



Office of the State Fire Marshal
Joint Finance Committee Budget Hearing
February 26, 2026

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State Fire Marshal

Agency Summary

- **“Door Opener” Requests:**
 - None.
- **Summary of Vacant Positions:**
 - Currently no vacant positions.
- **Summary of Federal Funding reductions, increases, and associated impacts to Agency:**
 - Currently no impacts to our agency.

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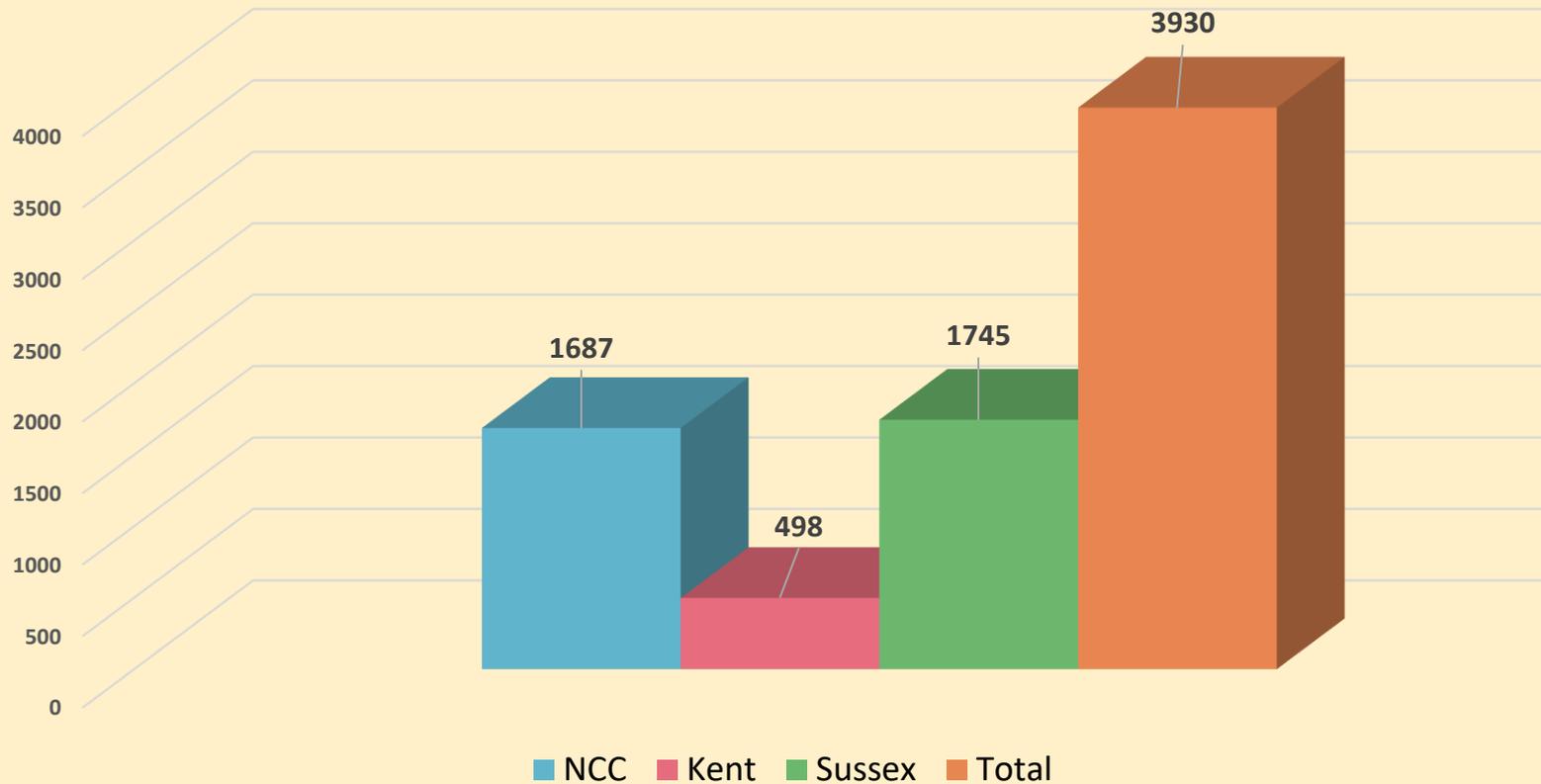
Recurring Annual Costs

Fleet Services	\$486,245.84
Telephones	\$10,109.04
DTI SEUS/TOS	\$62,809.41
Salesforce/FMIS Program	\$43,369.70
Cell Phones	\$18,435.24
SWCAP	\$54,948.00
Axon Body-Worn Cameras	\$35,040.99
Axon Tasers	\$21,847.06

Agency Activity Summary

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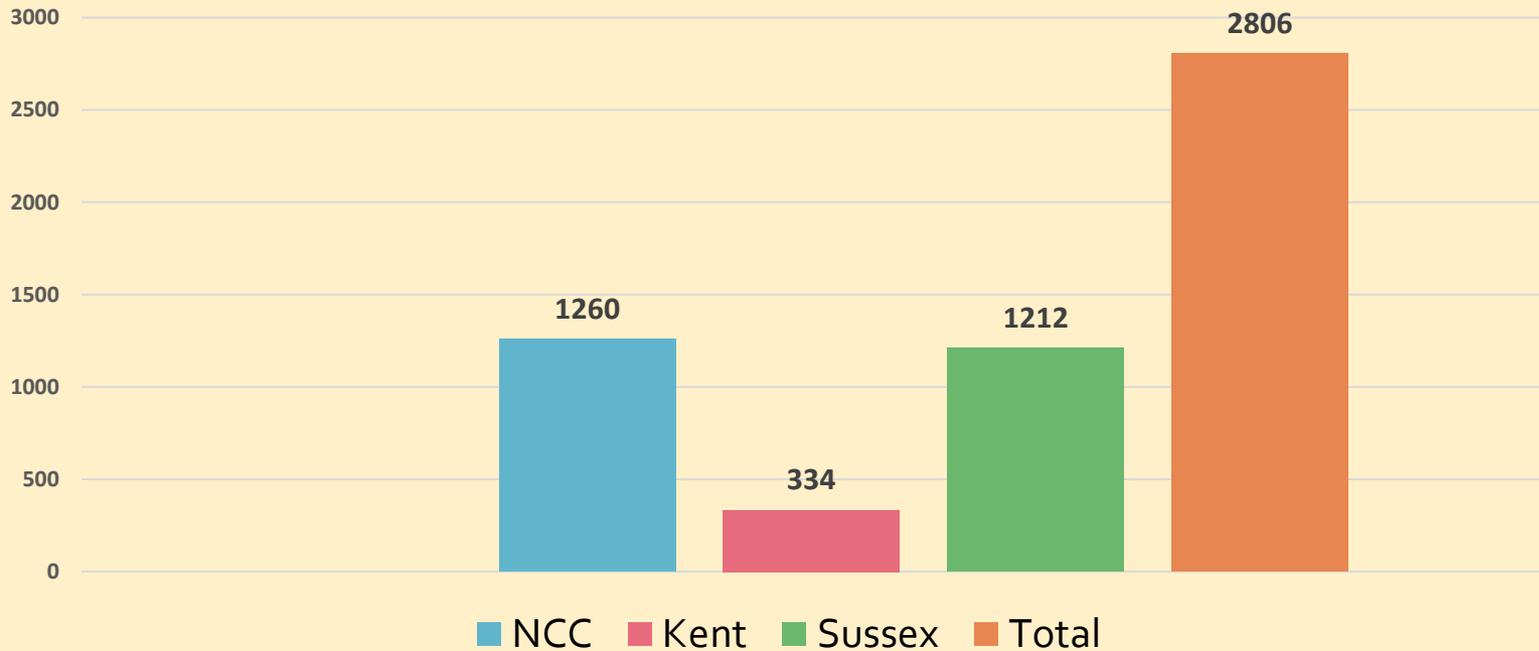
Statewide Plan Reviews



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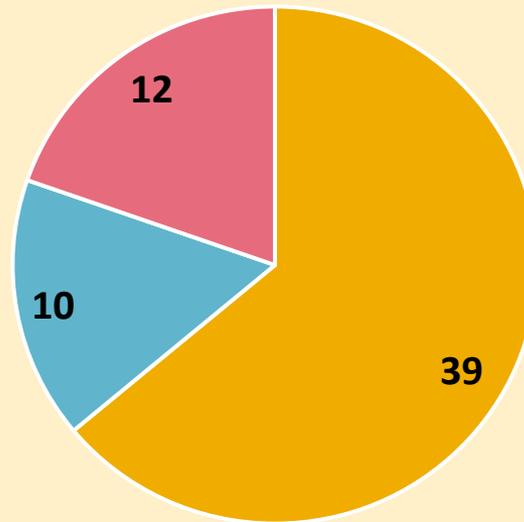
Statewide Technical Services Inspections



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Health Care Inspections (CMS)

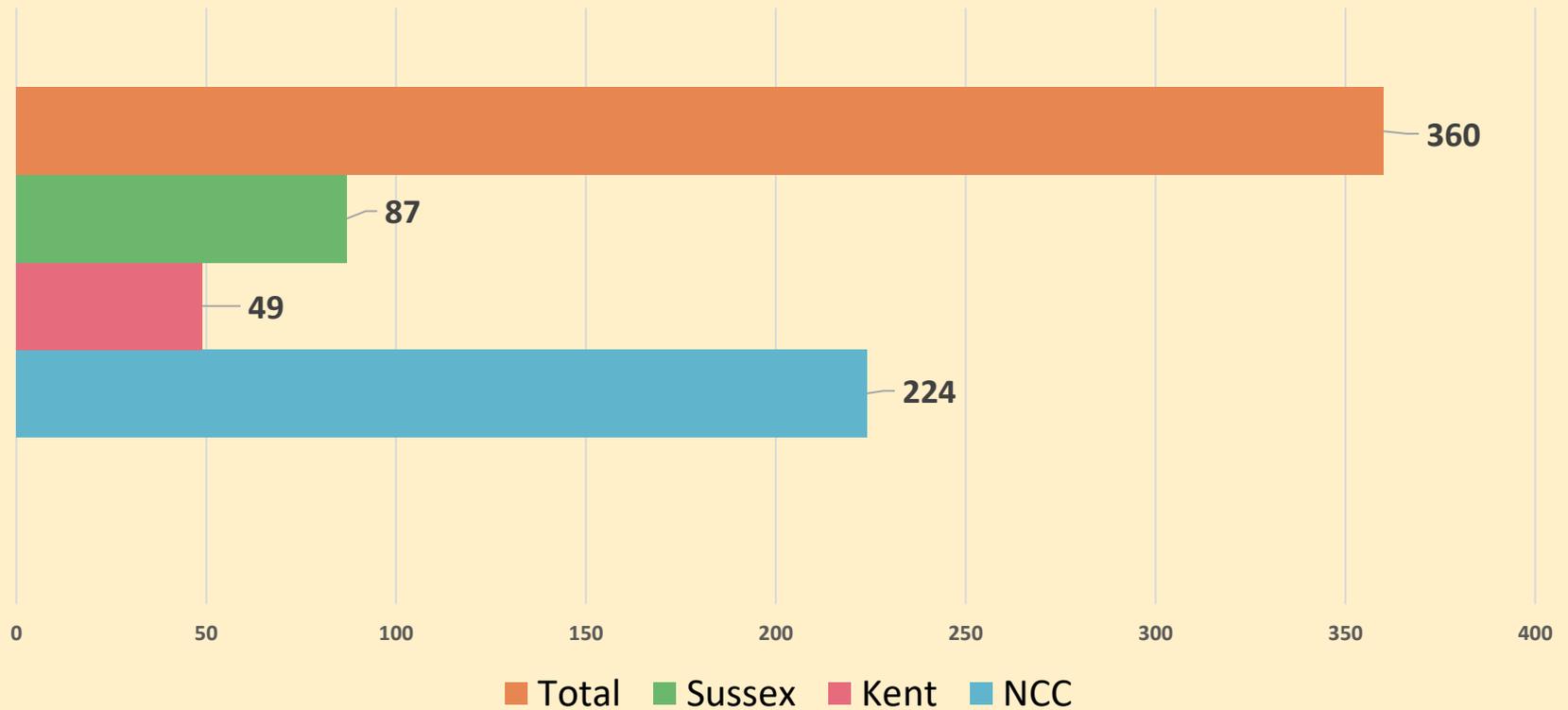


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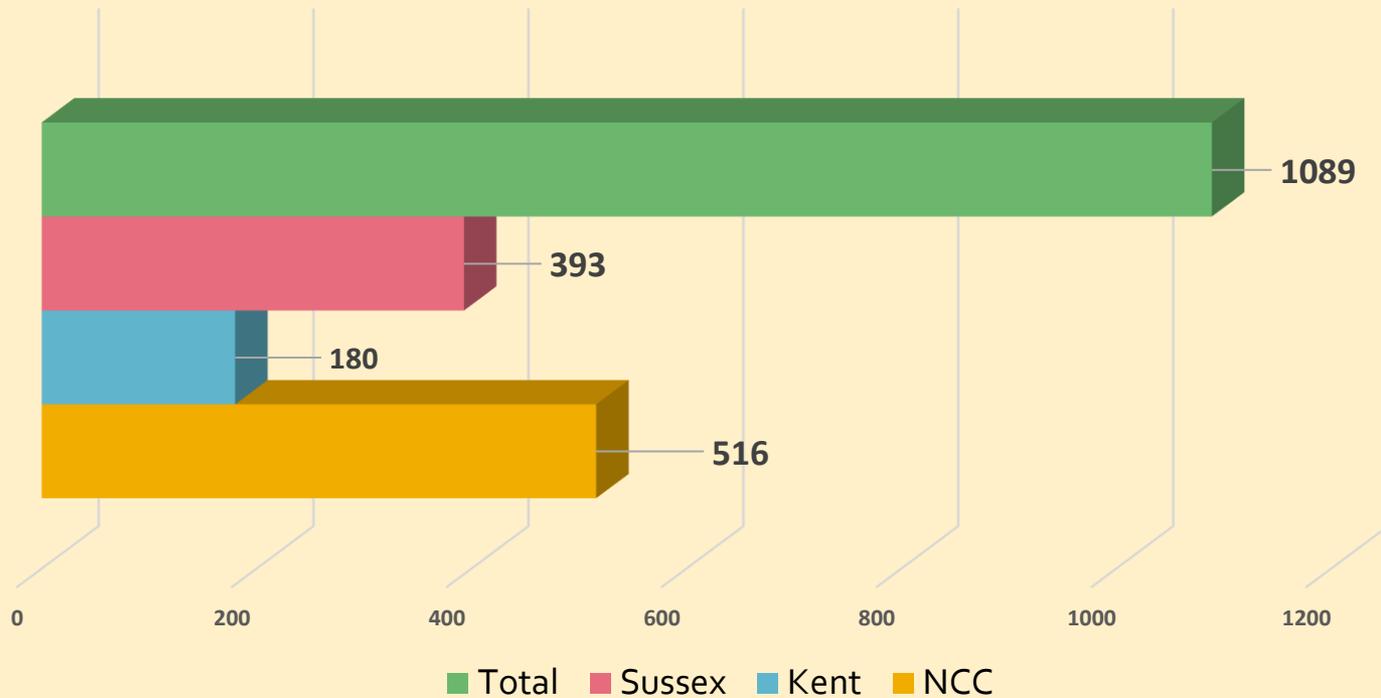
Daycare Inspections



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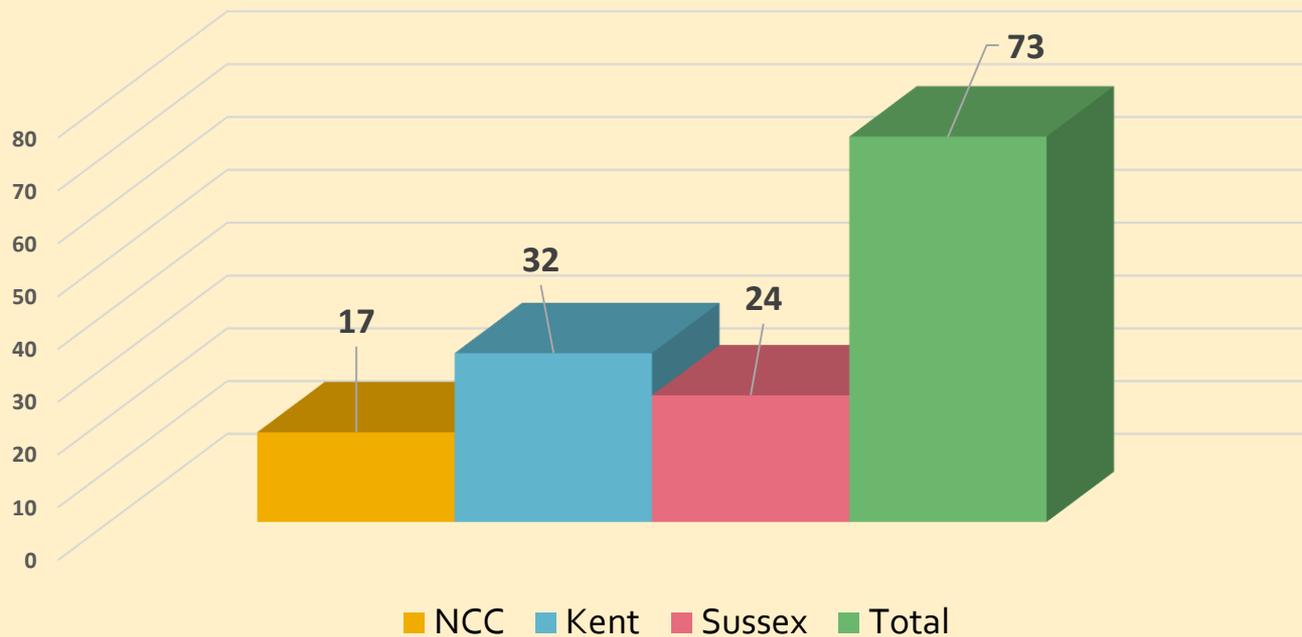
Statewide Inspections-Operations



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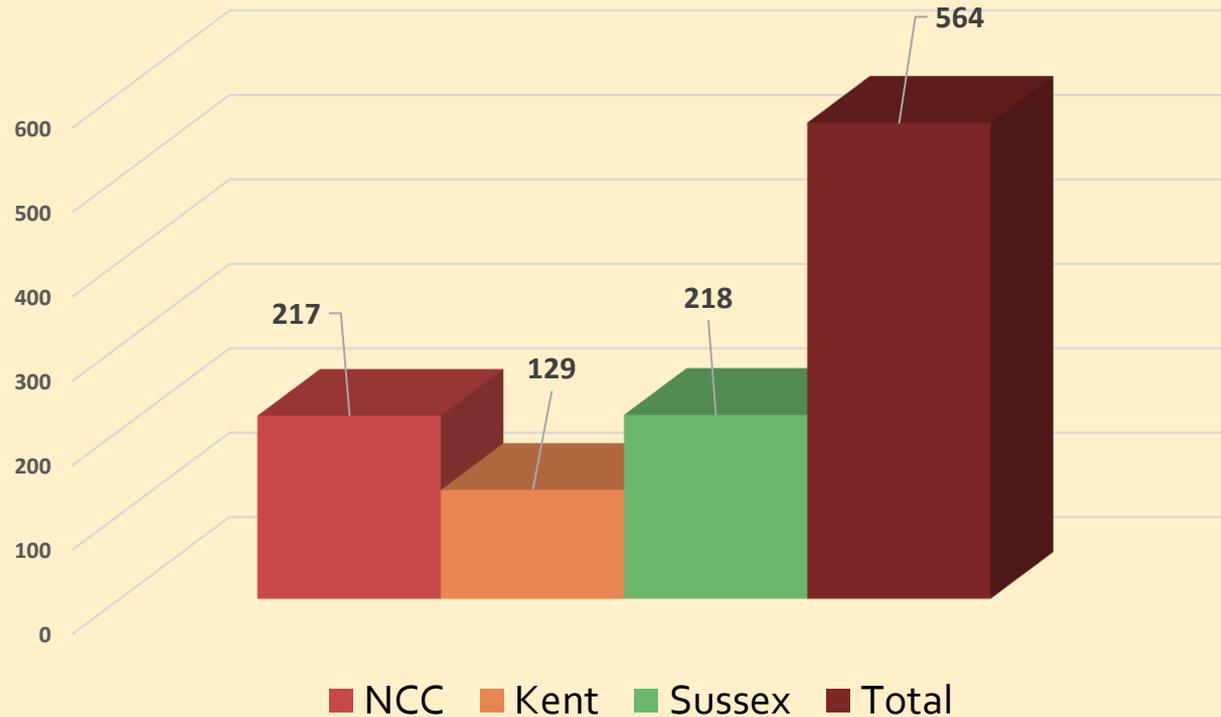
Statewide Complaints-Operations



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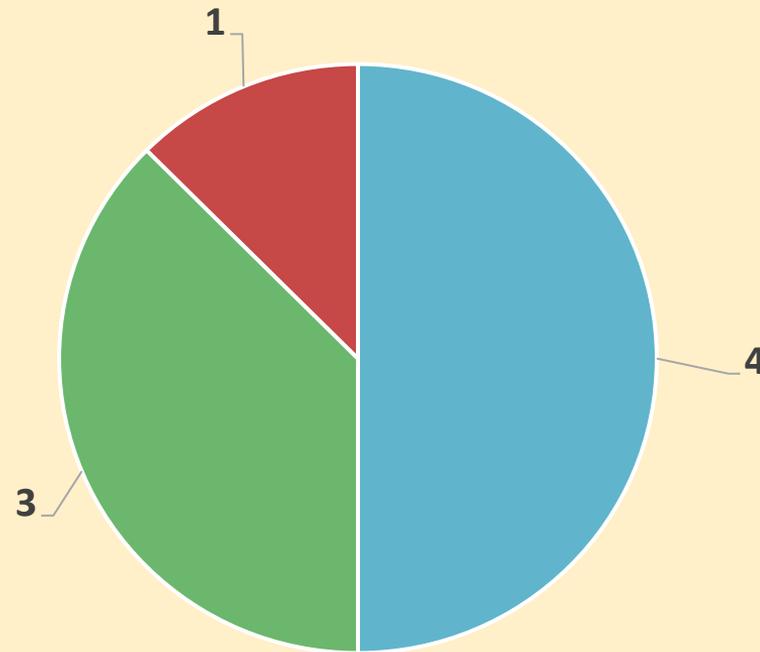
Statewide Fire Investigations



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Statewide Fire Deaths



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Agency Performance Measures

Performance Measures

IPU	Performance Measure Name	Fiscal Year 2025 Actual	Fiscal Year 2026 Budget	Fiscal Year 2027 Governor's Recommended
75-01-01	<i>Office of the State Fire Marshal</i>			
	Life Safety Inspections conducted per deputy (13)	165	185	190
	Fire Code Complaints handled per deputy (13)	25	25	27
	Fire investigation caseload per deputy (13)	70	75	78
	Average turnaround time for full plan reviews (days)	15	15	15
	Plan review caseload per fire protection specialist	424	334	400
	Full plan reviews/ inspections:			
	New Castle County	1,722/1,327	1,620/1,246	1,790/1,370
	Kent County	486/679	531/309	585/340
	Sussex County	2,881/2,874	1,857/1,265	2,050/1,390

Agency Initiatives

- **Go DE- Electronic Payment for Agency Fees**
 - Working with DTI, Office of the State Treasurer.
 - E-Payment for licenses, permits.
 - E-Payment for Plan Review User Fee (PRUF).
- **Electronic Submission of Plans for Review**
 - Working with DTI.
 - Will hopefully also include inspections and code enforcement.

On the Horizon...

- **Delaware Police Accreditation**
 - Agency accreditation through the Delaware Police Accreditation Commission (DPAC) in accordance with House Bill 206.
 - Deputy Fire Marshals are sworn police officers.
- **Mid-Atlantic Clean Hydrogen Hub (MACH2)**
 - Creating a Hydrogen Hub in Delaware.
- **Nuclear Energy Feasibility Task Force**
 - Study of small modular reactors (SMRs) for power generation in Delaware.



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