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Form **990**Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

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**Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax**

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

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

OMB No 1545-0047

**2009**Open to Public  
Inspection**A** For the 2009 calendar year, or tax year beginning

and ending

**B** Check if applicable:

- ☐ Address change  
☐ Name change  
☒ Initial return  
☐ Terminated  
☐ 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**

Doing Business As

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

**1560 ST. CROIX TRAIL S**

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

**LAKELAND, MN 55043****F** Name and address of principal officer: **KEVIN WALL, PRESIDENT****SAME AS C ABOVE****D** Employer identification number**41-1391786****E** Telephone number**651-436-7033****G** Gross receipts \$**54,878.****H(a)** Is this a group return for affiliates? ☐ Yes ☒ No**H(b)** Are all affiliates included? ☐ Yes ☐ No  
If "No," attach a list. (see instructions)**H(c)** Group exemption number ▶**I** Tax-exempt status: ☒ 501(c) ( 4 ) (insert no.) ☐ 4947(a)(1) or ☐ 527**J** Website: ▶ **N/A****K** Form of organization: ☒ Corporation ☐ Trust ☐ Association ☐ Other ▶**L** Year of formation: **1962** **M** State of legal domicile: **MN****Part I Summary**

Activities & Governance	1	Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: <b>PROVIDE RETIREMENT RELIEF AND OTHER BENEFITS TO ITS MEMBERS AND THEIR DEPENDENTS.</b>		
	2	Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets.		
	3	Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	<b>9</b>	
	4	Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	<b>6</b>	
	5	Total number of employees (Part V, line 2a)	<b>0</b>	
	6	Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	<b>9</b>	
	7a	Total gross unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	<b>0.</b>	
7b	Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	<b>0.</b>		
Revenue	8	Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	<b>37,275.</b>	<b>32,337.</b>
	9	Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)		
	10	Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	<b>50,370.</b>	<b>22,326.</b>
	11	Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)		<b>215.</b>
	12	Total revenue - add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	<b>87,645.</b>	<b>54,878.</b>
Expenses	13	Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)		
	14	Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)	<b>0.</b>	<b>54,667.</b>
	15	Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)	<b>970.</b>	<b>1,020.</b>
	16a	Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)		
	b	Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25)		
	17	Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24f)	<b>13,510.</b>	<b>12,361.</b>
	18	Total expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 18)	<b>14,480.</b>	<b>68,048.</b>
	19	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12	<b>73,165.</b>	<b>-13,170.</b>
	20	Total assets (Part X, line 16)	<b>831,057.</b>	<b>989,191.</b>
21	Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)			
22	Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	<b>831,057.</b>	<b>989,191.</b>	

**Part II Signature Block****SERVICE CENTER**

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.

**REAFFIRMED**

Signature of officer

Date

**10/26/2011**

Type or print name and title

**Kevin Wall, President**Paid  
Preparer's  
Use Only

Preparer's signature

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**

Date

**10-13-10**Check if self-employed ☐

Preparer's identifying number (see instructions)

EIN ▶

Phone no. ▶ **(651) 426-7000**

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? (see instructions)

☒ Yes ☐ No

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**Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments**

- 1** Briefly describe the organization's mission: SEE SCHEDULE O FOR CONTINUATION  
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
- 2** Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ? ☐ Yes ☒ No  
 If "Yes," describe these new services on Schedule O.
- 3** Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program services? ☐ Yes ☒ No  
 If "Yes," describe these changes on Schedule O.
- 4** Describe the exempt purpose achievements for each of the organization's three largest program services by expenses. Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) trusts are required to report the amount of grants and allocations to others, the total expenses, and revenue, if any, for each program service reported.

**4a** (Code: ) (Expenses \$ 62,154. including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ 0. )  
PROVIDE RETIREMENT RELIEF AND OTHER BENEFITS TO ITS MEMBERS AND THEIR  
DEPENDENTS. IN 2009 THE ORGANIZATION HAD 28 MEMBERS AND PAID  
RETIREMENT BENEFITS TO 1 MEMBER.

**4b** (Code: ) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ )

**4c** (Code: ) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ )

**4d** Other program services. (Describe in Schedule O )  
 (Expenses \$ including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ )

**4e** Total program service expenses ► \$ 62,154.

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**Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules**

	Yes	No
1 Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule A</i>		X
2 Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors?	X	
3 Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I</i>		X
4 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II</i>		
5 Section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), and 501(c)(6) organizations. Is the organization subject to the section 6033(e) notice and reporting requirement and proxy tax? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III</i>		X
6 Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts where donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I</i>		X
7 Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas, or historic structures? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II</i>		X
8 Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III</i>		X
9 Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21; serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X; or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV</i>		X
10 Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in term, permanent, or quasi-endowments? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V</i>		X
11 Is the organization's answer to any of the following questions "Yes"? <i>If so, complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable</i>		X
• Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI.</i>		
• Did the organization report an amount for investments - other securities in Part X, line 12 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII.</i>		
• Did the organization report an amount for investments - program related in Part X, line 13 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII.</i>		
• Did the organization report an amount for other assets in Part X, line 15 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX.</i>		
• Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X.</i>		
• Did the organization's separate or consolidated financial statements for the tax year include a footnote that addresses the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X.</i>		
12 Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII.</i>	X	
12A Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," completing Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII is optional</i>	Yes	No
		X
13 Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule E</i>		X
14a Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?		X
b Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, and program service activities outside the United States? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part I</i>		X
15 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or assistance to any organization or entity located outside the United States? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part II</i>		X
16 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or assistance to individuals located outside the United States? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part III</i>		X
17 Did the organization report a total of more than \$15,000 of expenses for professional fundraising services on Part IX, column (A), lines 6 and 11e? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I</i>		X
18 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II</i>		X
19 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III</i>		X
20 Did the organization operate one or more hospitals? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule H</i>		X

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**Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)**

	Yes	No
<b>21</b> Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants and other assistance to governments and organizations in the United States on Part IX, column (A), line 1? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II</i>		<b>X</b>
<b>22</b> Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants and other assistance to individuals in the United States on Part IX, column (A), line 2? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II</i>		<b>X</b>
<b>23</b> Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, line 3, 4, or 5 about compensation of the organization's current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J</i>		<b>X</b>
<b>24a</b> Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? <i>If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25</i>		<b>X</b>
<b>b</b> Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?		
<b>c</b> Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds?		
<b>d</b> Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?		
<b>25a</b> <b>Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations.</b> Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i>		<b>X</b>
<b>b</b> Is the organization aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i>		<b>X</b>
<b>26</b> Was a loan to or by a current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, highly compensated employee, or disqualified person outstanding as of the end of the organization's tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II</i>		<b>X</b>
<b>27</b> Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, substantial contributor, or a grant selection committee member, or to a person related to such an individual? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III</i>		<b>X</b>
<b>28</b> Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties, (see Schedule L, Part IV instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions):		
<b>a</b> A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>		<b>X</b>
<b>b</b> A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>		<b>X</b>
<b>c</b> An entity of which a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee of the organization (or a family member) was an officer, director, trustee, or direct or indirect owner? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>		<b>X</b>
<b>29</b> Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>		<b>X</b>
<b>30</b> Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>		<b>X</b>
<b>31</b> Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I</i>		<b>X</b>
<b>32</b> Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II</i>		<b>X</b>
<b>33</b> Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I</i>		<b>X</b>
<b>34</b> Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Parts II, III, IV, and V, line 1</i>		<b>X</b>
<b>35</b> Is any related organization a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>		<b>X</b>
<b>36</b> <b>Section 501(c)(3) organizations.</b> Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>		
<b>37</b> Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI</i>		<b>X</b>
<b>38</b> Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11 and 19?	<b>X</b>	

**Note.** All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O.

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**Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance**

		Yes	No
<b>1a</b>	Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096, Annual Summary and Transmittal of U.S. Information Returns. Enter -0- if not applicable	1	
<b>b</b>	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable	0	
<b>c</b>	Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?	1c	
<b>2a</b>	Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements, filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return	0	
<b>b</b>	If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? <b>Note.</b> If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file this return. (see instructions)	2b	
<b>3a</b>	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year covered by this return?		X
<b>b</b>	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O	3b	
<b>4a</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)?		X
<b>b</b>	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts.	4a	
<b>5a</b>	Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?		X
<b>b</b>	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?	5b	X
<b>c</b>	If "Yes," to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T, Disclosure by Tax-Exempt Entity Regarding Prohibited Tax Shelter Transaction?	5c	
<b>6a</b>	Does the organization have annual gross receipts that are normally greater than \$100,000, and did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible?		X
<b>b</b>	If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?	6b	
<b>7</b>	<b>Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).</b>		
<b>a</b>	Did the organization receive a payment in excess of \$75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and services provided to the payor?	7a	
<b>b</b>	If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?	7b	
<b>c</b>	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?	7c	
<b>d</b>	If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year	7d	
<b>e</b>	Did the organization, during the year, receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?	7e	
<b>f</b>	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?	7f	
<b>g</b>	For all contributions of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?	7g	
<b>h</b>	For contributions of cars, boats, airplanes, and other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C as required?	7h	
<b>8</b>	<b>Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds and section 509(a)(3) supporting organizations.</b> Did the supporting organization, or a donor advised fund maintained by a sponsoring organization, have excess business holdings at any time during the year?	8	
<b>9</b>	<b>Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.</b>		
<b>a</b>	Did the organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?	9a	
<b>b</b>	Did the organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?	9b	
<b>10</b>	<b>Section 501(c)(7) organizations.</b> Enter.		
<b>a</b>	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12	10a	
<b>b</b>	Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities	10b	
<b>11</b>	<b>Section 501(c)(12) organizations.</b> Enter:		
<b>a</b>	Gross income from members or shareholders	11a	
<b>b</b>	Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them.)	11b	
<b>12a</b>	<b>Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts.</b> Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?	12a	
<b>b</b>	If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year	12b	

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**Part VI Governance, Management, and Disclosure** For each "Yes" response to lines 2 through 7b below, and for a "No" response to line 8a, 8b, or 10b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes in Schedule O. See instructions.

## Section A. Governing Body and Management

	1a	1b	Yes	No
1a Enter the number of voting members of the governing body	9			
b Enter the number of voting members that are independent		6		
2 Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other officer, director, trustee, or key employee?	2			X
3 Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors or trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person?	3			X
4 Did the organization make any significant changes to its organizational documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?	4			X
5 Did the organization become aware during the year of a material diversion of the organization's assets?	5			X
6 Does the organization have members or stockholders?	6		X	
7a Does the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who may elect one or more members of the governing body?	7a		X	
b Are any decisions of the governing body subject to approval by members, stockholders, or other persons?	7b		X	
8 Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following:				
a The governing body?	8a		X	
b Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	8b		X	
9 Is there any officer, director, trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If "Yes," provide the names and addresses in Schedule O	9			X

## Section B. Policies (This Section B requests information about policies not required by the Internal Revenue Code)

	Yes	No
10a Does the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?	10a	X
b If "Yes," does the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with those of the organization?	10b	
11 Has the organization provided a copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form?	11	X
11A Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990.		
12a Does the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13	12a	X
b Are officers, directors or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?	12b	X
c Does the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this is done	12c	X
13 Does the organization have a written whistleblower policy?	13	X
14 Does the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?	14	X
15 Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approval by independent persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision?		
a The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official	15a	X
b Other officers or key employees of the organization	15b	X
If "Yes" to line 15a or 15b, describe the process in Schedule O. (See instructions.)		
16a Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year?	16a	X
b If "Yes," has the organization adopted a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and taken steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements?	16b	

## Section C. Disclosure

17 List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed **NONE**

18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you make these available. Check all that apply.  
☐ Own website ☐ Another's website ☒ Upon request

19 Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how), the organization makes its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public.

20 State the name, physical address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the books and records of the organization: **THE ORGANIZATION - 651-436-7033**  
**1560 ST. CROIX TRAIL S, LAKELAND, MN 55043**

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**Part VII Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors**

## Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees

1a Complete this table for all persons required to be listed. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year. Use Schedule J-2 if additional space is needed.

- List all of the organization's **current** officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations), regardless of amount of compensation. Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid
- List all of the organization's **current** key employees. See instructions for definition of "key employee."
- List the organization's five **current** highest compensated employees (other than an officer, director, trustee, or key employee) who received reportable compensation (Box 5 of Form W-2 and/or Box 7 of Form 1099-MISC) of more than \$100,000 from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, and highest compensated employees who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former** directors or trustees that received, in the capacity as a former director or trustee of the organization, more than \$10,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.

List persons in the following order: individual trustees or directors; institutional trustees; officers; key employees; highest compensated employees; and former such persons.

☐ Check this box if the organization did not compensate any current officer, director, or trustee.

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Part VIII Statement of Revenue

				(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512, 513, or 514
Contributions, gifts, grants and other similar amounts	1 a Federated campaigns	1a					
	b Membership dues	1b					
	c Fundraising events	1c					
	d Related organizations	1d					
	e Government grants (contributions)	1e	32,337.				
	f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f					
	g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f \$						
	h Total. Add lines 1a-1f		32,337.				
Program Service Revenue	Business Code						
	2 a						
	b						
	c						
	d						
	e						
	f All other program service revenue						
g Total. Add lines 2a-2f							
Other Revenue	3 Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)			22,326.		22,326.	
	4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds						
	5 Royalties						
	6 a Gross Rents	(i) Real	(ii) Personal				
	b Less: rental expenses						
	c Rental income or (loss)						
	d Net rental income or (loss)						
	7 a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities	(ii) Other				
	b Less. cost or other basis and sales expenses						
	c Gain or (loss)						
	d Net gain or (loss)						
	8 a Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ of contributions reported on line 1c) See Part IV, line 18	a					
	b Less. direct expenses	b					
	c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events						
	9 a Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19	a					
	b Less. direct expenses	b					
	c Net income or (loss) from gaming activities						
	10 a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	a					
b Less. cost of goods sold	b						
c Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory							
Miscellaneous Revenue			Business Code				
11 a INVESTMENT LITIGATION		523000	215.		215.		
b							
c							
d All other revenue							
e Total. Add lines 11a-11d			215.				
12 Total revenue. See instructions.			54,878.	0.	0.	22,541.	

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**Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses**

Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must complete all columns.

All other organizations must complete column (A) but are not required to complete columns (B), (C), and (D).

Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1 Grants and other assistance to governments and organizations in the U.S. See Part IV, line 21				
2 Grants and other assistance to individuals in the U.S. See Part IV, line 22				
3 Grants and other assistance to governments, organizations, and individuals outside the U.S. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16				
4 Benefits paid to or for members	54,667.	54,667.		
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	1,020.		1,020.	
6 Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)				
7 Other salaries and wages				
8 Pension plan contributions (include section 401(k) and section 403(b) employer contributions)				
9 Other employee benefits				
10 Payroll taxes				
11 Fees for services (non-employees):				
a Management				
b Legal				
c Accounting	4,150.		4,150.	
d Lobbying				
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17				
f Investment management fees	7,487.	7,487.		
g Other				
12 Advertising and promotion				
13 Office expenses	724.		724.	
14 Information technology				
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy				
17 Travel				
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings				
20 Interest				
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization				
23 Insurance				
24 Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above. (Expenses grouped together and labeled miscellaneous may not exceed 5% of total expenses shown on line 25 below.)				
a				
b				
c				
d				
e				
f All other expenses				
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24f	68,048.	62,154.	5,894.	0.
26 Joint costs. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation				

**Part X Balance Sheet**

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
<b>Assets</b>	1 Cash - non-interest-bearing		1	
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	30,088.	2	50,165.
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net	763,110.	3	937,342.
	4 Accounts receivable, net	37,175.	4	1,000.
	5 Receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees. Complete Part II of Schedule L		5	
	6 Receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B). Complete Part II of Schedule L		6	
	7 Notes and loans receivable, net		7	
	8 Inventories for sale or use		8	
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges		9	
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a		
	b Less: accumulated depreciation	10b	10c	
	11 Investments - publicly traded securities		11	
	12 Investments - other securities. See Part IV, line 11		12	
	13 Investments - program-related. See Part IV, line 11		13	
	14 Intangible assets		14	
	15 Other assets. See Part IV, line 11	684.	15	684.
16 <b>Total assets.</b> Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)	831,057.	16	989,191.	
<b>Liabilities</b>	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses		17	
	18 Grants payable		18	
	19 Deferred revenue		19	
	20 Tax-exempt bond liabilities		20	
	21 Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D		21	
	22 Payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons. Complete Part II of Schedule L		22	
	23 Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties		23	
	24 Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties		24	
	25 Other liabilities. Complete Part X of Schedule D		25	
	26 <b>Total liabilities.</b> Add lines 17 through 25	0.	26	0.
<b>Net Assets or Fund Balances</b>	Organizations that follow SFAS 117, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.			
	27 Unrestricted net assets		27	
	28 Temporarily restricted net assets		28	
	29 Permanently restricted net assets		29	
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 30 through 34.			
	30 Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds	831,057.	30	989,191.
	31 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipment fund	0.	31	0.
	32 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds	0.	32	0.
33 <b>Total net assets or fund balances</b>	831,057.	33	989,191.	
34 <b>Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances</b>	831,057.	34	989,191.	

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**Part XI Financial Statements and Reporting**

	Yes	No
<b>1</b> Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990: <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule O.		
<b>2a</b> Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant?		<b>X</b>
<b>b</b> Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?	<b>X</b>	
<b>c</b> If "Yes" to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant? If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O.	<b>X</b>	
<b>d</b> If "Yes" to line 2a or 2b, check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were issued on a consolidated basis, separate basis, or both: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis		
<b>3a</b> As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133?		<b>X</b>
<b>b</b> If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why in Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits.		

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**Schedule D**  
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**Supplemental Financial Statements**

► Complete if the organization answered "Yes," to Form 990,  
Part IV, line 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, or 12.

► Attach to Form 990. ► See separate instructions.

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**Part I Organizations Maintaining Donor Advised Funds or Other Similar Funds or Accounts.** Complete if the  
organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 6.

	(a) Donor advised funds	(b) Funds and other accounts
1 Total number at end of year		
2 Aggregate contributions to (during year)		
3 Aggregate grants from (during year)		
4 Aggregate value at end of year		

5 Did the organization inform all donors and donor advisors in writing that the assets held in donor advised funds are the organization's property, subject to the organization's exclusive legal control? ☐ Yes ☐ No

6 Did the organization inform all grantees, donors, and donor advisors in writing that grant funds can be used only for charitable purposes and not for the benefit of the donor or donor advisor, or for any other purpose conferring impermissible private benefit? ☐ Yes ☐ No

**Part II Conservation Easements.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 7.

1 Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization (check all that apply).

<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of land for public use (e.g., recreation or pleasure)	<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of an historically important land area
<input type="checkbox"/> Protection of natural habitat	<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of a certified historic structure
<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of open space	

2 Complete lines 2a through 2d if the organization held a qualified conservation contribution in the form of a conservation easement on the last day of the tax year.

	Held at the End of the Tax Year
a Total number of conservation easements	2a
b Total acreage restricted by conservation easements	2b
c Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a)	2c
d Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 8/17/06	2d

3 Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the tax year ►

4 Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located ►

5 Does the organization have a written policy regarding the periodic monitoring, inspection, handling of violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds? ☐ Yes ☐ No

6 Staff and volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ►

7 Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ► \$

8 Does each conservation easement reported on line 2(d) above satisfy the requirements of section 170(h)(4)(B)(i) and section 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)? ☐ Yes ☐ No

9 In Part XIV, describe how the organization reports conservation easements in its revenue and expense statement, and balance sheet, and include, if applicable, the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that describes the organization's accounting for conservation easements

**Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets.**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 8.

- 1a If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116, not to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide, in Part XIV, the text of the footnote to its financial statements that describes these items.
- b If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116, to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide the following amounts relating to these items:
- |  |      |
|--|------|
| (i) Revenues included in Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 | ► \$ |
| (ii) Assets included in Form 990, Part X             | ► \$ |
- 2 If the organization received or held works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets for financial gain, provide the following amounts required to be reported under SFAS 116 relating to these items:
- |  |      |
|--|------|
| a Revenues included in Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 | ► \$ |
| b Assets included in Form 990, Part X              | ► \$ |

**Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets** (continued)

3 Using the organization's acquisition, accession, and other records, check any of the following that are a significant use of its collection items

(check all that apply):

a ☐ Public exhibitiond ☐ Loan or exchange programsb ☐ Scholarly researche ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_c ☐ Preservation for future generations

4 Provide a description of the organization's collections and explain how they further the organization's exempt purpose in Part XIV.

5 During the year, did the organization solicit or receive donations of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets

to be sold to raise funds rather than to be maintained as part of the organization's collection?

☐ Yes☐ No**Part IV Escrow and Custodial Arrangements.** Complete if organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 9, or reported an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21.

1a Is the organization an agent, trustee, custodian or other intermediary for contributions or other assets not included on Form 990, Part X?

☐ Yes☐ No

b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIV and complete the following table:

c Beginning balance

d Additions during the year

e Distributions during the year

f Ending balance

	Amount
1c	
1d	
1e	
1f	

2a Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21?

☐ Yes☐ No

b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIV.

**Part V Endowment Funds.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 10.

	(a) Current year	(b) Prior year	(c) Two years back	(d) Three years back	(e) Four years back
1a Beginning of year balance					
b Contributions					
c Net investment earnings, gains, and losses					
d Grants or scholarships					
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs					
f Administrative expenses					
g End of year balance					

2 Provide the estimated percentage of the year end balance held as:

a Board designated or quasi-endowment ▶ \_\_\_\_\_ %

b Permanent endowment ▶ \_\_\_\_\_ %

c Term endowment ▶ \_\_\_\_\_ %

3a Are there endowment funds not in the possession of the organization that are held and administered for the organization by:

(i) unrelated organizations

(ii) related organizations

	Yes	No
3a(i)		
3a(ii)		
3b		

b If "Yes" to 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R?

4 Describe in Part XIV the intended uses of the organization's endowment funds.

**Part VI Investments - Land, Buildings, and Equipment.** See Form 990, Part X, line 10.

Description of investment	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b) Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Accumulated depreciation	(d) Book value
1a Land				
b Buildings				
c Leasehold improvements				
d Equipment				
e Other				

Total. Add lines 1a through 1e. (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c))

0.







**SCHEDULE O**

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**Supplemental Information to Form 990**

Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on  
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FORM 990, PART III, LINE 1, DESCRIPTION OF ORGANIZATION MISSION:  
OF FIREFIGHTING AND EMERGENCY FIRST RESPONSE. THE ASSOCIATION MAY  
RAISE FUNDS FROM PRIVATE SOURCES TO FURNISH FIRE AND EMERGENCY  
EQUIPMENT FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. BENEFITS PAID TO MEMBERS AND THEIR  
DEPENDENTS SHALL BE FUNDED PRIMARILY THROUGH GOVERNMENTAL SOURCES.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 6: ALL ACTIVE MEMBERS OF THE FIRE  
DEPARTMENT ARE ELIGIBLE TO BECOME MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION. THE  
ORGANIZATION HAS TWO TYPES OF MEMBERS. 1.DEFERRED MEMBERS ARE ENTITLED  
TO RECEIVE BENEFITS BUT HAVE NOT RECEIVED THEM. 2.ACTIVE MEMBERS ARE  
CURRENTLY ACTIVE WITH THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 7A: THE MEMBERS ELECT OFFICERS AT THE  
ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ORGANIZATION. EACH ACTIVE MEMBER HAS ONE VOTE.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 7B: ROUTINE DECISIONS OF THE BOARD OF  
TRUSTEES ARE NOT SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE MEMBERSHIP. ANY AMENDMENTS TO  
THE ASSOCIATION'S BYLAWS ARE REQUIRED TO BE APPROVED BY THE MEMBERS.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 8B: THERE ARE NO SUBCOMMITTEES WITH  
AUTHORITY TO ACT ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES. THE INVESTMENT  
COMMITTEE IS ADVISORY TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

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FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 11: THE TREASURER CAREFULLY REVIEWS THE  
DRAFT VERSION OF THE FORM 990. THE RETURN IS ALSO PROVIDED ELECTRONICALLY  
TO THE ORGANIZATION'S BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND THEY ARE REQUESTED TO REVIEW IT

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AND MAKE COMMENTS. AFTER ALL COMMENTS AND CHANGES HAVE BEEN INCORPORATED  
INTO THE RETURN, IT IS FINALIZED BY THE CPA FIRM.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 12C: THE STATE OF MINNESOTA REQUIRES  
EACH TRUSTEE TO DISCLOSE ANY CONFLICTS OF INTEREST ANNUALLY. EACH TRUSTEE  
COMPLETES AND SIGNS A WRITTEN DISCLOSURE FORM EVERY YEAR. DURING THE YEAR,  
IF ANY POTENTIAL CONFLICT ISSUES COME BEFORE THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, THE  
TRUSTEE ABSTAINS FROM VOTING ON THE ISSUE IF THERE IS A CONFLICT.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 15B: ALL COMPENSATION IS REVIEWED AND  
APPROVED BY THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION C, LINE 19: PUBLIC DOCUMENTS ARE AVAILABLE UPON  
REQUEST.

FORM 990, HEADER, LINE B

INITIAL RETURN

IN PRIOR YEARS THE ORGANIZATION HAS NOT FILED FORM 990 BECAUSE IT  
OPERATES AS A GOVERNMENT AFFILIATE AND GOVERNMENT AFFILIATES 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.