

GOVERNOR

**STATE
FIRE
PREVENTION
COMMISSION**

REGULATIONS

DELAWARE STATE
FIRE SCHOOL

OFFICE STATE
FIRE MARSHAL

**ANNUAL REPORT
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June 30, 1986

Honorable Michael N. Castle
Governor
State of Delaware
Legislative Hall
Dover, Delaware 19901


Dear Governor Castle:

Enclosed 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 for FY 1986.

In reviewing the details and statistics in the Report of the respective Divisions, I feel that the citizens of the State of Delaware benefit greatly from the knowledge, experience and dedication within these Divisions.

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

Respectfully,


C. Bryan Bennett
Chairman

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Enclosures



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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.

C. MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS DURING FY 1986

The Commission adopted Ambulance Service Regulations for emergency vehicles in FY 1986. It is anticipated that regulations for non-emergency vehicles will be promulgated early in FY 1987, completing the establishment of regulations for emergency and non-emergency vehicles.

A Committee is focusing on establishing a proposed regulation for licensing individuals and firms involved in design, sale, installation and/or maintenance of fire protection systems or devices. A preliminary draft will be presented to the Commission by November 1, 1986.

Nineteen hydraulic rescue tools were placed in those fire companies who did not already have tools. This was made possible when the General Assembly appropriated funds for this project. Now, all the fire companies in the State of Delaware are equipped with emergency rescue tools.

Much of the Commission's attention and efforts during the year has been focused on providing a support services facility for the Fire School as well as new facilities for the State Fire Marshal and his staff.

The Commission has addressed various appeals brought before them by official public hearings.

D. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Our future plans are to bring fire companies into closer contact with the Commission so as to enhance the protection of life and property from the hazards of fire and explosion and to improve the fire fighting abilities of the firefighters of Delaware--volunteer, paid, and industrial. The Commission intends to revise and/or promulgate regulations that will assist in providing a safer tomorrow for the citizens of the State of Delaware.

E. ACTIVITY

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

1. Meetings		
a. Monthly	12	
b. Special	<u>1</u>	13
2. Hearings		
a. Public Hearing	1	
b. Supreme Court Hearing	1	
c. Appeal Hearing	<u>1</u>	3
3. Commission Committee Meetings		
a. Water Flow	3	
b. Ambulance Standards	2	
c. Other: Residential Sprinkler Workshop	3	
Committee For The Development Of A		
Fire Protection Licensing Regulation	3	
Boundary Map Meetings	<u>4</u>	15
4. Special Commission-Interest Functions		
a. Budget Hearings	2	
b. Meetings with Legislators	5	
c. Other: Capital Improvement Project	3	
Bond Bill	<u>1</u>	11
5. Fire Service-Related Functions		
a. DVFA Meetings	3	
b. DVFA Convention	1	
c. County Association Meetings	19	
d. State/County Chiefs' Meetings	17	
e. County Fire Police Meetings	2	
f. Ambulance Advisory Board	1	
g. Dedications and Other Fire Company Ceremonies	29	
h. Other: IAAI Activities	1	
Hurricane Workshop	1	
Firesetter Seminar	<u>1</u>	75
6. Emergency Service Functions		
a. County/State Ambulance Meetings	3	
b. DEMSAC Meetings	3	
c. MAST Meeting	<u>1</u>	7

7. Special Meetings with Fire Marshal	3	
Special Meetings with Fire School Director	<u>5</u>	8
8. Travel		
a. Fire Department Instructor's Conference	1	
b. Mid-Atlantic Association of Fire Commissions	1	
c. National Fire Protection Association Conference	2	
d. Other: Sprinkler Symposium	<u>1</u>	5
9. Miscellaneous		
a. State/County Agency Meetings	4	
b. Miscellaneous Commission Business	<u>15</u>	<u>19</u>
Total Activity		<u>156</u>
Total Mileage Traveled		<u>21,392</u>

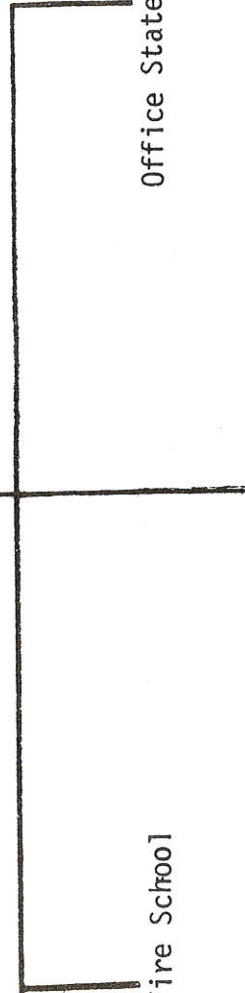
Michael N. Castle

Governor



<u>TERM EXPIRES</u>	<u>REPRESENTS</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
8/1/89 8/1/87	Fire Service	C. Bryan Bennett, Chairman	P.O. Box 238 Seaford, Delaware
8/1/87 8/1/87	Industry Fire Service	Clyde J. Luton, Vice Chairman <i>Thomas V. Baker</i>	393 Nimitz Road Dover, Delaware
8/1/91	Industry	John C. Fannin III	1592 Letitia Lane Wilmington, Delaware
8/1/88	Fire Service	Jasper H. Lakey	200 Washington Street Delaware City, Delaware
8/1/90	Industry	William T. Lowe	470 Gills Neck Road Lewes, Delaware
8/1/92 8/1/86	Fire Service	Edward C. McCormick	224 Delaware Avenue Harrington, Delaware
9/7/86	Fire Service	Lawrence E. Mergenthaler	1000 Stanton Road Wilmington, Delaware

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State Fire School

Office State Fire Marshal

Frances C. Antal
Secretary

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

For the period of July 1, 1985 to June 30, 1986

General Fund (01)

1986 Appropriation

Salary of Employee	\$ 14,100.00	
Salary Overtime	900.00	
Other Employment Costs	<u>5,400.00</u>	
Total Salary Appropriation		\$ 20,400.00

Travel	\$ 13,000.00	
Contractual Services	9,400.00	
Supplies	1,200.00	
Capital Outlay	600.00	
Fire Safety Education	<u>50,000.00</u>	
Total Non-Salary Appropriation		<u>\$ 74,200.00</u>

Total FY 86 Appropriation \$ 74,200.00

1985 Continuing Encumbered Funds 315.76

Total Available Appropriations for FY 86 \$ 94,915.76

Disbursements

Salary of Employees	\$ 14,075.85	
Salary Overtime	549.63	
Other Employment Costs	<u>5,192.83</u>	
Total Salary Costs		\$ 19,818.31

Travel	\$ 12,415.78	
Contractual Services	5,909.81	
Supplies	974.48	
Capital Outlay	600.00	
Fire Safety Education	<u>20,388.47</u>	
Total Non-Salary Disbursements		<u>\$ 40,288.54</u>

Total Disbursements for FY 86 (\$ 60,106.85)

Unencumbered Funds

Salary of Employee	\$ 24.15	
Salary Overtime	350.37	
Other Employment Costs	<u>207.17</u>	
Total Unencumbered & Reverted June 30, 1986		(\$ 581.69)

FY 85 Encumbered Funds, Carried Over to FY 86 and Reverted (315.76)

Encumbered Funds Carried Over to FY 87 \$ 61.09

Supplemental Appropriated Funds (02)

Unencumbered - Hurst Tools
Disbursements - Hurst Tools

\$180,000.00
(122,724.58)

Unencumbered Balance Reverted

\$ 57,275.42

Conference Fund (86-00)

Carried Over Funds, July 1, 1985

Unencumbered
Disbursements

\$ 2,126.31
(1,768.00)

Unencumbered Balance Carried Over, FY 87

\$ 358.31