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Auditor General DePasquale Releases Audits for Volunteer Firefighters' Relief Associations in 12 Counties

HARRISBURG – Auditor General Eugene DePasquale today announced the release of audit reports for volunteer firefighters' relief associations in Allegheny, Bradford, Centre, Delaware, Elk, Jefferson, Lancaster, Lehigh, Monroe, Montgomery, Westmoreland 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, \$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.

Allegheny County

[Homestead 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.

[Ohio Township VFRA](#) – No findings

[Unity VFRA](#) – No findings

Bradford County

[New Albany 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: noncompliance with prior audit recommendation for untimely deposit of state aid.

Centre County

[Walker Township VFRA](#) – No findings

Delaware County

[Garden City 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: unauthorized expenditure, undocumented expenditures and inappropriate ownership of rescue vehicles.

Elk County

[Jay Township VFRA](#) – No findings

Jefferson County

[Oliver Township 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 receipt and deposit of state aid.

Lancaster County

[New Danville 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 secure ownership interest in jointly purchased equipment.

Lehigh County

[Weisenberg Township 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 conduct annual physical equipment inventories.

Monroe County

[Stroud Township VFRA](#) – No findings

Montgomery County

[LaMott 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 five findings: inadequate minutes of meetings, undocumented expenditures, untimely deposit of state aid, failure to maintain a complete and accurate equipment roster, and failure to secure ownership interest in jointly purchased equipment.

Westmoreland County

[Sewickley Township VFRA](#) – No findings

[South Greensburg VFRA](#) – No findings

York County

[Seven Valleys 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 relief association bylaws, and noncompliance with prior audit recommendations for undocumented expenditures and failure to conduct annual physical equipment inventories.

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