



Kent County Volunteer Firefighter's Association

May 19, 2021

1st Vice President Manley called the 1052nd meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. at Station 49, Frederica Volunteer Fire Company. The invocation was given by Chaplain Walton. 1st Vice President Manley led the members present with the Pledge of Allegiance. 1st Vice President Manley asked for a motion to deviate from the proper order of business to allow Delaware State Treasurer, Colleen C Davis to address the members present. It was motioned, seconded and carried to deviate from the proper order of business.

Colleen spoke about her involvement with the fire service during her life. Colleen thanked the membership for their dedication during these trying times. Colleen stated that firemen are some of the most difficult patients. Colleen said that she is proud to be able to manage the firefighter's fund. A round of applause was heard.

It was motioned, seconded and passed to return to the proper order of business.

1st Vice President Manley suspended the meeting at 7:14 pm for dinner which was served by the Auxiliary members of Station 49 and was called back to order at 7:45 pm by 1st Vice President Manley.

2nd Vice President Boots presented the gratuities and conveyed our thanks and appreciation for a fine meal to the Auxiliary members of Station 49. Steve White, President of Frederica Volunteer Fire Company gave the address of welcome and 2nd Vice President Boots gave the response.

Roll Calls: Officers: 10 present, 2 absent;
Companies: 15 present, 5 absent; Past Presidents:
10 KCVFA, 6 DVFA and 5 Fire Company Presidents.

Introduction of Guests:

DVFA –President Jay Jones talked about SB 92, which deals with the Surf Tags. It has passed the Senate. It was stated that we should not ask for less than what we are presently getting. There was a limit on the Surf Tags this year and a lot of people did not get one of them. This bill will give the people a choice of either getting a Surf Tag or a State Park permit. Tomorrow SB 126 will be discussed. This bill is the Move Over Law. Jay also spoke about HB 82 & HB

193. The Retention & Recruitment Committee will probably have three bills to act on.

President Jay Jones stated that 2nd Vice President Ryder will give the report.

2nd Vice President Ken Ryder spoke about the DVFA Conference for 2021. This year it will be from 9-14-2021 thru 9-17-2021. The conference will be held at the Chase Center in Wilmington. We will be covering 2020 & 2021 for most of the awards at conference. The Presumption Bill is in process. The final report from the Recruitment & Retention Task Force will be this week. The DVFA 100th anniversary is this year. we have books & coins for sale for this event. There was a computer issue concerning the insurance funds. DVFA Officers here tonight are President Jay Jones, 1st Vice President Dan Carrier, 2nd Vice President Ken Ryder, Secretary Elmer Steele, Directors Gerald Manley JR and Jim Woznicki and Jim Arrington.

DVFA Ladies Auxiliary – no report

DVFA Conference – Steve White asked that you please get your list of deceased members to us as soon as you can. The list is close to 300 names. There will be the EMS classes on Wednesday, 9-15-2021. The committee met last week at Station 49.

State Fire Chief's Association – Jim Watson stated that the next meeting will be at Station 50 on 6-24-2021. Jim said that they have gun raffle tickets if you are interested.

State EMS – it was stated that the next meeting will be on 6-6-2021 in Sussex County.

State Fire Police Association – no report

State Fire Prevention Commission – Ronald Marvel stated that HB 82 provides some monies for drugs & mental issues. The commission met yesterday. At the meeting, the companies that were delinquent with the DFIRS reports was discussed. It was stated that a sprinkler demonstration was held at the DSFS. The fire service should be pushing the sprinklers for residential. The left over fire prevention monies from 2021 can be carried over to 2022.

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State Fire Marshal's Office – no report.

State Recruitment and Retention – no report

Delaware State Fire School – no report

Legislature – no report

Kent County Levy Court – no report

Kent County Fire Chief's Association – It was stated that our next meeting will be on 6-9-2021 at Station 48.

Kent County Fire Police Association – Leon Hyde stated that their next meeting will be at Station 55 on 6-15-2021.

Kent County Emergency Medical Services Committee – It was stated that they are working on some items. At their next meeting, they are inviting the Fire Chiefs.

Kent County Ladies Auxiliary – Chris Davila stated that our next meeting is on Tuesday, 5-25-2021 at Station 54.

Kent Center Emergency Dispatch Center – no report

Kent County Emergency Management – no report

Kent County EMS (Paramedics) – no report

New Castle County Volunteer Firemen's Association – President Jim Watson brought greeting from the county.

With me tonight is President Jim Watson, Secretary Debbie Watson and Past President Dan Carrier.

Sussex County Volunteer Firemen's Association – President James Arrington said that their next meeting will be on 5-25-2021 at Station 42.

Delmarva Firefighter's Association – Ralph Satterfield stated that they had their Convention the end of April & the first of May.

Mutual Relief – Steve White said that all of the companies received an email on a survey that they are doing.

ICHIEFS – The ICHIEFS will hold their installation and Memorial Service on 5-22-2021 at Station 89.

DEMA – no report

NVFC – no report

It was motioned and seconded to approve the KCVFA meeting minutes for March 2021, motion carried.

Deceased Members: It was reported that there were 4 deceased members. They are Robert Blackburn (Stations 49/57), Gary A Rowe (Station 41), John C Weaver (Station 43) & Thomas L Kates (Station 48). Chaplain Walton asked for a moment of silence for our deceased members.

Report of Officers: All reports have been submitted or will be submitted in written or electronic form.

1st Vice President Gerald L Manley JR said that we met at 6:00 pm tonight to go over the committee list for 2021. It will be published as soon as it is completed. It was stated that the Military Recognition will be at the July 21, 2021 meeting.

2nd Vice President Quintin "Quint" Boots had no report.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Pennington read the attached Treasurer's report for March 2021, April 2021 May 2021. A motion was made, seconded and carried to accept the Treasurer's Reports.

Written or Email Correspondence: We received a letter in response to our letter to Levy Court.

Report of Committees:

Fire Prevention Committee – Shirley Pennington stated that each company is having their own awards ceremony. So far, I have attended Station 48 and I presented the County awards.

* reg. deceased members from all NCC Pres.



New Castle County Volunteer Firefighter Association
Paul J. Sweeney Public Safety Building
3601 N. DuPont Highway
New Castle Delaware 19720

Kent City FF Association Meeting

Location Frederica

Date 5/19/21

In attendance from NCCVFA:

^{Prot} President Jim Watson ✓

1st Vice President Rich Perillo

^{1st} 2nd Vice President Steve Wray

Secretary Debbie Watson ✓

Assistant Secretary Wayne Ferrante

Treasurer Wally Poppe

Trustees: Daryl Haines (2nd VP)

Wilbert Saunders

Mike Shaw

Mark Gott

Past Presidents: Richard T. Perillo

Jasper Lakey

Dan Carrier ✓

Warren Jones

Our next meeting is at Station 24 on 7/8 with cocktails at 6 pm. All are welcome.

* gun raffles - DSFCA
DVFCA

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Treasurer's Report for March 2021

Roland Trader Scholarship Account

Beginning Balance	\$13,984.44
Interest	<u>.43</u>
Ending Balance as of March 31, 2021	\$13,984.87

Special Ops Account

Beginning Balance	\$34,611.82
Expenses	<u>0.00</u>
Ending Balance as of March 31, 2021	\$34,611.82

Money Market Account

Beginning Balance	\$43,140.54
Transfer for FF Relief Fund	500.00
Interest	<u>1.32</u>
Ending Balance as of March 31, 2021	\$42,643.52

(Smoke Detectors \$ 806.60 and FF Relief Fund \$ 7,000.00)

Main Checking Account

Beginning Balance	, \$ 7,712.22
Deposit	800.00
Expenses	<u>1,666.56</u>
Ending Balance as of March 31, 2021	\$ 6,845.64

Total of all Accounts as of March 31, 2021 \$ 41,682.56

(Less Scholarship, Special Ops, FF Relief Fund, and Smoke Detectors)

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Treasurer's Report for April 2021

Roland Trader Scholarship Account

Beginning Balance	\$13,984.87
Interest	<u>.34</u>
Ending Balance as of April 30, 2021	\$13,985.21

Special Ops Account

Beginning Balance	\$34,611.82
Expenses	<u>0.00</u>
Ending Balance as of April 30, 2021	\$34,611.82

Money Market Account

Beginning Balance	\$42,643.52
Interest	<u>1.05</u>
Ending Balance as of April 30, 2021	\$42,644.57

(Smoke Detectors \$ 806.60 and FF Relief Fund \$ 7,000.00)

Main Checking Account

Beginning Balance	\$ 6,845.64
Deposit	<u>389.00</u>
Ending Balance as of April 30, 2021	\$ 7,234.64

Total of all Accounts as of April 30, 2021 \$ 42,072.61

(Less Scholarship, Special Ops, FF Relief Fund, and Smoke Detectors)

KCVFA Bills for the month of March 2021

Delaware Elec Coop (FF Relief Fund)	\$ 149.18
Felton Comm Fire Co Auxiliary	\$ 200.00
Shirley Pennington (FP Trophies and Medals)	\$ 387.40
Shirley Pennington(FP Cash Awards)	<u>\$ 430.00</u>
Total of All Bills for the month of March 2021	<u>\$ 1,166.58</u>
Added Blessings for Badges	500.00
(Motion from the Floor)	
Grand total of All Bills for the month	<u>\$1,666.58</u>

KCVFA Bills for the month of April 2021

No Bills for the month of April

KCVFA Bills for the month of May 2021

Frederica Fire Company Auxiliary \$200.00

Records/Gebhart Insurance - General Liability \$288.00

Records/Gebhart Insurance - Criminal Liability \$370.00

Selective Insurance - Officer's Insurance \$600.00

Total of all bills for the month of May 2021 \$1,458.00

Bowers Fire Co.
Camden Wyoming Fire Co.
Carlisle Fire Co.
Cheswold Fire Co.
Citizens' Hose Fire Co.
Clayton Fire Co.
Dover Air Force Base Fire Dept.
Farmington Fire Co.
Felton Fire Co.
Frederica Fire Co.



Harrington Fire Co.
Hartly Fire Co.
Houston Fire Co.
Leipsic Fire Co.
Little Creek Fire Co.
Magnolia Fire Co.
Marydel Fire Co.
Robbins Hose Fire Co.
South Bowers Fire Co.
Smyrna American Legion Ambulance

3-25-2021

Kent County Levy Court
555 Bay RD
Dover, DE 19904

President Terry Pepper.

It has come to our attention that your organization is receiving a part of the American Rescue Plan funding from the Federal Government.

As our Association has many programs giving back to our county, we are asking for a slice of that funding to help us with our expenses. We provide some scholarships and other relief programs for our members who need some assistance.

Thank you in advance for any consideration concerning this matter.

Sincerely,

Kenneth R Steele

Secretary 2020-2021

Kent County Volunteer Firefighters Association

Cc: Levy Court Commissioners



Kent County

Levy Court

Commission Members

Hon. Terry L. Pepper, President
Hon. Allan F. Angel, Vice President
Hon. Eric L. Buckson
Hon. Jeffrey W. Hall
Hon. Glen M. Howell
Hon. Joanne Masten
Hon. George "Jody" Sweeney

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April 13, 2021

Mr. Kenneth R. Steele, Secretary
Kent County Volunteer Firefighters Association
32 Streamside Circle, APT 3
Smyrna, Delaware 19977

SUBJECT: Letter dated 3-25-2021 re: American Rescue Plan Act

Dear Mr. Steele:

Thank you for providing me with the above-referenced correspondence. At this time, The County is awaiting further guidance from the US Treasury Department concerning allowable uses, compliance, and reporting rules which we understand will be forthcoming in the near future.

County Staff will be preparing a very generalized, non-project specific emergency response budget for Levy Court's consideration as a means to manage and plan appropriate use of the funds over the next 3.5 Years. Levy Court has not made any commitments at this time and no specific projects or spending plans have been considered. Our immediate interest will likely be recoupment of lost FY 20 & FY 21 County revenues.

As you know, Levy Court enjoys a great working relationship with KCVFA and we make our annual funding to the Fire Service a priority. I anticipate that the Emergency Services will remain a priority area as we consider utilization of the referenced funding.

Thanks again for your correspondence.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Terry L. Pepper".

Terry L. Pepper, President

cc: Levy Court Commissioners

"Serving Kent County With Pride"

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Military Recognition – Shirley Pennington stated that the recognition will take place at the July meeting. An email was sent asked for new members. Those in attendance will be recognized that night.

Scholarship Committee – Robert Yerkes stated that the deadline is 5-31-2021.

Memorial Committee – Shirley Pennington said that this will be at the 9-15-2021 meeting.

Payment of Bills: Treasurer Pennington reported that there are bills for March 2021, April 2021 & May 2021 to be paid tonight. They are attached to these

minutes. It was motioned, seconded and carried to pay the bills.

Unfinished Business: - NONE

New Business:- NONE

Good of the Association - NONE

The next meeting for KCVFA will be at Station 50, Harrington Fire Company – July 21, 2021 at 7:00 pm. This is the nominations meeting.

Chaplain Rich Walton gave the benediction.

It was motioned, seconded and carried to adjourn at 8:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kenneth R Steele, Secretary