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

**HARRISBURG** – Auditor General Eugene DePasquale today announced the release of audit reports for volunteer firefighters' relief associations in Allegheny, Beaver, Bucks, Delaware, Lebanon, Lehigh, Montgomery and Westmoreland counties.

The Department of the Auditor General examines volunteer firefighters' relief associations, which receive state aid from a 2 percent state tax on fire insurance premiums purchased by Pennsylvania residents from out-of-state casualty insurance companies.

In 2017, \$60.6 million in state funds was required to be distributed through funding municipalities to 2,521 VFRA's to provide training, purchase equipment and insurance, and pay for death benefits for volunteer firefighters.

The full audit reports for VFRA's 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).

#### **Allegheny County**

[Churchill VFRA](#) – No findings

[East Pittsburgh VFRA](#) – No findings

[Springdale Township VFRA](#) – No findings

[Sturgeon VFRA](#) – No findings

[Turtle Creek VFRA](#) – No findings

#### **Beaver County**

[White Township VFRA](#) – No findings

#### **Bucks County**

[Bristol Fire Co. No. 6 VFRA](#) – No findings

#### **Delaware County**

[Middletown Township VFRA](#)

Received and expended state aid and accumulated relief funds in compliance with applicable state laws, contracts, bylaws and administrative procedures, except for one finding: failure to maintain a complete and accurate equipment roster.

#### **Lebanon County**

[Lawn VFRA](#)

Received and expended state aid and accumulated relief funds in compliance with applicable state laws, contracts, bylaws and administrative procedures, except for one finding: noncompliance with prior audit recommendation for failure to maintain a complete and accurate equipment roster.

**Lehigh County**

[Alburtis VFRA](#) – No findings

**Montgomery County**

[Royersford VFRA](#)

Received and expended state aid and accumulated relief funds in compliance with applicable state laws, contracts, bylaws and administrative procedures, except for one finding: untimely deposit of state aid.

**Westmoreland County**

[Sardis VFRA](#) – No findings

[Sutersville VFRA](#) – No findings

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