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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 private foundation)

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2013

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A For the 2013 calendar year, or tax year beginning 06-01-2013, and ending 05-31-2014

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 province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code 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 [ ] 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 Form of organization [ ] Corporation [ ] Trust [ ] Association [ ] Other

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, column (B) below) are \$500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ \$ 112,891

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 21 rows and 3 columns: Line number, Description, and Amount. Rows include Revenue (1-9), Expenses (10-17), and Net Assets (18-21).

**Part II Balance Sheets** (see the instructions for Part II)

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

	(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
<b>22</b> Cash, savings, and investments . . . . .	128,879	<b>22</b>	168,385
<b>23</b> Land and buildings . . . . .	0	<b>23</b>	0
<b>24</b> Other assets (describe in Schedule O) . . . . .	0	<b>24</b>	0
<b>25 Total assets</b> . . . . .	128,879	<b>25</b>	168,385
<b>26 Total liabilities</b> (describe in Schedule O) . . . . .	0	<b>26</b>	0
<b>27 Net assets or fund balances</b> (line 27 of column (B) <b>must</b> agree with line 21) . . . . .	128,879	<b>27</b>	168,385

**Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments** (see the instructions for Part III)

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

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

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

<b>28 CHARITABLE DONATIONS</b> (Grants \$ )	If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>28a</b>	6,849
<b>29 IMPROVE WORKING CONDITIONS AND BENEFITS OF MEMBERS AND TO ASSIST IN SOLVING JOB RELATED PROBLEMS</b> (Grants \$ )	If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>29a</b>	20,400
<b>30 INCREASE KNOWLEDGE OF ALL MEMBERS IN FIREFIGHTING TECHNIQUES AND EDUCATION</b> (Grants \$ )	If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>30a</b>	360
<b>31 Other program services</b> (describe in Schedule O) (Grants \$ )	If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>31a</b>	
<b>32 Total program service expenses</b> (add lines 28a through 31a)		<b>32</b>	27,609

**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 title	(b) Average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC) (if not paid, enter -0-)	(d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation	(e) Estimated amount of other compensation
See Additional Data Table				

Part V Other Information (Note the Schedule A and personal benefit contract statement requirements in the

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

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
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
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)?
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
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
37a Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions
37b Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?
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?
38b If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved
39 Section 501(c)(7) organizations 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 Section 501(c)(3) organizations Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under section 4911, section 4912, section 4955
40b Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations 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 Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958
40d Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization
40e 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
41 List the states with which a copy of this return is filed
42a The organization's books are in care of MICHAEL STOFFLE Telephone no (630) 408-8880 Located at 1095 SCARLET OAK CR AURORA, IL ZIP + 4 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
42c At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside the U S ? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country
43 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
44a Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ
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
44c Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the year?
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)?
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)

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

Part VI Section 501(c)(3) organizations only

All section 501(c)(3) organizations must answer questions 47-49b and 52, and complete the tables for lines 50 and 51

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 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 a section 527 organization?

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"

Table with 5 columns: (a) Name and title of each employee, (b) Average hours per week devoted to position, (c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC), (d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation, (e) Estimated amount of other compensation

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"

Table with 3 columns: (a) Name and business address of each independent contractor, (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

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 (MICHAEL STOFFLE TREASURER) and Date (2014-10-07)

Paid Preparer Use Only: Print/Type preparer's name (David C Walker CFP EA), Preparer's signature, Date (2014-10-13), Check self-employed, PTIN (P00123619), Firm's name (Swisher and Walker Financial Group), Firm's EIN (36-4409148), Firm's address (459 Dunham Road Suite 200, Saint Charles, IL 60174), Phone no (630) 945-3235

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions

## Additional Data

**Software ID:**

**Software Version:**

**EIN:** 36-3636467

**Name:** TRI STATE PROF FIREFIGHTERS UNION

### 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 PRESIDENT	40 00	0	0	0
RICHARD LITTIG VICE PRESIDENT	15 00	0	0	0
MICHAEL STOFFLE TREASURER	20 00	0	0	0
STEVE GEFFERT SECRETARY	15 00	0	0	0
ELIZABETH SUTTE STEWARD	10 00	0	0	0
MATTHEW MCCLENNING STEWARD	10 00	0	0	0
DAVID MAYOTTE STEWARD	10 00	0	0	0

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.

Information about Schedule G (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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. Form 990-EZ filers are not required to complete this part.

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

- a Mail solicitations, b Internet and email 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... Yes No

b If "Yes," list the ten highest paid individuals or entities (fundraisers) pursuant to agreements...

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. Includes rows 1-10 and a Total row.

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

**Part II Fundraising Events.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 18, or reported more than \$15,000 of fundraising event contributions and gross income on Form 990-EZ, lines 1 and 6b. 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)	<u>1</u> (total number)	(add col (a) through col (c))
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>1</b> Gross receipts . . . . .	11,252	14,407		25,659
	<b>2</b> Less Contributions . . . . .				
	<b>3</b> Gross income (line 1 minus line 2) . . . . .	11,252	14,407		25,659
<b>Direct Expenses</b>	<b>4</b> Cash prizes . . . . .				
	<b>5</b> Noncash prizes . . . . .				
	<b>6</b> Rent/facility costs . . . . .	2,610			2,610
	<b>7</b> Food and beverages . . . . .	3,190	716		3,906
	<b>8</b> Entertainment . . . . .				
	<b>9</b> Other direct expenses . . . . .	333			333
	<b>10</b> Direct expense summary Add lines 4 through 9 in column (d) . . . . . ▶				
<b>11</b> Net income summary Subtract line 10 from line 3, column (d) . . . . . ▶					18,810

**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))
		<b>1</b> Gross revenue . . . . .			
<b>Direct Expenses</b>	<b>2</b> Cash prizes . . . . .				
	<b>3</b> Non-cash prizes . . . . .				
	<b>4</b> Rent/facility costs . . . . .				
	<b>5</b> Other direct expenses . . . . .				
<b>6</b> 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		
<b>7</b> Direct expense summary Add lines 2 through 5 in column (d) . . . . . ▶					
<b>8</b> Net gaming income summary Subtract line 7 from line 1, 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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

**b** If "Yes," explain \_\_\_\_\_

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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

<b>a</b> The organization's facility	<b>13a</b>	%
<b>b</b> An outside facility	<b>13b</b>	%

**14** Enter 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 of the third party

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 Supplemental Information.** Provide the explanations required by Part I, line 2b, columns (iii) and (v), and Part III, lines 9, 9b, 10b, 15b, 15c, 16, and 17b, as applicable. Also complete this part to provide any additional information (see instructions).

Return Reference	Explanation
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**SCHEDULE O**  
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

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**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.

▶ Information about Schedule O (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at  
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**990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information**

Return Reference	Explanation
List of grants and similar amounts paid Part I line 10	
Description of other expenses Part I line 16	DESCRIPTION AMOUNTDUES 17,404INTERNET 601MEALS AND ENTERTAINMENT 190TRAVEL & LODGING 219OF FICE SUPPLIES 273WEBSITE 119BANK FEES 25PROFESSIONAL FEES 800RETIREE GIFT 524INVESTMENT EX PENSE 762ARBITRATION FEE 3,504
Other changes in net assets or fund balances Part I line 20	DESCRIPTION AMOUNTNET CHANGE IN INVESTMENTS 34,602