

AGENDA
FAAB MEETING – THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2026
NEW CASTLE COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING – FUSION CONFERENCE CENTER

1900 HOURS: MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: From January 15, 2026 meeting.

CHAIRMAN’S REPORT:

EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMUNICATIONS:

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES:

NCCFCA:

-Special Ops

NCCFA:

OLD BUSINESS:

-Strategic Planning Committee

NEW BUSINESS:

IMPACT FEE REQUEST(S): Impact Fee Co-Chairmen Williams and Weber:

COUNTY GOVERNMENT:

DISTRICT REPORTS:

District #1: Representative Shaw

District #2: Vice-Chairman/Representative Haley

District #3: Representative Reeder

District #4: Impact Fee Co-Chairman/Representative Weber

District #5: Chairman/Representative Godek

District #6: Impact Fee Co-Chairman/Representative Williams

District #7: Representative MacKenzie

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

ZOOM LINK: SENT OUT EACH MONTH

NEXT MEETING – MARCH 19, 2026
NEW CASTLE COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING – FUSION CONFERENCE CENTER
FAAB MEETING WILL START AT 1900 HOURS

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NEW CASTLE COUNTY FIRE AND AMBULANCE ADVISORY BOARD

DISTRICT 1 - HOLLOWAY TERR, MINQUADALE, WLM MANOR
DISTRICT 2 - BRANDYWME HD, CLAYMONT, TALLEYVILLE
DISTRICT 3 - AETNA, CHRISTIANA, MILL CREEK
DISTRICT 4 - ODESSA, TOWNSEND, VOLUNTEER HOSE

DISTRICT 5 - CRANSTON HGTS, ELSMERE, HOCKESSIN
DISTRICT 6 - FIVE PTS, MINQUAS, BELVEDERE
DISTRICT 7 - DELA CITY, GOODWILL, PORT PENN

***FAAB MEETING – PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING – FUSION CONFERENCE CENTER
JANUARY 15, 2026***

ATTENDEES:

Mike Shaw, Representative, District #1 N/A
Eric Haley, Vice-Chairman, Representative, District #2
Brian Reeder, Representative, District #3 N/A
Robert Weber, Impact Fee Co-Chair/Representative, District #4 N/A
Dennis Godek, Chairman, Representative, District #5
Fran Williams, Impact Fee Co-Chair/Representative, District #6
Allan MacKenzie, Representative, District #7
Chief Donald W. Holden, NCC/ESC N/A
AsstChief Chris Williams, NCC/ESC N/A
QACoordinator Robert Snyder, NCC/ESC
Chief Mark Logemann, NCC/EMS N/A
Captain Dave Aber, NCC/EMS (Zoom)
DCAO Ken Dunn, County Executive's Office
EA Stephanie Warren, County Executive's Office
Kevin Cowperthwait, Chief Christiana Fire Company N/A

Tom DiCristofaro, Claymont Fire Company N/A
Mark Harris, Claymont Fire Company N/A
Wally Poppe, Delaware City Fire Company N/A
Gordon Edwards III, President NCCFCA
Mike Emmell, Holloway Terrace Fire Company
Jim Thompson, Hockessin Fire Company
Randy Roberts, Holloway Terrace Fire Company

1900 HOURS: Chairman Godek called the FAAB meeting to order; there were no corrections/additions/deletions to the minutes from the December 18, 2025, meeting; **MOTION WAS MADE BY REPRESENTATIVE HALEY AND SECONDED BY IMPACT FEE CO-CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS; MINUTES WERE APPROVED.**

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: Chairman Godek:

Twenty-year Pension Plan for Firefighters: Chairman Godek will be looking into this legislation. Discussions on when you can buy into plan; only when joining and at the end; not in the middle; etc. **Meeting with Chiefs and Presidents:** Will be meeting with Chairman Godek/district representatives, individually by each district, to cover Leadership Committee/Strategic Planning Committee actions. **F.A.C.E.T.S. Recommendations:** The recommendations need to be addressed, i.e., shared services, and purchasing deficiencies. Most important permanent/consistent adequate funding process. This year, what is currently called grant and aid (last year \$1.69 million, increase of 5%). This year, we will be asking for a percentage of the total amount of expenditures by each company for calendar year 2025 in salary and benefits (health insurance and pension funds). **Meeting with County Executive Henry:** Chairman Godek, NCCFCA President Edwards, and NCCFA President Williams will meet on January 20 with County Executive to discuss budget issues. Discussions continued on request for information from companies; obtaining monies in the budget between \$35/\$40 million (need verified numbers) for just salary/benefits. Also, the need to prioritize the F.A.C.E.T.S. recommendations (most important to least). **Today's meeting:** Consisted of a presentation by Joe Day (Land Use) on Impact Fees, Brownfields and Re-development, and Fire Permit Fees. The County does have an interest in improving requests and the amounts of these fees; we will make a recommendation/proposal.

Discussions continued on Permit Fees (only apply to the first million dollars of value) looking to change that; distribution of impact fees equally (some opposition); possibly by population, call volume; etc.; will be considered. **Participating in County's Capital Funding Program:** Chief Financial Officer Dave DelGrande mentioned that we would have to be a County entity; discussions. **Grant and Aid Situation:** We requested to no longer be in this situation; we are now considered in the Public Safety Budget under Contractual Services. House Bill #127: Discussions. The next meeting will be on January 28 at 1400 hours.

EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMUNICATIONS: QACoordinator Robert L. Snyder III:

Call Processing Stats: Sent out on January 12. **Staffing: Fireboard:** Have three telecommunicators in pre-hire process (backgrounds, psych, physicals). **RECOM:** Have one telecommunicator in pre-hire process (backgrounds, psych, physicals). **Public Safety Operators:** Have eight candidates in pre-hire process (backgrounds, psych, physicals).

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES: Captain Dave Aber: Via Zoom

End of 2025: 41,119 calls

Beginning of 2026: 1655

Staffing: Reported staffed for 159 positions; currently at 137 (just hired a pre-certified medic); have one more offer out for a pre-certified medic; would put 23 in training status; includes academy in field training; one pre-certified medic is still in field training; then, the 7th Academy with 15 in training. We have received 210 applications for the next academy (in backgrounds); by end of month, we will be selecting those positions. There will be twelve positions for the 8th Academy; the classes will be held at DelTech Community College. We will also be partnered with Good Fellowship. We have posted for the 9th Academy; at least, another twelve positions; will fill all 159 requisitions we have available. **Opioids for YTD:** 39 administrations of Narcan; blood is up to 308. Chairman Godek questioned the stats; asked if cancellations captured; BLS releases? Captain Aber confirmed that they do; Chairman Godek would like those numbers sent to him for the Board. Discussions on increase of incidents, etc.

NCCFCA: President Gordon Edwards III

Chiefs' Workshop: Will be on January 26; February 5, a monthly meeting at Station #30. President Edwards requested the statistics sent to Council also be sent to NCCFCA so it can be placed on Facebook page; discussions on CAD disposition and comments regarding conversations on making Fire Police a committee.

Special Operations: Chief Waldemar Poppe N/A

NCCFA: President/Impact Fee Co-Chairman Williams:

Next meeting on April 9, Station #23 Minquas Fire Company.

OLD BUSINESS: Nothing to report.

Update/Strategic Planning Committee:

NEW BUSINESS: Nothing to report.

IMPACT FEE REQUESTS: Impact Fee Co-Chairman Williams:

No reports at this time.

COUNTY GOVERNMENT: DCAO Dunn: (Zoom)

DISTRICT REPORTS:

- District #1:** Representative Shaw N/A
District #2: Vice-Chairman Haley; nothing to report.
District #3: Representative Reeder N/A
District #4: Impact Fee Co-Chairman Weber N/A
District #5: Chairman Godek; nothing to report.
District #6: Impact Fee Co-Chairman Williams; new Chief Dominick Mills at Minquas Fire Company.
District #7: Representative MacKenzie; nothing to report.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Jim Thompson, Hockessin Fire Company:

Mr. Thompson questioned about **Permit Fees**; Chairman Godek mentioned that the discussions were from no cap to \$5 million cap; discussions continued possibilities of \$750,00; Mr. Thompson mentioned this number divided by 21 fire companies results in \$35,000 plus being a 50% increase. Discussions continued on the last time the cap was raised in 2014. Mr. Thompson questioned the documents that needed to be provided to the County last summer; are we going to start using the portal and when documents will be requested for this year; will there be a list and getting notification earlier in the year. DCAO Dunn commented that, unless there are any changes/modifications, they will accept them this year as submitted last year. We will be asking for the MOAs to be signed earlier this year and will be strictly enforced, and the portal will be opened. DCAO Dunn stated that we will circulate the MOAs to everyone; it will go to Chairman Godek first for comment by FAAB (20-day comment period). Discussions continued on last year's situation and are the policies submitted last year being reviewed; etc.

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ZOOM ATTENDEES: Matt Netsch, Mike Edwards, Dan Seador, Ken Phillips