



**BOROUGH OF SWARTHMORE
POLICE PENSION PLAN**

AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 2013

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Members of Council
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Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Police Pension Plan of the Borough of Swarthmore, Swarthmore, Pennsylvania, which comprise the statement of plan net position as of December 31, 2013, and the related statement of changes in plan net position for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. 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. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the Plan's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements 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 Plan's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Members of Council
Borough of Swarthmore

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the net position of the Police Pension Plan of the Borough of Swarthmore, Swarthmore, Pennsylvania as of December 31, 2013, and the changes in plan net position for the year ended then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

As discussed in Note 1, the financial statements present only the Police Pension Plan and are not intended to present fairly the financial position and results of operations of the Borough of Swarthmore, Swarthmore, Pennsylvania, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the schedule of funding progress, schedule of annual required contributions and related notes on pages 10 through 12 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, which considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated June 25, 2014 on our consideration of the Borough of Swarthmore Police Pension Plan's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is 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 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 Borough of Swarthmore Police Pension Plan's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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**BOROUGH OF SWARTHMORE
POLICE PENSION PLAN
STATEMENT OF PLAN NET POSITION
DECEMBER 31, 2013**

ASSETS

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 85,801
Contributions receivable	12,062
Investments at market value:	
Mutual funds	<u>3,755,616</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	3,853,479

LIABILITIES AND NET POSITION

Liabilities	<u>-</u>
NET POSITION HELD IN TRUST FOR PENSION BENEFITS	<u><u>\$ 3,853,479</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

**BOROUGH OF SWARTHMORE
POLICE PENSION PLAN
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN PLAN NET POSITION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2013**

ADDITIONS

Contributions:

Employer contribution	\$ 185,004
Employee contribution	44,460
State allocation	70,610
Total Contributions	300,074

Miscellaneous revenue	6,868
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Investment Income:

Net appreciation in fair value of investments	481,820
Realized gain on investment	67,006
Interest	55,138
Net Investment Income	603,964

Less: Investment Expense	(31,387)
Net Investment Earnings	572,577

TOTAL ADDITIONS	879,519
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DEDUCTIONS

Benefits paid	219,119
Actuarial expense	5,725
Miscellaneous expense	2,200
TOTAL DEDUCTIONS	227,044

CHANGE IN PLAN NET POSITION	652,475
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NET POSITION HELD IN TRUST FOR PENSION BENEFITS:

BEGINNING OF YEAR	3,201,004
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END OF YEAR	\$ 3,853,479
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

BOROUGH OF SWARTHMORE POLICE PENSION PLAN

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1 DESCRIPTION OF PLAN

General

The Borough of Swarthmore Police Pension Plan is a single-employer defined benefit pension plan. The Plan is subject to the funding and reporting requirements of the Pennsylvania Municipal Pension Plan Funding Standard and Recovery Act (Act 205 of 1984), Act 600, and the Collective Bargaining Agreement. The Plan is governed by Borough Council, which is responsible for the management of plan assets. Benefit provisions have been established through collective bargaining.

Plan Membership

Actuarial valuation report Form 201C, filed with the Public Employee Retirement Commission and dated as of January 1, 2013, disclosed that pension plan membership consisted of:

Active employees	9
Retirees and beneficiaries currently receiving benefits	7
Terminated employees entitled to benefits which are currently deferred	—
TOTAL	<u>16</u>

Of the active members, seven are fully vested and two are nonvested.

Benefit Provisions

Actuarial valuation report Form 201C, filed with the Public Employee Retirement Commission and dated as of January 1, 2013, disclosed that the pension plan benefit provisions are as follows:

The Borough of Swarthmore Police Pension Plan covers all full-time Borough police officers as of the date of hire. The Plan provides retirement, disability and death benefits to plan members and their beneficiaries.

Retirement benefits vest after twelve or more years of service to the Borough. A plan member is eligible to receive normal retirement benefits upon reaching age 55 and 25 years of service at termination. The monthly normal retirement benefit is equal to 50 percent of the final 36-month average compensation plus a Service Increment Benefit. A Service Increment Benefit is equal to a maximum of \$500 per month if the participant has at least 26 years of service at retirement. Early retirement is available after 20 or more years of service at termination. The amount of immediate monthly pension is the amount of the deferred monthly pension actuarially reduced to reflect early commencement of benefits. The deferred monthly pension is a percentage of the participant's final 36-month average salary and is payable commencing at the member's projected normal retirement date. The percentage is equal to 50 percent multiplied by the ratio of the participant's service at termination to projected service at normal retirement.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1 DESCRIPTION OF PLAN (cont'd)

If disablement prevents participation from continuing as a Borough police officer, the member receives a monthly pension equal to 75 percent of the final 36-month average compensation. If disablement prevents any gainful employment and if the member qualifies for Social Security Disability benefits, the member receives a monthly pension equal to 100 percent of the final 36-month average compensation less 50 percent of Social Security benefit.

Surviving un-remarried spouses (or children while under age 18, if no eligible spouse) of a participant who (a) dies after retirement or before retirement but after having met the age and service requirements for normal retirement or (b) is killed in service regardless of age or service are entitled to benefits. The amount of benefit, calculated as 50 percent of the pension the participant was receiving or was eligible to receive, is continued to the spouse or children, except if the participant was killed in service, the survivor pension equals 100 percent of the participant's salary at time of death.

NOTE 2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Accounting

The financial statements of the Plan are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting. Under this basis, investment income, contributions and related assets are recognized when earned, and benefit payments and other expenditures are recognized when the obligation is incurred.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

Method Used to Value Investments

In accordance with GASB Statement No. 25, investments are reported at fair value. Short-term investments are reported at cost, which approximates fair value. Securities traded on a national or international exchange are valued at the last reported sales price at current exchange rates. Investments that do not have an established market are reported at estimated fair value.

Deposits and Investments

Deposits

Custodial Credit Risk

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the government's deposits may not be returned. At December 31, 2013, the carrying amount of the Plan's deposits was \$85,801, which is equal to the deposits in a Federated Prime obligations fund and a money market fund held by the trustees of the pension in the Borough's name. None of this balance was subject to custodial credit risk.

BOROUGH OF SWARTHMORE POLICE PENSION PLAN

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (cont'd)

Investments

The investment objective of the Plan is to maintain a balanced portfolio comprised of money market funds, equity and fixed income.

As of December 31, 2013, the Plan had the following investments:

	<u>Fair Value</u>
Mutual funds - fixed income	\$ 1,211,336
Mutual funds - equity	1,820,610
Mutual funds - international equity	<u>723,670</u>
Total	<u>\$ 3,755,616</u>

Investments in external investment pools, such as those in mutual funds, are disclosed but not subject to interest rate, custodial, credit or concentration risks because they are not evidenced by securities that exist in physical or book entry form.

Contributions

The Borough Council establishes and may amend the contribution requirements of plan members through annual resolution. For the year ended December 31, 2013, plan members were required to contribute 5.0 percent of compensation to the Plan. The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Act 205 ("Act 205") requires that annual contributions be based upon the minimum municipal obligation ("MMO"). The MMO is based upon the Plan's biennial actuarial valuation. The Borough utilizes state aid to fund its obligation. Any remaining liability with respect to funding the Plan, after utilizing state aid, must be paid by the Borough. Administrative costs of the Plan are financed through investment earnings.

Administrative Costs

Administrative costs, including the investment manager, custodial trustee and actuarial services, are charged to the Plan and paid from the general fund of Borough of Swarthmore, which is reimbursed as pension investments are liquidated.

Actuarial Methods and Assumptions

The required contribution was determined as part of the January 1, 2013 actuarial valuation using the entry age normal actuarial cost method. The actuarial assumptions included (a) a 7.75 percent investment rate of return (net of administrative expenses) and (b) projected salary increases due to inflation of 5.0 percent per year, compounded annually. The actuarial value of assets was determined using the actuarial value of assets as of the last valuation date plus non-investment increases, less non-investment decreases since the last valuation date plus

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (cont'd)

interest credited at the last valuation's assumed interest rate assuming non-investment increases and decreases occur at the mid-point between the last and current valuation date. The actuarial value of assets as determined under (1) will be limited to a maximum of 115 percent and a minimum of 85 percent of the fair market value of assets as of the current valuation date. The unfunded actuarial accrued liability is being amortized as a level percentage of projected payrolls on a level dollar closed basis. The remaining amortization period was 15 years.

Funding Progress

As of the January 1, 2013 actuarial valuation, the value of the assets in the Plan was \$3,198,212, the actuarial accrued liability ("AAL") was \$4,656,033 and the unfunded actuarial accrued liability ("UAAL") was \$1,457,821, representing a funded ratio of 68.69 percent. The covered payroll was \$840,800 and the ratio of UAAL to the covered payroll was 173.38 percent.

The schedule of funding progress presented as required supplementary information ("RSI") immediately following the notes to the financial statements presents multiyear trend information about whether the actuarial value of plan assets is increasing or decreasing over time relative to the AAL for benefits.

NOTE 3 CONTRIBUTIONS REQUIRED AND CONTRIBUTIONS MADE

Act 205

On December 13, 1984, Act 205 was passed into law and is known as the Municipal Pension Plan Funding Standard and Recovery Act. The Act mandates actuarial funding standards, establishes a recovery program for financially distressed pension systems and provides for the distribution of the tax on the premiums of foreign fire insurance companies in the form of an annual allocation from the General Municipal Pension State Aid Program.

Funding Sources

The Plan may receive an annual allocation from the General Municipal Pension System State Aid Program. Active members are required to contribute five percent of their monthly compensation or such rate as set by Resolution of the Borough Council.

Any remaining liability with respect to funding the Plan, after utilizing state aid and member contributions, must be paid by the municipality.

Contributions Required

Act 205 requires the chief administrative officer of the Plan to determine the contribution required to be made to the Plan for the ensuing year by the last day in September, annually.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 3 CONTRIBUTIONS REQUIRED AND CONTRIBUTIONS MADE (cont'd)

The minimum funding requirements of Act 205 are based on the results of the most recent biennial actuarial report available to the chief administrative officer updated to reflect changes in payroll and expenses since the last available actuarial valuation report. The Act also allows for a funding adjustment equal to 10 percent of the amount by which the actuarial value of assets exceed the actuarial accrued liability.

Contributions required are estimates prepared by municipal officials that may contain immaterial errors which will not affect the long-term funding of the Plan. Generally, contributions made should equal or exceed the calculated contributions required. When actual state aid received is less than estimated, a funding deviation results, as defined by the regulations of the Public Employee Retirement Study Commission. These immaterial errors and funding deviations will be corrected through the preparation of future actuarial valuation reports.

Historical trend information designed to provide information about the Borough of Swarthmore Police Pension Plan's progress made in accumulating sufficient assets to pay benefits when due is presented as supplementary information in this report.

NOTE 4 PLAN TERMINATION

In the event that the Plan terminates, the participants who have retired under its provisions will be entitled to first claim of the assets of the fund, and any balance of the assets will be distributed among all other participants according to a formula to be developed by the Police Pension Committee and approved by the Borough Council.

NOTE 5 SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The Plan has evaluated all subsequent events through June 25, 2014, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

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REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

SCHEDULE OF FUNDING PROGRESS

Ten year historical trend information about the Plan is presented herewith as required supplementary information. It is intended to help users assess the Plan's funding status on a going-concern basis, assess progress made in accumulating assets to pay benefits when due and make comparisons with other state and local government retirement systems.

The 10-year historical trend information required to be disclosed is as follows: (beginning with the January 1, 2014 valuation)

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Actuarial Valuation Date	Net Assets Available for Benefits	Pension Obligation Benefit	(Overfunded) Unfunded Pension Benefit Obligation (2)-(1)	Percentage Funded (1)/(2)	Annual Covered Payroll	(Overfunded) Unfunded Pension Benefit Obligation as a Percentage of Covered Payroll (3)/(5)
1/1/04	*	*	*	*	*	*
1/1/05	3,354,417	3,409,672	55,255	98.38%	573,187	9.64%
1/1/06	*	*	*	*	*	*
1/1/07	3,590,477	3,468,256	(122,221)	103.52%	651,335	(18.76)%
1/1/08	*	*	*	*	*	*
1/1/09	2,491,695	3,773,230	1,281,535	66.04%	752,276	170.35%
1/1/10	*	*	*	*	*	*
1/1/11	2,756,653	4,131,669	1,375,016	66.72%	804,919	170.83%
1/1/12	*	*	*	*	*	*
1/1/13	3,198,212	4,656,033	1,457,821	68.69%	840,800	173.38%

* Information not available due to the actuarial valuations biennially required by Act 205.

The comparability of trend information is affected by changes in actuarial assumptions, benefit provisions, actuarial funding methods, accounting policies and other changes. Those changes usually affect trends in contribution requirements and in ratios that use the pension benefit obligation as a factor.

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REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

SCHEDULE OF ANNUAL REQUIRED CONTRIBUTIONS

Year Ended December 31	Annual Required Contribution	Percentage Contributed
2004	\$ 39,600	100.0%
2005	39,855	100.0%
2006	92,267	100.0%
2007	98,166	100.0%
2008	82,740	100.0%
2009	88,684	100.0%
2010	92,480	100.0%
2011	208,821	100.0%
2012	205,002	100.0%
2013	255,614	100.0%

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REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY SCHEDULES

The information presented in the required supplementary schedules was determined as part of the actuarial valuation at the date indicated. Additional information as of the latest actuarial valuation date follows:

Actuarial valuation date	January 1, 2013
Actuarial cost method	Entry age normal
Amortization method	Level Percentage Closed
Amortization period	15 Years
Asset valuation method	Limited to the maximum of 115% and a minimum of 85% of the fair market value of assets
Actuarial assumptions:	
Investment rate of return	7.75% per annum
Projected salary increases	5% per annum
Includes inflation	None
Cost of living adjustments	A participant's initial pension is subject to annual cost-of-living increases. A participant's ultimate pension cannot exceed the lesser of (a) 130% of the participant's initial pension and (b) 75% of the salary upon which the participant's initial pension was based.

OTHER REPORT

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
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June 25, 2014

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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 Police Pension Plan of the Borough of Swarthmore, Swarthmore, Pennsylvania, which comprise the statement of plan net position as of December 31, 2013, and the related statement of changes in plan net position for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated June 25, 2014.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Borough of Swarthmore Police Pension Plan's internal control over financial reporting ("internal control") to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Borough of Swarthmore Police Pension Plan's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Borough of Swarthmore Police Pension Plan'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 Plan'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 may exist that have not been identified.

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Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Borough of the Swarthmore Police Pension Plan'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 determination of financial statement amounts. 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*.

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 Plan'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 Plan's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

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