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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 (VFRAs) in Armstrong, Bucks, Cambria, Centre, Clinton, Snyder and Wayne counties.

“Volunteer firefighter relief associations help our communities receive essential life-saving equipment, critical training and insurance for thousands of volunteer firefighters and emergency service providers,” DePasquale said.

The Department of the Auditor General audits VFRAs, 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 VFRAs to provide training, purchase equipment and insurance, and pay for death benefits for volunteer firefighters.

The full audit reports for VFRAs with findings are available online using the links provided below; others are available online at: www.PaAuditor.gov/audit-reports.

Armstrong County

[Gilpin 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: undocumented expenditures.

The VFRA was unable to provide adequate documentation for a \$1,500 expenditure to the Fairless Hills Fire Company made in 2017.

Bucks County

[Ivyland VFRA](#) – No findings

[Riegelsville Community VFRA](#) – No findings

Cambria County

[Franklin Borough VFRA](#) – No findings

Centre County

[Pleasant Gap VFRA](#) – No findings

Clinton County

[Haneyville VFRA](#) – No findings

Snyder County

[Penns Creek VFRA](#) – No findings

Wayne County

[Beach Lake VFRA](#) – No findings

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