

GOVERNOR

**STATE
FIRE
PREVENTION
COMMISSION**

REGULATIONS

DELAWARE STATE
FIRE SCHOOL

OFFICE STATE
FIRE MARSHAL

**ANNUAL REPORT
JUNE 30, 1987**



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June 30, 1987

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 1987.

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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FISCAL YEAR 1987 ANNUAL REPORT

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 1987

The Commission adopted Ambulance Service Regulations for emergency and non-emergency vehicles in FY 1987. This completes the establishment of regulations for both emergency and non-emergency vehicles.

Application for the approval of the Fire School Program for the training of Emergency Medical Technicians has been made to the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians. This approval will enable the Fire School to train candidates for registered Emergency Medical Technicians. The Commission also appointed a Medical Director to serve as adviser for the Fire School's Emergency Care Courses and related matters.

The Committee which has been 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 will present a draft to the Commission in July 1987. It is anticipated this regulation will be promulgated early in FY 1988.

A support services facility for the Fire School will be completed in July 1987. Final planning and start-up construction of the new facilities for the State Fire Marshal and his staff will begin early in FY 1988.

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

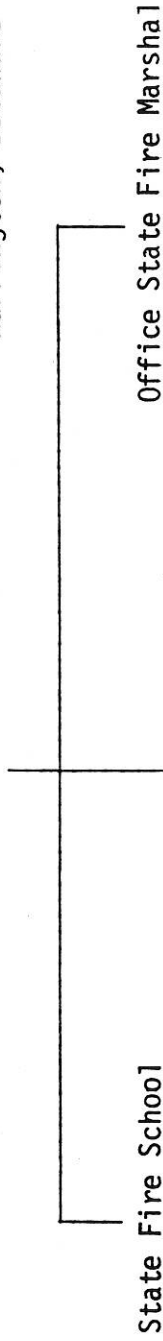
The following information is an outline of the Commissioners' activity for the year:

1. Meetings		
a. Monthly	12	12
2. Hearings		
a. Public Hearing	1	
b. Appeal Hearing	<u>1</u>	2
3. Commission Committee Meetings		
a. Water Flow	1	
b. Fire Code Review	2	
c. Other: Committee For The Development Of A Fire Protection Licensing Regulation	<u>7</u>	10
4. Special Commission Interest-Functions		
a. Budget Hearings	2	
b. Meetings with Legislators	4	
c. Other: Captial Improvement Project Bond Bill Land Survey	<u>1</u> <u>1</u> <u>2</u>	10
5. Fire Service-Related Functions		
a. DVFA Meetings	2	
b. DVFA Convention	1	
c. County Association Meetings	19	
d. State/County Chiefs' Meetings	9	
e. County Fire Police Meetings	3	
f. Dedications and Other Fire Company Ceremonies	12	
g. Other: IAAI Activities MSFA Convention	<u>1</u> <u>1</u>	48
6. Emergency Service Functions		
a. County/State Ambulance Meetings	7	
b. DEMSAC Meeting	<u>1</u>	8

Michael N. Castle

Governor

<u>TERM EXPIRES</u>	<u>REPRESENTS</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
8/1/89	Fire Service	C. Bryan Bennett, Chairman	P.O. Box 238 Seaford, Delaware
8/1/87	Industry	Clyde J. Luton, Vice Chairman	393 Nimitz Road Dover, Delaware
9/87	Fire Service	Thomas V. Baker	R.D. 3, Box 335A Milford, 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
8/1/91	Fire Service	Edward C. McCormick	224 Delaware Avenue Harrington, Delaware



Frances C. Antal
Secretary

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

For The Period Of July 1, 1986 to June 30, 1987

General Fund (01)

1987 Appropriation

Salary of Employee	\$12,530.00	
Salary Overtime	900.00	
Other Employment Costs	5,100.00	
Total Salary Appropriation		\$18,530.00

Travel	\$16,000.00	
Contractual Services	6,300.00	
Supplies	1,100.00	
Fire Safety Education	<u>50,000.00</u>	
Total Non-Salary Appropriation		\$73,400.00

 Total FY 87 Appropriation \$91,930.00

1986 Continuing Encumbered Funds 734.10

 Total Available Appropriations for FY 87 \$92,664.10

Disbursements

Salary of Employee	\$13,265.04	
Salary Overtime	20.41	
Other Employment Costs	<u>4,831.70</u>	
Total Salary Costs		\$18,117.15

Travel	\$11,124.86	
Contractual Services	9,300.00	
Supplies	1,100.00	
Fire Safety Education	<u>30,245.54</u>	
Total Non-Salary Disbursements		\$51,770.40

 Total Disbursements for FY 87 (\$69,887.55)

Unencumbered Funds

Salary Overtime	\$ 144.55	
Other Employment Costs	<u>268.30</u>	
Total Unencumbered & Reverted June 30, 1987		(\$ 412.85)

FY 86 Encumbered Funds, Carried Over to FY 87 and Reverted (734.10)

Encumbered Funds Carried Over to FY 88 \$ 361.22

Conference Fund (86-100)

Unencumbered Balance Carried Over, FY 88 \$ 358.31