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Auditor General DePasquale Releases Audits for Volunteer Firefighters' Relief Associations in 15 Counties

HARRISBURG – Auditor General Eugene DePasquale today announced the release of audit reports for volunteer firefighters' relief associations in Adams, Allegheny, Blair, Chester, Greene, Lancaster, Luzerne, Mifflin, Monroe, Montgomery, Schuylkill, Somerset, Washington, Westmoreland and Wyoming 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.

Adams County

[Hampton VFRA](#) – No findings

Allegheny County

[Fawn Township Fire Department No. 1 VFRA](#) – No findings

[Fox Chapel VFRA](#) – No findings

Blair County

[Freedom 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: insufficient bond coverage.

Chester County

[Po-Mar-Lin VFRA](#) – No findings

Greene County

[Carmichaels Borough and Cumberland Township VFRA](#) – No findings

Lancaster County

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

Luzerne County

[Laflin VFRA](#) – No findings

Mifflin County

[Granville Township VFRA](#) – No findings

Monroe County

[Delaware Water Gap VFRA](#) – No findings

Shawnee 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: insufficient bond coverage.

Montgomery County

[Tylersport VFRA](#) – No findings

Schuylkill County

[Butler Township VFRA](#) – No findings

Somerset County

[Hooversville VFRA](#) – No findings

Washington County

[West Middletown Community 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: failure to maintain bond coverage, untimely deposit of state aid and failure to maintain minutes of meetings.

Westmoreland County

[New Florence VFRA](#) – No findings

Wyoming County

[Northmoreland Township VFRA](#) – No findings

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