

**JOINT EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE DISTRICT
WARREN COUNTY, OHIO**

Financial Statements

Years Ended December 31, 2008 and 2007

Report of Independent Auditors



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We have reviewed the *Report of Independent Auditors* of the Joint Emergency Medical Service District, Warren County, prepared by Cassady Schiller & Associates Inc., for the audit period January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2008. Based upon this review, we have accepted these reports in lieu of the audit required by Section 117.11, Revised Code. The Auditor of State did not audit the accompanying financial statements and, accordingly, we are unable to express, and do not express an opinion on them.

The financial statements in the attached report are presented in accordance with a regulatory basis of accounting prescribed or permitted by the Auditor of State. Due to a February 2, 2005 interpretation from the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA), modifications were required to the *Report of Independent Auditors* on your financial statements. While the Auditor of State does not legally require your government to prepare financial statements pursuant to Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP), the AICPA interpretation requires auditors to formally acknowledge that you did not prepare your financial statements in accordance with GAAP. The attached report includes an opinion relating to GAAP presentation and measurement requirements, but does not imply the statements are misstated under the non-GAAP regulatory basis. The *Report of Independent Auditors* also includes an opinion on the financial statements using the regulatory format the Auditor of State permits.

Our review was made in reference to the applicable sections of legislative criteria, as reflected by the Ohio Constitution, and the Revised Code, policies, procedures and guidelines of the Auditor of State, regulations and grant requirements. The Joint Emergency Medical Service District is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

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May 10, 2010

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008 AND 2007

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Report of Independent Auditors

To the Board of Trustees
Joint Emergency Medical Service District
Warren County, Ohio



We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Joint Emergency Medical Service District, Warren County, Ohio (the District), as of and for the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007. These financial statements are the responsibility of the District's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free 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 opinion.

As described more fully in Note 1, the District has prepared these financial statements using accounting practices the Auditor of State prescribes or permits. These practices differ from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Although we cannot reasonably determine the effects on the financial statements of the variances between these regulatory accounting practices and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, we presume they are material.

Instead of the combined funds the accompanying financial statements present for 2008 (and 2007), GAAP requires presenting entity wide statements and also presenting the District's larger (i.e. major) funds separately for 2008 (and 2007). While the District does not follow generally accepted accounting principles, generally accepted auditing standards requires us to include the following paragraph if the statements do not substantially conform to the new generally accepted accounting principles presentation requirements. The Auditor of State permits, but does not require, governments to reformat their statements. The District has elected not to follow GAAP statement formatting requirements. The following paragraph does not imply the amounts reported are materially misstated under the accounting basis the Auditor of State permits. Our opinion on the fair presentation of the amounts reported pursuant to its non-generally accepted accounting principles basis is in the second following paragraph.

In our opinion, because of the effects of the matter discussed in the preceding two paragraphs, the financial statements referred to above for the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007 do not present fairly, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of the District as of December 31, 2008 and 2007 or its changes in financial position for the years then ended.

Also, in our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the combined fund cash balances and reserves for encumbrances of the Joint Emergency Medical Service District, Warren County, Ohio, as of December 31, 2008 and 2007, and its combined cash receipts and cash disbursements for the years then ended on the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

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The District has not presented Management's Discussion and Analysis, which accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America has determined is necessary to supplement, although not required to be part of, the financial statements.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated October 13, 2009 on our consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. While we did not opine on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance, that report describes the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliances, and the results of that testing. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be considered in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit.

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October 13, 2009

**JOINT EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE DISTRICT
WARREN COUNTY, OHIO
STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND
CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES
YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008 AND 2007**

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Cash receipts:		
Local taxes	\$ 592,016	\$ 600,811
Intergovernmental	74,245	55,217
Charges for services	672,554	648,930
Total cash receipts	<u>1,338,815</u>	<u>1,304,958</u>
Cash disbursements:		
Current:		
General government	1,280,169	1,168,517
Human services	3,941	3,981
Debt service:		
Redemption of principal	34,407	50,089
Interest	3,409	3,506
Capital outlay	27,869	68,270
Total cash disbursements	<u>1,349,795</u>	<u>1,294,363</u>
Total cash receipts over (under) cash disbursements	(10,980)	10,595
Other financing receipts:		
Sale of notes	-	55,000
Other financing sources	38,316	27,630
Other financing uses	(5,088)	-
Total other financing receipts	<u>33,228</u>	<u>82,630</u>
Excess of cash receipts and other financing receipts over cash disbursements	22,248	93,225
Fund cash balances, January 1	<u>379,989</u>	<u>286,764</u>
Fund cash balances, December 31	<u>\$ 402,237</u>	<u>\$ 379,989</u>
Reserves for encumbrances, December 31	<u>\$ 27</u>	<u>\$ 3,133</u>

**JOINT EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE DISTRICT
WARREN COUNTY, OHIO**

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 2008 AND 2007

1. Nature of operations and summary of significant accounting policies

Description of the entity

The Joint Emergency Medical Service District, Warren County, Ohio (the District), is a body corporate and politic established to exercise the rights and privileges conveyed to it by the constitution and laws of the State of Ohio. The District is directed by an appointed three-member Board of Trustees. One board member is appointed by each political subdivision within the District. Those subdivisions are the City of Franklin, the Village of Carlisle, and Franklin Township. The District provides rescue services within the District and by contract to areas outside the District.

The District's management believes these financial statements present all activities for which the District is financially accountable.

Basis of accounting

These financial statements follow the basis of accounting prescribed or permitted by the Auditor of State, which is similar to the cash receipts and disbursements basis of accounting. Receipts are recognized when received in cash rather than when earned, and disbursements are recognized when paid rather than when a liability is incurred (i.e., when an encumbrance is approved).

These statements include adequate disclosure of material matters, as prescribed or permitted by the Auditor of State.

Budgetary process

The Ohio Revised Code requires the District to budget annually.

Appropriations

Budgetary expenditures (that is, disbursements and encumbrances) may not exceed appropriations at the function or object level of control, and appropriations may not exceed estimated resources. The Board of Trustees must annually approve appropriation measures and subsequent amendments. The County Budget Commission must also approve the annual appropriation measure. Appropriations lapse at year end.

Estimated resources

Estimated resources include estimates of cash to be received (budgeted receipts) plus unencumbered cash as of January 1. The County Budget Commission must also approve estimated resources.

Encumbrances

The Ohio Revised Code requires the District to reserve (encumber) appropriations when commitments are made. Encumbrances outstanding at year end are carried over, and need not be reappropriated.

A summary of 2008 and 2007 budgetary activity appears in Note 3.

Property, plant and equipment

Acquisitions of property, plant and equipment are recorded as capital outlay disbursements when paid. These items are not reflected as assets on the accompanying financial statements.

2. Cash and deposits

The Ohio Revised Code prescribes allowable deposits and investments. The carrying amount of cash and deposits at December 31 follows:

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Demand deposits	\$ <u>402,237</u>	\$ <u>379,989</u>

Deposits: Deposits are either (1) insured by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation, or (2) collateralized by the financial institution's public entity deposit pool.

3. Budgetary activity

Budgetary activity for the years ending December 31, 2008 and 2007 follows:

2008 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts

<u>Budgeted Receipts</u>	<u>Actual Receipts</u>	<u>Variance</u>
\$ 1,105,000	\$ 1,338,815	\$ (238,815)

2008 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

<u>Appropriation Authority</u>	<u>Budgetary Expenditures</u>	<u>Variance</u>
\$ 1,501,983	\$ 1,349,822	\$ 152,161

2007 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts

<u>Budgeted Receipts</u>	<u>Actual Receipts</u>	<u>Variance</u>
\$ 1,047,475	\$ 1,304,958	\$ (257,483)

2007 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

<u>Appropriation Authority</u>	<u>Budgetary Expenditures</u>	<u>Variance</u>
\$ 1,341,886	\$ 1,297,496	\$ 44,390

4. Property tax

Real property taxes become a lien on January 1 preceding the October 1 date for which rates are adopted by the Board of Trustees. The State Board of Tax Equalization adjusts these rates for inflation. Property taxes are also reduced for applicable homestead and rollback deductions. Homestead and rollback amounts are then paid by the State, and are reflected in the accompanying financial statements as Intergovernmental Receipts. Payments are due to the County by December 31. The second half payment is due the following June 20.

Tangible personal property tax is assessed by the property owners, who must file a list of such property to the County by each April 30.

The County is responsible for assessing property, and for billing, collecting, and distributing all property taxes on behalf of the District.

5. Debt

Debt outstanding at December 31, 2008 was as follows:

	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>
2007 Ambulance Loan	\$ 21,748	9.00%

During 2007, the District obtained a loan ("2007 Ambulance Loan") of \$55,000 to purchase one ambulance for the District. The loan is to be repaid in monthly installments of \$2,516, including interest. Payments made on this loan during 2008 and 2007 totaled \$30,192 and \$7,548, respectively, of which \$3,338 and \$1,150, respectively, represented interest. The 2007 Ambulance Loan matures in 2009, and the District expects to make payments, including interest, in the amount of \$22,644 during 2009.

At January 1, 2007, the District had a 2004 Ambulance Loan in the amount of \$51,244 related to the purchase of an ambulance for the District. This loan was paid off during 2008. Payments of \$7,624 and \$45,747 were made in 2008 and 2007, respectively, of which \$71 and \$2,056, respectively, represented interest.

6. Retirement systems

The District's full-time fire employees belong to the Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) of Ohio. PERS is a cost-sharing, multi-employer plan. This plan provides retirement benefits, including postretirement healthcare, and survivor and disability benefits to participants as prescribed by the Ohio Revised Code.

Contribution rates are also prescribed by the Ohio Revised Code. For 2008, PERS member employees contributed 10.00% of their gross salaries, while the District contributed an amount equal to 14.00% of participants' gross salaries. For 2007, employee and employer contributions were 9.50% and 13.85%, respectively. The District has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2008.

7. Risk management

Commercial insurance

The District has obtained commercial insurance for the following risks:

- a. Comprehensive property and general liability;
- b. Vehicles; and
- c. Errors and omissions.

Independent Accountants' 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 Trustees
Joint Emergency Medical Service District
Warren County, Ohio



We have audited the financial statements of the Joint Emergency Medical Service District, Warren County, Ohio (the District), as of and for the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007, and have issued our report thereon dated October 13, 2009, wherein we noted that the District prepared its financial statements using accounting principles the Auditor of State established rather than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. 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 Organization'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 on the effectiveness of the Organization's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Organization's internal control over financial reporting.

A control deficiency 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 misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the organization's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the Auditor of State, such that there is more than a remote likelihood that a misstatement of the organization's financial statements that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the organization's internal control.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that a material misstatement of the financial statements will not be prevented or detected by the organization's internal control.

Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in the internal control that might be significant. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the District'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 statements amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Audit Standards*.

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This report is intended solely for the information and use of the management and the Board of Trustees, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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October 13, 2009

**JOINT EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE DISTRICT
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**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
DECEMBER 31, 2008**

No findings were noted during our testing.

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**SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS
DECEMBER 31, 2007**

No findings were noted during our testing.



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WARREN COUNTY

CLERK'S CERTIFICATION

This is a true and correct copy of the report which is required to be filed in the Office of the Auditor of State pursuant to Section 117.26, Revised Code, and which is filed in Columbus, Ohio.

Susan Babbitt

CLERK OF THE BUREAU

**CERTIFIED
MAY 25, 2010**