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Auditor General DePasquale Announces \$328.2 Million for Firefighter, Police, Municipal Pension Plans Across Pennsylvania

HARRISBURG – Auditor General Eugene DePasquale today said he released \$328.2 million in state aid – a nearly \$30 million increase over last year – to help support retirement plans for police, paid firefighters and other municipal workers who dedicate their careers to keeping communities safe and functioning.

“We all count on firefighters and police when there is an emergency,” DePasquale said during a meeting of the Pennsylvania Professional Firefighters Association. “They need to be able to count on us to help provide the resources they need to save lives and — when the time comes — to receive the pensions they earned through their hard work.”

The \$328.2 million in state aid went to 1,497 municipalities and regional departments to support pension plans covering police officers, paid firefighters and non-uniformed employees. Last year, municipalities and regional departments received \$299.1 million in pension aid from the state.

“This money is essential to help preserve the pension plans of people who dedicate their careers to public service,” DePasquale added, noting that Oct. 28 is National First Responders Day. “Without this state aid, local taxpayers would have to make up the difference to honor the commitments made to police, firefighters and other municipal workers.”

Earlier this month, DePasquale [announced the release](#) of nearly \$60 million in state aid for volunteer firefighters’ relief associations (VFRAs). The money helps to save lives and protect property by funding equipment purchases, critical training and insurance for volunteer firefighters and emergency service providers.

The pension aid and VFRA funding comes from a 2 percent tax on fire and casualty insurance policies sold in Pennsylvania by out-of-state companies.

DePasquale urged Pennsylvania residents to generously support fundraising efforts by volunteer fire and EMS departments, noting that state aid does not cover all expenses.

Review 2019 pension and VFRA [funding details for all municipalities](#) online at www.PaAuditor.gov.

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EDITOR’S NOTE: A by-county and region listing of municipal pension state aid for 2019 follows.

State Aid for Municipal Pensions - 2019

\$328.2 Million

County	Municipal Pension Aid	County	Municipal Pension Aid
Bucks County	\$ 12,099,923.85	Bedford County	\$ 200,746.99
Chester County	\$ 8,838,831.85	Blair County	\$ 2,907,623.55
Delaware County	\$ 13,991,144.05	Cambria County	\$ 2,192,614.23
Montgomery County	\$ 21,280,332.77	Cameron County	\$ 18,021.65
Philadelphia County	\$ 81,987,697.09	Centre County	\$ 2,878,207.09
Greater Philadelphia	\$ 138,197,929.61	Clearfield County	\$ 958,764.42
		Clinton County	\$ 263,540.64
Lehigh County	\$ 9,932,667.62	Elk County	\$ 543,793.25
Northampton County	\$ 9,985,289.50	Fulton County	\$ -
Lehigh Valley	\$ 19,917,957.12	Huntingdon County	\$ 379,601.24
		Indiana County	\$ 759,461.41
Bradford County	\$ 667,669.77	Jefferson County	\$ 406,195.30
Carbon County	\$ 1,057,361.73	Potter County	\$ 181,931.60
Columbia County	\$ 904,741.26	Somerset County	\$ 753,708.28
Lackawanna County	\$ 6,165,333.77	Central	\$ 12,444,209.65
Luzerne County	\$ 6,853,423.16		
Lycoming County	\$ 2,166,631.23	Clarion County	\$ 158,561.29
Monroe County	\$ 2,232,890.84	Crawford County	\$ 1,117,149.63
Montour County	\$ 327,298.13	Erie County	\$ 7,325,300.54
Pike County	\$ 325,107.08	Forest County	\$ 19,669.88
Sullivan County	\$ 15,152.39	McKean County	\$ 1,138,975.35
Susquehanna County	\$ 110,036.49	Mercer County	\$ 2,358,085.78
Tioga County	\$ 512,202.12	Venango County	\$ 1,252,018.36
Wayne County	\$ 125,863.62	Warren County	\$ 727,282.51
Wyoming County	\$ 129,031.23	Northwest	\$ 14,097,043.34
Northeast	\$ 21,592,742.82		
		Allegheny County	\$ 50,555,132.27
Adams County	\$ 1,035,516.25	Armstrong County	\$ 482,870.15
Berks County	\$ 9,871,047.05	Beaver County	\$ 3,239,852.40
Cumberland County	\$ 4,637,740.48	Butler County	\$ 2,856,865.94
Dauphin County	\$ 7,552,246.81	Fayette County	\$ 1,329,856.31
Franklin County	\$ 2,381,407.98	Greene County	\$ 529,833.23
Juniata County	\$ 10,240.99	Lawrence County	\$ 1,508,283.06
Lancaster County	\$ 11,197,684.29	Washington County	\$ 3,646,371.72
Lebanon County	\$ 2,093,810.33	Westmoreland County	\$ 4,946,217.17
Mifflin County	\$ 565,302.10	Greater Pittsburgh	\$ 69,095,282.25
Northumberland County	\$ 1,266,348.76		
Perry County	\$ 126,628.99		
Schuylkill County	\$ 1,929,670.08	Total	\$ 328,194,831.13
Snyder County	\$ 230,948.21		
Union County	\$ 458,938.25		
York County	\$ 9,492,135.77		
Susquehanna Valley	\$ 52,849,666.34		

Note:

A breakdown of aid by municipality is available online at: <https://www.paauditor.gov/vfra-allocations>