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Auditor General DePasquale Releases Audits for Volunteer Firefighters' Relief Associations in Lehigh, Northampton, Schuylkill Counties

HARRISBURG – Auditor General Eugene DePasquale today announced the release of audit reports for volunteer firefighters' relief associations in Lehigh, Northampton 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 2017, 2,521 municipalities received \$60.6 million in fire relief association funding for distribution to local volunteer firefighters' relief associations to provide training, purchase equipment and insurance, and pay for death benefits for volunteer firefighters.

The full audit reports for VFRA with findings are available online using the links provided below, others are available online at: www.PaAuditor.gov/audit-reports.

Lehigh County

[Coopersburg 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: noncompliance with prior audit findings for failure to maintain a complete and accurate equipment roster, inadequate bond coverage, and inadequate minutes of meetings.

Northampton County

[Bushkill 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: noncompliance with prior audit recommendation for failure to maintain a complete and accurate equipment roster.

[Tremont VFRA](#) – No findings

Schuylkill County

[Porter Township 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: failure to maintain a complete and accurate membership roster, failure to maintain a Pennsylvania sales tax exemption number and noncompliance with prior audit recommendation for untimely receipt and deposit of state aid.

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