#### ABERDEEN TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT NO. 2 COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, NEW JERSEY

REPORT OF AUDIT YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2009

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# ABERDEEN TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1 ROSTER OF OFFICIALS DECEMBER 31, 2009

#### **BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS**

James Marsh, President

Charles Caruso, Vice President

James T. Connelly, Treasurer

Michael Bellamy, Secretary

Stanley Derechailo, Commissioner

FINANCIAL SECTION

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#### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Board of Fire Commissioners Aberdeen Township Fire District No. 2 PO Box 469 Cliffwood, NJ 07730

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Aberdeen Township Fire District No.2, (the "District"), in the County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2009, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of Aberdeen Township Fire District No.2's management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in <u>Government Auditing Standards</u>, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinions.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and each major fund of the Aberdeen Township Fire District No. 2, in the County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, as of December 31, 2009, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with <u>Government Auditing Standards</u>, we have also issued our report dated January 10, 2011 on our consideration of Aberdeen Township Fire District No. 2 internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with <u>Government Auditing Standards</u> and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information on pages 4 through 10 and Exhibit C-1 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquires, 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.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Aberdeen Township Fire District No. 2's financial statements taken as a whole. The Summary Statement of Project Expenditures and Fund Balances - Capital Projects Fund is presented for the purpose of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements. The summary Statement of Project Expenditures and Fund Balances - Capital Projects Fund has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including company 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 taken as a whole.

January 10, 2011

Fallon & Larsen LLP

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Our discussion and analysis of the Aberdeen Township Fire District No. 2's financial performance provides an overview of the District's financial activities for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2009. Please read this analysis in conjunction with the District's financial statements.

#### Financial Highlights

- The District's assets exceeded its liabilities by \$1,827,456.88 (net assets) as of December 31, 2009. This compares to December 31, 2008 when net assets exceeded liabilities by \$1,807,866.50.
- In total, net assets increased \$19,590.38 or 1.08%.
- The District had \$484,945.57 in expenses. \$4,333.00 of this was offset by charges for services and grants. General revenues (primarily taxes) were adequate to provide for these programs.
- \$150,000.00 was levied in taxes to finance the District's capital program. Net Assets Restricted for Capital Projects increased \$150,000.00 or 105.57%.
- Total net assets are comprised of the following:
  - (1) Capital assets, net of \$1,250,726.44 includes property and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation.
  - (2) Restricted net assets of \$292,072.53 are restricted by constraints imposed from outside the District such as debt covenants, grantors, laws, or regulations.
  - (3) Unrestricted net assets of \$284,657.91 represent the portion available to maintain the District's continuing obligations to citizens and creditors.

#### **Overview of the Financial Statements**

The financial statements consist of the following parts: Management's Discussion and Analysis; the Basic Financial Statements consisting of government-wide financial statements, and fund financial statements (government and fiduciary); Notes to the Financial Statements; and Required Supplementary Information.

The basic government-wide and fund financial statements present the financial results on different methods of accounting. Included in the financial statements are reconciliations that explain the difference between the two methods.

Government-wide financial statements are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting and economic resources focus. The required financial statements are: Statement of Net Assets (Exhibit A-1) and Statement of Activities (Statement A-2). The Statement of Net Assets reports all assets and liabilities, both financial and capital, and short-term and long-term of the District. The Statement of Activities reports all revenue and expenses during the year, regardless of when cash is received or paid.

#### Overview of the Financial Statements (continued)

Governmental funds financial statements are prepared on the modified accrual basis of accounting and current financial resources focus. This is the traditional form for our financial statements. The required financial statements are: Balance Sheet (Exhibit B-1) and Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances (Exhibit B-2). The Balance Sheet shows only assets and liabilities that come due during the year or soon thereafter; no capital assets or long-term liabilities are included. The Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances reports revenue for which cash is received during or soon after the end of the year; expenditures when goods or services have been received and payment is due during or soon after the end of the year.

Exhibit B-1 - Reconciliation of the Governmental Fund Balance Sheet to the Government-wide Statement of Net Assets, explains the differences between the two balance sheets. Exhibit B-3 - Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities, traces the change in fund balances to the change in net assets reported in Exhibit A-2.

The government-wide and governmental funds financial statements show the results of the following funds:

General Fund - This Fund is used to finance the operations of the District. All tax revenues are placed in the General Fund and regular operating expenses are charged here. Funds to be used for capital equipment and projects are transferred from the General Fund to the Capital Projects Fund.

<u>Capital Projects Fund</u> - This Fund is used to separate funds for capital equipment and projects. All capital expenditures are taken from this Fund. Funds in this account come from revenue transferred from the General Fund to be used for capital improvements.

#### Notes to the Financial Statements

The accompanying notes to the financial statements provide information essential to a full understanding of the financial statements. The notes to the financial statements begin immediately following the basic financial statements.

#### Other Information

In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report presents certain required supplementary information. This supplementary information follows the notes to the financial statements.

#### Financial Analysis of the District

One of the most important questions asked about the District's finances is "Is the District as a whole better able to fulfill its mission as a result of this year's activities?" The Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities report information about the District's activities in a way that will help answer this question. These two statements report net assets of the District and the changes in those assets. The reader can think of the District's net assets - the difference between assets and liabilities - as one way to measure financial health or financial position. Over time, increases or decreases in the District's net assets are one indicator of whether its financial health is improving or deteriorating. However, one will need to consider the non-financial factors such as changes in economic conditions, population growth, development, and new or changed government regulation.

#### **Net Assets**

As year-to-year financial information is accumulated on a consistent basis, changes in net assets may be observed and used to discuss the changing financial position of the District as a whole.

The District's net assets at fiscal year-end are \$1,827,456.88. This is a \$19,590.38 increase over last year's net assets of \$1,807,866.50. A summary of the District's statement of net assets is presented in the following table:

#### **Condensed Statement of Net Assets**

	FY 2009	FY 2008	Dollar <u>Change</u>	Percent Change
Current and Non-current	\$ 601,565.48	\$ 454,369.54	\$147,195.94	32.40 %
assets Capital assets, net of	\$ 001,303.48	\$ 434,309.34	\$147,193.94	32.40 %
accumulated depreciation	1,250,726.44	1,368,645.85	(117,919.41)	(8.62) %
Total assets	1,852,291.92	1,823,015.39	29,276.53	1.61 %
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Other liabilities	<u>24,835.04</u>	<u>15,148.89</u>	9,686.15	63.94 %
Total liabilities	24,835.04	<u>15,148.89</u>	9,686.15	63.94 %
Invested in capital assets, net				
of related debt	1,250,726.44	1,368,645.85	(117,919.41)	(8.62) %
Restricted	292,072.53	142,072.53	150,000.00	105.57 %
Unrestricted	284,657.91	297,148.12	(12,490.21)	(4.20) %
Total net assets	\$ <u>1,827,456.88</u>	\$ <u>1,807,866.50</u>	\$19,590.38	1.08 %

While the Statement of Net Assets shows the change in financial position of net assets, the Statement of Activities provides answers as to the nature and source of these changes. As can be seen in the following table, net assets increased by \$19,590.38.

#### **Governmental Activities**

The Statement of Activities shows the cost of the governmental activities program services and the charges for services and grants offsetting those services. Key elements of the increase in governmental activities are as follows:

Expenses		2009	2008	Increase (Decrease)
Administration Cost of providing services Operating appropriations offset with	\$	102,561.19 346,586.43	\$ 80,358.47 320,102.30	\$ 22,202.72 26,484.13
Revenues		27,797.95	28,247.05	(449.10)
Length of Service Awards Program		_8,000.00		8,000.00
Total program expenses		484,945.57	428,707.82	56,237.75
Program Revenues				
Charges for services		9,402.15	10,462.30	(1,060.15)
Operating grants and contributions		4,333.00	4,333.00	100 militaria
Net program expenses		<u>471,210.42</u>	413,912.52	57,297.90
General Revenues				
Property taxes		458,000.00	433,000.00	25,000.00
Miscellaneous income		32,800.80	55,076.56	(22,275.76)
Total general revenues		490,800.80	488,076.56	2,724.24
Transfer from Fiduciary Funds		-	29,284.73	(29,284.73)
Increase in net assets		19,590.38	103,448.77	(83,858.39)
Net assets, January 1		1,807,866.50	1,704,417.73	103,448.77
Net assets, December 31	\$_	1,827,456.88	\$ <u>1,807,866.50</u>	\$ <u>19,590.38</u>

#### Governmental Activities (continued)

Property taxes constituted 91.56% of revenues for government activities for the Fire District for the year 2009.

Cost of providing services comprised 71.47% of fire district expenses, with administration comprising 21.15% and Length of Service Awards comprising 1.65%. Operating appropriations offset with revenues made up the remaining 5.73%.

#### **Budgetary Highlights**

The State of New Jersey requires local authorities to prepare and adopt annual budgets in accordance with the Local Authorities Fiscal Control Law and regulations adopted by the Local Finance Board pursuant to this statute N.J.S.A. 40A:78-3. The statutory budget was designed to demonstrate to the Bureau of District Regulation of the Division of Local Government Services that the cash flows of the District for the coming year will be sufficient to cover operating expenses. The budget as modified includes \$9,000.00 of prior year encumbrances.

The following table provides a 2009 budget comparison:

### Budget vs. Actual FY 2009

41	Budget asModified_	Actual	Variance
Revenues: Fund balance utilized (unrestricted) Operating Total Revenues	\$ 97,301.00 <u>331,833.00</u> <u>429,134.00</u>	\$ 97,301.00 <u>354,535.95</u> <u>451,836.95</u>	\$ - 22,702.95 22,702.95
Expenses: Administration Cost of providing services Operating appropriations offset with Revenues Length of Service Awards Program	112,921.00 273,213.00 34,000.00 18,000.00	102,561.19 228,667.02 27,797.95 _8,000.00	10,359.81 44,545.98 6,202.05 10,000.00
Total Appropriation Excess Appropriation over Revenues Less: Fund balance utilized Fund balance, January 1	438,134.00 (9,000.00) (97,301.00) 306,323.09	367,026.16 84,810.79 (97,301.00) 306,323.09	71,107.84 93,810.79
Fund balance, December 31 (budgetary basis)	\$ <u>200,022.09</u>	\$ <u>293,832.88</u>	\$ <u>93,810.79</u>

#### **Budetary Highlights** (continued)

The District's General Fund Balance of \$302,832.88 reported on Exhibit B-2 differs from the General Fund Budgetary Fund Balance of \$293,832.88 reported on Exhibit C-1. This is because budgetary fund balance is derived using encumbrances.

The following is a reconciliation between the District's General Fund Balance on Exhibit B-2 and Budgetary Fund Balance on Exhibit C-1:

Budgetary Fund Balance	\$293,832.88
Encumbrances	<u>9,000.00</u>
General Fund Balance	\$ <u>302,832.88</u>

#### Capital Assets and Debt Administration

#### Capital Assets

At the end of fiscal year 2009, the District's net property, plant and equipment at fiscal year end was \$1,250,726.44. This is a \$117,919.41 decrease over last year's net property, plant and equipment of \$1,368,645.85. The decrease is principally due to depreciation. A summary of the District's capital assets is presented in the following table:

#### **CAPITAL ASSETS**

	FY 	FY 2008
Land Buildings and Building Improvements Vehicles	\$ 58,500.00 773,012.50 1,556,205.45 2,387,717.95	\$ 58,500.00 773,012.50 <u>1,556,205.45</u> 2,387,717.95
Less: accumulated depreciation	(1,136,991.51)	(1,019,072.10)
	\$ <u>1,250,726.44</u>	\$ <u>1,368,645.85</u>

#### Economic Factors, Future Years' Budgets and Rates

The Commissioners and management of the District consider many factors when preparing each year's budget and annual charges. Two of the main factors are growth in the District's system and new regulations issued by the State and Federal governments.

#### **Contacting the District**

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, investors and creditors with a general overview of the District's finances and to demonstrate the District's accountability for the money it receives. If you have any questions about this report or need additional information, please contact the Aberdeen Township Fire District No.2, PO Box 469, Cliffwood, New Jersey 07721.



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# ABERDEEN TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT NO. 2 COUNTY OF MONMOUTH

# STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

For the Year Ended December 31, 2009

Revenue and let Assets	Total		(102,561.19) (342,253.43)	(27,797.95)	(480,612.57)	(480,612.57)	308,000.00 150,000.00 9,402.15 19,755.00 4,471.00 1,013.55 530.00 7,031.25 500,202.95
Net (Expenses) Revenue and Changes in Net Assets	Governmental Activities		(102,561.19) \$ (342,253.43)	(27,797.95)	(480,612.57)	(480,612.57)	308,000.00 150,000.00 9,402.15 19,755.00 4,471.00 1,013.55 530.00 7,031.25 500,202.95
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Program Revenues	Operating Grants and Contributions		4,333.00		4,333.00	4,333.00	GENERAL REVENUES Property Taxes Levied for: General Purposes Capital Expenditures Fees and Penalties Smoke Alarm Inspections Uniform Fire Safety Act Revenues Insurance Reimbursements and Credits Miscellaneous Income Investment Income Total General Revenues Change in Net Assets
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	<u>Total</u>		102,561.19 346,586.43	27,797.95	484,945.57	484,945.57	GENERAL REVENUES Property Taxes Levied for: General Purposes Capital Expenditures Fees and Penalties Smoke Alarm Inspections Uniform Fire Safety Act Revenues Insurance Reimbursements and Cra Miscellaneous Income Investment Income Total General Revenues Change in Net Assets
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Indirect	Expense Allocation		117,919.41		117,919.41	117,919.41	
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	Expenses		102,561.19 228,667.02	27,797.95	367,026.16	367,026.16	
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	Function/Programs	GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES Operating Appropriations:	Administration Cost of Providing Services Onerating Amonomiations Officer With	Length of Service Awards Program	Total Government Activities	Total Primary Government	

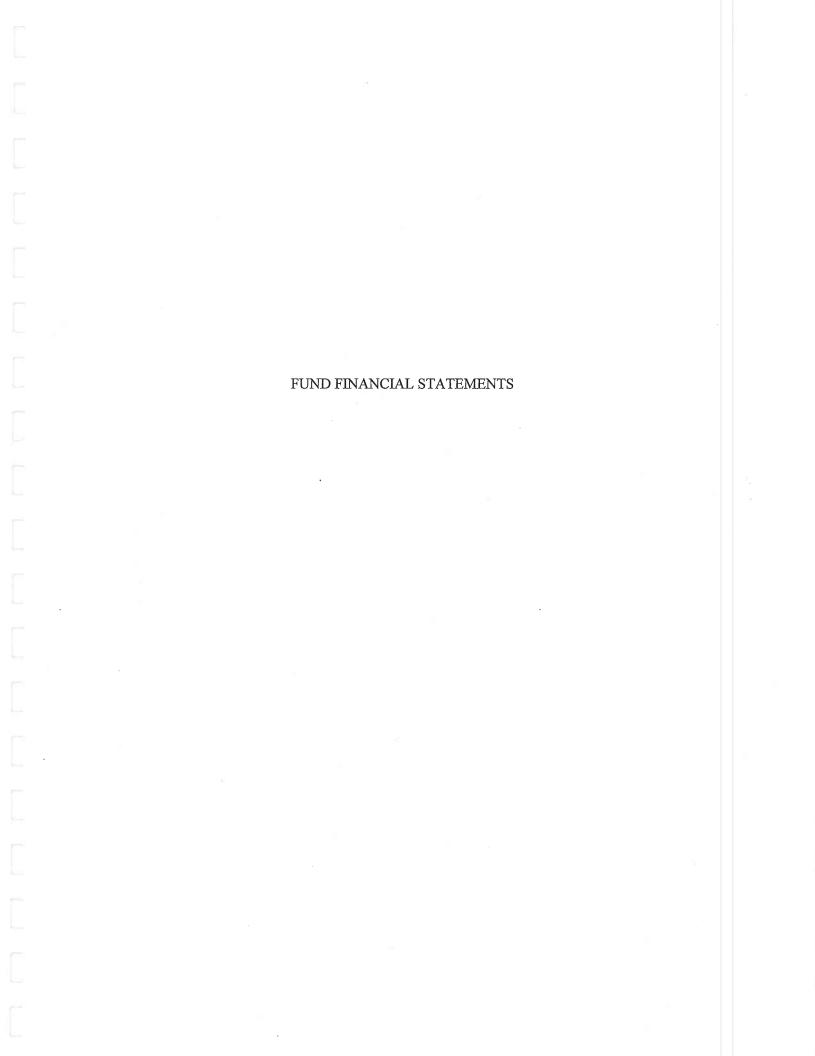
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Net Assets - Beginning

Net Assets - Ending

\$ 1,827,456.88 \$ 1,827,456.88



COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, NEW JERSEY

## BALANCE SHEET GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

As of December 31, 2009

		General <u>Fund</u>		Capital Projects <u>Fund</u>	(	Total Governmental <u>Funds</u>
Assets:  Cash and Cash Equivalents Accounts Receivable Prepaid Expenses	\$	304,956.81 5,476.53 17,234.58	\$	273,897.56	\$	578,854.37 5,476.53 17,234.58
Total Assets	\$	327,667.92	\$_	273,897.56	\$_	601,565.48
Liabilities and Fund Balance: Accounts Payable Payroll and Taxes Payable	\$	22,534.19 2,300.85	\$		\$	22,534.19 2,300.85
Total Liabilities	-	24,835.04	_			24,835.04
Fund Balances: Reserved for: Encumbrances Firefighter Training and Equipment		9,000.00 18,174.97				9,000.00 18,174.97
Unreserved - Designated for: Pumper Truck Unreserved, Undesignated, Reported In:				796.00		796.00
Capital Projects Fund General Fund		275,657.91		273,101.56		273,101.56 275,657.91
Total Fund Balances	_	302,832.88	_	273,897.56	_	576,730.44
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	\$_	327,667.92	\$_	273,897.56		
Amounts reported for Governmental Activities in the Statem (A-1) are different because:	ent of N	let Assets				
Capital assets used in Governmental Activities are not finance and therefore are not reported in the funds. The cost of the is \$2,387,717.95 and the accumulated depreciation is \$1,1	e assets				]	1,250,726.44
Net Assets of Governmental Activities					\$_1	,827,456.88

COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, NEW JERSEY

# STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

For the Year Ended December 31, 2009

Operating Revenues:	-	General Fund	_	Capital Projects Fund	-	Total Governmental Funds
Miscellaneous Revenues Anticipated: Supplemental Fire Services Grant Miscellaneous Revenues Offset with Appropriations Amount to be Raised by Taxation	\$	4,333.00 9,402.15 308,000.00	\$	150,000.00	\$	4,333.00 9,402.15 458,000.00
Smoke Alarm Inspections Investment Income Uniform Fire Safety Act Fees Insurance Reimbursements and Credits Miscellaneous	_	19,755.00 7,031.25 4,471.00 1,013.55 530.00		130,000.00		19,755.00 7,031.25 4,471.00 1,013.55 530.00
Total Revenues	-	354,535.95	_	150,000.00	_	504,535.95
Expenditures: Operating Appropriations: Administration Cost of Providing Services Operating Appropriations Offset with Revenues Length of Service Awards Program	_	102,561.19 228,667.02 27,797.95 8,000.00	_		-	102,561.19 228,667.02 27,797.95 8,000.00
Total Expenditures		367,026.16			_	367,026.16
Net Change in Fund Balance		(12,490.21)		150,000.00		137,509.79
Fund Balance - January 1	_	315,323.09		123,897.56	_	439,220.65
Fund Balance - December 31	\$_	302,832.88	\$_	273,897.56	\$_	576,730.44

COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, NEW JERSEY

# RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

For the Year Ended December 31, 2009

Total Net Change in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds (B-2)	\$	137,509.79
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities (A-2) are different because:		
Capital outlays are reported in governmental funds as expenditures.		
However, on the Statement of Activities, the cost of those assets is allocated		
over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense.		
This is the amount by which depreciation exceeded capital outlay in the current period.		
Depreciation Expense		(117,919.41)
Depreciable Capital Outlays	_	_
Change in Net Assets of Governmental Activities	\$	19,590.38

COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, NEW JERSEY

# STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS FIDUCIARY FUNDS

As of December 31, 2009

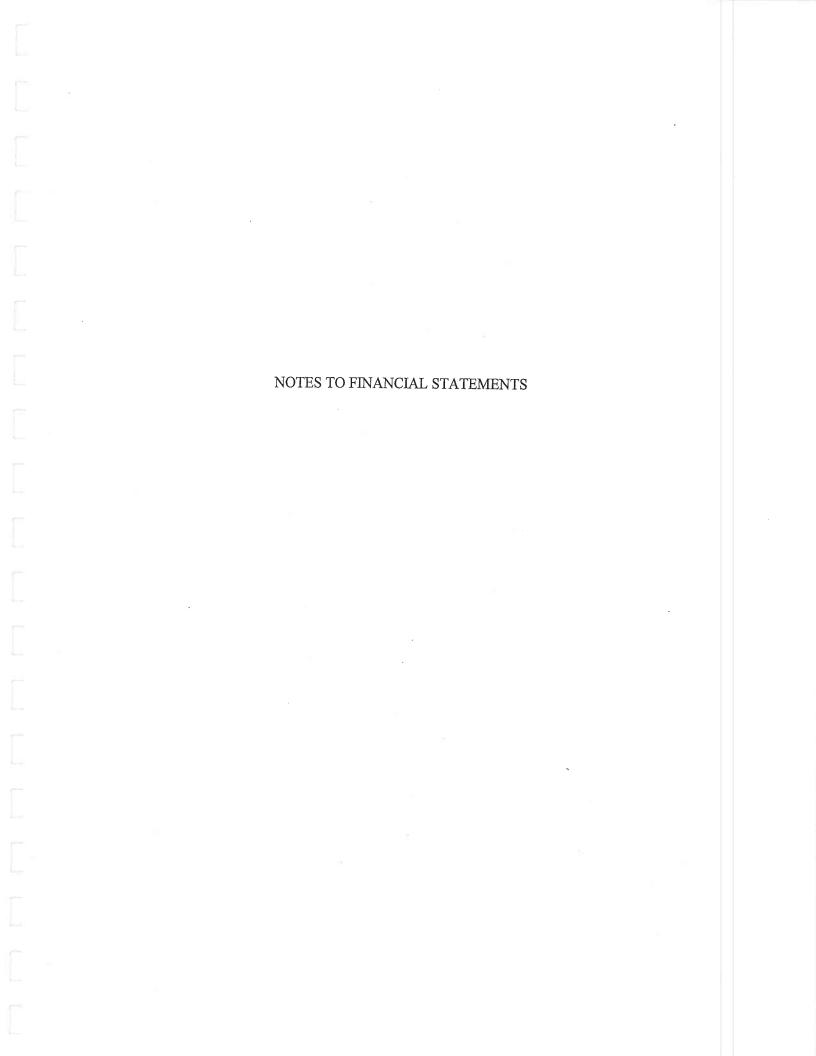
		Unemployment Compensation	
Assets:			
Cash Accounts Receivable	\$	3,646.55 1,002.54	
Total Assets	\$	4,649.09	
Liabilities and Net Assets:			
Net Assets Held in Trust for Unemployment Claims	\$	4,649.09	
Total Net Assets	\$	4,649.09	

COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, NEW JERSEY

# STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET ASSETS FIDUCIARY FUNDS

As of December 31, 2009

	Unemployment Compensation		
Additions:			
Investment Income:			
Interest	\$	33.52	
Contributions:			
Fire District Employees	P	194.24	
Change in Net Assets		227.76	
Net Assets - Beginning of Year	E	4,421.33	
Net Assets - End of Year	\$	4,649.09	



#### NOTE 1 DESCRIPTION OF REPORTING ENTITY

Fire District No. 2 of the Township of Aberdeen ("District") is a political subdivision of the Township of Aberdeen, County of Monmouth, New Jersey.

A Board of five Commissioners oversees all operations of the Fire District. The length of each Commissioner's term is three years, with the annual election held the third Saturday of every February.

Fire Districts are governed by N.J.S.A. 40A:14-70 et al. and are organized as a taxing authority charged with the responsibility of providing the resources necessary to provide fire-fighting services to the residents within its territorial location.

#### NOTE 2 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements of the District have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP") as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board ("GASB") is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The more significant of the District's accounting policies are described below.

The primary criterion for including activities within the District's reporting entity, as set forth in Section 2100 of the GASB <u>Codification of Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards</u>, is whether:

- the Organization is legally separate (can sue or be sued in their own name)
- the District holds the corporate powers of the Organization
- the District appoints a voting majority of the Organization's Board
- the District is able to impose its will on the Organization
- the Organization has the potential to impose a financial benefit/burden on the District
- there is a fiscal dependency by the Organization on the District

Based on the aforementioned criteria, the District has no component units.

#### NOTE 2 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

#### A. Financial Statements:

#### Governmental-Wide Financial Statements

The District's Government-Wide Financial Statements include a Statement of Net Assets and a Statement of Activities. These Statements present summaries of Governmental activities for the District.

The basic financial statements are presented in an economic resource measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Accordingly, all of the District's assets and liabilities, including capital assets, and long-term liabilities are included in the accompanying Statement of Net Assets. The Statement of Activities presents changes in Net Assets. Under the accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized in the period in which they are earned, while expenses are recognized in the period the liability is incurred.

#### Governmental Fund Financial Statements

The District's Governmental Fund Financial Statements include a Balance Sheet and a Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance for all major governmental funds and non-major funds. An accompanying schedule is presented to reconcile and explain the differences in fund balances as presented in these statements to the Net Assets presented in the Government-Wide financial statements.

All governmental funds are accounted for on a spending or current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Accordingly, only current assets and current liabilities are included on the Balance Sheet. The Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances presents increases (revenues and other financing sources) and decreases (expenditures and other financing uses) in net current assets. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized in the accounting period in which they become measurable and available to finance expenditures of the current period. Accordingly, revenues are recorded when received in cash, except that revenues subject to accrual (generally 60 days after year-end) are recognized when due. Expenditures are recorded in the accounting period in which the related fund liability is incurred. Reconciliation of the Fund Financial Statements to the Government-Wide Financial Statements is provided to explain the differences created by the different measurement focus and basis of accounting.

#### NOTE 2 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

The Governmental Funds are as follows:

General Fund - The General Fund is the General Operating fund of the District. All tax revenues are placed in the General Fund and regular operating expenses are charged here.

<u>Capital Projects Fund</u> - The Capital Projects Fund is used for the acquisition or construction of major capital assets. The financial resources are derived from the issuance of debt, by reservation of fund balances that are specifically authorized by the voters as a separate question on the ballot either during the annual election or at a special election. Funds appropriated for capital projects included in the annual adopted budget are raised by taxation or are offset by fund balances appropriated and are transferred into the Capital Projects Fund. Additional financial resources may be derived from the sale of existing assets and interest received on the balance in the fund if so designated by the Board of Fire Commissioners.

#### Fiduciary Fund Financial Statements

<u>Fiduciary Funds</u> – The Fiduciary Funds are used to account for assets held by the District in a trustee capacity or as an agent for individuals, private organizations, other governments and/or other funds.

#### B. Cash, Cash Equivalents and Investments

Cash and cash equivalents include petty cash, change funds, cash in banks and all highly liquid investments with a maturity of three months or less at the time of purchase and are stated at cost. U.S. Treasury and agency obligations and certificates of deposit with maturities of one year or less when purchased are stated at cost. All other investments are stated at fair value.

New Jersey fire districts are limited as to the types of investments and types of financial institutions they may invest in. New Jersey statutes provide a list of permissible investments that may be purchased by New Jersey fire districts.

Additionally, the District has adopted a cash management plan that requires it to deposit public funds in public depositories protected from loss under the provisions of the Governmental Unit Deposit Protection Act ("GUDPA"). GUDPA was enacted in 1970 to protect Governmental Units from a loss of funds on deposit with a failed banking institution in New Jersey.

#### NOTE 2 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

#### B. Cash, Cash Equivalents and Investments (continued)

N.J.S.A. 17:9-41 et. seq. establishes the requirements for the security of deposits of governmental units. The statute requires that no governmental unit shall deposit public funds in a public depository unless such funds are secured in accordance with the Act. Public depositories include Savings and Loan institutions, banks (both state and national banks) and savings banks the deposits of which are federally insured. All public depositories must pledge collateral, having a market value of at least equal to five percent of the average daily balance of collected public funds, to secure the deposits of Governmental Units. If a public depository fails, the collateral it has pledged, plus the collateral of all other public depositories, is available to pay the full amount of their deposits to the Governmental Units.

#### C. Assessment and Collection of Property Tax

Upon proper certification, pursuant to Section 9 of P.L. 1979, c. 453 (C. 40A:14-78.5), the assessor of the municipality in which the fire district is situated shall assess the amount to be raised by taxation to support the District budget against the taxable property therein, in the same manner as municipal taxes are assessed, and the said amount shall be assessed, levied and collected at the same time and in the same manner as other municipal taxes.

The collector or treasurer of the municipality, in which said District is situate, shall pay over all moneys so assessed to the treasurer or custodian of funds of said Fire District as follows: on or before April 1, an amount equalizing 21.25% of all monies so assessed; on or before July 1, an amount equaling 22.50% of all moneys so assessed; on or before October 1, an amount equaling 25.00% of all moneys so assessed; and on or before December 31, an amount equaling the difference between the total of all moneys so assessed and the total amount of such moneys previously paid over, to be held and expended for the purpose of providing and maintaining means for extinguishing fires in such District.

Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the municipal governing body may authorize, in the cash management plan adopted by it pursuant to N.J.S. 40A:5-14, a schedule of payments of fire district moneys by which an amount greater than required on any of the first three payments cited herein may be paid over. The municipal governing body and board of fire commissioners may, by concurrent resolution, adopt a schedule of payments of fire district moneys by which an amount less than required on any of the first three payment dates cited herein may be paid over. Such resolution shall be included in the cash management plan adopted by the municipal governing body pursuant to N.J.S. 40A:5-14.

#### NOTE 2 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

C. Assessment and Collection of Property Tax (continued)

The commissioners may also pay back, or cause to be paid back, to such municipality, any funds or part thereof paid to the treasurer or custodian of funds of such fire district by the collector or treasurer of the municipality, representing taxes levied for fire district purposes but not actually collected in cash by said collector or treasurer.

D. <u>Capital Assets</u> - Capital Assets, which include apparatus and equipment, are reported in the Government-Wide Financial Statements. Capital Assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if actual cost is not available. Donated assets are valued at their estimated fair value on the date donated. The District has set capitalization thresholds for reporting capital assets at \$5,000.00.

Depreciation is recorded on the straight-line method (with one half year applied to the first year of acquisition) over the useful lives of the assets as follows:

Buildings	40 years
Building Improvements	20 years
Fire Trucks	20 years
Other Vehicles	5 years

- E. <u>Inventory Materials and Supplies</u> Purchase of materials and supplies are recorded as expenditures when they are acquired, regardless of when used.
- F. <u>Prepaid Expenses</u> Payments made for services not rendered until the subsequent year are recorded as prepaid expenses and are then expensed when the service is rendered.

#### G. Budgets/Budgetary Control

An annual budget is prepared each year for the operations of the District. The budget is approved by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey. The budget is then voted upon by the public, at the annual fire district election held on the third Saturday in February. Budgetary transfers may be made during the last two months of the year. Formal budgetary integration into the accounting system is employed as a management control device during the year.

#### NOTE 2 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

H. Encumbrances - Under encumbrance accounting purchase orders, contracts and other commitments for the expenditure of resources are recorded to reserve a portion of the applicable appropriation. Open encumbrances in excess of accounts payable in governmental funds, other than the special reserve fund, are reported as reservation of fund balance at fiscal year end as they do not constitute expenditures or liabilities but rather commitments related to unperformed contracts for goods and services.

The encumbered appropriation authority carries over into the next fiscal year. An entry will be made at the beginning of the next fiscal year to increase the appropriation reflected in the certified budget by the outstanding encumbrance amount as of the current fiscal year end.

- I. <u>Long-Term Obligations</u> Long-term debt is recorded in the government-wide financial statements when incurred. Long-term debt is recognized in the governmental funds when due. For other long-term obligations, only that portion expected to be financed from expendable available financial resources is reported as a fund liability of a governmental fund.
  - N.J.S.A. 40A:14-84 governs the procedures for the acquisition of property and equipment for fire districts and N.J.S.A. 40A:14-85 to 87 governs procedures for the issuance of debt related to such purchases.
- J. <u>Estimates</u> The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles 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.
- K. <u>Unrealized Gains and Losses</u> GASB has established GASB No. 31 which requires public agencies to report the financial effect of all unrealized gains and losses on invested funds. As of December 31, 2009, the District has no unrealized gains or losses.
- L. Restricted Assets Certain assets are classified on the Statement of Net Assets as restricted because their use is limited. Property taxes collected for capital acquisitions are legally restricted for that purpose. Dedicated penalties for firefighter training and equipment must be used only for firefighter training and/or new firefighting equipment.

#### NOTE 3 DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

#### A. Deposits

The District's deposits are insured through the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ("FDIC") or New Jersey's Governmental Unit Deposit Protection Act. The New Jersey Governmental Unit Deposit Protection Act requires all banks doing business in the State of New Jersey to maintain additional collateral in the amount of 5% of the average public deposits and to deposit these amounts with the Federal Reserve Bank for all deposits not covered by the FDIC.

Bank balances are insured up to \$250,000.00 in the aggregate by the FDIC for each bank. At December 31, 2009, the book value of the District's deposits was \$582,500.92 and the bank balances of the District's cash and deposits amounted to \$583,698.92. Of the bank balances, \$250,000.00 was covered by FDIC and \$333,698.92 was covered by the New Jersey Governmental Unit Deposit Protection Act.

#### Custodial Credit Risk - Deposits

Custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of a bank failure, the government's deposits may not be returned to it. The District does not have a policy for custodial credit risk. As of December 31, 2009, the District's bank balance was not exposed to custodial credit risk.

#### B. <u>Investments</u>

As of December 31, 2009, the District had no investments and had no investment activity during the year.

During the year, the District had none of its idle funds invested in repurchase agreements collateralized by eligible securities. At the close of the year, no such investments were held by the District.

#### NOTE 4 <u>CAPITAL ASSETS</u>

Capital Asset activity for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2009, was as follows:

		Beginning Balance	Additions		Retirements		Ending <u>Balance</u>	
Capital Assets Not Being Depreciated: Land	\$	58,500.00	\$	_	\$	-	\$	58,500.00
Capital Assets Being Depreciated: Buildings and Building Improvements Vehicles	<u>1</u>	773,012.50 ,556,205.45	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	-		-	1	773,012.50 .556,205.45
Totals at Historic Cost	2	2,387,717.95		_		2-	2	2,387,717.95
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(1	1,019,072.10)	(117	7,919.41)	-		(]	1,136,991.51)
Government Activity Capital Assets, Net	\$ <u>1</u>	368,645.85	\$ <u>(117</u>	<u>,919.41)</u>	\$	-	\$ <u>_</u> ]	1,250,726.44

#### NOTE 5 PENSIONS AND RETIREMENT PLANS

#### Plan Description

The Fire District contributes to the Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by the Division of Pensions in the Department of the Treasury, State of New Jersey. The plan provides retirement, death, disability benefits and medical benefits to certain qualifying plan members and beneficiaries. The Public Employees' Retirement System was established January 1, 1955 under the provisions of N.J.S.A. 43:15A. The Public Employees' Retirement System issues publicly available financial reports that include financial statements and required supplementary information. These reports may be obtained by writing to the State of New Jersey, Division of Pensions, PO Box 295, Trenton, NJ 08625.

#### **Funding Policy**

Employee contributions are currently five and one half (5 ½%) of their base wages for PERS. Employer's contributions are actuarially determined annually by the Division of Pensions. The Fire District's contribution to the plan for 2009 and 2008 were \$6,394.00 and \$4,934.40 respectively.

The contributions were equal to the required contributions for the respective years.

#### NOTE 6 JOINT FIRE DISTRICT TRAINING GROUND FUND

The financial statements of the District do not include the operations of the Township of Aberdeen Joint Fire District Training Ground Fund.

This Training Ground Fund was created by the Aberdeen Township Fire Districts No. 1 and No. 2 to establish a Fire Training Ground Fund which accumulates funds for the construction and maintenance of Fire Training Facilities. Each Fire District raises money in its annual budget for the Fund. The records of the Joint Fire District Training Ground Fund are maintained by District No. 1. Aberdeen Fire District No. 2 has contributed \$5,000.00 per year for the years 2003-2009.

#### NOTE 7 FUND EQUITY

#### Government-Wide Statements

Equity is classified as net assets and displayed in three components:

- a. Invested in capital assets, net of related debt 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 that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets
- b.Restricted net assets Consists of net assets with constraints 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 assets All other net assets that do not meet the definition of "restricted" or "invested in capital assets, net of related debt."

#### **Fund Statements**

Governmental fund equity is classified as fund balance. Fund balance is further classified as reserved and unreserved, with unreserved further split between designated and undesignated.

The following is a description of the reserves and designations used by the District.

- a. <u>Reserved for Encumbrances</u> represents funds accumulated for commitments related to unperformed contracts or purchase orders for goods and services.
- b. Reserved for Firefighter Training and Equipment Dedicated Penalties represents funds used for firefighter training and or new firefighting equipment pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:17-1-12A.

#### NOTE 8 RISK MANAGEMENT

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to limited torts; theft of, damage to and destruction of assets; errors and omissions and natural disasters.

#### Property and Liability Insurance

The District maintains commercial insurance coverage for property, liability and surety bonds. There were no significant reductions in coverage from the prior year and no settlements in excess of insurance coverage in 2009, 2008 and 2007.

# ABERDEEN TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT NO. 2 NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the Year Ended December 31, 2009

# NOTE 9 FUND BALANCE APPROPRIATED

General Fund - Of the \$284,657.91 General Fund unrestricted fund balance at December 31, 2009, \$9,000.00 is reserved for encumbrances; \$105,756.00 has been appropriated and included as anticipated revenue for the year 2010 and \$169,901.91 is unreserved and undesignated.

<u>Capital Projects Fund</u> - Of the \$273,897.56 Capital Projects Fund fund balance at December 31, 2009, \$796.00 is designated for subsequent year's expenditures and \$273,101.56 is unreserved and undesignated.

# NOTE 10 CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

# Litigation

The District is involved in legal and administrative proceedings and claims of various types. While any litigation contains an element of uncertainty, District's management, based upon the opinion of the District's attorney, presently believe that the outcome of each such proceeding or claim which is pending or known to be threatened, or all of them combined, will not have a material effect on the district's financial position.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION - PART II

# ABERDEEN TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT NO. 2

COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, NEW JERSEY

# BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE GENERAL FUND BUDGET AND ACTUAL - BUDGETARY BASIS

For the Year Ended December 31, 2009

	Adopted	Final			
	Budget	Budget	Actual		
	Plus	Plus	Amounts		Variance
	Prior Year	Prior Year	Budgetary		Final
	Encumbrances	Encumbrances	Basis		To Actual
Fund Balance Utilized:	11				
Unrestricted Fund Balance	\$97,301.00	\$97,301.00 \$	97,301.00	\$	
Revenues:					
Supplemental Fire Services Grant Uniform Fire Safety Act:	4,333.00	4,333.00	4,333.00		
Annual Registration Fees	17,000.00	17,000.00	9,402.15		(7,597.85)
Amount to be Raised by Taxation	308,000.00	308,000.00	308,000.00		(1,0011.00)
Smoke Alarm Inspections	2,500.00	2,500.00	19,755.00		17,255.00
Interest Income		•	7,031.25		7,031.25
Uniform Fire Safety Act fees			4,471.00		4,471.00
Insurance Reimbursements and Credits			1,013.55		1,013.55
Miscellaneous Income			530.00		530.00
Total Operating Revenues	331,833.00	331,833.00	354,535.95		22,702.95
Total Revenues	429,134.00	429,134.00	451,836.95	<u></u>	22,702.95
Expenditures:					
Administration:					
Salaries and wages	72,100.00	72,100.00	72,100.00		
Fringe benefits	8,321.00	8,321.00	8,328.65		(7.65)
Election	2,500.00	2,500.00	1,932.36		567.64
Office Expenses	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,336.67		(336.67)
Professional Services	21,000.00	21,000.00	12,250.00		8,750.00
Office Equip. Maintenance	500.00	500.00	225.78		274.22
Other Assets - Non Bondable	2,500.00	2,500.00	1,387.73		1,112.27
Total Administration	112,921.00	112,921.00	102,561.19		10,359.81

# ABERDEEN TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT NO. 2

COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, NEW JERSEY

# BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE GENERAL FUND BUDGET AND ACTUAL - BUDGETARY BASIS

For the Year Ended December 31, 2009

Cost of Providing Services: Salaries and Wages Fringe Benefits Advertising Insurance Maintenance & Repairs Membership/Dues Uniforms Utilities Gasoline Joint Purchase Agreement Bureau of Fire Prevention Other Assets - Non Bondable: Radio Equipment Fire Fighting Equipment Total Cost of Providing Services	\$	Adopted Budget Plus Prior Year Encumbrances  38,440.00 24,273.00 1,000.00 50,000.00 60,750.00 22,000.00 20,000.00 4,000.00 5,000.00 6,000.00 1,500.00 40,000.00	\$	Final Budget Plus Prior Year Encumbrances  38,440.00 24,273.00 1,000.00 50,000.00 60,750.00 25,000.00 4,000.00 5,000.00 6,000.00 1,500.00 40,000.00	\$	Actual Amounts Budgetary Basis 38,440.00 30,336.19 377.16 31,905.95 40,261.26 150.00 21,564.00 12,363.12 3,674.89 5,000.00 5,664.00	\$	Variance Final To Actual  (6,063.19) 622.84 18,094.05 20,488.74 100.00 436.00 7,636.88 325.11 336.00 1,500.00 1,069.55
Total Cost of Floviding Services	-	273,213.00	-	273,213.00	-	228,667.02		44,545.98
Operating Appropriations Offset with Revenues: Salaries and Wages Other Expenses	_	22,000.00 12,000.00	_	22,000.00 12,000.00		22,000.00 5,797.95		6,202.05
Total Operating Appropriations Offset with Revenues	_	34,000.00	_	34,000.00	_	27,797.95		6,202.05
Length of Service Awards Program	_	18,000.00	-	18,000.00	_	8,000.00		10,000.00
Total Expenditures	_	438,134.00	_	438,134.00	-	367,026.16	_	71,107.84
Excess of Revenues Over/(Under) Expenditures		(9,000.00)		(9,000.00)		84,810.79		93,810.79
Fund Balance, January 1	_	306,323.09	_	306,323.09	_	306,323.09	_	
		297,323.09		297,323.09		391,133.88		93,810.79
Less: Fund Balance Utilized		(97,301.00)	_	(97,301.00)	_	(97,301.00)		
Fund Balance, December 31 (Budgetary Basis)	\$_	200,022.09	S	200,022.09	\$_	293,832.88	\$	93,810.79
Adopted Budget Prior Year Encumbrances	\$_	429,134.00 \$ 9,000.00	S -	429,134.00 9,000.00				
Total Appropriation for Expenditures	\$_	438,134.00	S_	438,134.00				

# ABERDEEN TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT NO. 2

COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, NEW JERSEY

# BUDGET -to- GAAP RECONCILIATION

For the Year Ended December 31, 2009

Note A - Explanation of Differences between Budgetary Inflows and
Outflows and GAAP Revenues and Expenditures

Outflows and GAAP Revenues and Expenditures		
		General <u>Fund</u>
Sources/Inflows of Resources:		
Actual amounts (budgetary basis) "available for appropriation"		
from the budgetary comparison schedule (C-1)	\$	451,836.95
Differences - budget to GAAP:		
The fund balance appropriated is a budgetary resource but is		
not a current year revenue for financial reporting purposes		(97,301.00)
Total revenues as reported on the statement of		
Total revenues as reported on the statement of revenues,		
expenditures and changes in fund balances - governmental funds (B-2)	ф	254 525 25
rands (D-2)	\$_	354,535.95
Uses/Outflows of Resources:		
Actual amounts (budgetary basis) "total charges to appropriations"		
from the budgetary comparison schedule (C-1)	\$	267.026.16
Differences - budget to GAAP:	Φ	367,026.16
Encumbrances for supplies, equipment and services ordered but not		
received is reported in the year the order is placed for budgetary		
purposes, but the year the supplies, equipment or service is		
received for financial reporting purposes - net change in encumbrances		
Fundamental Property and Average in Chedinorations	-	
Total expenditures as reported on the statement of revenues,		
expenditures and changes in fund balances - governmental		
funds (B-2)	\$	367,026.16

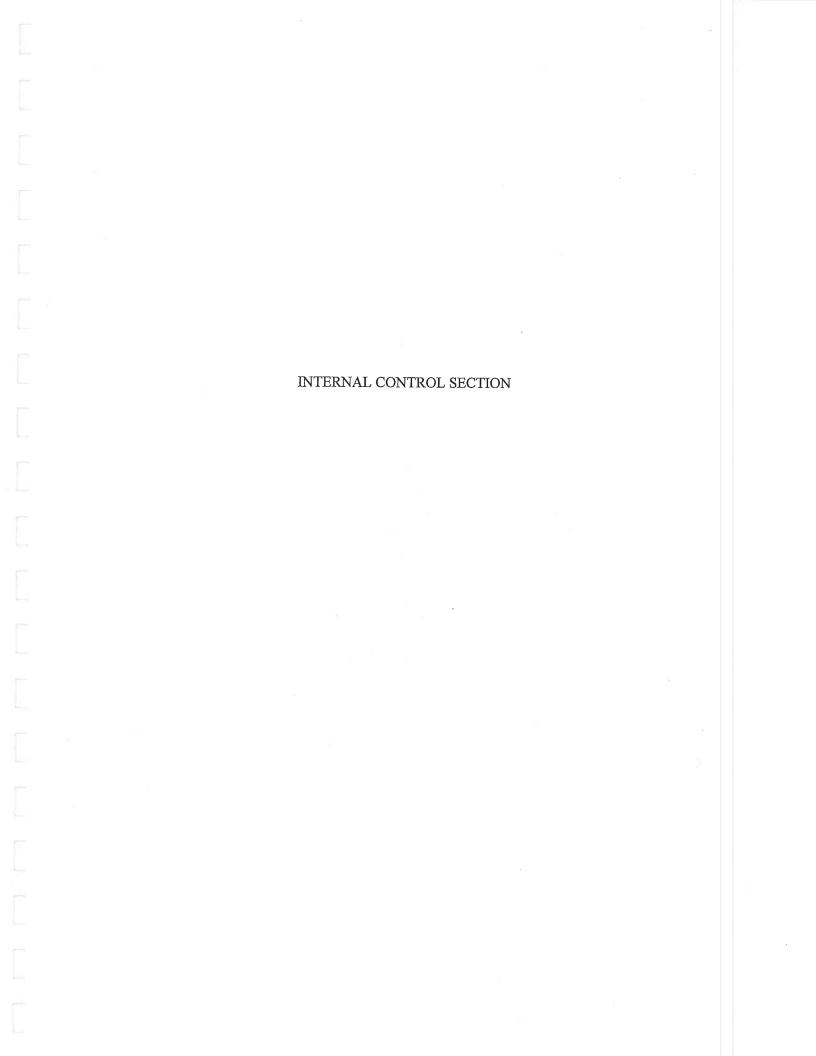


# ABERDEEN TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT NO. 2 COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, NEW JERSEY

SUMMARY STATEMENT OF PROJECT EXPENDITURES AND FUND BALANCE CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND

As of December 31, 2009

Balance Dec. 31, 2009	796.00	273,101.56	273,897.56		
	€9		 \$		
Expenditures	1		3		
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Increases	ī	150,000.00	150,000.00	150,000.00	150,000.00
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Balance Dec. 31, 200 <u>8</u>	796.00	123,101.56	123,897.56 \$		
	\$	1	اا اا		
Appropriation	100,000.00	N/A	100,000.00		
	643	1	\$>		
Date Authorized	02/17/2007	N/A			
<u>Issue/Project Title</u>	Pumper Truck	Undesignated Capital Projects		Tax Levy	



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# 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

Board of Fire Commissioners Aberdeen Fire District No. 2 PO Box 469 Cliffwood, NJ 07221

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of Aberdeen Fire District No. 2, in the County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2009, which collectively comprise Aberdeen Fire District No. 2's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated January 10, 2011. 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.

# **Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Aberdeen Fire District No. 2's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion of the effectiveness of Aberdeen Fire District No. 2's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Aberdeen Fire District No. 2's internal control over financial reporting.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses and therefore, there can be no assurance that all deficiencies, significant deficiencies, or material weaknesses have been identified. However, as described in the accompanying comments and recommendations, we identified a certain deficiency in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be a material weakness.

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 in a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. We consider the deficiency described in the accompanying comments and recommendations 2009-1 to be a material weakness.

# Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Aberdeen Fire District No. 2's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective 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 <u>Government Auditing Standards</u>.

We noted certain matters that we reported to management of the Aberdeen Fire District No. 2 in the Comments and Recommendations section of this report.

This report is intended for the information of the Board of Commissioners and the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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Fallon & Larsen LLP

January 10, 2011



# ABERDEEN TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT NO. 2 COUNTY OF MONMOUTH

# COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS Year Ended December 31, 2009

## Material Weaknesses

# Purchasing

# Finding 2009-1:

Criteria: Proper internal controls include purchasing policies and procedures that should be documented and followed. State statutes require encumbrances to be recorded, purchase orders be approved prior to ordering goods or services and a claimants certification that goods or services were provided.

**Condition:** The District does not have a purchasing policies and procedures manual. Purchase orders were not utilized.

**Effect:** The District does not have proper authorization or documentation for all purchases and is not in compliance with State purchasing guidelines.

Recommendation: That the District adopt and adhere to a purchasing policies and procedures manual that includes state requirements.

**Response:** The District will adopt and adhere to a purchasing policies and procedures manual that includes state requirements.

### Other Matters

# Corrective Action Plan

Comment: The District did not prepare a corrective action plan as required by state regulations.

Recommendation: That the District prepare a corrective action plan as required by state regulations.