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### **Auditor General DePasquale Releases Audits for Volunteer Firefighters' Relief Associations in 16 Counties**

**HARRISBURG** – Auditor General Eugene DePasquale today announced the release of audit reports for volunteer firefighters' relief associations in Bucks, Carbon, Chester, Clearfield, Columbia, Crawford, Cumberland, Delaware, Greene, Lancaster, Northampton, Northumberland, Pike, Schuylkill, Snyder 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, 2,521 municipalities received \$60.6 million in fire relief association funding 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).

#### **Bucks County**

[Lower Southampton VFRA](#) – No findings

#### **Carbon County**

[Bowmanstown VFRA](#) – No findings

#### **Chester County**

[East Whiteland VFRA](#) – No findings

#### **Clearfield County**

[Clearfield VFRA](#)

Received and expended state aid and accumulated relief funds in compliance with applicable state laws, contracts, bylaws and administrative procedures, except for two findings: failure to maintain a complete and accurate membership roster and noncompliance with prior audit recommendation for failure to conduct annual physical equipment inventories.

#### **Columbia County**

[Hemlock Township VFRA](#) – No findings

#### **Crawford County**

[Spartansburg VFRA](#) – No findings

[Venango VFRA](#) – No findings

**Cumberland County**

[South Newton 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: inadequate internal controls over savings account.

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

**Delaware County**

[Clifton Heights VFRA](#) – No findings

**Greene County**

[Mount Morris Community VFRA](#) – No findings

**Lancaster County**

[Gap VFRA](#) – No findings

**Northampton County**

[East Bangor VFRA](#) – No findings

[South Bethlehem VFRA](#) – No findings

**Northumberland County**

[Potts Grove 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: inadequate signatory authority for the disbursement of funds.

**Pike County**

[Dingman 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: insufficient bond coverage, failure to monitor investment activity and unauthorized expenditures.

**Schuylkill County**

[Good Intent VFRA](#) – No findings

**Snyder County**

[Bannersville VFRA](#) – No findings

[Kratzerville VFRA](#) – No findings

**Westmoreland County**

[Murrysville VFRA](#) – No findings

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