

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT
ST. TAMMANY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 1
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. 1
Slidell, Louisiana

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and the major fund of the St. Tammany Parish Fire Protection District No. 1 (District) as of and for the year ended December 31, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise of 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 the District, 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.



To the Board of Commissioners
St. Tammany Parish Fire Protection District No. 1
June 6, 2025

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.

To the Board of Commissioners
St. Tammany Parish Fire Protection District No. 1
June 6, 2025

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis, budgetary comparison schedule, schedule of changes in net OPEB liability and related ratios, schedule of proportionate share of the net pension liability, schedule of contributions—retirement plan, and the related notes to the required supplementary information on pages 5 through 9 and 37 through 42 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.

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. 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.



To the Board of Commissioners
St. Tammany Parish Fire Protection District No. 1
June 6, 2025

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated June 6, 2025 on our consideration of the St. Tammany Parish Fire Protection District No. 1'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 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 St. Tammany Parish Fire Protection District No. 1's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

June 6, 2025
Mandeville, Louisiana

Erickson Krentel, LLP
Certified Public Accountants

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION (PART I)

ST. TAMMANY PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 1
SLIDELL, LOUISIANA
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
AS OF AND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

This section of the St. Tammany Fire Protection District No.1's (the District) annual financial report presents management's analysis of the District's financial performance for the year ended December 31, 2024. This analysis should be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements, which follow this section.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

1. The District's net position increased by \$4,188,613.
2. The general revenues of the District were \$33,977,515.
3. The total expenses of the District were \$29,788,902.

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

This report consists of two sections: Management's Discussion and Analysis and audited financial statements. The financial statements also include notes that provide additional detail of the information included in the financial statements.

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial statements of the District report information about the District using accounting methods similar to those used by private companies. These financial statements provide financial information about the activities of the District.

The Balance Sheet and Statement of Net Position presents information that includes all of the District's assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources, with the difference reported as net position. Over time, increases and decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the District as a whole is improving or deteriorating.

The Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance and the Statement of Activities presents information on how the District's net position changed as a result of current period operations.

The following pages present condensed financial information of the District.

ST. TAMMANY PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 1
SLIDELL, LOUISIANA
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (CONTINUED)
AS OF AND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

SUMMARY OF NET POSITION
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023

ASSETS

	<u>December 31,</u> <u>2024</u>	<u>December 31,</u> <u>2023</u>
Current assets	\$ 44,606,025	\$ 40,793,943
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	<u>21,028,483</u>	<u>18,886,692</u>
Total assets	<u>65,634,508</u>	<u>61,859,508</u>
Deferred outflows of resources	<u>8,382,685</u>	<u>11,088,799</u>

LIABILITIES

Current liabilities	1,417,256	1,146,787
Long-term liabilities	<u>30,794,892</u>	<u>33,414,580</u>
Total liabilities	<u>32,212,148</u>	<u>34,561,367</u>
Deferred inflows of resources	<u>2,584,647</u>	<u>3,355,155</u>

NET POSITION

Net investment in capital assets	20,954,089	20,991,171
Unrestricted	<u>18,266,309</u>	<u>14,040,614</u>
Total net position	<u>\$ 39,220,398</u>	<u>\$ 35,031,785</u>

Total assets increased by \$3,775,000 (6%) primarily due to an increase of ad valorem tax receivable. Total liabilities decreased by \$2,349,219 (7%) primarily due to a decreases in net pension and OPEB liabilities. Net position increased \$4,188,643 (12%).

ST. TAMMANY PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 1
SLIDELL, LOUISIANA
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (CONTINUED)
AS OF AND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

SUMMARY OF STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023

	<u>December 31,</u> <u>2024</u>	<u>December 31,</u> <u>2023</u>
General revenues	\$ 33,977,515	\$ 33,017,194
Expenditures/ expenses	<u>(29,788,902)</u>	<u>(28,075,286)</u>
Change in net position	<u>\$ 4,188,613</u>	<u>\$ 4,941,908</u>
Ending net position	<u>\$ 39,220,398</u>	<u>\$ 35,031,785</u>

The change in net position increased by \$4,188,613 due to operations.

CAPITAL ASSETS

The following table presents the major categories of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation.

	<u>December 31,</u> <u>2024</u>	<u>December 31,</u> <u>2023</u>
Land	\$ 855,428	\$ 855,428
Buildings and improvements	16,009,687	15,185,028
Equipment	5,001,394	4,884,212
Computers	661,455	583,206
Vehicles	13,010,057	12,973,740
Construction in progress	<u>2,600</u>	<u>2,600</u>
	35,540,621	34,484,214
Less: accumulated depreciation	<u>(14,512,138)</u>	<u>(13,418,649)</u>
Total capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	<u>\$ 21,028,483</u>	<u>\$ 21,065,565</u>

Buildings and improvements increased due to improvements and building construction. The District completed a new training facility in 2024.

ST. TAMMANY PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 1
SLIDELL, LOUISIANA
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (CONTINUED)
AS OF AND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

NET PENSION LIABILITY

At December 31, 2024, the District reported \$22,692,837 for its proportionate share of net pension liability, \$6,482,168 for deferred outflow of resources and \$1,067,672 for deferred inflows of resources related to pension benefits. See Note 8 to the basic financial statements for further discussion of the pension liabilities, pension expense, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions.

OPEB LIABILITY

At December 31, 2024, the District reported \$8,102,055 for its other post-employment benefits liability and \$1,900,517 for deferred outflows of resources and \$1,516,975 for deferred inflows of resources related to other post-employment benefits. See Note 8 to the basic financial statements for further discussion of the other post-employment benefits

BUDGET

The following table presents the variance between the final budget and the actual results for the fiscal year.

	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Non-GAAP Actual</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Revenues:			
Ad valorem taxes	\$ 22,506,000	\$ 26,883,569	\$ 4,337,569
Parcel fees	1,251,875	1,313,507	61,632
Fire insurance rebate	450,000	635,181	185,181
State revenue sharing	535,000	549,538	14,538
Other	<u>1,630,478</u>	<u>2,227,990</u>	<u>597,512</u>
Total	<u>\$ 26,373,353</u>	<u>\$ 31,609,785</u>	<u>\$ 5,236,432</u>
Expenditures:			
Fire protection and prevention	\$ 25,185,338	\$ 25,790,059	\$ (604,721)
Capital outlay	<u>1,015,400</u>	<u>1,235,344</u>	<u>(219,944)</u>
Total	<u>\$ 26,200,738</u>	<u>\$ 27,025,403</u>	<u>\$ (824,665)</u>

ST. TAMMANY PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 1
SLIDELL, LOUISIANA
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (CONTINUED)
AS OF AND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

ECONOMIC FACTORS AND A LOOK AT NEXT YEAR

The District expects revenues from taxes to rise in 2024. The District also expects personnel costs and insurance to continue to rise for fiscal year 2024. Overall the District is expecting revenues to exceed expenses for fiscal year 2024 as the District will be looking to reduce the repairs and maintenance costs as well as purchasing new equipment during the year. The District looks to continue reducing the repairs and maintenance costs by implementing an aggressive equipment replacement program.

The District is proud to be distinguished with a Property Insurance Association of Louisiana (PIAL) rating of Class 2. The District is committed to keeping insurance rates low for all of its citizens and providing the highest level of hazard emergency response services. While being one of two internationally accredited fire department in the State of Louisiana, the District is committed to being completely transparent, demonstrating fiscal responsibility, and maintaining the trust of its citizens.

CONTACTING THE DISTRICT'S MANAGEMENT

This report is designed to provide a general overview of the District and to demonstrate the District's accountability for its finances. If you have any questions about this report or need additional information, please contact Chief Chris Kaufmann, St. Tammany Fire Protection District No. 1, 522 Robert Blvd., Slidell, Louisiana 70458.

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

ST. TAMMANY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 1
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
DECEMBER 31, 2024

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
<u>ASSETS:</u>	
Cash	\$ 15,352,442
Taxes receivable, net of allowance for uncollectible taxes of \$1,399,571	26,591,841
Parcel fee receivable, net of allowance for uncollectible fees of \$66,772	1,268,666
Other receivables	714,020
Prepayments	679,056
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	<u>21,028,483</u>
Total assets	<u>65,634,508</u>
<u>DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES:</u>	
Other post-employment benefits	1,900,517
Pensions	<u>6,482,168</u>
Total deferred outflows of resources	<u>8,382,685</u>
<u>LIABILITIES:</u>	
Accounts payable	49,501
Retainage payable	74,394
Pension deduction payable	876,413
Deferred Revenue	190,036
Accrued interest	7,704
Compensated absences	219,208
Other post-employment benefits	8,102,055
Net pension liability	<u>22,692,837</u>
Total liabilities	<u>32,212,148</u>
<u>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES:</u>	
Other post-employment benefits	1,516,975
Pensions	<u>1,067,672</u>
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>2,584,647</u>
<u>NET POSITION:</u>	
Net investment in capital assets	20,954,089
Unrestricted	<u>18,266,309</u>
Total net position	<u><u>\$ 39,220,398</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement

ST. TAMMANY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 1
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

FUNCTIONS/PROGRAMS

GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES:

Public safety - fire protection	\$ 29,788,902
	<u>(29,788,902)</u>

GENERAL REVENUES & EXPENSES:

Property taxes	26,651,506
Parcel fee	1,450,552
Fire insurance rebate	635,181
State revenue sharing	549,538
State supplemental pay	1,222,950
Grant income	1,256,700
Interest income	1,003,759
Loss on disposal of assets	(16,902)
Miscellaneous	<u>1,224,231</u>
Total general revenues	<u>33,977,515</u>

Change in net position	4,188,613
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NET POSITION:

Beginning of the year	<u>35,031,785</u>
End of the year	<u><u>\$ 39,220,398</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement

ST. TAMMANY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 1
BALANCE SHEET
DECEMBER 31, 2024

	<u>General Fund</u>
<u>ASSETS:</u>	
Cash	\$ 15,352,442
Taxes receivable, net of allowance for uncollectible taxes of \$1,399,571	26,591,841
Parcel fee receivable, net of allowance for uncollectible fees of \$66,772	1,268,666
Other receivables	714,020
Prepayments	<u>679,056</u>
 Total assets	 <u><u>\$ 44,606,025</u></u>
<u>LIABILITIES:</u>	
Accounts payable	\$ 49,501
Retainage payable	74,394
Pension deduction payable	876,413
Compensated absences	<u>8,637</u>
 Total liabilities	 <u>1,008,945</u>
<u>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES:</u>	
Unavailable revenue - property taxes and parcel fees	<u>3,405,055</u>
 Total deferred inflows of resources	 <u>3,405,055</u>
<u>FUND BALANCE:</u>	
Unrestricted	23,319,698
Nonspendable:	
Prepaid expenses	679,056
Committed to:	
Rolling stock, facilities and equipment	597,720
Disaster	2,000,000
Other post employment benefits	6,995,551
Emergencies	<u>6,600,000</u>
 Total fund balance	 <u>40,192,025</u>
 Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and fund balances	 <u><u>\$ 44,606,025</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement

ST. TAMMANY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 1
RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET
TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2024

Fund balance - total governmental funds	\$ 40,192,025
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.	21,028,483
Deferred outflows of resources related to pensions and OPEB are not reported in governmental funds	8,382,685
Deferred inflows of resources related to pensions and OPEB are not reported in governmental funds	(2,584,647)
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), including the related accrued interest are reported in the Statement of Net Position:	
Accrued interest	(7,704)
Compensated absences	(210,571)
OPEB liability	(8,102,055)
Net pension liability	(22,692,837)
Certain property tax and parcel fee collections are not available to pay for current-period expenditures and therefore are reported as deferred inflows of resources in the governmental funds.	<u>3,215,019</u>
Net position of governmental activities	<u>\$ 39,220,398</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement

ST. TAMMANY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 1
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

	<u>General Fund</u>
<u>GENERAL REVENUES:</u>	
Property taxes	\$ 26,883,569
Parcel fee	1,313,507
Fire insurance rebate	635,181
State revenue sharing	549,538
State supplemental pay	1,222,950
Investment earnings	1,003,759
Miscellaneous	<u>1,224,231</u>
 Total general revenues	 <u>32,832,735</u>
<u>EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES:</u>	
Current for fire protection:	
Salaries and related expenses	19,436,253
Repairs and maintenance	2,029,145
Deduction from ad valorem taxes for pension	876,413
Fire fighting equipment, supplies and related expenses	1,014,068
Legal and professional services	456,579
Insurance	2,913,161
Office supplies	185,569
Telephone and utilities	232,283
Training expenses	510,041
Miscellaneous	<u>215,604</u>
 Total current fire protection expenditures/expenses	 27,889,422
 Capital outlay	 1,235,344
 Total expenditures/expenses	 <u>29,124,766</u>
 Net change in fund balance	 <u>3,707,969</u>
<u>FUND BALANCE:</u>	
Beginning of the year	<u>36,484,056</u>
End of the year	<u>\$ 40,192,025</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement

ST. TAMMANY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 1
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	\$ 3,707,969
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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 useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. This is the amount that depreciation expense of \$1,255,524 was exceeded by capital outlays of \$1,235,344 in the current period.	(20,180)
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Loss on disposal	(16,902)
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Property tax revenues in the government-wide Statement of Activities include economic resources that are not reported as revenues in the governmental fund operating statement. This is the amount by which current year deferred inflows of resources in the governmental funds of \$3,405,055 decreased by prior year deferred inflows of resources in the governmental funds of \$3,310,037	(95,018)
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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	(71,338)
OPEB	(581,656)
Pensions	9,038
Non-employer contributions for pensions	<u>1,256,700</u>

Change in net position	<u><u>\$ 4,188,613</u></u>
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement

ST. TAMMANY PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 1

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 2024

(1) SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Reporting Entity

The St. Tammany Fire Protection District No. 1 (the District) was created by the St. Tammany Parish Council as provided by Louisiana Revised Statute 40:1492. The District is responsible for fire protection in the City of Slidell and the immediate surrounding area. The administration of the District is governed by a board of commissioners consisting of five members. Two members are appointed by the parish governing authority and two by the governing body of the municipal corporation in the District. The fifth member is selected by the other four members and serves as chairman. Vacancies are filled by the governing bodies making the original appointments. Board members serve three-year terms without compensation. The District operates eight fire stations within the district and provides fire protection services in an area covering approximately 120 square miles. In addition to fire protection service, the District also provides fire prevention service to the public.

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

Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 14, as amended by Statement No. 39, established criteria for determining which component units should be considered part of the Parish for financial reporting purposes. The basic criterion for including a potential component unit within the reporting entity is financial accountability. The GASB has set forth criteria to be considered in determining financial accountability. The criteria include:

- a) Appointing a voting majority of an organization's governing body, and the ability of the Council to impose its will on that organization and/or the potential for the organization to provide specific financial benefits to or impose specific financial burden on the organization.
- b) Organizations for which the Council does not appoint a voting majority but are fiscally dependent on the Council, along with a financial benefit or burden relationship.
- c) Organizations for which the reporting entity financial statements would be misleading if data of the organization is not included because of the nature or significance of the relationship.

ST. TAMMANY PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 1
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
DECEMBER 31, 2024

(1) SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Reporting Entity (Continued)

The District was determined to be a component unit of the Parish, the reporting entity, because the reporting entity's financial statements would be misleading if data of the District was not included due to the significance of the relationship and scope of public services. The accompanying financial statements present information only on funds maintained by the District and do not present information on the Parish, the general government services provided by the Parish, or other governmental units that comprise the financial reporting entity.

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). 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.

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 liabilities, as well as long-term debt and obligations. The District's net position is reported in two parts – net investment in capital assets and unrestricted.

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(1) SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES CONTINUED)

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

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 type:

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.

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(1) SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Basis of Accounting (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. Interest income on investments is recorded when the investments have matured and income is available. All other revenue items are considered to be measurable and available only when cash is received by the government.

Expenditures

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

Deposits and Investments

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.

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(1) SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Deposits and Investments (Continued)

Louisiana revised statutes authorize the District to invest in (1) United States bonds, treasury notes or certificates, or time certificates of deposit of state banks organized under the laws of Louisiana and national banks having their principal offices in the State of Louisiana, an investment as stipulated in LSA-R.S. 39:1271, or any other federally insured investments or (2) in mutual or trust fund institutions, which are registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Securities Act of 1933 and the Investment Act of 1940, and which have underlying investments consisting solely of and limited to securities of the U.S. Government or its agencies.

All Investments are reported at fair value.

Receivables and Payables

Property tax and parcel fee receivables are shown net of 5% allowances, for uncollectible amounts. 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 33.65 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 District:

	<u>Assessed Valuation</u>	<u>% of Total Assessed Value</u>
Central LA Electric Co.	\$ 20,779,690	2.40%
Atmos Energy Corporation	8,542,084	0.99%
Horton D R Inc-Gulf Coast	7,034,684	0.81%
Fremaux Town Center SPE LLC	6,000,705	0.69%
Bayou Metal Supply, LLC	5,158,912	0.59%
JP Morgan Chase Bank	4,811,629	0.55%
KE Mason Owner TIC LLC Etal	3,888,000	0.45%
ET New Orleans	3,318,474	0.38%
SC3 Fremaux, LLC	3,076,500	0.35%
Pelican Pointe Slidell, LLC	<u>2,948,896</u>	<u>0.34%</u>
	<u>\$ 65,559,574</u>	<u>7.55%</u>

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(1) SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Receivables and Payables (Continued)

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 Parish has not made any commitments as part of the agreements other than to reduce taxes. The District is not subject to any tax abatement agreements entered into by other governmental entities other than the Parish. The District does not have quantitative information for its tax abatement agreements at this time, but they are not expected to be material to the financial statements.

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

Capital assets, which include property, plant 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 \$5,000 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 building improvements	40 Years
Vehicles	10 - 20 Years
Equipment	10 - 40 Years

Deferred Outflows and Inflows of Resources

In addition to assets, the Statement of Net 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 two items that qualify for reporting in this category, deferred amounts related to pensions and other post-employment benefits.

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(1) SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Deferred Outflows and Inflows of Resources (Continued)

In addition to liabilities, the Statement of Net Position and Balance Sheet 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 that applies to future periods and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until then. Currently, the District has two items that qualify for reporting in this category on the Statement of Net Position, deferred amounts related to pensions and other post employment benefits. The District has one item that qualifies for reporting in the category on the Balance Sheet, deferred amounts related to property tax revenue.

Compensated Absences

Employees of the District are entitled to 18 to 30 days of annual leave each year, based on length of service, and up to 52 weeks of sick leave. Under District policy, regular annual and sick leave do not accumulate or carry over to subsequent years and are recognized as an expense when taken, as they do not meet the criteria for liability recognition under GASB Statement No. 101, Compensated Absences. However, employees may earn up to four additional annual leave days per year for perfect attendance during any three consecutive calendar months, with a maximum accrual of six days. These earned annual leave days may be carried over to the next year and are more likely than not to be used for time off or paid in cash. Accordingly, a liability for these accumulated leave days is recognized in the Statement of Net Position when the leave is earned, as it is attributable to services already rendered. At December 31, 2024, the liability for compensated absences was \$219,208, compared to \$147,870 at December 31, 2023, with the change primarily due to increased accruals of earned annual leave. This liability is calculated based on employees current salary rates and includes related payroll taxes and benefits, consistent with GASB Statement No. 101.

Long-term Obligations

In the government-wide financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities. In the fund financial statements, the face amount of debt issued is reported as other financing sources. Premiums received on debt issuances are reported as other financing sources while discounts on debt issuances are reported as other financing uses. Issuance costs, whether or not withheld from the actual debt proceeds received, are reported as debt service expenditures.

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

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(1) SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

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.

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.

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(1) SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Equity Classifications (Continued)

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.

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.

Date of Management's Review

Subsequent events have been evaluated through June 6, 2025 which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

(2) STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY

The District published the proposed budget for the General Fund in the St. Tammany Farmer on September 27, 2023, October 4, 2023, and October 11, 2023. A public hearing was held on October 17, 2023 and the board adopted the budget on November 19, 2023. The budget is prepared using the modified cash 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.

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(2) STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY (CONTINUED)

The actual on budgetary basis amounts reflect the modified cash basis of accounting, and state supplemental pay (\$1,222,950 in 2024) to fire fighters is not treated as budgeted revenues and expenditures of the General Fund.

(3) CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

At December 31, 2024, the District has cash and cash equivalents (book balances) totaling \$15,352,442 as follows:

Major Apparatus and Facilities account	\$ 4,826,682
Operating	58,933
Disaster account	2,000,000
Clearing account	48,750
Debt service account	500
Treasury Bill – Reserve Fund	6,199,489
Reserve account	<u>2,217,988</u>
	<u>\$ 15,352,442</u>

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.

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(3) CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS (CONTINUED)

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

	<u>Bank Balances Category</u>			<u>Bank</u>
	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Cash	<u>\$ 250,000</u>	<u>\$13,627,935</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 13,877,935</u>

(4) RECEIVABLES

The District's receivables, net of allowance, at December 31, 2024 are as follows:

<u>Class of Receivable</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Taxes – ad valorem, net	\$ 26,591,841
Parcel fees, net	1,268,666
Intergovernmental – grants – state	527,563
Other	<u>186,457</u>
	<u>\$ 28,574,527</u>

(5) CAPITAL ASSETS

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

	<u>Beginning</u>		<u>Increases</u>	<u>Decreases</u>	<u>Ending</u>
<u>Governmental activities:</u>	<u>Balance</u>				<u>Balance</u>
Capital assets, not being depreciated:					
Land	\$ 855,428	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 855,428
Construction in progress	<u>2,600</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,600</u>
Total capital assets not being depreciated	<u>858,028</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>858,028</u>
Capital assets, being depreciated:					
Buildings	15,185,028	824,659	-	-	16,009,687
Equipment and furniture	<u>18,441,158</u>	<u>410,686</u>	<u>(178,938)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>18,672,906</u>
Total capital assets being depreciated	<u>33,626,186</u>	<u>1,235,345</u>	<u>(178,938)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>34,682,593</u>
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>(13,418,649)</u>	<u>(1,255,524)</u>	<u>162,035</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(14,512,138)</u>

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(5) CAPITAL ASSETS (CONTINUED)

Total capital assets				
being depreciated, net	<u>20,207,537</u>	<u>(20,179)</u>	<u>(16,903)</u>	<u>20,170,455</u>
Total capital assets, net	<u>\$ 21,065,565</u>	<u>\$ (20,179)</u>	<u>\$ (16,903)</u>	<u>\$ 21,028,483</u>

Increases as presented above include approximately \$700,000 for a new training facility completed as of December 31, 2024

Depreciation expense of \$1,255,524 for the year ended December 31, 2024, was charged to fire protection expenditures.

(6) PENSION PLAN

All full-time employees of the District are members of the Louisiana Firefighters' Retirement System (the System), a cost-sharing, and 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.

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.

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(6) PENSION PLAN (CONTINUED)

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. For the year ending December 31, 2024, the actual employer contribution rate and the actuarially determined employer contribution rate is listed below. The actual rate differs from the actuarially required rate 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 \$4,090,725. The District's covered payroll for the System for the year ended December 31, 2024 was \$12,302,838. The amount that the District recognized as revenue or netted in expense from non-employer contributing entities was \$1,256,700.

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 \$22,692,837 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 4.030288%, which was a increase of 0.122050% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2023.

For the year ended December 31, 2024, the District recognized pension expense totaling \$4,408,681. Added to pension expense is the employer's amortization of change in proportionate share and differences between employer contributions and proportionate share of contributions totaling \$231,184 for the System.

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(6) PENSION PLAN (CONTINUED)

Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions (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 \$9,038 .

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

	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 1,703,715	\$ 539,689
Change in assumptions	970,805	-
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	229,544	-
Changes in proportion and differences between employer contributions and proportionate share of contributions	1,474,465	527,983
Employer contributions subsequent to the measurement date	<u>2,103,639</u>	<u>-</u>
Total	<u>\$ 6,482,168</u>	<u>\$ 1,067,672</u>

Employer contributions subsequent to the measurement date totaling \$2,103,629 and reported as deferred outflows of resources will be recognized as a reduction of the Net Pension Liability in the next fiscal year. 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	\$ 346,447
2026	3,022,989
2027	(316,420)
2028	(385,539)
2029	283,961
2030	<u>308,924</u>
Total	<u>\$ 3,260,541</u>

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(6) 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.

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(6) 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 ⁰ / ₀	2.09 ⁰ / ₀
U.S. tips	2 ⁰ / ₀	2.00 ⁰ / ₀
Emerging market debt	2 ⁰ / ₀	4.05 ⁰ / ₀
Multisector fixed income	4 ⁰ / ₀	2.34 ⁰ / ₀
U.S. equity	29 ⁰ / ₀	6.24 ⁰ / ₀
Non-U.S. equity	11 ⁰ / ₀	6.36 ⁰ / ₀
Global equity	10 ⁰ / ₀	6.42 ⁰ / ₀
Emerging market equity	5 ⁰ / ₀	8.26 ⁰ / ₀
Real estate	4 ⁰ / ₀	4.85 ⁰ / ₀
Real assets	3 ⁰ / ₀	5.93 ⁰ / ₀
Private equity	9 ⁰ / ₀	9.77 ⁰ / ₀
Totals	<u>100⁰/₀</u>	
Inflation		2.50 ⁰ / ₀
Expected arithmetic nominal return		6.90 ⁰ / ₀

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.

ST. TAMMANY PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 1
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
DECEMBER 31, 2024

(6) PENSION PLAN (CONTINUED)

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	\$ 37,674,859	\$ 22,692,837	\$ 10,196,379

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 or on the Office of Louisiana Legislative Auditor's official website: www.lla.state.la.us.

(7) OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

Plan Description

The St. Tammany Parish Fire Protection District No. 1 (the Fire District) provides certain continuing health care and life insurance benefits for its retired employees. The St. Tammany Parish Fire Protection District No. 1's OPEB Plan (the OPEB Plan) is a single-employer defined benefit OPEB plan administered by the Fire District. The authority to establish and/or amend the obligation of the employer, employees and retirees rests with the Fire District. No assets are accumulated in a trust that meets the criteria in Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB).

Benefits Provided

Medical and life benefits are provided through comprehensive plans and are made available to employees upon actual retirement. Employees are covered by a retirement system whose retirement eligibility (D.R.O.P. entry) provisions are as follows: Attainment of age 55 and 12 years of service; or, 50 and 20 years of service; or, any age and 25 years of service.

Life insurance coverage is provided to retirees and 0% of the blended rate (active and retired) is paid by the employer. The amount of insurance coverage while active is continued after retirement, but insurance coverage amounts are reduced to 65% of the pre-65 active amount at age 65, and further to 50% of the amount at age 70, and further to 35% of the amount at age 75.

ST. TAMMANY PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 1
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
DECEMBER 31, 2024

(7) OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (CONTINUED)

Employees Covered by Benefit Terms

At December 31, 2024, the following employees were covered by the benefit terms.

Inactive employees or beneficiaries currently receiving benefit payments	64
Inactive employees entitled to but not yet receiving benefit payments	-
Active employees	<u>196</u>
	<u>260</u>

Total OPEB Liability

The Fire District's total OPEB liability of \$8,102,055 was measured as of December 31, 2024 and was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The amount paid by the employer for OPEB as the benefits came due during the reporting period totaled \$399,129.

Actuarial Assumptions and other inputs

The total OPEB liability in the December 31, 2024 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions and other inputs, applied to all periods included in the measurement, unless otherwise specified:

Inflation	2.5%
Salary increases	Less than 3 years – 14.10%
Discount rate	3.26% annually (Beginning of Year to Determine ADC) 4.08%, annually (As of End of Year Measurement Date)
Healthcare cost trend rates	Getzen model

The discount rate was based on the Bond Buyers' 20 Year General Obligation municipal bond index as of December 31, 2024, the end of the applicable measurement period.

Mortality rates were based on the PubS.H-2010 Below table.

Actuarial Assumptions and other inputs (Continued)

Employees who receive active benefits are assumed to also receive retiree benefits. It is also assumed that the same percentage of employees with spouse coverage would also have spouse coverage as retirees.

The actuarial assumptions used in the December 31, 2024 valuation were based on the results of ongoing evaluations of the assumptions from January 1, 2009 to December 31, 2024.

ST. TAMMANY PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 1
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
DECEMBER 31, 2024

(7) OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (CONTINUED)

No assets are accumulated in a trust that meets the criteria in GASB No 75 paragraph 4. to pay related benefits, and information about factors that significantly affect trends in the amount reported, for example, changes in benefit terms, changes in population, or changes in assumptions used.

Changes in the Total OPEB Liability

Balance at December 31, 2023	\$ 7,906,266
Changes for the year:	
Service cost	531,361
Interest	268,613
Changes in benefit terms	117,780
Difference between expected and actual experience	(124,007)
Changes in assumptions	(198,829)
Benefit payments and net transfers	(399,129)
Net changes	<u>195,789</u>
Balance at December 31, 2024	<u><u>\$ 8,102,055</u></u>
Covered-employee payroll	<u><u>\$ 9,425,107</u></u>

Sensitivity of the Total OPEB Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate

The following presents the total OPEB liability of the Fire District, as well as what the Fire District's total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower or 1-percentage-point higher than the current discount rate:

	<u>1% Decrease</u>	<u>Current Discount Rate</u>	<u>1% Increase</u>
Total OPEB Liability	\$ 8,811,890	\$ 8,102,055	\$ 7,455,456

ST. TAMMANY PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 1
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
DECEMBER 31, 2024

(7) OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (CONTINUED)

Sensitivity of the Total OPEB Liability to Healthcare Cost Trend Rates

The following presents the total OPEB liability of the Fire District, as well as what the Fire District's total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using healthcare cost trend rates that are 1-percentage-point lower or 1-percentage-point higher than the current healthcare trend rates:

	<u>1% Decrease</u>	<u>Current Trend Rate</u>	<u>1% Increase</u>
Total OPEB Liability	\$ 7,338,705	\$ 8,102,055	\$ 9,013,862

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

For the year ended December 31, 2024, the Fire District recognized OPEB expense of \$980,785. At December 31, 2024, the Fire District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Changes in assumptions	\$ 126,400	\$ (985,023)
Differences between expected and actual experience	<u>1,774,117</u>	<u>(531,952)</u>
Total	<u>\$ 1,900,517</u>	<u>\$ (1,516,975)</u>

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

Years ending June 30.

2025	\$ 63,031
2026	63,031
2027	63,031
2028	63,031
2029	63,031
Thereafter	<u>68,387</u>
Total	<u>\$ 383,542</u>

ST. TAMMANY PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 1
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
DECEMBER 31, 2024

(8) RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

The District is exposed to all common perils associated with fire protection. 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.

(9) 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.

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 FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 1
SLIDELL, LOUISIANA
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE -
BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GOVERNMENTAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

	Budgeted Amounts	Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
<u>GENERAL REVENUES:</u>			
Property taxes	\$ 22,506,000	\$ 26,883,569	\$ 4,377,569
Parcel fee	1,251,875	1,313,507	61,632
Fire insurance rebate	450,000	635,181	185,181
State revenue sharing	535,000	549,538	14,538
State supplemental pay	-	-	-
Interest income	500,000	1,003,759	503,759
Miscellaneous	1,130,478	1,224,231	93,753
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Total general revenues	26,373,353	31,609,785	5,236,432
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<u>EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES:</u>			
Current for fire protection:			
Salaries and related expenses	16,988,341	18,213,303	(1,224,962)
Repairs and maintenance	2,167,900	2,029,145	138,755
Deduction from ad valorem taxes for pension	-	-	-
Fire fighting equipment, supplies and related expenses	762,000	1,014,068	(252,068)
Legal and professional services	492,043	456,579	35,464
Insurance	3,851,204	2,913,161	938,043
	-	20,306	(20,306)
Office supplies	113,500	185,569	(72,069)
Telephone and utilities	286,000	232,283	53,717
Training expenses	393,350	510,041	(116,691)
Miscellaneous	131,000	215,604	(84,604)
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Total current fire protection expenditures/expenses	25,185,338	25,790,059	(604,721)
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Capital outlay	1,015,400	1,235,344	(219,944)
Debt service:			
Principal	-	-	-
Interest	-	-	-
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Total debt service expenditures expenses	-	-	-
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Total expenditures expenses	26,200,738	27,025,403	(824,665)
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Excess/(deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	172,615	4,584,382	(4,411,767)
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Net change in fund balance	172,615	4,584,382	4,411,767
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Beginning of the year	36,484,056	36,484,056	
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End of the year	\$ 36,656,671	\$ 41,068,438	
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(See Independent Auditors' Report)

ST. TAMMANY PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 1
SCHEDULE OF PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY
FOR THE TEN YEARS ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023*

	<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>
<u>Louisiana Firefighters' Retirement System</u>										
District's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability	4.030289%	3.908258%	4.095008%	4.021147%	3.772755%	3.860140%	3.767457%	3.803541%	3.753668%	3.538966%
District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$ 22,692,835	\$ 25,508,314	\$ 28,875,098	\$ 14,250,350	\$ 26,151,038	\$ 24,171,906	\$ 21,670,706	\$ 21,801,323	\$ 24,552,332	\$ 20,719,342
District's Covered-Employee Payroll	\$ 11,579,507	\$ 10,522,320	\$ 10,541,000	\$ 10,093,150	\$ 9,367,722	\$ 9,323,610	\$ 8,961,973	\$ 8,375,126	\$ 8,476,204	\$ 8,162,706
District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of its Covered-Employee Payroll	195.97%	242.42%	273.93%	141.19%	278.57%	259.25%	241.81%	245.64%	289.66%	253.83%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability	81.66%	77.69%	74.68%	86.76%	72.61%	73.96%	74.76%	73.55%	68.16%	72.45%

*The amounts presented have a measurement date of June 30 for each year presented

ST. TAMMANY PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 1
SCHEDULE OF CONTRIBUTIONS - RETIREMENT PLAN
FOR THE TEN YEARS ENDING 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>
<u>Louisiana Firefighters' Retirement System</u>										
Contractually Required Contribution	\$ 4,090,726	\$ 3,648,014	\$ 3,557,587	\$ 3,464,558	\$ 2,852,533	\$ 2,545,706	\$ 2,428,720	\$ 2,309,511	\$ 2,278,318	\$ 2,338,762
Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Required Contribution	<u>(4,090,726)</u>	<u>(3,648,014)</u>	<u>(3,557,587)</u>	<u>(3,464,558)</u>	<u>(2,852,533)</u>	<u>(2,545,706)</u>	<u>(2,428,720)</u>	<u>(2,309,511)</u>	<u>(2,277,058)</u>	<u>(2,337,342)</u>
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,280</u>	<u>\$ 1,420</u>
District's Covered-Employee Payroll	\$ 12,302,838	\$ 10,971,479	\$ 10,541,000	\$ 10,506,793	\$ 9,499,304	\$ 9,399,270	\$ 9,164,982	\$ 8,927,750	\$ 8,681,360	\$ 8,280,390
Contributions as a Percentage of Covered-Employee Payroll	33.25%	33.25%	33.75%	32.97%	30.03%	27.08%	26.50%	25.87%	26.23%	28.23%

ST. TAMMANY PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 1
SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN NET OPEB LIABILITY AND RELATED RATIOS
FOR THE SIX YEARS ENDING 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>
Total OPEB Liability:						
Service cost	\$ 531,361	\$ 447,225	\$ 317,643	\$ 284,757	\$ 335,157	\$ 233,695
Interest	268,613	279,820	135,094	134,411	202,135	238,776
Changes of benefit terms	117,780	-	-	-	-	-
Differences between expected and actual experience	(124,007)	-	(599,154)	(26,915)	(747,008)	234,748
Changes of assumptions	(198,829)	303,779	1,364,963	47,667	(602,053)	1,012,672
Benefit payments	<u>(399,129)</u>	<u>(395,167)</u>	<u>(374,566)</u>	<u>(211,071)</u>	<u>(200,067)</u>	<u>(217,238)</u>
Net change in total OPEB liability	195,789	635,657	843,980	228,849	(1,011,836)	1,502,653
Total OPEB liability - beginning	<u>7,906,266</u>	<u>7,270,609</u>	<u>6,426,629</u>	<u>6,197,780</u>	<u>7,209,616</u>	<u>5,706,963</u>
Total OPEB liability - ending	<u>\$ 8,102,055</u>	<u>\$ 7,906,266</u>	<u>\$ 7,270,609</u>	<u>\$ 6,426,629</u>	<u>\$ 6,197,780</u>	<u>\$ 7,209,616</u>
Covered-employee payroll	\$ 9,425,107	\$ 7,917,113	\$ 7,558,103	\$ 6,775,579	\$ 6,578,232	\$ 6,962,670
Total OPEB liability as a percentage of covered employee payroll	85.96%	99.86%	96.20%	94.85%	94.22%	103.55%

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. 1
NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION
DECEMBER 31, 2024

(1) BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE

The District published the proposed budget for the General Fund in the St. Tammany Farmer on September 27, 2023, October 4, 2023, and October 11, 2023. A public hearing was held on October 17, 2023 and the board adopted the budget on November 19, 2023. The budget is prepared using the modified cash 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.

The Actual on Budgetary Basis amounts reflect the modified accrual basis of accounting, except that state supplemental pay for fire fighters (\$1,222,950) is not treated as budgeted revenues and expenditures in the General Fund.

(2) PENSION PLAN SCHEDULES

Changes of Benefit Terms

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

Changes of Assumptions

There were no changes in assumptions for the years ended December 31, 2024, 2023 and 2022 (measurement dates of June 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively).

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 2.700% to 2.500% annually, and the real investment rate of return was lowered from 7.30% to 7.15%.

For the year ended December 31, 2018 (measurement date of June 30, 2018), the Firefighter's Retirement System's inflation rate assumption was lowered to 2.00%, and the discount rate, or investment rate of return, assumption was lowered from 7.40% to 7.30%.

ST. TAMMANY PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 1
NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION (CONTINUED)
DECEMBER 31, 2023

(2) PENSION PLAN SCHEDULES (CONTINUED)

Changes of Assumptions (Continued)

There were no changes in assumptions for the year ended December 31, 2017 (measurement date of June 30, 2017).

For the year ended December 31, 2016 (measurement date of June 30, 2016), the Firefighter's Retirement System inflation rate assumption was lowered to 2.875% annually, and the salary increase range assumption was lowered to 4.75% - 15.0%.

For the year ended December 31, 2015 (measurement date of June 30, 2016), the Firefighter's Retirement System inflation rate assumption was lowered from 3% to 2.875% annually, and the salary increase range assumption was lowered from 5.5% - 15.0% to 4.75% - 15.0%.

(3) OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS SCHEDULE

Change 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, the other post-employment benefits changed its assumptions related to discount rates. These changes had a cumulative effect of \$(198,829).

For the year ended December 31, 2023, the other post-employment benefits changed its assumptions related to discount rates. These changes had a cumulative effect of \$303,779.

For the year ended December 31, 2022, the other post-employment benefits changed its assumptions related to trends, mortality and discount rates. These changes had a cumulative effect of \$1,364,963.

For the year ended December 31, 2021, the other post-employment benefits changed its assumptions related to trends, mortality and discount rates. These changes had a cumulative effect of \$47,667.

For the year ended December 31, 2020, the other post-employment benefits changed its assumptions related to trends, mortality and discount rates. These changes had a cumulative effect of \$(602,053).

OTHER SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

ST. TAMMANY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 1
SCHEDULE OF COMPENSATION PAID TO BOARD MEMBERS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

Board members serve without compensation

(See Independent Auditors' Report)

ST. TAMMANY PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO.1
SCHEDULE OF COMPENSATION, BENEFITS, AND OTHER PAYMENTS TO AGENCY HEAD
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

	<u>Chief Chris Kaufmann</u>
Salary	\$ 223,422
Benefits - insurance (health, life and dental)	7,406
Benefits - retirement FFRS	84,634
Cell phone allowance	936
Membership dues	<u>186</u>
Total compensation, benefits, and other payments	<u>\$ 316,584</u>

**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. 1
Slidell, Louisiana

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities and the major fund of St. Tammany Parish Fire Protection District No. 1, 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. 1's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated June 6, 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. 1's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of St. Tammany Parish Fire Protection District No. 1's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of St. Tammany Parish Fire Protection District No. 1'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. 1'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 have were not identified.



To the Board of Commissioners
St Tammany Parish Fire Protection District No. 1
June 6, 2025

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether St. Tammany Parish Fire Protection District No. 1'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 6, 2025
Mandeville, Louisiana

Erickson Krentel, LLP
Certified Public Accountants

ST. TAMMANY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 1
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

SECTION I SUMMARY OF AUDIT RESULTS

1. The auditors' report expresses an unmodified opinion on the financial statements of the St. Tammany Parish Fire Protection District No. 1.
2. No significant deficiencies in internal control relating to the audit of the financial statements were 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 the St. Tammany Parish Fire Protection District No. 1 were 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*.
4. No management letter was issued for the year ended December 31, 2024.

SECTION II FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS

There were no findings related to the financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2024.

ST. TAMMANY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 1
SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

SECTION II FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS

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