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

HARRISBURG – Auditor General Eugene DePasquale today announced the release of audit reports for volunteer firefighters' relief associations in Bradford, Chester, Cumberland, Fayette, Luzerne and Montgomery 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.

Bradford County

[Athens Township 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: failure to maintain a complete and accurate equipment roster, failure to maintain minutes of meetings and undocumented expenditures.

Chester County

[Honey Brook 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 non-compliance with prior audit recommendation for unauthorized expenditures.

Cumberland County

[West Pennsboro VFRA](#)

Received and expended state aid and accumulated relief funds in compliance with applicable state laws, contracts, bylaws and administrative procedures, except for six findings: failure to maintain a complete and accurate equipment roster, undocumented expenditures, failure to secure ownership interest in jointly purchased vehicle, inadequate record-keeping system, failure to deposit state aid and failure to maintain surety bond coverage.

Fayette County

[Morrell 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: unauthorized expenditures, and non-compliance with prior audit recommendation for undocumented expenditure.

Luzerne County

[Laurel Run 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: failure to maintain officer's bond coverage, inadequate minutes of meetings and non-compliance with prior audit recommendation for untimely deposit of state aid.

Montgomery County

[Good Will Steam VFRA](#) – No findings

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