# Pennsylvania Department of the

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# **Auditor General DePasquale Releases Pension Plan Audits for Municipalities in 11 Counties**

HARRISBURG - Auditor General Eugene DePasquale today released audits of municipal employee pension plans in Adams, Armstrong, Beaver, Butler, Chester, Columbia, Dauphin, Lebanon, Luzerne, Northampton and Wyoming counties.

State pension aid for police, firefighters and nonuniformed municipal employee pensions is provided from a 2 percent tax on out-of-state casualty insurance premiums, a portion of the out-of-state fire insurance tax designated for paid firefighters, and any investment income earned on the collection of these taxes.

The objectives of pension plan audits are to determine, for the selected audit period, if the municipality complied with any prior audit recommendations and if the municipal pension plan is in compliance with applicable state laws, regulations, contracts, administrative procedures, and local ordinances and policies.

Specifically, department auditors review issues including whether:

- state aid was properly determined and deposited according to the requirements of the Municipal Pension Plan Funding Standard and Recovery Act;
- employer contributions were determined and deposited in compliance with the plan's governing document and applicable state laws and regulations;
- employee contributions are required, and if so, whether they were properly determined and deposited into the pension plan;
- benefit payments were properly made only to those entitled to receive them;
- obligations for plan benefits were accurately determined under plan provisions and based upon complete and accurate participant data; and
- actuarial valuation reports were sent to the Public Employee Retirement Commission in accordance with state law and selected information provided on these reports is accurate, complete and in accordance with plan provisions to ensure compliance for participation in the state aid program.

The full audit reports for municipalities listed below are available online using the links provided below, others are available online at: <a href="https://www.PaAuditor.gov/audit-reports">www.PaAuditor.gov/audit-reports</a>.

#### **Adams County**

• York Springs Borough Nonuniformed Pension Plan

#### **Armstrong County**

Rural Valley Borough Nonuniformed Pension Plan

### **Beaver County**

- Franklin Township Nonuniformed Pension Plan
- Franklin Township Police Pension Plan

# **Butler County**

• Summit Township Nonuniformed Pension Plan

#### **Chester County**

- Upper Uwchlan Township Nonuniformed Pension Plan
- Upper Uwchlan Township Police Pension Plan
- Westtown Township Nonuniformed Pension Plan

# **Columbia County**

• Montour Township Police Pension Plan

# **Dauphin County**

- Lykens Borough Nonuniformed Pension Plan
- Lykens Borough Police Pension Plan

# **Lebanon County**

- Bethel Township Nonuniformed Pension Plan
- Bethel Township Police Pension Plan

# **Luzerne County**

- City of Hazleton Nonuniformed Pension Plan
- City of Hazleton Aggregate Pension Fund

# **Northampton County**

- Roseto Borough Nonuniformed Pension Plan
- Roseto Borough Police Pension Plan

# **Wyoming County**

• Monroe Township Nonuniformed Pension Plan

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