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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, Bedford, Delaware, Lancaster, Montour, Northampton, Schuylkill, Somerset and Washington 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**

[Aleppo Township VFRA](#) – No findings

#### **Bedford County**

[Imler Area VFRA](#) – No findings

#### **Delaware County**

[Eddystone 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 receipt of state aid, and non-compliance with prior audit recommendation for failure to maintain a complete and accurate equipment roster.

#### **Lancaster County**

[Maytown-East Donegal 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: unauthorized expenditure, and failure to maintain a complete and accurate membership roster.

#### **Montour County**

[Mahoning Township VFRA](#) – No findings

#### **Northampton County**

[Klecknersville Rangers 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: non-compliance with prior audit findings for undocumented expenditures, unauthorized expenditures, duplicate payments, and failure to maintain a complete and accurate equipment roster.

**Schuylkill County**

[Hegins 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: untimely deposit of state aid, and failure to maintain a complete and accurate equipment roster.

**Somerset County**

[Listie 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 undocumented expenditures.

**Washington County**

[Jefferson 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.

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