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## News for Immediate Release

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### **Auditor General DeFoor Distributes More than \$66 Million in State Aid to Support Volunteer Firefighters, Protect Residents & Communities**

**HARRISBURG** – Auditor General Timothy L. DeFoor today announced his department has released more than \$66 million in state aid to help dedicated volunteer firefighters save lives and protect property across Pennsylvania.

“This crucial funding will help more than 1,850 volunteer firefighter relief associations to provide equipment, training and insurance for Pennsylvania’s volunteer first responders,” DeFoor said. “At a time when many volunteers are spending more time raising money than fighting fires, these state funds are more important than ever.”

A total of 2,514 municipalities received \$66,713,411 for distribution to volunteer firefighter relief associations (VFRAs), which are legally separate from the fire departments that they support.

The funding comes from a 2 percent state tax on fire insurance premiums purchased by Pennsylvania residents from out-of-state insurance companies. The amount of tax revenue available for distribution varies from year to year. Regional funding totals for 2022 are as follows:

- Central: \$4,861,844.
- Susquehanna Valley: \$16,358,077.
- Greater Pittsburgh: \$12,703,476.
- Northwest: \$2,653,285.
- Northeast: \$6,856,109.
- Lehigh Valley: \$3,479,246.
- Southeast/Greater Philadelphia: \$19,801,374.

In addition to distributing the funding to VFRAs, the Department of the Auditor General audits those organizations to ensure aid dollars are spent as required by state law. The latest VFRA audits may be found online in the [Audit Report Center](#).

Review detailed [2022 VFRA funding details](#) for all municipalities and learn more about the Department of the Auditor General online at [www.PaAuditor.gov](http://www.PaAuditor.gov).

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**EDITOR’S NOTE:** A by-county listing of the 2022 VFRA funding allocation is provided below. Philadelphia does not have a qualifying VFRA because fire services are provided by full-time employees.

## State Aid for Volunteer Firefighters - 2022

**\$66 Million**

County	Volunteer Firefighters' Relief Association	County	Volunteer Firefighters' Relief Association
Bucks County	\$ 5,097,826.73	Bedford County	\$ 313,311.63
Chester County	\$ 4,511,641.94	Blair County	\$ 488,092.84
Delaware County	\$ 3,256,722.15	Cambria County	\$ 598,843.06
Montgomery County	\$ 6,935,183.31	Cameron County	\$ 24,403.74
Philadelphia County	\$ -	Centre County	\$ 1,021,663.35
<b>Greater Philadelphia</b>	<b>\$ 19,801,374.13</b>	Clearfield County	\$ 423,883.24
		Clinton County	\$ 221,330.35
Lehigh County	\$ 1,813,252.51	Elk County	\$ 166,648.23
Northampton County	\$ 1,665,993.37	Fulton County	\$ 98,843.47
<b>Lehigh Valley</b>	<b>\$ 3,479,245.88</b>	Huntingdon County	\$ 270,525.68
		Indiana County	\$ 454,189.90
Bradford County	\$ 369,286.84	Jefferson County	\$ 231,708.17
Carbon County	\$ 388,203.54	Potter County	\$ 106,339.70
Columbia County	\$ 398,249.13	Somerset County	\$ 442,060.90
Lackawanna County	\$ 840,473.58	<b>Central</b>	<b>\$ 4,861,844.26</b>
Luzerne County	\$ 1,468,495.83		
Lycoming County	\$ 552,896.82	Clarion County	\$ 185,934.99
Monroe County	\$ 1,073,378.89	Crawford County	\$ 356,652.54
Montour County	\$ 98,757.81	Erie County	\$ 1,033,284.94
Pike County	\$ 453,483.16	Forest County	\$ 41,077.35
Sullivan County	\$ 64,280.74	McKean County	\$ 157,228.37
Susquehanna County	\$ 268,072.96	Mercer County	\$ 523,035.90
Tioga County	\$ 259,919.20	Venango County	\$ 200,234.77
Wayne County	\$ 434,108.69	Warren County	\$ 155,835.69
Wyoming County	\$ 186,501.45	<b>Northwest</b>	<b>\$ 2,653,284.55</b>
<b>Northeast</b>	<b>\$ 6,856,108.64</b>		
		Allegheny County	\$ 5,558,326.85
Adams County	\$ 691,590.66	Armstrong County	\$ 340,352.35
Berks County	\$ 2,105,171.78	Beaver County	\$ 877,610.15
Cumberland County	\$ 1,877,276.63	Butler County	\$ 1,310,044.36
Dauphin County	\$ 1,660,137.41	Fayette County	\$ 698,184.61
Franklin County	\$ 949,487.90	Greene County	\$ 221,834.50
Juniata County	\$ 148,847.42	Lawrence County	\$ 375,332.37
Lancaster County	\$ 3,341,523.11	Washington County	\$ 1,184,576.79
Lebanon County	\$ 871,444.40	Westmoreland County	\$ 2,137,214.44
Mifflin County	\$ 258,364.00	<b>Greater Pittsburgh</b>	<b>\$ 12,703,476.42</b>
Northumberland County	\$ 424,229.27		
Perry County	\$ 295,325.96	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 66,713,411.04</b>
Schuylkill County	\$ 768,635.85		
Snyder County	\$ 240,749.09		
Union County	\$ 269,389.97	A breakdown of aid by municipality is available online	
York County	\$ 2,455,903.71	at: <a href="https://www.paauditor.gov/vfra-allocations">https://www.paauditor.gov/vfra-allocations</a>	
<b>Susquehanna Valley</b>	<b>\$ 16,358,077.16</b>		