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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, Bradford, Bucks, Carbon, Greene, Lancaster, Susquehanna and Westmoreland counties.

"My audits of volunteer firefighters' relief associations ensure that critical funds are used properly in helping volunteer firefighters save lives and protect communities," DePasquale said.

The Department of the Auditor General audits 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 2018, 2,518 municipalities received \$55.1 million in state aid for distribution to local volunteer firefighters' relief associations to provide training, purchase equipment and insurance, and pay for death benefits for volunteer firefighters.

The full audit reports for VFRAs with findings are available online using the links provided below; others are available online at: www.PaAuditor.gov/audit-reports.

Allegheny County

Bradford Woods VFRA – No findings

Brentwood VFRA - No findings

Bucks County

<u>Hilltown Township VFRA</u> – No findings

Carbon County

Aquashicola VFRA – No findings

Greene County

<u>Greensboro-Monongahela VFRA</u> – No findings

Lancaster County

Christiana VFRA – No findings

Garden Spot VFRA - No findings

Susquehanna County

Hallstead VFRA – No findings

Westmoreland County

Idle Park VFRA - No findings