

**AUDIT REPORT
LeFLORE COUNTY
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2001**

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TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
LeFLORE COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE

Transmitted herewith is the audit of the LeFlore County Emergency Medical Service for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2001. The audit was conducted in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*.

A report of this type is critical in nature; however, we do not intend to imply that our audit failed to disclose commendable features in the present accounting and operating procedures of the LeFlore County Emergency Medical Service.

We wish to take this opportunity to express our appreciation for the assistance and cooperation extended to our office during the course of our audit.

The Office of the State Auditor and Inspector is committed to serve the public interest by providing independent oversight and to issue reports that serve as a management tool to the state to ensure a government which is accountable to the people of the State of Oklahoma.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Clifton H. Scott".

CLIFTON H. SCOTT
State Auditor and Inspector

**LeFLORE COUNTY
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2001**

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**LeFLORE COUNTY
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE
BOARD MEMBERS
JUNE 30, 2001**

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(to April 16, 2001)

Pam Anderson
(April 16, 2001 to present)

MEMBERS

Pam Anderson
(to April 16, 2001)

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Independent Auditor's Report

TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE LeFLORE COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the LeFlore County Emergency Medical Service, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2001, as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Emergency Medical Service. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

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

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the LeFlore County Emergency Medical Service, as of June 30, 2001, and the results of its operations 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 May 29, 2002, on our consideration of the LeFlore County Emergency Medical Service's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws and regulations. 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.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Clifton H. Scott".

CLIFTON H. SCOTT
State Auditor and Inspector

May 29, 2002

Combined Financial Statements

**LeFLORE COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE
COMBINED BALANCE SHEET
JUNE 30, 2001**

	<u>Governmental Fund Type</u> General Fund	<u>Account Group</u> General Fixed Assets	<u>Total</u> (Memorandum Only)
<u>ASSETS</u>			
Cash	\$ 531,408	\$	\$ 531,408
Charges for services receivable (net of allowance for doubtful accounts)	173,515		173,515
Ad valorem taxes receivable	10,686		10,686
Land, buildings, and improvements		64,274	64,274
Emergency vehicles		641,155	641,155
Furniture and medical equipment		160,339	160,339
 Total assets	 <u>\$ 715,609</u>	 <u>\$ 865,768</u>	 <u>\$ 1,581,377</u>
<u>LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY</u>			
Liabilities:			
Accounts payable	\$ 14,468	\$	\$ 14,468
 Total liabilities	 <u>14,468</u>	 <u>-</u>	 <u>14,468</u>
Fund equity:			
Investments in general fixed assets		865,768	865,768
Fund balances:			
Unreserved:			
Undesignated	701,141		701,141
 Total fund equity	 <u>701,141</u>	 <u>865,768</u>	 <u>1,566,909</u>
 Total liabilities and fund equity	 <u>\$ 715,609</u>	 <u>\$ 865,768</u>	 <u>\$ 1,581,377</u>

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

**LeFLORE COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCE
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2001**

	Governmental Fund Type
	General Fund
Revenues:	
Ad valorem taxes	\$ 468,561
Charges for services	966,753
Miscellaneous revenues	42,257
Total revenues	1,477,571
Expenditures:	
Current operating:	
Personal services	977,123
Maintenance and operations	202,179
Insurance	147,290
Legal fees	1,800
Travel	1,585
Capital outlay	79,046
Total expenditures	1,409,023
Excess of revenues over (under) expenditures	68,548
Beginning fund balance	632,593
Ending fund balance	\$ 701,141

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

**LeFLORE COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
- BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2001**

	Budget	Actual	Variance
Beginning fund balances, budgetary basis	\$ 475,158	\$ 475,158	\$ -
Revenues:			
Ad valorem taxes	431,744	467,067	35,323
Charges for services	767,342	941,481	174,139
Miscellaneous revenues	30,720	42,257	11,537
Total revenues, budgetary basis	<u>1,229,806</u>	<u>1,450,805</u>	<u>220,999</u>
Expenditures:			
Current operating:			
Personal services	1,000,000	977,123	22,877
Maintenance and operations	250,000	202,179	47,821
Insurance	155,000	147,290	7,710
Legal fees	5,000	1,800	3,200
Travel	5,000	1,585	3,415
Audit fees	15,383		15,383
Capital outlay	274,581	79,046	195,535
Total expenditures, budgetary basis	<u>1,704,964</u>	<u>1,409,023</u>	<u>295,941</u>
Excess of revenues and beginning fund balances over (under) expenditures	<u>\$ -</u>	516,940	<u>\$ 516,940</u>
Reconciliation to Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance			
Add: Ad valorem tax receivable		10,686	
Accounts receivable (net of allowance for doubtful accounts)		<u>173,515</u>	
Ending fund balance		<u>\$ 701,141</u>	

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

Notes to the Financial Statements

**LeFLORE COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2001**

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The financial statements of the LeFlore County Emergency Medical Service (EMS) are required to be presented in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America as applied to government units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The more significant accounting policies are described below.

A. Reporting Entity

The EMS is a governmental entity organized under the laws of the State of Oklahoma, and is not subject to federal or state income taxes. The EMS was created to provide ambulance service to all of the citizens.

The accompanying financial statements include all EMS funds, functions, and activities over which the EMS Board exercises significant influence. Significant influence or accountability is based primarily on the oversight exercised by the EMS Board. The EMS does not have any component units.

B. Basis of Presentation – Fund Accounting

A governmental entity uses funds and account groups to report financial position and results of operations. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid financial management by segregation of transactions related to certain governmental functions or activities.

A fund is a separate accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. An account group is a financial reporting device designed to provide accountability for certain assets and liabilities that are not recorded in the funds because they do not directly affect net expendable available financial resources.

Governmental Funds

A governmental fund is used to account for all of the EMS's general activities. The general fund is used to account for all activities of the EMS not accounted for in some other fund.

Account Groups

Account groups are not funds. They are concerned only with the measurement of financial position. They are not involved with measurement of results or operations.

**LeFLORE COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2001**

Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

General Fixed Assets Account Group (GFAAG)

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the fixed assets of a governmental entity be reported in a general fixed assets account group (GFAAG). This account group is not a fund. It does not have a balance sheet as such, nor does it report operations. Instead, the GFAAG serves as a list of the EMS's fixed assets and is designed to ensure accountability.

C. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

The accounting and financial reporting treatment applied to a fund is determined by its measurement focus and basis of accounting. The general fund is accounted for using a current financial resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, only current assets and current liabilities are generally included on the balance sheet.

The modified accrual basis of accounting is used by all governmental fund types. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when susceptible to accrual (i.e., when they become both measurable and available). "Measurable" means the amount of the transaction can be quantified, and "available" means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period. The EMS considers property taxes as available if collected within 60 days after year-end. Expenditures are recorded when incurred, and the related fund liability is expected to be paid from available spendable resources.

Those revenues susceptible to accrual are property taxes and charges for services. The accrual is based on accounts that have been charged and are receivable at the end of the fiscal year. An allowance for doubtful accounts is recognized based on ambulance charges that have been considered uncollectible by the Board and accounts that are more than one year old.

D. Budgetary Policies and Procedures

The budget presented for the general fund includes the originally approved budgeted appropriations for expenditures as adjusted for supplemental appropriations and approved transfers between budget categories.

Encumbrance accounting, under which purchase orders, contracts, and other commitments for the expenditure of monies are recorded in order to reserve that portion of the applicable appropriation, is employed as an extension of formal budgetary integration in the general fund. Any encumbrances outstanding at year-end are reported as reservations of fund balances since they do not constitute expenditures or liabilities. At the end of the year, unencumbered appropriations are lapsed.

**LeFLORE COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2001**

Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

The Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances – Budget and Actual – General Fund presents comparisons of the legally adopted budget with actual data. The “actual” data, as presented in the comparison of budget to actual, will differ from the data as presented in the Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance because of adopting certain aspects of the modified accrual basis of accounting and the adjusting of encumbrances to their related budget year.

E. Cash

Cash includes amounts in demand deposits.

State statutes authorize the governmental entity to invest in obligations of the U.S. Treasury, Certificates of Deposit, or savings accounts of banks, savings and loans, and trust companies if secured by acceptable collateral where the collateral has been deposited with a trustee or custodian bank.

F. Fixed Assets

General fixed assets are not capitalized in the funds used to acquire or construct them. Instead capital acquisition and construction are reflected as expenditures in governmental funds, and the related assets are reported in the general fixed assets account group. All purchased fixed assets are valued at cost when historical records are available and at an estimated historical cost when no historical records exist. Donated fixed assets are valued at their estimated fair market value on the date received.

The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the assets or materially extend asset lives are not capitalized. Improvements that add to the value of the asset or materially extend its useful life are capitalized. Assets in the general fixed assets account group are not depreciated.

G. Risk Management

The EMS 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. The EMS continues to carry commercial insurance for these types of risk. The EMS carries health and accidental insurance on its employees. Settled claims resulting from these risks have not exceeded commercial insurance coverage in any of the past three fiscal years. There have been no significant reductions in insurance coverage during the 2001 fiscal year.

**LeFLORE COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2001**

Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

H. Compensated Absences

The EMS does not accrue any liability for future vacation benefits. Vacation benefits are earned by the employee during the year and may be accumulated up to 30 days. The amount of accumulated unpaid vacation benefits is not material to the financial statements for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2001.

I. Memorandum Only – Total Columns

Total columns on the financial statements are captioned “memorandum 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 accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Interfund transactions have not been eliminated from the total column of each financial statement.

2. Stewardship, Compliance, and Accountability

Budgetary Compliance

On or before June 1 of each year, a budget for each fund, as required by the Board, shall be completed. The budget is approved by fund and object. The EMS Board may approve changes of appropriations within the fund by object. To increase or decrease the budget by fund requires approval by the Excise Board.

3. Detailed Notes on Account Balances

A. Cash

At year-end, the carrying amount of the EMS's deposits was \$531,408, and the bank balance was \$555,735. Of the bank balance, all funds were covered by federal depository insurance or by collateral held by the EMS's agent in the EMS's name.

B. Receivables

The property tax is levied each October 1 on the assessed value listed as of January 1 of the same year for all real and personal property located in the District, except certain exempt property. Assessed values are established by the County Assessor within the prescribed guidelines established by the Oklahoma Tax Commission and the State Equalization Board. The tax is collected by the County Treasurer and remitted to the EMS.

**LeFLORE COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2001**

Detailed Notes on Account Balances (continued)

Article X, § 9C of the Oklahoma Constitution authorized the formation of EMS districts and authorized a tax levy not to exceed three mills for the purpose of providing funds to support, organize, operate, and maintain district ambulance services. County voters approved a three mill levy to support the operations of the EMS. Property taxes are considered currently receivable if collected within 60 days.

The assessed property value as of January 1, 2000, was approximately \$158,306,121 after deducting homestead exemptions.

Taxes are due on November 1 following the levy date, although, they may be paid in two equal installments. If the first half is paid prior to January 1, the second half is not delinquent until April 1. Unpaid real property taxes become a lien upon said property on October 1 of each year.

Unpaid delinquent personal property taxes are published usually in May. If the taxes are not paid within 30 days from publication, they shall be placed on the personal tax lien docket.

Current year tax collections for the year ended June 30, 2001, were approximately 94.6 percent of the tax levy.

The EMS accrues accounts receivable based on ambulance charges incurred and billed prior to the end of the fiscal year. The allowance for doubtful accounts are those charges considered uncollectible by the Board. Any charges that are in excess of one year old are written off for financial statement purposes.

C. Fixed Assets

The following is a summary of changes in the general fixed assets account group during the fiscal year.

	<u>Balance</u> <u>July 1, 2000</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Dispositions</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>June 30, 2001</u>
Emergency vehicles	\$ 614,377	\$ 76,778	\$ 50,000	\$ 641,155
Furniture and medical equipment	198,298	10,200	48,159	160,339
Land, buildings, and improvements	64,274			64,274
Total	\$ 876,949	\$ 86,978	\$ 98,159	\$ 865,768

**LeFLORE COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE
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JUNE 30, 2001**

Detailed Notes on Account Balances (continued)

D. Pension Plan

Plan Description – The EMS contributes to the Oklahoma Public Employees Retirement Plan (the Plan), a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by the Oklahoma Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS). Benefit provisions are established and amended by the Oklahoma Legislature. The Plan provides retirement, disability, and death benefits to Plan members and beneficiaries. Title 74, Sections 901 through 943, establishes the provisions of the Plan. OPERS issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and supplementary information. That report may be obtained by writing OPERS, P.O. Box 53007, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105 or by calling 1-800-733-9008.

Funding Policy – The contribution rates for each member category are established by the Oklahoma Legislature and are based on an actuarial calculation which is performed to determine the adequacy of contribution rates. EMS employees are required to contribute between 3.5% and 8.5% of earned compensation. The EMS contributes between 5.0% and 10.0% of earned compensation. The EMS's contributions to the Plan for the years ending June 30, 1999, 2000, and 2001 were \$79,063, \$65,709, and \$70,936, respectively, equal to the required contributions for each year.

E. Subscriptions

The EMS accepts subscriptions for future ambulance services. These subscriptions are shown as part of miscellaneous revenue. For the year ended June 30, 2001, the EMS raised \$4,120 by selling subscriptions which entitled the subscription holder and their immediate family to free ambulance service for a period of one year except for the amount paid by the subscription holder's insurance company, if applicable. The subscription holder would have had to use the EMS for some emergency to benefit from the subscription. When that happens, the EMS simply forgives payment for whatever the holder's insurance does not pay. Any liability created for future service obligations was not ascertainable due to the lack of historical usage records; therefore, no liability was accrued in the financial statements. This amount, if recorded, would not be material to the financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2001.

**Report on Compliance and on Internal Control Over Financial
Reporting Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance With
*Government Auditing Standards***



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TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE LeFLORE COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE

We have audited the financial statements of the LeFlore County Emergency Medical Service, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2001, and have issued our report thereon dated May 29, 2002. 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.

Compliance

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether LeFlore County Emergency Medical Service's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws and regulations, 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*.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered LeFlore County Emergency Medical Service's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting. However, we noted a certain matter involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be a reportable condition. Reportable conditions involve matters coming to our attention relating to significant deficiencies in the design or operation of the internal control over financial reporting that, in our judgment, could adversely affect LeFlore County Emergency Medical Service's ability to record, process, summarize, and report financial data consistent with the assertions of management in the financial statements. The reportable condition is described below.

Segregation of Duties

Finding 97-1

The limited number of office personnel within the EMS prevents a proper segregation of accounting functions, which is necessary to assure adequate internal control structure.

We recommend management be aware of this condition and realize the concentration of duties and responsibilities in a limited number of individuals is not desirable from a control point of view. Under these conditions, the most effective controls lie in management's knowledge of EMS operations and a periodic review of the operations.

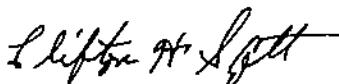
A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control that might be reportable conditions and, accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all reportable conditions that are also considered to be material weaknesses. However, we believe the reportable condition described above is a material weakness.

The American Institute of Certified Public Accountants' Statement on Auditing Standards No. 87 requires the inclusion of the following paragraph in this report:

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

However, the Oklahoma Open Records Act states that all records of public bodies and public officials shall be open to any person, except as specifically exempted. The purpose of this Act is to ensure and facilitate the public's right of access to and review of government records so they may efficiently and intelligently exercise their inherent political power. Therefore, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is in no way limited or restricted.

Sincerely,



CLIFTON H. SCOTT
State Auditor and Inspector

May 29, 2002