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EXAMINATION REPORT  
OF  
LAKE RIDGE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA  
January 1, 2005 to December 31, 2006



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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

TO: THE OFFICIALS OF LAKE RIDGE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA

We have examined the financial information presented herein of Lake Ridge Fire Protection District (District), for the period of January 1, 2005 to December 31, 2006. The District's management is responsible for the financial information presented herein. Our responsibility is to express an opinion based on our examination.

Our examination was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and, accordingly, included examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the financial information presented herein and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our examination provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial information referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial information of the District for the years ended December 31, 2005 and 2006, based on the criteria set forth in the uniform compliance guidelines established by the Indiana State Board of Accounts.

STATE BOARD OF ACCOUNTS

January 24, 2007

LAKE RIDGE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
SCHEDULES OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND CASH AND INVESTMENT BALANCES  
ALL GOVERNMENTAL AND FIDUCIARY FUND TYPES  
As Of And For The Years Ended December 31, 2005 And 2006

	Cash and Investments 01-01-05	Receipts	Disbursements	Cash and Investments 12-31-05
Governmental Funds:				
General	\$ 210,113	\$ 683,530	\$ 333,188	\$ 560,455
Cumulative Fire	31,752	50,136	-	81,888
Fiduciary Fund:				
Excess Levy	<u>2,637</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,637</u>	<u>-</u>
Totals	<u>\$ 244,502</u>	<u>\$ 733,666</u>	<u>\$ 335,825</u>	<u>\$ 642,343</u>
	Cash and Investments 01-01-06	Receipts	Disbursements	Cash and Investments 12-31-06
Governmental Funds:				
General	\$ 560,455	\$ 382,017	\$ 369,826	\$ 572,646
Cumulative Fire	<u>81,888</u>	<u>26,053</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>107,941</u>
Totals	<u>\$ 642,343</u>	<u>\$ 408,070</u>	<u>\$ 369,826</u>	<u>\$ 680,587</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the schedules.

LAKE RIDGE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Note 1. Introduction

The District was established under the laws of the State of Indiana. The District provides the following services: public safety and general administrative services.

Note 2. Fund Accounting

The District uses funds to report on its cash and investments and the results of its operations on a cash basis. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid financial management by segregating transactions related to certain governmental functions or activities.

Note 3. Budgets

The operating budget is initially prepared and approved at the local level. In addition, funds for which property taxes are levied are subject to final approval by the Indiana Department of Local Government Finance.

Note 4. Property Taxes

Property taxes levied are collected by the County Treasurer and are distributed to the District in June and December. State statute (IC 6-1.1-17-16) requires the Indiana Department of Local Government Finance to establish property tax rates and levies by February 15. These rates were based upon the preceding year's March 1 (lien date) assessed valuations adjusted for various tax credits. Taxable property is assessed at 100% of the true tax value (determined in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the Indiana Department of Local Government Finance). Taxes may be paid in two equal installments which become delinquent if not paid by May 10 and November 10, respectively.

LAKE RIDGE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL INFORMATION  
(Continued)

Note 5. Deposits and Investments

Deposits, made in accordance with Indiana Code 5-13, with financial institutions in the State of Indiana at year end were entirely insured by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation or by the Indiana Public Deposit Insurance Fund. This includes any deposit accounts issued or offered by a qualifying financial institution.

State statute (IC 5-13-9) authorizes the District to invest in securities including, but not limited to, federal government securities, repurchase agreements, and certain money market mutual funds. Certain other statutory restrictions apply to all investments made by local governmental units.

Note 6. 2005 Property Tax Rates and Levies

Property tax rates and levies were not established by the Indiana Department of Local Government Finance as of February 15, 2005, as required by statute, due to the continued delay in the completion of the reassessment of Lake County. The 2004 pay 2005 property tax bills were mailed out in October 2005, with the first installment due November 18, 2005, and the second installment due February 10, 2006.

Note 7. 2006 Property Tax Rates and Levies

Property tax rates and levies were not established by the Indiana Department of Local Government Finance as of February 15, 2006, as required by statute, due to the continued delay caused by the reassessment of Lake County. The 2005 pay 2006 property tax bills were mailed out on August 1, 2006 with the first installment due August 29, 2006, and the second installment due November 14, 2006.

LAKE RIDGE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
EXIT CONFERENCE

The contents of this report were discussed on January 29, 2007, with Juan Flores, Chairman of the Board; and Susan Kelly, Office Manager. Our examination disclosed no material items that warrant comment at this time.