

# **Delaware State Fire Prevention Commission**

Ron Marvel, Chairman

# Commission Successes

- Updated 709 Fire Service Standards to include:
  1. Ability to investigate firefighter injuries.
  2. Ability for the public to file complaints and have follow up investigations of those complaints.
- Hired a BLS Administrator to help coordinate all BLS related items.
- Hired additional Investigative staff to enhance investigative abilities.
- Finalizing the update of the 710 Ambulance Service Regulations.

# Commission Successes (cont.)

- Delaware State Fire School:
  1. Fire Grant funding for acquisition of Fire Training Simulator Prop.
  2. Fire Grant funding for acquisition of Collapse training Prop.
  3. Fire Grant funding for fire protective gear and assorted equipment.
- Delaware State Fire Marshals Office.
  1. Strengthened Juvenile Firesetter Intervention Program using public outreach programs.
  2. Acquisition of a new Investigative unit for use at fatal fire scenes.
  3. During Pandemic worked to expedite permitting for business's using tents to meet seating requirements.
  4. During Pandemic worked with business to provide fire code occupancy numbers to meet the Health Emergency requirements.

# Commission Needs

- Statutory Legislation to allow Commission to complete its mission statement.
- Additional staffing of Fire Administrator, Compliance Division Investigators and Admin staff, as well as additional Fire Marshal Office staff.
- Creation of a BLS Division.
- Creation of a Fire Division.
- Vehicles to support staff.

# Commission and JLOSC

- Benefit of streamlining BLS courses, classes, certification and approvals of education agencies per statute under one agency.
- Transferring and requiring Emergency Medical Responder certification from the Fire School to the Commission is appropriate since we are already handling Emergency Medical Technicians.
- Importance of having formal training for all commissioners with a committed funding source.

# Commission and JLOSC (cont.)

- Need for the Commission to have the authority to conduct and discipline firefighters and fire companies for conduct and standards violations.
- Regulation 708 Fire Department and Ambulance company Administrative Standards needs to be updated to meet your recommended requirements in reference to auditing of fire companies.
- The addition of more Commissioners creates functional issues. There are currently 2 EMT's that are employees of the Commission, one Commissioner who is a Licensed Nurse, as well as unlimited access to a BLS and State Medical Director. There are also 3 Commissioners that are from the public and represent Industry.