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Auditor General DePasquale Releases Audits for Volunteer Firefighters' Relief Associations in 24 Counties

HARRISBURG – Auditor General Eugene DePasquale today announced the release of audit reports for volunteer firefighters' relief associations in Adams, Allegheny, Bucks, Cambria, Centre, Columbia, Crawford, Cumberland, Delaware, Fayette, Franklin, Huntingdon, Lackawanna, Lancaster, Luzerne, McKean, Mercer, Montgomery, Perry, Schuylkill, Somerset, Susquehanna, Westmoreland and Wyoming 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.

Adams County

[Barlow VFRA](#) – No findings

Allegheny County

[Chalfant VFRA](#) – No findings

[Elizabeth Township Fire Department No. 1 VFRA](#) – No findings

Oak Ridge 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: inadequate minutes of meetings, untimely deposit of state aid, unauthorized expenditure and insufficient bond coverage.

West Elizabeth 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: unsecured loan.

Bucks County

Nottingham 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 failure to maintain a complete and accurate membership roster.

[Sellersville VFRA](#) – No findings

Cambria County

[Colver VFRA](#) – No findings

[Dauntless 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.

Centre County

[Pine Glen 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.

Columbia County

[Beaver 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: inadequate signatory authority for the disbursement of funds, and failure to conduct annual physical equipment inventories.

[Bloomsburg VFRA](#) – No findings

Crawford County

[Hydetown VFRA](#) – No findings

Cumberland County

[North Middleton Township Fire Co. No. 1 VFRA](#) – No findings

Delaware County

[Ridley Township VFRA](#) – No findings

Fayette County

[Connellsville Township VFRA](#) – No findings

Franklin County

[Marion VFRA](#) – No findings

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

[Pleasant Hall 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 equipment.

Huntingdon County

[Mill Creek Borough VFRA](#) – No findings

[Stone Creek Valley VFRA](#) – No findings

Lackawanna County

[Blakely Borough VFRA](#) – No findings

[Greenfield Township VFRA](#) – No findings

Lancaster County

[Adamstown 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 a jointly purchased vehicle.

[Akron VFRA](#) – No findings

[Brecknock Township VFRA](#) – No findings

[West Earl VFRA](#) – No findings

Luzerne County

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

[Sugar Notch VFRA](#) – No findings

McKean County

[Derrick City VFRA](#) – No findings

[Port Alleghany VFRA](#) – No findings

Mercer County

[Greenville VFRA](#) – No findings

Montgomery County

[Fairmount 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.

[Lower Frederick 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 inadequate financial record-keeping system.

Perry County

[Blain VFRA](#) – No findings

Schuylkill County

[Ashland 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: inadequate investment records.

[Gilberton Borough 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 investment records, failure to maintain a Pennsylvania sale tax exemption number and non-compliance with prior audit recommendation for inadequate relief association bylaws.

Somerset County

[Kring's VFRA](#) – No findings

[Meyersdale VFRA](#) – No findings

Susquehanna County

[Thompson 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 expenditures and untimely deposit of state aid.

Westmoreland County

[Avonmore 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.

[Turkeytown – South Huntingdon Township VFRA](#) – No findings

Wyoming County

[Meshoppen VFRA](#) – No findings

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