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## News for Immediate Release

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

**HARRISBURG** – Auditor General Eugene DePasquale today announced the release of audit reports for volunteer firefighters' relief associations in Beaver, Bedford, Cambria, Cumberland, Lancaster and Schuylkill 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).

#### **Beaver County**

[Beaver VFRA](#) – No findings

#### **Bedford County**

[Everett Fire Co. No. 1 VFRA](#) – No findings

#### **Cambria County**

[Carrolltown VFRA](#) – No findings

#### **Cumberland County**

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

#### **Lancaster County**

[Caernarvon VFRA](#) – No findings

[Penryn Fire Co. No. 1 VFRA](#) – No findings

#### **Schuylkill County**

[Mahanoy City VFRA](#) – No findings

[Pine Grove VFRA](#) – No findings

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