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Honorable Eric R. Greitens, Governor and
Members of the General Assembly and
Board of Directors of Fire Protection
Districts in Greene County

Certain fire protection districts are required by Section 321.690, RSMo, to be audited and to submit their audit reports to the State Auditor's Office (SAO). To address our responsibilities of Section 321.690.3, RSMo, and 15 CSR 40-4.010 to 15 CSR 40-4.040, we have reviewed the independent audits of the fire protection districts in Greene County, as of and for the year or 2 years ended December 31, 2015. The purpose of this review was to evaluate the districts' compliance with statutory audit requirements and SAO regulations. Because our review is limited to statutory and regulatory compliance, we do not express an opinion or any other form of assurance on the audit reports.

There are 11 fire protection districts in Greene County. Section 321.690.3, RSMo, requires certain fire districts to have an audit performed biennially and to forward the audit report to our office within 6 months of fiscal year end. Some of the districts were not required to submit a report in 2016, because they obtain biennial audits and the most recent audit report submitted was for the 2 years ended December 31, 2014. These districts are expected to submit a biennial audit for the 2 years ended December 31, 2016. All districts with an audit period ending December 31, 2015, submitted audit reports.

The SAO posts individual audit reports to its website. A searchable link is available at http://auditor.mo.gov. A table summarizing our review of the Greene County fire protection district audit reports follows.

	·	Compliance with	Findings in Independent
District	Audit Report Period	Section 321.690.3, RSMo	Audit Report
Ash Grove	2 Years Ended 12/31/15	Yes <sup>2</sup>	Yes
Battlefield	1 Year Ended 12/31/15	Yes	Yes
Bois D'Arc	2 Years Ended 12/31/15	Yes	No
Brookline <sup>1</sup>			
Ebenezer	2 Years Ended 12/31/15	Yes	No
Fair Grove <sup>1</sup>			
Logan-Rogersville <sup>1</sup>			
Strafford	2 Years Ended 12/31/15	Yes	No
Walnut Grove	1 Year Ended 12/31/15	Yes	Yes
West Republic <sup>1</sup>			
Willard	1 Year Ended 12/31/15	Yes	No

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The fire protection district had an independent audit for the 2 years ended December 31, 2014. The district's next audit is expected to cover the 2 years ended December 31, 2016, and is required to be submitted to the SAO no later than June 30, 2017.

No findings resulted from our review of the audit reports submitted by the Greene County fire protection districts.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The report was filed after the statutory deadline of 6 months after the close of the audit period.