



**COLUMBIANA COUNTY DRUG TASK FORCE
COLUMBIANA COUNTY**

REGULAR AUDIT

FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2000-1999



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AUDITOR OF STATE

STATE OF OHIO

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS

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To the Board of Control:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Columbiana County Drug Task Force, Columbiana County, Ohio, (Task Force) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2000 and 1999. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Task Force's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards 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 discussed in Note 1, the Task Force prepares its financial statements on the basis of accounting prescribed or permitted by the Auditor of State, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than generally accepted accounting principles.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the combined fund cash balances of the Columbiana County Drug Task Force as of December 31, 2000 and 1999, and its combined cash receipts and disbursements for the years then ended on the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated June 15, 2001 on our consideration of the Task Force's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations and contracts. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Board of Control, management and other officials authorized to receive this report under § 117.26, Ohio Revised Code, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Jim Petro
Auditor of State

June 15, 2001

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COLUMBIANA COUNTY DRUG TASK FORCE
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STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND
CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2000

	Law Enforcement Trust	Mandatory Drug Fines	Confidential Informant Funds	Restitution	Supplies and Equipment	Canine	Justice Department	Totals (Memorandum Only)
Cash Receipts:								
Confiscations, Forfeitures and Restitutions	\$51,897	\$41,182		\$3,840				\$96,919
Intergovernmental Receipts		570	\$5,000				\$2,482	8,052
Donations					\$1,178			1,178
Interest							22	22
Miscellaneous			410	262				672
Total Cash Receipts	51,897	41,752	5,410	4,102	1,178		2,504	107,515
Cash Disbursements:								
Current:								
Security of Persons and Property	1,402	655	16,882	681		381		20,001
Miscellaneous	1,468	130		342			14	1,954
Equipment		11,518		1,610	1,178			14,306
Matching Funds		26,068						26,068
Capital Outlay	7,281	2,784		1,431				11,496
Total Cash Disbursements	10,151	41,155	16,882	4,064	1,178	381	14	85,321
Total Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements	41,746	597	(11,472)	38		(381)	2,490	33,018
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	1	22	12,413	1,527	99	462		14,524
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	\$41,747	\$619	\$941	\$1,565	\$99	\$81	\$2,490	\$47,542

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

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**STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND
CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1999**

	Law Enforcement Trust	Mandatory Drug Fines	Confidential Informant Funds	Restitution	Supplies and Equipment	Canine	Totals (Memorandum Only)
Cash Receipts:							
Confiscations, Forfeitures and Restitutions	\$14,483	\$5,936		\$5,548			\$25,967
Intergovernmental Receipts			\$36,697				36,697
Donations					\$1,828	\$250	2,078
Miscellaneous		356	990				1,346
Total Cash Receipts	14,483	6,292	37,687	5,548	1,828	250	67,434
Cash Disbursements:							
Current:							
Security of Persons and Property	1,104	1,065	26,505	540	92	125	29,431
Matching Funds				2,935			2,935
Equipment	19,429	16,499			1,681		37,609
Miscellaneous	535	60					595
Capital Outlay	823	1,696		1,400	170		4,089
Total Cash Disbursements	21,891	19,320	26,505	4,875	1,943	125	78,748
Total Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements	(7,408)	(13,028)	11,182	673	(115)	125	(8,571)
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	7,409	13,050	1,231	854	214	337	23,095
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	\$1	\$22	\$12,413	\$1,527	\$99	\$462	\$14,524

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2000 AND 1999**

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Description of the Entity

The Columbiana County Drug Task Force, Columbiana County, (Task Force) is a multi-jurisdictional drug task force for the sharing of police services and equipment to undertake joint operations to stop the trafficking of illegal drugs. The Task Force was created by the authority of Ohio Rev. Code Sections 737.04 and 737.041. Member agencies included Columbiana County Sheriff, Columbiana County Prosecutor, City of East Palestine, City of Salem, City of East Liverpool, City of Wellsville, Village of Columbiana, Liverpool Township, Village of Lisbon, and Village of Salineville.

Member agencies provide their own personnel to operate the Task Force. The individual agencies pay for salaries and benefits from their respected budgets.

The Task Force's management believes these financial statement presents all activities for which the Task Force is financially accountable.

B. 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. This statement includes adequate disclosure of material matters, as prescribed or permitted by the Auditor of State.

C. Cash and Investments

The Task Force maintains six checking accounts five of which are non interest-bearing accounts.

D. Fund Accounting

The Task Force uses fund accounting to segregate cash that are restricted as to use. The Task Force classifies its funds into the following type:

1. Special Revenue Funds

These funds are used to account for proceeds from specific sources (other than from trusts or for capital projects) that are restricted to expenditures for specific purposes. The Task Force had the following significant Special Revenue Funds:

Law Enforcement Trust Fund - This fund receives confiscated and forfeited money for the administration of the Task Force and future investigations.

Mandatory Drug Fines Fund - This fund receives mandatory drug fine money assessed by the common pleas court for the administration of the Task Force and future investigations.

Confidential Informant Funds - This fund receives federal grant money from the Trumbull County Drug Task Force for the assistance in investigations by using confidential informants.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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(Continued)**

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

D. Fund Accounting (Continued)

1. Special Revenue Funds (Continued)

Restitution Fines Fund - This fund receives money for the reimbursement of the costs of investigations from the County Adult Probation Department for the administration of the Task Force and future investigations.

Supplies and Equipment Fund - This fund receives money from donations by the private sector for the purchase of equipment and supplies.

Canine Fund - This fund receives money from donations by the private sector for the care of the police dog.

Justice Department Trust Fund - This fund receives federal money from the US Department of Justice for participation in the federal equitable sharing program.

E. Property, Plant and Equipment

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

2. EQUITY IN CASH

The Task Force maintains a separate bank account for each fund with the exception of the Confidential Informant Fund which is cash on hand. The Ohio Revised Code prescribes allowable deposits and investments. The carrying amount of cash and investments at December 31, 2000 and 1999 was as follows:

	<u>2000</u>	<u>1999</u>
Demand deposits	\$46,601	\$2,111
Cash on hand	941	12,413
	_____	_____
Total deposits	\$47,542	\$14,524

Deposits: Deposits are insured by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation. Cash on hand is not collateralized.

3. RISK MANAGEMENT

The Task Force vehicles and equipment are insured by Columbiana County. The County is a member of County Risk Sharing Authority, Inc., (CORSAs) which is a shared risk pool among thirty-nine counties in Ohio. CORSA was formed as an Ohio nonprofit corporation for the purpose of establishing the CORSA Insurance/Self-Insurance Program, a group primary and excess participation in coverage of losses and pay all contributions necessary for the specified insurance coverage provided by CORSA. These coverages include comprehensive general liability, automobile liability, certain property insurance and public officers errors and omissions liability insurance.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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4. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) is currently investigating the Columbiana County Drug Task Force for an alleged theft . The theft involves monies being taken from the confiscation locker. The investigation is ongoing and a final report from the BCI was unavailable at the conclusion of this financial audit.

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**REPORT OF INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS ON COMPLIANCE AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL
REQUIRED BY GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS**

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To the Board of Control:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Columbiana County Drug Task Force, Columbiana County, Ohio (Task Force), as of and for the years ended December 31, 2000 and 1999, and have issued our report thereon dated June 15, 2001. We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Compliance

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Task Force's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations and contracts, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on determination of financial statement 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 that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Task Force's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting. Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, we noted other matters involving the internal control over financial reporting that do not require inclusion in this report, that we have reported to management of the Task Force in a separate letter dated June 15, 2001.

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Jim Petro
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June 15, 2001



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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
JULY 5, 2001**