

DELAWARE STATE FIRE PREVENTION COMMISSION

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REPORT

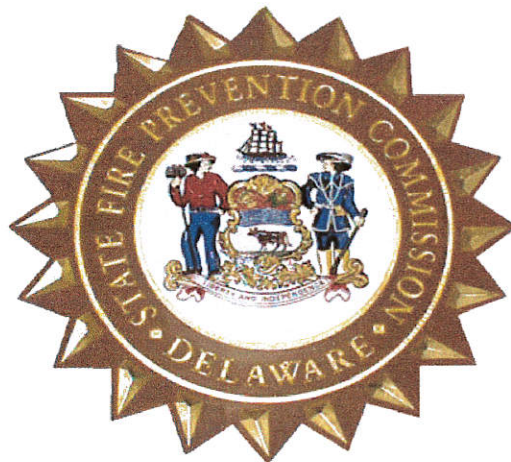


JULY 2001

STATUTORY RESPONSIBILITIES

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

- The Commission shall consist of seven persons appointed by the Governor.
- They shall hold regular meetings at least once a month and special meetings may also be called.
- They shall also have the power to promulgate, amend and repeal regulations for the safeguarding of life and property from hazards of fire and explosion.
- 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.
- They shall appoint the State Fire Marshal and State Fire School Director. They shall have complete jurisdiction and management over the State Fire School and the Office of State Fire Marshal.
- The Commission shall have power to authorize new fire companies or substations; resolve boundary and other disputes; prohibit cessation of necessary fire protection services.
- The Commission is empowered to enforce its orders in the Court of Chancery.





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.

MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS DURING FY 2001

- Memorandum of Agreement between the State Fire Prevention Commission and DEMSOC to coordinate the transmission of recommendations and responses.
- BLS Improvement Committee developed a “Termination of Service” procedure for BLS services in the state.
- BLS Improvement Committee is in the final draft of forming a Committee to evaluate the response times and scratch times of the BLS service.
- House Bill 241 – This Act requires criminal background checks for ambulance attendants, emergency medical technicians, and paramedics, identifies crimes that will prohibit certification, and establishes a procedure for acquiring and handling criminal history records that is consistent with State and Federal policies and regulations.
- House Bill 57 – This act will mandate fire safety education as part of science curriculum in the K – 6 grades.
- Support of the State Fire Marshal’s Office in their efforts to implement the Smoke Detector give-away.

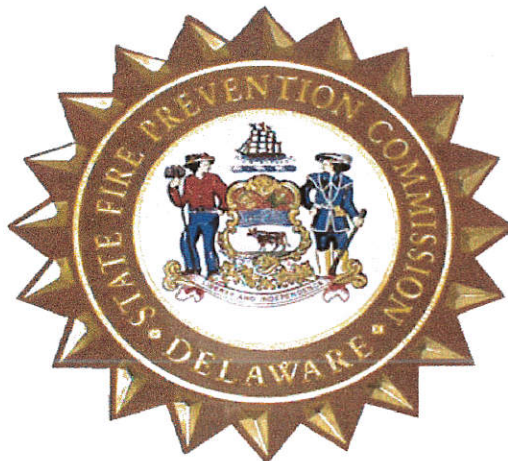


ACTIVITY

The following information is an outline of the Commissioners' activities for
FY 2001:

1.	Meetings		
	• Monthly	12	
	• Special	<u>5</u>	17
2.	Hearings		
	• Public Hearings	1	
	• Appeal Hearings	6	
	• Grievance Hearings	<u>1</u>	8
3.	Commission Committee Meetings		
	• BLS Incident Review Policy	2	
	• EMS Related Issues	3	
	• BLS Improvement	5	
	• BLS Protocol	<u>3</u>	13
4.	Special Commission Interest Functions		
	• Budget Hearings	2	
	• Meetings with Legislators	2	
	• Bond Bill	<u>4</u>	8
5.	Fire Service Related Functions		
	• DVFA Meetings	5	
	• DVFA Convention	1	
	• Governor's Fire Safety Conference	1	
	• County Association Meetings	36	
	• State/County Chiefs' Meetings	48	
	• Dedications and Other Fire Company Ceremonies	<u>25</u>	116
6.	Emergency Service Functions		
	• DEMSOC Meetings	<u>11</u>	11
7.	Special Meetings with Fire Marshal	10	
	Special Meetings with Fire School Director	<u>8</u>	18

8.	Travel		
	• Fire Department Instructors' Conference	1	
	• Mid-Atlantic Association of Fire Commissions	1	
	• National Fire Protection Association Conferences	2	
	• International Association of Fire Chief's	1	
	• 12 th Annual CFSI National Fire Service Dinner	1	
	• Delaware Volunteer Firemen's Association Conference	<u>1</u>	7
9.	Miscellaneous Commission Business	20	20
	Total Number of Meetings		218
	Total Hours		2,569.25
	Total Mileage Traveled		24,247.40



FINANCIAL STATEMENT

FOR THE PERIOD – JULY 1, 2000 TO JUNE 30, 2001

GENERAL FUND (01)

2001 Appropriation

Personnel	\$ 39,300.00
Travel	25,500.00
Contractual Services	25,000.00
Supplies	2,600.00
Fire Safety Education	100,000.00
Contingency (Extra-Ord. Exp.)	20,000.00
One Time Funding - EMT-Reim.	69,385.00
Grant-n-Aid – EMT – Full Reim.	65,450.00
Fire Safety Conference	<u>10,000.00</u>

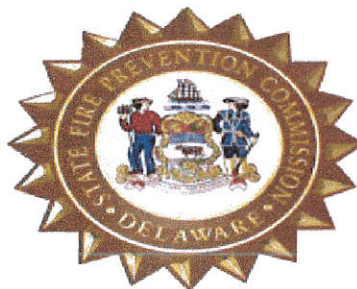
Total Appropriation for FY 01 **\$357,235.00**

2001 Disbursements

Personnel	\$ 39,283.33
Travel	26,100.00
Contractual Services	21,275.79
Supplies	2,599.38
Fire Safety Education	97,180.38
Contingency (Extra-Ord. Exp.)	0.00
One Time Funding- EMT-Reim.	39,900.00
Grant-n-Aid – EMT – Full Reim.	43,650.00
Fire Safety Conference	<u>5,363.34</u>

Total Disbursements for FY 01 **\$275,352.22**

Total Unencumbered and Reverted June 30, 2001 \$ 27,766.08



GOVERNOR RUTH ANN MINNER

STATE FIRE PREVENTION COMMISSION

TERM EXPIRES

Kenneth H. McMahon, Chairman.....	August 2004
Willard (Bill) Betts, Jr., Vice Chairman	August 2004
Robert E. Palmer	August 2002
Carleton E. Carey, Sr.....	August 2005
Francis J. Dougherty.....	August 2007
Daniel W. Magee.....	August 2007
Stephen P. Austin.....	September 2001

