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Auditor General DePasquale Releases Audits for Volunteer Firefighters' Relief Associations in 11 Counties

HARRISBURG – Auditor General Eugene DePasquale today announced the release of audit reports for volunteer firefighters' relief associations in Adams, Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, Bedford, Bradford, Delaware, Jefferson, Lehigh, Venango and Washington 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, \$60.6 million in state funds was required to be distributed through funding municipalities to 2,521 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.

Adams County

[Irishtown 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 minutes of meetings and noncompliance with prior audit recommendation for inadequate relief association bylaws.

Allegheny County

[Fair Oaks VFRA](#) – No findings

Armstrong County

[Sugarcreek Township VFRA](#) – No findings

Beaver County

[Darlington Township VFRA](#) – No findings

Bedford County

[Saxton VFRA](#) – No findings

Bradford County

[South Waverly 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 minutes of meetings and noncompliance with prior audit recommendation for insufficient bond coverage.

Delaware County

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

Jefferson County

[Brookville VFRA](#) – No finding

Lehigh County

[Heidelberg 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 findings for untimely deposit of state aid and inadequate signatory authority for the disbursement of funds.

Venango County

[Emlenton 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.

Washington County

[Cokeburg 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: undocumented expenditures.

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