



Kent County Volunteer Firefighter's Association

January 15, 2014

President Brode called the 978th meeting to order at *7:09 p.m. at Station 46, Robbins Hose Fire Company. Following dinner served by the members of the station, Vice President Ryder conveyed our thanks to the Robbins Hose members. Charlie Boyer, President of the Robbins Hose Fire Company gave the address of welcome; Vice President Ryder gave the response. *Dinner was served prior to the start of the meeting because it was delivered early.

Roll Calls: Officers: 12 present, 2 absent; Companies: 18 present, 1 absent; Past Presidents: 15 KCVFA, 8 DVFA, and 10 Fire Company Presidents.

Introduction of Guests:

DVFA – Joe Zeroles for Richard Toulson, President Toulson could not be here tonight his father-in-law passed away this morning. Treasurer Department will not count Volunteers as employees for the insurance that is required. We will meet next week with the Governor to discuss wants and wishes of the DVFA. Next meeting for JFC is 2/14/2014 and President Toulson is requesting max participation at Legislative Hall on 2/18/2014 in uniform. In reference to legislation for funding the state is short about \$150 million now.

State Fire Chief's Association – No Report

State EMS Association – Mike McMichael, State Fire Chiefs meet same night we are meeting at Station 24th on January 30th. We have a couple of topics for next meeting 1st is our annual visit in Washington to DEMSOC. 2nd Annual EMS on Capital Hill taking place in latter part of March. I have been appointed to a sub-committee in DEMSOC with regards to EMS working too many hours as much as 30 hours. Our next DEMSOC meeting is next Wednesday at Department of Public Safety. Finally, personally I thank all the guys involved with the recent loss to my family. Thanks for all the calls, help and support.

DVFA Ladies Auxiliary – No Report

State Fire Police Association – Alvin Schmick, thank you for the recognition.

DVFA Conference – John Stevenson, next meeting this coming Monday. It has been moved from Cheswold to Dover Downs. Still a few rooms available.

State Fire Prevention Commission – Dave Roberts,

Commissioner Robinson reported Public Hearing on the Ambulance Regulations, a question was brought up about billing. It was explained we do not handle billing at all. Our agenda next meeting will be a boundary dispute and EMT certification. Currently there are nine Kent County fire companies that have not turned in their contact information. Thanks to Stations 40, 41, 44, 45, 46, 50, 53, 55, 57, and Ambulance 64 for getting their information in on time. Also get your audits in we do not like fining companies.

Delaware State Fire School – No Report

State Fire Marshal's Office – Grover Engel, there was 15 fire fatalities this past year and of those only 4 had working smoke alarms. The weather has been a little crazy and we are experiencing lots of broken pipes.

Legislature – Senator Bruce C. Ennis, This is the 1st of 3 weeks we are back in session. It has been discussed about the EMS Task Force with last meeting being February 14th. Lots of proposals out there that we have come up with, additional assessment to moving violations when you pay a fine, increase Grant & Aid for EMS, local governments consider additional funding, and getting a tax from those that are self-insured again this is just a draft and we will be making a finalized report. SB 53 to do with presumption, it will be presumed if a member has disability issues with regards to heart, lungs, or cancer it was due to firefighting activities. HB112 introduce by Rep. Outten has to do with creating a special license plate for members of the International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF).

Kent County Fire Chief's Association – Derrick Brode, next meeting is February 12th at Station 47 Farmington.

Kent County Fire Police Association – Jeff Denison, our next meeting is January 21st in Harrington.

Kent County Ambulance Association – Jason Capps, next meeting in Houston January 27th. We did submit a letter to this association for support with regards to rectifying a situation at Milford Memorial Hospital and that a lack of a decon room and also a concern over backboard with blood on them creating a hazard for our EMT and Firefighters with a motion to be made under proper order of business.

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Kent County Ladies Auxiliary – Shirley Pennington, speaking on behalf of Debra Lawhead, thank you for the recognition.

Kent County Levy Court – Terry Pepper, appears funds coming into County Government look good. This week we have an annual retreat and you folks are on our mind and if you need anything just holler.

KC Emergency Dispatch Center – No Report

KC Emergency Management Agency – No Report

KC Emergency Medical Services (Paramedics) – No Report

New Castle County Volunteer Firemen's Association – No Report

Sussex County Volunteer Firemen's Association – No Report

State Recruitment and Retention – No Report

Mutual Relief – Ken Ryder, in your files tonight you have a copy of the Mutual Relief policy.

DEMA – Glenn Gillespie, thank you for the recognition.

NVFC – No Report

A motion was made, seconded, and carried for approval of the minutes of the previous meeting as printed.

Deceased Members: Station 53 – Charles (Chuck) Heverin Short, Station 54 – Bruce Marvel, Station 54 – Richard Hand, Sr., Station 41 – Robert Eberly, Station 51 – Past President Philip B. Gunter, Station 44 – Johnny B. Long.

Report of Officers – All submitted in written or electronic form. President Brode, 1200 smoke detectors here that will be passed out tonight. F.O.Y. was due tonight and I received 2 letters tonight. Many guys would like to be in Honor Guard but do not attend these meetings, please put the word out.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Robert Yerkes report of ending balances as of January 1, 2014: Roland Trader Scholarship Fund – \$10,236.38; Money Market – \$23,290.07; Checking Account – \$5,402.94; Smoke Detector Fund – \$326.60; Total of all CD's – \$17,467.12; Total funds – \$46,160.13 A motion was

made, seconded, and carried to accept the report as read.

Written Correspondence – 1st letter, from the Bowers Fire Company designating their primary and alternate delegates to the KCVFA. 2nd letter from the Leipsic Fire Company designating their primary and alternate delegates to the KCVFA. 3rd letter from the Harrington Fire Company designating their primary and alternate delegates to the KCVFA. 4th letter from the Carlisle Fire Company designating their primary and alternate delegates to the KCVFA. 5th letter from KCAA asking for support in moving forward with issue's involving Bayhealth Milford Memorial Hospital. 6th letter was a flyer from the Harrington Fire Company promoting a fund raising food event.

Report of Committees

Special Operations – Al Metheny, team leaders met with Levy Court and presented the request for \$15,000.00 on the upcoming budget to assist with maintenance and operations of the Special Ops team in Kent County.

Smoke Detectors – Jeff Dennison, spent \$6480.00 and got 1240 smoke detectors & 1050 batteries divided equally between all the companies. Everyone should pick them up tonight.

Military Recognition – John Pridemore, committee met yesterday and is making the recommendation that a one-time pin would be the best way to recognize our veterans. However, due to time constraints for March 2014 that we suggest to have a table set aside in honor of our veterans as we do for a fallen soldiers table and recognize as a whole all our veterans. Recommend that for March 2015 the committee create one pin for all veterans in all the branches of service and that they all be recognized at our March 2015 meeting. Al Metheny for clarification on March 2014, John Pridemore, we would keep the selection the way it is and have a fallen soldier table and asking those veterans present to stand and be recognized. In 2015 we would ask all those members to come and be recognized and given a one-time pin. In 2016 only those veterans new to the Fire Service would be pinned and recognized, so each year the list would be much shorter.

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Appreciation Night – Murielle Gillespie, Finally call on all tickets for the banquet. I need to see the falling companies for a head count, Stations 41, 43, 47, 53, & Ambulance 64. The banquet will be February 22, 2014 at the Felton Fire Hall.

FOY – Paula King, read a list of the committee members and reminded that they should be at a meeting Tuesday at the Fire School at 7:00 p.m. to read entries and enter a vote.

Fire Advisory Board – Marvin Sharp, we meet this Sunday at 9:00. We are looking for Chief's, President's, and Ambulance Captain and if you do not get us any information in writing by January 31st than it did not happen.

Payment of Bills – \$1,000.00 – Carlisle Ladies Auxiliary (Fire Prevention meals), \$930.32 – Muriel Gillespie (Fire Prevention Awards & Supplies), \$6,479.40 – Dover Electric Supply (Smoke Detectors & Batteries), \$13.69 – Robert Yerkes (Fire Prevention Postage, 50/50 tickets, & envelopes), \$42.00 – M & M Trophies & Awards (6 engraved plates); A motion was made, seconded, and carried to pay the bills.

Unfinished Business

Robert Yerkes, need dues from Station 55. Ralph said he would take care of it.

Al Metheny, a while back there was an approval of distribution formula. Marvin Sharp, the formula got to the County too late to be counted this past year but will be used for the next one.

New Business

Jason Capps, A motion was made and seconded, and carried to have association support KCAA efforts to resolve issues of decon room & backboards at Milford Memorial Hospital. Al Metheny, how do you want support, letter of support to your organization? Jason that would be fine.

John Pridemore, A motion was made and seconded, and carried to have Military Recognition Committee be allowed to commission and design a Veteran's pin for 2015. Al Metheny, is committee going to design a form we can use to provide you names for March meeting so we will have consistency. I have currently list that I will

send out to the Chiefs and Presidents that they can add to if necessary.

President Brode, I would like to order badges, after discussion. Steve White, a motion was made and seconded, and carried to have pocket badges created for Assistant Chaplain, Assistant Secretary and Secretary.

Al Metheny, NVFC on the Obama Care it looks like right now we will not be considered employees. Any members of the NVFC you are entitled to apply to get 24 smoke detectors.

President Brode, we have 6 resolutions to present. On Monday morning November 11, 2013 Camden Wyoming had a house fire. The heroic actions of the firefighters will be recognized. Senator Ennis read resolution for Chief Tom Rigsby, Firefighters Derrick Brode, Christopher Chase, Christopher Defresne, Spence Price, and Driver Christopher Clough.

Good of the Association

Steve White, news about airplane crash and girl laying on the ground. 2 trucks rolled over her and killed her. All involved including police getting sued issue was lack of proper training.

Ron Marvel, CFSI Dinner is coming up May 1st.

Robert Yerkes, Station 52 breakfast this Sunday 7:30 to 11:00 \$7.00

Mike McMichael, To Senator Ennis, thank you for the resolution, and what you sent for my mother's funeral Rev. Bob, my wife and I celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary in November.

50-50 – Steve White Conference Souvenir – N/A

The next meeting will be at Farmington Fire Company, Station 47– February 19, 2014

A motion was made and seconded, and carried to adjourn at 8:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Pablo Reyes, Jr., Secretary