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

**HARRISBURG** – Auditor General Eugene DePasquale today announced the release of audit reports for volunteer firefighters' relief associations in Allegheny, Clinton, Dauphin, Delaware and Lancaster 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**

[Kennedy Township Independent VFRA](#) – No findings

#### **Clinton County**

[Renovo VFRA](#) – No findings

#### **Dauphin County**

[Swatara Township VFRA](#) – No findings

#### **Delaware County**

[Norwood Fire Co. No. 1 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: failure to maintain a complete and accurate equipment roster, failure to maintain a complete and accurate membership roster, inadequate internal controls, and non-compliance with prior audit recommendation for inadequate minutes of meetings.

#### **Lancaster County**

[West Hempfield Fire and Rescue VFRA](#) – No findings

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