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Introductions

- State Fire Prevention Commissioners
- DVFA Officers
- Standards Committee

*New Castle – Dennis Godek – Mark Harris
Kent – Gary Madden – Rodney Whalen
Sussex – Lynn Rogers – Joe Morris
Commission – Marvin Sharp – Doug Murray – Bill Betts
DVFA – Ron Marvel*

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Formation of the Committee

*Joint Sunset Review of the State Fire
Prevention Commission – Final
Recommendation Report
Continue to work with the Delaware
Volunteer Fireman's Association in drafting
the Delaware Standards for Firefighter, Fire
Officers, Fire Police and Administrative
Officers - draft legislation. Keep the JSC
informed of the status of the draft.*

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Formation of the Committee

Joint Sunset Review of the State Fire Prevention Commission – Final Recommendation Report

Create a self inspection checklist and require at least annual self inspections and adopt regulations that enable the same authoritative language to compel the fire companies to comply.

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Committee Activities

Presentation at Kent County Chief's Meeting December , 2008

Standards Development Committee met first on May 18, 2009

Standards Presentation to Fire Service on January 18, 2010

The Committee has met monthly to discuss the recommendations, comments and questions received by the Committee from members of the Emergency Services.

Today's presentation is the result of the meetings.

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General Guidelines

- *You will be provided handouts, detailing the presentation and the certification information.*
- *The Committee will review the proposed Delaware Standards for Emergency Responders.*
- *At the conclusion of the presentations the Committee will take questions or comments.*

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Next in the Process

- Work with the DVFA in the development of State Code to provide the authority to the SFPC to develop the regulations to adopt the Certification recommendations.
 - Included in the State Code will be the authority to impose fines.
- SFPC develops the Regulations and conducts Public Hearings and adopts the Regulations.
 - Included in the regulations is the date of implementation of the certification standard.
- The development of certification application process and reporting requirements to be determined by SFPC.

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Implementation Period

The implementation period for the Delaware Standard for Emergency Responders will be three years.

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Implementation Period
Current Officers

Current Officers may continue to serve in their elected or appointed office during the implementation period.

After the implementation period if they leave office they must meet the standard requirements to serve in the position again.

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Former Recognition Program

Individuals who received recognition under the former Recognition Program may be approved at the level for certification upon application submittal.

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Certification Application Process

- *An Application Form will be completed by an applicant for Certification Level and submitted to the DSFS.*
- *Applications meeting the course requirements will be processed by the DSFS and certification level will be indicated on the applicant's student file.*
- *Applications not meeting the requirements will be referred to a Review Panel.*
- *Applicants applying for Service or Life Experience Waivers will submit an application to a Review Panel.*

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Service or Life - Equivalents

Applications will be accepted for "waiver" based on Service Equivalents or Life Experience.

A 90 day Application period will be set for each Company after the implementation date of the certification requirements.

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Review Panel for Certification

- *Two members appointed by the SFPC for each County.*
- *Applications will be assigned to the Review Panel members not from the applicant's County.*
- *Panel may "approve", "deny" or assign a level of certification to any application.*
- *Applicant may appeal to the Standard Committee (current Committee members) for review.*
- *A final appeal may be submitted to the State Fire Prevention Commission.*

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Delaware Entry Level Fire Fighter

Basic Firefighting Skills

Or 10 Years of Active Service with approved equivalent.

An Entry Level Firefighter may serve as support personnel only. The Fire Company has the prerogative to qualify the member for responses.

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Delaware Fire Fighter I

Structural Firefighting Skills
Firefighter First Aid
Fire Fighter Self Survival
RIT - Introduction
Vehicle Rescue

Or 10 Years of Active Service with minimum of Structural Firefighting and Vehicle Rescue or approved equivalent.

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Delaware Fire Fighter I, con't

Delaware Firefighters participating in Fire Suppression activities in enclosed structures including rescue operations are required to have completed Basic, Structural and RIT Introduction or equivalent.

When performing rescue activities at an incident involving a vehicle the firefighters must have completed Basic and Vehicle Rescue or equivalent.

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Delaware Fire Fighter II

*Delaware Firefighter I
plus
Hazardous Materials Response Skills
Firefighting Foam
Rope Rescue I
Sprinkler Operations
Emergency Vehicle Operator's Course
Crew Leader*

Or 10 Years of Active Service, Delaware Firefighter I and minimum of Haz. Mat. Response Skills and EVO or approved equivalents.

Firefighter II is required for all Junior Officers

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Delaware RIT Team Member Certification

*Optional Certification
Delaware Firefighter I
Plus
RIT Team Member Course*

No wavier

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Delaware
Apparatus Operator Certification
Delaware Firefighter I
or
Introduction to Emergency Services
and
Driver Operator Course
Emergency Vehicle Operations

*Or 10 Years of Active Service with minimum
of Pumps and EVO or approved equivalent.*

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Delaware Fire Officer I
Delaware Firefighter II
plus
Apparatus Operator Certification
DSFS Fire Officer I Course

*Or Pro-Board or IFSAC Fire Officer I Certification
Or DSFS Recognition Program*

Fire Officer I is required for Assistant Fire Chiefs

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Delaware Fire Officer II
Delaware Fire Officer I
plus
DSFS Fire Officer II Course

*Or Pro-Board or IFSAC Fire Officer II Certification
Or DSFS Recognition Program*

*Fire Officer II is required for Deputy Fire Chiefs
and Fire Chiefs*

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Delaware
Administrative Officers
NFA – Leadership I
NFA – Leadership II
NFA – Leadership III
or
2 Year College Degree or Higher and a Fire Service Orientation Course
or, DSFS Fire Officer I and/or II
or, Pro-Board or IFSAC Fire Officer Certification

Required for President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and members charged with making final financial decisions.

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Delaware Fire Police
Basic Fire Police Course
Emergency Vehicle Operators Course

No waiver

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Delaware EMS Officer(s)

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Emergency Vehicle Operator Course

Certified Field Training Officer
ICS for EMS Officers

Required for elected or appointed EMS Officer tasked with daily operational duties.

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Vehicle & Equipment Inspection Requirements

- Organizations shall maintain repair and service records.
- Apparatus shall be DOT inspected. (*antiques exempt*)
- Pumpers shall be serviced and tested annually.
- Aerial Devices shall be inspected annually.
- Ladders, Hose, SCBA and Extinguishers shall be inspected and serviced as specified.

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Continuing Education
Recommended

Nine (9) hours of Continuing Education for Firefighters and Fire Officers yearly.

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Questions and Comments

- Delaware Entry Level Fire Fighter
- Delaware Fire Fighter I and II
- Delaware Fire Officer I and II
- Delaware Apparatus Operator
- Delaware Administrative Officers
- Delaware Fire Police
- Delaware EMS Officers
- RIT Team Member
- Vehicle & Equipment Inspections Requirements

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