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Auditor General DePasquale Releases Audits for Volunteer Firefighters' Relief Associations in 11 Counties

HARRISBURG – Auditor General Eugene DePasquale today announced the release of audit reports for volunteer firefighters' relief associations in Allegheny, Beaver, Blair, Chester, Columbia, Delaware, Lancaster, McKean, Montgomery, Washington 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.

Allegheny County

[Rennerdale 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: unauthorized expenditure.

Beaver County

[Franklin Township VFRA](#) – No findings

Blair County

[Williamsburg VFRA](#) – No findings

Chester County

[Ludwig's Corner VFRA](#) – No findings

Columbia County

[Montour Township VFRA](#)

Received and expended state aid and accumulated relief funds in compliance with applicable state laws, contracts, bylaws and administrative procedures, except for three findings: undocumented expenditures, inadequate signatory authority for the disbursement of funds, and noncompliance with prior audit recommendation for failure to conduct annual physical equipment inventories.

Delaware County

[Chester Heights VFRA](#) – No findings

Lancaster County

[Brunnerville VFRA](#) – No findings

McKean County

[Lafayette Township VFRA](#) – No findings

Montgomery County

[Trappe VFRA](#) – No findings

Washington County

[North Franklin Township VFRA](#) – No findings

[South Franklin Township VFRA](#) – No findings

Westmoreland County

[Upper Burrell Township Fire Co. No. 1 VFRA](#) – No findings

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