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Auditor General DePasquale Releases Audits for Volunteer Firefighters' Relief Associations in 23 Counties

HARRISBURG – Auditor General Eugene DePasquale today announced the release of audit reports for volunteer firefighters' relief associations in Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, Berks, Bucks, Butler, Cambria, Carbon, Chester, Cumberland, Fayette, Fulton, Greene, Huntingdon, Juniata, Luzerne, McKean, Mercer, Northampton, Sullivan, Warren, Washington and Westmoreland 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.

Allegheny County

[Blawnox-Glenover VFRA](#) – No findings

[Hilltop Hose Co. No. 3 VFRA](#) – No findings

[Pioneer Hose Co. No. 1 VFRA](#) – No findings

Armstrong County

[Apollo Hose Co. No. 3 VFRA](#) – No findings

[Rural Valley VFRA](#) – No findings

[Washington Township VFRA](#) – No findings

Beaver County

[Chippewa Township VFRA](#) – No findings

Berks County

[Spring 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 secure ownership interest in jointly purchased vehicles.

Bucks County

[Ottsville 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.

[Springtown 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.

Butler County

[Harrisville 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: insufficient bond coverage and non-compliance with prior audit recommendation for failure to conduct annual physical equipment inventory.

Cambria County

[Conemaugh Independence VFRA](#) – No findings

Carbon County

[East Mauch Chunk 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: inadequate minutes of meetings and non-compliance with prior audit recommendations for undocumented expenditures and failure to maintain a complete and accurate equipment roster.

[Parryville VFRA](#) – No findings

Chester County

[Kimberton VFRA](#) – No findings

[Po Mar Lin 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 expenditure and failure to maintain a complete and accurate equipment roster.

Cumberland County

[Vigilant Hose Co. No. 1 VFRA](#) – No findings

Fayette County

[Farmington 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.

[South Union 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 disclose related party transactions.

Fulton County

[McConnellsburg 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: inadequate relief association bylaws and non-compliance with prior audit recommendation for unauthorized expenditure.

Greene County

[Mount Morris VFRA](#) – No findings

Huntingdon County

[Orbisonia-Rockhill VFRA](#) – No findings

Juniata County

[Lack-Tuscarora EMS](#) – No findings

Luzerne County

[Fearnots VFRA](#) – No findings

[Kunkle VFRA](#) – No findings

[Jenkins 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: unauthorized expenditure.

McKean County

[Corydon Township VFRA](#) – No findings

[Hilltop 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.

Mercer County

[Jamestown VFRA](#) – No findings

Northampton County

[Pen Argyl VFRA](#) – No findings

Sullivan County

[Dushore VFRA](#) – No findings

[Silver Lake VFRA](#) – No findings

Warren County

[Clarendon 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 expenditure and untimely deposit of state aid.

Washington County

[Finleyville VFRA](#) – No findings

Westmoreland County

[Dryridge VFRA](#) – No findings

[East Huntingdon Township VFRA](#) – No findings

[Mount Pleasant Township VFRA](#) – No findings

[Mount Pleasant Township Fire Department No. 3 VFRA](#) – No findings

[Trauger 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.

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