

STATE OF DELAWARE
STATE FIRE PREVENTION COMMISSION
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FISCAL YEAR 1984 ANNUAL REPORT

A. STATUTORY RESPONSIBILITIES

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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.

C. MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS DURING FY 1984

As a result of the statutory changes passed in recent years, the Commission has had to face certain challenges within the Fire Service never before faced in Delaware. One of these challenges include the settling of boundary disputes. Utilizing their established Standards, the Commission set a precedent for handling boundary disputes in a professional, expeditious manner. The Commission has also developed similar precedents for handling grievances of other natures as well as applications received for additional fire stations.

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D. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

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E. ACTIVITY

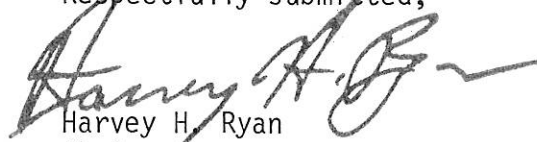
The following information is an outline of the Commissioners' activity for the year:

1. Meetings	
a. Monthly	12
b. Special	5
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2. Hearings	
a. Public Hearings	4
b. Pre-Hearing Conferences	2
c. Grievance Procedure Arbitration Sessions	2
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	8
3. Commission Committee Meetings	
a. Water Flow	7
b. BLS/ALS Vehicle Standards	1
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	8
4. Special Commission-Interest Functions	
a. Auditor Interview	1
b. Budget Hearings	2
c. Meetings with Legislators	2
d. Meeting with Governor du Pont	1
e. New Fire Marshal's Office Facilities	2
f. Sprinkler Demonstration	1
g. Other	2
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5. Fire Service-Related Functions	
a. Dedications & Other Fire Company Ceremonies	2
b. DVFA Convention	1
c. DVFA Executive Meetings	2
d. Fire Brigades	2
e. Fire Essay	1
f. Legislative Appreciation Nights	2
g. Other	4
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6. Emergency Service Functions	
a. County/State Ambulance Meetings	3
b. DEMSAC Meetings	2
c. Hazardous Materials Committee Meetings	2
d. Other	3
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	10

7. Special Meetings with Fire Marshal	6	
Special Meetings with Fire School Director	<u>1</u>	7
8. Travel		
a. Fire Department Instructors' Conference	1	
b. Mid-Atlantic Association of Fire Commissions	1	
c. National EMS Conference	1	
d. National Fire Protection Association Annual Conf.	<u>1</u>	4
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Total Activity	<u>78</u>	
Total Mileage Traveled		<u>13,257</u>

Although the Commission is mandated to "hold regular meetings at least once a month," this Annual Report clearly indicates that the demands placed upon the members of the Commission far exceeds this minimum requirement.

Respectfully submitted,


Harvey H. Ryan
Chairman

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT

For the period of July 1, 1983 to June 30, 1984

GENERAL FUND (01)

1984 Appropriation

Salary of Employee	\$12,716.00	
Other Employment Costs	3,379.00	
Total Salary Appropriation	\$16,095.00	

Travel	\$ 9,700.00	
Contractual Services	5,300.00	
Supplies	1,200.00	
Capital Outlay	600.00	
Total Non-Salary Appropriation	\$16,800.00	

Total FY 84 Appropriation \$32,895.00

1983 Continuing Encumbered Funds 2,600.00

Total Available Appropriations for FY 84 \$35,495.00

Disbursements

Salary of Employee	\$12,693.47	
Other Employment Costs	2,664.59	
Total Salary Costs	\$15,358.06	

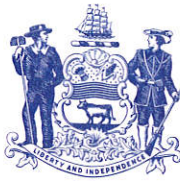
Travel	\$ 9,700.00	
Other Professional Services	675.00	
Contractual Services	7,225.00	
Supplies	1,200.00	
Capital Outlay	600.00	
Total Non-Salary Disbursements	\$19,400.00	

Total Disbursements for FY 84 (\$34,758.06)

Unencumbered Funds

Salary of Employee	\$ 22.53	
Other Employment Costs	714.41	
Total Unencumbered & Reverted, June 30, 1984	\$ 736.94	

Encumbered Funds Carried over to FY 85 \$ 1,216.58



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ACTIVITY

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PIERRE S. du PONT, IV
Governor

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>REPRESENTS</u>	<u>TERM EXPIRES</u>
Harvey H. Ryan Chairman	217 Morrison Road Penn Acres New Castle, Delaware	Industry	8/1/85
William T. Lowe Vice Chairman	470 Gills Neck Road Lewes, Delaware	Industry	8/1/84
C. Bryan Bennett	P.O. Box 238 Seaford, Delaware	Fire Service	8/1/89
William R. Carrow	107 N. Rodney Street Clayton, Delaware	Fire Service (DVFA)	9/84
Jasper H. Lakey	200 Washington Street Delaware City, Delaware	Fire Service	8/1/88
Clyde J. Luton	393 Nimitz Road Dover, Delaware	Industry	8/1/87
Edward C. McCormick	224 Delaware Avenue Harrington, Delaware	Fire Service	8/1/86

State Fire School

Judy P. Quick
Secretary

State Fire Marshal