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

HARRISBURG – Auditor General Eugene DePasquale today announced the release of audit reports for volunteer firefighters' relief associations in Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, Columbia, Cumberland, Somerset and York counties.

“My audits of volunteer firefighter relief associations ensure that critical funds are used properly in helping volunteer firefighters save lives and protect communities,” DePasquale said.

The Department of the Auditor General audits 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 2018, 2,518 municipalities received \$55.1 million in state aid for distribution to volunteer firefighters' relief associations 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.

Allegheny County

[Aleppo Township VFRA](#) – No findings

Armstrong County

[North Apollo VFRA](#) – No findings

Beaver County

[Harmony Township VFRA](#)

Complied with applicable state laws, contracts, bylaws and administrative procedures as they relate to the receipt of state aid and the expenditure of relief association funds, except for one finding: inadequate signatory authority for the disbursement of funds.

Columbia County

[North Mountain VFRA](#)

Complied with applicable state laws, contracts, bylaws and administrative procedures as they relate to the receipt of state aid and the expenditure of relief association funds, except for one finding: failure to maintain minutes of meetings.

Cumberland County

[Lower Allen Fire Co. No. 1 VFRA](#) – No findings

Somerset County

[Windber Fire Co. No. 1 VFRA](#) – No findings

York County

[Spring Grove VFRA](#)

Complied with applicable state laws, contracts, bylaws and administrative procedures as they relate to the receipt of state aid and the expenditure of relief association funds, except for one finding: failure to adhere to relief association bylaws governing meeting minutes due to the vacancy of several officer positions.

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