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

**HARRISBURG** – Auditor General Eugene DePasquale today announced the release of audit reports for volunteer firefighters' relief associations in Allegheny, Beaver, Blair, Dauphin, Delaware, Indiana and Mifflin counties.

“Our audits of volunteer firefighters' relief associations ensure that critical funds are used properly to help volunteer firefighters save lives and protect communities,” DePasquale said.

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).

#### **Allegheny County**

[Wilkins Township VFRA](#) – No findings

#### **Beaver County**

[North Sewickley Township VFRA](#) – No findings

#### **Blair County**

[Pinecroft Antis Township VFRA](#) – No findings

#### **Dauphin County**

[Carsonville VFRA](#) – No findings

#### **Delaware County**

[Collingdale 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: unauthorized expenditures and noncompliance with prior audit recommendation for failure to maintain a complete and accurate equipment roster.

#### **Indiana County**

[Cherryhill Township VFRA](#) – No findings

#### **Mifflin County**

[Lewistown 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 one finding: failure to monitor investment activity.

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