

**DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS  
DIVISION OF FIRE SAFETY  
NEW JERSEY FIRE SAFETY COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING**

**Meeting of July 19, 2006**

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The New Jersey Fire Safety Commission meeting was held on Wednesday, July 19, 2006, at the Dover Township Fire Academy in Toms River, New Jersey.

**Commission Members Present:** Assemblyman John Wisniewski, Chairman  
Senator Anthony R. Bucco  
Mr. Pasquale Intindola, Vice-Chairman  
Mr. Daniel DeTrolio  
Mr. Paul E. Hartstein  
Mr. Arthur Londensky  
Mr. Arthur Mercurio  
Mr. Frederick Collender  
Mr. Charles W. Schilling  
Mr. Lawrence D. Wood  
Mr. Steve O’Gorman  
Mr. C. Kenneth Anderson

**DCA Staff Members Present:** William Kramer, NJDFS  
Jeff Gore, NJDFS  
Heather Puskar, NJDFS  
Craig L. Augustoni, NJDFS  
Sylvester Swanson, NJDFS  
Jim McIntyre, NJDFS  
Charles Luxton, NJDFS  
Steven Hearn, NJDFS  
Charles Lavin, Commission Secretary  
Amy Frank, Codes and Standards  
Gerry Grayce, Codes and Standards

**Guests:** Chuck Aughenbaugh – NJ Deputy Fire Chief’s Association  
John F. Lightbody – Dover Twp. Fire  
Bob Yaiser – Dover Twp. Fire Bureau  
John Novak – Dover Twp. Fire Academy  
Rich Heimbach – Morris Co. Fire  
Daniel P. Mulligan – Ocean County Fire Marshal  
Tim Smith – Monmouth County Fire Marshal  
Tom Pizzano Sr. – Codes Council  
Tom Pizzano Jr. – Millburn Fire Dept.

Nicholas Kikas – NJAA  
Bhakti Pandya – NJ Deputy Fire Chief’s Assn.  
John Kubilewicz – Mercer Co. Fire Academy  
Kim Kaunitz – Specialty Systems, Inc.  
Jack Rindt – Fort Monmouth Fire  
Elizabeth Sweeney – Fore Monmouth Fire  
Nick DePalma – Senator Bucco’s Office

**A. Call to Order**

Chairman John Wisniewski brought the meeting to order at 10:00 AM and pointed out the fire exits.

Chairman Wisniewski requested that the Commission observe a moment of silence for the father-in-law of State Fire Marshal Lawrence Petrillo, who passed away this week.

Chairman Wisniewski recognized the Dover Township Joint Board of Fire Commissioners for providing the lunch at today’s meeting, as well as the Dover Township Fire Academy for hosting the meeting. Assemblyman Wisniewski’s office supplied the coffee and donuts.

**B. Approval of Minutes**

With no corrections necessary, the minutes of the regular meeting of May 17, 2006, were approved.

**C. Correspondence**

Chairman Wisniewski noted that each member of the Commission had received correspondence in their packets, but no further discussion or questions were raised regarding them.

Commissioner Daniel DeTrolio pointed out that there was a newsletter from the North Hudson Regional Fire Department contained in the Commission packets, which highlight the successes of this fire department in the past year. Commissioner DeTrolio also congratulated Chairman Wisniewski on being named Grand-Marshal of the 2006 Pulaski Day Parade in New York City.

**D. Division of Fire Safety Activities**

William E. Kramer reported that both State Fire Marshal Petrillo and Chief Don Huber were unable to make the meeting because of unforeseen circumstances. They both expressed their regret at not being able to attend the meeting, and Chief Kramer was sent in their place. There is no formal Division report, but Chief Kramer said that he would take questions, as well as notes to bring back to Director Petrillo and Chief Huber.

Commissioner Paul E. Hartstein asked about whether the Division would be supplying the Delmar manuals for the upcoming year. Chief Kramer reported that Chief Huber has been meeting with DCA Commissioner Susan Bass-Levin to get these books secured for the fall semester. All the books have been printed and are ready to go at Delmar, it is now a matter of whether the State will be providing these books or if they will need to be purchased by the individual academies.

Chairman Wisniewski added that he had just spoken with Chief Huber and he is very confident that 1,000 books will be secured by the end of the summer. Chairman Wisniewski said that he and Senator Bucco would be working on changing the law that would make an exception in the statutes and allow the Division to purchase these books in a timelier manner. Commissioner Hartstein said that he believed the deal with Delmar was for three years, and he asked why it had fallen apart after only one year. Chief Kramer answered that the agreement was originally for three years, but it did allow for outs based on budgetary reasons.

Chairman Wisniewski took an opportunity to raise the issue of the future of the Division of Fire Safety and its role in the State government. There has been talk of whether the Division should be in the Department of Community Affairs, in but not of the Department of Community Affairs, in the Department of Homeland Security, in the Attorney General's Office, etc., etc. Chairman Wisniewski reported that several meetings have been taking place regarding this issue without New Jersey's fire service as a whole being represented, which should be done by the Fire Safety Commission. Chairman Wisniewski is of the opinion that the Department of Community Affairs, although not perfect, is the best possible place for the Division of Fire Safety to be. He stressed that moving part, or all, of the Division to another area of government, would only be a setback to the State's fire service. Chairman Wisniewski asked the opinion of the rest of the Commission on this matter.

Commissioner C. Kenneth Anderson spoke about a meeting at Assemblyman Scalera's office on this topic. Commissioner Anderson was not sure how the guest list was formed, but he did attend the meeting. While there was not a clear consensus on where in State government the Division should be, but it seemed to be unanimous that the Division needed to remain together and not broken into parts. Commissioner Anderson also spoke about a State-wide study of the fire service that was ordered two Governor's ago, which Director Petrillo has indicated that Governor Corzine wants revisited. Performing a study such as this could be helpful in assessing where the Division of Fire Safety needs to be and its role in the State government.

Chairman Wisniewski expressed concern that several people involved in the process of evaluating where the Division should be, are expressing the point of view of New Jersey's fire service. Chairman Wisniewski feels that it is the Commission's role to represent, and determine the point of view of, New Jersey's fire service. Chairman Wisniewski urged the Commission to take ownership of this issue, and not just let the Division be (potentially) dismantled.

Commissioner Arthur Londensky stated that the New Jersey Fire Prevention and Protection Association has formed a study group to examine the issue of where the Division should be in State government and what its focus should be. Commissioner Londensky said they are not providing of opinion of what should be done, or how it should be done. They are just providing assistance in looking at the issues and obstacles facing the Division. Commissioner Londensky also feels that this decision is one that should be made through the Fire Safety Commission.

Commissioner Hartstein spoke about the progression in the past that led to the Division of Fire Safety being created and added to the Department of Community Affairs. He said back then the fire service had the support of the Department of Community Affairs and its Commissioner. Now, however, he feels that same level of support is not there. Commissioner Hartstein stressed that wherever the Division goes/stays it should definitely be kept in tact and not divided up into pieces to be spread out.

Commissioner Hartstein suggested that, rather than all these private meetings be taking place on this matter, there should be three regional open-forum meetings in the north, south, and central districts in the State. These meetings would be open to all of New Jersey's fire service and could be used to 'take the temperature' of the fire service as a whole on this issue. Commissioner Hartstein said these types of meetings have been held in the past on other issues to get the comments of the whole fire service out in the public and on record. Commissioner DeTrollo agreed that this would be a good, fair idea to formulate a State-wide opinion of the fire service, and these meetings should be held through the Fire Safety Commission.

Chairman Wisniewski concurred with Commissioner Hartstein and Commissioner DeTrollo that these three regional public hearings should be held to get a consensus of what the fire service is thinking on this issue. Chairman Wisniewski asked that Commissioner Hartstein, along with Division staff, assist in getting these meetings organized.

Commissioner Steve O'Gorman, speaking as a career firefighter, said that in most conversations he has had on the job, the consensus is that the Division of Fire Safety would be better served to be in the Department of Homeland Security. Commissioner O'Gorman said that the Division not being side-by-side with Homeland Security has caused them to miss out on grants and funding for training, as well as the latest intelligence and information. From the standpoint of a first-responder, Commissioner O'Gorman feels the Division should be part of Homeland Security.

Chief John Lightbody, Dover Township, spoke about all the movement the Division has made throughout the years (from State Police, to Bureau, to Division, etc.). Chief Lightbody urged that the Division's problems can be fixed without continually getting bounced around. He is of the opinion that the Division of Fire Safety's problems can be fixed while remaining where it is. Commissioner Charles Schilling is also of the opinion that the Division should stay put in the Department of Community Affairs. He cited the issue of money, and pointed out that the Division is funded by enforcing its codes. And

from a codes standpoint, Commission Schilling feels the optimal place for the Division to be is in the Department of Community Affairs. Commissioner Schilling also noted that he and Commissioner Anderson had done a report recently examining this very issue, and it was their conclusion that the Division remain in DCA and fix its existing problems there.

Commissioner Lawrence Wood suggested that, for these three regional meetings, the Commission come up with some kind of suggestions on what should happen – rather than just have the fire service come out to the meetings commenting on everything and throwing out all kinds of ideas.

Commissioner Arthur Londensky stressed the point that the Division of Fire Safety has a difficult job, and it has gotten even more difficult as time has gone on. He urged that the Commission support the Division in getting the funding and manpower to function properly. Chief Kramer agreed that it has been tough for the Division to get proper funding for the fire service, but they have fought for it tooth-and-nail in recent years. However, it does get discouraging when they fight for and get certain programs funded, and the fire service (in general) does not take full advantage of it.

Chairman Wisniewski asked the entire Commission if their opinion is that the Division should stay put for now, and the Fire Safety Commission will conduct the three public meetings around the State to facilitate a State-wide opinion of the fire service as to what should happen. The Commission agreed that this was the way to go.

## **E. Advisory Council Reports:**

### **1. Codes Advisory Council**

Commissioner Charles Schilling reported that the meeting of the Codes Council was held on June 21<sup>st</sup> at the Dempster Training Center. The Codes Council is in the midst of completing the review of the 2006 edition of the International Fire Code. They had originally started on the 2003 fire code, and then moved along to 2006 as it came out. The timetable for the completion of the review of the 2006 edition of the International Fire Code, with the cooperation of Codes and Standards, should have the review completed in time for the September Commission meeting.

Commissioner Charles Schilling introduced Amy Frank from Codes and Standards, who has been instrumental in making the review of the International Fire Code successful. Amy Frank had nothing to report, but said that if anyone had any questions for her to feel free and ask.

Commissioner Schilling said the draft bulletin of the Range Hood Extinguishing Systems was reviewed again. The outcome of much discussion was that the Council voted to approve the bulletin with the changes discussed and to rescind the existing bulletins on this subject and have all relevant information consolidated into one bulletin.

Commissioner Schilling also spoke about a bulletin regarding Cooking Under Canopies. Commissioner Schilling said that Chief Paul Allen from the Division had sent out a bulletin regarding where, when and how these violations should be enforced.

Commissioner Schilling spoke about a draft bulletin on Supervised Alarm Systems in Windowless Basements. The bulletin takes the code language and gives guidance to the fire official on the application of the code requirements. In particular, the bulletin clarifies that if a windowless space is not suppressed, and then there must be an early warning for firefighters. A bell on the outside of the building does not meet the intent of this requirement. Commissioner Hartstein and Chief Lightbody expressed concern that the change in the provisions would be unfair to re-cite those that have been already approved. Commissioner Schilling agreed that it was a difficult situation and it would have to be reviewed in the Codes Council. Tom Pizzano from the Codes Council spoke about the intent of this regulation is to get the alarm to get someone's attention. In most cases, the bell outside the building was going unheeded, and therefore not being effective.

## **2. Training and Education Advisory Council**

Commissioner C. Kenneth Anderson gave the following report on the Training and Education Advisory Council:

The Training and Education Advisory Council met on June 20th at the Dempster Training Center at 10:00 am.

In an effort to consolidate training statistics, records of I-100 and IS-700 training that have been maintained in the firefighter training records in each fire department are now being collected by the Division. The rosters are regularly being submitted.

The CEU training program is working well. Seats are being filled. Five or six classes were cancelled in the spring term. In most cases it was one offering of a class where two or three had been scheduled in the catalog.

The test bank of questions for Firefighter I and II were reviewed locally by Academy representatives and sent to Delmar and approved by them. The Fire Officer questions were reviewed locally and sent to Delmar and approval is pending.

The availability of the Firefighter Text—more correctly the Delmar Firefighter I Kit—was the subject of much discussion. There are very few kits available in New Jersey. A waiver has to be signed by Commissioner Levin and the funds certified by the State Treasurer before an order can be placed. Many members of T&E are Directors of Fire Academies. The Division started the program of providing kits for the FF-I classes after the Standard was amended to require the Delmar text. The program was to continue. The Directors have developed budgets without a line item for FF-I text books. Now they have classes scheduled and no books.

The members of T&E, like the members of all Advisory Councils, have asked to be appointed because of their interest and they volunteer their time to determine the training needs and desires of the Fire Service in New Jersey and to recommend and assist with the development of training criteria for the State's fire service, both career and volunteer.

I feel compelled to report to you many of the comments expressed at the meeting. The State has reneged on textbook support. We're disappointed in this policy change that is hampering our mission. The State is losing credibility. This is going backward. This will splinter the fire service when we are striving for interoperability and standardization.

Director Petrillo and Chief of Staff Huber called me Wednesday morning following the June 20th T&E meeting. They felt that some of the information we got at the meeting about funding and text book availability wasn't the latest information available. They asked for a meeting with me and some members of the Council. All members were invited and the meeting was held on Tuesday, June 27th.

In hindsight, three semesters of books should have been ordered initially since the fiscal year of the State is not the same as local governments. Further, there isn't a signed agreement between the State and Delmar and several charges are being billed that don't agree with the original proposal. The accountability of who received the individual kits is lacking. The Division is gathering the information and providing it to the Commissioner; they are negotiating with Delmar to resolve the charges.

As a result of this meeting on June 27th, there was agreement among those attending that the Division should continue its negotiations with the Commissioner and that I should not ask Chairman Wisniewski to intervene to get the waiver signed.

The Firefighter II Standard was endorsed by the Commission at the May meeting. I do not have a confirmation that anyone has forwarded it to Commissioner Levin with our recommendation for adoption. T&E believes that the budget crisis shouldn't interfere with implementing this program since there is no new text, the test questions are validated, and the certification fits in the existing structure.

We also believe there is no need for pilot classes or specific Train-the-Trainer courses before the class is offered by the Eligible Organizations.

The three pilot offerings of the Fire Officer I were completed. The Committee was scheduled to meet yesterday to review the critiques to determine if changes are needed in the program or the regulations. Then, hopefully, Train-the-Trainer sessions will be scheduled and the course released to the Eligible Organizations. Many Eligible Organizations are already using the approved text in their local programs.

However, there is a possibility that the funding provided in the State budget will not allow this program to be implemented.

The I-400 course has been taught by an out-of-State Instructor to date. I-400 is the training required for certification at Incident Management Level 3; the certification required of County Fire Coordinators as of December 31, 2005, and of Deputy County Fire Coordinators by December 31, 2006. Generic terms are used the Executive Order 50 which establishes NIMS in New Jersey, but most people interpret “command and general staff” to mean that all chief fire officers must complete I-400 by December 31, 2007.

T&E asks, “When will an I-400 Train-the-Trainer be offered?” There are many institutional as well as practical problems to be resolved; but they must be addressed. Understanding that very few people in New Jersey fully meet the National Wildfire Coordinating Group experience for teaching, we do believe many New Jersey fire leaders and instructors are suitable candidates for I-400 instructor. Also, one instructor should act as the Course Manager and the team teaching concept should be used; preferably with both the instructors and the students from several disciplines.

Members of the Committee working on uniform training for Rapid Intervention Teams met with Jim McCormack of the Fire Department Training Network at FDIC. Although the program is good, McCormack doesn’t allow much flexibility in his program and the problems of “sole source” could create too many problems to initiate the program in New Jersey. The Committee will meet again to discuss the best way to proceed. Either as a program based on existing texts and programs now used in some Academies in New Jersey, or by expanding the Module in Firefighter II.

The revised Fire Instructor Certification standard was endorsed by the Commission at the May meeting. I do not have a confirmation that anyone has forwarded it to Commissioner Levin with our recommendation for adoption.

NIMS provides for a national credentialing system. No time frame for implementation has yet been established. We believe that ProBoard or IFSAC Certification of our system would facilitate a credible credentialing system for New Jersey. The Staff is trying to arrange a presentation by IFSAC for the August T&E meeting.

The next meeting of the Council will be on August 15th at 10:00 am at the Dempster Training Academy.

### **3. Statistics and Information Advisory Council**

In the absence of Commissioner Gerard Naylis, no report was given.

### **4. Master Planning and Research Advisory Council**

Master Planning and Research Council Acting-Chairman John Lightbody reported that some of the topics from the most recent meeting included gathering data on residential sprinklers. He stated the Council was going to be collaborating with Commissioner Naylis’s Committee to share their findings. Acting Chairman Lightbody also spoke

about the lowering costs of building homes because of lightweight construction, and its inherent fire concerns.

When speaking about the cost of residential sprinkler systems, Commissioner O’Gorman said that when looking into residential sprinklers for his own new home, the cost was significantly higher than what the Commission’s Committee had projected. He said this could have something to do with location, house size, and the lowering of the price when a whole area gets equipped with residential sprinklers.

Acting Chairman Lightbody requested that James Dolan be added to the Master Planning and Research Advisory Council. Commissioner Mercurio made a motion to accept this recommendation. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chairman Intindola and passed unanimously.

#### **5. Public Education Advisory Council**

Commissioner Daniel DeTrollo reported that there was no meeting held since the last Commission meeting, but the minutes from the May meeting were containing in the Commission packets. Commissioner DeTrollo also made mention of recent legislation that is upcoming to get fire safety education implemented into the high schools. Assemblyman Wisniewski said he would follow up on this.

#### **6. Firefighter Safety and Health Advisory Council**

In the absence of Commissioner Richard Blohm, no report was given. Commissioner Schilling did note, in Commissioner Blohm’s absence, the remaining need to have a uniform emergency signal in the State, which is long overdue.

### **F. Committee Reports**

#### **1. Juvenile Firesetter Prevention Committee**

Commissioner Paul Hartstein reported that the Juvenile Firesetter Prevention Committee met on July 13, 2006, at the Camden County Fire Academy. One issue that was discussed was the expanding of the duties of the fire official, which would require fire officials to contact local or countywide authorities when a juvenile has been involved in juvenile firesetting. The proposed change is now sitting on Director Petrillo’s desk and is awaiting approval.

Commissioner Hartstein inquired to Assemblyman Wisniewski as to whether he had been in contact with the Attorney General’s Office to see if the Deputy AG would be interested in attending the meetings. Assemblyman Wisniewski said he had spoken to the Attorney General’s Office on two occasions recently about it, but they were still deciding on how to handle it. Assemblyman Wisniewski said he would follow up on this.

Commissioner Hartstein reported that the Juvenile Firesetter Prevention Committee was looking to host its 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference in conjunction with the IAAI (International Association of Arson Investigators). The conference has been scheduled to be held at the Middlesex County Fire Academy on November 30-December 1, 2006. They are currently in the approval process with the Department of Community Affairs.

Commissioner Hartstein also spoke about a new fad in juvenile firesetting, which are miniaturized Axe deodorant containers. Kids are concealing these and using them as blow-torches for mischief purposes. This brand of deodorant is particularly popular for this use because of its high alcohol content.

## **2. Residential Sprinkler Committee**

In the absence of Commissioner Gerard Naylis, no report was given.

### **G. Old Business**

Commissioner Hartstein thanked Assemblyman Wisniewski for being the primary sponsor of a bill in New Jersey requiring “fire safe cigarettes”. New York, California, and Vermont currently have this law in place, and Massachusetts has just signed it into law.

### **H. New Business**

Vice Chairman Intindola spoke about Assembly Bill 3386, which addresses the recently-passed bill requiring fire extinguishers in every home sold in New Jersey. This new bill, authored by Assemblyman Wisniewski, makes it optional for each municipality to decide whether to require this bill or not. While Vice Chairman Intindola would have liked to see the original bill rescinded, this is the next best thing.

Assemblyman Wisniewski spoke about the original bill and state that, while it was done with the best intentions, encouraging people to fight fires themselves in their homes is not particularly safe. Assemblyman Wisniewski encouraged the fire service to be more aware and vocal when bills like this come up in the future.

Commissioner Anderson noted that each Commission member has, in their packet, the invitation and information on the Mid-Atlantic Conference of State Fire Commissions. Commissioner Anderson is glad that this information is finally out, and they are still developing a budget that stays within what the registration fees will allow. The Conference will be held October 19-21, 2006, in Mount Laurel. Commissioner Anderson hopes that the ROC (Regional Operating Center) will be ready by that time and a field trip can be included as part of the Conference.

Commissioner Anderson spoke about New Jersey’s accomplishments in recent years, as opposed to other states in the Mid-Atlantic region. While these are good things, Commissioner Anderson feels that the Commission is getting a bad name around the

State, with people saying the Commission doesn't do anything. He spoke about the need for the government to take this Commission more seriously – to make appointments and regard it as the voice of the State's fire service.

Commissioner Anderson also spoke about the problems with training, and how someone from New Jersey (that took the train-the-trainer course for teaching I-400) and that was deemed inadequate for that person to teach I-400 in New Jersey. He spoke about getting rule changes to avoid problems such as these.

Commissioner Anderson spoke about the County Fire Coordinators, who are mainly volunteers. They are very dedicated individuals who meet often on Saturdays and on their own time. Commissioner Anderson feels it is important to keep this body of coordinators strongly in tact to keep the flow of information in the State healthy. Commissioner Anderson also spoke about the study that the Commission had done on College Dormitory safety, and how it has not been implemented in the State. He said the study would turn out to be a waste of time and money if it is not implemented.

Commissioner Anderson also talked about the need for mandatory Firefighter I certifications that were asked for over three years ago. He said this is still a concern of Training and Education Council and the New Jersey fire service as a whole – and this needs to be done through legislation. Assemblyman Wisniewski said the Office of Legislative Services has said, by default, there already is a mandate for this training because of all the safety regulations that are in place. Commissioner Anderson said that, if this is the case, we need to get the word out about it. Chief Kramer agreed with Assemblyman Wisniewski, yet there is no exact piece of paper that says the training is required. You can, however, get to that end through the Department of Labor proving that it is required.

Commissioner Lawrence Wood spoke about the Commission's ability to do things to make changes for New Jersey's fire service. Although the Commission is an advisory body, there should still be an increased flow of information between the Commission and the Division of Fire Safety, to allow both sides to work together better and get on the same page. He feels if both sides can coordinate better, they will both be able to get more done for the State's fire service and citizens.

Commissioner Arthur Mercurio spoke about the "Fire Is..." DVD and its use around New Jersey. He recently traveled to Tennessee, where the video was extremely well-received, and not being used in their schools. He urged that the Division should continue to promote the use of this video on the local level. Chairman Wisniewski spoke about the promotion of this video in his legislative district and a program that he hosted with Dr. Frank Field. He said one would be surprised not only how positively the children react, but the parents as well.

## **I. Public Comment**

Tom Pizzano, Jr. from Millburn Fire Department spoke about the possibility of legislation prohibiting the sale of lighters to young children. He said that children of any age can now walk into any convenience store and purchase a light – which they treat as a toy. A child’s ability to obtain lighters so easily only increases their likelihood of increased fire-play and juvenile firesetting. Some effects of banning the sale of lighters to children could be: eliminating them as weapons in school, reduce the likelihood of smoking, prevents huffing, reducing use of fireworks, etc. This ban would also have a very minimal effect on the store’s profit. Assemblyman Wisniewski and Commissioner O’Gorman agreed that this is an issue worth looking into legislation for.

Chuck Aughenbaugh, President of the NJ Deputy Fire Chiefs Association, spoke about the need for the fire service to have some sort of influence in the Department of Homeland Security. As of now, it seems like they are implementing mainly police personnel. Also, Mr. Aughenbaugh wondered aloud how the Fire Safety Commission could be given more power than just making recommendations. Chairman Wisniewski explained that, although the Commission is considered to be in the executive branch of government – it does not have more decision-making power because there are actual legislators on the Commission.

Mr. Aughenbaugh said that in another state, an incident commander was held liable for a firefighter’s death by the U.S. Prosecutor. Chairman Wisniewski warned that it is dangerous to use such an incident as precedent (and comparing it to Gloucester City, NJ) because the story from the other state is lacking facts and background information. For all we know, the incident commander could have been intoxicated, etc., etc.

Monmouth County Fire Marshal Tim Smith spoke about the need to know what is going on with the providing of the Delmar training manuals. All counties in New Jersey’s are now putting together their programs and budgets for the upcoming fall, and they are still up in the air as far as whether they’ll have books. Fire Marshal Smith inquired as to whether, if these books are not provided, the books can be bought from Delmar. Chief Kramer said that, yes, the Delmar books can be purchased if not provided. The packet is \$110, excluding the CD that comes with it. Also, he had just spoken to Chief Huber, and there should be some kind of resolution to the whole issue of manuals by this afternoon.

Heather Puskar, Supervisor of Fire Incident Reporting at the Division of Fire Safety, gave a quick update of the “Fire In New Jersey” report. Although the report will not be printed for the 2004-2005 edition, the report is complete and can be found on the Division’s website. The current statistics are: 91% for 2005, and 78% for 2006.

Chairman Wisniewski asked if anyone had any additional business they would like to bring before the Commission. There being none, the meeting was adjourned at 12:26 PM.

**Remaining Meetings in 2006**

<b>September 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10 AM</b>	<b>Middlesex Co. Fire Academy Sayreville, NJ</b>
<b>November 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10 AM</b>	<b>Atlantic City Convention Center Atlantic City, NJ</b>