

**ALEXANDRIA CITY MARSHAL  
ALEXANDRIA, LOUISIANA**

**September 30, 2021**

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## Independent Auditor's Report

Alexandria City Marshal  
Alexandria, Louisiana

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of the Alexandria City Marshal, as of and for the year ended September 30, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Alexandria City Marshal's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

### **Management's Responsibility 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; this includes 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.

### **Auditor's Responsibility**

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. 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. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements 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 entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

## **Opinion**

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, and each major fund of the Alexandria City Marshal as of September 30, 2021, and for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

## **Other Matters**

### *Required Supplementary Information*

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the budgetary comparison information on page 21 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such 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. 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 required 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

### *Other Information*

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Alexandria City Marshal's basic financial statements. The schedule of Compensation, Benefits and Other Payments to Agency Head or Chief Executive Officer included on page 24 and the Justice System Funding Schedule – Collecting/Disbursing Entity on page 25 are presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the 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 financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing

standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the 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 February 25, 2022, on our consideration of the Alexandria City Marshal'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 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 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 Alexandria City Marshal's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

*Oestriecher & Company, CPAs*

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Certified Public Accountants  
Alexandria, Louisiana

February 25, 2022

**GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**Alexandria City Marshal  
Statement of Net Position  
September 30, 2021**

	<b>Primary Government Governmental Activities</b>
<b>Assets</b>	
Cash	\$ 139,833
Court cost receivable	8,004
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	47,047
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ 194,884</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>	
Accounts payable	\$ 2,723
Payroll taxes payable	66
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>2,789</b>
<b>Net position</b>	
Net investment in capital assets	47,047
Restricted	91,392
Unrestricted	53,656
<b>Total net position</b>	<b>\$ 192,095</b>

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

**Alexandria City Marshal  
Statement of Activities  
For The Year Ended September 30, 2021**

	<b>Program Revenues</b>				<b>Net Revenue and Changes in Net Position</b>
	<b><u>Expenses</u></b>	<b><u>Charges for Services</u></b>	<b><u>Operating Grants and Contributions</u></b>	<b><u>Capital Grants and Contributions</u></b>	<b><u>Primary Government Governmental Activities</u></b>
<b>GOVERNMENTAL FUNCTIONS</b>					
<b>Primary Government</b>					
Governmental activities					
General government	\$ 188,676	\$ 125,028	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (63,648)
Public safety	30,813	6,170	-	-	(24,643)
Total governmental activities	219,489	131,198	-	-	(88,291)
Total primary government	<u>\$ 219,489</u>	<u>\$ 131,198</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>(88,291)</u>
General revenues:					
					153
					14,259
					<u>14,412</u>
					<u>(73,879)</u>
<b>Change in net position for the year</b>					<u>265,974</u>
<b>Net position-Beginning of year</b>					<u>\$ 192,095</u>
<b>Net position-End of year</b>					<u>\$ 192,095</u>

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**FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**

**Balance Sheet**  
**Governmental Funds**  
**Alexandria City Marshal**  
**September 30, 2021**

	<u>General</u>	<u>DWI Fund</u>	<u>Equipment Fund</u>	<u>Driver Improvement</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
<b>Assets</b>					
Cash	\$ 47,861	\$ 65,178	\$ 23,422	\$ 3,372	\$ 139,833
Court costs receivable	5,434	194	2,376	-	8,004
Due from other funds	3,150	1,000	-	-	4,150
<b>Total assets</b>	<u>\$ 56,445</u>	<u>\$ 66,372</u>	<u>\$ 25,798</u>	<u>\$ 3,372</u>	<u>\$ 151,987</u>
<b>Liabilities and Fund Balance</b>					
Accounts payable	\$ 2,723	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,723
Payroll taxes payable	66	-	-	-	66
Due to other funds	10,609	-	3,150	1,000	14,759
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<u>13,398</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,150</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>17,548</u>
<b>Fund Balance</b>					
Restricted	-	66,372	22,648	2,372	91,392
Unassigned	43,047	-	-	-	43,047
<b>Total fund balances</b>	<u>43,047</u>	<u>66,372</u>	<u>22,648</u>	<u>2,372</u>	<u>134,439</u>
<b>Total liabilities and fund balances</b>	<u>\$ 56,445</u>	<u>\$ 66,372</u>	<u>\$ 25,798</u>	<u>\$ 3,372</u>	<u>\$ 151,987</u>

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

**Reconciliation of the Balance Sheet  
of Governmental Funds to the  
Statement of Net Position  
September 30, 2021**

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Total fund balance-total governmental funds	\$	134,439
Amounts reported for <i>governmental activities</i> in the statement of net position are different because:		
Capital assets of \$567,650 net of accumulated depreciation of \$520,603, are not financial resources and are not reported in the funds.	\$	47,047
Internal service funds are used by management to charge the costs of certain activities to individual funds. Assets and liabilities of the internal services funds of \$10,609 are included in governmental activities, but not in the statement of net position.		<u>10,609</u>
Total adjustments		<u>57,656</u>
Net position of governmental activities	\$	<u><u>192,095</u></u>

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**Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes  
in Fund Balances-Governmental Funds  
Alexandria City Marshal  
For the year ended September 30, 2021**

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>DWI Fund</u>	<u>Equipment Fund</u>	<u>Driver Improvement</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
<b>Revenues:</b>					
Court costs	\$ 91,836	\$ 1,810	\$ 33,192	\$ -	\$ 126,838
Other revenue	14,259	-	-	4,360	18,619
Interest	153	-	-	-	153
<b>Total revenues</b>	<u>106,248</u>	<u>1,810</u>	<u>33,192</u>	<u>4,360</u>	<u>145,610</u>
<b>Expenditures:</b>					
<b>Current:</b>					
General and administrative	166,766	619	26,174	4,020	197,579
Capital outlay	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total expenditures</b>	<u>166,766</u>	<u>619</u>	<u>26,174</u>	<u>4,020</u>	<u>197,579</u>
<b>Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures</b>	<u>(60,518)</u>	<u>1,191</u>	<u>7,018</u>	<u>340</u>	<u>(51,969)</u>
<b>Fund balances, beginning of year</b>	<u>103,565</u>	<u>65,181</u>	<u>15,630</u>	<u>2,032</u>	<u>186,408</u>
<b>Fund balances, end of year</b>	<u>\$ 43,047</u>	<u>\$ 66,372</u>	<u>\$ 22,648</u>	<u>\$ 2,372</u>	<u>\$ 134,439</u>

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**Reconciliation of the Statement of  
Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances  
to the Statement of Activities  
For the year ended September 30, 2021**

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Net changes in fund balances-total governmental funds		\$ (51,969)
Amounts reported for <i>governmental activities</i> 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 useful lives and reported as depreciation expense.		
Capital expenditures	\$ -	
Depreciation expense	<u>(31,819)</u>	(31,819)
Changes in internal service funds balances		<u>9,909</u>
Change in net position of governmental activities		<u><u>\$ (73,879)</u></u>

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**FIDUCIARY FUND**

**Statement of Fiduciary Net Position**  
**Alexandria City Marshal**  
**September 30, 2021**

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	<b>Custodial Fund</b>
<b><u>Assets</u></b>	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 260,652
Due from general fund	10,609
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<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ 271,261</b>
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<b><u>Fiduciary Net Position Restricted for:</u></b>	
Individuals, Organizations, and Other Governments	\$ 271,261
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<b>Total fiduciary net position</b>	<b>\$ 271,261</b>
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**Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position**  
**Alexandria City Marshal**  
**September 30, 2021**

	<b>Custodial Fund</b>
<b><u>Additions</u></b>	
Contributions	
Fines collected	\$ 855,150
Bonds collected	19,634
<b>Total additions</b>	<b>874,784</b>
 <b><u>Deductions</u></b>	
Fines disbursed	837,217
Bonds refunded	13,667
<b>Total deductions</b>	<b>850,884</b>
<b>Net increase in fiduciary net position</b>	23,900
<b>Net position, beginning</b>	247,361
<b>Net position, ended</b>	<b>\$ 271,261</b>

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**ALEXANDRIA CITY MARSHAL**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements**  
**September 30, 2021**

1. **SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES:**

*Government-wide Financial Statements*

The government-wide financial statements include the statement of net position and the statement of activities. These statements report financial information for the Alexandria City Marshal as a whole, excluding fiduciary activities. Individual funds are not displayed.

The statement of activities reports the expenses of a given function offset by program revenues directly connected with the functional program. A function is an assembly of similar activities and may include portions of a fund or summarize more than one fund to capture the expenses and program revenues associated with a distinct functional activity.

*Fund Financial Statements*

Fund financial statements are provided for governmental and fiduciary funds. Major individual governmental funds are reported in separate columns.

**MEASUREMENT FOCUS, BASIS OF ACCOUNTING, AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT PRESENTATION**

The accounting and reporting practices of the Alexandria City Marshal conform to generally accepted accounting principles as applicable to governmental units. Such accounting and reporting procedures also conform to the requirements of Louisiana Revised Statutes 24:517 and to the guidelines set forth in the Louisiana Municipal Audit and Accounting Guide and to the industry audit guide, Audits of State and Local Governmental Units. The following is a summary of certain significant accounting policies and practices:

**Reporting Entity** - In evaluating how to define the government, for financial reporting purposes, management has considered all potential component units. The decision to include a potential component unit in the reporting entity is made by applying the criteria set forth in GAAP. The basic, but not only criterion, for including a potential component unit within the reporting entity is the governing body's ability to exercise oversight responsibility. The most significant manifestation of this ability is financial interdependency. Other manifestations of the ability to exercise oversight responsibility include, but are not limited to, the selection of governing authority, the designation of management, the ability to significantly influence operations, and accountability for fiscal matters. A second criteria used in evaluating potential component units is the scope of public service. Application of this criterion involves considering whether the activity benefits the government and/or its citizens, or whether the activity is conducted within the geographic boundaries of the government and is generally available to its citizens. A third criteria used to evaluate potential component units for inclusion or exclusion from the

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reporting entity is the existence of special financing relationships, regardless of whether the government is able to exercise oversight responsibilities.

The Alexandria City Marshal is a potential component unit of the City of Alexandria, Louisiana. However, the Alexandria City Marshal is a separate reportable entity from the City of Alexandria because it is essentially an autonomous unit. The Marshal, an elected official, has the ability to exercise accountability for fiscal matters. The Alexandria City Marshal is financially independent from the City of Alexandria, Louisiana.

**Fund Accounting** - The accounts of the Alexandria City Marshal are organized on the basis of funds. The operations of each fund are accounted for with a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenues, and expenditures. Government resources are allocated to and accounted for in individual funds based upon the purposes for which they are to be spent and the means by which spending activities are controlled. Funds are categorized as follows:

**Governmental Fund Categories**

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

DWI Fund - The DWI Fund is used to account for the proceeds of DWI fines that are set aside to monitor DWI probation activities.

Driver Improvement Fund – Fees are collected from the Rapides Parish Driver Improvement Program. The funds collected are used to pay for expenses related to the Driver Improvement classes.

Equipment Fund – Fees are collected from each suit that goes through Alexandria City Court. These fees are used at the Marshal’s discretion to pay for equipment purchases and upkeep.

**Fiduciary Fund Category**

The Fiduciary Fund is used to account for assets held by the Alexandria City Marshal as an agent for other governments, other organizations, and other funds. Fiduciary Funds are custodial in nature (assets = liabilities).

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**Fund Balances**

Alexandria City Marshal has adopted the provisions of GASB 54 related to the classification of governmental fund balances. The governmental fund balances are classified as follows:

*Restricted* – Restricted fund balances are amounts that are constrained for a specific purpose through restrictions of external parties or by constitutional provision or enabling legislation.

*Unassigned* – Unassigned fund balance is the residual classification and includes all amounts that are not restricted or constrained in any other classification or fund balance.

**Basis of Accounting** –The government-wide statements report using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting generally including the reclassification or elimination of internal activity (between or within funds). The fiduciary fund financial statements report uses the same focus and basis of accounting.

Governmental fund financial statements are accounted for using the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when susceptible to accrual (i.e., when they become both measurable and available). "Measurable" means the amount of the transaction can be determined and "available" means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred. Fiduciary fund revenues and expenses or expenditures (as appropriate) should be recognized on the basis consistent with the fund's accounting measurement objective. The Alexandria City Marshal has one fiduciary fund, a custodial fund, which is purely custodial and thus does not involve measurement of results of operations.

The revenue received by the Alexandria City Marshal is generated through court costs allocated to the entity. Court costs are distributed based on schedules developed by the Louisiana Legislature. The office of the Alexandria City Marshal is responsible for collecting bonds and fines for cases in Alexandria City Court, then distributing these amounts when there is a disposition in the case. The amount of distribution that the entity will receive is recognized as of the last day of the month of disposition of the case.

**Interfund Receivables and Payables** - The Custodial Fund occasionally incurs costs such as check printing charges, cash shortages, and checks dishonored. The General Fund reimburses the Custodial Fund for these costs. Interest revenues earned on the custodial fund are used to offset these charges.

**Budgets and Budgetary Accounting** – The Alexandria City Marshal adopts a budget on a basis consistent with GAAP for the General Fund. The Alexandria City Marshal is required to present the adopted and final amended budgeted revenues and expenditures for

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**Notes to the Financial Statements**  
**September 30, 2021**

the General Fund and Special Revenue Fund. The City Marshal establishes the fiscal year as the twelve-month period beginning October 1. The procedures detailed below are followed in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the financial statements.

Management prepares the proposed budget based on an estimate of the revenues expected to be received in the next fiscal year and submits the proposal to the Marshal who reviews and approves it. The budget is then submitted to the City of Alexandria and made available for public inspection.

The Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance-Budget (GAAP Basis) and Actual presents a comparison of budgetary data to actual results of operations for which annual budgets have been adopted. These funds utilize the same basis of accounting for both budgetary purposes and actual results.

**Cash** - Cash includes amounts in demand deposits, interest-bearing demand deposits, and time deposits. Under state law, the Alexandria City Marshal may deposit funds in demand deposits, interest-bearing demand deposits, or time deposits with state banks organized under Louisiana law or any other state of the United States, or under the laws of the United States.

**Use of Estimates** - The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires the use of management's estimates. This will affect the reported amounts of 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 these amounts.

**Capital Assets** - The accounting and reporting treatment applied to the capital assets associated with a fund are determined by its measurement focus.

All government fund type operations are accounted for on a spending or "financial flow" measurement focus and only current assets and current liabilities are generally included on their balance sheets.

All capital assets are stated at historical cost. Historical costs include not only the purchase price and construction costs, but also ancillary charges to place the asset in its intended location and condition for use. Capital assets are depreciated using the straight-line method over their estimated useful lives.

**2. CASH**

As of September 30, 2021, cash and cash equivalents totaled \$139,833, of which \$47,861 is classified as unrestricted. Cash balances are insured to Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation limits. Alexandria City Marshal had no cash balances that were not adequately secured.

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**3. CAPITAL ASSETS:**

Capital asset activity for the year ended September 30, 2021 was as follows:

	October 1, <u>2020</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Retirements</u>	September 30, <u>2021</u>
Equipment	\$ 205,267	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ 205,267
Vehicles	<u>362,383</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>362,383</u>
Total cost	567,650	-0-	-0-	567,650
Accumulated depreciation	<u>(488,784)</u>	<u>(31,819)</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>(520,603)</u>
Capital assets, net	<u>\$ 78,866</u>			<u>\$ 47,047</u>

**4. COMPENSATED ABSENCES:**

The Alexandria City Marshal's obligation for employees' rights to receive compensation for future absences (such as vacation) was not material as of September 30, 2021, and thus, is not recognized in the accompanying financial statements.

**5. INTERFUND RECEIVABLES AND PAYABLES:**

A summary of the interfund receivables and payables by fund as of September 30, 2021, is presented below:

	<u>Interfund Receivables</u>	<u>Interfund Payables</u>
General Fund	\$ 3,150	\$ 10,609
Equipment Fund	-0-	3,150
Driver Improvement Fund	-0-	1,000
DWI Fund	1,000	-0-
Custodial Fund	<u>10,609</u>	<u>-0-</u>
Totals	<u>\$ 14,759</u>	<u>\$ 14,759</u>

**REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

**Alexandria City Marshal  
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes  
in Fund Balance-Budget (GAAP Basis) and Actual  
For the year ended September 30, 2021**

	GENERAL FUND				SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS			
	Original	Final	Actual Amounts (Budgetary Basis)	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)	Original	Final	Actual Amounts (Budgetary Basis)	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
<b>Revenues:</b>								
Court costs	\$ 162,250	\$ 105,000	\$ 91,836	\$ (13,164)	\$ 41,800	\$ 41,800	\$ 39,362	\$ (2,438)
Other revenue	-	-	14,259	14,259	-	-	-	-
Interest	-	-	153	153	-	-	-	-
<b>Total revenues</b>	<u>162,250</u>	<u>105,000</u>	<u>106,248</u>	<u>1,248</u>	<u>41,800</u>	<u>41,800</u>	<u>39,362</u>	<u>(2,438)</u>
<b>Expenditures:</b>								
Salaries and wages	6,000	6,000	6,444	(444)	-	-	-	-
Payroll taxes	350	350	208	142	-	-	-	-
Advertising	1,000	1,000	-	1,000	-	-	-	-
Dues and subscriptions	-	-	-	-	1,000	1,000	575	425
Office maintenance	900	1,000	-	1,000	-	-	-	-
Office supplies	-	10,000	18,009	(8,009)	-	-	30	(30)
Janitorial	1,000	500	-	500	-	-	-	-
Postage	10,000	2,000	1,000	1,000	-	-	-	-
Cable	2,000	900	-	900	-	-	-	-
Travel	6,000	4,000	-	4,000	-	-	-	-
Seminars	4,000	-	-	-	18,000	14,200	14,100	100
Legal and professional	31,000	54,000	49,030	4,970	-	-	-	-
Computer software	-	1,000	600	400	-	-	-	-
Insurance	18,000	15,000	26,944	(11,944)	15,000	13,000	12,667	333
Police Jury/Intergovernmental Transfers	500	60,000	60,674	(674)	-	-	-	-
Vehicle expenses	1,000	-	-	-	-	-	872	(872)
Uniforms	-	1,500	995	505	-	-	2,568	(2,568)
Telephone	24,000	4,000	2,737	1,263	-	-	-	-
Water	1,500	1,000	125	875	-	-	-	-
Capital Expenditures	1,000	-	-	-	6,000	3,000	-	3,000
<b>Total expenditures</b>	<u>162,250</u>	<u>162,250</u>	<u>166,766</u>	<u>(4,516)</u>	<u>40,000</u>	<u>31,200</u>	<u>30,812</u>	<u>388</u>
<b>Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures</b>	-	(57,250)	(60,518)	(3,268)	1,800	10,600	8,550	(2,050)
<b>Fund balances, beginning</b>	103,565	103,565	103,565	-	82,843	82,843	82,843	-
<b>Fund balances, ending</b>	<u>\$ 103,565</u>	<u>\$ 46,315</u>	<u>\$ 43,047</u>	<u>\$ (3,268)</u>	<u>\$ 84,643</u>	<u>\$ 93,443</u>	<u>\$ 91,393</u>	<u>\$ (2,050)</u>

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



**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

**Alexandria City Marshal  
Schedule of Compensation, Benefits, and Other Payments  
To Agency Head or Chief Executive Officer  
For the year ended September 30, 2021**

**Agency Head**                    Marshal Jerome Hopewell

**Paid by Rapides Parish Police Jury**

Salary	\$ 59,511
Retirement	8,025

**Paid by Alexandria City Court**

Marshal Commission - Garnishments	73,193
Marshal Commission - Court costs	49,960

**Paid by Alexandria City Marshal**

Cell Phone	485
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**Paid by State of Louisiana**

State Supplemental	6,000
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\$ 197,174

# Justice System Funding Schedule - Collecting/Disbursing Entity

## As Required by Act 87 of the 2020 Regular Legislative Session

Identifying Information		
<b>Entity Name</b>	Alexandria City Marshal	
<b>LLA Entity ID #</b> (This is the ID number assigned to the entity by the Legislative Auditor for identification purposes.)	5996	
<b>Date that reporting period ended</b> (mm/dd/yyyy)	9/30/2021	

	First Six Month Period Ended 03/31/21	Second Six Month Period Ended 09/30/21
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<b>1. Beginning Balance of Amounts Collected (i.e. cash on hand)</b>	185,514	327,616
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**2. Add: Collections**

a Civil Fees (including refundable amounts such as garnishments or advance deposits )	-	-
b Bond Fees	31,046	-
c Asset Forfeiture/Sale	-	-
d Pre-Trial Diversion Program Fees	-	-
e Criminal Court Costs/Fees	450,072	405,078
f Criminal Fines - Contempt	-	-
g Criminal Fines - Other	-	-
h Restitution	-	-
i Probation/Parole/Supervision Fees	-	-
j Service/Collection Fees (e.g. credit card fees, report fees, 3rd party service fees)	-	-
k Interest Earnings on Collected Balances	107	46
l Other (do not include collections that fit into more specific categories above)	-	-
<b>m Subtotal Collections</b>	<b>481,225</b>	<b>405,124</b>

**3. Less: Disbursements To Governments & Nonprofits:** (Must include one agency name and one collection type on each line and may require multiple lines for the same agency if more than one collection type is applicable. Additional rows may be added as necessary. )

City of Alexandria - Criminal Fines	110,608	121,187
Alexandria City Court - Criminal Fines	69,876	98,660
Alexandria City Police - Criminal Fines	1,090	2,321
Indigent Defenders Board - Criminal Fines	47,872	72,771
LA Commission on Law Enforcement - Criminal Fines	4,420	8,081
North LA Criminalistics Crime Lab - Criminal Fines	38,580	64,312
Department of Health and Hospitals - Criminal Fines	673	968

<i>Rapides Parish Police Jury - Criminal Fines</i>	5,622	12,100
<i>Applied Technology Unit - Criminal Fines</i>	275	533
<i>Treasurer State of LA CMIS - Criminal Fines</i>	3,187	4,866
<i>Rapides DARE, Inc. - Criminal Fines</i>	2,545	6,524
<i>CASA - Criminal Fines</i>	5,287	8,098
<i>Crime Stoppers of Cenla, Inc. - Criminal Fines</i>	2,123	3,239
<i>Louisiana Supreme Court - Criminal Fines</i>	534	802
<b>4. Less: Amounts Retained by Collecting Agency</b>		
<b>a</b> Collection Fee for Collecting/Disbursing to Others Based on Percentage of Collection	-	-
<b>b</b> Collection Fee for Collecting/Disbursing to Others Based on Fixed Amount	-	-
<b>c</b> Amounts "Self-Disbursed" to Collecting Agency ( <i>must include a separate line for each collection type, as applicable</i> ) - Example: Criminal Fines - Other ( <i>Additional rows may be added as necessary</i> )		
<i>Alexandria City Marshal - Criminal Fines</i>	35,457	52,562
<b>5. Less: Disbursements to Individuals/3rd Party Collection or Processing Agencies</b>		
<b>a</b> Civil Fee Refunds	-	-
<b>b</b> Bond Fee Refunds	-	-
<b>c</b> Restitution Payments to Individuals (additional detail is not required)	-	-
<b>d</b> Other Disbursements to Individuals (additional detail is not required)	5,888	19,193
<b>e</b> Payments to 3rd Party Collection/Processing Agencies	5,086	4,977
<b>6. Subtotal Disbursements/Retainage</b>	339,123	481,194
<b>7. Total: Ending Balance of Amounts Collected but not Disbursed/Retained (i.e. cash on hand)</b>	327,616	251,546
<b>8. Ending Balance of "Partial Payments" Collected but not Disbursed</b> ( <i>only applies if collecting agency does not disburse partial payments until fully collected</i> ) - This balance is included in the Ending Balance of Amounts Collected but not Disbursed/Retained above.	-	-
<b>9. Other Information:</b>		
<b>a</b> Ending Balance of Total Amounts Assessed but not yet Collected ( <i>i.e. receivable balance</i> )	-	-
<b>b</b> Total Waivers During the Fiscal Period ( <i>i.e. non-cash reduction of receivable balances, such as time served or community service</i> )	-	-

**Independent Auditor’s 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***

Alexandria City Marshal  
Alexandria, Louisiana

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of American 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 each major fund of the Alexandria City Marshal, as of and for the year ended September 30, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated February 25, 2022.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered Alexandria City Marshal’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 opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Alexandria City Marshal’s internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Alexandria City Marshal’s internal control.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. However, as described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs, we identified certain deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be material weaknesses and significant deficiencies.

*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. We consider the deficiencies described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs to be material weaknesses listed as items number 2021-001 and 2021-002.

### Compliance

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Alexandria City Marshal's financial statements are free of 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 determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests did not disclose any instances of noncompliance or other matters.

### Alexandria City Marshal's Response to Findings

Alexandria City Marshal's response to the findings identified in our audit is described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. Alexandria City Marshal's response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

### Purpose of this Report

This 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. Under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the Legislative Auditor as a public document.

*Oestriecher & Company, CPAs*

OESTRIECHER & COMPANY  
Certified Public Accountants  
Alexandria, Louisiana

February 25, 2022

**Alexandria City Marshal  
Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs  
For the year ended September 30, 2021**

***Section I - Summary of Auditor's Reports***

- The Independent Auditor's Report on the financial statements of the Alexandria City Marshal as of September 30, 2021 and for the year then ended reported an unmodified opinion.
- Two deficiencies in internal control were reported as material weaknesses as listed below
- Three acts of noncompliance of the Alexandria City Marshal were disclosed during the audit as listed below.

***Section II - Financial Statement Findings***

*Report on Internal Control and Compliance Material to the Financial Statements*

**Finding 2021-001 – Job Description**

*Statement of Condition:* The Alexandria City Marshal does not have a person on staff who has the qualifications and training to apply generally accepted accounting principles in recording financial transactions or preparing the financial statements.

*Criteria:* A reporting entity should be able to prepare financial statements in accordance with GAAP without any outside assistance.

*Effect of Condition:* The Alexandria City Marshal needed assistance in preparing the annual financial statements.

*Cause of Condition:* There was no written job description available to ensure hiring of staff that have appropriate training in applying generally accepted accounting principles.

*Recommendation:* The Alexandria City Marshal should consider the cost/benefit of hiring additional personnel with sufficient knowledge and training.

*Questioned costs:* None

**Finding 2021-002 – Segregation of Duties**

*Statement of Condition:* The Alexandria City Marshal does not have adequate segregation of duties within the administrative office.

*Criteria:* A system of internal control procedures requires a segregation of duties so that no individual handles a transaction from start to finish.

*Effect of Condition:* There could be a lack of oversight that could lead to improperly recorded transactions.

*Cause of Condition:* There is a small number of personnel employed by the Alexandria City Marshal.

*Recommendation:* The Alexandria City Marshal should monitor the assignment of duties to insure as much segregation of duties as possible.

*Questioned costs:* None

### **Section III - Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs**

There were no federal awards.



**Alexandria City Marshal  
Summary Schedule of Prior Audit Findings  
For the year ended September 30, 2021**

***Section I – Internal Control and Compliance Material to the Financial Statements***

**Finding No. 2020-001** - The Alexandria City Marshal does not have a person on staff who has the qualifications and training to apply generally accepted accounting principles in recording financial transactions or preparing the financial statements.

**Corrective action taken-** Condition is not resolved. See Finding 2021-001.

**Finding No. 2020-002** - The Alexandria City Marshal does not have adequate segregation of duties within the administrative office.

**Corrective action taken-** Condition is not resolved. See Finding 2021-002.

**Finding No. 2030-003** – The budget showed a greater than 5% overage variance in revenue and expenditures.

**Corrective action taken-** Condition is resolved.

**Finding No. 2020-004** – The budget was not made available for public inspection.

**Corrective action taken-** Condition is resolved.

**Finding No. 2020-005** – The budget did not include all information required by law.

**Corrective action taken-** Condition is resolved.

***Section II – Internal Control and Compliance Material to Federal Awards***

Not applicable.

***Section III – Federal Awards Findings and Questioned Costs***

There were no federal awards.

**Alexandria City Marshal  
P.O. Box 30  
Alexandria, LA 71301**

**February 25, 2022**

**MANAGEMENT'S CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN**

Alexandria City Marshal respectfully submits the following corrective action plan for the year ended September 30, 2021.

Name and address of contact person: Jerome Hopewell, Alexandria City Marshal, 515 Washington Street, Alexandria, Louisiana 71301.

Name and address of independent public accounting firm: Oestriecker and Company, CPAs, 4641 Windermere Place, Alexandria, Louisiana 71303-3548.

Audit period: October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021.

The findings from the Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs are discussed below. The findings are numbered consistently with the number assigned in the schedule. The Summary of Audit Results does not include findings and is not addressed.

**FINDINGS-FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUDIT**

**FINDING 2021-001:**

*Recommendation:* Alexandria City Marshal should consider the cost/benefit of hiring additional personnel with sufficient knowledge and training.

*Action Taken:* While management understands the nature of the finding and the necessity of personnel with qualifications that are higher than our current job descriptions, the benefits of hiring personnel with increased qualifications do not outweigh the costs.

**FINDING 2021-002:**

*Recommendation:* Alexandria City Marshal should monitor the assignment of duties to ensure as much segregation of duties as possible.

*Action Taken:* Employees will be monitored as effectively as possible with the limited staff.