# **COMPLIANCE AUDIT**

# Coal Township Volunteer Firemen's Relief Association Northumberland County, Pennsylvania For the Period January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2021

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Mr. James Hoffman, Jr., President Coal Township Volunteer Firemen's Relief Association Northumberland County

We have conducted a compliance audit of the Coal Township Volunteer Firemen's Relief Association (relief association) for the period January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2021. The audit was conducted pursuant to authority derived from Article VIII, Section 10 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; Section 403 of The Fiscal Code, 72 P.S. § 403; and the Volunteer Firefighters' Relief Association Act ("VFRA Act"), see 35 Pa.C.S. § 7418.

The objectives of the audit were:

- 1. To determine if the relief association took appropriate corrective action to address the findings contained in our prior audit report.
- 2. To determine if the relief association 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.

Our audit was limited to the areas related to the objectives identified above and was not, nor was it required to be, conducted in accordance with Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Relief association officers are responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal controls to provide reasonable assurance that the relief association's administration of state aid and accumulated relief funds complies with applicable state laws, contracts, bylaws, and administrative procedures, including the safeguarding of assets. Relief association officers are responsible for complying with applicable state laws, contracts, bylaws, and administrative procedures. It is our responsibility to perform procedures to obtain sufficient, appropriate evidence to the extent necessary to satisfy the audit objectives. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our conclusions.

We were not able to obtain an independent confirmation of the investment balance directly from the financial institution. Therefore, while the relief association provided an investment statement that indicated that, as of December 31, 2021, the relief association had an investment balance with a fair value of \$122,742, we were not able to verify this investment balance.

Based on our audit procedures, we conclude that, except for the effects, if any, of the matter described in the preceding paragraph, for the period January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2021:

- The relief association took appropriate corrective action to address one of the four findings contained in our prior audit report. However, the relief association failed to take appropriate corrective action to address the three remaining findings contained in our prior audit report, as listed below and discussed in the Status of Prior Findings section of this report.
- Because of the significance of the matter described in Finding No. 2 below and discussed later in this report and the effects, if any, of the matter described in the preceding paragraph, the relief association did not, in all significant respects, comply 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, collectively as a whole. Therefore, the relief association may be subject to the potential withholding of its upcoming state aid distribution, as discussed in the Potential Withhold of State Aid section of this report.
  - Finding No. 1 Noncompliance With Prior Audit Recommendation Insufficient (Surety) Fidelity Bond Coverage
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    Payment Of Pennsylvania Sales Tax
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Three of the six audit findings contained in this report cite conditions that existed in the operation of the relief association during the prior audit period and were not corrected during the current audit period. We are concerned by the number of findings noted and strongly encourage timely implementation of the recommendations noted in this audit report.

The contents of this report were discussed with the management of the relief association and, where appropriate, their responses have been included in the report. We would like to thank the relief association officials for the cooperation extended to us during the conduct of the audit.

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### BACKGROUND

Pursuant to Article VIII, Section 10 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Section 403 of The Fiscal Code<sup>1</sup>, and the Volunteer Firefighters' Relief Association Act<sup>2</sup> ("VFRA Act"), the Department of the Auditor General's duty is to audit the accounts and records of every volunteer firefighters' relief association to determine that funds received under the Foreign Fire Insurance Tax Distribution Law<sup>3</sup> (commonly referred to as Act 205) are properly expended.

The relief association is a charitable organization that was formed primarily to afford financial protection to volunteer firefighters and to encourage individuals to participate in volunteer fire service.

The VFRA Act governs the overall operation of volunteer firefighters' relief associations. Relief association bylaws define the specific operational procedures by which relief associations conduct business. To fulfill its primary purpose, the VFRA Act authorizes specific types of expenditures and prescribes appropriate volunteer firefighters' relief association investment options. Within the parameters established by the VFRA Act, it is the responsibility of relief associations to choose investments in a proper and prudent manner.

Volunteer firefighters' relief associations receive public tax monies, and the association officers therefore have a responsibility to the public to conduct the association's financial affairs in a businesslike manner and to maintain sufficient financial records to support the propriety of all association transactions. Volunteer firefighters' relief association officers are also responsible for ensuring that the association operates in accordance with applicable state laws, contracts, bylaws and administrative procedures.

Act 205 sets forth the computation of the Foreign Fire Insurance Tax Distribution paid to each applicable municipality throughout the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The amount of the distribution is based upon the population of each municipality and the market value of real estate within the municipality. Upon receipt of this distribution, the municipality must allocate the funds to the volunteer firefighters' relief association of the fire service organization or fire service organizations that is or are recognized as providing the service to the municipality.

<sup>3</sup> 53 P.S. § 895.701 et seq. (Act 205 of 1984, as amended by Act 119 of 1990).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 72 P.S. § 403 (as last amended by Act 44 of 2017).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> 35 Pa.C.S. § 7411 et seq. See specifically, 35 Pa.C.S. § 7418 (amended by Act 91 of 2020).

# **BACKGROUND** – (Continued)

The relief association was allocated state aid from the following municipality:

Municipality	County	2019	2020	2021
Coal Township	Northumberland	\$38,155	\$38,827*	\$34,742

<sup>\*</sup> The 2020 state aid allocation received from Coal Township was not deposited by the relief association until March 17, 2021 as disclosed in Finding No. 6 in this report.

Based on the relief association's records, its total cash and investments as of December 31, 2021 were \$539,751, as illustrated below:

Cash	\$ 417,009
Fair Value of Investments	 122,742
Total Cash and Investments	\$ 539,751

### **BACKGROUND** – (Continued)

Based on the relief association's records, its total expenditures for the period January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2021 were \$178,791, as noted below. The accuracy of these expenditures was evaluated as part of the Department's audit to conclude on the relief association's compliance 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. The scope of the Department's audit does not include the issuance of an opinion on the accuracy of these amounts.

### Expenditures:

Benefit Services:	
Insurance premiums	\$ 15,609
Fire Services:	
Equipment purchased	\$ 75,698
Equipment maintenance	9,107
Training expenses	1,153
Fire prevention materials	982
Total Fire Services	\$ 86,940
Administrative Services:	
Officer compensation	\$ 1,225
Other administrative expenses	231
Bond premiums	864
Total Administrative Services	\$ 2,320
Total Investments Purchased	\$ 70,000
Other Expenditures:	
Unauthorized expenditures (PA Sales Tax)*	\$ 3,922
Total Expenditures	\$ 178,791

<sup>\*</sup> Note: In addition, a total of \$2,531 in PA Sales Tax was improperly paid by the relief association during prior audit periods. Refer to Finding No. 2 for further information.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Accuracy was evaluated for a selection of transactions based on dollar amount, category, and/or random selection.

# **BACKGROUND** – (Continued)

The volunteer firefighters' relief association and the affiliated fire service organizations are separate, legal entities. The relief association is affiliated with the following fire service organizations:

Brady Fire Company

Coal Township Rescue

East End Fire Company

Forest Hills Fire Company

Maine Fire Company

Union Fire Company

# COAL TOWNSHIP VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S RELIEF ASSOCIATION STATUS OF PRIOR FINDINGS

### COMPLIANCE WITH PRIOR AUDIT FINDING AND RECOMMENDATION

The relief association has complied with one of the four prior audit findings and recommendations, as follows:

• Relief Association Cash Accounts And CD Inappropriately Registered Under Two Federal Tax Identification Numbers

By ensuring all investments are registered under the relief association's federal tax identification number.

### NONCOMPLIANCE WITH PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The relief association has not complied with three of the four prior audit findings. These findings are noted below and discussed in detail in the Findings and Recommendations section of this report:

- <u>Insufficient (Surety) Fidelity Bond Coverage</u>
- <u>Failure To Obtain A Pennsylvania Sales Tax Exemption Number And Payment Of Pennsylvania Sales Tax</u>
- Failure To Conduct Annual Physical Equipment Inventories

We are concerned by the relief association's failure to correct those previously reported audit findings. The relief association management should strive to implement the recommendations and corrective actions noted in this audit report.

# <u>Finding No. 1 – Noncompliance With Prior Audit Recommendation – Insufficient Surety</u> (Fidelity) Bond Coverage

<u>Condition</u>: As cited in our prior audit reports, the relief association did not maintain a Surety (Fidelity) bond in a sufficient amount to cover the relief association's authorized disbursing officer. The relief association's Surety (Fidelity) bond coverage amount was \$400,000; however, as of December 31, 2021, the relief association's cash assets totaled \$417,008.

Criteria: Section 7415(c)(4) of the VFRA Act states, in part, that:

. . . the disbursing officer, whether designated treasurer, comptroller, financial secretary or otherwise, shall be bonded by corporate surety for faithful performance of duty. The amount of the bond shall be at least as great as the maximum cash balance in current funds of the association at any time during the fiscal year, and the premium on the bond shall be a proper charge against the funds of the association.

<u>Cause</u>: Even though notified of this condition during our five prior audits, relief association officials stated that the CD's matured and they did not reinvest them right away and instead deposited the money into the bank account.

<u>Effect</u>: As a result of the authorized disbursing officer of the relief association being insufficiently bonded, the relief association's cash assets were not adequately safeguarded.

Recommendation: We again recommend that the relief association officials ensure that its Surety (Fidelity) bond sufficiently covers the relief association's authorized disbursing officer, as required by the VFRA Act. This requirement may be accomplished by increasing the Surety (Fidelity) bond coverage on the relief association's authorized disbursing officer to an amount greater than the expected maximum balance of the relief association's cash assets, or by decreasing the relief association's cash assets to an amount anticipated to remain below the policy coverage amount. In addition, relief association officials should monitor the relief association's cash balance to ensure that unexpected events affecting the relief association's current funds do not again result in insufficient Surety (Fidelity) bond coverage on the relief association's authorized disbursing officer. For further guidance, please refer to the Auditor General's publication, MANAGEMENT GUIDELINES FOR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS' RELIEF ASSOCIATIONS.

# Finding No. 1 – (Continued)

<u>Management's Response</u>: Relief association management agreed with the finding as presented at the audit exit conference and, as a result of our audit, the relief association increased their bond coverage to \$500,000 on February 20, 2022.

<u>Auditor's Conclusion</u>: We reviewed documentation verifying that the bond coverage was increased to \$500,000. Compliance for sufficient bond coverage during the next audit period will be subject to verification through our next audit.

# Finding No. 2 - Noncompliance With Prior Audit Recommendation - Failure To Maintain A Pennsylvania Sales Tax Exemption Number And Payment Of Pennsylvania Sales Tax

<u>Condition</u>: As cited in prior audit reports, the relief association failed to maintain a Pennsylvania sales tax exemption number. The relief association has paid sales tax totaling \$2,531 during the prior audit periods, and \$3,922 during the current audit period. The sales tax payments, which total \$6,453 in unnecessary state aid disbursements, are not authorized expenditures by the VFRA Act.

Criteria: Section 7415(e) of the VFRA Act states:

A volunteer firefighters' relief association organized or conducted in accordance with the requirements of this section shall be regarded as a charitable corporation for all purposes, including the right to establish exemption from the operation of certain taxes.

<u>Cause</u>: Even though notified of this condition during our five prior audits, the relief association officials again neglected to obtain its own sales tax exemption number from the Pennsylvania Department of Revenue.

<u>Effect</u>: As a result of the relief association's continued failure to maintain a sales tax exemption number, the relief association may be required to pay Pennsylvania sales tax on their purchases, which ultimately reduces the funds otherwise available for general operating expenditures or for investment purposes. Furthermore, the relief association's future state aid allocations may be withheld until the finding recommendation is complied with.

### Finding No. 2 – (Continued)

Recommendation: We again recommend that the relief association officials immediately reapply for a new state sales tax exemption number from the Department of Revenue and furnish this exemption number to all vendors from whom the relief association purchases equipment. We also recommend that the relief association be reimbursed \$6,453 (\$2,531 prior periods + \$3,922 current period) for the payment of Pennsylvania sales tax. For further guidance, please refer to the Auditor General's publication, MANAGEMENT GUIDELINES FOR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS' RELIEF ASSOCIATIONS.

<u>Management's Response</u>: Relief association management agreed with the finding as presented at the audit exit conference and indicated they will take action to comply with the recommendation.

<u>Auditor's Conclusion</u>: We are concerned by the relief association's failure to correct this previously reported audit finding and strongly encourage immediate implementation of the recommendation noted in this audit report. Due to the potential withhold of state aid, the relief association's compliance with the finding recommendation will be monitored subsequent to the release of the audit report and through our next audit of the relief association.

# Finding No. 3 - Noncompliance With Prior Audit Recommendation - Failure To Conduct Annual Physical Equipment Inventories, And Failure To Maintain A Cumulative Roster During The Current Audit Period

<u>Condition</u>: As cited in our prior audit, the relief association officials failed to conduct annual physical inventories of equipment and ensure such inventory accounted for all equipment owned by the relief association. In addition, the relief association provided a roster for the 2019 through 2021 calendar years; however, they did not provide a cumulative roster.

# Finding No. 3 – (Continued)

<u>Criteria</u>: Prudent business practice dictates that annual inventories are conducted to ensure the accuracy of the relief association's equipment roster. Further, prudent business practice dictates that the relief association should establish adequate internal control procedures to ensure the maintenance of a cumulative equipment roster of all items purchased by the relief association in order to provide an effective accounting control over the relief association's equipment. A cumulative equipment roster of all relief association equipment should include all of the following:

- Types of equipment purchased
- Dates of purchase
- Unit costs
- Names of suppliers
- Serial numbers, if applicable
- Current locations of items
- Final dispositions of sold or damaged equipment
- Evidence of the performance and results of an annual physical inventory

<u>Cause</u>: The relief association officials stated that the previous administrators did not complete the annual physical equipment inventories, despite being notified of the condition to conduct annual physical inventories in the prior audit. The relief association officials stated that a cumulative roster of equipment was not maintained because there was a problem converting the roster onto a new computer.

<u>Effect</u>: The continued failure to perform an annual physical inventory of equipment prevents adequate accountability for, and safeguarding of, relief association owned equipment. In addition, the failure to properly record equipment purchases in a detailed equipment roster prevents officials from effectively monitoring the relief association's equipment purchases.

<u>Recommendation</u>: We again recommend that the relief association officials ensure they perform an annual physical inventory of all operable equipment and that the completion of the inventories be sufficiently documented. We also recommend that the relief association officials maintain a cumulative equipment roster of all equipment owned by the relief association. For further guidance, please refer to the Auditor General's publication, MANAGEMENT GUIDELINES FOR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS' RELIEF ASSOCIATIONS.

<u>Management's Response</u>: Relief association management agreed with the finding as presented at the audit exit conference and indicated they will take action to comply with the recommendation.

# Finding No. 3 – (Continued)

<u>Auditor's Conclusion</u>: We are concerned by the relief association's failure to correct this previously reported audit finding and strongly encourage timely implementation of the recommendation noted in this audit report. Compliance with the audit recommendation will be subject to verification through our next audit.

### Finding No. 4 – Inadequate Minutes Of Meetings

Condition: The relief association failed to maintain detailed minutes of meetings as required by the VFRA Act and the relief association's bylaws. Specifically, the relief association's minutes did not address all of the financial-related transactions that occurred during the audit period. Also, the relief association bylaws require six meetings per year; however, the relief association only provided minutes for three meetings in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, according to relief officials.

Criteria: Section 7415(a) of the VFRA Act states, in part, that the relief association:

... must provide for taking and preserving minutes of all meetings and maintenance of such books of account as may be necessary and appropriate to afford a permanent record of its fiscal affairs.

In addition, the relief association's bylaws at Article II, Section 1 states, in part:

The regular meetings of this association shall be held on the last Wednesday of January, March, May, July, September and November.

<u>Cause</u>: Relief association officials indicated that they did not maintain detailed minutes of meetings required by the VFRA Act and the relief association's bylaws due to an oversight of the requirements. In addition, relief officials indicated that some meetings were not held in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

<u>Effect</u>: Without detailed minutes of meetings, evidence that relief association business was presented before the membership for approval does not exist. Further, the lack of holding all required meetings and to document all financial related transactions does not comply with the VFRA Act requirements or with the relief association bylaws.

### Finding No. 4 – Continued

<u>Recommendation</u>: We recommend that the relief association officials hold all meetings as required and maintain detailed minutes of meetings, evidencing the discussion and approval of all financial-related business conducted by the relief association and that the relief association complies with the requirements of the VFRA Act and the relief association bylaws. For further guidance, please refer to the Auditor General's publication, MANAGEMENT GUIDELINES FOR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS' RELIEF ASSOCIATIONS.

<u>Management's Response</u>: Relief association management agreed with the finding as presented at the audit exit conference and indicated they will take action to comply with the recommendation.

Auditor's Conclusion: Compliance will be subject to verification through our next audit.

### Finding No. 5 - Untimely Receipt And Deposit Of State Aid

Condition: The relief association did not deposit the 2020 state aid allocation it received from Coal Township, in the amount of \$38,827, until March 17, 2021. The foreign fire insurance tax allocation was distributed to the municipal treasurer on September 22, 2020; however, municipal officials failed to forward the state aid allocation to the relief association until March 2021, which is not within 60 days of receipt, as required by Section 706 (b)(2) of the Act of December 18, 1984, (P.L. 1005, No. 205). Since there was no documentation indicating that the relief association attempted to retrieve the funds, the relief association did not ensure the funds were received and deposited timely. Upon receipt of the state aid allocation, the relief association deposited the funds into a relief association account on March 17, 2021.

Criteria: Section 706 (b)(2) of the Act of December 18, 1984, (P.L. 1005, No. 205), states:

The foreign fire insurance premium tax amount applicable to a municipality served solely by volunteer firefighters shall be paid to the municipality, which shall within 60 days of the date of the receipt of the moneys from the State Treasurer pay the amount received to the relief association fund of the fire department or departments, or fire company or companies, now existing or hereafter organized, inside or outside of the municipality, which is or are actively engaged in the service of the municipality and duly recognized by the governing body of the municipality.

# Finding No. 5 – (Continued)

Furthermore, prudent business practice dictates that upon receipt of its state aid allocation, the relief association should establish adequate internal control procedures to ensure the funds are deposited in a timely manner.

<u>Cause</u>: The relief association officials indicated that they did not receive the check from the municipality until March of 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

<u>Effect</u>: As a result of the untimely receipt and deposit, funds were not available to pay general operating expenses or for investment purposes. In addition, an untimely receipt and deposit of funds increases the risk that funds could be lost or misappropriated.

<u>Recommendation</u>: We recommend that the relief association officials adopt internal control procedures to ensure the timely receipt and deposit of all future income received. For further guidance, please refer to the Auditor General's publication, MANAGEMENT GUIDELINES FOR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS' RELIEF ASSOCIATIONS.

<u>Management's Response</u>: Relief association management agreed with the finding as presented at the audit exit conference and indicated they will take action to comply with the recommendation.

Auditor's Conclusion: Compliance will be subject to verification through our next audit.

# Finding No. 6 - Failure To Deposit Proceeds From The Sale Of A Jointly Purchased Vehicle

Condition: In 2001, the relief association had expended \$6,400 towards the joint purchase of a 1991 Truck with the affiliated fire company which had a total cost of \$30,000. The relief association entered into an agreement with the affiliated fire company dated March 9, 2005 where the relief association would receive the pro-rata share percentage of 21.33% if the vehicle was ever sold. In 2019, the jointly purchased vehicle was sold for \$15,000; however, the relief association did not receive and deposit its proportional ownership interest of \$3,199 in proceeds from the sale of the jointly purchased vehicle until on March 14, 2022.

### Finding No. 6 – (Continued)

<u>Criteria</u>: Section 7418(a) of the VFRA Act states:

The Office of Auditor General shall have the power and its duty shall be to audit the accounts and records of every volunteer firefighters' relief association receiving money under Chapter 7 of the Act of December 18, 1984 (P.L. 1005, No. 205), known as the Municipal Pension Plan Funding Standard and Recovery Act, as far as may be necessary to satisfy the Auditor General that the money received was or is being expended for no purpose other than that authorized by this subchapter. Copies of all audits shall be furnished to the Governor.

Prudent business practice dictates that the relief association should secure its proportional ownership interest in the jointly purchased vehicle by executing a formal written agreement that enumerates the relief association's proportional share of financing. Such agreement shall specify that the relief association shall receive its prorated share of the proceeds upon sale of the vehicle, in the event the vehicle is ever sold. Once the vehicle is sold, the relief association officials should closely monitor all sales to ensure proceeds are received and timely deposited into a relief association account.

<u>Cause</u>: Relief association officials did execute a formal written agreement with the fire company; however, the relief association failed to ensure that it received and deposited its proportional ownership interest due from the proceeds of the sale of a jointly purchased vehicle with the affiliated fire company into a relief association account in a timely manner.

<u>Effect</u>: The failure to receive and deposit the \$3,199 in proceeds from the sale of a jointly purchased vehicle with the affiliated fire company placed the relief association's ownership interest at greater risk. As a result, the relief association was unable to use the funds for general operating expenses or for investment purposes.

<u>Recommendation</u>: We recommend the relief association officials establish accounting and internal control procedures to ensure that all future proceeds resulting from the sale of a jointly purchased vehicle are timely deposited in a relief association account. For further guidance, please refer to the Auditor General's publication, MANAGEMENT GUIDELINES FOR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS' RELIEF ASSOCIATIONS.

Management's Response: Relief association management agreed with the finding as presented at the audit exit conference and the affiliated fire company reimbursed the relief association \$3,199 on March 14, 2022.

# Finding No. 6 - Continued

<u>Auditor's Conclusion</u>: Relief association management agreed with the finding as presented at the audit exit conference and, as a result of our audit, the relief association received and deposited its proportional ownership interest of the \$3,199 in proceeds from the sale of the jointly purchased vehicle. Compliance will be subject to verification through our next audit.

### POTENTIAL WITHHOLD

A condition such as that reported by Finding No. 2 contained in this audit report may lead to a total withholding of state aid in the future unless that finding is corrected. However, such action may not be considered if sufficient documentation is provided within 60 days to verify compliance with this department's recommendations. Such documentation should be submitted by the relief association to: Department of the Auditor General, Bureau of Fire Relief Audits, Room 327 Finance Building, Harrisburg, PA 17120.

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A report was also distributed to the following municipality, which allocated foreign fire insurance tax monies to this relief association:

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