

# DELAWARE STATE FIRE PREVENTION COMMISSION

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STATE OF DELAWARE  
STATE FIRE PREVENTION COMMISSION  
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July 1, 2006

The Honorable Ruth Ann Minner  
Governor  
State of Delaware  
Tatnall Building  
Dover, DE 19901

Dear Governor Minner:

Enclosed is the Annual Report of the State Fire Prevention Commission for FY 2006.

It has been an honor for the Commission to serve the citizens of Delaware for the past year. The duties and activities of the Commission have continued to expand again this year. Even with the increase in activities, we find it important to place specific emphasis on the areas of fire protection, Emergency Medical Services, and especially fire prevention. With the addition of the Risk Watch Coordinator to our agency, we will be able to reach even more children than in the past.

Many important events have taken place in the last year that will enhance the Commission's ability to deliver efficient, quality service to the citizens of Delaware.

We look forward to the coming year and appreciate your support, and the support of your office.

Sincerely,

*Kenneth H. McMahon*

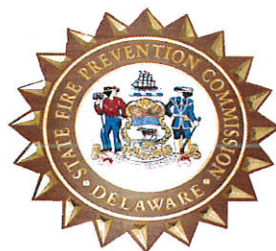
Kenneth H. McMahon  
Chairman

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## 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 2006**

- The Fire Prevention Commission is working with the Attorney General on proposed legislation to strengthen the laws concerning Commission authority, regarding oversight of Fire Company's.
- The Fire Prevention Commission successfully held the Annual Governor's Fire Safety Conference in October 2005, honoring those who have made substantial contributions towards the Fire Safety of the citizens of Delaware.
- The Fire Prevention Commission signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Delmarva Poultry Industry, Inc. in regard to raising the level of awareness and promoting residential fire prevention and fire safety education among persons working in Delaware's broiler chicken industry.
- The Fire Prevention Commission supported the Fire School in a successful attempt to gain a full-time Training Administrator position, enabling them to provide more education to Delaware's Firefighters and Emergency Medical Technicians.
- The Fire Prevention Commission successfully added a full-time Risk Watch Coordinator position to the staff through a contract with A.I. DuPont Hospital.
- Adopted updates to the Fire Prevention Commission regulations.



7.	Special Meetings with Fire Marshal	9	
	Special Meetings with Fire School Director	<u>8</u>	<b>17</b>
8.	Travel		
	• Fire Department Instructors' Conference	1	
	• Fire Safety Seminar	1	
	• Governor's Fire Safety Conference	1	
	• Mid-Atlantic Association of Fire Commissioner's	1	
	• Fire/Rescue International Conference	1	
	• Fire Expo	1	
	• National Fire Protection Association Conferences	2	
	• International Association of Fire Chief's	1	
	• 14 <sup>th</sup> Annual CFSI National Fire Service Dinner	1	
	• National Fire Academy – Delaware Weekend	1	
	• Haz Mat Conference	1	
	• VA Convention	1	
	• Industrial Conference	1	
	• Delaware Volunteer Firemen's Association Conference	<u>1</u>	
9.	Miscellaneous Commission Business	86	<b>12</b>
			<b>86</b>
	<b>Total Number of Meetings</b>		<b>373</b>
	<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>3,472</b>
	<b>Total Mileage Traveled</b>		<b>21,003</b>



**GOVERNOR RUTH ANN MINNER**

**STATE FIRE PREVENTION COMMISSION**

**TERM EXPIRES**

Kenneth H. McMahon, Chairman.....	August 2010
Willard (Bill) Betts, Jr., Vice Chairman .....	August 2010
Bob Ricker.....	October 2008
Marvin C. Sharp.....	August 2011
Francis J. Dougherty.....	August 2007
Daniel W. Magee.....	August 2007
Raymond T. Stevens.....	September 2006



