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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 Allegheny, Blair, Lackawanna, Lancaster, Lycoming, Montgomery, Northumberland, Schuylkill and Snyder 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 2016, \$65.5 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.

Allegheny County

[Dravosburg 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 one finding: undocumented expenditure.

Blair County

[Frankstown Township 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: failure to maintain a complete and accurate equipment roster, and non-compliance with prior audit recommendation for failure to maintain a complete and accurate membership roster.

Lackawanna County

[Throop VFRA](#) – No findings

Lancaster County

[Columbia 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: undocumented expenditures, inadequate relief association bylaws, and failure to maintain a complete and accurate equipment roster.

[East Cocalico 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: insufficient bond

coverage and non-compliance with prior audit recommendations for failure to maintain a complete and accurate membership roster, and failure to maintain a complete and accurate equipment roster.

Lycoming County

[Old Lycoming 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: untimely deposit of state aid, unauthorized expenditure, and failure to maintain a complete and accurate equipment roster.

Montgomery County

[Pennsburg 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: failure to maintain minutes of meetings, and failure to maintain a complete and accurate membership roster.

Northumberland County

[Warrior Run Area VFRA](#) – No findings

Schuylkill County

[Seltzer VFRA](#) – No findings

Snyder County

[Shamokin Dam VFRA](#) – No findings

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