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

**HARRISBURG** – Auditor General Eugene DePasquale today announced the release of audit reports for volunteer firefighters' relief associations in Allegheny, Cambria, Delaware, Elk, Fayette, Lancaster, Lycoming 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, \$60.6 million in state funds was required to be distributed through funding municipalities to 2,521 VFRA's 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).

#### **Allegheny County**

[Oakdale VFRA](#) – No findings

#### **Cambria County**

[Patton Fire Co. No. 1 VFRA](#) – No findings

#### **Delaware County**

[Media Fire & Hook & Ladder Fire Co. No. 1 VFRA](#) – No findings

#### **Elk County**

[Wilcox 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: undocumented expenditure and failure to maintain a complete and accurate equipment roster.

#### **Fayette County**

[West Leisenring VFRA](#) – No findings

#### **Lancaster County**

[Intercourse VFRA](#) – No findings

#### **Lycoming County**

[Ralston VFRA](#) – No findings

#### **Westmoreland County**

[Midway-St. Clare 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: untimely deposit of state aid.

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