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Auditor General DePasquale Releases Audits for Volunteer Firefighters' Relief Associations in 14 Counties

HARRISBURG – Auditor General Eugene DePasquale today announced the release of audit reports for volunteer firefighters' relief associations in Beaver, Cumberland, Fayette, Lancaster, Luzerne, Montgomery, Perry, Schuylkill, Snyder, Susquehanna, Washington, Wayne, 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 2016, $65.5 million in state funds was required to be distributed through funding municipalities to 1,915 VFRAs to provide training, purchase equipment and insurance, and pay for death benefits for volunteer firefighters.

The full audit reports for VFRAs with findings are available online using the links provided below; others are available online at: www.PaAuditor.gov/audit-reports.

Beaver County

Big Knob VFRA – No findings

Monaca No. 4 VFRA – No findings

Cumberland County

Lisburn VFRA – No findings

Fayette County

Republic VFRA – No findings

Lancaster County

Brickerville Fire Co. 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: unauthorized expenditures, undocumented expenditures, and failure to maintain a complete and accurate equipment roster.

Lincoln Fire Co. No. 1 of Ephrata VFRA – No findings

Luzerne County

Mountaintop VFRA – No findings

Montgomery County

Abington 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 a complete and accurate equipment roster.

[Horsham 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 a complete and accurate equipment roster.

Perry County

[Landisburg 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.

Schuylkill County

[East Norwegian 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 a complete and accurate membership roster, and untimely deposit of state aid.

[Good Will Hose Company 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.

[Klingerstown Fire Co. 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: non-compliance with prior audit recommendation for insufficient bond coverage.

Snyder County

[Beavertown VFRA](#) – No findings

Susquehanna County

[Montrose VFRA](#) – No findings

Washington County

[North Strabane 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: non-compliance with prior audit recommendation for insufficient bond coverage.

Wayne County

[Honesdale VFRA](#) – No findings

Westmoreland County

[Lloydsville VFRA](#) – No findings

York County

[Craley Community VFRA](#) – No findings

[North Hopewell-Winterstown VFRA](#) – No findings

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