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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 Allegheny, Armstrong, Berks, Bradford, Centre, Chester, Lehigh, Monroe and Montgomery 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.

Allegheny County

[Mt. Lebanon VFRA](#) – No findings

[Rural Ridge VFRA](#) – No findings

[Springdale VFRA](#) – No findings

[Whitehall VFRA](#) – No findings

Armstrong County

[Parker City VFRA](#) – No findings

Berks County

[Shoemakersville 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 failure to monitor investment activity.

[Topton VFRA](#) – No findings

Bradford County

[Ridgebury VFRA](#) – No findings

Centre County

[Philipsburg VFRA](#) – No findings

Chester County

[Ridge VFRA](#) – No findings

Lehigh County

[Slatington 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: improper disposition of relief association-owned equipment and non-compliance with prior audit recommendation for insufficient officer's bond coverage.

Monroe County

[Polk Township VFRA](#) – No findings

Montgomery County

[Rockledge Fire Co. No. 1 VFRA](#) – No findings

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