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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 Adams, Allegheny, Berks, Carbon, Clinton, Columbia, Crawford, Fayette and Westmoreland 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.

Adams County

[York Springs 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 two findings: undocumented expenditures and failure to maintain a complete and accurate equipment roster.

Allegheny County

[Baldwin Borough 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 maintain a complete and accurate equipment roster and noncompliance with prior audit recommendation for undocumented expenditures

Berks County

[West Reading 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: undocumented expenditures and failure to maintain a complete and accurate equipment roster.

Carbon County

[Franklin Township VFRA](#) – No findings

Clinton County

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

Columbia County

[Mifflin Township 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: undocumented expenditures, insufficient bond coverage, failure to maintain minutes of meetings, and noncompliance with prior audit recommendation for failure to maintain a complete and accurate equipment roster.

Crawford County

[East Mead VFRA](#) – No findings

Fayette County

[Ohiopyle-Stewart 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 untimely deposit of state aid.

Westmoreland County

[Monessen Hose House No. 2 VFRA](#) – No findings

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