



New Programs

The First Sussex County Fire Academy class along with the third New Castle County Fire Academy class are scheduled to start on February 28th, 2017. Registrations are still being accepted at this time.

National Fire Academy

Mark the Date: Firefighters from across Delaware will join firefighters from West Virginia in training sessions at the National Fire Academy on November 4 and 5, 2017. The classes offered for this year are: Fire Chief 1, 2 and 3, Leadership 1, and Strategy and Tactics for Initial Company Operations.

New Castle Division Upgrade

The New Castle Division construction is well underway. The foundation is completed and the floor will be poured soon. The DSFS office area is also involved in the construction so please be patient with the building logistics of any classes coming in the spring. Also be aware that access to the grounds will be limited due to construction equipment and supplies being on the driveway to the back.

AFG Grant Procurement

2015 AFG GRANT: The Phase V burn prop is on order and is being constructed at this time. We have already prepped the area where we are going to place it in Dover, and are anticipating delivery and set-up in April. Instructor training will follow and the prop should be operational sometime late spring or early fall.

2016 AFG GRANT: For the 2016 Grant cycle DSFS has requested several items to enhance our training abilities; a new Forcible Entry Trailer greatly improving our current prop; a new Railcar Hazmat training trailer to include many domes and valves used in the Railroad industry; several Cargo Tank props of tractor trailers for simulating hauling hazmats; and an Ambulance simulator. We should be advised sometime around April if we are granted any of these requests.

Senior Instructors Jerry Brennan and Mike Lowe will be traveling to Baltimore this month to participate in the AFG Grant Peer reviews.

Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV)

UAV (Unmanned Aerial Vehicle): DSFS has become the UAV training center for all Delaware state agencies and we now have our UAV in service to be used for SERT calls and training.

Annual Fire Officers Seminar

The Officers Seminar is scheduled for January 28, 2017 at the Kent Training Division from 8:30am until 12:00pm.

EMT Course Update

This year will see some changes to our EMT program. It is transitioning to include online learning and will be every other full weekend instead of just Saturday. This will shorten the length of the class, without reducing hours. The new agenda also permits more hands-on practice during class time. Students are to wear their DSFS EMT Student shirt when conducting field clinical time.

EMT Requirements and Updates

March 31st is coming quickly, please check the DSFS website for upcoming EMT Refresher classes! AHA CPR refresher is now part of this class.

EMT Reciprocity is scheduled for January 30, March 27, May 22, July 24, September 25, and November 27 for any new EMTs to our state.

There will be EMS CEU weekends on February 4 & 5, and March 18 & 19 for any EMT that still needs their 10 hours of EMS CEUs. Please see our website for more information. EMR and EMR Refreshers scheduled are also available on our website.

Thank you to the EMS providers who completed the new BLS Protocols.

