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## Short Form

## Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

OMB No 1545-1150

2008

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Form 990-EZ

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except black lung benefit trust or private foundation)

Sponsoring organizations of donor advised funds and controlling organizations as defined in section 512(b)(13) must file Form 990. All other organizations with gross receipts less than \$1,000,000 and total assets less than \$2,500,000 at the end of the year may use this form.

The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements.

A For the 2008 calendar year, or tax year beginning

and ending

- B Check if applicable:
- ☐ Address change
- ☐ Name change
- ☐ Initial return
- ☐ Termination
- ☐ Amended return
- ☒ Application pending

Please use IRS label or print or type See Specific Instructions

C Name of organization

LOWER ST. CROIX VALLEY FIREFIGHTERS  
RELIEF ASSOCIATION

Number and street (or P.O. box, if mail is not delivered to street address)

1560 ST. CROIX TRAIL S

City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4

LAKELAND, MN 55043

D Employer identification number

41-1391786

E Telephone number

651-436-7033

F Group Exemption

Number

Section 501(c)(3) organizations and 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must attach a completed Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ).

G Accounting method: ☐ Cash ☒ Accrual  
Other (specify)

I Website: N/A

J Organization type (check only one) ☒ 501(c)(4) (insert no.) ☐ 4947(a)(1) or ☐ 527H Check ☐ if the organization is not required to attach Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF)K Check ☐ if the organization is not a section 509(a)(3) supporting organization and its gross receipts are normally not more than \$25,000. A return is not required, but if the organization chooses to file a return, be sure to file a complete return.

L Add lines 5b, 6b, and 7b, to line 9 to determine gross receipts; if \$1,000,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ \$ 87,645.

## Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances (See the instructions for Part I.)

Revenue	1	Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received	1	37,275.
	2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	2	
	3	Membership dues and assessments	3	
	4	Investment income	4	50,370.
	5a	Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	5a	
	5b	Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	5b	
	5c	Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a) (attach schedule)	5c	
	6	Special events and activities (complete applicable parts of Schedule C. If any amount is from gaming, check here <input type="checkbox"/> )		
	6a	Gross revenue (not including \$ of contributions reported on line 1)	6a	
6b	Less: direct expenses other than fundraising expenses	6b		
6c	Net income or (loss) from special events and activities (Subtract line 6b from line 6a)	6c		
7a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	7a		
7b	Less: cost of goods sold	7b		
7c	Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)	7c		
8	Other revenue (describe)	8		
9	Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6c, 7c, and 8	9	87,645.	
Expenses	10	Grants and similar amounts paid (attach schedule)	10	
	11	Benefits paid to or for members	11	
	12	Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits	12	970.
	13	Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	13	12,927.
	14	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	14	
	15	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	15	13.
	16	Other expenses (describe) DUES	16	570.
	17	Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16	17	14,480.
Net Assets	18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)	18	73,165.
	19	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 27, column (A)) (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)	19	1,113,662.
	20	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (attach explanation) SEE STATEMENT 2	20	-355,770.
	21	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20	21	831,057.

## Part II Balance Sheets. If Total assets on line 25, column (B) are \$2,500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ.

(See the instructions for Part II.)

	(A) Beginning of year	(B) End of year
22 Cash, savings, and investments	1,113,026.	793,198.
23 Land and buildings		
24 Other assets (describe) SEE STATEMENT 1	636.	37,859.
25 Total assets	1,113,662.	831,057.
26 Total liabilities (describe)	0.	0.
27 Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	1,113,662.	831,057.

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What is the organization's primary exempt purpose? **SEE STATEMENT 5**

Describe what was achieved in carrying out the organization's exempt purposes. In a clear and concise manner, describe the services provided, the number of persons benefited, or other relevant information for each program title.

**Expenses**  
(Required for 501(c)(3)  
and (4) organizations and  
4947(a)(1) trusts; optional  
for others.)

**28a**

29a

**30a**

31a

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**Part V Other Information** (Note the statement requirements in the instructions for Part VI.)

		Yes	No
33	Did the organization engage in any activity not previously reported to the IRS? If "Yes," attach a detailed description of each activity		X
34	Were any changes made to the organizing or governing documents but not reported to the IRS? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the changes		X
35	If the organization had income from business activities, such as those reported on lines 2, 6a, and 7a (among others), but not reported on Form 990-T, attach a statement explaining your reason for not reporting the income on Form 990-T.		
a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more or section 6033(e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements?		X
b	If "Yes," has it filed a tax return on Form 990-T for this year?	N/A	
36	Was there a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or substantial contraction during the year? If "Yes," complete applicable parts of Sch. N		X
37a	Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions. <span style="float: right;">37a 0.</span>		
b	Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?		X
38a	Did the organization borrow from, or make any loans to, any officer, director, trustee, or key employee or were any such loans made in a prior year and still unpaid at the start of the period covered by this return?		X
b	If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved <span style="float: right;">38b N/A</span>		
39	Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:		
a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9 <span style="float: right;">39a N/A</span>		
b	Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities <span style="float: right;">39b N/A</span>		
40a	Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under: section 4911 <span style="float: right;">N/A</span> ; section 4912 <span style="float: right;">N/A</span> ; section 4955 <span style="float: right;">N/A</span>		
b	Section 501(c)(3) and (4) organizations. Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year or did it become aware of an excess benefit transaction from a prior year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I		X
c	Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958 <span style="float: right;">0.</span>		
d	Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization <span style="float: right;">0.</span>		
e	All organizations. At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? If "Yes," complete Form 8886-T		X
41	List the states with which a copy of this return is filed. <span style="float: right;">NONE</span>		
42a	The books are in care of <span style="float: right;">THE ORGANIZATION</span> Telephone no. <span style="float: right;">651-436-7033</span> Located at <span style="float: right;">1560 ST. CROIX TRAIL S, LAKE LAND, MN</span> ZIP + 4 <span style="float: right;">55043</span>		
b	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: <span style="float: right;">See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts.</span>		X
c	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside of the U.S.? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: <span style="float: right;">Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of Form 1041 - Check here and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year <span style="float: right;">43 N/A</span></span>		X
44	Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ		X
45	Is any related organization a controlled entity of the organization within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ		X

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**Part VI Section 501(c)(3) organizations only.** All section 501(c)(3) organizations must answer questions 46-49 and complete the tables for lines 50 and 51.

- 46 Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I
- 47 Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II
- 48 Is the organization operating a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E
- 49a Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization?
- b If "Yes," was the related organization(s) a section 527 organization?
- 50 Complete this table for the five highest compensated employees (other than officers, directors, trustees and key employees) who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."

	Yes	No
46		
47		
48		
49a		
49b		

(a) Name and address of each employee paid more than \$100,000	(b) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation	(D) Contributions to employee benefit plans & deferred compensation	(E) Expense account and other allowances
N/A				
Total number of other employees paid over \$100,000				

- 51 Complete this table for the five highest compensated independent contractors who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."

(a) Name and address of each independent contractor paid more than \$100,000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
N/A		
Total number of other independent contractors each receiving over \$100,000		

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Sign Here: Kevin C Wan Signature of officer Date: 10/26/2011

Type or print name and title: Kevin C Wan President

Paid Preparer's Use Only: Preparer's signature: Dianne K. Hickey, CPA Date: 10/03/11 Check if self-employed: ☐ Preparer's Identifying Number (See instr.): 651-426-7000

Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4: HLB TAUTGES REDPATH, LTD. 4810 WHITE BEAR PARKWAY WHITE BEAR LAKE, MN 55110 EIN: 651-426-7000

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions ☒ Yes ☐ No

FORM 990-EZ	OTHER ASSETS	STATEMENT	1
DESCRIPTION	BEG. OF YEAR	END OF YEAR	
DUE FROM STATE OF MINNESOTA	0.	37,175.	
ACCRUED INTEREST RECEIVABLE	636.	684.	
TOTAL TO FORM 990-EZ, LINE 24	636.	37,859.	

FORM 990-EZ	OTHER CHANGES IN NET ASSETS OR FUND BALANCES	STATEMENT	2
DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT		
UNREALIZED LOSS ON INVESTMENTS	-355,770.		
TOTAL TO FORM 990-EZ, LINE 20	-355,770.		

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INFORMATION REGARDING TRANSFERS  
ASSOCIATED WITH PERSONAL BENEFIT CONTRACTS

STATEMENT 3

- A) DID THE ORGANIZATION, DURING THE YEAR, RECEIVE ANY FUNDS,  
DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, TO PAY PREMIUMS ON A PERSONAL  
BENEFIT CONTRACT? . . . . . [ ] YES [X] NO
- B) DID THE ORGANIZATION, DURING THE YEAR, PAY PREMIUMS,  
DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, ON A PERSONAL BENEFIT CONTRACT? . . [ ] YES [X] NO

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STATEMENT 4

PROVIDE RETIREMENT RELIEF AND OTHER BENEFITS TO ITS MEMBERS AND THEIR DEPENDENTS. IN PRIOR YEARS THE ORGANIZATION HAS NOT FILED FORM 990 BECAUSE IT OPERATES AS A GOVERNMENT ENTITY AND GOVERNMENT ENTITIES ARE NOT REQUIRED TO FILE FORM 990 BASED ON REVENUE PROCEDURE 95-48. BECAUSE OF CONFLICTING OPINIONS REGARDING FILING REQUIREMENTS FOR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER ORGANIZATIONS AND RECENT IRS SCRUTINY, THE ORGANIZATION HAS DECIDED TO VOLUNTARILY FILE FORM 990 GOING FORWARD.



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STATEMENT 5

THE ASSOCIATION PROVIDES RETIREMENT RELIEF AND OTHER BENEFITS TO ITS MEMBERS AND THEIR DEPENDENTS. THE ASSOCIATION IS A GOVERNMENT ENTITY THAT RECEIVES AND MANAGES PUBLIC FUNDS TO PROVIDE RETIREMENT AND ANCILARY BENEFITS FOR INDIVIDUALS PROVIDING THE GOVERNMENTAL SERVICES OF FIREFIGHTING AND EMERGENCY FIRST RESPONSE.