

CAROLINE COUNTY, MARYLAND

MARYLAND 9-1-1 EMERGENCY NUMBER
SYSTEMS PROGRAM
SCHEDULE OF PROGRAM FUNDS
AND PROGRAM COSTS

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

CAROLINE COUNTY, MARYLAND

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

State of Maryland
Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services
Emergency Number Systems Board
Baltimore, Maryland

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying Schedule of Program Funds and Program Costs (the "Schedule," as defined in the Maryland Public Safety Article Sections 1-301 through 1-313), and the related notes to the Schedule, of the Maryland 9-1-1 Emergency Number System Program for Caroline County, Maryland for the year ended June 30, 2023.

In our opinion, except for the finding listed on page 5 relating to the co-mingling of program funds and program costs, the Schedule of Program Funds and Program Costs referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the program funds and program costs of the Maryland 9-1-1 Emergency Number System Program for Caroline County, Maryland for the year ended June 30, 2023, in accordance with the financial reporting provisions of the Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services, pursuant to the law referred to in the first paragraph.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Schedule section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Maryland 9-1-1 Emergency Number Systems Program for Caroline County, Maryland, 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 opinion.

Emphasis of Matter - Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to Note 1 of the Schedule, which describes the basis of accounting. The Schedule is prepared by Caroline County, Maryland, in accordance with financial reporting provisions of the Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, to meet the requirements of the Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services. As a result, the Schedule may not be suitable for another purpose. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

Responsibilities of Management for the Audit of the Schedule

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the Schedule in accordance with the financial reporting provisions of the Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services, pursuant to the law referred to in the first paragraph. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the Schedule that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Schedule

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the Schedule as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. 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 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 Schedule.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, we:

- Exercise professional judgement and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the Schedule, 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 Schedule.
- 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 Maryland 9-1-1 Emergency Number Systems Program for Caroline County, Maryland'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 Schedule.
- Conclude whether, in our judgement, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Maryland 9-1-1 Emergency Number Systems Program for Caroline County, Maryland'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.

Restriction on Use

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the management of Caroline County, Maryland and the Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

The image shows a handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "UHY LLP". The letters are stylized and cursive, with the "U" and "H" being particularly prominent.

Salisbury, Maryland
January 30, 2024

CAROLINE COUNTY, MARYLAND
MARYLAND 9-1-1 EMERGENCY NUMBER SYSTEMS PROGRAM
SCHEDULE OF PROGRAM FUNDS AND PROGRAM COSTS
Year Ended June 30, 2023

REVENUES: (excluding 9-1-1 Trust Fund)

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| County fee total | \$ 642,598 |
| Interest | 2,469 |
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| Total revenues | \$ 645,067 |

OPERATING EXPENSES:

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|---|--------------|
| Personnel costs paid from 9-1-1 fees | \$ 645,067 |
| (Note: represents 43% of total personnel costs) | |
| Personnel costs paid from County funds | 847,953 |
| Telephone | 3,845 |
| Repairs and maintenance | 21,467 |
| Equipment replacement | 5,676 |
| Utility costs | 9,649 |
| Miscellaneous (training, supplies, etc.) | 33,656 |
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| Total operating expenses | \$ 1,567,313 |

EXPENSE SUMMARY:

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| Total operating expenses | \$ 1,567,313 |
| Total revenues | 645,067 |
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| Operating expenses paid from County funds | \$ 922,246 |

The Note to the Schedule of Program Funds and Program Costs is an integral part of this schedule.

CAROLINE COUNTY, MARYLAND
MARYLAND 9-1-1 EMERGENCY NUMBER SYSTEMS PROGRAM
NOTE TO THE SCHEDULE OF PROGRAM FUNDS AND PROGRAM COSTS
For the year ended June 30, 2023

NOTE 1

In accordance with Maryland Public Safety Article 1-304, Caroline County, Maryland (“the County”) has an operational enhanced 9-1-1 system and is subject to the provisions outlined in 1-311 and 1-313 regarding collections of fees and expenditures.

**CAROLINE COUNTY, MARYLAND
MARYLAND 9-1-1 EMERGENCY NUMBER SYSTEMS PROGRAM
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES OF AUDITEE
Year Ended June 30, 2023**

Finding #1

The 9-1-1 Trust Funds for the County are co-mingled with the County's general funds.

Auditee Response:

While 9-1-1 funding received is co-mingled with other County funds, separate general ledger accounts are maintained.