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

**HARRISBURG** – Auditor General Eugene DePasquale today announced the release of audit reports for volunteer firefighters' relief associations in Allegheny, Beaver, Lancaster, Montour, Northumberland, Pike, Potter, Snyder and Somerset 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](http://www.PaAuditor.gov/audit-reports).

#### Allegheny County

[Ingram VFRA](#) – No findings

[Logan's Ferry Heights VFRA](#) — No findings

[Neville Island VFRA](#) – No findings

#### Beaver County

[Rochester Township VFRA](#) – No findings

#### Lancaster County

[Friendship Fire and Hose Co. No. 1 Elizabethtown 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.

#### Montour County

[Danville VFRA](#) – No findings

#### Northumberland County

[East Cameron Township VFRA](#) — No findings

#### Pike County

[Blooming Grove Township VFRA](#) – No findings

#### Potter County

[Shinglehouse 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.

**Snyder County**

[Beaver Springs VFRA](#) – No findings

**Somerset County**

[Boswell VFRA](#)

Received and expended state aid and accumulated relief funds in compliance with applicable state laws, contracts, bylaws and administrative procedures, except for six findings: inadequate signatory authority for disbursement of funds, inappropriate pre-signing of blank checks, failure to disclose related party transaction, failure to maintain minutes of meetings, failure to maintain a complete and accurate equipment roster, and failure to maintain a complete and accurate membership roster.

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