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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 Beaver, Blair, Chester, Dauphin, Fayette, Montgomery, Schuylkill, Snyder, Wayne 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'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).

#### **Beaver County**

[Independence Township VFRA](#) – No findings

#### **Blair County**

[Logan Township VFRA](#) – No findings

#### **Chester County**

[Modena VFRA](#) – No findings

#### **Dauphin County**

[Grantville VFRA](#) – No findings

#### **Fayette County**

[Everson VFRA](#) – No findings

#### **Montgomery County**

[Philadelphia Steam Fire Engine Co. No. 1](#)

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 minutes of meetings.

#### **Schuylkill County**

[East Union 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 bond coverage.

**Snyder County**

[Beavertown VFRA](#) – No findings

**Wayne County**

[Welcome Lake 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: inappropriate ownership of rescue vehicle and untimely deposit of state aid.

**Westmoreland County**

[Markle VFRA](#) – No findings

[Whitney-Hostetter VFRA](#) – No findings

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