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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 Centre, Clarion, Dauphin, Fayette, Franklin, Jefferson, Lawrence, Luzerne, Lycoming, Mifflin, Northumberland and Sullivan 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.

Centre County

[Bellefonte 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 maintain a complete and accurate equipment roster.

Clarion County

[Hawthorn Area 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.

Dauphin County

[Harrisburg 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.

Fayette County

[New Salem VFRA](#) – No findings

Franklin County

[Fayetteville 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 minutes

of meetings, failure to deposit proceeds from sale of relief owned vehicle, and noncompliance with prior audit recommendation for failure to maintain a complete and accurate equipment roster.

[Mont Alto 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: inadequate relief association bylaws.

Jefferson County

[Warsaw Township VFRA](#) – No findings

Lawrence County

[North Beaver VFRA](#) – No findings

Luzerne County

[Dr. Henry M. Laing 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.

Lycoming County

[Muncy 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 deposit proceeds from the sale of a jointly purchased apparatus.

Mifflin County

[Belleville 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: failure to define discretionary benefits and failure to conduct an annual physical equipment inventories.

Northumberland County

[Shamokin VFRA](#) – No findings

Sullivan County

[Hillsgrove VFRA](#) – No findings

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