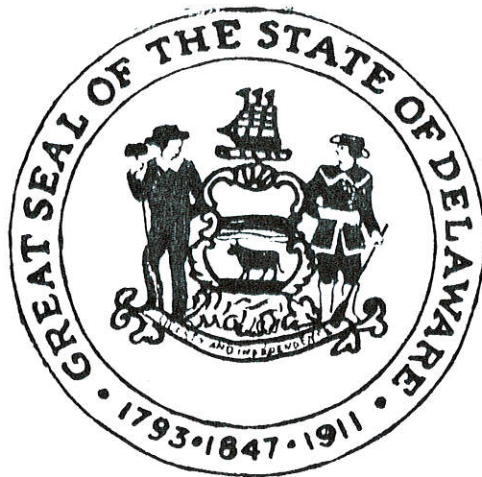


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September 22, 1983

The Honorable Pierre S. du Pont
Governor
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Dear Governor du Pont:

Enclosed herewith is the annual report of the State Fire Prevention Commission along with the annual reports of the State Fire School and the Office State Fire Marshal.

In reviewing the details and statistics in the reports of the respective divisions, I feel that the citizens of the State of Delaware benefit greatly from the expertise and dedication within these divisions.

The entire Commission joins me in expressing appreciation to you and the members of the General Assembly for continued support of the State Fire School and the Office State Fire Marshal.

Respectfully submitted,

Harvey H. Ryan
Chairman

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A. STATUTORY RESPONSIBILITIES

The statutory responsibilities of the State Fire Prevention Commission may be found in Title 16, Chapter 66 of the Delaware Code and are summarized as follows:

1. The Commission shall consist of seven persons appointed by the Governor.
2. They shall hold regular meetings at least once a month and special meetings may also be called.
3. They shall have the power to promulgate, amend and repeal regulations for the safeguarding of life and property from the hazards of fire and explosion.
4. Prior to promulgation, they shall hold at least one public hearing on each regulation, amendment or repealer and shall have the power to summon witnesses, documents and administer oaths for the purpose of giving testimony.
5. They shall appoint the State Fire Marshal. They shall have complete jurisdiction and management over the State Fire School.
6. The Commission shall have power to authorize new fire companies or substations; resolve boundary and other disputes; prohibit cessation of necessary fire protection services.
7. The Commission is empowered to enforce its orders in the Court of Chancery.

B. AGENCY OVERVIEW

The State Fire Prevention Commission is charged with the protection of life and property from fire for the people of Delaware and to oversee the operation of the Delaware State Fire Marshal's Office and the Delaware State Fire School. They are also empowered to promulgate fire codes with the advice of the State Fire Marshal and to regulate State Fire School training--types and amount--with the advice of the State Fire School Director. The Commission is also authorized to settle boundary disputes among fire companies as charged with by House Bill 790.

C. MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS-FY 1983

As ordered by the General Assembly, in the past year the Commission has composed the Delaware State Fire Commission Standards consisting of complaint and grievance procedures, minimum requirements for the establishment of new fire departments, minimum requirements for the establishment of new substations and/or additional stations and boundary guidelines.

Another accomplishment is the collection of boundary maps and narratives from fire and ambulance districts. They will be held as a matter of public record and as a legal document at the Office of the Commission in order to assist and solve boundary disputes among fire and ambulance services of this State.

The Commission has also been restructured so as to handle any problems among our agencies.

In our efforts to assist the Office State Fire Marshal, the Commission has acted upon the promulgation of revised Regulation 9, Hotel/Motel Exit Plan, of the "1981 State Fire Prevention Regulations". The revision became effective April 14, 1983.

The Commission has given continued support to the State Fire School in their many endeavors undertaken during 1983. They include:

1. The development and delivery of an Emergency Response Training Program.
2. The development and adoption of a Hazardous Substance Incident Contingency Plan for the State of Delaware.
3. The implementation of a night shift four nights a week to better monitor and supervise activities at the Training Center.
4. Completion of the renovation project on the original building.

D. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Our future plans are to bring fire companies into closer contact with the Commission so as to give better safety of life and property from the hazards of fire and explosion and to improve the fire fighting abilities of the firemen of the State--paid, industrial and volunteer. Also to promulgate laws that will assist in making it safer for the citizens of the State of Delaware.

Respectfully submitted,



Harvey H. Ryan
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