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### Auditor General DePasquale Releases Audits for Volunteer Firefighters' Relief Associations in 10 Counties

**HARRISBURG** – Auditor General Eugene DePasquale today announced the release of audit reports for volunteer firefighters' relief associations in Allegheny, Cambria, Carbon, Huntingdon, Juniata, Lackawanna, Lancaster, Lehigh, Susquehanna and Union counties.

“We are forever grateful for the work that volunteer firefighters' relief associations do to help fire and rescue crews perform their dedicated, often heroic, duties,” 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 VFRA 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**

[Bethel Park VFRA](#) – No findings

[Citizen's Volunteer Hose Co. No. 1 of Birdville VFRA](#) – No findings

[Green Tree VFRA](#) – No findings

[Richland Township VFRA](#) – No findings

[Vigilant Hose Co. No. 1 of Port Vue VFRA](#) – No findings

[Whitehall VFRA](#) – No findings

#### **Cambria County**

[Stonycreek Township, Oakland, VFRA](#) – No findings

#### **Carbon County**

[Lake Harmony VFRA](#) – No findings

#### **Huntingdon County**

[Marklesburg VFRA](#) – No findings

#### **Juniata County**

[Richfield VFRA](#)

Complied with applicable state laws, contracts, bylaws and administrative procedures as they relate to the receipt of state aid and the expenditure of relief association funds, except for two findings: failure to conduct annual physical equipment inventories and untimely receipts and deposits of state aid.

**Lackawanna County**

[Archibald Borough VFRA](#) – No findings

**Lancaster County**

[Hand-In-Hand Fire Co. No. 1 VFRA](#) – No findings

**Lehigh County**

[Catasauqua VFRA](#) – No findings

**Susquehanna County**

[Hop Bottom VFRA](#) – No findings

**Union County**

[Union County West End VFRA](#) – No findings

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