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### Auditor General DePasquale Releases Audits for Volunteer Firefighters' Relief Associations in 10 Counties

**HARRISBURG** – Auditor General Eugene DePasquale today announced the release of audit reports for volunteer firefighters' relief associations in Berks, Bucks, Clearfield, Dauphin, Juniata, Lackawanna, Mifflin, Montgomery, Westmoreland and York counties.

The Department of the Auditor General examines volunteer firefighters' relief associations, which receive state aid from a 2 percent state tax on fire insurance premiums purchased by Pennsylvania residents from out-of-state casualty insurance companies.

In 2015, \$65.94 million in state funds was required to be distributed through funding municipalities to 1,915 VFRA's to provide training, purchase equipment and insurance, and pay for death benefits for volunteer firefighters.

The full audit reports for VFRA's with findings are available online using the links provided below, others are available online at: [www.PaAuditor.gov/audit-reports](http://www.PaAuditor.gov/audit-reports).

#### **Berks County**

##### [Greenfields VFRA](#)

Received and expended state aid and accumulated relief funds in compliance with applicable state laws, contracts, bylaws and administrative procedures, except for two findings: non-compliance with prior audit recommendations for failure to disclose related party transaction, and failure to maintain a complete and accurate equipment roster.

#### **Bucks County**

##### [Haycock VFRA](#)

Received and expended state aid and accumulated relief funds in compliance with applicable state laws, contracts, bylaws and administrative procedures, except for one finding: insufficient bond coverage.

#### **Clearfield County**

##### [Westover Area VFRA](#)

Received and expended state aid and accumulated relief funds in compliance with applicable state laws, contracts, bylaws and administrative procedures, except for one finding: untimely deposit of state aid.

#### **Dauphin County**

##### [Dauphin-Middle Paxton VFRA](#)

Received and expended state aid and accumulated relief funds in compliance with applicable state laws, contracts, bylaws and administrative procedures, except for one finding: unauthorized expenditure.

#### **Juniata County**

[Mifflintown VFRA](#) – No findings

**Lackawanna County**

[Covington Independent VFRA](#) – No findings

[Newton-Ransom VFRA](#) – No findings

**Mifflin County**

[Derry Township VFRA](#) – No findings

**Montgomery County**

[Schwenksville VFRA](#) – No findings

**Westmoreland County**

[Markle VFRA](#)

Received and expended state aid and accumulated relief funds in compliance with applicable state laws, contracts, bylaws and administrative procedures, except for one finding: failure to maintain bond coverage.

**York County**

[York VFRA](#) – No findings

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