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Auditor General DePasquale Releases Audits for Volunteer Firefighters' Relief Associations in 15 Counties

HARRISBURG – Auditor General Eugene DePasquale today announced the release of audit reports for volunteer firefighters' relief associations in Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, Butler, Chester, Crawford, Fayette, Luzerne, Monroe, Montgomery, Northumberland, Perry, Schuylkill, Warren and York 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.

Allegheny County

[Stowe Township VFRA](#) – No findings

Armstrong County

[Burrell Township VFRA](#) – No findings

[Dayton District VFRA](#) – No findings

Beaver County

[Economy Borough VFRA](#) – No findings

Butler County

[Adams Area 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: noncompliance with prior audit recommendations for failure to maintain a complete and accurate equipment roster, and failure to maintain a complete and accurate membership roster.

Chester County

[East Brandywine VFRA](#) – No findings

Crawford County

[Saegertown VFRA](#) – No findings

Fayette County

[Morrell VFRA](#) – No findings

Luzerne County

[Hollenback Township VFRA](#) – No findings

[Pringle 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: failure to define discretionary benefits and failure to comply with terms of loan agreement.

Monroe County

[Marshalls Creek VFRA](#) – No findings

Montgomery County

[Schwenksville VFRA](#) – No findings

Northumberland County

[Anthracite 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.

Perry County

[Duncannon VFRA](#) – No findings

Schuylkill County

[Nuremberg-Weston VFRA](#) – No findings

Warren County

[Bear Lake 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 deposit of state aid.

York County

[Reliance 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: inadequate minutes of meetings, failure to maintain a complete and accurate equipment roster, and relief association's investment account registered under unknown federal tax identification number.

[Shrewsbury VFRA](#) – No findings

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