***Required Supplementary Information***

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussions and analysis and budgetary comparison information, schedule of proportionate share of the net pension liability, and schedule of contributions to 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 of the District's basic financial statements. The accompanying schedules of compensation paid to board members and compensation, benefits and other payments to agency head are presented to comply with the requirements issued by the State of Louisiana, and are not 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.



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In our opinion, the schedules of compensation paid to board members and compensation, benefits and other payments to agency head are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

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

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated June 9, 2025 on our consideration of the District'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 District's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the St. Tammany Parish Fire Protection District No. 3's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Mandeville, Louisiana  
June 9, 2025

*Erickson Krentel, LLP*  
Certified Public Accountants

## **BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**ST. TAMMANY PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 3**  
**STATEMENT OF NET POSITION**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2024**

**ASSETS:**

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,103,481
Receivables:	
Ad valorem taxes, net of allowance for uncollectible taxes of \$173,195	3,347,123
State revenue sharing	32,837
EMS receivable, net of allowance for uncollectible accounts of \$284,091	179,602
Other receivables	65,488
Prepaid insurance	38,886
Nondepreciable capital assets	287,350
Depreciable capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	<u>911,354</u>
 Total assets	 <u>5,966,121</u>

**DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES:**

Pensions	<u>522,728</u>
 Total deferred outflows of resources	 <u>522,728</u>

**LIABILITIES:**

Accounts payable	13,107
Accrued expenses	57,173
Compensated absences	83,760
Pension deduction payable	96,875
Deferred Revenue	223,596
Net pension liability	1,440,667
Debt:	
Due within one year	100,000
Due in more than one year	<u>105,000</u>
 Total liabilities	 <u>2,120,178</u>

**DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES:**

Pensions	<u>315,630</u>
 Total deferred inflows of resources	 <u>315,630</u>

**NET POSITION:**

Net investment in capital assets	1,198,704
Restricted for debt service	100,000
Unrestricted	<u>2,754,337</u>
 Total net position	 <u><u>\$ 4,053,041</u></u>

**The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement**



**ST. TAMMANY PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 3**  
**STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024**

Function/Programs	Expenses	Program Revenues		Net (Expense)
		Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Revenue and Changes in Net Position
<u>Governmental activities:</u>				
Public safety - fire protection	\$ 3,373,160	\$ -	\$ 60,000	\$ (3,313,160)
Public safety - EMS	<u>166,001</u>	<u>638,776</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>472,775</u>
Total governmental activities	<u>\$ 3,539,161</u>	<u>\$ 638,776</u>	<u>\$ 60,000</u>	<u>(2,840,385)</u>
General revenues:				
	Property taxes			3,421,600
	2% fire tax			54,562
	State revenue sharing			53,932
	Investment earnings			100,282
	State supplemental pay			68,504
	Other income			<u>252,312</u>
	Total general revenues			<u>3,951,192</u>
	Change in net position			1,110,807
	Net position - beginning			<u>2,942,234</u>
	Net position - ending			<u>\$ 4,053,041</u>

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**ST. TAMMANY PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 3**  
**BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2024**

**ASSETS:**

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,103,481
Receivables:	
Ad valorem taxes, net of allowance for uncollectible taxes of \$173,195	3,347,123
State revenue sharing	32,837
EMS receivable, net of allowance for uncollectible accounts of \$284,091	179,602
Other receivables	65,488
Prepaid insurance	<u>38,886</u>
 Total assets	 <u><u>\$ 4,767,417</u></u>

**LIABILITIES:**

Accounts payable	\$ 13,107
Accrued expenses	57,173
Pension deduction payable	96,875
Deferred Revenue	<u>223,596</u>
 Total liabilities	 <u><u>390,751</u></u>

**DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES:**

Unavailable revenue - property taxes	<u>1,033,171</u>
 Total deferred inflows of resources	 <u><u>1,033,171</u></u>

**FUND BALANCE:**

Nonspendable: prepaid expenses	38,886
Restricted for: debt service	100,000
Committed for: capital outlay	1,025,022
Unassigned	<u>2,179,587</u>
 Total fund balance	 <u><u>3,343,495</u></u>
 Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and fund balance	 <u><u>\$ 4,767,417</u></u>

**The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement**

**ST. TAMMANY PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 3**  
**RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET**  
**TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2024**

Fund balance - total governmental funds	\$ 3,343,495
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position are different because:	
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds.	1,198,704
Deferred outflows of resources related to pensions are not reported in governmental funds	522,728
Deferred inflows of resources related to pensions are not reported in governmental funds	(315,630)
Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds. All liabilities (both current and long-term) are reported in the Statement of Net Position:	
Compensated absences	(83,760)
Pension liability	(1,440,667)
Bonds payable	(205,000)
Certain property tax collections are not available to pay for current-period expenditures and therefore are reported as deferred inflows of resources in the governmental funds.	<u>1,033,171</u>
Net position of governmental activities	<u><u>\$ 4,053,041</u></u>

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**ST. TAMMANY PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 3**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND**  
**CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024**

	General Fund
<b><u>GENERAL REVENUES:</u></b>	
Ad valorem taxes	\$ 2,585,628
Intergovernmental revenues:	
State revenue sharing	53,932
2% Fire tax	54,562
Charges for services (EMS)	638,776
State supplemental pay	100,282
Investment earnings	68,504
Contributions	60,000
Miscellaneous	<u>172,530</u>
 Total general revenues	 <u>3,734,214</u>
<b><u>EXPENDITURES:</u></b>	
Public safety - fire protection:	
Salaries	1,671,594
Retirement	328,307
Health insurance	370,422
Insurance	131,609
Professional fees	161,436
Payroll taxes	48,995
Vehicles - repairs	120,404
Communication	23,293
Utilities	23,302
Repairs and maintenance	203,088
Office supplies	19,455
Turn out gear	7,204
Supplies	47,972
Vehicles - fuel	28,920
Training	31,112
Miscellaneous	35,226
Advertisement	1,908
Uniforms	22,116
Deduction from ad valorem taxes for pension	<u>73,121</u>
 Total public safety - fire protection expenditures	 <u>3,349,484</u>

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**ST. TAMMANY PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 3**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES**  
**IN FUND BALANCE - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS (CONTINUED)**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024**

**EXPENDITURES:**

## Public safety - EMS:

Medical director	12,000
Ambulance equipment and supplies	48,787
Billing services	54,681
Medical equipment and supplies	30,873
Training	<u>19,660</u>

Total public safety - EMS expenditures	<u>166,001</u>
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## Debt service:

Principal payments	100,000
Interest expense	<u>6,044</u>

Total debt service	<u>106,044</u>
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Capital outlay	<u>73,270</u>
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Total expenditures	<u>3,694,799</u>
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Excess of revenues over expenditures	39,415
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**FUND BALANCE:**

Beginning of year	<u>3,304,080</u>
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End of year	<u><u>\$ 3,343,495</u></u>
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**ST. TAMMANY PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 3**  
**RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND**  
**CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**  
**TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024**

Net change in fund balance - governmental fund	\$ 39,415
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities are 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 lives and reported as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which depreciation expense of \$135,384 exceeded capital asset additions of \$73,270 in the current period	(62,114)
Repayments of note principal are reported as financing used in governmental funds and thus contribute to the reduction in fund balance. In the Statement of Net Position, however, repayment of debt decreases the long-term liabilities and does not affect the Statement of Activities.	100,000
Under the modified accrual basis of accounting used in the governmental funds, advances of derived tax revenues is not recognized until received, rather than as it is earned. This is the amount by which prior year advances of derived tax revenues recognized of \$197,199 were exceeded by current advances of derived tax revenues recognized of \$1,033,171.	835,972
Some expenses reported in the Statement of Activities do not require the use of current financial resources and are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds:	
Compensated absences - The change in the amount by which prior year compensated absences recognized of \$72,295 was subceeded by current compensated absences recognized of \$53,998.	(29,762)
Pensions	147,514
Non-employer contributions for pensions	<u>79,782</u>
Change in net position	<u><u>\$ 1,110,807</u></u>

**The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement**

# **ST. TAMMANY PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 3**

## **NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

DECEMBER 31, 2024

### **(1) SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The mission of St. Tammany Parish Fire Protection District No. 3 (the District) is to provide fire protection in that area of St. Tammany Parish (the Parish) which includes Lacombe, Louisiana. The accounting and reporting policies of the District conform to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America applicable to government entities. The following is a summary of significant accounting policies.

#### **Reporting Entity**

The District was created in 1954 by Ordinance 3017 of St. Tammany Parish. The District is governed by a Board of Commissioners, which is appointed by St. Tammany Parish. The Board consists of five Commissioners who serve two-year terms.

The financial reporting entity consists of (a) the primary government, (b) organizations for which the primary government is financially accountable, and (c) other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the primary government are such that exclusion would cause the reporting entity's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete.

GASB Statement No. 14, *The Financial Reporting Entity*, established criteria for determining the governmental reporting entity and component units that should be included within the reporting entity. Under provisions of this statement, the District is considered a component unit of the St. Tammany Parish Council. As a component unit, the accompanying financial statements are included within the reporting of the primary government, either blended into those financial statements or separately reported as discrete component units.

#### **Basis of Presentation**

The District's financial statements are prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is responsible for establishing GAAP for state and local governments through pronouncements (Statements and Interpretations). Governments are also required to follow the pronouncements of the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued through November 30, 1989 (when applicable) that do not conflict with or contradict GASB pronouncements. The more significant accounting policies established in GAAP and used by the District are discussed below.

The accompanying basic financial statements have been prepared in conformity with GASB Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements-and Management's Discussion and Analysis-for State and Local Governments*, issued in June 1999, as amended by GASB Statement No. 63, *Financial Reporting of Deferred Outflows of Resources, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Net Position*.

The District's basic financial statements include both government-wide (reporting the District as a whole) and fund financial statements (reporting the District's major funds). Both the government-wide and fund financial statements categorize primary activities as either governmental or business type. The District's fire protection activities and related general administrative services are classified as governmental activities. The District does not have any business-type activities.

**ST. TAMMANY PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 3**

**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)**

**DECEMBER 31, 2024**

**(1) SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

**Basic Financial Statements - Government-Wide Financial Statements (GWFS)**

In the government-wide Statement of Net Position (Exhibit A), the governmental activities column is presented on a consolidated basis and is reported on a full accrual, economic resource basis, which recognizes all long-term assets and receivables, as well as long-term debt and obligations. The District's net position are reported in two parts – net investment in capital assets and restricted for fire protection, debt service, and capital outlay.

The government-wide Statement of Activities (Exhibit B) reports both gross and net cost of the District's function. The function is supported by general government revenues (ad valorem tax). Any program revenues and operating grants received would reduce gross expenses in the Statement of Activities.

This government-wide focus is on the sustainability of the District as an entity and the change in the District's net position resulting from current year's activities.

**Basic Financial Statements – Fund Financial Statements (FFS)**

The financial transactions of the District are reported in individual funds in the fund financial statements. Each fund is accounted for by providing a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprises its assets, deferred outflow of resources, liabilities, deferred inflow of resources, reserves, fund equity, revenues and expenditures. The District's current operations require the use of only the following fund types:

**Governmental Fund:**

The focus of the governmental fund's measurement (in the fund statement) is upon determination of financial position and changes in financial position (sources, uses, and balances of financial resources) rather than upon net income. In general, fund balance represents the accumulated expendable resources, which may be used to finance future operations of the District.

**General Fund**

The General Fund is the principal fund of the District and is used to account for the operations of the District. General revenues are accounted for in this fund. General operating expenditures are paid from this fund.

**Basis of Accounting**

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



**ST. TAMMANY PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 3**

**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)**

**DECEMBER 31, 2024**

**(1) SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

**Accrual**

The governmental activities in the government-wide financial are presented on the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recognized when incurred.

**Modified Accrual**

The governmental fund financial statements are presented on the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recorded when susceptible to accrual; i.e., both measurable and available. "Available" means collectible within the current period or within 60 days after year end. Expenditures are generally recognized under the modified accrual basis of accounting when the related liability is incurred. The exception to this general rule is that principal and interest on general obligation long-term debt, if any, is recognized when due.

The District records are maintained on the cash basis of accounting. However, the General Fund reported in the accompanying financial statements has been converted to a modified accrual basis of accounting utilizing the following practices in recording revenues and expenditures:

**Revenues**

Property taxes, parcel fees, state revenue sharing, charges for services and interest associated with the current fiscal period are all considered to be susceptible to accrual, subject to availability, and so have been recognized as revenue of the current fiscal period. All other revenue items are considered to be measurable and available only when cash is received by the government.

Interest income on investments is recorded when the investments have matured and income is available.

All other revenues are recorded when received.

**Expenditures**

Expenditures are generally recognized under the modified accrual basis of accounting when the related fund liability is incurred.

**Cash and Cash Equivalents**

The District's cash and cash equivalents are considered to be cash on hand, demand deposits, and short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition.

**ST. TAMMANY PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 3****NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)****DECEMBER 31, 2024****(1) SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)****Receivables and Payables**

All property tax receivables are shown net of a 5% allowance for uncollectibles. The allowance is based on prior years' experience.

Property taxes are levied on a calendar year basis, become due on December 31 and are considered delinquent on January 1. The District authorized and levied a 34.95 mill ad valorem tax for operations and maintenance for the year ended December 31, 2024. The following are the principal taxpayers and related property tax revenue for the entity:

	Assessed Valuation	% of Total Assessed Value
Folger Coffee Company	\$ 26,612,476	26.78%
Stirling Medical Lacomb LLC	3,611,579	3.63%
Phiski LLC	2,672,743	2.69%
Southern Natural Gas	2,649,590	2.67%
Central LA Electrical Company	2,046,430	2.06%
Coastal Environmental Services of LA LLC	1,433,700	1.44%
Pavestone, LLA	1,075,431	1.08%
Atmos Energy Corporation	660,202	0.66%
SRB Enterprises, LLC	512,150	0.52%
LA, Heart Mob, LP	467,915	0.47%
	<u>\$ 41,472,216</u>	<u>42.00%</u>

**Tax Abatements**

St. Tammany Parish negotiates tax abatement agreements on the District's behalf on an individual basis. The agreements are negotiated under a special exemption through St. Tammany Parish Development District for a variety of economic development purposes, including business relocation, retention, and expansion. The abatements may be granted to any business located within the Parish for promising to relocate to the Parish's geographic area.

The St. Tammany Parish Economic Development District entered into a lease agreement with a private company on June 1, 2003, in connection with the issuance of \$25 million of bonds issued for the benefit of the company. While the lease is in effect and the project is owned by the Development District, the project is exempt from ad valorem tax. The lease requires that the company make an annual payment to the Development District, in an amount based on a formula, between \$55,000 and \$75,000. The Development District makes a contribution of 80% of this payment to St. Tammany Parish Fire Protection District No. 3. The contribution for the year ended December 31, 2024 was \$60,000.

**ST. TAMMANY PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 3**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2024**

**(1) SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

**Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Receivable**

Residents, who use the emergency medical transportation service provided by the District, are charged a fee ranging from \$300 to \$746 based on the type of medical care. Mileage is billed at \$20 per mile. The District has agreements with other third-party payers that provide for payments at amounts different from its established rates. Net emergency medical service revenue is recorded at the estimated realizable amount from patients, third-party payers, and others for services rendered, based upon prior years' experience and management's analysis of possible bad debts. Emergency medical receivables are charged against the allowance when it is determined by the District that payment will not be received. The current policy is to allow for any accounts that are inactive for three months. For the year ended December 31, 2024, the District provided \$1,083,690 for contractual adjustments to established rates billed and \$284,091 for an allowance for uncollectible accounts.

**Prepaid Items**

Certain payments to vendors reflect costs applicable to future accounting periods and are recorded as prepaid items in both government-wide and fund financial statements.

**Capital Assets and Depreciation**

Capital assets, which include property and equipment, are reported in the government-wide statements. Capital assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated cost if historical cost is not available. Donated assets are recorded as capital assets at their estimated fair market value at the date of donation. The District maintains a threshold of \$2,500 or more for capitalizing capital assets.

The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend asset lives are not capitalized.

All capital assets, other than land, are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

Buildings and improvements	30 Years
Vehicles	5 - 15 Years
Equipment	10 - 15 Years
Computers	5 Years
Infrastructure	25 Years

**Deferred Outflows and Inflows of Resources**

In addition to assets, the Statement of Financial Position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, *deferred outflows of resources*, represents a consumption of net position that applies to future periods and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then. Currently, the District has one item that qualifies for reporting in this category, deferred amounts related to pensions.

# ST. TAMMANY PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 3

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

DECEMBER 31, 2024

### (1) **SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

#### **Deferred Outflows and Inflows of Resources (Continued)**

In addition to liabilities, the Statement of Financial Position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, *deferred inflows of resources*, represents an acquisition of net position or fund balance that applies to future periods and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until then. Currently, the District has one item that qualifies for reporting in this category, deferred amounts related to pensions.

#### **Pensions**

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 Firefighters' Retirement System of Louisiana (the Plan) and additions to/deductions from the Plan's fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the Plan. 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.

#### **Equity Classifications**

In the government-wide financial statements, equity is classified as net position 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.

**ST. TAMMANY PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 3**

**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)**

DECEMBER 31, 2024

**(1) SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

**Equity Classifications**

Governmental fund equity is classified as fund balance. In the governmental fund financial statements, fund balances are classified as follows:

- a. Nonspendable – amounts that cannot be spent either because they are in a nonspendable form or because they are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.
- b. Restricted – amounts that can be spent only for specific purposes because of state, local or federal awards or externally imposed conditions by grantors or creditors.
- c. Committed – amounts that can be used for specific purposes determined by formal action by an ordinance or resolution.
- d. Assigned – amounts that are designated by the formal action of the government's highest level of decision making authority.
- e. Unassigned – amounts not included in other classifications.

The Board of Commissioners, as the highest level of decision-making authority, can establish, modify or rescind a fund balance commitment by formal vote at a public board meeting. For assigned fund balance the Board of Commissioners authorizes management to assign amounts for a specific purpose.

When both restricted and unrestricted fund balances are available for use, it is the District's policy to use restricted resources first, then unrestricted as needed. When committed, assigned or unassigned fund balances are available for use it is the District's policy to use committed resources first, then assigned resources and unassigned resources as they are needed.

**Use of Estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require 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 reported amounts of revenues, expenditures and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

**Compensated Absences**

Employees accrue annual leave at a rate of approximately 18 days per year during their first 10 years of service. Beginning in year 11, they accrue an additional day per year, up to a maximum of 30 days annually. Leave may be carried over from year to year, with a maximum carryover limit of 300 hours. Employees may redeem up to 120 hours of accrued leave per year.

**ST. TAMMANY PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 3**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2024**

**(1) SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

**Compensated Absences**

Employees with leave balances exceeding the maximum are required to either redeem the excess hours or take time off, which may be scheduled by management if not requested by the employee. As of December 31, 2024, the District had accrued compensated absences payable of \$83,760, which is reported on the statement of net position.

**Adoption of New Accounting Pronouncement**

For the year ended December 31, 2024, the District has adopted GASB Statement No. 101, Compensated Absences (Statement 101), which replaces GASB Statement No. 16. It requires liabilities for compensated absences to be recognized for leave that has not 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 the leave is attributable to services already rendered, has accumulated, and is more likely than not to be used for time off or paid in cash or settled through noncash means. The Statement also addresses the timing of the recognition of a liability for other types of compensated absences. The adoption of this standard did not have a material impact on the District's statements.

**Subsequent Events**

Subsequent events have been evaluated through June 9, 2025, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

**(2) STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE, AND ACCOUNTABILITY**

A public hearing was held on November 8, 2023 and the board adopted the budget. The budget is prepared using GAAP basis of accounting. All appropriations lapse at year end. Formal budget integration within the accounting records is employed as a management control device during the year. The board also reviews budget versus actual reports on a monthly basis. Changes or amendments are made upon approval of the board.

**(3) AD VALOREM TAXES**

The following is a summary of authorized and levied ad valorem taxes:

	<b><u>Authorized</u></b>	<b><u>Levied</u></b>
Maintaining, acquiring, constructing, improving, and operating fire protection and rescue services. Expires 2032.	25.01	25.01
Maintaining, acquiring, constructing, improving, and operating fire protection and rescue services Expires 2029.	9.94	9.94

**ST. TAMMANY PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 3**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)**  
DECEMBER 31, 2024

**(4) CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS**

The following is a summary of cash and cash equivalents at December 31, 2024:

Demand deposits	<u>\$ 1,103,481</u>
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These deposits are stated at cost, which approximates market. The District does not have a policy for custodial credit risk; however, under state law, these deposits (or the resulting bank balances) must be secured by federal deposit insurance or the pledge of securities owned by the fiscal agent bank. The market value of the pledged securities plus the federal deposit insurance must at all times equal the amount on deposit with the fiscal agent. These securities are held in the name of the pledging agent bank in a holding or custodial bank that is mutually acceptable to both parties.

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

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

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

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

At December 31, 2024, the carrying amount and the bank balances of deposits of the primary government are summarized as follows:

	Bank Balances Category			
	1	2	3	Bank Balance
Cash	<u>\$ 250,000</u>	<u>\$ 856,481</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,103,481</u>

**(5) 2% FIRE INSURANCE TAX REVENUE**

The District is eligible and receives a pro-rata share of the fire insurance tax collected by the State of Louisiana. The amounts received by the District are based on the population of the areas that it serves. In accordance with Louisiana Revised Statutes (LRS), such money shall be used only for the purpose of "rendering more efficient and efficacious" fire protection, as the District shall direct.

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**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)**

DECEMBER 31, 2024

**(6) CAPITAL ASSETS**

Capital assets and depreciation activity as of and for the year ended December 31, 2024 is as follows:

	<u>1/1/2024</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Reductions</u>	<u>12/31/2024</u>
<b><u>Governmental Activities:</u></b>				
<b>Capital assets not being depreciated:</b>				
Land	\$ 287,350	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 287,350
Total capital assets not being depreciated	<u>287,350</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>287,350</u>
<b>Capital assets being depreciated:</b>				
Buildings and improvements	958,918	-	-	958,918
Firefighting and rescue equipment	754,504	45,741	-	800,245
Communication equipment	108,318	-	-	108,318
Other equipment	65,688	27,529	-	93,217
Vehicles	1,237,577	-	-	1,237,577
Infrastructure	<u>26,400</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>26,400</u>
Total capital assets being depreciated	<u>3,151,405</u>	<u>73,270</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,224,675</u>
<b>Less accumulated depreciation for:</b>				
Buildings and improvements	549,677	21,342	-	571,019
Firefighting and rescue equipment	650,056	49,542	-	699,598
Communication equipment	50,706	7,732	-	58,438
Other equipment	65,688	2,274	-	67,962
Vehicles	852,482	53,438	-	905,920
Infrastructure	<u>9,328</u>	<u>1,056</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,384</u>
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>2,177,937</u>	<u>135,384</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,313,321</u>
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	<u>973,468</u>	<u>(62,114)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>911,354</u>
Governmental activities capital assets, net	<u>\$1,260,818</u>	<u>\$ (62,114)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$1,198,704</u>

Depreciation expense of \$135,384 for the year ended December 31, 2024, was charged to fire protection and EMS.



**ST. TAMMANY PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 3****NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)****DECEMBER 31, 2024****(7) LONG-TERM DEBT**

	<u>Balance at</u> <u>12/31/2023</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Reductions</u>	<u>Balance at</u> <u>12/31/2024</u>	<u>Due Within</u> <u>One Year</u>
Limited tax certificates of indebtedness Series 2021, interest rate at 2.37%, maturing on March 1, 2026.	<u>\$ 305,000</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (100,000)</u>	<u>\$ 205,000</u>	<u>\$ 100,000</u>

Following is a summary of future principal and interest requirements:

<u>Year</u> <u>Ending</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2025	100,000	3,674	103,674
2026	105,000	1,244	106,244
	<u>\$ 205,000</u>	<u>\$ 4,918</u>	<u>\$ 209,918</u>

Interest costs incurred and charged to expense for the year ended December 31, 2024 was \$6,044.

**(8) OPERATING LEASES**

The District leases copier and radio equipment for a period of less than 12 months. Total payments charged to leased equipment expense for the year ended December 31, 2024 was \$2,495.

**(9) PENSION PLAN**

All full-time employees of the District are members of the Louisiana Firefighters' Retirement System (the System), a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit plan administered by a separate board of trustees.

Membership in the System is mandatory for all full-time firefighters employed by a municipality, parish or fire district that did not enact an ordinance before January 1, 1980, exempting itself from participation in the System. Employees are eligible to retire at or after age 55 with at least 12 years of creditable service or at or after age 50 with at least 20 years of creditable service. Upon retirement, members are entitled to a retirement benefit payable monthly for life, equal to three and one-third percent of their final average salary for each year of creditable service, not to exceed 100 percent of their final average salary. Final average salary is the employee's average salary over the 36 consecutive or joined months that produce the highest average. Employees who terminate with at least 12 years of service stated above and do not withdraw their employee contributions may retire at or after age 55 (or at or after 50 with at least 20 years of creditable service at termination) and receive the benefit accrued to their date of termination.

**ST. TAMMANY PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 3**

**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)**

DECEMBER 31, 2024

**(9) PENSION PLAN (CONTINUED)**

The system also provides death and disability benefits. Benefits are established by state statute. The System issues an annual publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for the System. The report may be obtained by writing to the Louisiana Firefighters' Retirement System, Post Office Box 94095, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804, or by calling, (225) 925-4060.

Funding Policy

For the twelve months ended December 31, 2024, members of the System are required to contribute 10% of their annual covered salary and the District is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. At December 31, 2024, the employer contribution rate was 33.25% above poverty and 35.25% below poverty.

The contribution requirements of plan members and the District are established and may be amended by state statute. As provided by Louisiana Revised Statute 11:103, the employer contributions are determined by actuarial valuation and are subject to change each year based on the results of the valuation for the prior fiscal year.

Contributions

According to state statute, for the System, contribution requirements for all employees are actuarially determined each year. State statute requires covered employees to contribute a percentage of their salaries to the System. The actual employer contribution rate and the actuarially determined employer contribution differ due to state statutes that require the contribution rate be calculated and set two years prior to the year effective.

The amount of the District's employer contributions to the System for the year ended December 31, 2024 was \$236,793. The District's covered payroll for the System for the year ended December 31, 2024 was \$907,122.

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

At December 31, 2024, the District reported a liability totaling \$1,440,667 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability for the System. 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 District's proportion of the Net Pension Liability was based on the District's historical contributions to the Plan relative to the historical contributions of all participating employers. At June 30, 2024, the District's proportion was 0.255865% for the System, which was an increase of 0.014398% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2023.

For the year ended December 31, 2024, the District recognized pension expense for the System totaling \$163,530. Subtracted from pension expense is the employer's amortization of change in proportionate share and differences between employer contributions and proportionate share of contributions totaling \$104,133 for the System.

**ST. TAMMANY PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 3****NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)****DECEMBER 31, 2024****(9) PENSION PLAN (CONTINUED)****Contributions (continued)**

For the year ended December 31, 2024, the District recognized revenue from ad valorem taxes and revenue sharing funds received by the System. These additional sources of income are used as employer contributions and are considered support from non-employer contributing entities totaling \$79,782.

At December 31, 2024, the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the System:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 108,161	\$ 34,262
Change in assumptions	61,632	-
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	14,573	-
Changes in proportion and differences between employer contributions and proportionate share of contributions	157,759	282,818
Employer contributions subsequent to the measurement date	182,053	-
	<u>522,728</u>	<u>315,630</u>
Total	<u>\$ 522,728</u>	<u>\$ 315,630</u>

**Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions (Continued)**

Employer contributions subsequent to the measurement date totaling \$182,053 and reported as deferred outflows of resources will be recognized as a reduction of the Net Pension Liability in the year ended December 31, 2024. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

**Year Ended December 31:**

2025	\$ (48,164)
2026	176,929
2027	(77,494)
2028	(74,167)
2029	21,282
2030	<u>20,571</u>
Total	<u>\$ 18,957</u>

**ST. TAMMANY PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 3**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2024**

**(9) PENSION PLAN (CONTINUED)**

Actuarial Assumptions

The total pension liability in the June 30, 2024 actuarial valuation for the System was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Valuation Date	June 30, 2024
Actuarial Cost Method	Entry Age Normal Cost
Estimated Remaining Service Life	7 years, closed period
Investment Rate of Return	6.90% per annum (net of fees, including inflation)
Inflation Rate	2.50% per annum
Salary increases	Vary from 14.10% in the first years of service to 5.20% after 3 or more years of service
Cost of Living Adjustments	Only those previously granted included

Mortality Rate

The mortality rate assumption used was set based upon an experience study performed on plan data for the period July 1, 2009, through June 30, 2014. 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 System's liabilities. The RP-2000 Combined Healthy with Blue Collar Adjustment Sex Distinct Tables, projected to 2031 using Scale AA, were selected for employee, annuitant, and beneficiary mortality. The RP-2000 Disabled Lives Mortality Table set back five years for males and set back three years for females was selected for disabled annuitants. Setbacks in these tables were used to approximate mortality improvement.

Long-term Expected Real Rate of Return

The estimated long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimates 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, 2.50%. The long term expected nominal rate of return was 6.90% as of June 30, 2024.

**ST. TAMMANY PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 3**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)**  
DECEMBER 31, 2024

**(9) PENSION PLAN (CONTINUED)**

Best estimates of real rates of return for each major asset class included in FRS' target asset allocation as of June 30, 2024 are summarized in the following table:

Asset Class	Target Asset Allocation	Long-Term Expected Portfolio Real Rate of Return
U.S. core fixed income	22%	2.09%
U.S. tips	2%	2.00%
Emerging market debt	2%	4.05%
Multisector fixed income	4%	2.34%
U.S. equity	29%	6.24%
Non-U.S. equity	11%	6.36%
Global equity	10%	6.42%
Emerging market equity	5%	8.26%
Real estate	4%	4.85%
Real assets	3%	5.93%
Private equity	9%	9.77%
Totals	<u>100%</u>	
Inflation		2.50%
Expected arithmetic nominal return		6.90%

Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 6.90%. 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 will be made at the actuarially determined rates approved by PRSAC taking into consideration the recommendation of the System's actuary. Based on those assumptions, the System'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 District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate

The following presents the District's proportionate share of the Net Pension Liability using the discount rate of 6.90%, as well as what the District's proportionate share of the Net Pension Liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower, or one percentage point higher than the current rate:

	<u>1% Decrease</u>	<u>Current Discount Rate</u>	<u>1% Increase</u>
District's proportionate share of the Net Pension Liability	\$ 2,391,808	\$ 1,440,667	\$ 647,323

**ST. TAMMANY PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 3**

**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)**

DECEMBER 31, 2024

**(9) PENSION PLAN (CONTINUED)**

Retirement System Audit Report

Firefighters' Retirement System issued a stand-alone audit report on its financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2024. Access to the audit report can be found on the System's website: [www.lafirefightersret.com](http://www.lafirefightersret.com) or on the Office of Louisiana Legislative Auditor's official website: [www.lla.state.la.us](http://www.lla.state.la.us).

**(10) CHANGES IN LONG-TERM LIABILITIES**

Changes in long-term liabilities for the year ended December 31, 2024 are as follows:

	Balance at January 1, 2024	Net Increase (Decrease)	Balance at December 31, 2024
Compensated absences	\$ 53,998	\$ 29,762	\$ 83,760
Net pension liability	<u>1,576,009</u>	<u>(135,342)</u>	<u>1,440,667</u>
	<u>\$ 1,630,007</u>	<u>\$ (105,580)</u>	<u>\$ 1,524,427</u>

**(11) RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES**

The District is exposed to all common perils associated with fire protection and EMS services. To minimize loss occurrence and transfer risk, the District carries various commercial insurance policies including property, casualty, employee dishonesty, public official's liability, business auto and other miscellaneous policies. These policies are reviewed for adequacy by management annually.

**(12) NEW ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS**

The GASB has released Statement No. 102, Certain Risk Disclosures. This Statement establishes financial reporting requirements for risks related to vulnerabilities due to certain concentrations or constraints. The requirements of this Statement are effective for periods beginning after June 15, 2024. The District plans to adopt this Statement as applicable by the effective date.

The GASB has released Statement No. 103, Financial Reporting Model Improvements (Statement 103). This Statement improves key components of the financial reporting model to enhance its effectiveness in providing information that is essential for decision making and assessing a government's accountability. This Statement also addresses certain application issues. The requirements of this statement are effective for periods beginning after June 15, 2025. The District plans to adopt this Statement as applicable by the effective date.

**ST. TAMMANY PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 3**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2024**

**(12) NEW ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS (CONTINUED)**

The GASB has released Statement No. 104, Disclosure of Certain Capital Assets (Statement 104). The requirements of this Statement will improve financial reporting by providing users of financial statements with essential information about certain types of capital assets in order to make informed decisions and assess accountability. Additionally, the disclosure requirements will improve consistency and comparability between governments. This Statement is effective for periods beginning after June 15, 2025. The District plans to adopt this Statement as applicable by the effective date.

**REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION (PART II)**



**ST. TAMMANY PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 3**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE**  
**BUDGET AND ACTUAL ON BUDGETARY BASIS - GENERAL FUND**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024**

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance- Favorable (Unfavorable)
<b><u>GENERAL REVENUES:</u></b>				
Ad valorem taxes	\$ 1,943,000	\$ 1,943,000	\$ 2,585,628	\$ 642,628
Intergovernmental revenues:				
State revenue sharing	51,000	51,000	53,932	2,932
2% fire tax	52,000	52,000	54,562	2,562
Charges for services (EMS)	664,000	664,000	638,776	(25,224)
Investment earnings	127,000	127,000	100,282	(26,718)
Contributions	60,000	60,000	60,000	-
Miscellaneous	3,100	3,100	172,530	169,430
Total general revenues	<u>2,900,100</u>	<u>2,900,100</u>	<u>3,665,710</u>	<u>765,610</u>
<b><u>EXPENDITURES:</u></b>				
Public safety - fire protection:				
Salaries	1,641,950	1,641,950	1,603,090	38,860
Retirement	328,500	328,500	328,307	193
Health insurance	210,600	210,600	370,422	(159,822)
Insurance	371,070	371,070	131,609	239,461
Professional fees	161,309	161,309	161,436	(127)
Payroll taxes	41,400	41,400	48,995	(7,595)
Vehicles - repairs	88,500	88,500	120,404	(31,904)
Communication	16,000	16,000	23,293	(7,293)
Utilities	22,000	22,000	23,302	(1,302)
Repairs and maintenance	208,350	208,350	203,088	5,262
Office supplies	2,330	2,330	19,455	(17,125)
Turn out gear	18,400	18,400	7,204	11,196
Supplies	43,205	43,205	47,972	(4,767)
Vehicles - fuel	40,000	40,000	28,920	11,080
Training	19,300	19,300	31,112	(11,812)
Miscellaneous	110,315	110,315	35,226	75,089
Advertisement	500	500	1,908	(1,408)
Uniforms	15,000	15,000	22,116	(7,116)
Deduction from ad valorem taxes for pension	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>73,121</u>	<u>(73,121)</u>
Total public safety - fire protection expenditures	<u>3,338,729</u>	<u>3,338,729</u>	<u>3,280,980</u>	<u>57,749</u>

(See Independent Auditors' Report)

**ST. TAMMANY PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 3**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE**  
**BUDGET AND ACTUAL ON BUDGETARY BASIS - GENERAL FUND (CONTINUED)**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024**

	Adopted Budget	Revised Budget	Actual	Variance- Favorable (Unfavorable)
Public safety - EMS:				
Medical director	12,000	12,000	12,000	-
Ambulance equipment and supplies	21,000	21,000	48,787	(27,787)
Billing Services	42,500	42,500	54,681	(12,181)
Medical equipment and supplies	37,400	37,400	30,873	6,527
Training	17,135	17,135	19,660	(2,525)
Total public safety - EMS expenditures	130,035	130,035	166,001	(35,966)
Debt service:				
Principal payments	100,000	100,000	100,000	-
Interest expense	6,044	6,044	6,044	-
Total debt service	106,044	106,044	106,044	-
Capital outlay	-	-	73,270	(73,270)
Total expenditures	3,574,808	3,574,808	3,626,295	(51,487)
Excess of revenues over expenditures	(674,708)	(674,708)	39,415	817,097
<b><u>FUND BALANCE:</u></b>				
Beginning of year	3,304,080	3,304,080	3,304,080	
End of year	<u>\$ 2,629,372</u>	<u>\$ 2,629,372</u>	<u>\$ 3,343,495</u>	

\*Note: The Actual on Budgetary Basis amounts above reflect the modified accrual basis of accounting, except the supplemental pay for firefighters (\$60,317) is not reflected above in revenues and expenditures.

**ST. TAMMANY PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 3**  
**SCHEDULE OF PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024**

	<u>12/31/2024</u>	<u>12/31/2023</u>	<u>12/31/2022</u>	<u>12/31/2021</u>	<u>12/31/2020</u>	<u>12/31/2019</u>	<u>12/31/2018</u>	<u>12/31/2017</u>	<u>12/31/2016</u>	<u>12/31/2015</u>
District's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability	0.255865%	0.241467%	0.250002%	0.316945%	0.310290%	0.263918%	0.331971%	0.397645%	0.451168%	0.425008%
District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$ 1,440,667	\$ 1,576,009	\$ 1,762,837	\$ 1,123,206	\$ 2,150,790	\$ 1,652,631	\$ 1,909,523	\$ 2,279,242	\$ 2,951,047	\$ 2,293,816
District's Covered-Employee Payroll	\$ 711,959	\$ 648,200	\$ 681,046	\$ 806,151	\$ 775,203	\$ 693,249	\$ 791,893	\$ 857,692	\$ 980,537	\$ 974,191
District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of its Covered-Employee Payroll	202.35%	243.14%	258.84%	139.33%	277.45%	238.39%	241.13%	265.74%	300.96%	235.46%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability	81.68%	77.69%	74.68%	86.78%	72.61%	73.96%	74.76%	73.55%	68.16%	72.45%

*Note: Schedule is intended to show information for 10 years. Additional years will be displayed as they become available.*

*\*The amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of the calendar year-end that occurred within the fiscal year.*

ST. TAMMANY PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 3  
SCHEDULE OF CONTRIBUTIONS - RETIREMENT PLAN  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

	<u>12/31/2024</u>	<u>12/31/2023</u>	<u>12/31/2022</u>	<u>12/31/2021</u>	<u>12/31/2020</u>	<u>12/31/2019</u>	<u>12/31/2018</u>	<u>12/31/2017</u>	<u>12/31/2016</u>	<u>12/31/2015</u>
Contractually Required Contribution	\$ 236,793	\$ 215,533	\$ 217,897	\$ 256,990	\$ 214,940	\$ 169,451	\$ 209,851	\$ 220,862	\$ 257,546	\$ 265,467
Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Required Contribution	<u>(236,793)</u>	<u>(215,533)</u>	<u>(217,897)</u>	<u>(256,990)</u>	<u>(214,940)</u>	<u>(169,451)</u>	<u>(209,851)</u>	<u>(220,862)</u>	<u>(257,546)</u>	<u>(265,467)</u>
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Authority's covered-employee payroll	\$ 907,122	\$ 697,345	\$ 606,292	\$ 779,517	\$ 796,877	\$ 693,249	\$ 791,893	\$ 857,692	\$ 980,537	\$ 974,191
Contributions as a Percentage of Covered-Employee Payroll										
January 1 to June 30	33.25%	33.25%	33.75%	32.25%	27.75%	26.50%	26.50%	25.25%	27.25%	29.25%
July 1 to December 31	33.25%	33.25%	33.25%	33.75%	32.25%	28.00%	26.50%	26.50%	25.25%	27.25%

*Note: Schedule is intended to show information for 10 years. Additional years will be displayed as they become available.*

**ST. TAMMANY PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 3**  
**NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2024**

**(1) PENSION PLAN SCHEDULES**

**Changes of Benefit Terms**

There were no changes of benefit terms during any of the years presented.

**Changes of Assumptions**

For the year ended December 31, 2024 (measurement date of June 30, 2024), the Firefighter's Retirement System inflation rate assumption stayed at 2.50% annually, and the real investment rate of return stayed at 6.90%. The salary increase assumptions range stayed at (14.10%-5.2%) annually.

For the year ended December 31, 2023 (measurement date of June 30, 2023), the Firefighter's Retirement System inflation rate assumption stayed at 2.50% annually, and the real investment rate of return stayed at 6.90%. The salary increase assumptions range stayed at (14.10%-5.2%) annually.

For the year ended December 31, 2022 (measurement date of June 30, 2022), the Firefighter's Retirement System inflation rate assumption stayed at 2.50% annually, and the real investment rate of return stayed at 6.90%. The salary increase assumptions range stayed at (14.10%-5.2%) annually.

For the year ended December 31, 2021 (measurement date of June 30, 2021), the Firefighter's Retirement System inflation rate assumption stayed at 2.50% annually, and the real investment rate of return was lowered from 7.00% to 6.90%. The salary increase assumptions range stayed at (14.10%-5.2%) annually.

For the year ended December 31, 2020 (measurement date of June 30, 2020), the Firefighter's Retirement System inflation rate assumption stayed at 2.50% annually, and the real investment rate of return was lowered from 7.15% to 7.00%. The salary increase assumptions range went from (14.75%-4.5%) to (14.10%-5.20%).

For the year ended December 31, 2019 (measurement date of June 30, 2019), the Firefighter's Retirement System inflation rate assumption was lowered from 2.70% to 2.50% annually, and the real investment rate of return was lowered from 7.30% to 7.15%.

For the year ended December 31, 2018, the Firefighter's Retirement System inflation rate assumption was lowered from 2.775% to 2.70% annually, and the real investment rate of return was lowered from 7.40% to 7.30%.

For the year ended December 31, 2017, the Firefighter's Retirement System's inflation rate assumption was lowered to 2.775%, and the discount rate, or investment rate of return, assumption was lowered from 7.50% to 7.40%.

## **OTHER SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION**

**ST. TAMMANY PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 3**  
**SCHEDULE OF COMPENSATION PAID TO BOARD MEMBERS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024**

<u><b>Board of Commissioners</b></u>	<u><b>Compensation</b></u>
Raymond Batiste	\$1,600
Danny Hall, Chairman	\$1,500
Danny MacGregor, Chairman	\$100
Leo Casanave, Secretary	\$1,600
Murphy Arsenaux, Vice-Chairman	\$1,350
Jeanne Hutchison, Treasurer	\$1,400

(See Independent Auditors' Report)

**ST. TAMMANY PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 3**  
**SCHEDULE OF COMPENSATION, BENEFITS AND OTHER PAYMENTS**  
**TO AGENCY HEAD**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024**

	<b>Patrick Sicard</b> 8/31/2024	<b>Michael Geissler</b> 12/31/2024
<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Salary*	\$ 122,852	\$ 125,203
Benefits - insurance	15,701	12,019
Benefits - retirement**	<u>28,301</u>	<u>37,276</u>
 Total compensation, benefits and other payments	 <u>\$ 166,854</u>	 <u>\$ 174,498</u>

\* This amount is gross, including State Supplemental Pay of \$7,200 annually.

\*\* This is the employer portion of the retirement contribution.



**OTHER REPORTING REQUIRED BY  
*GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS***



**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***

To the Board of Commissioners  
St. Tammany Parish Fire Protection District No. 3  
Lacombe, Louisiana

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, the *Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide*, 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 and the major fund of St. Tammany Parish Fire Protection District No. 3, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the St. Tammany Parish Fire Protection District No. 3's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated June 9, 2025.

**Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered St. Tammany Parish Fire Protection District No. 3's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the 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 St. Tammany Parish Fire Protection District No. 3's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of St. Tammany Parish Fire Protection District No. 3'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 St. Tammany Parish Fire Protection District No. 3'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.

To the Board of Commissioners  
St Tammany Parish Fire Protection District No. 3  
June 9, 2025

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

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether St. Tammany Parish Fire Protection District No. 3'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. However, under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the Legislative Auditor as a public document.

June 9, 2025  
Mandeville, Louisiana

*Erickson Krentel, LLP*  
Certified Public Accountants

**ST. TAMMANY PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 3**  
**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024**

**SECTION I SUMMARY OF AUDIT RESULTS**

1. The independent auditors' report expresses an unmodified opinion on the financial statements of St. Tammany Parish Fire Protection District No. 3.
2. No significant deficiencies or material weaknesses disclosed during the audit of the financial statements is reported in the 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*.
3. No instances of noncompliance material to the financial statements of St. Tammany Parish Fire Protection District No. 3, which would be required to be reported in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, was disclosed during the audit.
4. A management letter was not issued for the year ended December 31, 2024.

**SECTION II FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS**

Not Applicable

**ST. TAMMANY PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 3**  
**SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024**

**SECTION I INTERNAL CONTROL AND COMPLIANCE MATERIAL TO THE  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

There were no findings related to the financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2023.