

# DVFA

## Fire-Service Presentation

For The

## Joint Finance Committee

2/16/10

## NCC Public Safety Committee

4/13/10

**Funding**

**Finances**

# 2009 Responses By County

New Castle; 43,293 EMS

7,434 Fire

3,479 MVC

Kent; 21,230 EMS

5,754 Fire

Sussex; 23,537 EMS

3,319 Fire

Totals; 88,060 EMS

16,507 Fire

**NCC 2009 GRANTS / Appropriations**

	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>+/-</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>STATE</b>				
Fire	\$21,260	\$26,577	(5317)	20%
Amb.	\$ 3,600	\$ 4,500	(900)	20%
Rescue	\$ 3,600	\$ 4,500	(900)	20%
Aerial	\$ 4,200	\$ 5,427	(1224)	22.5%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$32,660</b>	<b>\$41,004</b>	<b>(8344)</b>	<b>20.34%</b>
<b>NC COUNTY</b>				
Fire	\$51,506	\$55,151	(3645)	6.60%
Amb.	\$51,506	\$55,151	(3645)	6.60%
Rescue	\$25,648	\$27,478	(1830)	6.65%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$128,660</b>	<b>\$137,780</b>	<b>(9130)</b>	<b>6.62%</b>
<b>HEALTH TAX</b>	<b>\$54,608</b>	<b>\$102,852</b>	<b>(48,244)</b>	<b>46.9%</b>
<b>FIRE TAX</b>	<b>\$437,382</b>	<b>\$563,180</b>	<b>(125,798)</b>	<b>22.33%</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$653,310</b>	<b>\$844,816</b>	<b>(191,516)</b>	<b>22.66%</b>

# Mission Statement

Save Lives

Protect Property



**Average total cost to outfit each Firefighter ..... \$5725.00**  
**A new NFPA standard requires gear to be REPLACED every ten years.**

**There is a self contain breathing apparatus for every riding position on each truck. We have a total of 30.**

**The cost of these are \$5600.00 apiece**

**Each firefighter is supplied a personal mask to prevent sharing to help avoid contaminating each other with germs.**

**These are required to be tested every year to be sure they remain within regulations and specifications.**







# Duties and Responsibilities of a Ladder Company

- Search and Rescue
  - Ventilation
  - Forcible Entry
- Salvage and Overhaul



# What does a Ladder Truck Cost ?

New

\$850,000

Re-furbish

\$430,000

Savings of \$420,000

Cost to Replace in 2010 = > \$1,000,000

# Grants for Aerial Devices (2009)

State - GIA = \$ 4200

NCC – GIA = \$ 0

# Yearly Expenses

• Ladder Inspection (required)	\$ 1,125
• DOT Inspection (required)	\$ 500
• Insurance	\$ 4,148
• Fuel	\$ 1,000
• Maintenance / Repairs	\$ 4,400
• Revolving Loan with State	<u>\$ 16,500</u>
Total	<b>\$ 27,673</b>

# Combined Income

• Grants + Appropriations	= \$ 653,310
• Fund Drives (amb + fire)	= \$ 37,000
• Hall Rentals	= \$ 20,000
• Amb. Billing	= <u>\$ 165,000</u>
Total	= <b>\$ 875,310</b>

# Fixed Budget Items

- Loans (Building + Apparatus) = \$ 215,029
  - Wages (EMS) = \$ 297,000
  - Pension (DE Fire-service) = \$ 30,000
  - Utilities = \$ 70,000
  - Insurance = \$ 42,000
  - Fuel = \$ 15,000
- \$ 669,029**

# Budget Continued

• Fixed Items	= \$ 669,029
• Administration Items	= \$ 52,821
• Fire Suppression	= <u>\$ 181,050</u>
	Total = \$ 902,900
• Income	= <u>\$ 875,310</u>
	Deficit = \$ 37,690



# 2008 / 2009 Comparison

- State - GIA down \$8,344 or 20%
  - NCC - GIA down \$9,130 or 6.5%
  - Health Tax down \$48,244 or 47%
  - Fire Tax down \$125,798 or 22%
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- Grand Total \$191,516 or 22.5%

# HB 332

**Title: AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 16 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO PARAMEDIC AND OTHER EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE SYSTEMS.**

- **Date of Introduction: 06/17/99 Current Status: Signed Date Governor Acted: 07/12/1999**
- **Synopsis:** This bill addresses several weaknesses in the current Delaware Emergency Medical Services (EMS) System in order to achieve optimal performance and to ensure the protection of the health and safety of all Delawareans. The bill requires the Office of Emergency Medical Services (OEMS) to coordinate a statewide effort to promote and implement widespread use of semi-automatic external defibrillators (SAEDs) and to maintain a minimum number of individuals trained to use SAEDs. Finally, the bill establishes minimum requirements for the operation of Emergency Medical Dispatch (EMD) centers to ensure timely and appropriate handling of calls for medical assistance.

# HJR 37

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- SPONSOR: Rep. Lee & Rep. B. Ennis &
- Sen. Vaughn & Sen. Winslow
- HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
- 140th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
- HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 37
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- **ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO REVIEW AND REPORT ON BASIC LIFE SUPPORT FINANCIAL ISSUES RELATING TO DELAWARE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANIES AND VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE COMPANIES.**
- WHEREAS, THE Delaware Volunteer Fire and Ambulance Companies have and are expending considerable funds in order to improve services to the people of Delaware; and
- WHEREAS, these costs can adversely effect the total budget of the Volunteer Fire and Ambulance Companies impacting the rest of their mission in their communities; and
- WHEREAS, House Bill No. 332 was passed by this General Assembly in June, 1999, and the increased responsibilities under this act will need additional funding from the General Assembly; and
- WHEREAS, the State Fire Prevention Commission by Resolution urges this General Assembly to create a special task force to study the funding needs of the basic life support function being carried out by Volunteer Fire and Ambulance Companies.
- NOW, THEREFORE:
- BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives and the Senate of the 140th General Assembly of the State of Delaware, with the approval of the Governor, that a Legislative Basic Life Support Financial Task Force is hereby established (hereinafter referred to as the Task Force), as follows:
- SYNOPSIS
- This Resolution established the Legislative Basic Life Support Financial Task Force and sets the report due date of January 31, 2001, to the Co-Chairs of the Joint Finance Committee.

## HJR 37 Findings

- To meet HB 322 requirements Volunteer Fire Companies were forced to hire full and part-time employees.
- In order to pay for this service fire companies were forced to use non-EMS monies to support the EMS program.
- Much to our disappointment no funds were appropriated for supplemental funding!

# EMS Income

• Fund Drive	= \$ 21,300
• Ambulance Billing	= \$ 174,753
• NCC Appropriation	= \$ 51,506
• State Health Tax	= \$ 54,608
• State GIA	= <u>\$ 3,600</u>
	<b>\$ 305,767</b>

# EMS Expenses

• Fund Drive	= \$ 2,884
• Ambulance Billing	= \$ 10,603
• Payroll	= \$ 298,000
• Benefits	= \$ 25,979
• Trng, Supplies, Equip.	= \$ 18,377
• Fuel	= \$ 4,000
• Insurance	= \$ 3,132
• Depreciation	= <u>\$ 18,125</u>
	<b>\$ 382,100</b>

# EMS Evaluation

- Expenses = \$ 382,100
- Income = \$ 305,767
- Difference = **\$ 76,333**

What can we  
(Legislators and Fire-service) do to  
maintain the quality of service  
provided to the Delaware  
Residents?

- **Zero Cuts in FY 2011 “GIA” for the Fire-service**
- **Evaluate when and how the appropriations and GIA values were instituted, by whom, and do they need to be adjusted?**



- **Review the multiplying factors for Health Tax (.015) and the Fire Tax and when they were created.**
- **Investigate if we would be better represented and financed if we were included in a department that better represents our services to Delaware Residents instead of Grant-in-Aid, without being overwhelmed by budget procedures!**
- **Create a Bi-Partisan Caucus to look for a “fixed income stream” for Fire / EMS.**

# 2008 / 2009 / 2010

## Appropriations

	2010	2009	2008	Total
<b>HEALTH INS. Premiums</b>	41,450 <b>(61,402)</b>	54,608 <b>(48,244)</b>	102,852	<b>(109,649)</b>
<b>FIRE INS Premiums</b>	418,311 <b>(121,777)</b>	457,294 <b>(82,794)</b>	540,088	<b>(204,571)</b>

# SB - 212

Dear Senator and / or Representative (last name)

The officers and members of the (fire company name) request your help with the passage of Senate Bill 212.

Section 1. Amend §1101, Title 9 of the Delaware Code by inserting the following into paragraph (a) after the sentence which begins: “This grant of power further includes the power to fix the fees of the Recorder of Deeds”:

“This grant of power further includes the power to impose a surcharge on any application for a building permit issued by New Castle County in an amount not to exceed .5% of the construction value applicable to said building permit application, to provide funding for volunteer fire companies.”

This Act codifies New Castle County’s authority to impose a surcharge on building permits for the fire service. The Legislature has previously authorized the imposition of a surcharge by Kent County, as is currently done by Sussex County and a number of local governments.

Passage of Senate Bill 212 is essential for fire companies in New Castle County to continue to provide the level of services that Delaware Residents deserve.

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**Chiefs of the MOT  
Area**

They Have a Problem

**ALS**

Ambulance Service