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August 24, 2018

Board of Directors  
Liberty Township Volunteer Fire Department Inc.  
P.O. Box 2123  
Chesterton, IN 46304

We have reviewed the report prepared by Liberty Township Volunteer Fire Department Inc. and opined upon by Applegate & Company, PC, Independent Public Accountants, for the period January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015. Per the *Independent Auditors Report* the financial statements included in the report present fairly the financial condition of Liberty Township Volunteer Fire Department Inc. as of December 31, 2015 and the results of its operations for the period then ended, on the basis of accounting described in the report.

In our opinion, Applegate & Company, PC prepared all required independent auditor's reports in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and guidelines established by the State Board of Accounts.

The report is filed with this letter in our office as a matter of public record.

  
Paul D. Joyce, CPA  
State Examiner

LIBERTY TOWNSHIP VOLUNTEER  
FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.  
Chesterton, Indiana

ANNUAL REPORT  
December 31, 2015

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT

Board of Directors  
Liberty Township Volunteer  
Fire Department, Inc.  
Chesterton, Indiana

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Liberty Township Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. (a nonprofit organization), which comprise the statements of financial position as of December 31, 2015 and 2014, and the related statements of activities and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

### Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

### Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

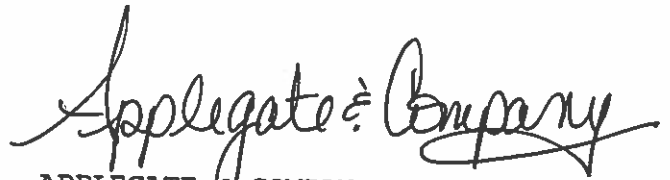
We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Liberty Township Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. as of December 31, 2015 and 2014, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Report on Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The schedule of expenses on page 13 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole.



APPLEGATE & COMPANY  
Certified Public Accountants

Michigan City, Indiana  
December 8, 2016

LIBERTY TOWNSHIP VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.

STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES

For the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
<u>SUPPORT AND REVENUE</u>		
Contract revenue	\$ 262,130	\$ 262,130
Contributions	36,751	51,552
Interest	2,289	1,310
Miscellaneous revenues	<u>3,219</u>	<u>3,278</u>
Total support and revenue	304,389	318,270
 <u>EXPENSES</u>	 <u>250,241</u>	 <u>292,861</u>
 CHANGES IN NET ASSETS	 54,148	 25,409
 NET ASSETS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	 <u>1,219,616</u>	 <u>1,194,207</u>
 NET ASSETS AT END OF YEAR	 <u>\$1,273,764</u>	 <u>\$1,219,616</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

LIBERTY TOWNSHIP VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.

STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION  
December 31, 2015 and 2014

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>		
<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>		
Equipment fund	\$ 251,388	\$ 150,800
Equipment fund - certificates of deposit (Note 2)	159,760	157,946
Firemen 50/50 fund	10,107	13,393
General fund	240,823	240,693
General fund - certificate of deposit (Note 2)	51,423	51,310
Building fund - certificate of deposit (Note 2)	4,540	4,529
Fire fund	71,261	71,904
Fire savings fund	93	93
Contract receivable	25,500	25,500
Prepaid insurance	4,762	4,917
Other assets	264	
Total current assets	<u>819,921</u>	<u>721,085</u>
<u>PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT</u>		
Leasehold improvements	34,441	34,441
Fire equipment and vehicles	2,177,888	2,175,089
Computer equipment	15,090	15,090
Total	<u>2,227,419</u>	<u>2,224,620</u>
Accumulated depreciation	<u>1,769,500</u>	<u>1,698,286</u>
Net property and equipment	<u>457,919</u>	<u>526,334</u>
Total assets	<u>\$1,277,840</u>	<u>\$1,247,419</u>
<u>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</u>		
<u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>		
Current portion of long-term debt (Note 3)		\$ 27,710
Accounts payable	\$ 4,076	93
Total current liabilities	<u>4,076</u>	<u>27,803</u>
<u>NET ASSETS</u>		
Unrestricted	<u>1,273,764</u>	<u>1,219,616</u>
Total net assets	<u>1,273,764</u>	<u>1,219,616</u>
Total liabilities and net assets	<u>\$1,277,840</u>	<u>\$1,247,419</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

LIBERTY TOWNSHIP VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.

STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

For the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
<u>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</u>		
Change in net assets	\$ 54,148	\$ 25,409
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash from operating activities		
Depreciation and amortization	73,051	73,434
Loss on disposal of equipment	667	109
(Increase)/decrease in assets		
Contract receivable		(25,500)
Prepaid insurance	155	(137)
Other current assets	(264)	40
Increase/(decrease) in liabilities		
Accounts payable	<u>3,983</u>	<u>(12,891)</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>131,740</u>	<u>60,464</u>
<u>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</u>		
Cash payments for property and equipment	<u>(5,303)</u>	<u>(1,842)</u>
<u>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES</u>		
Repayment of long-term debt	<u>(27,710)</u>	<u>(32,930)</u>
NET CHANGE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	98,727	25,692
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>690,668</u>	<u>664,976</u>
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF YEAR	<u>\$789,395</u>	<u>\$690,668</u>
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Cash paid for interest	<u>\$ -0-</u>	<u>\$ 2,430</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

LIBERTY TOWNSHIP VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

December 31, 2015 and 2014

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

NATURE OF EXEMPT ACTIVITY - The Liberty Township Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. is a not-for-profit corporation organized under the laws of the State of Indiana for the purpose of providing fire protection to the citizens of Liberty Township and Jackson Township, located in Porter County, Indiana. The Organization's major source of revenue results from annually renewable contracts with Liberty and Jackson Townships, which require all monies received from the contracts to be used exclusively for the purpose of acquiring, operating and maintaining its apparatus and equipment to provide fire protection within the Townships.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT PRESENTATION - The financial statements are presented on the accrual basis of accounting. The Organization uses Accounting Standards Codification, "Financial Statements of Not-for-Profit Organizations". The Organization is required to report information regarding its financial position and activities according to three classes of net assets: unrestricted net assets, temporarily restricted net assets and permanently restricted net assets.

Also, the Organization uses Accounting Standards Codification, "Accounting for Contributions Received and Contributions Made." Contributions and other support received are recorded as unrestricted, temporarily restricted, or permanently restricted support depending on

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LIBERTY TOWNSHIP VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

December 31, 2015 and 2014

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

the existence or nature of any donor restrictions. Such contributions are required to be reported as temporarily restricted support and are then reclassified to unrestricted net assets upon expiration of the purpose restriction. Restricted support is reported as unrestricted, if the restrictions are met in the same reporting period when received.

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE - Accounts receivable are recorded at net realizable value consisting of the carrying amount less an allowance for uncollectible accounts, as needed. Management determines the value based on known troubled accounts, historical experience and other available existing information. The Organization makes direct write-offs when specific accounts are determined to be uncollectible. It is the opinion of management that a provision for doubtful accounts is not necessary at December 31, 2015 and 2014.

FIXED ASSETS - Leasehold improvements, fire equipment and vehicles, and computer equipment are stated at cost. Donated assets are stated at fair value at the time of the donation. Major improvements and renewals are capitalized while ordinary maintenance and repairs are expensed. Depreciation is provided on fixed assets over the estimated useful life of the related assets using the straight-line method. Depreciation expense was \$73,051 and \$73,434 for the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively. The estimated useful lives of

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LIBERTY TOWNSHIP VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

December 31, 2015 and 2014

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

property and equipment for financial reporting are as follows:

Leasehold improvements	5 Years
Fire equipment	5 - 7 Years
Vehicles	5 - 20 Years
Computer equipment	5 Years

INCOME TAXES - The Organization is exempt from tax on income under Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code and similar code sections for the State of Indiana. Therefore, these statements do not include any provision for income taxes.

The Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued Accounting Standards Codification "Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes," that clarifies the accounting and recognition for income tax positions taken or expected to be taken in the Organization's income tax returns. The Organization has adopted the Standard. As of December 31, 2015, the Organization does not believe that it has taken any tax positions that would require the recording of any tax liability nor does it believe that there are any unrealized tax benefits that would either increase or decrease within the next twelve months. The Organization's income tax returns are subject to examination by the appropriate taxing jurisdictions and the open tax years are 2012-2015.

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LIBERTY TOWNSHIP VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

December 31, 2015 and 2014

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

CASH EQUIVALENTS - All highly liquid investments with a maturity of three months or less when purchased are considered cash equivalents and are reflected as cash in the statement of cash flows.

USE OF ESTIMATES - The preparation of financial statements requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS - The following methods and assumptions were used by the Organization in estimating its fair value disclosures for financial instruments.

- Cash and cash equivalents, certificates of deposit and notes payable: The carrying amounts reported in the statement of financial position approximate fair values because of the short maturities of those instruments.

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LIBERTY TOWNSHIP VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

December 31, 2015 and 2014

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

The estimated fair values of the Organization's financial instruments are as follows as of December 31, 2015:

	<u>Carrying Amount</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>
Financial assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$573,672	\$573,672
Certificates of deposit	\$215,723	\$215,723

NOTE 2 - INVESTMENTS

The Organization held investments in the form of certificates of deposit at December 31, 2015 and 2014 which are valued at fair market value as follows:

December 31, 2015

<u>Issuer</u>	<u>Origination Date</u>	<u>Maturity Date</u>	<u>Market Value</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>
1 <sup>st</sup> Source Bank (Equipment fund)	07/15/2015	07/15/2017	\$ 51,423	.22%
1 <sup>st</sup> Source Bank (Equipment fund)	08/01/2014	08/01/2018	108,337	1.50%
1 <sup>st</sup> Source Bank (General fund)	07/15/2015	07/15/2017	51,423	.22%
1 <sup>st</sup> Source Bank (Building fund)	07/15/2015	07/15/2017	<u>4,540</u>	.22%
Total Certificates of Deposit			<u>\$215,723</u>	

December 31, 2014

<u>Issuer</u>	<u>Origination Date</u>	<u>Maturity Date</u>	<u>Market Value</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>
1 <sup>st</sup> Source Bank (Equipment fund)	07/15/2013	07/15/2015	\$ 51,310	.22%
1 <sup>st</sup> Source Bank (Equipment fund)	08/01/2014	08/01/2018	106,636	1.50%
1 <sup>st</sup> Source Bank (General fund)	07/15/2013	07/15/2015	51,310	.22%
1 <sup>st</sup> Source Bank (Building fund)	07/15/2013	07/15/2015	<u>4,529</u>	.22%
Total Certificates of Deposit			<u>\$213,785</u>	

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LIBERTY TOWNSHIP VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

December 31, 2015 and 2014

NOTE 3 - LONG-TERM DEBT

A schedule of the Organization's long-term debt at December 31, 2015 and 2014 follows:

<u>Due to/(Security)</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Payment Amount and Maturity Date</u>	<u>2015 Amount</u>	<u>2014 Amount</u>
Municipal Leasing Credit Corporation/ (vehicle)	4.92%	\$2,720 including interest due 11/15/2015	\$-0-	\$27,710
Less current maturities			<u>-0-</u>	<u>27,710</u>
Net long-term debt			<u>\$-0-</u>	<u>\$ -0-</u>

NOTE 4 - CONCENTRATIONS OF CREDIT RISK

The Organization maintains its cash balances in local financial institutions. The balances are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation and the National Credit Union Share Insurance Fund up to \$250,000. At December 31, 2015, the Organization's uninsured cash balances totaled \$530,493.

NOTE 5 - COMMITMENTS

As part of the Fire Protection Agreement between Liberty Township Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. (the Department) and Liberty Civil Township of Porter County, Indiana (the Township), the Township gives use, possession and control of certain Township owned vehicles and fire equipment to the Department. The Department agrees to maintain the firehouse at 47 West 900 North and all fire fighting equipment in good

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LIBERTY TOWNSHIP VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

December 31, 2015 and 2014

NOTE 5 - COMMITMENTS (Continued)

operating condition. Either party of the Fire Protection Agreement can cancel the contract by providing written notice delivered sixty (60) days prior to the effective date of cancellation.

NOTE 6 - SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

No subsequent events were noted as of December 8, 2016, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

LIBERTY TOWNSHIP VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.

SCHEDULES OF EXPENSES

For the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Firefighters compensation and reimbursement	\$ 52,108	\$ 57,256
Fundraising expense	3,013	7,800
Insurance	33,708	33,607
Interest expense		2,430
Depreciation	73,051	73,434
Utilities	10,283	11,533
Office expense	2,284	5,813
Professional fees	17,345	16,830
Repairs and maintenance	34,260	47,346
Supplies	4,282	8,827
Small tools	918	3,297
Fuel	6,729	12,234
Loss on disposal of equipment	667	109
Training	3,637	1,861
Clothing		3,636
Meals	481	1,328
Christmas party	1,268	1,506
Bank service charges	71	199
Miscellaneous expense	<u>6,136</u>	<u>3,815</u>
Total expenses	<u>\$250,241</u>	<u>\$292,861</u>