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Auditor General DePasquale Releases Audits for Volunteer Firefighters' Relief Associations in 15 Counties

HARRISBURG – Auditor General Eugene DePasquale today announced the release of audit reports for volunteer firefighters' relief associations in Adams, Allegheny, Bucks, Butler, Cambria, Chester, Clarion, Fayette, Jefferson, Lehigh, Montgomery, Pike, Schuylkill, Washington and Westmoreland 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

[Cashtown VFRA](#) – No findings

Allegheny County

[Big Sewickley Creek VFRA](#) – No findings

Bucks County

[Bristol VFRA](#) – No findings

Butler County

[Penn Township VFRA](#) – No findings

Cambria County

[South Fork 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.

Chester County

[Avondale 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: noncompliance with prior audit recommendation for undocumented expenditures.

Clarion County

[Strattanville VFRA](#) – No findings

Fayette County

[Springfield Township VFRA](#) – No findings

[Washington Township VFRA](#) – No findings

Jefferson County

[Perry 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: inadequate signatory authority for the disbursement of funds.

Lehigh County

[Upper Milford Western District Fire Co. No. 1 VFRA](#) – No findings

Montgomery County

[East Greenville VFRA](#) – No findings

[Edge Hill VFRA](#) – No findings

[Wissahickon 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 recommendations for undocumented expenditure and failure to maintain a complete and accurate equipment roster.

Pike County

[Mill Rift VFRA](#) – No findings

Schuylkill County

[Delano 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: failure to comply with terms of loan agreement and failure to maintain a complete and accurate membership roster.

Washington County

[Canton Township VFRA](#) – No findings

Westmoreland County

[Fairfield Township VFRA](#) – No findings

[Rostraver Central 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: unauthorized expenditures.

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