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Form 990-EZ

Short Form

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)

Sponsoring organizations of donor advised funds, organizations that operate one or more hospital facilities, and certain controlling organizations as defined in section 512(b)(13) must file Form 990 (see instructions) All other organizations with gross receipts less than \$200,000 and total assets less than \$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

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2011

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A For the 2011 calendar year, or tax year beginning 06-01-2011, and ending 05-31-2012

- B Check if applicable: Address change, Name change, Initial return, Terminated, Amended return, Application pending

C Name of organization: TRI STATE PROF FIREFIGHTERS UNION. Number and street (or P O box, if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite: 7223 S ROUTE 83. City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4: WILLOWBROOK, IL 60527

D Employer identification number: 36-3636467. E Telephone number. F Group Exemption Number

G Accounting method: [X] Cash [] Accrual [] Other (specify)

H Check [X] if the organization is not required to attach Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF)

I Website. J Tax-Exempt status (check only one): [] 501(c)(3) [X] 501(c)(5) (insert no) [] 4947(a)(1) or [] 527

K Check [] if the organization is not a section 509(a)(3) supporting organization or a section 527 organization and its gross receipts are normally not more than \$50,000 A Form 990-EZ or Form 990 return is not required though Form 990-N (e-postcard) may be required (see instructions) But if the organization chooses to file a return, be sure to file a complete return

L Add lines 5b, 6c, and 7b, to line 9 to determine gross receipts. If gross receipts are \$200,000 or more, or if total assets (Part II, line 25, column (B) below) are \$500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ \$ 89,379

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

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part I [X]

Table with 3 main sections: Revenue (lines 1-9), Expenses (lines 10-17), and Net Assets (lines 18-21). Includes sub-rows for detailed calculations like 5a-5c, 6a-6d, 7a-7c.

Part II Balance Sheets

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part II

(See the instructions for Part II)

	(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
22 Cash, savings, and investments	143,369	22	138,645
23 Land and buildings	0	23	0
24 Other assets (describe in Schedule O)	0	24	0
25 Total assets	143,369	25	138,645
26 Total liabilities (describe in Schedule O)	0	26	0
27 Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	143,369	27	138,645

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part III

Expenses
(Required for section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) trusts, optional for others)

What is the organization's primary exempt purpose?

MEMBER JOB SUPPORT

Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. In a clear and concise manner, describe the services provided, the number of persons benefited, and other relevant information for each program title

28 CHARITABLE DONATIONS (Grants \$)	If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	28a	6,900
29 IMPROVE WORKING CONDITIONS AND BENEFITS OF MEMBERS AND TO ASSIST IN SOLVING JOB RELATED PROBLEMS (Grants \$)	If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	29a	40,508
30 INCREASE KNOWLEDGE OF ALL MEMBERS IN FIREFIGHTING TECHNIQUES AND EDUCATION (Grants \$)	If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	30a	480
31 Other program services (describe in Schedule O) (Grants \$)	If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	31a	
32 Total program service expenses (add lines 28a through 31a)		32	47,888

Part IV List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees. List each one even if not compensated (See the instructions for Part IV)

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part IV

(a) Name and address	(b) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation (If not paid, enter -0-.)	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans & deferred compensation	(e) Expense account and other allowances
See Additional Data Table				

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

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part V

		Yes	No
33	Did the organization engage in any significant activity not previously reported to the IRS? If "Yes," provide a detailed description of each activity in Schedule O		No
34	Were any significant changes made to the organizing or governing documents? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the amended documents if they reflect a change to the organization's name. Otherwise, explain the change on Schedule O (see instructions)		No
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, explain in Schedule O why the organization did not report the income on Form 990-T		
35a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year from business activities (such as those reported on lines 2, 6a, and 7a, among others)?		No
35b	If "Yes" to line 35a, has the organization filed a Form 990-T for the year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O		
35c	Was the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization subject to section 6033(e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements during the year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III		No
36	Did the organization undergo a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or significant disposition of net assets during the year? If "Yes," complete applicable parts of Schedule N		No
37a	Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions <input type="checkbox"/> 37a _____		
37b	Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?		No
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 outstanding at the end of the tax year covered by this return?		No
38b	If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved		
39	<i>Section 501(c)(7) organizations.</i> Enter		
39a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9		
39b	Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities		
40a	<i>Section 501(c)(3) organizations.</i> Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under section 4911 <input type="checkbox"/> _____, section 4912 <input type="checkbox"/> _____, section 4955 <input type="checkbox"/> _____		
40b	<i>Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations.</i> Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year or did it engage in an excess benefit transaction in a prior year that has not been reported on any of its prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I		
40c	<i>Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations.</i> Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958 <input type="checkbox"/> _____		
40d	<i>Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations.</i> Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization <input type="checkbox"/> _____		
40e	<i>All organizations.</i> At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? If "Yes," complete Form 8886-T		No
41	List the states with which a copy of this return is filed <input type="checkbox"/> _____		
42a	The organization's books are in care of <input type="checkbox"/> MICHAEL STOFFLE Telephone no <input type="checkbox"/> (630) 408-8880 1095 SCARLET OAK CR Located at <input type="checkbox"/> AURORA, IL ZIP + 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 60506		
42b	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 <input type="checkbox"/> _____ See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts.	Yes	No
42c	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 <input type="checkbox"/> _____		No
43	Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of Form 1041 —Check here <input type="checkbox"/> and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year <input type="checkbox"/> 43 _____		
44a	Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ.	Yes	No
44b	Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ		No
44c	Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the year?		No
44d	If "Yes" to line 44c, has the organization filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O		
45a	Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?		No
45b	Did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," Form 990 and Schedule R may need to be completed instead of Form 990-EZ (see instructions)		No

Yes **No**

46 Did the organization engage, directly or indirectly, in political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I

46		No
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Part VI Section 501(c)(3) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts only.

All section 501(c)(3) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must answer questions 47-49b and 52.

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part VI

Yes **No**

47 Did the organization engage in lobbying activities or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II

48 Is the organization a school 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?

49b If "Yes," was the related organization a section 527 organization?

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48		
49a		
49b		

50 Complete this table for the organization's 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 "

(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

f Total number of other employees paid over \$100,000 ▶ _____

51 Complete this table for the organization's 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

d Total number of other independent contractors each receiving over \$100,000 ▶ _____

52 Did the organization complete Schedule A? **NOTE:** All Section 501(c)(3) organizations and 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must attach a completed Schedule A Yes No

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	***** Signature of officer	2012-09-25 Date
	MICHAEL STOFFLE TREASURER Type or print name and title	

Paid Preparer's Use Only	Preparer's signature ▶ David C Walker CFP EA	Date 2012-10-03	Check if self-employed <input type="checkbox"/>	Preparer's taxpayer identification number (See instructions)
	Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4 ▶ Swisher and Walker Financial Group 459 Dunham Road Suite 200 Saint Charles, IL 60174			EIN ▶ Phone no ▶ (630) 945-3235

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

SCHEDULE G (Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Supplemental Information Regarding Fundraising or Gaming Activities

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Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, lines 17, 18, or 19, or if the organization entered more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a. Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. See separate instructions.

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization TRI STATE PROF FIREFIGHTERS UNION

Employer identification number 36-3636467

Part I Fundraising Activities. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 17.

1 Indicate whether the organization raised funds through any of the following activities. Check all that apply.

- a Mail solicitations
b Internet and e-mail solicitations
c Phone solicitations
d In-person solicitations
e Solicitation of non-government grants
f Solicitation of government grants
g Special fundraising events

2a Did the organization have a written or oral agreement with any individual (including officers, directors, trustees or key employees listed in Form 990, Part VII) or entity in connection with professional fundraising services? Yes No

b If "Yes," list the ten highest paid individuals or entities (fundraisers) pursuant to agreements under which the fundraiser is to be compensated at least \$5,000 by the organization. Form 990-EZ filers are not required to complete this table.

Table with 6 columns: (i) Name and address of individual or entity (fundraiser), (ii) Activity, (iii) Did fundraiser have custody or control of contributions?, (iv) Gross receipts from activity, (v) Amount paid to (or retained by) fundraiser listed in col (i), (vi) Amount paid to (or retained by) organization.

3 List all states in which the organization is registered or licensed to solicit funds or has been notified it is exempt from registration or licensing.

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Part II Fundraising Events. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 18, or reported more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a. List events with gross receipts greater than \$5,000.

		(a) Event #1	(b) Event #2	(c) Other Events	(d) Total Events
		<u>GOLF OUTING</u> (event type)	<u>FILL BOOT</u> (event type)	(total number)	(Add col (a) through col (c))
Revenue	1 Gross receipts	8,120	31,977		40,097
	2 Less Charitable contributions				
	3 Gross income (line 1 minus line 2)	8,120	31,977		40,097
Direct Expenses	4 Cash prizes				
	5 Non-cash prizes				
	6 Rent/facility costs	2,612			2,612
	7 Food and beverages	3,192	965		4,157
	8 Entertainment				
	9 Other direct expenses	131			131
10 Direct expense summary Add lines 4 through 9 in column (d) ▶				(6,900)	
11 Net income summary Combine lines 3 and 10 in column (d) ▶				33,197	

Part III Gaming. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 19, or reported more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a.

		(a) Bingo	(b) Pull tabs/Instant bingo/progressive bingo	(c) Other gaming	(d) Total gaming
					(Add col (a) through col (c))
Revenue	1 Gross revenue				
Direct Expenses	2 Cash prizes				
	3 Non-cash prizes				
	4 Rent/facility costs				
	5 Other direct expenses				
	6 Volunteer labor	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ <input type="checkbox"/> No	
7 Direct expense summary Add lines 2 through 5 in column (d) ▶				()	
8 Net gaming income summary Combine lines 1 and 7 in column (d) ▶					

9 Enter the state(s) in which the organization operates gaming activities _____

a Is the organization licensed to operate gaming activities in each of these states? Yes No

b If "No," Explain _____

10a Were any of the organization's gaming licenses revoked, suspended or terminated during the tax year? Yes No

b If "Yes," Explain _____

- 11** Does the organization operate gaming activities with nonmembers? Yes No
- 12** Is the organization a grantor, beneficiary or trustee of a trust or a member of a partnership or other entity formed to administer charitable gaming? Yes No

13 Indicate the percentage of gaming activity operated in

a The organization's facility	13a
b An outside facility	13b

14 Provide the name and address of the person who prepares the organization's gaming/special events books and records

Name ▶

Address ▶

- 15a** Does the organization have a contract with a third party from whom the organization receives gaming revenue? Yes No

b If "Yes," enter the amount of gaming revenue received by the organization ▶ \$ _____ and the amount of gaming revenue retained by the third party ▶ \$ _____

c If "Yes," enter name and address

Name ▶

Address ▶

16 Gaming manager information

Name ▶

Gaming manager compensation ▶ \$

Description of services provided ▶

- Director/officer Employee Independent contractor

- 17** Mandatory distributions
- a** Is the organization required under state law to make charitable distributions from the gaming proceeds to retain the state gaming license? Yes No
- b** Enter the amount of distributions required under state law distributed to other exempt organizations or spent in the organization's own exempt activities during the tax year ▶ \$ _____

Part IV Complete this part to provide additional information for responses to question on Schedule G (see instructions.)

Identifier	ReturnReference	Explanation
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SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

**Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on
Form 990 or to provide any additional information.**
▶ **Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.**

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Name of the organization
TRI STATE PROF FIREFIGHTERS UNION

Employer identification number

36-3636467

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
01 List of grants and similar amounts paid (Part I, line 10)		ACTIVITY CHARITABLE GRANTEE SPINA BIFIDA CAMP ADDRESS 32405 N HIGHWAY 12 INGLESIDE IL 60041 ACTIVITY CHARITABLE GRANTEE MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY ASSOCIATION ADDRESS 1100 W 31ST ST SUITE 220 DOWNERS GROVE IL 60515 AMOUNT 22900 ACTIVITY CHARITABLE GRANTEE ALMOST HOME KIDS ADDRESS 7S721 STATE ROUTE 53 NAPERVILLE IL 605409528 AMOUNT 2185
02 Description of other expenses (Part I, line 16)		DESCRIPTION AMOUNT DUES 13774 INTERNET 648 MEALS AND ENTERTAINMENT 207 TRAVEL & LODGING 744 OFFICE SUPPLIES 813 MEMORIAL GIFT 170 WEBSITE 119 SUPPLIES 49 BANK FEES 125 PROFESSIONAL FEES 2210 DONATION GOLF HOLE SPONSORSHIP 100 RETIREE GIFT 1857

Additional Data

Software ID:

Software Version:

EIN: 36-3636467

Name: TRI STATE PROF FIREFIGHTERS UNION

Form 990-EZ, Special Condition Description:

Special Condition Description

Form 990EZ, Part IV - List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees

(A) Name and address	(B) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(C) Compensation (If not paid, enter -0-.)	(D) Contributions to employee benefit plans & deferred compensation	(E) Expense account and other allowances
DON BULAT 121 HOLLY AVE DARIEN,IL 60561	PRESIDENT 40	0	0	0
RICHARD LITTIG 3S014 TIMBER DRIVE MORRIS,IL 60450	VICE PRESIDENT 15	0	0	0
MICHAEL STOFFLE 1095 SCARLET OAK CR AURORA,IL 60506	TREASURER 20	0	0	0
STEVE GEFFERT 243 SCHILLER ST ELMHURST,IL 60126	SECRETARY 15	0	0	0
ELIZABETH SUTTE 1161 AUBURN LAKES DR SHOREWOOD,IL 60404	STEWARD 10	0	0	0
MATTHEW MCCLENNING 403 LENNOX CT OSWEGO,IL 60543	STEWARD 10	0	0	0
DAVID MAYOTTE 816 S SECOND ST WATSEKA,IL 60970	STEWARD 10	0	0	0