



# State of West Virginia

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The West Virginia State Auditor's Office was empowered by the West Virginia Legislature in 2011 to implement and administer H.B. 3271 (The Volunteer Fire Department Workers' Compensation Premium Subsidy Program). The Auditor assembled a cross functional work team made up of representatives from his office, the Office of the State Insurance Commissioner, the National Council on Compensation Insurance, Inc., and the WV State Fire Marshal. This team developed:

- Administrative parameters
- Data processing requirements
- Communication strategy

The team completed the development in June 2011 with the launch of a new page on the State Auditor's website, which provided the information and requisite documentation to assist volunteer fire departments in acquiring Workers' Compensation Premium Subsidy. Subsidy requests began to arrive in early July 2011.

To date, of the **416** state volunteer fire departments, **288** have applied for the subsidy. Of that group, **264** have been processed (the difference being work-in-process). Subsidy payments currently total **\$1,267,139.05**. The average payout has been **\$4,399.79**.

All payments described are based on Initial Estimated Premiums. The actual Workers' Compensation Premium for an individual volunteer fire department will not be known until the final audit is completed (estimated at 15 months after the initial date of the policy). The result of the final audit can result in another payment due to the carrier or a refund to the volunteer fire department dependent on the actual number of hours worked by those individuals within the 7711 class code (firefighter/driver).