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**INTERNAL AUDIT DEPARTMENT**

**REPORT ON REVIEW OF HAROLD VOLUNTEER FIRE  
DEPARTMENT USE OF MSBU FUNDS  
FISCAL YEAR OCTOBER 2020 – SEPTEMBER 2022**

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**Re:** FY 2020-2022 Harold Volunteer Fire Department Review

Please find enclosed the report on our review of the Harold Volunteer Fire Department's use of MSBU funds for the period October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2022. The objective of the review was to evaluate expenditures by the VFD from the MSBU allocation. Expenditures were evaluated to determine whether they were an appropriate use of MSBU funds as delineated in the budget adopted by Santa Rosa County.

During the review, we worked with both the treasurer and fire chief of the Harold VFD who were helpful throughout this process.

The report was generally good. Expenditures were properly supported and appropriate.

Please contact me should you have any questions.

Respectfully,

Samuel S. Scallan, Director, Internal Audit  
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## **Report on Review of Harold Volunteer Fire Department Use of MSBU Funds Fiscal Year 2020 - 2022**

We have conducted a limited scope review of the Harold Volunteer Fire Department. Our work flows from language contained in Ordinance 90-23 providing for an audit of expenditures of MSBU funds to confirm proper expenditure of those funds. Our review was conducted in accordance with Standards for the Professional Practice of Internal Auditing promulgated by the Institute of Internal Auditors.

### **Background**

The Harold Volunteer Fire Department is a Florida not-for-profit corporation incorporated under the rules of Florida. Its corporate status is current.

Harold Volunteer Fire Department (VFD) was included in the Santa Rosa County Fire Protection Municipal Service Benefit Unit (MSBU) on May 24, 1990, in accordance with County Ordinance 90-23. Each year, the VFD submits a budget request to the County. The final adopted budget for Harold is advanced to them in twelve monthly payments. Funds budgeted to Harold VFD for the 2020-21 fiscal year were \$106,000 and 2021-2022 \$106,000.

### **Objectives and Scope**

The objective of our audit was to evaluate expenditures by the VFD from the MSBU allocation. Expenditures were evaluated to determine whether they were an appropriate use of MSBU funds as delineated in the budget adopted by Santa Rosa County. The period covers debits and checks issued and dated between October 1, 2020, and September 30, 2022.

This was a limited scope audit, the purpose of which was to determine whether the VFD expended MSBU funds in accordance with the budget adopted by Santa Rosa County and to ensure that expenditures were an appropriate use of MSBU funds. Our work is not an audit of financial statements of the VFD the purpose of which is to issue an opinion on those financial statements and accordingly we have not issued such an opinion.

## **Methodology**

For the period under review, we obtained relevant accounting records and supporting documentation from the treasurer for the VFD. We selected a random sample of expenditures for the period under review. For those examined, we observed images of the cancelled check to confirm the payee. We examined supporting documentation for sufficiency and whether the expenditure was an appropriate use of MSBU Funds. In addition, we traced payments made by Santa Rosa County to bank statements provided by the VFD.

While not part of our review, and to the extent we encounter them, we assessed internal controls in place for design and effectiveness.

## **Conclusions**

Based on our work we have concluded that the Harold Volunteer Fire Department expended all funds received from the County pursuant to the budget approved by the County. Expenditures examined were properly supported and appropriate.

All County MSBU distributions to the VFD were deposited in the Harold Volunteer Fire Department bank account at Center State Bank.

Work papers are available for further review.

End of Report