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

HARRISBURG – Auditor General Eugene DePasquale today announced the release of audit reports for volunteer firefighters' relief associations in Chester, Clinton, Columbia, Dauphin, Greene, Lancaster, Mifflin, Pike and Schuylkill 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.

Chester County

[Union No. 1 VFRA](#)

Received and expended state aid and accumulated relief funds in compliance with applicable state laws, contracts, bylaws and administrative procedures, except for three findings: insufficient bond coverage, failure to maintain a complete and accurate equipment roster and non-compliance with prior audit recommendation for undocumented expenditures.

Clinton County

[Beech Creek-Blanchard VFRA](#) – No findings

Columbia County

[Lime Ridge VFRA](#) – No findings

Dauphin County

[Hershey Volunteer 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: untimely deposit of state aid and failure to maintain a complete and accurate equipment roster.

Greene County

[Carmichaels Borough and Cumberland Township VFRA](#) – No findings

Lancaster County

[Brunnerville VF RA](#) – No findings

Mifflin County

[Granville Township 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 minutes of meetings.

Pike County

[Promised Land 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.

Schuylkill County

[New Ringgold 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: untimely deposit of state aid and insufficient bond coverage.

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