Acadian Accounting Department Modern

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the first in a series of articles on the operations of your local ambulance service.

The Accounting Department of AASl has undergone several changes aimed at modernizing the department in order to keep pace with the tremendous growth the company is experiencing. AASl has extended its operation to include Central Lafourche and Tangipahoa Parishes.

In June of 1981, a new building was completed which houses the accounting department, including the membership center. Vice President of Finance, Glenn Comeaux, says the office offers the latest design in office construction.

Diane Groh, office manager, says the new office has helped her staff in organization and efficiency, and the new membership center is providing a lifesaver in processing the ever-growing membership roles.

This year, it cost over $100,000 to operate the company covering 223 employees, 48 ambulances, and 25 substations. In order to administer proper control over these operating costs, the company strictly adheres to carefully prepared budgets. We review the User News, the publication says it is a tool, cotton gin trash, the company in line. This has put the local operators are mill wastes.

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According to Comeaux, the department has kept pace by effective use of data processing. "All the accounting functions, such as accounts payable, and membership are run on a computerized system that is on line with a computer center that has a large amount of desk storage dedicated to AASl Ambulance Service records," says Comeaux.

"Use of the computers allows us to centralize our accounting activities. We don't have to station staff members in each service area. This is a tremendous savings."

Our Credit Department not only collects delinquent accounts but also helps in collecting accounts involved in insurance, workers' compensation, etc.

"We consider the responsibility of our department to be divided into efficient, accurate, timely accounting and reporting, keeping costs to a level that will allow us to offer protection at the minimum cost to the families of Acadian. Overall, we have increased our efficiency and productivity by being able to handle more volume created by expansion."

AASl employs an independent accounting firm to make a yearly financial audit of the company. This audit is then made available to the parish governing bodies. "We don't have to do this," Comeaux says. "We are neither a public company nor a government agency. However, we owe the public and the elected officials a great debt for their acceptance of AASl and their encouragement and support of our membership program. We try to meet this debt, in part, by opening our financial records to them."