



## Kent County Volunteer Firefighter's Association

July 21, 2021

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Manley called the 1053<sup>rd</sup> meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at Station 50, Harrington Volunteer Fire Company. The invocation was given by Chaplain Walton. 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Manley led the members present with the Pledge of Allegiance.

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Manley suspended the meeting at 7:01 pm for dinner which was served by the Auxiliary members of Station 50 and was called back to order at 7:33 pm by 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Manley.

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Boots presented the gratuities and conveyed our thanks and appreciation for a fine meal to the Auxiliary members of Station 50. Rich Walton, Chaplain of Harrington Volunteer Fire Company gave the address of welcome and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Boots gave the response.

It was motioned, seconded and passed to deviate from the normal order of business to recognize our military members in the fire service for Kent County.

Shirley Pennington emailed to all of the companies to get a list of the military members.

The Military members past & present were recognized by the organization. A round of applause was heard.

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

**Roll Calls:** Officers: 10 present, 2 absent;  
Companies: 14 present, 6 absent; Past Presidents: 9 KCVFA, 4 DVFA and 5 Fire Company Presidents.

### Introduction of Guests:

**DVFA** –President Jay Jones stated that 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Ryder will give the report.

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Ken Ryder read the attached report.

**DVFA Ladies Auxiliary** – no report

**DVFA Conference** – It was stated that you need to reserve your rooms.

**State Fire Chief's Association** – no report

**State EMS** – no report

**State Fire Police Association** – It was stated that the next meeting will be on 8-16-2021 at Gumboro Fire Company. We will be at the state fair.

**State Fire Prevention Commission** – Bill Betts reported that there is a new EMT Identifier System. Bill stated that the audit deadline was extended for 30 days for the following companies, Belvedere, Aetna, Smyrna, Goodwill and Bridgeville. All companies were in compliance for scratches. The red light monies were approved yesterday from the first six months of the year. The Millsboro substation has a six-month temporary permit.

**State Fire Marshal's Office** – no report.

**State Recruitment and Retention** – no report

**Delaware State Fire School** – no report

**Legislature** – Bruce Ennis spoke about HB 249. There are two programs that came out of the Recruitment & Retention Task Force. Also, SB 189 will raise the tax credit to \$1,000. They are working on these bills.

**Kent County Levy Court** – no report

**Kent County Fire Chief's Association** – Shirley Pennington reported that the next meeting will be on 8-11-2021 at Station 50.

**Kent County Fire Police Association** – Leon Hyde reported that they will be at the state fair for the next ten days. We will be at the Camden-Wyoming Peach Festival. Our next meeting will be on 8-17-2021 at Station 57. With me tonight is 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Bill Carrow, Secretary Randy Wood & Chaplain Robert Yerkes.

**Kent County Emergency Medical Services Committee** – no report

**Kent County Ladies Auxiliary** – Shirley Pennington said that the next meeting will be in 2 parts. Part 1 will be on 9-28-2021 at Station 55 and part 2 will be in November 2021.

**Kent Center Emergency Dispatch Center** – no report

**Kent County Emergency Management** – no report

**Kent County EMS (Paramedics)** – no report

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**New Castle County Volunteer Firemen's Association** – President Jim Watson brought greetings from the county. His report is attached. With me tonight is President Jim Watson, Secretary Debbie Watson and Past President Dan Carrier. Jim said that he had raffle tickets.

**Sussex County Volunteer Firemen's Association** – President James Arrington has 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Dave Ruff with his tonight and our next meeting will be Tuesday night at Blades Fire Department.

**Delmarva Firefighter's Association** – no report

**Mutual Relief** – Steve White reported that their next meeting will be on 7-29-2021 at Station 49.

**ICHIEFS** – no report

**DEMA** – no report

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**NVFC** – no report

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

**Deceased Members:** It was reported that there were 5 deceased members. They are James 'Butch' Greene (44), Robert 'Bob' Biddle (48) & Herman 'Ray' Quillen (48), Robert Burrows (53) & Clarence 'Rod' O'Neal (51,45).

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.

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Gerald L Manley JR reported that the committee list has been updated and placed in all of the folders. There are a couple of changes that will be made and a new list will be in the folders at the next meeting. I spoke with Jeff Brown concerning the COVID funding. They will be setting up committees for the distribution of these funds. They will be reaching out to the Kent County Companies.

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Quintin "Quint" Boots had no report.

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

**Written or Email Correspondence:** received updated delegates/alternates for stations 47 & 50

### Report of Committees:

**Appreciation night** – Shirley Pennington said that this is schedule for Station 48 on 2-26-2022. They are having a meeting to review their pricing.

**Fire Prevention Committee** – Shirley Pennington said that we are moving forward with this. The packets will be delivered in August 2021 to each fire company. They will be delivered to the schools in September. They will be due to the county by 11-12-2021. They will be judged on 11-21-2021. The county awards program will be on 12-12-2021 at 2:00 pm at Station 54. On 1-2-2022, the state awards will be at station 43 at 2:00 pm.

**Military Recognition** – Shirley Pennington said that she is going to get up with all of the companies and get an updated list for the county.

**Scholarship Committee** – Shirley Pennington stated that there were no applicants this year. There will be no scholarships awarded this year. In the obituary for Rod O'Neal, this organization was listed for donations. Shirley stated that she had already received some donations.

**Memorial Committee** – Shirley Pennington said that this ceremony will be at the September meeting.

**Recruitment & Retention Committee** – Teresa Taylor stated that there is a banner that was created by the junior membership. It is available to any fire company in the county. They have some business cards and over 700 cards were handed out at the parade on 7-4-2021 in Smyrna.

## County Meeting Report July 2021

**Conference 2021:** Plans for the conference are proceeding. All forms are on the DVFA Website.

**Special note:** For 50 year members and Firemen of the Year. Because we lost last year's conference we want to cover both years 2019 and 2020. Please send at least one, or two if you would like, for member of the year and all your 50 members who reached that milestone in 2019 and 2020. Don't wait to honor them at the Memorial Service on Friday. Honor them now while they are still living.

**Legislation:** All of our legislation with the exception of the tax credit passed, which included the Cancer Presumption, the Tuition Reimbursement, and the change to the Surf Fishing Licenses. The other item which passed unanimously in both the House and the Senate is HCR39. HCR39 is a resolution asking all the fire companies to make their decisions on HB193 by December 15 so that bill can be brought up next session. As you recall there was an amendment to HB193 which addresses the concerns from some of the companies.

**Funding Items:** We received \$5 Million added to the Revolving Loan Fund, \$4 Million for replacement radios, \$75,000 for smoke detectors, an increase in Grant in Aid and a new position at the fire school to manage the Recruitment Program.

**Recruitment and Retention Task Force:** The grant application has been filed with the AmeriCorps program. We have worked with the fire school on the job description for the Recruitment Manager and we will be working with them to get the program off the ground. We will be holding a seminar at the conference to explain the program and to answer any questions. We would suggest you have someone from your company attend. The seminar is Wednesday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm.

President	Jay Jones	Chaplain,	Pastor Bob Hudson
1st VP	Dan Carrier	Director,	Richard J. Perillo
2 <sup>nd</sup> VP	Ken Ryder	Director,	Gerald Manley
Secretary,	Elmer Steele	Director,	Jim Woznicki
Treasurer,	Terry Whitham	Director,	Jim Arrington
Asst. Treas.	Ray Stevens	Director,	Ron O'Neal
Director PP,		Executive Manager,	Warren Jones
Director,	Tom DiCristofaro		

## 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	<u>\$690.00</u>
Total of all bills for the month of May 2021	<u>\$1,548.00</u>

KCVFA Bills for the month of June 2021

No Bills for the month of June

Kent County Volunteer Firefighters Association

Treasurer's Report for May 2021

Roland Trader Scholarship Account

Beginning Balance	\$13,985.21
Interest	<u>.36</u>
Ending Balance as of May 31, 2021	\$13,985.57

Special Ops Account

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

Money Market Account

Beginning Balance	\$42,644.57
Interest	<u>1.09</u>
Ending Balance as of May 31, 2021	\$42,645.66

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

Main Checking Account

Beginning Balance	\$ 7,234.64
Expenses	<u>200.00</u>
Ending Balance as of May 31, 2021	\$ 7,034.64

Total of all Accounts as of May 31, 2021 \$ 41,873.70

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

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Treasurer's Report for June 2021

Roland Trader Scholarship Account

Beginning Balance	\$13,985.57
Interest	<u>.13</u>
Ending Balance as of June 30, 2021	\$13,985.70

Special Ops Account

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

Money Market Account

Beginning Balance	\$42,645.66
Interest	<u>.40</u>
Ending Balance as of June 30, 2021	\$42,646.06

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

Main Checking Account

Beginning Balance	\$ 7,034.64
Expenses	<u>1,348.00</u>
Ending Balance as of June 30, 2021	\$ 5,686.64

Total of all Accounts as of June 30, 2021 \$ 40,526.10

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

## KCVFA Bills for the month of July 2021

Harrington Fire Company	\$200.00
In Memory of Rod O'Neal to Scholarship	\$100.00
Reimburse Shirley Pennington for Web Domain	\$ 14.40
Reimburse Theresa Taylor for Rec & Retention	\$ 23.83
EVO Gov for Website	\$ 99.00
Total of all bills for the month of July 2021	<u>\$ 437.23</u>



## Fire Prevention Report for July 2021

Fire Prevention packets will be delivered to Kent County Companies during the month of August so that they can get them to the schools in their district when school starts this year. Below are a list of the dates that you need to remember and please feel free to contact me with any questions.

### List of Important Dates:

Month of August fire prevention packets will be delivered to Kent County Co.

Month of September fire companies should deliver the packets to the schools

October 3rd thru October 9th - Fire Prevention Week

October 22nd - All essays and posters, from all schools, must be returned to their Kent County fire companies.

November 12th - Kent County fire companies must have any first place winners to the County Chairperson.

November 21st - Kent County Judging at Station 49 at 2pm

December 3rd - County first place essays and poster winners to the State Chairperson.

December 12th - County Awards Program at 2pm at Little Creek Fire Company

January 2, 2022 - State Awards Program at 2pm at Cheswold Fire Company

Appreciation Night : February 26th, 2022



**New Castle County Volunteer Firefighters  
Association**

**Paul J. Sweeney Public Safety Bldg.  
3601 N. DuPont Highway  
New Castle, DE 19720**

Kent city VF Association Meeting

Location Harrington

Date 7/21/21

**In attendance from NCCVFA:**

**President Rich Perillo**

**1st Vice President Steve Wray**

**2nd Vice President Daryl Haines**

**Secretary Debbie Watson** ✓

**Assistant Secretary Wayne Ferrante**

**Treasurer Wally Poppe**

**Trustees: Bill Robinett**

**Wilbert Saunders**

**Mike Shaw**

**Jim Watson** ✓

**Past Presidents: Richard T. Perillo**

**Jasper Lakey**

**Dan Carrier** ✓

**Warren Jones**

Our next meeting is at Station 23 on 10/14 with cocktails at 6 pm. All are welcome.

Newport



**Kent County Chiefs Association**

July 21, 2021

Kent County Volunteer Firefighters Association  
Attn: President Gerald Manley

Dear Officers and Members,

The Kent County Fire Chiefs Association would like to appoint Christine Davila to the Fire Advisory Board as our representative for the Chiefs Association, EMS Committee.

Christine is a current member of the Frederica Fire Company and we feel she will do an excellent job serving on the Fire Advisory Board.

We feel that she will be an asset in this capacity. We know she will represent our organization in a professional manner while performing her duties to the best of her ability.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Alex Vazquez*

Alex Vasquez  
KCFCA, President



# FREDERICA VOLUNTEER FIRE Co.

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June 15, 2021

Ken Steele, Secretary  
KCVFA  
32 Streamside Circle, Apt #3  
Smyrna, DE 19977

Dear Ken:

The Officers and Members of the Frederica Volunteer Fire Company would like to endorse Christine Davila for the Officer of Director of the KCVFA. Christine has served in this position since she was elected two years ago.

Christine has been a member of the Frederica Vol. Fire Company since 2004 and has held the Office of Ambulance and Employee Supervisor. Christine has been active in the affairs of the KCVFA including serving as Director over the past two years. Christine has been a nationally certified EMT since before joining our department and has always been active in promoting the EMS functions in the State of Delaware.

Please join us in electing Christine as a Director of the Kent County Volunteer Firefighter's Association.

Sincerely yours,

Bill Betts, Secretary

cc: File

# Citizens' Hose Company No. 1, Inc.

SERVING AS

**SMYRNA FIRE COMPANY**

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SMYRNA, DELAWARE

July 20, 2021

Secretary Kenneth R Steele  
Kent County Volunteer Firefighters' Association

Dear Kenneth,

It was duly moved and seconded by the Citizens' Hose Company officers and members to place the name of Kenneth R Steele as a nominee for the Office of Secretary for the Kent County Volunteer Firefighter's Association for the year of 2021-2022.

Kenneth is the current Secretary for our fire company and has held that position for more than twenty years. We feel that he is most qualified to handle the duties for the county association Secretary.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gerald Manley', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Gerald Manley  
President

Citizens' hose Company No. 1, Inc.

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SMYRNA, DELAWARE

July 20, 2021

Secretary Kenneth R Steele  
Kent County Volunteer Firefighters' Association

Dear Kenneth,

It was duly moved and seconded by the Citizens' Hose Company officers and members to place the name of Gerald L Manley JR as a nominee for the President for the Kent County Volunteer Firefighter's Association for the year of 2021-2022.

Gerald is the current President for our fire company and has held that position for three years. We feel that he is most qualified to handle the duties for the KCVFA President.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K Steele', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Kenneth R Steele  
Secretary  
Citizens' hose Company No. 1, Inc.

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**Payment of Bills:** Treasurer Pennington reported that there are bills for May 2021 & July 2021 to be paid tonight. They are attached to these minutes. It was motioned, seconded and carried to pay the bills.

**Nominations of Officers for 2021-2022** – Bill Betts stated that we have letters for the following, President Gerald L Manley JR (44), 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Quinton Boots (53), 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Curtis Sharp (42) & Kenneth Frazier (54), Secretary Ken Steele (44) & Treasurer Shirley Pennington (49). No other nominations were heard.

**Unfinished Business:** NONE

### New Business

It was motioned, seconded and passed to recommend to the bylaws committee to make the necessary changes to move our meetings back to every month. This is a recommendation to the bylaws committee.

### Good of the Association

Jim Woznicki spoke about SB 160 and that we owe Bruce Ennis many thanks for his efforts in getting legislation done for the county. A round of applause was heard.

Bruce Ennis spoke about the SB 160 and the efforts of getting it passed. Another one is SB 126, the move over law.

Leon States stated that the next meeting for the county will be on 9-15-2021, which is in the middle of the conference.

It was motioned, seconded and passed to return to New Business.

### New Business



Kenneth R Steele, Secretary

It was motioned, seconded and passed to move the September meeting to 9-8-2021 at Station 51.

It was motioned, seconded and passed to return to the proper order of business (Good of the Association).

### Good of the Association

Jay Jones stated that there are a lot of bills that we have to watch for our organizations. This year there were some bills that we had to hold up.

Bill Betts spoke about the funding from the commission.

Bruce Ennis said that he was approached by someone in Sussex County that the chairperson of a Bingo committee has to have a background check.

James Arrington from Sussex County stated that they have created a committee to discuss HB 193 and present this to the county & DVFA.

Marvin Sharp stated that a fund raiser was held for Past Fire Chief Jim Green (50). This was a first class fund raiser.

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Manley stated that a committee will be formed to discuss HB 193.

*The next meeting for KCVFA will be at Station 51, Hartly Fire Company – September 8, 2021 at 7:00 pm. This is the election & Memorial meeting.*

Chaplain Rich Walton gave the benediction.

It was motioned, seconded and carried to adjourn at 8:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,