

Auditing Procedures Report

Issued under P.A. 2 of 1968, as amended and P.A. 71 of 1919, as amended.

Local Unit of Government Type <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> City <input type="checkbox"/> Twp <input type="checkbox"/> Village <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other		Local Unit Name Dexter Are Fire Department	County Washtenaw
Fiscal Year End 12-31-2007	Opinion Date March 20, 2008	Date Audit Report Submitted to State April 18, 2008	

We affirm that:


We are certified public accountants licensed to practice in Michigan.

We further affirm the following material, "no" responses have been disclosed in the financial statements, including the notes, or in the Management Letter (report of comments and recommendations).

- | YES | NO | |
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| Check each applicable box below. (See instructions for further detail.) | | |
| 1. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> | All required component units/funds/agencies of the local unit are included in the financial statements and/or disclosed in the reporting entity notes to the financial statements as necessary. |
| 2. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> | There are no accumulated deficits in one or more of this unit's unreserved fund balances/unrestricted net assets (P.A. 275 of 1980) or the local unit has not exceeded its budget for expenditures.. |
| 3. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> | The local unit is in compliance with the Uniform Chart of Accounts issued by the Department of Treasury. |
| 4. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> | The local unit has adopted a budget for all required funds. |
| 5. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> | A public hearing on the budget was held in accordance with State statute. |
| 6. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> | The local unit has not violated the Municipal Finance Act, an order issued under the Emergency Municipal Loan Act, or other guidance as issued by the Local Audit and Finance Division. |
| 7. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> | The local unit has not been delinquent in distributing tax revenues that were collected for another taxing unit. |
| 8. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> | The local only holds deposits/investments that comply with statutory requirements. |
| 9. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> | The local unit has no illegal or unauthorized expenditures that came to our attention as defined in the <i>Bulletin for Audits of Local Units of Government in Michigan</i> , as revised (see Appendix H of Bulletin). |
| 10. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> | There are no indications of defalcation, fraud or embezzlement, which came to our attention during the course of our audit that have not been previously communicated to the Local Audit and Finance Division (LAFD). If there is such activity that has not been communicated, please submit a separate report under separate cover. |
| 11. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> | The local unit is free of repeated comments from previous years. |
| 12. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> | The audit opinion is UNQUALIFIED. |
| 13. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> | The local unit has complied with GASB 34 or GASB 34 as modified by MCGAA Statement #7 and other generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). |
| 14. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> | The board or council approves all invoices prior to payment as required by charter or statute. |
| 15. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> | To our knowledge, bank reconciliations that were reviewed were performed timely. |

If a local unit of government (authorities and commissions included) is operating within the boundaries of the audited entity and is not included in this or any other audit report, nor do they obtain a stand-alone audit, please enclose the name(s), address(es), and a description(s) of the authority and/or commission.

I, the undersigned, certify that this statement is complete and accurate in all respects.

We have enclosed the following:	Enclosed	Not Required (enter a brief justification)
Financial Statements	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
The letter of Comments and Recommendations	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Other (Describe)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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**DEXTER
AREA FIRE
DEPARTMENT**

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 2007

**KARL L. DRAKE
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT**

DEXTER AREA FIRE DEPARTMENT

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board of Directors
Dexter Area Fire Department
Dexter, Michigan

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of Dexter Area Fire Department, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2007, which collectively comprise the Department's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of Dexter Area Fire Department's management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit.

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

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 Dexter Area Fire Department as of December 31, 2007, and the respective changes in financial position, thereof for the year then ended in conformity with United States generally accepted accounting principles.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated March 20, 2008, on our consideration of Dexter Area Fire Department's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provision of laws, regulations, contracts and grants.

The administration's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information on pages 3 through 8 and page 22 are not a required part of the basic financial statements but is supplemental information required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplemental 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 Dexter Area Fire Department's basic financial statements. The accompanying other supplemental information, as identified in the table of contents, is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the general purpose financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the general purpose financial statements taken as a whole.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Karl L. Drake".

Karl L. Drake, P.C.
Certified Public Accountant

March 20, 2008

DEXTER AREA FIRE DEPARTMENT

Management's Discussion and Analysis

This section of Dexter Area Fire Department's annual financial report presents our discussion and analysis of the Department's financial performance during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2007. It is best read in conjunction with the Department's financial statements that follow this section.

Using This Annual Report

This annual report consists of a series of financial statements and notes to those statements. These statements are organized so the reader can understand Dexter Area Fire Department financially as a whole. The *Government-Wide Financial Statements* provide information about the activities of the entire Department, presenting both an aggregate view of the Department's finances and a longer-term view of those finances. The fund financial statements provide the next level of detail. For governmental activities, these statements tell how services were financed in the short-term as well as what remains for future spending. The fund financial statements look at the Department's operations in more detail than the government-wide financial statements by providing information about the Department's most significant fund - the General Fund - with all other funds presented in one column as non-major funds.

Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A)
(Required Supplemental Information)

Basic Financial Statements

Government-Wide Financial Statements

Fund Financial Statements

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements

Budgetary Information for the General Fund
(Required Supplemental Information)

Other Supplemental Information

Reporting The Department As A Whole - Government-Wide Financial Statements

One of the most important questions asked about the Department is, "As a whole, what is the Department's financial condition as a result of the year's activities?" The statement of net assets and the statement of activities, which appear first in the Department's financial statements, report information on the Department as a whole and its activities in a way that helps answer this question. These statements are prepared to include all assets and liabilities, using the accrual basis of accounting, which is similar to the accounting used by most private-sector companies. All of the current year's revenues and expenses are taken into account regardless of when cash is received or paid.

These two statements report the Department's net assets - the difference between assets and liabilities, as reported in the statement of net assets - as one way to measure the Department's financial health or financial position. Over time, increases or decreases in the Department's net assets - as reported in the statement of activities - are indicators of whether its financial health is improving or deteriorating. The relationship between revenues and expenses is the Department's operating results. However, the Department's goal is to provide services to residents, not to generate profits as commercial entities do. One must consider many other non-financial factors to assess the overall health of the Department.

The statement of net assets and statement of activities report the governmental activities for the Department, which encompass all of the Department's services, including resources and community enrichment. Revenue from other governments finance most of these activities.

Reporting The Department's Most Significant Funds - Fund Financial Statements

The Department's fund financial statements provide detailed information about the most significant funds - not the Department as a whole. Some funds are required to be established by State law and by bond covenants. However, the Department establishes funds as needed to help it control and manage money for particular purposes or to show that it's meeting legal responsibilities for using certain taxes, grants, and other money. The governmental funds of the Department use the following accounting approach:

Governmental Funds - All of the Department's services are reported in governmental funds. Governmental fund reporting focuses on showing money inflows and outflow and the balances remaining at year end that are available for spending. They are reported using an accounting method called modified accrual 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 operations of the Department and the 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 the Department's programs. The relationship (or differences) between governmental activities (reported in the statement of net assets and the statement of activities) and governmental funds is described in a reconciliation.

DEXTER AREA FIRE DEPARTMENT

Management's Discussion and Analysis

The Department As A Whole

Recall that the statement of net assets provides the perspective of the Department as a whole. Table 1 provides a summary of the Department's net assets as of December 31, 2007 and 2006:

TABLE 1	Governmental Activities	
	(In Thousands)	
	2007	2006
ASSETS		
Current and other assets	\$ 263.8	\$ 266.8
Capital assets - Net of accumulated depreciation	1,066.2	1,145.6
TOTAL ASSETS	1,330.0	1,412.4
LIABILITIES		
Current liabilities	148.2	161.0
Long-term liabilities	571.7	608.2
TOTAL LIABILITIES	719.9	769.2
NET ASSETS		
Invested in property and equipment - Net of related debt	531.2	533.1
Restricted	0.0	0.0
Unrestricted	78.9	110.1
TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$ 610.1	\$ 643.2

The above analysis focuses on the net assets (see Table 1). The change in net assets (see Table 2) of the Department's governmental activities is discussed below. The Department's net assets were \$610.1 thousand at December 31, 2007. Capital assets, net of related debt totaling \$531.2 thousand compares the original cost, less depreciation of the Department's capital assets to long-term debt, including accrued interest on capital appreciation bonds, used to finance the acquisition of those assets. Restricted net assets are reported separately to show legal constraints from debt covenants and enabling legislation that limit the Department's ability to use those net assets for day-to-day operations. The remaining amount of net assets (\$78.9 thousand) was unrestricted.

The \$78.9 thousand in unrestricted net assets of governmental activities represents the *accumulated* results of all past years' operations. The operating results of the General Fund will have a significant impact on the change in unrestricted net assets from year to year.

The results of this year's operations for the Department as a whole are reported in the statement of activities (see Table 2), which shows the changes in net assets for fiscal years 2007 and 2006.

TABLE 2	Governmental Activities	
	(In Thousands)	
	2007	2006
REVENUE		
Program Revenue		
Charges for Services	\$ 916.4	\$ 893.8
Grants and categoricals	35.0	---
General Revenue		
Property taxes	---	---
State Aid	---	---
Interest	0.7	1.6
Other	3.3	1.9
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 955.4	\$ 897.3
FUNCTION/PROGRAM EXPENSES		
General Government	\$ ---	\$ ---
Public Safety	866.4	767.1
Roads	---	---
Community Enrichment	---	---
Interest	23.7	18.4
Depreciation (unallocated)	98.4	98.9
TOTAL FUNCTION/PROGRAM EXPENSES	988.5	884.4
INCREASE <DECREASE> IN NET ASSETS	\$ -33.1	\$ 12.9

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Management's Discussion and Analysis

As reported in the statement of activities, the cost of all of governmental activities this year was \$988.6 thousand. Certain activities were partially funded from those who benefited from the programs (\$916.4 thousand) or by other governments and organizations that subsidized certain programs with grants and categoricals (\$35.0 thousand). The remaining "public benefit" portion of our governmental activities was paid with other revenues, such as interest and general entitlements.

The Department experienced a decrease in net assets of \$33.1 thousand. The key reason for the change in net assets was increased fringe benefit costs. The increase in net assets differs from the change in fund balance and a reconciliation appears on page 13.

As discussed above, the net cost shows the financial burden that was placed on the State and the Department's taxpayers by each of these functions. Since charges for services constitute the vast majority of the Department's operating revenue sources, the Board of Directors must annually evaluate the needs of the Department and balance those needs with available unrestricted resources.

The Department's Funds

As we noted earlier, the Department uses funds to help it control and manage money for certain purposes. Looking at funds helps the reader consider whether the Department is being accountable for the resources taxpayers and others provide to it and may provide more insight into the Department's overall financial health.

As the Department completed this year, the governmental funds reported a combined fund balance of \$210.7 thousand, which is an increase of \$8.4 thousand from last year. The primary reason for the increase is controlling expenditures. The General Fund, the principal operating fund, saw the fund balance increase \$8,388 to \$210,677, which is better than the budgeted decrease of \$156,426.

General Fund Budgetary Highlights

Over the course of the year, the Department amends its budget as it attempts to deal with changes in revenues and expenditures. State law requires that the budget be amended to ensure that expenditures do not exceed appropriations. A schedule showing the Department's original and final budget amounts compared with amounts actually paid and received is provided in required supplemental information of these financial statements.

Capital Asset And Debt Administration

Capital Asset

At December 31, 2007, the Department had \$1,066.2 thousand invested in capital assets that include vehicles and equipment. This amount represents a net decrease (including additions and disposals) of approximately \$79,456 or 7 percent over last year.

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
Vehicles	\$ 1,585,526	\$ 1,585,526
Equipment	<u>218,263</u>	<u>199,328</u>
Total Capital Assets	<u>1,803,789</u>	<u>1,784,854</u>
Less Accumulated Depreciation	<u>-737,608</u>	<u>-639,217</u>
Net Capital Assets	<u>\$ 1,066,181</u>	<u>\$ 1,145,637</u>

Other obligations include employee-compensated absences. We present more detailed information about our long-term liabilities in the notes to the financial statements.

Economic Factors And Next Year's Budgets And Rates

Our elected officials and administration considered many factors when setting the Department's 2008 fiscal year budget.

The Department's budget is very similar to the prior year. Personnel costs will increase, and governmental revenues will be increased to compensate. Revenues and expenditures will be very consistent with last year.

Contacting The Department's Financial Management

This financial report is designed to provide the citizens, taxpayers, customers, investors and creditors of Dexter Area Fire Department with a general overview of the Department's finances and to demonstrate the Department's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact the Fire Chief, 8140 Main Street, Dexter, Michigan 48130.

DEXTER AREA FIRE DEPARTMENT

Government-Wide Financial Statements

STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS

DECEMBER 31, 2007

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
ASSETS	
CURRENT ASSETS	
Cash	\$ 79,884
Accounts Receivable	4,174
Due from Other Governmental Units	154,285
Prepaid Expenditures	<u>25,476</u>
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	<u>263,819</u>
NON-CURRENT ASSETS	
Capital Assets	1,803,789
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	<u>-737,608</u>
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	<u>1,066,181</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 1,330,000</u>
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	
CURRENT LIABILITIES	
Accounts Payable	\$ 53,152
Current Portion of Notes and Bonds Payable	76,065
Accrued Interest	18,955
Deferred Revenue	<u>---</u>
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	<u>148,172</u>
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES	
Notes and Bonds Payable	439,987
Compensated Absences and Severance Pay	<u>131,763</u>
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES	<u>571,750</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>719,922</u>
NET ASSETS	
Invested in Capital Assets, Net of Related Debt	531,174
Restricted for Debt Service	---
Unrestricted	<u>78,904</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS	<u>610,078</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	<u>\$ 1,330,000</u>

See Accompanying Notes to Financial Statements

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2007

	Expenses	Program Revenues		Governmental Activities
		Charges For Services	Operating Grants	Net <Expense> Revenue and Changes in Net Assets
FUNCTIONS/PROGRAMS				
Governmental Activities				
General Government	\$ ---	\$ ---	\$ ---	\$ ---
Public Safety	866,395	916,421	35,000	85,026
Roads	---	---	---	---
Community Enrichment	---	---	---	---
Interest on Long-Term Debt	23,785	---	---	-23,785
Depreciation (Unallocated)	98,391	---	---	-98,391
Total Governmental Activities	\$ 988,571	\$ 916,421	\$ 35,000	\$ -37,150
General Revenue				
Taxes				
Property Taxes, Levied for General Operations				\$ ---
Property Taxes, Levied for Debt Service				---
State of Michigan Aid, Unrestricted				---
Interest Earnings				715
Other				3,313
Total General Revenue				4,028
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS				-33,122
NET ASSETS - BEGINNING OF YEAR				643,200
NET ASSETS - END OF YEAR				\$ 610,078

See Accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.

DEXTER AREA FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fund Financial Statements

BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

DECEMBER 31, 2007

	General	Other Non-Major Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS			
Cash and Investments	\$ 79,884	\$ ---	\$ 79,884
Accounts Receivable	4,174	---	4,174
Due from Other Governmental Units	154,285	---	154,285
Due from Other Funds	---	---	---
Inventories	---	---	---
Prepaid Expenditures	25,476	---	25,476
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 263,819	\$ ---	\$ 263,819
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES			
LIABILITIES			
Accounts Payable	\$ 53,152	\$ ---	\$ 53,152
Accrued Salaries and Withholdings	---	---	---
Due to Other Funds	---	---	---
Deferred Revenue	---	---	---
TOTAL LIABILITIES	53,152	---	53,152
FUND BALANCES			
Reserved for Inventories	---	---	---
Reserved for Future Purchases	200,000	---	200,000
Unreserved and Undesignated	10,667	---	10,667
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	210,667	---	210,667
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	\$ 263,819	\$ ---	\$ 263,819
TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCES			\$ 210,667
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net assets are different because:			
- Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources, and are not reported in the funds:			
Cost of the Capital Assets			\$ 1,803,789
Accumulated Depreciation			<u>-737,608</u>
			1,066,181
- Long-term Liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and are not reported in the fund.			
Loans Payable			-516,052
Compensated absences			<u>-131,763</u>
			-18,955
- Accrued interest is not included as a liability in governmental fund.			<u>-18,955</u>
NET ASSETS OF GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES			\$ 610,078

See Accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.

**STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND
BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2007

	General	Other Funds	Totals
REVENUE			
Federal Grants	\$ 35,000	\$ ---	\$ 35,000
Property Taxes	---	---	---
State Grants	---	---	---
Governmental Revenue	916,421	---	916,421
Investment	715	---	715
Other	3,313	---	3,313
TOTAL REVENUE	955,449	---	955,449
EXPENDITURES			
General Government	---	---	---
Public Safety	788,914	---	788,914
Public Works	---	---	---
Recreational and Cultural	---	---	---
Debt Service	101,338	---	101,338
Capital Outlay	56,809	---	56,809
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	947,061	---	947,061
EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURES	8,388	---	8,388
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES			
Loan Proceeds	---	---	---
Operating Transfers In	---	---	---
Operating Transfers Out	---	---	---
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	---	---	---
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	8,388	---	8,388
FUND BALANCES - BEGINNING OF YEAR	202,279	---	202,279
FUND BALANCES - END OF YEAR	\$ 210,667	\$ ---	\$ 210,667

See Accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.

DEXTER AREA FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fund Financial Statements

RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2007

NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES - TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS **\$ 8,388**

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:

- Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures; in the statement of activities, these costs are allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation.

Depreciation Expense	-98,391	
Capital Outlay	<u>18,935</u>	
		-79,456

- Loan proceeds are included as other financing sources in the governmental funds, but not in the statement of activities (where it increases long-term debt)

- Accrued interest is recorded in the statement of activities when incurred; it is not reported in governmental funds until paid

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- Repayment of note and bond principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but not in the statement of activities (where it reduces long-term debt)

77,142

- Compensated absences are included in expenditures in the statement of activities but not in the governmental funds

-39,607

CHANGE IN NET ASSETS OF GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES

\$ -33,122

See Accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounting policies of the Department conform to United States generally accepted accounting principles as applicable to governmental units. The following is a summary of the significant accounting policies.

A. REPORTING ENTITY

The Dexter Area Fire Department provides fire protection and rescue services to the Village of Dexter and the Townships of Webster, Dexter, and Lima, of Washtenaw County, Michigan operating under an intergovernmental service agreement. The Department is directed by a Board consisting of representatives from each of the participating governmental entities.

B. BASIS OF PRESENTATION

Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of net assets and the statement of activities) report information on all of the non-fiduciary activities of the primary government. For the most part, the effect of interfund activity has been removed from these statements. Governmental activities, which normally are supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from business-type activities, which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for support.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segment are offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function. Program revenue includes (1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function and (2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function. Taxes, intergovernmental payments, and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as general revenue.

Government-Wide Statements

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenue is recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Property taxes are recognized as revenue in the year for which they are levied. Grants, categorical aid and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

As a general rule, the effect of inter-fund activity has been eliminated from the government-wide financial statements.

B. BASIS OF PRESENTATION (CONTINUED)

Fund Financial Statements

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenue is recognized as soon as it is both measurable and available. Revenue is considered to be available if it is collected within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the government considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures, as well as expenditures related to compensated absences and severance pay, are recorded only when payment is due.

Property taxes, unrestricted state aid, intergovernmental grants and interest associated with the current fiscal period are all considered to be susceptible to accrual and so have been recognized as revenue of the current fiscal period. All other revenue items are considered to be available only when cash is received by the government.

GOVERNMENTAL FUND

General Fund - The General Fund is the general operating fund of the Department. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

C. BUDGETS AND BUDGETARY ACCOUNTING

The General Fund is under formal budgetary control. Budgets are adopted on the modified accrual basis of accounting. Amendments are by action of the Board.

P.A. 621 of 1978, Section 18 (1), as amended, provides that a local unit shall not incur expenditures in excess of the amount appropriated.

In the body of the financial statements, the Department's actual expenditures and budgeted expenditures for the budgetary funds have been shown on a functional basis. The approved budgets of the Department for these budgetary funds were adopted at the functional level.

D. CASH EQUIVALENTS

The Department considers all highly liquid investments with maturity of three months or less when purchased to be cash equivalents.

E. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The Department does not require collateral to support financial instruments subject to credit risk.

F. FUND EQUITY

Reservations of fund balance represent these portions of fund equity not appropriable for expenditure or legally segregated for a specific future use.

G. CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital assets, which include equipment and vehicles are reported in the applicable governmental column in the government-wide financial statements. The government defines capital assets as assets with an initial individual cost of more than \$5,000 and an estimated useful life in excess of 1 year. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair market value at the date of donation. Costs of normal repair and maintenance that do not add to the value materially extended asset life are not capitalized.

Equipment, and vehicles are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

Vehicles	5-20 years
Equipment	5-10 years

H. LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS

In the government-wide financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the statement of net assets. Bond premiums and discounts, as well as issuance costs, are deferred and amortized over the life of the bonds using the effective interest method. Bonds payable are reported net of the applicable bond premium or discount. Bond issuance costs are reported as deferred charges and amortized over the term of the related debt.

In the fund financial statements, governmental fund types recognize bond premiums and discounts, as well as bond issuance costs, during the current period.

Premiums received on debt issuances are reported as other financing sources while discounts are reported as other financing uses. Issuance costs are reported as debt service expenditures.

I. TOTAL COLUMNS ON COMBINED STATEMENTS

Total columns on the Combined Statements are captioned (Memo Only) to indicate that they are presented only to facilitate financial analysis. Data in these columns do not present financial position or results of operations in conformity with United States generally accepted accounting principles. Neither is such data comparable to a consolidation. Inter-fund eliminations have not been made in the aggregation of this data.

J. ESTIMATES

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with United States generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenditures during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

NOTE 2 - DEPOSITS WITH FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

A. LEGAL OR CONTRACTUAL PROVISIONS FOR DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

The Michigan Political Subdivisions Act No. 20, Public Acts of 1943, as amended by Act No. 217, Public Acts of 1982, states the Department, by resolution, may authorize investment of surplus funds as follows:

1. In bonds and other direct obligations of the United States or an agency or instrumentality of the United States.
2. In certificates of deposit, savings accounts, or depository receipts of a bank, which is a member of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; or a savings and loan association, which a member of the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation; or a credit union, which is insured by the National Credit Union Association; but only if the bank, savings and loan association, or credit union complies with Subsection (2).
3. In commercial paper rated at the time of purchase within the 2 highest classifications established by not less than 2 standard rating services and which matures not more than 270 days after the date of purchase. Not more than 50% of any fund may be invested in commercial paper at any time.
4. In United States government or Federal agency obligation repurchase agreements.
5. In bankers' acceptances of United States banks.
6. In mutual funds composed of investment vehicles that are legal for direct investment by local units of government in Michigan.

The Department is in compliance with State law regarding their cash deposits.

The Department maintains its cash deposits at one bank.

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 3 risk disclosures for the Department's cash deposits are as follows:

<u>Deposits</u>	<u>Book Value</u>	<u>Carrying Amounts</u>
Insured (FDIC)	\$ 79,884	\$ 89,852
Uninsured & Uncollateralized	---	---
Total Deposits	<u>\$ 79,884</u>	<u>\$ 89,852</u>

Deposits in transit and outstanding checks cause the differences between the book value and the bank carrying amounts.

NOTE 3 - ACCUMULATED FUND DEFICITS

There were no accumulated fund deficits at December 31, 2007.

NOTE 4 - CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset activity of the Department's Governmental activities was as follows:

	<u>Balance January 1, 2007</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Disposals and Adjustments</u>	<u>Balance December 31, 2007</u>
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Vehicles	\$ 1,585,526	\$ ---	\$ ---	\$ 1,585,526
Equipment	199,328	18,935	---	218,263
Subtotal	<u>1,784,854</u>	<u>18,935</u>	<u>---</u>	<u>1,803,789</u>
Accumulated depreciation:				
Vehicles	-533,562	-81,512	---	-615,074
Equipment	-105,655	-16,879	---	-122,534
Subtotal	<u>-639,217</u>	<u>-98,391</u>	<u>---</u>	<u>-737,608</u>
Net capital assets	<u>\$ 1,145,637</u>	<u>\$ -79,456</u>	<u>\$ ---</u>	<u>\$ 1,066,181</u>

Depreciation expense was not charged to activities as the Department considers its assets to impact multiple activities and allocation is not practical.

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Notes To Financial Statements

NOTE 5 - EXPENDITURES IN EXCESS OF BUDGET

PA 621 of 1978, Sect. 186(1), as amended provides that a local unit shall not incur expenditures in excess of the amount appropriated. In the body of the financial statements, the Department's actual expenditures and budgeted expenditures for the budgetary funds have been shown on an activity basis. The approved budgets of the Department for these budgetary funds are adopted at the activity level

During the year ended December 31, 2007, there were no expenditures in excess of the amounts appropriated.

NOTE 6 - LEASES

The Department leases a garage and office space from the Village of Dexter. The term of the lease is indefinite. The lease may be terminated when the Fire Department ceases to exist or at such time that the Village ceases to hold an interest in the Department. Rent is \$693.38 per month. Total lease expense for this lease was \$8,795 in 2007.

The Department leases garage space from the Multi-Lakes Water and Sewer Authority for \$400 per month. Total lease expense was \$4,800 in 2007.

NOTE 7 - ACCUMULATED UNPAID BENEFITS

Volunteer employees are paid annually for excess vacation and sick pay. Full-time employees are allowed to accumulate sick and vacation pay. The amount accrued at December 31, 2007 was \$131,763, and is included in Long-Term Debt.

NOTE 8 - POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

The Department provides no post-employment benefits to retirees.

NOTE 9 - RISK MANAGEMENT

The Department is exposed to various risks of loss related to property loss, torts, errors, omissions, and employee injuries (worker's compensation). The Department has purchased commercial insurance for property loss, torts and workers' compensation claims, settled claims relating to the commercial insurance have not exceeded the amount of insurance coverage in any of the past three years.

NOTE 10 - LONG-TERM DEBT

The Department purchased a 2001 Pierce Dash Pumper Truck on March 7, 2001 for \$332,956. The truck was financed through Banc One Leasing Corporation. An initial payment of \$32,956 was made on March 7, 2001. Thereafter, annual payments of \$54,363.53 including interest at 5.7% were due beginning July 7, 2002 for seven years. The final three payments of this loan were refinanced in 2006. No future obligations exist.

The Department purchased a 2006 Pierce Dash Tanker Truck on May 2, 2006. The truck was financed through Oshkosh Capital, and the financing included the 3 remaining payments on the 2001 Pierce Dash Pumper Truck purchase. The financing calls for 7 annual payments (beginning in March 2007) of \$101,337.85, including interest at 4.897%. Future annual obligations are as follows:

	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2008	\$ 76,064.73	\$ 25,273.12	\$ 101,337.85
2009	79,789.93	21,547.92	101,337.85
2010	83,697.56	17,640.29	101,337.85
2011	87,796.56	13,541.29	101,337.85
2012	92,096.31	9,241.54	101,337.85
2013	96,606.64	4,731.21	101,337.85
	<u>\$ 516,051.73</u>	<u>\$ 91,975.37</u>	<u>\$ 608,027.10</u>

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REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Budgetary Comparison Schedule**GENERAL FUND****YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2007**

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual (Budgetary Basis)	Variance
	Original	Final		
REVENUE				
Federal Grants	\$ 45,853	\$ 45,853	\$ 35,000	\$ -10,853
State Revenue	---	---	---	---
Governmental Revenue	916,421	916,421	916,421	---
Investment	---	---	715	715
Other	---	---	3,313	3,313
Loan Proceeds	---	---	---	---
Transfers In	---	---	---	---
TOTAL REVENUE	962,274	962,274	955,449	-6,825
EXPENDITURES				
General Government	---	---	---	---
Public Safety	789,020	834,873	788,914	45,959
Public Works	---	---	---	---
Recreation and Culture	---	---	---	---
Debt Service	101,400	101,400	101,338	62
Capital Outlay	71,854	71,854	56,809	15,045
Other Uses - Operating Transfers Out	---	---	---	---
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	962,274	1,008,127	947,061	61,066
EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER <UNDER> EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	---	-45,853	8,388	54,241
BUDGETARY FUND BALANCE - JANUARY 1, 2007	202,279	202,279	202,279	---
BUDGETARY FUND BALANCE - DECEMBER 31, 2007	\$ 202,279	\$ 156,426	\$ 210,667	\$ 54,241

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OTHER SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET

DECEMBER 31, 2007 AND 2006

	2007	2006
ASSETS		
Cash	\$ 79,884	\$ 243,282
Accounts Receivable	4,174	---
Due from Other Governments	154,285	---
Prepaid Expenses	25,476	23,513
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 263,819	\$ 266,795
 LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE		
LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable	\$ 53,152	\$ 64,516
Accrued Payroll and Payroll Taxes	---	---
TOTAL LIABILITIES	53,152	64,516
FUND BALANCE	210,667	202,279
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE	\$ 263,819	\$ 266,795

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All Governmental Funds

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE

FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2007 AND 2006

	2007	2006
REVENUE		
Federal Grant Revenue	\$ 35,000	\$ ---
Governmental Revenue		
Village of Dexter	322,487	327,103
Township of Webster	299,287	261,439
Township of Dexter	214,605	201,855
Dexter Area Fire Department	80,042	103,360
Investment Revenue	715	1,603
Miscellaneous Revenue	3,313	1,916
Loan Proceeds	---	447,069
TOTAL REVENUE	955,449	1,344,345
OPERATING EXPENDITURES		
Salaries	427,402	393,804
Professional Fees	8,144	7,425
Dues and Memberships	2,670	2,577
Payroll Taxes	32,696	31,481
Insurance	45,897	38,598
Benefits	137,827	122,982
Workers Compensation	14,020	25,601
Supplies	9,512	8,367
Quarters	1,030	1,665
Training	2,526	3,800
Equipment Rental	3,196	---
Utilities	5,968	6,345
Repairs and Maintenance	30,418	73,848
Building Rent	13,595	12,093
Gas, Oil and Fuel	11,928	19,460
Telephone	14,996	16,471
Dispatch	10,271	11,881
Clothing Allowance	12,444	4,631
Medical	2,348	1,631
Miscellaneous	2,026	3,585
Capital Outlay	56,809	525,928
Debt Service	101,338	114,791
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	947,061	1,426,964
INCREASE <DECREASE> IN FUND BALANCE	8,388	-82,619
FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING OF YEAR	202,279	284,898
FUND BALANCE - END OF YEAR	\$ 210,667	\$ 202,279

**REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE
AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH *GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS***

To the Township Board
Dexter Area Fire Department

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of the Dexter Area Fire Department, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2007, which collectively comprise the Dexter Area Fire Department's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated March 20, 2008. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Dexter Area Fire Department's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Dexter Area Fire Department's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Dexter Area Fire Department's internal control over financial reporting.

Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. However, as discussed below, we identified certain deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be significant deficiencies.

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 Dexter Area Fire Department'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 Dexter Area Fire Department's financial statements that are more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the Dexter Area Fire Department's internal control. We consider the deficiencies described below to be significant deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting.

The Department does not have procedures in place to prepare financial statements in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles, including procedures to record changes in capital assets and to present required financial statement disclosures.

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

Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in the internal control that might be significant deficiencies and, accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all significant deficiencies that are also considered to be material weaknesses. However, we believe that none of the significant deficiencies described above is a material weakness.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Dexter Area Fire Department'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.

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Karl L. Drake".

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Certified Public Accountant

March 20, 2008

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March 20, 2008

To the Board of Directors of
Dexter Area Fire Department

I have recently completed the audit of the financial statements of Dexter Area Fire Department for the year ended December 31, 2007, and would like to take this opportunity to make the following comments and recommendations.

Financial Overview

The Department finished the year with a total fund balance of \$210,667. This is an increase of \$8,388 over the prior year level. Total revenue was up approximately \$58,000 compared to previous year amounts. Total expenditures were down \$479,000, because in the prior year a new fire truck was purchased. The most significant areas of expenditure increase were salaries and benefits.

The Department continues to be in strong financial position. The Department should create a schedule of planned capital purchases, to determine what amounts should be set aside year-by-year, to make future purchases without the expense of borrowing.

The Department is continuing to make payments on the latest trucks purchased. At December 31, 2007, there were six remaining annual payments of \$101,337.85.

New Report

The audited financial statements include an updated report to comply with Statement on Accounting Standards #112. The new report is found in the back of the financial statements, and includes required statements on legal compliance and internal controls.

Thank you for the opportunity to continue to work with your Department. If you have questions regarding any of this information, please contact my office.

Sincerely,



Karl L. Drake, CPA