

**FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1**  
**TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT LAUREL, NEW JERSEY**  
**REPORT OF AUDIT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2008**

**FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1  
TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT LAUREL, NEW JERSEY**

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**FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1  
TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT LAUREL, NEW JERSEY  
Roster of Officials and Surety Bonds**

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<u>Title</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount of Surety Bond</u>
<b><u>Board of Fire Commissioners</u></b>		
Chairman	Robert Shestack	\$ 250,000.00 (A)
Vice Chairman	John Cornue	250,000.00 (A)
Treasurer	B. James Nash	250,000.00 (A)
Clerk	Kathleen Shapiro	250,000.00 (A)
Assistant Clerk/ Assistant Treasurer	Phil Roura	250,000.00 (A)
<b><u>Other Officials</u></b>		
Chief	Robert J. Gallos	250,000.00 (A)
Administrator	Scott Jones	250,000.00 (A)

(A) A Blanket Employee Dishonesty Bond is provided through the Arch Insurance Company in the amount of \$250,000.00.

## **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

Board of Fire Commissioners  
Fire District No. 1  
Township of Mount Laurel  
Mount Laurel, New Jersey 08054

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, and each major fund of the Township of Mount Laurel Fire District No. 1, in the County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2008, which collectively comprise the Fire District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Mount Laurel Fire District No. 1'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; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and in compliance with audit requirements as prescribed by the Bureau of Authority Regulation, Division of Local Government Services, State of New Jersey. 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.

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 Township of Mount Laurel Fire District No. 1, in the County of Burlington, State of New Jersey as of December 31, 2008, and the respective changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated April 23, 2009 on our consideration of the Township of Mount Laurel Fire District No. 1'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. 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 Government Auditing Standards and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit.

The accompanying management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information as listed in the table of contents are not a required part of the basic financial statements but are supplementary information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted primarily of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Township of Mount Laurel Fire District No. 1's basic financial statements. The related major fund supporting statements and schedules listed in the table of contents are also presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. These statements and schedules have been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Respectfully submitted,



BOWMAN & COMPANY LLP  
Certified Public Accountants  
& Consultants

Voorhees, New Jersey  
April 23, 2009

**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  
Fire District No. 1  
Township of Mount Laurel  
Mount Laurel, New Jersey 08054

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, and each major fund of the Township of Mount Laurel Fire District No. 1, in the County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2008, and have issued our report thereon dated April 23, 2009. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and in compliance with audit requirements as prescribed by the Bureau of Authority Regulation, Division of Local Government Services, State of New Jersey.

**Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Township of Mount Laurel Fire District No. 1'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 Fire District's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Fire District'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 Fire District's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles such that there is more than a remote likelihood that a misstatement of the Fire District's financial statements that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the Fire District'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 presented or detected by the Fire District's internal control.

Our consideration of 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 internal control that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. 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 Township of Mount Laurel Fire District No. 1'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 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, and audit requirements as prescribed by the Bureau of Authority Regulation, Division of Local Government Services, State of New Jersey.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the management of the Fire District, and the Bureau of Authority Regulation, Division of Local Government Services and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Respectfully submitted,



BOWMAN & COMPANY LLP  
Certified Public Accountants  
& Consultants

Voorhees, New Jersey  
April 23, 2009

**REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION  
PART I**

## TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT LAUREL FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1

### Management's Discussion and Analysis For the Year Ended December 31, 2008 (Unaudited)

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As management of the Township of Mount Laurel Fire District No. 1, we offer readers of the Township of Mount Laurel Fire District No. 1's financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the Township of Mount Laurel Fire District No. 1 for the year ended December 31, 2008. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to look at the Township of Mount Laurel Fire District No. 1's financial performance as a whole; readers should also review the information furnished in the notes to the basic financial statements and financial statements to enhance their understanding of the Township of Mount Laurel Fire District No. 1's financial performance.

#### Financial Highlights

- The assets of the Township of Mount Laurel Fire District No. 1 exceeded its liabilities at the close of the most recent year by \$4,034,704.93 (net assets).
- As of the close of the current year, the Township of Mount Laurel Fire District No. 1's governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of \$1,286,549.13, a decrease of \$62,121.41 in comparison with the prior year.
- At the end of the current year, unreserved fund balance for the general fund was \$820,943.62, a decrease of \$135,919.39 from that of the prior year.
- The Township of Mount Laurel Fire District No. 1's total debt decreased by \$710,803.12 as a result of a decrease for budgeted payments on general obligation bonds and capital leases.

#### Overview of the Financial Statements

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the Township of Mount Laurel Fire District No. 1's basic financial statements. The Township of Mount Laurel Fire District No. 1's basic financial statements comprise three components: (1) district-wide financial statements, (2) fund financial statements, and (3) notes to the basic financial statements themselves.

**District-wide financial statements.** The district-wide financial statements are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the Township of Mount Laurel Fire District No. 1's finances, in a manner similar to a private-sector business.

The Statement of Net Assets presents information on all of the Township of Mount Laurel Fire District No. 1's assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two reported as net assets. Over time, increases or decreases in net assets may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the Township of Mount Laurel Fire District No. 1 is improving or deteriorating.

The Statement of Activities presents information showing how the Township of Mount Laurel Fire District No. 1's net assets changed during the most recent year. All changes in net assets are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future periods (e.g., earned but unused sick leave).

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Management's Discussion and Analysis  
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Both of the district-wide financial statements distinguish functions of the Township of Mount Laurel Fire District No. 1 that are principally supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues (governmental activities). The activities of the Township of Mount Laurel Fire District No. 1 include fire-fighting and first responder emergency medical services, which are provided to the citizens of the Township of Mount Laurel.

**Fund Financial Statements.** A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The Township of Mount Laurel Fire District No. 1, like other state and local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. All of the funds of the Township of Mount Laurel Fire District No. 1 constitute one fund type, governmental funds.

**Governmental Funds.** All of the Township of Mount Laurel Fire District No. 1's activities are reported in governmental funds, which focus on how money flows into and out of those funds and the balances left at year-end available for spending in the future periods. These funds are reported using an accounting method called modified accrual basis of accounting, which measures cash and all other financial assets that can readily be converted to cash. The governmental fund statements provide a detailed short-term view of the Township of Mount Laurel Fire District No. 1's general government operations and the basic services it provides. Governmental fund information helps you determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance fire-fighting and first responder emergency medical services operations.

The Township of Mount Laurel Fire District No. 1 maintains four individual governmental funds. Information is presented separately in the governmental fund balance sheet and in the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances for the general fund, special revenue fund, capital projects fund and debt service fund.

The relationship (or differences) between governmental activities (reported in the Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities) and governmental funds is reconciled in the financial statements.

Also, the Township of Mount Laurel Fire District No. 1 adopts an annual budget in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:14-78.3. Budgetary comparison schedules have been provided to demonstrate compliance with the budget.

**Notes to the Financial Statement.** The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the district-wide and fund financial statements.

### **District-wide Financial Analysis**

As noted earlier, net assets may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. In the case of the Township of Mount Laurel Fire District No. 1, assets exceeded liabilities by \$4,034,704.93 at the close of the most recent year.

The largest portion of the Township of Mount Laurel Fire District No. 1's net assets (80 percent) reflects its investment in capital assets (i.e., land, buildings, vehicles and equipment); less any related debt used to acquire those assets that is still outstanding. The Township of Mount Laurel Fire District No. 1 uses these assets to provide fire-fighting and first responder emergency medical services to the citizens of the Township of Mount Laurel; consequently, these assets are not available for future spending. Although the Township of Mount Laurel Fire District No. 1's investment in its capital assets is reported net of related debt, it should be noted that the resources needed to repay this debt must be provided from sources, since the capital assets themselves cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities.

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Management's Discussion and Analysis  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2008  
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<b>TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT LAUREL FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1'S NET ASSETS</b>		
<b>DECEMBER 31,</b>		
	<u><b>2008</b></u>	<u><b>2007</b></u>
Current and Other Assets	\$ 1,374,764.31	\$ 1,436,621.44
Capital Assets	8,578,631.72	8,989,173.45
<b>Total Assets</b>	<u>9,953,396.03</u>	<u>10,425,794.89</u>
Long-term Liabilities Outstanding	5,814,503.76	6,485,240.05
Other Liabilities	104,187.34	110,878.13
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<u>5,918,691.10</u>	<u>6,596,118.18</u>
<b>Net Assets:</b>		
Invested in Capital Assets, Net of Related Debt	3,239,498.52	2,944,326.52
Restricted	194,251.64	197,012.90
Unrestricted	600,954.77	688,337.29
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<u>\$ 4,034,704.93</u>	<u>\$ 3,829,676.71</u>

An additional portion of the Township of Mount Laurel Fire District No. 1's net assets (5 percent) represents resources that are subject to external restrictions on how they may be used. 15 percent of net assets are unrestricted.

In total, assets of governmental activities decrease by \$472,398.86 mainly due to depreciation of capital assets and the use of cash in normal operations. At December 31, 2007, capital assets net of accumulated depreciation were \$8,989,173.45. At December 31, 2008, capital assets net of accumulated depreciation are \$8,578,631.72. Cash and cash equivalents, including restricted cash at December 31, 2007 and 2008 were \$1,370,914.93 and \$1,317,347.94 respectively.

**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:

Property taxes constituted 93.5% of revenues for governmental activities for the Fire District for the year 2008.

Cost of Operations and Maintenance operations comprised 77.4% of expenses, Administration operations comprised 10.4% of expenses, Bureau of Fire Prevention operations comprised 7.8% of expenses, Interest on Long-Term Debt comprised 3.7% of expenses and the Length of Service Awards Program was .3% of expenses during 2008.

**TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT LAUREL FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1**  
Management's Discussion and Analysis  
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<b>TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT LAUREL FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1'S STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES</b>		
<b>FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31,</b>		
	<u><b>2008</b></u>	<u><b>2007</b></u>
<b>Expenses:</b>		
<b>Operating Appropriations:</b>		
Administration	\$ 766,435.94	\$ 701,029.76
Cost of Operations and Maintenance	5,656,352.35	5,318,436.11
Operating Appropriations Offset with Revenues	579,300.78	775,451.29
Length of Service Awards Program	26,335.00	25,760.00
Unallocated Depreciation and Amortization	5,089.38	8,143.55
Interest on Long-Term Debt	270,553.14	244,044.23
<b>Total Program Expenses</b>	<u><b>7,304,066.59</b></u>	<u><b>7,072,864.94</b></u>
<b>Program Revenues:</b>		
Charges for Services	425,874.26	459,831.15
Operating Grants and Contributions	10,778.00	15,397.00
<b>Net Program Expenses</b>	<u><b>6,867,414.33</b></u>	<u><b>6,597,636.79</b></u>
<b>General Revenues</b>		
<b>Taxes:</b>		
Property Taxes, Levied for General Purposes	6,030,269.29	5,137,362.12
Taxes Levied for debt Service	993,400.71	1,017,616.90
State Aid Unrestricted	3,269.00	78,864.00
Unrestricted Investment Earnings	16,253.04	61,305.05
Miscellaneous Income	29,250.51	201,559.16
<b>Total General Revenues</b>	<u><b>7,072,442.55</b></u>	<u><b>6,496,707.23</b></u>
<b>Increase in Net Assets</b>	205,028.22	(100,929.56)
<b>Net Assets, January 1</b>	<u><b>3,829,676.71</b></u>	<u><b>3,930,606.27</b></u>
<b>Net Assets, December 31</b>	<u><u><b>\$ 4,034,704.93</b></u></u>	<u><u><b>\$ 3,829,676.71</b></u></u>

**Financial Analysis of the Government's Funds**

As stated earlier, the Township of Mount Laurel Fire District No. 1 uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements.

**TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT LAUREL FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1**  
Management's Discussion and Analysis  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2008  
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**Financial Analysis of the Government's Funds (Cont'd)**

**Governmental Fund.** The focus of the Township of Mount Laurel Fire District No. 1's governmental funds is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of spendable resources. Such information is useful in assessing the Township of Mount Laurel Fire District No. 1's financing requirements. In particular, unreserved fund balance may serve as a useful measure of a government's net resources available for spending at the end of the year.

As of the end of the current year, the Township of Mount Laurel Fire District No. 1's governmental funds reported combining ending fund balances of \$1,286,549.13, a decrease of \$62,121.41 in comparison with the prior year.

The Township of Mount Laurel Fire District No. 1's general fund balance decreased by \$55,180.30 during the current year. Key factors in this increase are as follows:

- The Township of Mount Laurel Fire District No. 1 experienced a decrease in investment earnings of \$45,052.01 in comparison to the prior year.
- The Township of Mount Laurel Fire District No. 1 experienced a decrease in Uniform Fire Safety Act revenues of \$33,956.89, a 7 percent decrease in comparison to the prior year.
- The Township of Mount Laurel Fire District No. 1 experienced increases in the cost of operations of \$688,297.38. This was primarily due to salaries and the related fringe benefits which included increases in employer obligation for the pension costs.

The capital projects fund had fund balance of \$184,122.70 at the end of the current year. This was a decrease of \$6,941.1 in comparison to the prior year as a result of expenditures on voter approved projects. A large portion of the ending fund balance \$159,240.70 has been designated for the payment of debt in the subsequent year's budget.

There is no fund balance in the special revenue fund or the debt service fund at December 31, 2008.

**General Fund Budgetary Highlights**

During the course of the 2008 year, the Township of Mount Laurel Fire District No. 1 modified its general fund budget in accordance with statutes. The net change in the total budget modification primarily resulted from the rollover of the prior year's encumbrances.

The final budgetary basis revenue estimate was \$6,887,036.29 which is the same as the original budgeted estimate.

During the year 2008, the Township of Mount Laurel Fire District No. 1 budgeted \$6,030,269.29 and \$15,397.00 for property taxes (local tax levy) and state aid revenues (supplemental fire services grant), respectively. Property taxes in the amount of \$993,400.71 were budgeted for the Debt Service Fund. Also in 2008, the Fire District budgeted \$50,000.00, \$14,500.00 and \$380,082.00 for interest earned on investments, other revenue and Uniform Fire Safety Act revenues, respectively.

The final budgetary basis expenditure appropriation estimate was \$7,778,671.25 compared to the original estimate of \$7,584,036.29, an increase of \$194,634.96 which resulted from the rollover of the prior year's encumbrances.

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**Management's Discussion and Analysis**  
**For the Year Ended December 31, 2008**  
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**Capital Asset and Debt Administration**

**Capital Assets.** The Township of Mount Laurel Fire District No. 1's investment in capital assets for its governmental activities as of December 31, 2008 amounts to \$8,578,631.72 (net of accumulated depreciation). This investment in capital assets includes land, construction in progress, buildings and improvements, vehicles and equipment. The total decrease in the Township of Mount Laurel Fire District No. 1's investment in capital assets for the current year was 4.5 percent as a net result of the addition of a capital asset and depreciation for the current year.

At the end of the 2008 year, the Township of Mount Laurel Fire District No. 1 had \$11,752,723.59 invested in land, buildings and improvements, vehicles and equipment prior to the reduction for accumulated depreciation of \$3,673,591.72.

Major capital asset events during the year include the following:

- The Township of Mount Laurel Fire District No. 1 moved building improvements from its capital project from construction in progress to Buildings and Improvements in the amount of \$433,071.26. Depreciation began on this amount during 2008.

<b>TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT LAUREL FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1'S CAPITAL ASSETS (NET OF ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION) DECEMBER 31,</b>		
	<u><b>2008</b></u>	<u><b>2007</b></u>
Land	500,000.00	\$ 500,000.00
Construction in Progress		433,071.26
Buildings and Improvements	6,295,449.92	6,094,871.65
Vehicles	1,630,581.24	1,797,150.78
Equipment	152,600.56	164,079.76
<b>Total</b>	<u><u><b>\$ 8,578,631.72</b></u></u>	<u><u><b>\$ 8,989,173.45</b></u></u>

Additional information on the Township of Mount Laurel Fire District No. 1's capital assets can be found in Note 5.

**Long-term Debt.** At the end of the current year, the Township of Mount Laurel Fire District No. 1 had total bonded debt outstanding of \$4,695,000.00 and total outstanding principle on capital leases of \$701,234.71. The 2009 adopted budget has an appropriation of \$821,881.00 representing the payment of the annual principal on long-term debt (refer to audit exhibit I-1 Schedule of Serial Bond and I-2 Schedule of Capital Leases, for more detail).

**TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT LAUREL FIRE DISTRICT No. 1**  
Management's Discussion and Analysis  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2008  
(Unaudited) (Cont'd)

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**Economic Factors and Next Year's Budget**

For the 2008 year, the Township of Mount Laurel Fire District No. 1 was able to sustain its budget through the township tax levy, state aid, and miscellaneous revenue sources. Approximately 94% of total revenue is from local tax levy, while 6% of the Township of Mount Laurel Fire District No. 1's revenue is from state aid (not restricted) and other sources of miscellaneous revenue. The 2009 budget was adopted on February 3, 2009 by the Board of Fire Commissioners. Due to a defeated levy cap referendum, the budget was amended on March 17, 2009.

**Requests for Information**

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the Township of Mount Laurel Fire District No. 1's finances for all those with an interest in the government's finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional financial information should be addressed to Scott Jones, Administrator of the Township of Mount Laurel Fire District No. 1, 69 Elbo Lane, Mount Laurel, New Jersey 08054. All requests should be made, in writing, to the above address or by e-mail at [sjones@mountlaurelfire.org](mailto:sjones@mountlaurelfire.org).

## **BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**DISTRICT-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT LAUREL FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1**  
Statement of Net Assets  
December 31, 2008

**ASSETS:**

Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 1,123,097.87
Accounts Receivable (Note 4)	314.86
Deferred Assets:	
Bond Issuance Costs	57,101.51
Restricted Assets:	
Restricted Cash and Cash Equivalents	194,250.07
Capital Assets, net (Note 5)	<u>8,578,631.72</u>
 Total Assets	 <u>9,953,396.03</u>

**LIABILITIES:**

Accounts Payable	31,113.67
Accrued Interest Payable	73,073.67
Noncurrent Liabilities (Note 6):	
Due within One Year	521,880.83
Due beyond One Year	<u>5,292,622.93</u>
 Total Liabilities	 <u>5,918,691.10</u>

**NET ASSETS:**

Invested in Capital Assets, Net of Related Debt	3,239,498.52
Restricted for:	
Capital Projects	184,122.70
Other Purposes	10,128.94
Unrestricted	<u>600,954.77</u>
 Total Net Assets	 <u>\$ 4,034,704.93</u>

The accompanying Notes to Financial Statements are an integral part of this statement.

**TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT LAUREL FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1**  
Statement of Activities  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2008

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Expenses:	
Operating Appropriations:	
Administration	\$ 766,435.94
Cost of Operations and Maintenance	5,656,352.35
Operating Appropriations Offset with Revenues	579,300.78
Length of Service Awards Program (LOSAP)	26,335.00
Unallocated Depreciation and Amortization	5,089.38
Interest on Long-Term Debt	<u>270,553.14</u>
Total Program Expenses	<u>7,304,066.59</u>
Program Revenues:	
Charges for Services	425,874.26
Operating Grants and Contributions	<u>10,778.00</u>
Net Program Expenses	<u>6,867,414.33</u>
General Revenues:	
Taxes:	
Property Taxes, Levied for General Purposes	6,030,269.29
Taxes Levied for Debt Service	993,400.71
State Aid Unrestricted	3,269.00
Unrestricted Investment Earnings	16,253.04
Miscellaneous Income	<u>29,250.51</u>
Total General Revenues	<u>7,072,442.55</u>
Increase in Net Assets	205,028.22
Net Assets, January 1	<u>3,829,676.71</u>
Net Assets, December 31	<u><u>\$ 4,034,704.93</u></u>

The accompanying Notes to Financial Statements are an integral part of this statement.

**FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT LAUREL FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1

Balance Sheet  
Governmental Funds  
December 31, 2008

	General Fund	Special Revenue Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Debt Service Fund	Total Governmental Funds
<b>ASSETS:</b>					
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 1,133,225.24	\$	\$ 184,122.70	\$	\$ 1,317,347.94
Accrued Interest Receivable	314.86				314.86
	<u>\$ 1,133,540.10</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>\$ 184,122.70</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>\$ 1,317,662.80</u>
<b>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES:</b>					
<b>Liabilities:</b>					
Payroll Deductions Payable	\$ 31,113.67				\$ 31,113.67
	<u>31,113.67</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>31,113.67</u>
<b>Fund Balances:</b>					
Reserved for:					
Encumbrances	251,471.87		\$ 19,882.00		271,353.87
New Jersey Unemployment Trust Fund	8,542.96				8,542.96
Maintenance Bond Account	1,585.98				1,585.98
Future Capital Outlay			5,000.00		5,000.00
Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures			159,240.70		159,240.70
Unreserved:					
Designated for:					
Subsequent Year's Expenditures	338,856.00				338,856.00
Undesignated, Reported in:					
General Fund	<u>501,969.62</u>				<u>501,969.62</u>

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**TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT LAUREL FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1**  
 Balance Sheet  
 Governmental Funds  
 December 31, 2008

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Special Revenue Fund</u>	<u>Capital Projects Fund</u>	<u>Debt Service Fund</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
Total Fund Balances	\$ 1,102,426.43	-	\$ 184,122.70	-	\$ 1,286,549.13
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	<u>\$ 1,133,540.10</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>\$ 184,122.70</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>\$ 1,286,549.13</u>

Amounts reported for *governmental activities* in the statement of net assets (A-1) are different because:

Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds. The cost of the assets is \$12,252,223.59, and the accumulated depreciation is \$3,673,591.87.

Other long-term assets are not available to pay for current-period expenditures and, therefore, are deferred in the funds. 8,578,631.72

Accrued interest payable is not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, is not reported as liabilities in the funds. 57,101.51

Long-term liabilities, including bonds payable, are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported as liabilities in the funds. (73,073.67)

Net assets of governmental activities (5,814,503.76)

\$ 4,034,704.93

The accompanying Notes to Financial Statements are an integral part of this statement.

**TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT LAUREL FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1**  
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances  
Governmental Funds  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2008

	General Fund	Special Revenue Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Debt Service Fund	Total Governmental Funds
<b>REVENUES:</b>					
Miscellaneous Anticipated Revenues	\$ 39,544.25				\$ 39,544.25
Operating Grant Revenue	10,778.00				10,778.00
Miscellaneous Revenues Offset with Appropriations	425,874.26				425,874.26
Amount to be Raised by Taxation to Support the District Budget	6,030,269.29		\$ 993,400.71		7,023,670.00
Non-Budgetary Revenues	9,228.30				9,228.30
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>6,515,694.10</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>993,400.71</b>	<b>7,509,094.81</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>					
Operating Appropriations:					
Administration	634,804.26				634,804.26
Cost of Operations and Maintenance	5,328,483.16				5,328,483.16
Operating Appropriations Offset with Revenues	569,414.98				569,414.98
Length of Service Award Program (LOSAP)	26,335.00				26,335.00
Capital Appropriations	8,568.00		\$ 6,941.11		15,509.11
Debt Service:					
Principal				710,803.12	710,803.12
Interest and Other Charges				282,597.59	282,597.59
Non-Budgetary Expenditures	3,269.00				3,269.00
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>6,570,874.40</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6,941.11</b>	<b>993,400.71</b>	<b>7,571,216.22</b>
<b>Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over Expenditures</b>	<b>(55,180.30)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(6,941.11)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(62,121.41)</b>
Fund Balance, January 1	1,157,606.73		191,063.81		1,348,670.54
Fund Balance, December 31	\$ 1,102,426.43	\$ -	\$ 184,122.70	\$ -	\$ 1,286,549.13

The accompanying Notes to Financial Statements are an integral part of this statement.

**TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT LAUREL FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1**  
 Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures,  
 and Changes in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds  
 to the Statement of Activities  
 For the Year Ended December 31, 2008

<b>Total Net Change in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds</b>	<b>\$ (62,121.41)</b>
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, in 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 capital outlays exceeded depreciation in the period.	
Depreciation Expense	\$ (419,109.73)
Capital Outlays (B-2)	\$ 15,509.11
Less Capital Outlay Expensed in Accordance with Fire District Policies	<u>(6,941.11)</u>
	<u>8,568.00</u>
Repayment of long-term debt is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the statement of net assets and is not reported in the statement of activities.	(410,541.73)
Governmental funds report the effect of issuance costs, premiums, discounts, and similar items when debt is first issued, whereas these amounts are deferred and amortized in the statement of activities. This amount is the net effect of these differences.	710,803.12
In the statement of activities, certain operating expenses, e.g., compensated absences (vacations) are measured by the amounts earned during the year. In the governmental funds, however, expenditures for these items are reported in the amount of financial resources used (paid). When the earned amount exceeds the paid amount, the difference is reduction in the reconciliation (-); when the paid amount exceeds the earned amount the difference is an addition to the reconciliation (+).	(5,089.38)
Change in Net Assets of Governmental Activities	<u>(28,022.38)</u>
	<u>\$ 205,028.22</u>

The accompanying Notes to Financial Statements are an integral part of this statement.

**TOWNSHIP OF MT. LAUREL FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1**

Notes to Financial Statements  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2008

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**Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Description of the Reporting Entity** - Fire District No. 1 of the Fire District of Mt. Laurel is a political subdivision of the Township of Mt. Laurel, Burlington County, New Jersey. It was formed on August 15, 1983 through the adoption of a Township ordinance. 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. Fire District No.1 of the Township of Mt. Laurel has two fire companies within its jurisdiction, the Fellowship Fire Company and Masonville Fire Company.

**Component Units** - GASB Statement No. 14, *The Financial Reporting Entity*, provides guidance that all entities associated with a primary government are potential component units and should be evaluated for inclusion in the financial reporting entity. A primary government is financially accountable not only for the organizations that make up its legal entity, but also for legally separate organizations that meet the criteria established by GASB Statement No. 14, as amended by GASB Statement No. 39, *Determining Whether Certain Organizations are Component Units*. As of December 31, 2008, it has been determined by the Fire District that no component units exist.

**Basis of Presentation** - The financial statements of the Township of Mt. Laurel Fire District No. 1 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 Fire District's accounting policies are described in this Note.

The Fire District's basic financial statements consist of district-wide statements, including a Statement of Net Assets and a Statement of Activities, and fund financial statements, which provide a more detailed level of financial information.

**District-wide Financial Statements** - The Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities display information about the Fire District as a whole. These statements include the financial activities of the government. The Statement of Net Assets presents the financial condition of the governmental activities of the Fire District at year-end. The Statement of Activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each program or function of the Fire District's governmental activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a service, program, or department and therefore clearly identifiable to a particular function. The policy of the Fire District is to not allocate indirect expenses to functions in the statement of activities. Program revenues include charges paid by the recipient of the goods or services offered by the program, grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program and interest earned on grants that is required to be used to support a particular program. Revenues, which are not classified as program revenues, are presented as general revenues of the Fire District, with certain limited exceptions. The comparison of direct expenses with program revenues identifies the extent to which each governmental function is self-financing or draws from the general revenues of the Fire District.

**Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)****Basis of Presentation (Cont'd)**

**Fund Financial Statements** - During the year, the Fire District segregates transactions related to certain Fire District functions or activities in separate funds in order to aid financial management and to demonstrate legal compliance. Fund financial statements are designed to present financial information of the Fire District at this more detailed level. The focus of governmental fund financial statements is on major funds. Each major fund is presented in a single column. The Fire District uses funds to maintain its financial records during the year. A fund is defined as a fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. For fire districts, only one category of funds exists, that being governmental.

**Governmental Funds** - Governmental funds are those through which most governmental functions typically are financed. Governmental fund reporting focuses on the sources, uses and balances of current financial resources. Expendable assets are assigned to the various governmental funds according to the purposes for which they may or must be used. Current liabilities are assigned to the fund from which they will be paid. The difference between governmental fund assets and liabilities is reported as fund balance. The following are the Fire District's major governmental funds:

**General Fund** - The General Fund is the general operating fund of the Fire District and is used to account for the inflows and outflows its of financial resources. The acquisition of certain capital assets, such as fire fighting apparatus and equipment, is accounted for in the General Fund when it is responsible for the financing of such expenditures.

**Special Revenue Fund** - The Special Revenue Fund is used to account for the proceeds of specific revenues sources, such as state or federal government grants and appropriations, which are legally restricted to expenditures for specified purposes.

**Capital Projects Fund** - The Capital Projects Fund is used to account for financial resources to be used for the acquisition or construction of major capital facilities such as fire houses and fire fighting apparatus. Generally, the financial resources of the Capital Projects Fund are derived from the issuance of debt or by the reservation of fund balance, which must be authorized by the voters as a separate question on the ballot either during the annual election or at a special election.

**Debt Service Fund** - The Debt Service Fund is used to account for the accumulation of resources for, and the payment of, general long-term debt principal, interest, and related costs.

**Measurement Focus**

**District-wide Financial Statements** - The district-wide financial statements are prepared using the economic resources measurement focus. All assets and all liabilities associated with the operation of the Fire District are included on the Statement of Net Assets.

**Fund Financial Statements** - All governmental funds are accounted for using a flow of current financial resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, only current assets and current liabilities generally are included on the balance sheet. The Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances reports on the sources (i.e., revenues and other financing sources) and uses (i.e., expenditures and other financing uses) of current financial resources. This approach differs from the manner in which the governmental activities of the district-wide financial statements are prepared. Governmental fund financial statements therefore include reconciliation with brief explanations to better identify the relationship between the district-wide statements and the statements for governmental funds.

**Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)**

**Basis of Accounting** - Basis of accounting determines when transactions are recorded in the financial records and reported on the financial statements. District-wide financial statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting. Governmental funds use the modified accrual basis of accounting. Differences in the accrual and the modified accrual basis of accounting arise in the recognition of revenue, the recording of deferred revenue, and in the presentation of expenses versus expenditures.

**Revenues – Exchange and Non-Exchange Transactions** - Revenue resulting from exchange transactions, in which each party gives and receives essentially equal value, is recorded on the accrual basis when the exchange takes place. On a modified accrual basis, revenue is recorded in the year in which the resources are measurable and become available. Available means that the resources will be collected within the current year or are expected to be collected soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current year. For the Fire District, available means expected to be received within thirty days of year-end.

Non-exchange transactions, in which the Fire District receives value without directly giving equal value in return, include Ad Valorem (property) taxes, grants, entitlements, and donations. Ad Valorem (Property) Taxes are susceptible to accrual, as under New Jersey State Statute, a municipality is required to remit to its fire district the entire balance of taxes in the amount voted upon or certified, prior to the end of the fire district year. The Fire District records the entire approved tax levy as revenue (accrued) at the start of the year since the revenue is both measurable and available. The Fire District is entitled to receive moneys under the following established payment schedule: on or before April 1, an amount equaling 21.25% of all moneys assessed; on or before July 1, an amount equaling 22.5% of all moneys assessed; on or before October 1, an amount equaling 25% of all moneys 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 moneys previously paid over. Revenue from grants, entitlements, and donations is recognized in the year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied. Eligibility requirements include timing requirements, which specify the year when the resources are required to be used or the year when use is first permitted, matching requirements, in which the Fire District must provide local resources to be used for a specified purpose, and expenditure requirements, in which the resources are provided to the Fire District on a reimbursement basis.

Under the modified accrual basis, the following revenue sources are considered to be both measurable and available at year-end: grants, fees, and rentals.

**Expenses / Expenditures** - On the accrual basis of accounting, expenses are recognized at the time they are incurred. The measurement focus of governmental fund accounting is on decreases in net financial resources (expenditures) rather than expenses. Expenditures are generally recognized in the accounting period in which the related fund liability is incurred, if measurable. Allocations of cost, such as depreciation and amortization, are not recognized in governmental funds.

**Budgets / Budgetary Control** - The Fire District must adopt an annual budget in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:14-78.1 et al.

The fire commissioners must introduce and approve the annual budget not later than sixty days prior to the annual election. At introduction, the commissioners shall fix the time and place for a public hearing on the budget and must advertise the time and place at least ten days prior to the hearing in a newspaper having substantial circulation in the Fire District. The public hearing must not be held less than twenty-eight days after the date the budget was introduced. After the hearing has been held, the fire commissioners may, by majority vote, adopt the budget.

Amendments may be made to the Fire District budget in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:14-78.3. The budget may not be amended subsequent to its final adoption and approval.

**Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)**

**Budgets / Budgetary Control (Cont'd)** - Subsequent to the adoption of the Fire District budget, the amount of money to be raised by taxation in support of the Fire District budget must appear on the ballot for the annual election for approval of the legal voters.

Fire districts have a prescribed budgetary basis to demonstrate legal compliance. However, budgets are adopted on principally the same basis of accounting utilized for the preparation of the Fire District's basic fund financial statements.

Amounts reported under "final budget" on Exhibit C-1, and I-3 includes modifications to the adopted budget that were made during the year as approved by the Board of Commissioners.

Exhibit C-3 presents a reconciliation of the general fund revenues and special revenue fund revenues and expenditures from the budgetary basis of accounting as presented in the General Fund Budgetary Comparison Schedule and the Special Revenue Fund Budgetary Comparison Schedule to the GAAP basis of accounting as presented in the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances – Governmental Funds. Note that the Fire District does not report encumbrances outstanding at year end as expenditures in the general fund since the general fund budget follows modified accrual basis of accounting.

**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 governmental funds other than the special revenue fund are reported as reservations of fund balances at year end as they do not constitute expenditures or liabilities but rather commitments related to unperformed contracts for goods and services.

Open encumbrances in the special revenue fund for which the Fire District has received advances are reflected in the balance sheet as deferred revenues at year end.

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

**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 plus accrued interest. 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 governments are limited as to the types of investments and types of financial institutions they may invest in. N.J.S.A. 40A:5-15.1 provides a list of permissible investments that may be purchased by New Jersey governments.

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

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 State or federally chartered banks, savings banks or associations located in the State of New Jersey or state or federally chartered banks, savings banks or associations located in another state with a branch office in the State of New Jersey, the deposits of which are federally insured. All public depositories must pledge collateral, having a market value 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.

**Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)**

**Inventories and Prepaid Expenses** - Inventories are valued at cost, which approximates market. The costs are determined on a first-in, first-out method.

The cost of inventories in governmental fund types is recorded as expenditures when purchased rather than when consumed.

Prepaid expenses recorded in the governmental fund types, which benefit future periods, are recorded as an expenditure during the year of purchase. Prepaid expenses recorded on the district-wide financial statements represent payments made to vendors for services that will benefit periods beyond December 31, 2008.

**Short-Term Interfund Receivables / Payables** - Short-term interfund receivables / payables represent amounts that are owed, other than charges for goods or services rendered to / from a particular fund in the Fire District and that are due within one year. These amounts are eliminated in the governmental column of the Statement of Net Assets.

**Capital Assets** - General capital assets result from expenditures in the governmental funds. These assets are reported in the governmental activities column of the district-wide Statement of Net Assets but are not reported in the fund financial statements.

All capital assets are capitalized at cost (or estimated historical cost) and updated for additions and retirements during the year. Donated fixed assets are recorded at their fair market value as of the date received. The Fire District maintains a capitalization threshold of \$5,000.00. The Fire District does not possess any infrastructure. Improvements are capitalized; the cost of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend an asset's life are not. All reported capital assets except land and construction in progress are depreciated. Improvements are depreciated over the remaining useful lives of the related capital assets.

Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Estimated Lives</u>
Land Improvements	10-20 Years
Buildings and Improvements	10-50 Years
Furniture and Equipment	5-20 Years
Vehicles	5-10 Years

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 any debt related to such purchases. In summary, Fire Districts may purchase fire fighting apparatus and equipment and land and buildings to house such property in an amount not exceeding 5 mills on the dollar of the last assessed valuation of property within the district upon the approval of the legal voters. Debt may be issued up to \$60,000 or 2 percent of the assessed valuation of property, whichever is larger.

**Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)**

**Compensated Absences** - Compensated absences are those absences for which employees will be paid, such as vacation, sick leave, and sabbatical leave. A liability for compensated absences that are attributable to services already rendered, and that are not contingent on a specific event that is outside the control of the Fire District and its employees, is accrued as the employees earn the rights to the benefits. Compensated absences that relate to future services, or that are contingent on a specific event that is outside the control of the Fire District and its employees, are accounted for in the period in which such services are rendered or in which such events take place.

The entire compensated absence liability is reported on the district-wide financial statements.

For governmental funds, the current portion of unpaid compensated absences is the amount that is normally expected to be paid with expendable available financial resources.

**Deferred Revenue** - Deferred revenue arises when assets are recognized before revenue recognition criteria have been satisfied.

**Accrued Liabilities and Long-Term Obligations** - All payables, accrued liabilities, and long-term obligations are reported in the district-wide financial statements. In general, governmental fund payables and accrued liabilities that, once incurred, are paid in a timely manner and in full from current financial resources, are reported as obligations of the funds. However, claims and judgments, compensated absences, special termination benefits and contractually required pension contributions that will be paid from governmental funds are reported as a liability in the fund financial statements only to the extent that they are normally expected to be paid with expendable available financial resources. Bonds are recognized as a liability on the fund financial statements when due.

**Net Assets** - Net assets represent the difference between assets and liabilities. Net assets invested in capital assets, net of related debt consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by the outstanding balances of any borrowings used for the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets. Net assets are reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on their use either through the enabling legislation adopted by the Fire District or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors or laws or regulations of other governments.

The Fire District applies restricted resources when an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net assets are available.

**Fund Balance Reserves** - The Fire District reserves portions of fund balance which are legally segregated for specific future use or which do not represent available expendable resources and, therefore, are not available for appropriation for expenditures. Unreserved fund balance indicates that portion of fund balance that is available for appropriation in future periods. Fund balance reserves are established for encumbrances, legally restricted appropriations, and future capital outlays.

**Estimates** - The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results may differ from those estimates.

**Note 2: CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS**

**Custodial Credit Risk Related to Deposits** - Custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of a bank failure, the Fire District's deposits might not be recovered. Although the Fire District does not have a formal policy regarding custodial credit risk, N.J.S.A. 17:9-41 et seq. requires that governmental units shall deposit public funds in public depositories protected from loss under the provisions of the Governmental Unit Deposit Protection Act. As of December 31, 2008, the Fire District's bank balances of \$1,432,651.90 were exposed to custodial credit risk as follows:

Uninsured and Uncollateralized	<u>\$56,065.30</u>
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**Note 3: PROPERTY TAX LEVIES**

Following is a tabulation of Fire District assessed valuations, tax levies and property tax rates per \$100.00 of assessed valuations for the current and preceding four years:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Valuation</u>	<u>Tax Levy</u>	<u>Rate</u>
2008	\$ 3,416,947,945.00	\$ 7,023,670.00	\$ 0.206
2007	3,363,391,074.00	6,154,979.02	0.183
2006	3,322,880,149.00	6,070,496.06	0.183
2005	3,273,254,101.00	5,319,771.00	0.163
2004	3,228,260,573.00	5,352,451.80	0.166

**Note 4: RECEIVABLES**

Receivables at December 31, 2008 consisted of accrued interest on deposits. All receivables are considered collectible in full.

Receivables as of year-end for the Fire District's individual major funds, in the aggregate, are as follows:

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Special Revenue Fund</u>	<u>Capital Projects Fund</u>	<u>Debt Service Fund</u>	<u>Total</u>
Accrued Interest	<u>\$ 314.86</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>\$ 314.86</u>

**Note 5: CAPITAL ASSETS**

Capital asset activity for the year ended December 31, 2008 was as follows:

	<u>Balance</u> <u>Jan. 1, 2008</u>	<u>Increases</u>	<u>Decreases</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>Dec. 31, 2008</u>
Land	\$ 500,000.00			\$ 500,000.00
Construction in Progress	433,071.26		\$ 433,071.26	
Total Capital Assets not being Depreciated	<u>933,071.26</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>433,071.26</u>	<u>500,000.00</u>
Buildings and Improvements	7,683,277.36	\$ 433,071.26		8,116,348.62
Vehicles and Apparatus	3,256,955.37			3,256,955.37
Equipment	370,351.60	8,568.00		378,919.60
Total Capital Assets being Depreciated	<u>11,310,584.33</u>	<u>441,639.26</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,752,223.59</u>
Less Accumulated Depreciation:				
Buildings and Improvements	(1,588,405.71)	\$ (232,492.99)		(1,820,898.70)
Vehicles and Apparatus	(1,459,804.59)	(166,569.54)		(1,626,374.13)
Equipment	(206,271.84)	(20,047.20)		(226,319.04)
Total Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(3,254,482.14)</u>	<u>(419,109.73) *</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(3,673,591.87)</u>
Total Capital Assets being Depreciated, net of Accumulated Depreciation	<u>8,056,102.19</u>	<u>22,529.53</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,078,631.72</u>
Capital Assets, net	<u>\$ 8,989,173.45</u>	<u>\$ 22,529.53</u>	<u>\$ 433,071.26</u>	<u>\$ 8,578,631.72</u>

\* Depreciation expense was charged to governmental functions as follows:

Administration	\$ 123,300.66
Cost of Operations and Maintenance	286,014.55
Operating Appropriations Offset with Revenues	<u>9,794.52</u>
Total Depreciation Expense	<u>\$ 419,109.73</u>

**Note 6: LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS**

During the year ended December 31, 2008, the following changes occurred in long-term obligations:

	<u>Principal Outstanding Jan. 1, 2008</u>	<u>Increases</u>	<u>Decreases</u>	<u>Principal Outstanding Dec. 31, 2008</u>	<u>Due Within One Year</u>
General Serial Bonds	\$ 5,195,000.00		\$ (500,000.00)	\$ 4,695,000.00	\$ 300,000.00
Obligations under Capital Lease	912,037.83		(210,803.12)	701,234.71	221,880.83
Compensated Absences	<u>378,202.22</u>	<u>\$ 418,269.05</u>	<u>(378,202.22)</u>	<u>418,269.05</u>	
Total Governmental Activities Long-term Liabilities	<u>\$ 6,485,240.05</u>	<u>\$ 418,269.05</u>	<u>\$ (1,089,005.34)</u>	<u>\$ 5,814,503.76</u>	<u>\$ 521,880.83</u>

**Bonds Payable** - Bonds and loans are authorized in accordance with State law by the voters of the Fire District through referendums. All bonds are retired in serial installments within the statutory period of usefulness. Bonds issued by the Fire District are general obligation bonds.

On October 1, 2001, the Fire District issued general serial bonds for \$6,420,000.00 at an interest rate of 4.60%.

Principal and interest due on bonds outstanding is as follows:

<u>Year Ending Dec. 31,</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2009	\$ 300,000.00	\$ 215,970.00	\$ 515,970.00
2010	300,000.00	202,170.00	502,170.00
2011	325,000.00	188,370.00	513,370.00
2012	350,000.00	173,420.00	523,420.00
2013	350,000.00	157,320.00	507,320.00
2014-2018	1,875,000.00	533,600.00	2,408,600.00
2019-2021	<u>1,195,000.00</u>	<u>110,170.00</u>	<u>1,305,170.00</u>
	<u>\$ 4,695,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,581,020.00</u>	<u>\$ 6,276,020.00</u>

**Bonds Authorized But Not Issued** - As of December 31, 2008, the Fire District had no authorized but not issued bonds.

**Compensated Absences** - Compensated absences will be paid from the fund from which the employees' salaries are paid.

**Note 6: LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS (CONT'D)**

**Capital Leases Payable** – The Fire District entered into a capital lease agreement with Federal Signal Leasing on May 15, 2001 to lease/purchase two E-one Aerial Ladders, one E-one 95' Platform and two E-one Pumpers. The total of the lease was \$2,437,718.00. On December 31, 2001, the proceeds from the sale of five old fire apparatus in the amount of \$447,500.00 were applied as principle and interest down payment on the new lease. The terms of the lease require the principal and interest \$2,017,775.16 to be paid in ten annual installments, beginning June 25, 2002, at 5.255% interest..

<b>Year Ending</b>			
<b><u>Dec. 31,</u></b>	<b><u>Principal</u></b>	<b><u>Interest</u></b>	<b><u>Total</u></b>
2009	\$ 221,880.83	\$ 36,849.88	\$ 258,730.71
2010	233,540.66	25,190.05	258,730.71
2011	<u>245,813.22</u>	<u>12,917.49</u>	<u>258,730.71</u>
	<u>\$ 701,234.71</u>	<u>\$ 74,957.42</u>	<u>\$ 776,192.13</u>

**Note 7: LEASES**

**Lease Obligations** - At December 31, 2008, the Fire District had lease agreements in effect for the following:

## Capital:

- (2) Two 2001 E-One Aerial Ladders
- (1) One 2001 E-One 95" Platform
- (2) Two 2001 E-One Pumpers

**Note 8: PENSION PLANS**

The Township of Mount Laurel Fire District contributes to two cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plans, the Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) and the Police and Firemen's Retirement System (PFRS), which are administered by the New Jersey Division of Pensions and Benefits. In addition there is the Defined Contribution Retirement Program (DCRP), which is a defined contribution pension plan and is also administered by the New Jersey Division of Pensions and Benefits. Each plan has a Board of Trustees that is primarily responsible for its administration. The Division issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. That report may be obtained by writing to:

State of New Jersey  
Division of Pensions and Benefits  
P.O. Box 295  
Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0295

**Note 8: PENSION PLANS (CONT'D)**

**Public Employees' Retirement System** - The PERS was established in 1955. The PERS provides retirement, death, and disability, and medical benefits to qualified members. Vesting and benefit provisions are established by N.J.S.A. 43:15A and 43:3B.

The contribution requirements of plan members are determined by State statute. In accordance with Chapter 62, P.L. 1994, plan members enrolled in the Public Employees' Retirement System were required to contribute 5% of their annual covered salary. Effective July 1, 2007, however, in accordance with Chapter 92, P.L. 2007 and Chapter 103, P.L. 2007, plan members are required to contribute 5.5% of their annual covered salary. For employees enrolled in the retirement system prior to July 1, 2007, the increase is effective with the payroll period that begins immediately after July 1, 2007. The State Treasurer has the right under the current law to make temporary reductions in member rates based on the existence of surplus pension assets in the retirement system; however, the statute also requires the return to the normal rate when such surplus pension assets no longer exist.

The Fire District is billed annually for its normal contribution plus any accrued liability. These contributions, equal to the required contributions, were as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Normal Contribution</u>	<u>Accrued Liability</u>	<u>Total Liability</u>	<u>Funded by State</u>	<u>Paid by Fire District</u>	
2008	\$ 9,231.00	\$ 7,114.00	\$16,345.00	\$3,269.00	\$ 13,076.00	(1)
2007	8,851.00	4,596.00	13,447.00	5,378.80	8,068.20	(1)
2006	8,063.00	2,218.00	10,281.00	6,168.60	4,112.40	(1)

**Police and Firemen's Retirement System** - The PFRS was established in 1944. The PFRS provides retirement, death, and disability, and medical benefits to qualified members. Vesting and benefit provisions are established by N.J.S.A. 43:16A and 43:3B.

The contribution requirements of plan members are determined by State statute. In accordance with Chapter 204, P.L. 1989, plan members enrolled in the Police and Firemen's Retirement System are required to contribute 8.5% of their annual covered salary. The State Treasurer has the right under the current law to make temporary reductions in member rates based on the existence of surplus pension assets in the retirement system; however, statute also requires the return to the normal rate when such surplus pension assets no longer exist.

The Fire District is billed annually for its normal contribution plus any accrued liability. These contributions, equal to the required contributions, were as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Normal Contribution</u>	<u>Accrued Liability</u>	<u>Total Liability</u>	<u>Funded by State</u>	<u>Paid by Fire District</u>
2008	\$ 320,955.00	\$ 152,446.00	\$473,401.00	-	\$ 473,401.00
2007	263,896.00	103,530.00	367,426.00	\$ 73,485.20	293,940.80
2006	191,123.00	56,002.00	247,125.00	98,850.00	148,275.00

**Defined Contribution Retirement Program** - The Defined Contribution Retirement Program (DCRP) is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined contribution pension fund which was established in 2007, under the provisions of Chapter 92, P.L. 2007 and Chapter 103, P.L. 2007 (N.J.S.A. 43:15C-1 et. seq.). The DCRP provides eligible members, and their beneficiaries, with a tax-sheltered, defined contribution retirement benefit, along with life insurance and disability coverage. Vesting and benefit provisions are established by N.J.S.A. 43:15C-1 et. seq.

**Note 8: PENSION PLANS (CONT'D)**

The contribution requirements of plan members are determined by State statute. In accordance with Chapter 92, P.L. 2007 and Chapter 103, P.L. 2007, plan members are required to contribute 5.5% of their annual covered salary. The State Treasurer has the right under the current law to make temporary reductions in member rates based on the existence of surplus pension assets in the retirement system; however, statute also requires the return to the normal rate when such surplus pension assets no longer exist. In addition to the employee contributions, the Fire District's contribution amounts for each pay period are transmitted to Prudential Financial not later than the fifth business day after the date on which the employee is paid for that pay period.

In 2008, the Fire District had no employees participating in the Defined Contribution Retirement Program.

**Related Party Investments** - The Division of Pensions and Benefits does not invest in securities issued by the Fire District.

(1) Under the provisions of Chapter 108, P.L. 2003 the Fire District's share of the total normal contribution and accrued liability will increase approximately 20% per year until the Fire District is paying 100% of the total normal contribution and accrued liability.

**Note 9: OTHER POST RETIREMENT BENEFITS**

Under the current employment contracts, certain employees have the option at retirement to continue their coverage in the health benefits programs; however it is at the expense of the retiree. There currently are no policies for the payment of post retirement benefits by the Fire District.

**Note 10: RISK MANAGEMENT**

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

**Property and Liability Insurance** - The Fire District maintains commercial insurance coverage for property, liability, and surety bonds.

**New Jersey Unemployment Compensation Insurance** - The Fire District has elected to fund its New Jersey Unemployment Compensation Insurance under the "Benefit Reimbursement Method". Under this plan, the Fire District is required to reimburse the New Jersey Unemployment Trust fund for benefits paid to its former employees and charged to its account with the State. The Fire District is billed quarterly for amounts due to the State.

The following is a summary of Fire District contributions, reimbursements to the State for benefits paid and the ending balance of the Fire District's fund for the current and previous two years:

	<b><u>Year End</u></b>	<b><u>Fire District</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>	<b><u>Ending</u></b>
	<b><u>Dec. 31,</u></b>	<b><u>Contributions</u></b>	<b><u>Reimbursed</u></b>	<b><u>Balance</u></b>
2008	\$	4,193.45	-	\$ 8,542.96
2007		3,970.83	-	4,367.85
2006		3,679.07	\$ 6,329.20	292.85

**Note 11: DEFERRED COMPENSATION**

The Fire District offers its employees a Deferred Compensation Plan in accordance with Internal Revenue Code Section 457 which has been approved by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services. The Plan, available to all full time employees at their option, permits employees to defer a portion of their salary to future years. The deferred compensation is not available to participants until termination, retirement, death or unforeseeable emergency.

Amounts deferred under Section 457 plans must be held in trust for the exclusive benefit of participating employees and not be accessible by the Fire District or its creditors. Since the Fire District does not have a fiduciary relationship with the Plan, the balances and activities of the Plan are not reported in the Fire District's financial statements.

**Note 12: COMPENSATED ABSENCES**

The Fire District accounts for compensated absences (e.g., unused vacation, sick leave) as directed by Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 16 (GASB 16), "Accounting for Compensated Absences". A liability for compensated absences attributable to services already rendered and not contingent on a specific event that is outside the control of the employer and employee is accrued as employees earn the rights to the benefits.

Firefighters, Officers and Support Staff are governed by agreements between the Fire District and the Mount Laurel Professional Fire Fighters and EMTs International Association of Fire Fighters Local 4408. Under these agreements, employees earn vacation time based on their years of service and whether the employee works a four day, five day or 24 hour schedule. The amount of vacation time that an employee may carry over into the next year varies with these work schedules. Under the agreements, employees earn sick time on their anniversary date annually. The amount of time earned varies based on the work schedules as previously noted. Sick leave may be accumulated and carried forward from year to year. Employees not governed by the collective bargaining agreements receive similar benefits under personal service agreements between the Fire District and these employees.

When employment is terminated for reasons other than retirement, employees are entitled to a lump sum payment for a limited number of vacation hours based on the employees work schedule noted previously and are not entitled to payment for unused sick time. Upon retirement, employees are entitled to a lump sum payment of all earned vacation time and up to \$3,000.00 of unused sick leave.

Part-time employees are not entitled to compensated absences.

The liability for vested compensated absences is recorded within those funds as the benefits accrue to employees. As of December 31, 2008, the liability for compensated absences in the governmental fund types was \$418,269.05.

**Note 13: FUND BALANCES APPROPRIATED**

The 2009 annual budget of the Fire District was adopted on February 3, 2009 and subsequently approved by the voters at the annual election. The election included a levy cap referendum which was defeated. On March 17, 2009, the Board of Fire Commissioners amended the budget as a result of the defeated levy cap referendum. The budget utilized \$338,856.00 of fund balance in the General Fund.

The following presents the fund balance as of the end of the last five years and the amount utilized in the subsequent year's budget:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Balance Dec. 31</u>	<u>Utilization in Subsequent Budget</u>
2008	\$ 1,102,426.43	\$ -
2007	1,157,606.73	697,000.00
2006	1,400,633.80	780,000.00
2005	1,364,824.29	820,000.00
2004	1,222,456.33	707,486.00

**Note 14: FUND BALANCES**

**RESERVED**

Reservations of fund balances of governmental funds are established to either (1) satisfy legal covenants that require that a portion of the fund balance be segregated or (2) identify the portion of the fund balance that is not appropriable for future expenditures. Specific reservations of the fund balance are summarized below:

**For Encumbrances** - The reserve for encumbrances was created to represent encumbrances outstanding at the end of the year based on purchase orders and contracts signed by the Fire District but not completed as of the close of the fiscal year. As of December 31, 2008, the balance is \$271,353.87 in the general fund and \$19,882.00 in the capital projects fund.

**For New Jersey Unemployment Trust Fund** - In accordance with the State of New Jersey, Department of Labor, the Board of Fire Commissioners has elected to fund its New Jersey Unemployment Compensation Insurance under the "Benefit Reimbursement Method" (see Note 9). As a result, there exists at December 31, 2008 a restricted fund balance in the amount of \$8,542.96 for future unemployment claims.

**For Maintenance Bond Account** - A business owner located next to the Masonville Station deposited a bond with the Fire District when water and sewer lines were installed for the business across the rear of the Fire District Property. The purpose of the bond is to pay for repairs in the event that there is a problem with the lines that the current or future owner is unable to fix. At December 31, 2008, the reserved balance was \$1,585.98.

**For Future Capital Outlays** - These funds are restricted for future capital expenditures to be made in future years. When the Fire District desires to utilize these funds in their annual budget, a capital resolution must be passed by the Board of Fire Commissioners prior to any expenditure against a capital appropriation. As of December 31, 2008, the balance is \$5,000.00.

**UNRESERVED**

Of the \$820,943.62 unreserved fund balance at December 31, 2008, \$338,856.00 has been designated for subsequent year's expenditures (see Note 12).

**Note 15: LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARD PROGRAMS**

The Fire District's Length of Service Awards Program (LOSAP) was created by a Fire District Resolution adopted on December 21, 2004 pursuant to Section 457 (e)(11)(13) of the Internal Service Code of 1986, as amended, except for provisions added by reason of the Length of Service Award Program as enacted into federal law in 1997. The voters of the Township of Mt. Laurel Fire District No. 1 approved the adoption of the Plan at the annual election held on February 19, 2005, and the first year of eligibility for entrance into the Plan by qualified volunteers was calendar year 2005. The Plan provides tax deferred income benefits to active volunteer firefighters and emergency medical personnel.

Amounts deferred under Section 457 plans must be held in trust for the exclusive benefit of participating employees and not be accessible by the Fire District or its creditors.

As required by N.J.A.C. 5:30-14.49, the Fire District must have an annual review of its LOSAP performed in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

**REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION  
PART II**

**BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULES**

**TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT LAUREL FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1**  
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REVENUES:	Original Budget	Budget Modifications / Transfers	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative) Final to Actual
Miscellaneous Anticipated Revenues:					
Interest on Investments and Deposits	\$ 50,000.00		\$ 50,000.00	\$ 16,253.04	\$ (33,746.96)
Other Revenue	14,500.00		14,500.00	23,291.21	8,791.21
Total Miscellaneous Revenues Anticipated	<u>64,500.00</u>	-	<u>64,500.00</u>	<u>39,544.25</u>	<u>(24,955.75)</u>
Operating Grant Revenue:					
Supplemental Fire Services Grant (P.L. 1985, Ch. 295)	15,397.00		15,397.00	10,778.00	(4,619.00)
Other Grants & Entitlements	364,685.00		364,685.00		(364,685.00)
Total Operating Grant Revenue	<u>380,082.00</u>	-	<u>380,082.00</u>	<u>10,778.00</u>	<u>(369,304.00)</u>
Miscellaneous Revenues Offset with Appropriations					
Uniform Fire Safety Act (P.L. 1983, Ch. 383):					
Annual Registration Fees	294,785.00		294,785.00	308,475.36	13,690.36
Other Revenues	117,400.00		117,400.00	117,398.90	(1.10)
Total Miscellaneous Revenues Offset with Appropriations	<u>412,185.00</u>	-	<u>412,185.00</u>	<u>425,874.26</u>	<u>13,689.26</u>
Amount to be Raised by Taxation to Support the District Budget	6,030,269.29	-	6,030,269.29	6,030,269.29	-
Total Anticipated Revenues	<u>6,887,036.29</u>	-	<u>6,887,036.29</u>	<u>6,506,465.80</u>	<u>(380,570.49)</u>
Non-Budgetary Revenues:					
Miscellaneous					
Unemployment Trust Fund				1,779.45	1,779.45
Maintenance Bond Account				4,175.11	4,175.11
On-Behalf Pension Contribution made by the State of New Jersey:				4.74	4.74
Public Employees Retirement System				3,269.00	3,269.00
Total Non-Budgetary Revenues				<u>9,228.30</u>	<u>9,228.30</u>
Total Revenues	<u>6,887,036.29</u>	-	<u>6,887,036.29</u>	<u>6,515,694.10</u>	<u>(371,342.19)</u>

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EXPENDITURES:	Original Budget	Budget Modifications / Transfers	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative) Final to Actual
Operating Appropriations:					
Administration:					
Salary and Wages:					
Business Manager UFD	\$ 110,888.00	\$ 4,426.93	\$ 115,314.93	\$ 115,314.93	
Secretarial Assistant	48,117.00		48,117.00	47,974.44	\$ 142.56
Systems Administrator (IT)	51,787.00		51,787.00	51,755.14	31.86
Clerk/Typist (Training Division)	25,809.00		25,809.00	25,793.64	15.36
Administrative Clerk	40,000.00	(5,973.80)	34,026.20		34,026.20
Fire Official Position Restoration S/W (Referendum)	30,000.00		30,000.00		30,000.00
Recruitment & Retention Coord. SW (Referendum)	22,500.00		22,500.00		22,500.00
LOA Firefighter Restoration Position SW (Referendum)	25,374.50		25,374.50		25,374.50
Fringe Benefits	114,563.28	5,694.38	120,257.66	95,481.32	24,776.34
Health Benefits (Referendum)	20,627.08		20,627.08		20,627.08
Other Fringe (Referendum)	13,038.05		13,038.05		13,038.05
Other Expenses:					
Conduction of Annual Election	2,840.00	1,234.90	4,074.90	3,728.50	346.40
Insurance	216,786.56		216,786.56	216,248.24	538.32
Memberships / Dues	525.00	230.39	755.39	578.54	176.85
Office Expenses and Supplies	3,550.00	695.61	4,245.61	3,550.75	694.86
Professional Services	40,450.00	2,137.50	42,587.50	37,735.65	4,851.85
Advertising	34,720.00	(2,137.50)	32,582.50	26,226.69	6,355.81
Postage	560.00	34.10	594.10	585.10	9.00
Contingent Expenses	5,000.00	7,995.00	12,995.00	9,831.32	3,163.68
Other Assets- Non-Bondable (Referendum)	3,000.00		3,000.00		3,000.00
Total Administration	810,135.47	14,337.51	824,472.98	634,804.26	189,668.72
Cost of Operations and Maintenance:					
Salary and Wages:					
Chief of Department	81,447.24		81,447.24	81,250.00	197.24
Deputy Chief	110,888.00		112,300.89	112,300.89	
Battalion Chief (Operations)	295,173.00	1,412.89	296,585.89	294,954.06	2,181.94
Battalion Chief (Training Division)	98,391.00		98,391.00	98,317.99	73.01
Captain	162,034.20		162,034.20	161,914.00	120.20
Lieutenant	377,176.50		377,176.50	376,897.80	278.70
Firefighter / Fire Inspector	855,714.60	758.78	856,473.38	822,407.61	34,065.77
Firefighter / Fire Inspector	62,270.10		62,270.10	62,089.99	180.11
Firefighter / Fire Inspector	234,864.00		234,864.00	234,068.63	795.37
Firefighter / Fire Inspector	55,979.25		55,979.25	55,390.74	588.51

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	Original Budget	Budget Modifications / Transfers	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative) Final to Actual
<b>EXPENDITURES (CONTD):</b>					
Cost of Operations and Maintenance (Cont'd):					
Salary and Wages (Cont'd):					
Firefighter / Fire Inspector	\$ 53,885.25		\$ 53,885.25	\$ 53,760.99	\$ 124.26
Firefighter / Fire Inspector	158,949.12		158,949.12	158,505.51	443.61
Firefighter / Fire Inspector	145,122.30	\$ (2,242.50)	142,879.80	139,614.35	3,265.45
Firefighter / Fire Inspector	174,301.52	5,261.06	179,562.58	179,325.39	237.19
Mechanic	66,591.00		66,591.00	66,505.30	85.70
Assistant Mechanic	29,540.00	(29,045.32)	494.68		494.68
Facility Maintenance	15,600.00	(3,672.38)	11,927.62		11,927.62
Fringe Benefits	1,737,958.31	61,368.78	1,799,327.09	1,633,323.62	166,003.47
Other Expenses:					
Maintenance and Repairs	154,075.00	3,806.67	157,881.67	136,666.55	21,215.12
Operating Supplies	57,440.00	605.00	58,045.00	53,218.64	4,826.36
Training & Education	48,275.00	1,833.27	50,108.27	28,014.16	22,094.11
Recruitment and Retention	22,500.00	9,763.51	32,263.51	12,128.37	20,135.14
Uniforms	63,650.00	10,164.00	73,814.00	48,214.63	25,599.37
Utilities	147,400.00	(309.19)	147,090.81	143,368.88	3,721.93
Physical Health Expense	10,400.00		10,400.00	3,650.99	6,749.01
Membership Incentives Program	30,500.00	(8,299.64)	22,200.36	22,196.61	3.75
Hydrant Rental	230,240.00	5,317.77	235,557.77	235,557.77	
Other Assets - Non-Bondable	445,231.40		446,754.41	103,648.69	443,105.72
Other Assets - Non-Bondable (Referendum)	208,882.57	101,523.01	208,882.57	19,759.00	189,123.57
Total Cost of Operations and Maintenance	6,134,479.36	158,245.71	6,292,725.07	5,337,051.16	955,673.91
Operating Appropriations Offset with Revenues:					
Salary and Wages					
Captain	18,003.80	339.65	18,343.45	17,990.64	352.81
Lieutenant	41,908.50		41,908.50	41,877.10	31.40
Firefighter / Fire Inspector	95,079.40	84.31	95,163.71	91,378.61	3,785.10
Firefighter / Fire Inspector	6,918.90		6,918.90	6,898.85	20.05
Firefighter / Fire Inspector	26,096.00		26,096.00	26,007.28	88.72
Firefighter / Fire Inspector	6,219.92		6,219.92	6,154.58	65.34
Firefighter / Fire Inspector	5,987.25		5,987.25	5,973.49	13.76
Firefighter / Fire Inspector	17,661.00		17,661.00	17,611.83	49.17
Firefighter / Fire Inspector	16,124.70	(249.05)	15,875.65	15,512.92	362.73
Firefighter / Fire Inspector	19,366.84	584.65	19,951.49	19,925.17	26.32

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<b>EXPENDITURES (CONT'D):</b>					
Cost of Operations and Maintenance (Cont'd):					
Salary and Wages (Cont'd):					
Senior Clerk / Typist	\$ 42,581.00	\$ (17.18)	\$ 42,563.82	\$ 42,554.75	\$ 9.07
Senior Receptionist	25,682.00	(5,731.03)	19,950.97	16,085.29	3,865.68
Chief of Department	43,856.20		43,856.20	43,749.94	106.26
Fringe Benefits	175,857.95	12,806.75	188,664.70	170,196.74	18,467.96
Other Expenses					
Maintenance & Repair	3,050.00	846.40	3,896.40	3,644.65	251.75
Utilities	9,650.00	(846.40)	8,803.60	5,703.14	3,100.46
Memberships/ Dues	1,600.00		1,600.00	985.50	614.50
Training & Education	11,440.00	1,599.00	13,039.00	10,603.13	2,435.87
Motor Fuel	12,120.00	(1,677.92)	10,442.08	10,322.08	120.00
Uniforms		6,643.53	6,643.53	6,643.53	
Office Supplies	1,875.00	155.69	2,030.69	1,182.42	848.27
Other Assets- Non-Bondable	900.00	7,513.34	8,413.34	8,413.34	
Total Operating Appropriations Offset with Revenues	581,978.46	22,051.74	604,030.20	569,414.98	34,615.22
Length of Service Award Program (LOSAP)	57,443.00		57,443.00	26,335.00	31,108.00
Non-Budgetary Expenditures:					
On-Behalf Pension Contribution made by the State of New Jersey:					
Public Employees Retirement System				3,269.00	(3,269.00)
Total Non-Budgetary Expenditures				3,269.00	(3,269.00)
Total Expenditures	7,584,036.29	194,634.96	7,778,671.25	6,570,874.40	1,207,796.85
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	\$ (697,000.00)	\$ (194,634.96)	\$ (891,634.96)	(55,180.30)	\$ 836,454.66
Fund Balance, Beginning				1,157,606.73	
Fund Balance, Ending				\$ 1,102,426.43	
Recapitulation:					
Reserved				\$ 261,600.81	
Unreserved				840,825.62	
				\$ 1,102,426.43	

**TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT LAUREL FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1**

Required Supplementary Information

Budgetary Comparison Schedule

Note to RSI

For the Year Ended December 31, 2008

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

	General Fund	Special Revenue Fund
Sources / Inflows of Resources:		
Actual amounts (budgetary basis) "revenue" from the budgetary comparison schedule.	\$ 6,515,694.10	
Grant accounting budgetary basis differs from GAAP in that encumbrances are recognized as expenditures, and the related revenue is recognized.	-	-
Total revenues as reported on the statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances - governmental funds. (B-2)	<u>\$ 6,515,694.10</u>	<u>-</u>
Uses / Outflows of Resources:		
Actual amounts (budgetary basis) "total expenditures" from the budgetary comparison schedule.	\$ 6,570,874.40	
Encumbrances for supplies and equipment ordered but not received is reported in the year the order is placed for budgetary purposes, but in the year the supplies are received for financial reporting purposes.	-	-
Total expenditures as reported on the statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances - governmental funds (B-2)	<u>\$ 6,570,874.40</u>	<u>-</u>

**OTHER SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

**CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND**

**TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT LAUREL FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1**  
 Capital Projects Fund  
 Summary Statement of Project Expenditures  
 For the Year Ended December 31, 2008

<u>Project Title / Issue</u>	<u>Original Date</u>	<u>Appropriations</u>	<u>Prior Years</u>	<u>Expenditures to Date</u> Current Year	<u>Canceled</u>	<u>Unexpended Balance</u> Dec. 31, 2008
Acquisition and Construction of Facilities	10/05/01	\$ 6,420,000.00	\$ 6,233,936.19	\$ 6,941.11	\$ 159,240.70	\$ 19,882.00
Reserve for Encumbrances -- Retainage Due to Contractor						\$ 19,882.00

**LONG-TERM DEBT**

**TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT LAUREL FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1**  
 Schedule of Serial Bonds  
 For the Year Ended December 31, 2008

<u>Issue</u>	<u>Date of Issue</u>	<u>Amount of Issue</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Annual Maturities Amount</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Balance</u>	
						<u>Jan. 1, 2008</u>	<u>Dec. 31, 2008</u>
1993 General Obligation Bonds	3/15/93	\$ 2,200,000.00			4.9%	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 200,000.00
2001 General Obligation Bonds	10/1/01	6,420,000.00	10/1/09-10	\$ 300,000.00			
			10/01/11	325,000.00			
			10/1/12-13	350,000.00			
			10/1/14-18	375,000.00			
			10/01/19	395,000.00			
			10/1/20-21	400,000.00	4.6%	4,995,000.00	\$ 4,695,000.00
						\$ 5,195,000.00	\$ 4,695,000.00
						-	\$ 500,000.00
							\$ 300,000.00
							\$ 200,000.00

**TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT LAUREL FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1**  
 Schedule of Obligations Under Capital Leases  
 For the Year Ended December 31, 2008

<u>Description</u>	<u>Date of Lease</u>	<u>Term of Lease</u>	<u>Amount of Original Issue Principal</u>	<u>Interest Payable</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Amount Outstanding Jan. 1, 2008 (a)</u>	<u>Issued Current Year</u>	<u>Retired Current Year</u>	<u>Amount Outstanding Dec. 31, 2008 (a)</u>
2001 Apparatus (5)	8/15/01	120 Months	\$ 2,437,718.00	\$ 597,089.10	5.255%	\$ 912,037.83	-	\$ 210,803.12	\$ 701,234.71

(a) Future Interest Payments Removed from Carrying Value of Leases.

**TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT LAUREL FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1**  
 Budgetary Comparison Schedule  
 Debt Service Fund  
 For the Year Ended December 31, 2008

	Original Budget	Budget Modifications / Transfers	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative) Final to Actual
<b>REVENUES:</b>					
Amount of be Raised by Taxation to Support the District Budget	\$ 993,400.71		\$ 993,400.71	\$ 993,400.71	-
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>					
Principal Payments:					
General Obligation Bonds	500,000.00		500,000.00	500,000.00	
Capital Leases	210,803.12		210,803.12	210,803.12	
Interest Payments:					
General Obligation Bonds	234,670.00		234,670.00	234,670.00	
Capital Leases	47,927.59		47,927.59	47,927.59	
Total Expenditures	993,400.71	-	993,400.71	993,400.71	-
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	-	-	-	-	-
Fund Balance, Beginning				-	
Fund Balance, Ending				-	

## **SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

**TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT LAUREL FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1**  
Schedule of Findings and Recommendations  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2008

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***Schedule of Financial Statement Findings***

This section identifies the significant deficiencies, material weaknesses, and instances of noncompliance related to the financial statements that are required to be reported in accordance with Government Auditing Standards and with audit requirements as prescribed by the Bureau of Authority Regulation, Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey.

None.

**TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT LAUREL FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1**  
Summary Schedule of Prior Year Audit Findings  
And Questioned Costs as Prepared by Management

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This section identifies the status of prior year findings related to the financial statements that are required to be reported in accordance with Government Auditing Standards.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS**

**Finding No. 2007-1**

**Condition**

A disbursement was made to pay off a capital lease and there was no appropriation in the budget for this disbursement.

**Current Status**

This condition has been resolved.

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**APPRECIATION**

I express my appreciation for the assistance and courtesies rendered by the Fire District officials during the course of the audit.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bowman & Company LLP".

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Certified Public Accountants  
& Consultants