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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, Dauphin, Delaware, Montgomery and Northampton 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 2017, \$60.6 million in state funds was required to be distributed through funding municipalities to 2,521 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.

Beaver County

[Koppel VFRA](#) – No findings

Bedford County

[Alum Bank VFRA](#) – No findings

Dauphin County

[Rush Township 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: undocumented expenditures, failure to adhere to relief association bylaws, failure to maintain bond coverage, 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.

Delaware County

[Newton Square 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 receipt and deposit of state aid.

Montgomery County

[Skipack VFRA](#) – No findings

Northampton County

[Palmer Township VFRA](#)

Received and expended state aid and accumulated relief funds in compliance with applicable state laws, contracts, bylaws and administrative procedures, except for five findings: failure to secure ownership interest in jointly purchased vehicles and equipment, undocumented expenditures,

unauthorized expenditures, inappropriate ownership of rescue vehicle and failure to maintain a complete and accurate equipment roster.

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