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### **Auditor General DePasquale Announces Nearly \$300 Million for Police, Municipal Pension Plans Across Pennsylvania**

**EASTON, Northampton County** – Auditor General Eugene DePasquale today said he has released \$299.1 million in aid to help support retirement plans for police, firefighters, municipal workers who work to keep communities safe and functioning.

“This funding is about looking out for the people who look out for us every day,” DePasquale said. “If the money was not available, the retirement of a lot of police officers and firefighters would be in jeopardy.”

The \$299.1 million in state pension aid went to 1,495 municipalities and regional departments to support pension plans covering police officers, paid firefighters and non-uniformed employees.

“Without this aid, communities would have to rely more heavily on local taxes to fund their employee retirement plans, some of which are already struggling to meet obligations,” DePasquale added. “That’s why the Pennsylvania General Assembly must enact a statewide municipal pension reform plan.”

In November, DePasquale announced the release of \$55.1 million in volunteer firefighters’ relief association funding. The money helps to save lives and protect property by funding equipment purchases, critical training and insurance for volunteer firefighters and emergency service providers.

The pension aid and volunteer firefighter funding comes from a 2 percent state tax on casualty and fire insurance premiums paid to out-of-state insurance companies. In addition to distributing the state aid each fall, the Department of the Auditor General audits local government pension plans and volunteer firefighters’ relief associations.

A report detailing the amount of state pension and volunteer firefighter aid distributed to each municipality is available online using this link: [www.PaAuditor.gov](http://www.PaAuditor.gov).

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**EDITOR’S NOTE:** *A by-county and region listing of municipal pension state aid for 2018 follows.*

**State Aid for Municipal Pensions - 2018**  
**\$299.1 Million**

County	Municipal Pension Aid	County	Municipal Pension Aid
Bucks County	\$10,954,502.70	Bedford County	\$214,254.32
Chester County	\$8,167,798.72	Blair County	\$2,673,212.69
Delaware County	\$12,824,368.70	Cambria County	\$2,131,488.13
Montgomery County	\$20,520,948.69	Cameron County	\$17,944.50
Philadelphia County	\$74,810,005.03	Centre County	\$2,537,805.93
<b>Greater Philadelphia</b>	<b>\$127,277,623.84</b>	Clearfield County	\$893,539.22
Lehigh County	\$8,904,915.13	Clinton County	\$290,916.39
Northampton County	\$9,312,940.04	Elk County	\$491,922.68
<b>Lehigh Valley</b>	<b>\$18,217,855.17</b>	Fulton County	\$0.00
Bradford County	\$610,835.40	Huntingdon County	\$338,012.08
Carbon County	\$991,563.47	Indiana County	\$733,552.29
Columbia County	\$785,114.84	Jefferson County	\$400,602.54
Lackawanna County	\$5,636,032.08	Potter County	\$168,975.27
Luzerne County	\$6,276,475.22	Somerset County	\$685,474.71
Lycoming County	\$1,946,467.66	<b>Central</b>	<b>\$11,577,700.75</b>
Monroe County	\$1,978,968.76	Clarion County	\$147,208.58
Montour County	\$276,033.81	Crawford County	\$1,022,336.91
Pike County	\$307,762.56	Erie County	\$6,764,126.42
Sullivan County	\$14,619.73	Forest County	\$18,285.42
Susquehanna County	\$91,487.35	McKean County	\$1,059,196.01
Tioga County	\$479,113.53	Mercer County	\$2,209,411.46
Wayne County	\$113,316.69	Venango County	\$1,145,137.78
Wyoming County	\$118,130.79	Warren County	\$683,848.61
<b>Northeast</b>	<b>\$19,625,921.89</b>	<b>Northwest</b>	<b>\$13,049,551.19</b>
Adams County	\$984,079.01	Allegheny County	\$44,633,010.60
Berks County	\$8,871,808.90	Armstrong County	\$453,156.78
Cumberland County	\$4,330,818.22	Beaver County	\$2,856,306.52
Dauphin County	\$6,690,627.56	Butler County	\$2,558,476.72
Franklin County	\$2,165,660.27	Fayette County	\$1,209,542.88
Juniata County	\$14,053.16	Greene County	\$476,484.13
Lancaster County	\$10,208,505.00	Lawrence County	\$1,445,902.12
Lebanon County	\$1,904,206.24	Washington County	\$3,269,031.81
Mifflin County	\$521,541.23	Westmoreland County	\$4,407,377.84
Northumberland County	\$1,152,226.23	<b>Greater Pittsburgh</b>	<b>\$61,309,289.40</b>
Perry County	\$120,784.96	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$299,073,774.81</b>
Schuylkill County	\$1,745,734.28		
Snyder County	\$225,980.39		
Union County	\$420,024.41		
York County	\$8,659,782.71		
<b>Susquehanna Valley</b>	<b>\$48,015,832.57</b>		

A breakdown of aid by municipality is available online at: <https://www.paauditor.gov/vfra-allocations>