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Auditor General DePasquale Releases \$385 Million to Support Police, **Volunteer Firefighters and Public Servants**

HARRISBURG - Auditor General Eugene DePasquale today announced the release of \$384.99 million in municipal pension and volunteer firefighter aid, funding which helps to protect communities and reduce burdens on local taxpayers. This brings to more than \$2.7 billion the total amount of such aid distributed by the department during Auditor General DePasquale's tenure.

"Pension aid helps to support retirement plans for police, paid firefighters and other municipal workers who dedicate their careers to keeping our communities safe and strong," DePasquale said. "Additionally, state aid for volunteer firefighters' relief associations helps first responders to purchase life-saving equipment and get the training they need to save lives and protect property."

A total of \$324.74 million in state pension aid went to 1,483 municipalities and regional departments to support pension plans covering police officers, paid firefighters and non-uniformed employees. The funding was distributed before the Oct. 1 deadline.

Separately, another \$60.25 million in state aid went to 2,518 municipalities in 66 counties for distribution to the volunteer firefighters' relief associations (VFRAs) that support fire departments serving their communities. VFRA officials should check with their municipalities if they are awaiting payment.

DePasquale urged Pennsylvanians to generously support fundraising efforts by volunteer fire and EMS departments, noting that state aid does not cover all expenses and the continuing pandemic has hindered local fundraising efforts.

State funding for municipal pension and VFRA aid comes from a 2 percent tax on fire and casualty insurance policies sold in Pennsylvania by out-of-state companies. The Department of the Auditor General distributes the funds by Oct. 1 each year and also audits local government pension plans and volunteer firefighters' relief associations on a rotating schedule.

Review 2020 pension and VFRA funding details for all municipalities online at www.PaAuditor.gov.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: A by-county listing of municipal pension and VFRA aid for 2020 is provided below (click here for large-print version). Fulton County does not have any municipal employee pension plans. Philadelphia does not have a qualifying VFRA because fire services are provided by full-time employees.

State Aid for Municipal Pensions and Volunteer Firefighters' - 2020

C	Municipal	Volunteer Firefighers'	T-1-1
County	Pension	Relief Association	Total
Adams County	\$ 1,057,456.02	\$ 625,362.40	\$ 1,682,818.42
Allegheny County	\$ 50,392,389.96	\$ 5,000,801.15	\$ 55,393,191.11
Armstrong County	\$ 462,178.42	\$ 327,077.32	\$ 789,255.74
Beaver County	\$ 3,149,949.22	\$ 802,431.67	\$ 3,952,380.89
Bedford County	\$ 227,178.42	\$ 291,670.06	\$ 518,848.48
Berks County	\$ 9,237,553.68	\$ 1,889,102.73	\$ 11,126,656.41
Blair County	\$ 2,923,886.25	\$ 446,244.59	\$ 3,370,130.84
Bradford County	\$ 655,737.92	\$ 351,360.37	\$ 1,007,098.29
Bucks County	\$ 11,741,997.48	\$ 4,695,493.44	\$ 16,437,490.92
Butler County	\$ 2,882,072.24	\$ 1,131,226.91	\$ 4,013,299.15
Cambria County	\$ 2,191,447.85	\$ 571,589.43	\$ 2,763,037.28
Cameron County	\$ 64,559.44	\$ 23,897.98	\$ 88,457.42
Carbon County	\$ 1,015,012.35	\$ 357,128.55	\$ 1,372,140.90
Centre County	\$ 2,809,514.71	\$ 931,134.14	\$ 3,740,648.85
Chester County	\$ 8,995,871.01	\$ 3,977,865.32	\$ 12,973,736.33
Clarion County	\$ 252,001.75	\$ 161,927.76	\$ 413,929.51
Clearfield County	\$ 925,662.33	\$ 390,883.68	\$ 1,316,546.01
Clinton County	\$ 298,081.87	\$ 211,017.87	\$ 509,099.74
Columbia County	\$ 941,437.24	\$ 371,514.88	\$ 1,312,952.12
Crawford County	\$ 1,078,327.21	\$ 339,672.15	\$ 1,417,999.36
Cumberland County	\$ 4,590,452.31	\$ 1,623,771.15	\$ 6,214,223.46
Dauphin County	\$ 7,302,717.39	\$ 1,414,032.80	\$ 8,716,750.19
Delaware County	\$ 13,446,974.61	\$ 3,142,662.12	\$ 16,589,636.73
Elk County	\$ 519,389.86	\$ 155,283.92	\$ 674,673.78
Erie County	\$ 7,122,036.64	\$ 951,122.74	\$ 8,073,159.38
Fayette County	\$ 1,351,691.76	\$ 659,607.32	\$ 2,011,299.08
Forest County	\$ 31,371.23	\$ 39,325.68	\$ 70,696.91
Franklin County	\$ 2,552,691.37	\$ 808,923.72	\$ 3,361,615.09
Fulton County	\$ -	\$ 91,054.16	\$ 91,054.16
Greene County	\$ 528,922.97	\$ 215,224.83	\$ 744,147.80
Huntingdon County	\$ 374,025.17	\$ 250,165.43	\$ 624,190.60
Indiana County	\$ 796,382.27	\$ 432,486.81	\$ 1,228,869.08
Jefferson County	\$ 405,450.90	\$ 213,919.73	\$ 619,370.63
Juniata County	\$ 9,847.66	\$ 138,774.23	\$ 148,621.89
Lackawanna County	\$ 6,157,802.83	\$ 708,244.98	\$ 6,866,047.81
Lancaster County	\$ 11,023,496.89	\$ 2,782,750.74	\$ 13,806,247.63
Lawrence County	\$ 1,434,364.85	\$ 350,657.05	\$ 1,785,021.90
Lebanon County	\$ 1,990,775.91	\$ 768,693.29	\$ 2,759,469.20
Lehigh County	\$ 9,736,756.00	\$ 1,582,928.93	\$ 11,319,684.93
Luzerne County	\$ 6,792,077.92	\$ 1,339,605.19	\$ 8,131,683.11
Lycoming County	\$ 2,120,189.56	\$ 506,447.25	\$ 2,626,636.81
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McKean County	\$ 1,115,240.68 \$ 2,034,859.71		\$ 1,266,033.40
Mercer County			\$ 2,517,719.74
Mifflin County	\$ 578,156.80		\$ 811,670.24
Monroe County	\$ 2,215,263.55	\$ 1,004,911.50	\$ 3,220,175.05
Montgomery County	\$ 21,997,967.83	\$ 6,249,856.95	\$ 28,247,824.78
Montour County	\$ 310,646.80	\$ 115,875.27	\$ 426,522.07
Northampton County	\$ 9,727,723.18	\$ 1,445,225.23	\$ 11,172,948.41
Northumberland County	\$ 1,223,189.47	\$ 434,676.19	\$ 1,657,865.66
Perry County	\$ 129,867.67	\$ 270,211.92	\$ 400,079.59
Philadelphia County	\$ 81,307,739.72	\$ -	\$ 81,307,739.72
Pike County	\$ 325,298.19	\$ 411,240.83	\$ 736,539.02
Potter County	\$ 174,755.99	\$ 101,520.59	\$ 276,276.58
Schuylkill County	\$ 1,922,785.29	\$ 719,041.81	\$ 2,641,827.10
Snyder County	\$ 210,374.52	\$ 219,299.97	\$ 429,674.49
Somerset County	\$ 715,477.01	\$ 420,345.56	\$ 1,135,822.57
Sullivan County	\$ 13,532.17	\$ 60,867.27	\$ 74,399.44
Susquehanna County	\$ 104,921.94	\$ 262,161.05	\$ 367,082.99
Tioga County	\$ 470,274.52	\$ 242,316.10	\$ 712,590.62
Union County	\$ 455,618.31	\$ 251,715.21	\$ 707,333.52
Venango County	\$ 1,192,123.27	\$ 193,464.38	\$ 1,385,587.65
Warren County	\$ 749,535.24	\$ 151,302.46	\$ 900,837.70
Washington County	\$ 3,571,451.24	\$ 1,048,488.36	\$ 4,619,939.60
Wayne County	\$ 122,257.89	\$ 408,845.31	\$ 531,103.20
Westmoreland County	\$ 4,947,867.97	\$ 1,964,624.94	\$ 6,912,492.91
Wyoming County	\$ 124,166.48	\$ 179,151.82	\$ 303,318.30
	\$ 9,410,168.06	\$ 2,153,430.88	\$ 11,563,598.94
York County	\$ 3,410,100.00		