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Auditor General DePasquale Releases Audits for Volunteer Firefighters' Relief Associations in 16 Counties

HARRISBURG – Auditor General Eugene DePasquale today announced the release of audit reports for volunteer firefighters' relief associations (VFRAs) in Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, Berks, Bucks, Erie, Fayette, Lancaster, Mercer, Mifflin, Northumberland, Schuylkill, Snyder, Warren, Westmoreland and York counties.

"Volunteer firefighters' relief associations help fire and rescue crews to perform their dedicated, often heroic, duties. We are forever grateful," DePasquale said.

State aid for VFRAs comes from a 2 percent tax on fire insurance policies sold in Pennsylvania by out-of-state companies. In 2019, 2,518 municipalities received nearly \$60 million for distribution to VFRAs to provide training, purchase equipment and insurance, and pay for death benefits for volunteer firefighters.

The Department of the Auditor General distributes the state aid and audits VFRAs. 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.

Allegheny County

[Ross Township VFRA](#) – No findings.

Armstrong County

[Bethel Township VFRA](#) – No findings.

Beaver County

[Midland VFRA](#) – No findings.

Berks County

[Eastern Berks VFRA](#) – No findings.

Bucks County

[Quakertown VFRA](#) – No findings.

Erie County

[Platea Borough VFRA](#) – No findings.

Fayette County

[Springfield Township VFRA](#) – No findings.

Lancaster County

[Rawlinsville 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: noncompliance with prior audit recommendation for failure to maintain a complete and accurate equipment roster.

[Rothsville VFRA](#) – No findings.

Mercer County

[Jamestown VFRA](#) – No findings.

Mifflin County

[Allensville VFRA](#) – No findings.

Northumberland County

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

Schuylkill County

[Sacramento VFRA](#) – No findings.

Snyder County

[Freeburg VFRA](#) – No findings.

Warren County

[Wrightsville 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 a complete and accurate equipment roster.

Westmoreland County

[Hyde Park VFRA](#) – No findings.

York County

[Loganville VFRA](#) – No findings.

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