

MIAMI VALLEY FIRE/EMS ALLIANCE
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, OHIO

SINGLE AUDIT

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED
SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

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We have reviewed the *Independent Auditor's Report* of the Miami Valley Fire/EMS Alliance, Montgomery County, prepared by Julian & Grube, Inc., for the audit period October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023. Based upon this review, we have accepted these reports in lieu of the audit required by Section 117.11, Revised Code. The Auditor of State did not audit the accompanying financial statements and, accordingly, we are unable to express, and do not express an opinion on them.

Our review was made in reference to the applicable sections of legislative criteria, as reflected by the Ohio Constitution, and the Revised Code, policies, procedures and guidelines of the Auditor of State, regulations and grant requirements. The Miami Valley Fire/EMS Alliance is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

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Keith Faber
Auditor of State
Columbus, Ohio

March 28, 2024

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MONTGOMERY COUNTY, OHIO**

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Independent Auditor's Report

Miami Valley Fire/EMS Alliance
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To the Members of the Board of Directors:

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the cash balances, receipts, and disbursements for each governmental fund type and the fiduciary fund type combined total of the Miami Valley Fire/EMS Alliance, Montgomery County, Ohio, as of and for the fiscal ended September 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Unmodified Opinions on Regulatory Basis of Accounting

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the cash balances, receipts, and disbursements for each governmental fund type and the fiduciary fund type combined total of the Miami Valley Fire/EMS Alliance, as of and for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023 in accordance with the financial reporting provisions of Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(C) as described in Note 1.

Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

In our opinion, because of the significance of the matter discussed in the "Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles" section of our report, the accompanying financial statements referred to above do not present fairly, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of the Miami Valley Fire/EMS Alliance, as of September 30, 2023, or changes in net position thereof for the fiscal year then ended.

Basis for Opinions

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. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the "Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements" section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Miami Valley Fire/EMS Alliance and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

As described in Note 1 of the financial statements, the financial statements are prepared by the Miami Valley Fire/EMS Alliance on the basis of the financial reporting provisions of Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(C), which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP), to meet the requirements of Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(C). The effects on the financial statements of the variances between the regulatory basis of accounting described in Note 1 and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, although not reasonably determinable, are presumed to be material and pervasive.

Though the Miami Valley Fire/EMS Alliance does not intend these statements to conform to GAAP, auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America require us to include an adverse opinion on GAAP. However, the adverse opinion does not imply the amounts reported are materially misstated under the accounting basis Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(C) permit. Our opinions on this accounting basis are in the "Unmodified Opinions on Regulatory Basis of Accounting" paragraph above.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with the financial reporting provisions of Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(C). Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatements, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Miami Valley Fire/EMS Alliance's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards*, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Miami Valley Fire/EMS Alliance's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.

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- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Miami Valley Fire/EMS Alliance's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Miami Valley Fire/EMS Alliance's financial statements. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards, as required by Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*, is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the schedule of expenditures of federal awards is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated March 6, 2024 on our consideration of the Miami Valley Fire/EMS Alliance's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely 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 effectiveness of the Miami Valley Fire/EMS Alliance's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Miami Valley Fire/EMS Alliance's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Julian & Grube, Inc.

Julian & Grube, Inc.
March 6, 2024

**MIAMI VALLEY FIRE/EMS ALLIANCE
MONTGOMERY COUNTY**

**COMBINED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES (REGULATORY CASH BASIS)
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023**

	<u>Governmental Fund Types</u>		<u>Totals (Memorandum Only)</u>
	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	
Cash Receipts:			
Intergovernmental	\$ 0	\$ 4,466,028	\$ 4,466,028
Membership Fees	108,684	0	108,684
Earnings on Investments	824	0	824
Other Receipts	5,059	116,247	121,306
Total Cash Receipts	<u>114,567</u>	<u>4,582,275</u>	<u>4,696,842</u>
Cash Disbursements:			
General Government	127,681	5,210,047	5,337,728
Total Cash Disbursements	<u>127,681</u>	<u>5,210,047</u>	<u>5,337,728</u>
Net Change in Fund Cash Balance	(13,114)	(627,772)	(640,886)
Fund Cash Balances, October 1	<u>286,754</u>	<u>1,085,322</u>	<u>1,372,076</u>
Fund Cash Balances, September 30	<u>\$ 273,640</u>	<u>\$ 457,550</u>	<u>\$ 731,190</u>

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

**MIAMI VALLEY FIRE/EMS ALLIANCE
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**COMBINED STATEMENT OF ADDITIONS, DEDUCTIONS, AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES (REGULATORY CASH BASIS)
ALL FIDUCIARY FUND TYPES
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023**

	Fiduciary Fund Type
	Custodial
Additions:	
Intergovernmental	\$ 10,082
Membership Fees	170,560
Earnings on Investments	3,215
Total Additions	183,857
Deductions:	
Distributions as Fiscal Agent	171,746
Total Deductions	171,746
Net Change in Fund Cash Balance	12,111
Fund Cash Balances, October 1	394,784
Fund Cash Balances, September 30	\$ 406,895

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**MIAMI VALLEY FIRE/EMS ALLIANCE
MONTGOMERY COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023**

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Description of the Entity

Miami Valley Fire/EMS Alliance, Montgomery County, (the Alliance), has been established as a Regional Council of Governments pursuant to the constitution and laws of Ohio, including, but not limited to Ohio Revised Code Chapter 167. The purpose of the Alliance hereby established is to foster cooperation among the political subdivisions through the establishment of an organization, which will promote programs and recommend matters, which will result in more efficient methods of delivering fire and emergency medical services in the region. By-Laws were adopted on February 8, 1995. Ultimate authority of the Alliance shall be vested in a Fire/EMS Alliance Board. The Board consists of a representative from each political subdivision that has paid the “per capita” fee assessed against it or has contractually paid the “per capita” fee assessed against another political subdivision from which it receives Fire/EMS services. Each political subdivision may have one delegate and one alternate to the Board who shall be appointed by the legislative authority of said political subdivision.

The Alliance’s management believes these financial statements present all activities for which the Alliance is financially accountable.

B. Accounting Basis

These financial statements follow the accounting basis permitted by the financial reporting provisions of Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(C). The basis is similar to the cash receipts and disbursements accounting basis. The Alliance recognizes receipts when received in cash rather than when earned, and recognizes disbursements when paid rather than when a liability is incurred.

These statements include adequate disclosure of material matters, as the financial reporting provisions of Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(C) permit.

C. Deposits

The Alliance’s accounting basis includes investments as assets. This basis does not record disbursements for investment purchases or receipts for investment sales. This basis records gains or losses at the time of sale as receipts or disbursements, respectively.

The Alliance values certificates of deposit at cost.

D. Fund Accounting

The Alliance uses fund accounting to segregate cash and investments that are restricted as to use. A fund is defined as a fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. The Alliance classifies its funds into the following types:

1. General Fund

The General Fund reports all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund. The General Fund is available to the Alliance for any purpose provided it is expended or transferred according to the general law of Ohio.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

2. Special Revenue Funds

These funds account for and report the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are restricted or committed to expenditures for specified purposes other than debt service or capital projects. The Alliance had the following significant Special Revenue Fund:

Ohio Task Force 1 is one of 28 National Urban Search and Rescue Task Forces administered through FEMA. The mission of the Task Force is to provide a resource capable of locating, extricating, and providing medical care for victims entrapped in collapsed structures and to protect emergency responders when such an entrapment or protection exceeds the local emergency responders' operational capability.

3. Fiduciary Funds

Fiduciary funds account for and report private purpose trust funds and custodial funds. Private purpose trust funds account for assets held under a trust agreement for individuals, private organizations, or other governments which are not available to support the Alliance's own programs.

Custodial funds are used to hold resources for individuals, organizations, or other governments. The Alliance disburses these funds as directed by the individual, organization or other government. The Alliance's custodial fund accounts are the Dayton Regional Hazardous Materials Response Team and Ohio Region 3 Rescue Strike Team.

E. Budgetary Process

Ohio Revised Code Chapter 167 does not address the budgetary process of Regional Council of Governments but allows the government to adopt by-laws that may address budgetary matters. The Alliance's by-laws require that the Alliance Board must adopt an Annual Budget. This budget is to be prepared by the Executive Director for the fiscal year October 1 to September 30 of the following year and submitted to the Alliance Board two weeks prior to the last quarterly meeting for approval.

F. Fund Balance

Fund balance is divided into five classifications based primarily on the extent to which the Alliance must observe constraints imposed upon the use of its governmental-fund resources. The classifications are as follows:

1. Nonspendable

The Alliance classifies assets as *nonspendable* when legally or contractually required to maintain the amounts intact.

2. Restricted

Fund balance is *restricted* when constraints placed on the use of resources are either externally imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or is imposed by law through constitutional provisions.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023
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1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

3. Committed

The Board can *commit* amounts via formal action (resolution). The Alliance must adhere to these commitments unless the Board amends the resolution. Committed fund balance also incorporates contractual obligations to the extent that existing resources in the fund have been specifically committed to satisfy contractual requirements.

4. Assigned

Assigned fund balances are intended for specific purposes but do not meet the criteria to be classified as *restricted* or *committed*. Governmental funds other than the general fund report all fund balances as *assigned* unless they are restricted or committed. In the general fund, *assigned* amounts represent intended uses established by the Alliance's Board or an Alliance official delegated that authority by resolution, or by State Statute.

5. Unassigned

Unassigned fund balance is the residual classification for the general fund and includes amounts not included in the other classifications. In other governmental funds, the unassigned classification is used only to report a deficit balance.

The Alliance applies restricted resources first when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which either restricted or unrestricted (committed, assigned, and unassigned) amounts are available. Similarly, within unrestricted fund balance, committed amounts are reduced first followed by assigned, and then unassigned amounts when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which amounts in any of the unrestricted fund balance classifications could be used.

G. Property, Plant, and Equipment

The Alliance records disbursements for acquisitions of property, plant, and equipment when paid. The accompanying financial statements do not report these items as assets.

H. Accumulated Leave

In certain circumstances, such as upon leaving employment, employees are entitled to cash payments for unused leave. The financial statements do not include a liability for unpaid leave.

I. Basis of Presentation

The Alliance's financial statements consist of a combined statement of receipts, disbursements and changes in fund balances (regulatory cash basis) for all governmental fund types, and a combined statement of additions, deductions, and changes in fund balances (regulatory cash basis) for all fiduciary fund types which are organized on a fund type basis.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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(Continued)**

2. EQUITY IN POOLED DEPOSITS

The Alliance maintains a cash pool that all funds use. The Ohio Revised Code prescribes allowable deposits and investments. The carrying amount of deposits at September 30, 2023 was as follows:

	2023
Demand deposits	\$ 1,010,835
Certificates of deposit	127,250
Total Deposits	<u>\$ 1,138,085</u>

Deposits: Deposits are insured by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation or collateralized through the Ohio Pooled Collateral System (OPCS), a collateral pool of eligible securities deposited with a qualified trustee and pledged to the Treasurer of State to secure the repayment of all public monies deposited in the financial institution.

3. DEBT

The Alliance opened a Promissory Note (Line of Credit) with Security National Bank on November 19, 2008. The principal amount authorized is \$200,000. However, the Alliance did not make any draws on the line of credit or have a balance during the fiscal year. The Line of Credit was established to pay deployment costs of the Ohio Task Force One for deployments during hurricane season.

4. RETIREMENT SYSTEMS

The Alliance's employees belong to the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS). OPERS is a cost-sharing, multi-employer plan. The Ohio Revised Code prescribes this plan's benefits, which include postemployment healthcare and survivor and disability benefits.

The Ohio Revised Code also prescribes contribution rates. OPERS member employees contributed 10% of their gross salaries. The Alliance contributed an amount equal to 14% of the participants' gross salaries. The Alliance has paid all contributions required through September 30, 2023.

5. POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

OPERS offers a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit postemployment plan, which includes multiple health care plans including medical coverage, prescription drug coverage, deposits to a Health Reimbursement Arrangement and Medicare Part B premium reimbursements, to qualifying benefit recipients. The portion of employer contributions allocated to healthcare for members in the Traditional Pension Plan and Combined Plan was 0.0 percent during calendar year 2023.

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6. RISK MANAGEMENT

Commercial Insurance

The Alliance has obtained commercial insurance for the following risks:

- Comprehensive property and general liability;
- Vehicles; and
- Errors and omissions.

7. WORKERS' COMPENSATION

Workers' Compensation coverage is provided by the State of Ohio. The Alliance pays the State Workers' Compensation System a premium base on a rate per \$100 of salaries. This rate is calculated based on accident history and administrative costs.

8. DAYTON REGIONAL HAZARDOUS MATERIALS RESPONSE TEAM

As of January 1, 2003, the Miami Valley Fire/EMS Alliance is the fiscal agent for the Dayton Regional Hazardous Materials Response Team. Transactions for the Dayton Regional Hazardous Materials Response Team are included in the attached financial statements as a custodial fund. A separate report is available by contacting the Alliance at 88 East Broad Street, Suite 1305, Columbus, Ohio 43215 or by telephone at (614) 378-2156.

9. OHIO REGION 3 RESCUE STRIKE TEAM

The Miami Valley Fire/EMS Alliance is the fiscal agent for the Ohio Region 3 Rescue Strike Team. Transactions for the Ohio Region 3 Rescue Strike Team are included in the attached financial statements as a custodial fund. A separate report is available by contacting the Alliance 88 East Broad Street, Suite 1305, Columbus, Ohio 43215 or by telephone at (614) 378-2156.

10. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

Amounts grantor agencies pay to the Alliance are subject to audit and adjustment by the grantor, principally the federal government. The grantor may require refunding any disallowed costs. Management cannot presently determine amounts grantors may disallow. However, based on prior experience, management believes any refunds would be immaterial.

11. Fund Balances

Included in fund balance are amounts the Alliance cannot spend, including the balance of unclaimed monies, which cannot be spent for five years and the unexpendable corpus of the permanent funds. Encumbrances are commitments related to unperformed contracts for goods or services. Encumbrance accounting is utilized to the extent necessary to assure effective budgetary control and accountability and to facilitate effective cash planning and control. At year end the Alliance did not have balances of these amounts.

The fund balance of special revenue funds is either restricted or committed. These restricted or committed amounts in the special revenue funds would include the outstanding encumbrances. In the general fund, outstanding encumbrances are considered assigned. The Alliance did not have any outstanding encumbrances as of September 30, 2023.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

MIAMI VALLEY FIRE/EMS ALLIANCE
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SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

FEDERAL GRANTOR/ PASS THROUGH GRANTOR/ PROGRAM/CLUSTER TITLE	ASSISTANCE LISTING NUMBER	PASS-THROUGH ENTITY IDENTIFYING NUMBER / ADDITIONAL AWARD IDENTIFICATION	TOTAL EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY			
<i>Direct</i>			
National Urban Search and Rescue (US&R) Response System	97.025	EMW-2019-CA-00066	\$ 56,691
National Urban Search and Rescue (US&R) Response System	97.025	EMW-2020-CA-00031	386,918
National Urban Search and Rescue (US&R) Response System	97.025	EMW-2021-CA-00069	476,450
National Urban Search and Rescue (US&R) Response System	97.025	EMW-2022-CA-00052	763,309
National Urban Search and Rescue (US&R) Response System	97.025	EMW-2018-CA-USR-0021-M012	87,051
National Urban Search and Rescue (US&R) Response System	97.025	EMW-2018-CA-USR-0021-M016, M017, M018	968,155
National Urban Search and Rescue (US&R) Response System	97.025	EMW-2018-CA-USR-0021-M019, M020	1,960,252
National Urban Search and Rescue (US&R) Response System	97.025	EMW-2023-CA-USR-0021-M000	29,153
National Urban Search and Rescue (US&R) Response System	97.025	EMW-2023-CA-USR-0021-M001	14,671
Total National Urban Search and Rescue (US&R) Response System			<u>\$ 4,742,650</u>
Total U.S. Department of Homeland Security and Expenditures of Federal Awards			<u>\$ 4,742,650</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this schedule.

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NOTES TO THE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
2 CFR 200.510(b)(6)
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

NOTE 1 – BASIS OF PRESENTATION & SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (the Schedule) includes the federal award activity of the Miami Valley Fire/EMS Alliance under programs of the federal government for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023 and is prepared in accordance with the cash basis of accounting. The information on this Schedule is prepared in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Because the Schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of the Miami Valley Fire/EMS Alliance, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position or changes in fund balances of the Miami Valley Fire/EMS Alliance. Such expenditures are recognized following cost principles contained in Uniform Guidance wherein certain types of expenditures may or may not be limited as to reimbursement.

NOTE 2 – DE MINIMIS COST RATE

CFR Section 200.414 of the Uniform Guidance allows a non-federal entity that has never received a negotiated indirect cost rate to charge a de minimis rate of 10% of modified total direct costs to indirect costs. The Miami Valley Fire/EMS Alliance has not elected to use the 10% de minimis indirect cost rate as allowed under the Uniform Guidance.

**Independent Auditor's 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***

Miami Valley Fire/EMS Alliance
Montgomery County
2800 Old Springfield Road, Suite E
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To the Members of the Board of Directors:

We have audited, in accordance with the 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, the financial statements of the cash balances, receipts, and disbursements for each governmental fund type and the fiduciary fund type combined total of the Miami Valley Fire/EMS Alliance, Montgomery County, Ohio, as of and for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023 and the related notes to the financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated March 6, 2024, wherein we noted as described in Note 1 to the financial statements, the Miami Valley Fire/EMS Alliance followed financial reporting provisions Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(C) permit.

Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered Miami Valley Fire/EMS Alliance's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Miami Valley Fire/EMS Alliance's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Miami Valley Fire/EMS Alliance's internal control.

A 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 material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the Miami Valley Fire/EMS Alliance's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. *A significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or, significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Miami Valley Fire/EMS Alliance's financial statements are free from 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 financial statements. 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*.

Miami Valley Fire/EMS Alliance

Montgomery County

Independent Auditor's 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*

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Miami Valley Fire/EMS Alliance's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Miami Valley Fire/EMS Alliance's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.



Julian & Grube, Inc.

March 6, 2024

**Independent Auditor’s Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program
and on Internal Control Over Compliance Required by the Uniform Guidance**

Miami Valley Fire/EMS Alliance
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To the Members of the Board of Directors:

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We have audited the Miami Valley Fire/EMS Alliance’s compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) *Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of the Miami Valley Fire/EMS Alliance’s major federal programs for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023. The Miami Valley Fire/EMS Alliance’s major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor’s results section of the accompanying schedule of findings.

In our opinion, the Miami Valley Fire/EMS Alliance complied, in all material respects, with the compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023.

Basis for Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Our responsibilities under those standards and the Uniform Guidance are further described in the “Auditor’s Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance” section of our report.

We are required to be independent of the Miami Valley Fire/EMS Alliance and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion on compliance for each major federal program. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of the Miami Valley Fire/EMS Alliance’s compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above.

Responsibilities of Management for Compliance

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements referred to above and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of effective internal control over compliance with the requirements of laws, statutes, regulations, rules, and provisions of contracts or grant agreements applicable to the Miami Valley Fire/EMS Alliance’s federal programs.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether material noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above occurred, whether due to fraud or error, and express an opinion on the Miami Valley Fire/EMS Alliance's compliance based on our audit. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance will always detect material noncompliance when it exists. The risk of not detecting material noncompliance resulting from fraud is higher than for that resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above is considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, it would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user of the report on compliance about the Miami Valley Fire/EMS Alliance's compliance with the requirements of each major federal program as a whole.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material noncompliance, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the Miami Valley Fire/EMS Alliance's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.
- Obtain an understanding of the Miami Valley Fire/EMS Alliance's internal control over compliance relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Miami Valley Fire/EMS Alliance's internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and any significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in internal control over compliance that we identified during the audit.

Report on Internal Control over Compliance

A deficiency in internal control over compliance exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program on a timely basis. A *material weakness in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the "Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance" section above and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance may exist that were not identified.

Our audit was not designed for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

Miami Valley Fire/EMS Alliance
Montgomery County
Independent Auditor's Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program
and on Internal Control Over Compliance Required by the Uniform Guidance

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of the Uniform Guidance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

Julian & Grube, Inc.

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March 6, 2024

**MIAMI VALLEY FIRE/EMS ALLIANCE
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, OHIO**

**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS
2 CFR § 200.515
SEPTEMBER 30, 2023**

1. SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS		
<i>(d)(1)(i)</i>	<i>Type of Financial Statement Opinions</i>	Adverse under GAAP, unmodified under the regulatory basis.
<i>(d)(1)(ii)</i>	<i>Were there any material weaknesses in internal control reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?</i>	No
<i>(d)(1)(ii)</i>	<i>Were there any significant deficiencies in internal control reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?</i>	No
<i>(d)(1)(iii)</i>	<i>Was there any reported material noncompliance at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?</i>	No
<i>(d)(1)(iv)</i>	<i>Were there any material weaknesses in internal control reported for major federal programs?</i>	No
<i>(d)(1)(iv)</i>	<i>Were there any significant deficiencies in internal control reported for major federal programs?</i>	No
<i>(d)(1)(v)</i>	<i>Type of Major Programs' Compliance Opinion</i>	Unmodified
<i>(d)(1)(vi)</i>	<i>Are there any reportable findings under 2 CFR §200.516(a)?</i>	No
<i>(d)(1)(vii)</i>	<i>Major Program (listed):</i>	National Urban Search and Rescue (US&R) Response System (ALN 97.025)
<i>(d)(1)(viii)</i>	<i>Dollar Threshold: Type A/B Programs</i>	Type A: >\$750,000 Type B: all others
<i>(d)(1)(ix)</i>	<i>Low Risk Auditee under 2 CFR § 200.520?</i>	No

**2. FINDINGS RELATED TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GAGAS**

None

3. FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS FOR FEDERAL AWARDS

None

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OHIO AUDITOR OF STATE KEITH FABER



MIAMI VALLEY FIRE/EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ALLIANCE

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

AUDITOR OF STATE OF OHIO CERTIFICATION

This is a true and correct copy of the report, which is required to be filed pursuant to Section 117.26, Revised Code, and which is filed in the Office of the Ohio Auditor of State in Columbus, Ohio.



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