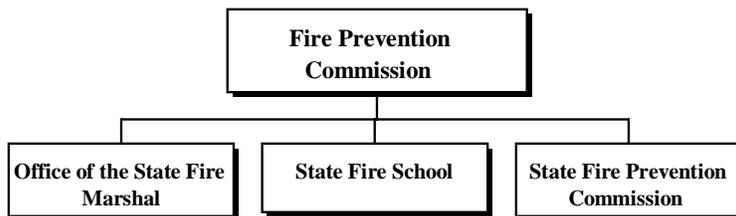
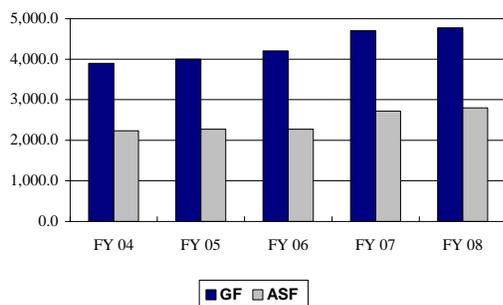


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Five-Year Appropriation History



FUNDING

	FY 2007 ACTUAL	FY 2008 BUDGET	FY 2009 GOV. REC.
GF	5,250.4	4,776.3	4,746.6
ASF	2,293.4	2,798.3	2,798.3
TOTAL	7,543.8	7,574.6	7,544.9

POSITIONS

	FY 2007 ACTUAL	FY 2008 BUDGET	FY 2009 GOV. REC.
GF	45.3	45.3	45.3
ASF	31.2	32.2	32.2
NSF	--	--	--
TOTAL	76.5	77.5	77.5

FY 2009 BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

OPERATING BUDGET:

- ◆ Recommend \$82.0 in State Fire School for lease costs of self-contained breathing apparatus equipment.

CAPITAL BUDGET:

- ◆ Recommend \$105.0 for the purchase of rescue tools for the Christiana, Delaware City, Elsmere, Mill Creek, Townsend, Harrington, Hartly, Bethany Beach, Bridgeville, Delmar, Georgetown, Ellendale and Seaford fire companies, and the State Fire School.

OFFICE OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL

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MISSION

Ensure the citizens and visitors of Delaware a fire and explosion safe environment.

KEY OBJECTIVES

- To eliminate the loss of life and reduce injuries from the threat of fire by:
 - Suppressing arson;
 - Investigating all fire incidents to make an accurate determination of cause;
 - Providing thorough and complete supporting documentation of the investigative process;
 - Pursuing, apprehending and convicting those responsible for arson incidents;
 - Providing victim assistance in the aftermath of a fire; and
 - Disseminating findings to increase public awareness of fire and life safety issues.
- To maintain the highest levels of life safety in educational, health care, places of assembly, business, mercantile and institutional occupancies by:
 - Providing consistent, thorough and accurate compliance inspections and life safety surveys;
 - Attaining compliance with the State Fire Prevention Regulations through educational endeavors, carrying out inspection and survey programs which identify hazards to life safety and property conservation, and providing technical assistance to achieve corrective action; and
 - Responding to the needs and inquiries of the citizens of the State by taking action on their complaints and inquiries within 48 hours.

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- To provide timely and quality service in the Plan Review and Approval program, Fire Protection Systems Certification and Licensing program, and Quality Assurance program for fire protection systems by:
 - Providing complete, accurate and timely reviews of project submissions, with preliminary approvals sent out within 72 hours, and completion of the full review process within 15 days;
 - Providing assistance to clients for understanding the technical requirements of the State Fire Prevention Regulations required for their projects; and
 - Ensuring that required fire protection systems are tested, inspected or maintained.
- Enhance the level of public awareness regarding fire prevention and life safety by:
 - Increasing public appearances and dissemination of fire safety information;
 - Reducing the loss of life and property for all citizens with a special emphasis on individuals with disabilities and adolescents who play with matches, lighters or cause fires; and
 - Educating citizens and visitors of Delaware about fire safety.
- Report, analyze and disseminate fire incident statistical data from the 61 fire departments in the State.

BACKGROUND AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The State Fire Marshal's Office operates under the direction of the State Fire Prevention Commission, which reports directly to the Governor. The office serves as the lead statewide investigative and law enforcement agency charged with investigating fire incidents and suppressing arson. The State Fire Prevention Regulations, as promulgated by the State Fire Prevention Commission, are the basis for the life safety inspections and property conservation surveys carried out by the State Fire Marshal's Office. Such inspections and surveys impact nearly all of the occupancies and buildings frequented by the public. Single-family dwellings are exempt from the provisions of the State Fire Prevention Regulations.

The State Fire Marshal's Office provides regulatory control in the areas of explosives, fireworks, amusement rides, places of assembly, health care facility certification and a variety of hazards such as flammable liquids and LP-gases.

The Technical Services unit of the Fire Marshal's Office provides the plan review and approval process for new construction, alterations and renovations of all buildings. Such an approval is required to be in place prior to counties issuing a building permit. Certification and licensing of fire alarm system vendors and contractors provides a mechanism to ensure a level of quality control in the design, installation and operation of required fire protection systems.

In recent fiscal years, the following initiatives have been successfully completed or are in progress:

- Implemented an on-going education campaign to ensure that all residential occupancies have the basic minimum detectors to enhance survival levels in the event of a fire. With assistance from local fire departments in the Wake-up Delaware Campaign, over 50,000 detectors have been provided to needy citizens of Delaware.
- Provide for the installation of hard-wired smoke detectors with battery back up to owner-occupied residential dwellings within the State of Delaware for those homes that are not protected by a working smoke detector. Priority is given to homes with handicapped children, homes with handicapped adults, homes with infirm residents and homes with residents 62 years of age and older. To date 1,386 detectors have been installed in 529 homes.
- Monitored the installation of sprinkler systems in all student dormitories and student residential housing statewide.
- Assisted in passage of legislation to increase the penalty for exceeding the posted occupancy limit and fine the owner or occupant of a property within the State that has a fire alarm system that falsely activates more than three times in a given year.
- Placed Gas Chromatograph/Mass Spectrometer laboratory instruments in service in the State Forensic Laboratory, with the cooperation of the Chief Medical Examiner, to permit the analysis of fire scene debris for all fire investigation and law enforcement agencies throughout Delaware.

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FUNDING

	FY 2007 ACTUAL	FY 2008 BUDGET	FY 2009 GOV. REC.
GF	2,448.8	2,304.1	2,162.7
ASF	2,293.3	2,737.3	2,737.3
TOTAL	4,742.1	5,041.4	4,900.0

POSITIONS

	FY 2007 ACTUAL	FY 2008 BUDGET	FY 2009 GOV. REC.
GF	25.8	25.8	25.8
ASF	31.2	32.2	32.2
NSF	--	--	--
TOTAL	57.0	58.0	58.0

ACTIVITIES

The following activities will allow the Office of the State Fire Marshal to meet the above stated objectives:

- Pursue, apprehend and convict those responsible for arson incidents.
- Enforce State Fire Prevention Regulations.
- Provide consistent, thorough and accurate compliance inspections and life safety surveys.
- Attain compliance with the State Fire Prevention Regulations through educational endeavors, inspection and survey programs and technical assistance.
- Identify specific target occupancies for inspections and surveys with a fire incident history or special requirements with respect to life safety and property conservation.
- Conduct plan reviews and approval for all buildings and structures undergoing construction, alteration or renovation to ensure compliance with nationally recognized standards and practices relating to fire safety and property conservation.
- Assist municipal assistant state fire marshals in support of fire investigations and technical questions relative to the State Fire Prevention Regulations.
- Assist the chief officer of any fire department upon request.
- Ensure that the installation and maintenance of equipment intended for fire control, detection and extinguishment meets specifications.
- Assist all required occupancies and the owners thereof, in meeting compliance with the Smoke Detector Law.
- Respond to all fatal fire incidents in the State with the Major Incident Response Team (MIRT) to conduct a consistent and thorough approach to the investigation.
- Analyze the need for additions or amendments to the State Fire Prevention Regulations.

- Develop and implement the Juvenile Firesetter Intervention program's Fire Education Arson Resistance (F.E.A.R.) program.
- Ensure Delaware Fire Incident Reporting System (DFIRS) compliance with quarterly data submission

requirements to the Department of Safety and Homeland Security.

- Regulate safety in the storage, sale and use of any explosive, combustible or other dangerous article in solid, liquid or gas form.
- Administer the Amusement Ride Safety Act, 16 Del. C. c. 64, and False Fire Alarm program, 16 Del. C. 66 §6638-6645.
- Increase public awareness regarding fire prevention and life safety issues through the dissemination and delivery of life safety information at various statewide events.
- Serve as committee member of the Governor's Drought Advisory Board and Delaware Emergency Management Agency's (DEMA) Weapons of Mass Destruction and Bioterrorism Committee.
- Continue participation in Livable Delaware and statewide planning committees.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

	FY 2007 Actual	FY 2008 Budget	FY 2009 Gov. Rec.
% of fires cleared by arrest	26	30	30
% of repeat violation offenders	4	4	4
Average turnaround time for full plan reviews (days)	15	12	12
Fire investigation caseload per deputy	62	68	74
Full plan reviews/inspections:			
New Castle	3,876	4,084	4,292
Kent	1,334	1,372	1,410
Sussex	2,935	3,073	3,211

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STATE FIRE SCHOOL 75-02-01

MISSION

The mission of the State Fire School is mandated by 16 Del. C. §6613 to §6618 and instructs the Delaware State Fire School to:

- Provide firefighters with needed professional instruction and training at a minimum cost to them and their employers;
- Develop new methods and practices of firefighting;
- Provide facilities for testing firefighting equipment;
- Disseminate information relative to fires, techniques of firefighting and other related subjects to all interested agencies and individuals throughout the State; and
- Undertake any project and engage in any activity which, in the opinion of the State Fire Prevention Commission, will serve to improve public safety.

On July 1, 1972, the State Fire Prevention Commission was also given the mandate under 16 Del. C. §6708 to §6714 to regulate the ambulance service in Delaware. The Commission assigned the State Fire School the duties of inspecting and licensing ambulances, and training and certifying ambulance personnel.

KEY OBJECTIVES

- Provide firefighters, ambulance and rescue personnel with necessary professional instruction and training.
- Certify and re-certify Delaware emergency medical technicians.
- Inspect and license public and private ambulances.
- Provide agency, institutional and industrial personnel and the general public with necessary professional instruction and training.
- Disseminate information relative to fires, techniques of firefighting and other related subjects to all agencies and individuals throughout the State.
- Develop new methods and practices of firefighting.
- Provide facilities for testing firefighting equipment.
- Provide fire and emergency medical services (EMS) personnel with the necessary training to combat weapons of mass destruction and terrorism.

BACKGROUND AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

In order to more effectively manage the State Fire School's training and education program, services for specific target audiences have been identified for: firefighters and fire officers; ambulance and rescue personnel; and State agencies, institutions, industrial personnel and the general public.

Since its inception in 1964, the State Fire School has been sensitive to the need for quality training and education in fire protection. As the demand for programs and services increases, so does the need to select and qualify additional instructional personnel.

Strong emphasis is placed on improving the instructor development program for part-time personnel. Instructor candidates are trained in instructional methodology and then trained to teach specific subject areas. Active instructors are cross-trained in high priority subject areas to help the school meet its program service demands as well as improve the individual's professional ability. All instructors are required to attend improvement seminars as scheduled by the Fire School in order to maintain their certification.

Continued emphasis is placed on planning and evaluation. Existing courses of instruction are reviewed and revised to ensure their content is current and consistent with new concepts and techniques.

In addition to conducting the normally scheduled activities and meetings, and honoring special requests for programs and services, progress continues to be made towards improving program quality. Emphasis is placed on improving program management and cost effectiveness.

FUNDING

	FY 2007 ACTUAL	FY 2008 BUDGET	FY 2009 GOV. REC.
GF	2,524.4	2,143.0	2,253.5
ASF	0.1	50.0	50.0
TOTAL	2,524.5	2,193.0	2,303.5

POSITIONS

	FY 2007 ACTUAL	FY 2008 BUDGET	FY 2009 GOV. REC.
GF	18.5	18.5	18.5
ASF	--	--	--
NSF	--	--	--
TOTAL	18.5	18.5	18.5

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ACTIVITIES

- Provide emergency medical personnel with the National Registry Emergency Technician Basic Course and refresher courses as well as annual cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and automated external defibrillator (AED) certification and re-certification.
- Train, test and certify fire service personnel under the National Professional Qualification System.
- Partner with Dupont Company to provide national certification for their specialty training division.
- Continue the testing program for fire alarm/fire protection system installers as required by the State Fire Code.
- Provide continuing education training for public education and the fire service to implement fire safety education in grades K-6.
- Continue the National Incident Management System (NIMS) in conjunction with DEMA.
- Maintain International Fire Service Accreditation Congress (IFSAC) accreditation for curriculums provided.
- Serve on the State Emergency Response Team (SERT), Delaware Emergency Operations Plan (DEOP) and Radiological Emergency Plan (REP).
- Provide first responder training to fire fighters and emergency personnel statewide.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

	FY 2007 Actual	FY 2008 Budget	FY 2009 Gov. Rec.
# of programs	1,197	1,000	1,000
# of students:			
fire/rescue	8,120	7,500	7,900
emergency care	4,735	4,500	4,500
industry	1,328	2,000	1,800
hazardous materials technician program	369	400	400
fire safety	51,058	50,000	50,000
# of fire safety programs	227	250	250

STATE FIRE PREVENTION COMMISSION

75-03-01

MISSION

The mission of the State Fire Prevention Commission is mandated by 16 Del. C. c. 66 as follows:

- To promulgate, amend and repeal regulations for the safeguarding of life and property from hazards of fire and explosion;
- Appoint the State Fire Marshal and Fire School Director. The Commission shall have complete jurisdiction and management over the State Fire School;
- To authorize new fire companies or substations, resolve boundary and other disputes, and prohibit cessation of necessary fire protection services;
- Ensure a high level of public safety for the safeguarding of life and property from the hazards of fire and explosion; and
- Oversee statewide basic life support ambulance service.

KEY OBJECTIVES

- Promulgate, amend and repeal State Fire Prevention Regulations, State Fire Service Standards and State Ambulance Service Regulations.
- Provide a direct liaison between state government and the statewide volunteer fire service.
- Inspect and license basic and advanced life support ambulances.
- Certify ambulance attendants and emergency medical technicians.

BACKGROUND AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The State Fire Prevention Commission consists of seven members who serve without compensation and are responsible for developing the fire policy information base. The State Fire Marshal reviews the Delaware State Fire Prevention Regulations on an annual basis and reports findings and recommended changes to the Commission. The regulations are reviewed and updated every three years. Effective July 1, 1995, Live Fire Training and Burn Regulations were adopted by the Commission. Effective July 30, 1997, the State Ambulance Service Regulations were adopted by the Commission.

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FUNDING

	FY 2007 ACTUAL	FY 2008 BUDGET	FY 2009 GOV. REC.
GF	277.2	329.2	330.4
ASF	--	11.0	11.0
TOTAL	277.2	340.2	341.4

POSITIONS

	FY 2007 ACTUAL	FY 2008 BUDGET	FY 2009 GOV. REC.
GF	1.0	1.0	1.0
ASF	--	--	--
NSF	--	--	--
TOTAL	1.0	1.0	1.0

ACTIVITIES

- Provide the vital link between the fire service and executive branch of government.
- Provide a technically competent code-making body.
- Administer funding for a statewide fire safety education program.
- Administer funding for extraordinary expenses incurred by fire companies in the State.
- Implement statewide fire safety strategy and policy.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

	FY 2007 Actual	FY 2008 Budget	FY 2009 Gov. Rec.
# of hearings - public, appeal, grievance	6	18	18
# of Commission meetings	29	12	12
# of Commission special interest functions	56	15	15
# of fire service functions	206	150	150
# of emergency service functions	48	50	50