**New Castle Division Upgrade**
The New Castle Division is getting closer to construction, the temporary wall has been placed in classroom 1 and the silt fence has been placed around the area outside. Construction is slated to begin after New Castle County inspects the silt fencing, then we should see the real activity begin. Please be aware that once everything starts access to the grounds will be limited due to construction equipment and supplies being on the driveway to the back.

**Phase V Burn Prop**
The purchases from the 2015 AFG grant are well under way. DSFS Staff are in the final spec phases for the new Phase V training prop. This new addition will be located at the Kent Division, and is expected to be delivered within the next several months. This grant will also cover adding a vehicle fire prop at the Sussex Division.

**New Driver/Operator**
The new Driver Operator course is now a blended learning program with blocks 1 and 2 being done online. These blocks have to be completed by the last day of class. The classroom now goes from 4 to 3 days at the Training Center.

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**New BLS Protocols**
The State Fire Prevention Commission has adopted the new BLS Protocols and they will be implemented January 1, 2017. The new BLS Protocols will be in the upcoming EMT Refresher programs and a stand-alone class will be offered.

**EMT Refresher:** NREMT changes to the National Core Curriculum Program have been adopted by the State Fire Prevention Commission. EMTs who renew their certification in 2017 must have taken a DE Approved EMT Refresher Course in one of two options.

1) If not taken an EMT Refresher yet, must sign up for the new 30 Hour EMT Refresher Course.

2) If already taken a 24 Hour EMT Refresher, must submit a copy of CPR card, and take the EMT Refresher Bridge Course that will be available on the Delaware State Fire School website under Online Training.

For both options, the EMT must submit a copy of an EMT Refresher Course Certificate, CPR card, and the EMT Renewal Application Form.

**FTO Recertification**
FTO Recertification will be done online through the DSFS website. This online training will run October 1 to October 31.

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