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Auditor General DePasquale Releases Audits for Volunteer Firefighters' Relief Associations in 20 Counties

HARRISBURG – Auditor General Eugene DePasquale today announced the release of audit reports for volunteer firefighters' relief associations in Adams, Allegheny, Bucks, Cambria, Clarion, Crawford, Erie, Greene, Jefferson, Lancaster, Lebanon, Luzerne, Mercer, Mifflin, Montgomery, Sullivan, Susquehanna, 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 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.

Adams County

[Bonneauville 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 recommendations for unauthorized expenditures.

Allegheny County

[Brentwood VFRA](#) – No findings

[Frazer Township VFRA](#) – No findings

[Swissvale VFRA](#) – No findings

Bucks County

[Trumbauersville VFRA](#) – No findings

Cambria County

[Upper Yoder VFRA](#) – No findings

Clarion County

[Knox 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.

Crawford County

[Summit Township VFRA](#) – No findings

Erie County

[Mill Village 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 failure to maintain a complete and accurate equipment roster.

Greene County

[Nemacolin 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 expenditures.

Jefferson County

[Ringgold Area VFRA](#) – No findings

Lancaster County

[Willow Street VFRA](#) – No findings

Lebanon County

[Bunker Hill VFRA](#) – No findings

[Lickdale VFRA](#) – No findings

Luzerne County

[Swoyersville 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: improper merger.

Mercer County

[Pine Township VFRA](#) – No findings

Mifflin County

[Big Valley Ambulance Club Relief Fund](#)

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.

Montgomery County

[Green Lane 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 failure to maintain a complete and accurate equipment roster.

Sullivan County

[Eldredsville 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 deposit state aid.

Susquehanna County

[Hop Bottom VFRA](#) – No findings

Wayne County

[Equinunk 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.

Westmoreland County

[Salem Township VFRA](#) – No findings

York County

[Spring Grove VFRA](#) – No findings

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