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Auditor General DePasquale Releases Audits for Volunteer Firefighters' Relief Associations in 20 Counties

HARRISBURG – Auditor General Eugene DePasquale today announced the release of audit reports for volunteer firefighters' relief associations in Allegheny, Beaver, Berks, Butler, Cameron, Carbon, Chester, Clinton, Fayette, Franklin, Huntingdon, Indiana, Jefferson, Lackawanna, Luzerne, Montgomery, Northampton, Schuylkill, Somerset and Wayne 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

[McCandless Township VFRA](#) – No findings

Beaver County

[South Beaver Township VFRA](#) – No findings

Berks County

[Amity VFRA](#) – No findings

Butler County

[Butler Township VFRA](#) – No findings

East Butler 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: failure to deposit state aid.

Cameron County

[Sinnamahoning VFRA](#) – No findings

Carbon County

[Nesquehoning VFRA](#) – No findings

Chester County

[West Whiteland VFRA](#) – No findings

Clinton County

[Lock Haven VFRA](#) – No findings

Fayette County

[Grindstone VFRA](#) – No findings

[Isabella VFRA](#) – No findings

Franklin County

[Washington 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: non-compliance with two prior audit recommendations for failure to maintain a complete and accurate equipment roster and inadequate financial record-keeping system.

Huntingdon County

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

Indiana County

[Young Township VFRA](#) – No findings

Jefferson County

[Pine Creek Township VFRA](#) – No findings

Lackawanna County

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

Luzerne County

[Hazleton VFRA](#) – No findings

Montgomery County

[Bridgeport VFRA](#) – No findings

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

Northampton County

[Allen 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: inadequate record-keeping system and inadequate minutes of meetings.

[Sandt's Eddy 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 one finding: insufficient bond coverage.

Schuylkill County

[Minersville VFRA](#) – No findings

[Shenandoah VFRA](#) – No findings

Somerset County

[Bakersville VFRA](#) – No findings

Wayne County

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

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