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Auditor General DePasquale Releases Audits for Volunteer Firefighters' Relief Associations in 18 Counties

HARRISBURG – Auditor General Eugene DePasquale today announced the release of audit reports for volunteer firefighters' relief associations in Allegheny, Armstrong, Centre, Chester, Clearfield, Delaware, Fayette, Huntingdon, Lawrence, Luzerne, McKean, Mercer, Monroe, Montgomery, Snyder, Venango, 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.

Allegheny County

[Fairview VFRA](#) – No findings

Armstrong County

[Leechburg VFRA](#) – No findings

Centre County

[Port Matilda 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, inadequate relief association bylaws and non-compliance with prior audit recommendation for insufficient bond coverage.

Chester County

[Phoenixville 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.

[Valley Forge VFRA](#) – No findings

Clearfield County

[Wilburne 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 deposit proceeds from investments sold, undocumented expenditures and unauthorized expenditures.

Delaware County

[Reliance Hook and Ladder 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: inappropriate ownership of vehicles.

Fayette County

[Smithfield VFRA](#) – No findings

Huntingdon County

[Warriors Mark-Franklin 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.

Lawrence County

[Taylor 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: insufficient bond coverage.

[Volant VFRA](#) – No findings

Luzerne County

[Sugarloaf 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 minutes of meetings and payment of Pennsylvania sales tax.

McKean County

[Norwich 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 expenditures.

Mercer County

[Sandy Lake VFRA](#)

Received and expended state aid and accumulated relief funds in compliance with applicable state laws, contracts, bylaws and administrative procedures, except for four findings: unauthorized expenditures, undocumented expenditures, insufficient bond coverage and failure to maintain a complete and accurate equipment roster.

Monroe County

[Pocono 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: insufficient bond coverage.

Montgomery County

[Willow Grove 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.

Snyder County

[Bannerville VFRA](#) – No findings

Venango County

[Reno 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, unauthorized expenditures and insufficient bond coverage.

Westmoreland County

[New Florence 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: inappropriate pre-signing of black checks.

York County

[Penn 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: unsecured loan, duplicate payment and inadequate relief association bylaws.

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