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From the Board of Fire Commissioners
Fairview Fire District

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Fairview Fire District Responds to Audit at www.fairviewfire.org

The Board of Fire Commissioners has received a report of examination from the State Comptroller, and the Board today announces that it has prepared a response to the report. The Board's response is available on the Fire District's website at www.fairviewfire.org.

The Board strongly disagrees with the State Comptroller, and considers the majority of the "findings" to be erroneous. The Board, along with its administrative and fire staff, takes great pride in the excellence of the Fire District and the hard work and commitment that goes into operating the District. Therefore, we must take on the role of *David* as we try to bring light to an obscure process.

The Board appreciates that the State Comptroller is charged with an important function and is granted privilege under the Constitution of the State of New York, but privilege should not be politicized. The Albany agenda has no place in the audit of the Fairview Fire District. Privilege should demonstrate integrity and the truth. We do not believe that the audit of the Fairview Fire District encompassed integrity nor do we believe that the State Comptroller's Office was interested in the truth.

Our employees and officials lived with this audit process for 9 months. During that period, we responded to numerous inquiries and provided extensive documents as requested, only to find that these documents and explanations were either completely ignored or glossed over in the preliminary and the final report.

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