

Chittenden County Sheriff's Department

Financial Statements  
(with Independent Auditors' Report)

June 30, 2011

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Independent Auditors' Report

Kevin McLaughlin, Sheriff  
Chittenden County Sheriff's Department  
Burlington, Vermont

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the business-type activities of the Chittenden County Sheriff's Department of the County of Chittenden, Vermont, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2011, as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Department's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States of America. 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 business-type activities of the Chittenden County Sheriff's Department of the County of Chittenden, Vermont, as of June 30, 2011 and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows 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 December 19, 2011 on our consideration of the Chittenden County Sheriff's Department's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of the 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. The report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be considered in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit.

Chittenden County Sheriff's Department has not presented a management's discussion and analysis that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America has determined is necessary to supplement, although not required to be part of, the basic financial statements.

*McSoley McCoy & Co.*

December 19, 2011  
VT Reg. No. 92-349

Chittenden County Sheriff's Department  
Statement of Net Assets  
June 30, 2011

**Assets:**

Current assets

|                     |               |
|---------------------|---------------|
| Cash                | \$ 1,090,221  |
| Cash - restricted   | 82,665        |
| Accounts receivable | 125,997       |
| Prepaid expense     | <u>20,554</u> |

Total current assets 1,319,437

Vehicles and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation 305,779

Total assets 1,625,216

**Liabilities:**

Current Liabilities

|                                   |               |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|
| Accounts payable                  | 19,403        |
| Deferred revenue                  | 7,207         |
| Accrued payroll and payroll items | <u>43,908</u> |

Total current liabilities 70,518

**Net assets:**

|                            |               |
|----------------------------|---------------|
| Unrestricted               | 1,166,254     |
| Invested in capital assets | 305,779       |
| Restricted cash            | <u>82,665</u> |

Total net assets \$ 1,554,698

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements.

Chittenden County Sheriff's Department  
Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2011

|   |                            |
|---|----------------------------|
| <b>Operating Revenues:</b>                                      |                            |
| Charges for services  | \$ 1,218,729               |
| Operating grants  | 158,250                    |
| Miscellaneous revenues  | <u>36,286</u>              |
| Total operating revenues  | <u>1,413,265</u>           |
| <b>Operating Expenses:</b>                                      |                            |
| Contracted services   | 435,790                    |
| Process services  | 163,039                    |
| Transportation services   | 74,761                     |
| Administration and general                                      | 422,825                    |
| Automotive services   | 130,615                    |
| Depreciation  | <u>81,843</u>              |
| Total operating expenses  | <u>1,308,873</u>           |
| Net operating income  | <u>104,392</u>             |
| <b>Non-operating income:</b>                                    |                            |
| Loss on sale of equipment                                       | (510)                      |
| Interest income   | <u>6,976</u>               |
| Total non-operating income                                      | <u>6,466</u>               |
| Net income  | <u>110,858</u>             |
| Net assets, beginning of year before prior period adjustment    | 1,311,924                  |
| Prior period adjustment   | <u>131,916</u>             |
| Net assets, beginning of the year after prior period adjustment | <u>1,443,840</u>           |
| Net assets, end of year   | <u><u>\$ 1,554,698</u></u> |

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Chittenden County Sheriff's Department  
Statement of Cash Flows  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2011

**Operating activities:**

|   |                    |
|---|--------------------|
| Cash received from customers                      | \$ 1,280,399       |
| Cash received from operating grants               | 158,250            |
| Cash payments to suppliers for goods and services | (449,861)          |
| Cash payments to employees for services           | <u>(808,953)</u>   |
| <br>Net cash provided by operating activities     | <br><u>179,835</u> |

**Cash flows from capital and related financing activities:**

|   |                      |
|---|----------------------|
| Acquisition of capital assets                                 | (129,153)            |
| Cash proceeds from sale of equipment                          | 8,360                |
| Loss on sale of equipment                                     | 510                  |
| Interest income   | <u>6,976</u>         |
| <br>Net cash used by capital and related financing activities | <br><u>(113,307)</u> |

Net increase in cash 66,528

Cash, beginning of year 1,106,358

Cash, end of year \$ 1,172,886

**Reconciliation of operating income to net cash provided by operating activities:**

|  |                              |
|--|------------------------------|
| Net operating income   | \$ <u>104,392</u>            |
| Adjustments to reconcile operating income to net cash provided by operating activities |                              |
| Depreciation   | 81,843                       |
| Changes in:  |                              |
| Accounts receivable  | 18,177                       |
| Prepaid expenses   | (15,778)                     |
| Accrued payroll and payroll items  | 8,447                        |
| Deferred revenue   | 7,207                        |
| Accounts payable   | <u>(24,453)</u>              |
| <br>Total adjustments  | <br><u>75,443</u>            |
| <br>Net cash provided by operating activities  | <br><u><u>\$ 179,835</u></u> |

**Cash consists of:**

|                           |                            |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 1,090,221               |
| Restricted cash           | <u>82,665</u>              |
|                           | <u><u>\$ 1,172,886</u></u> |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements.

Chittenden County Sheriff's Department  
Notes to the Financial Statements  
June 30, 2011

(1) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The Chittenden County Sheriff's Department (the Department) is a governmental entity operating under Title 24 Vermont Statutes Annotated Section 290 located in the County of Chittenden, Vermont. Funding is provided by the State of Vermont and the County of Chittenden. Operating revenue is generated by service charges, some of which are set by state statute and others are set by the Department. Included among the duties performed by the Department are contracting to provide law enforcement services; security services; control dispatching and other centralized support services; service of lawful writs, warrants and processes; and transportation of prisoners and the mentally disabled.

(a) Basis of accounting

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared using the accrual basis of accounting. The Department's revenues are recognized when they are earned, and their expenses are recognized when they are incurred. The Sheriff's Department applied (a) all Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) pronouncements and (b) Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Statements and Interpretations, APB Opinions, and Accounting Research Bulletins issued on or before November 20, 1989, except insignificant items that conflict with GASB pronouncements.

Operating income reported in proprietary fund financial statements includes revenues and expenses related to the primary, continuing operations of the fund. Principal operating revenues for proprietary funds are charges to customers for sales or services. Principal operating expenses are the costs of providing goods or services and include administrative expenses and depreciation of capital assets. Other revenues and expenses are classified as non-operating in the financial statements.

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the Department's policy to use restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources, as needed.

(b) Basis of presentation

The Department accounts for ongoing operations and activities using proprietary fund accounting, a method developed with the economic resources measurement focus. This focus is similar to accounting methods used in the private sector.

(c) Vehicles and equipment

Vehicles and equipment are recorded at cost with depreciation computed using the straight-line method over their estimated useful lives. When assets are retired or otherwise disposed of, the cost and related accumulated depreciation are removed from the accounts and any resulting gain or loss is reflected as nonoperating activity for the period. The cost of maintenance and repairs is charged to expense as incurred; renewals and betterments over \$1,000 are capitalized.

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Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Estimated useful lives by major classification are as follows:

|                         |            |
|-------------------------|------------|
| Office furniture        | 5-7 years  |
| Communication equipment | 5-10 years |
| Vehicles                | 5 years    |

(d) Unrestricted and restricted net assets

Unrestricted net assets for proprietary funds represent the net assets available for future operations or distributions.

Restricted net assets for proprietary funds represent the net assets restricted for specific use under the terms of a revenue sharing agreement.

(e) Use of estimates

The process of preparing 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 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 revenue and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

(f) Accounts receivable

Significant receivables include amounts due from state, town, and contractor contracts. These receivables are due within one year. The Department has not recorded an allowance for uncollectible accounts at June 30, 2011.

(g) Subsequent Events

In accordance with ASC 855, the Department evaluated subsequent events through December 19, 2011, the date the Department's financial statements were available to be used and no events or transactions occurred.

(2) Cash and Categories of Risk

There are three categories of credit risk that apply to the Department's balance:

1. Insured by the FDIC or collateralized with securities held by the Department or by the Department's agent in the Department's name.
2. Collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution's trust department or agent in the Department's name.
3. Uncollateralized.



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Cash and Categories of Risk (continued)

The Sheriff's Department's bank balances are categorized below to give an indication of the level of risk assumed by the Department at June 30, 2011.

|                     | <u>Book<br/>Balance</u> | <u>Bank<br/>Balance</u> |
|---------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Insured deposits    | \$1,162,783             | \$ 1,186,991            |
| Undeposited funds   | 10,103                  | -                       |
| Cash on hand        | <u>-</u>                | <u>-</u>                |
| Total cash deposits | <u>\$1,172,886</u>      | <u>\$ 1,186,991</u>     |

(3) Vehicles and Equipment

Vehicles and equipment are summarized as of June 30, 2011 by major classifications as follows:

|                               | <u>Beginning<br/>Balance</u> | <u>Additions</u> | <u>Deletions</u>  | <u>Ending<br/>Balance</u> |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|
| Vehicles                      | \$ 634,681                   | \$ 16,571        | \$ (115,133)      | \$ 536,119                |
| Equipment                     | <u>358,022</u>               | <u>111,073</u>   | <u>(120,452)</u>  | <u>348,643</u>            |
| Total vehicles and equipment  | 992,703                      | 127,644          | (235,585)         | 884,762                   |
| Less accumulated depreciation | <u>(723,851)</u>             | <u>(81,843)</u>  | <u>226,711</u>    | <u>(578,983)</u>          |
| Vehicles and equipment, net   | <u>\$ 268,852</u>            | <u>\$ 45,801</u> | <u>\$ (8,874)</u> | <u>\$ 305,779</u>         |

(4) Cost Sharing

Under Vermont law, Chittenden County and the State of Vermont are required to cover certain costs of the Chittenden County Sheriff's Department. Such costs include the Sheriff's salary and benefits, administrative salary and benefits, office space, certain automotive expenses and others. The amount expended by the County and State during the year ended June 30, 2011 has not been determined.

(5) Operating Grants

The Chittenden County Sheriff's Department received grants from the U.S. Government and other grantors. Entitlements to the resources are generally based on compliance with terms and conditions of the grant agreements and applicable federal regulations, including the expenditures of the resources for eligible purposes. Substantially all grants are subject to financial and compliance audits by the grantors. Any disallowance as a result of these audits becomes a liability of the Department. As of June 30, 2011, management believes that no material liabilities will result from such audits.

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(6) Risk Management

The Sheriff's Department 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 Sheriff's Department maintains commercial insurance coverage covering each of these risks of loss. Management believes such coverage is sufficient to preclude any significant uninsured losses to the Department. Settled claims have not materially exceeded this commercial coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

(7) Prior Period Restatement

At June 30, 2010, the Department inadvertently recorded revenue and expenses to the incorrect year resulting in a restatement of the previously issued June 30, 2010 financial statements with an increase in net assets in the amount of \$131,916.

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*

Kevin McLaughlin, Sheriff  
Chittenden County Sheriff's Department  
Burlington, Vermont

We have audited the financial statements of the business-type activities of the Chittenden County Sheriff's Department of the County of Chittenden, Vermont (the Department) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2011, which comprise the Chittenden County Sheriff's Department's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated December 19, 2011. 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 of America.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Department'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 an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Department's internal control over financial reporting.

A control deficiency in internal control 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 and correct misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the 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 Department's financial statements that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the Department's internal control.

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

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described above 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. However, we identified certain deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting, that we consider to be significant deficiencies. These significant deficiencies are described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs as items 2011-01, 2011-02 and 2011-03.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Department's financial statements are free of material misstatements, 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 or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

This communication is intended solely for the information and use of the Department and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

*McSoley McLaughlin & Co.*

December 19, 2011  
VT Reg. No. 92-349

Chittenden County Sheriff's Department  
Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs  
June 30, 2011

Internal Control – Significant Deficiencies

Findings

2011-01 Payments Received

During our audit, we noticed that invoices do not specify that payments should be made payable to the Chittenden County Sheriff's Department. This control will ensure that all payments that are to be received by the Department are in fact received by the Department and avoid the potential of being received by other related parties.

We recommend that indication of payments be made payable to the Chittenden County Sheriff's Department on all invoices.

Management's Response

Management agrees with this finding and will add this to all invoices.

2011-02 Capitalization of Assets

The Department's fixed asset records at June 30, 2011 did not include all expenditures that met the Department's capitalization policy during 2011 and 2010, thus understating fixed assets. This has resulted in a prior period adjustment of the previously issued 2010 financial statements.

We recommend that the Department capitalize purchases of vehicles and equipment in accordance with its capitalization policy.

Management's Response

Management agrees with this finding and will implement procedures to review all purchases and repairs in excess of \$1,000 for proper recognition.

2011-03 Revenue Recognition

During our audit, we noted that revenue was recorded when billed instead of when the services were performed. Revenue should be recorded based on when services were performed. A reliable cutoff is critical to the accuracy and reliability of the financial statements.

We recommend that a review be performed by the Department's bookkeeper to verify that year-end cutoff is performed during the months following year-end.

Management's Response

Management agrees with this finding and will begin reviewing revenue transactions to ensure proper cutoff.