



### **Partnership with Del Tech**

The Delaware State Fire School and Delaware Technical & Community College are considering the development of a Fire Science Associates Degree program. Students would be educated on how to be better managers in the Fire and Emergency Services field. Specific classes taken at the Delaware State Fire School would be evaluated for credit towards the degree.

### **Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG 2013)**

Several projects are being completed at the school thanks to the funds received through the AFG program.

### **Technology Upgrade**

Each classroom in the Dover and New Castle centers has been outfitted with new projectors and all three centers have tablets to run the training presentations. Each instructor should be receiving instructions in the mail on their use. Classrooms 7, 8, 9, & 10 are also equipped with smart-board technology and the staff is currently working to integrate this into selected programs.

### **Radios**

The Dover center is now equipped with several 800 megahertz portable radios to be used for training. These replace the old Saber radios.

### **Instructor Gear**

Most of the gear has arrived at the School and will be issued soon to those who were fitted for it.

### **Training Software**

The School has purchased Flame-Sim software that is used to train students on incident command at structure fires. Up to 16 students may participate in a single incident. More information on this software can be found at [www.flame-sim.com](http://www.flame-sim.com).

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### **Grant for purchase of Apparatus**

We were recently notified that we are the recipient of a Grant for the purchase of a Fire Engine, Car Fire Prop and equipment for EMS classes. We hope that having our own Engine will assist with more realistic training and reduce the need to have local Fire Departments take apparatus out of service to assist us.

### **E.M.S. Issues**

Accelerated EMT classes are to begin the 26<sup>th</sup> of May and the 22<sup>nd</sup> of June. These classes fill up very quickly.

We still offer the 40-hour Emergency Medical Responder course for firefighters in station.

We are rewriting our Day One on-line portion of the 24-hour EMT Refresher class.

EMT's that are recertifying in 2016 need to have the Transition completed prior to recertifying. If the letter E is the prefix on your NREMT number you are transitioned, if not call the Fire School.

EMS Week is from May 17-23. We in the fire service are well aware of the many good deeds done by our EMT's and Paramedics across our state.

Events upcoming include Escaping Violent Encounters Course and the Escaping Violent Encounters Instructor Course. Both of these courses will be instructed by founder, Kip Tietzort, from DT4EMS on June 15-19. The EVE course is 2 days June 15-16. The instructor course will be all 5 days. Seating is limited to 12 students in each course and all classes will be at the DSFS Kent County location. This program focuses on escape and creating distance from an attacker. It covers how to be safe in your mindset, how to be safe while working the street, how to be safe while not appearing bad in the media, and how to respond reasonably to reduce liability in the courtroom. We discuss reasonable use of force, the 6 Dangers to

watch out for, define “what is a patient versus an attacker?”, discuss response options to an assault, and review how to report and document an incident.



### **Public Fire Safety Education**

The Fire School will participate in many events this Spring and Summer promoting Public Fire Safety Education. Scheduled events include:

- Town of Blades Anniversary 5/16
- Bethany Beach EMS Day 5/16
- Kent County Safe Summer Day 6/13
- Sussex Safe Kids Day 6/20
- New Castle County Safety Town Events
- The Delaware State Fair, July 16-25



### **Grounds and Support Improvements**

#### **Gator**

We have purchased a “gator” for use on the drill grounds at Dover. It will provide some flexibility in transporting equipment during outdoor classes. A policy is being developed to provide guidance on how it is to be used.

#### **Flammable Liquids prop**

The flammable liquids prop in Dover has undergone some rebuilding to conform to EPA requirements. Some of the new piping that was required is located above ground and we are currently evaluating the need to place ramps over it. Also, the roof over the truck prop is being removed due to safety concerns.