

GOVERNOR

**STATE
FIRE
PREVENTION
COMMISSION**

REGULATIONS

**DELAWARE STATE
FIRE SCHOOL**

**OFFICE STATE
FIRE MARSHAL**

**ANNUAL REPORT
JUNE 30, 1988**



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June 30, 1988

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 of State Fire Marshal for FY 1988.

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 of State Fire Marshal.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "C. Bryan Bennett".

C. Bryan Bennett
Chairman

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Enclosures



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FISCAL YEAR 1988 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 1988

The Commission completed revisions and held public hearings for the 1988 State Fire Prevention Regulations. Approval by the Commission of various sections of the regulations will be promulgated as final adjustments are made. These new regulations should be completed in the fall of 1988.

Several appeals and grievances have been addressed by the Commission at official public hearings.

Groundbreaking ceremonies were held for the new facilities for the State Fire Marshal and his staff. Construction of the new facilities will begin in September 1988 with a projected completion date at the end of 1989.

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 will continue to provide 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 Hearings	1	
b. Appeal Hearings	4	
c. Fire Company Substation Hearings	5	
d. Grievance Hearings	<u>6</u>	16
3. Commission Committee Meetings		
a. Fire Code Review	3	
b. Sprinkler/Alarm	<u>1</u>	4
4. Special Commission Interest Functions		
a. Budget Hearings	2	
b. Meetings with Legislators	2	
c. Meeting with Budget Director	1	
d. Capital Improvement Project	2	
e. Bond Bill	1	
f. Land Survey	1	
g. Electrical Examiners	<u>1</u>	10
5. Fire Service Related Functions		
a. DVFA Meetings	3	
b. DVFA Convention	1	
c. County Association Meetings	24	
d. State/County Chiefs' Meetings	5	
e. County Fire Police Meetings	1	
f. Dedications and Other Fire Company Ceremonies	21	
g. ISFSI Conference	1	
h. Youthful Firesetters Program	1	
i. IAAI Activities	<u>1</u>	58
6. Emergency Service Functions		
a. County/State Ambulance Meetings	3	
b. DEMSAC Meetings	<u>1</u>	4

7. Special Meetings with Fire Marshal	7	
Special Meetings with Fire School Director	5	
Special Meetings with Emergency Services Director	<u>2</u>	14
8. Travel		
a. Fire Department Instructors' Conference	1	
b. Mid-Atlantic Association of Fire Commissions	1	
c. National Fire Protection Association Conference	2	
d. MSFA Convention	1	
e. National Association of EMS Physicians	<u>1</u>	6
9. Miscellaneous Commission Business	15	<u>15</u>
	Total Activity	<u>140</u>
	Total Mileage Traveled	<u>16,297</u>

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

For The Period of July 1, 1987 to June 30, 1988

General Fund (01)

1988 Appropriation

Salary of Employee	\$14,100.00	
Salary Overtime	1,000.00	
Other Employment Costs	<u>5,200.00</u>	
Total Salary Appropriation		\$20,300.00

Travel	\$16,000.00	
Contractual Services	10,500.00	
Supplies	1,200.00	
Fire Safety Education	<u>50,000.00</u>	
Total Non-Salary Appropriation		\$77,700.00

Total FY 88 Appropriation \$98,000.00

1987 Continuing Encumbered Funds 220.34

Total Available Appropriations for FY 88 \$98,220.34

Disbursements

Salary of Employee	\$15,007.62	
Salary Overtime	289.79	
Other Employment Costs	<u>5,592.99</u>	
Total Salary Costs		\$20,890.40

Travel	\$12,652.09	
Contractual Services	13,655.13	
Supplies	1,200.00	
Fire Safety Education	<u>32,931.72</u>	
Total Non-Salary Disbursements		\$60,438.94

Total Disbursements for FY 88 (\$81,329.34)

Unencumbered Funds

Salaries	\$ 231.63	
Other Employment Costs	10.03	
Travel	47.91	
Fire Safety	<u>68.28</u>	
Total Unencumbered & Reverted June 30, 1988		(\$ 357.85)

Encumbered Funds Carried Over to FY 89 \$ 144.87

Conference Fund (86-100)

Unencumbered Balance Carried Over, FY 89 \$ 358.31

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
8/1/93	Industry	Clyde J. Luton, Vice Chairman	393 Nimitz Road Dover, Delaware
8/1/91	Industry	John C. Fannin III	Postal Box 9276 Wilmington, Delaware
8/1/88	Fire Service	Jasper H. Lakey	200 Washington Street Delaware City, Delaware
9/88	Fire Service	Clifford F. Lee	801 West Street Laurel, Delaware
8/1/90	Industry	William T. Lowe	470 Gillis Neck Road Lewes, Delaware
8/1/92	Fire Service	Edward C. McCormick	224 Delaware Avenue Harrington, Delaware

State Fire School

Office State Fire Marshal

Frances C. Antal
Secretary