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### **Auditor General DePasquale Releases Audits for Volunteer Firefighters' Relief Associations in 10 Counties**

**HARRISBURG** – Auditor General Eugene DePasquale today announced the release of audit reports for volunteer firefighters' relief associations (VFRAs) in Bradford, Bucks, Cambria, Carbon, Dauphin, Fayette, Monroe, Montgomery, Northumberland and Schuylkill counties.

“My audits of relief associations ensure that critical state funds are used properly in helping volunteer firefighters save lives and protect communities,” DePasquale said. “COVID-19 forced many fundraisers to be canceled, so please keep your local emergency responders in mind when making donations to help your community.”

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](http://www.PaAuditor.gov/audit-reports).

#### **Bradford County**

[South Creek VFRA](#) – No findings.

#### **Bucks County**

[Langhorne VFRA](#) – No findings.

#### **Cambria County**

[Adams Township Fire Co. No. 2 VFRA](#) – No findings.

#### **Carbon County**

[East Penn Township VFRA](#) – No findings.

#### **Dauphin County**

[Swatara Township VFRA](#) - No findings.

#### **Fayette County**

[Flatwoods VFRA](#) – No findings.

#### **Monroe County**

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

#### **Montgomery County**

[Enterprise Fire Company of Hatboro](#) – No findings.

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

**Northumberland County**

[Stonington 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: unauthorized expenditure.

As a result of the audit, the VFRA was reimbursed \$1,177 by the affiliated fire company for maintenance of a fire company-owned vehicle.

**Schuylkill County**

[Tremont Ambulance 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: association does not comply with the requirements of Act 118. Accordingly, the relief association did not receive state aid in 2018 and 2019.

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