



## Kent County Volunteer Firefighter's Association

January 16, 2019

President Brittingham called the 1032<sup>nd</sup> meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at Station 43, Cheswold Fire Company. Following dinner served by the Auxiliary of the station, Vice President O'Neal conveyed our thanks and appreciation to the Auxiliary of the station. Ken Clendaniel, President of Cheswold Fire Company gave the address of welcome; Vice President O'Neal gave the response.

**Roll Calls:** Officers: 12 present, 1 absent; Companies: 18 present, 2 absent; Past Presidents: 16 KCVFA, 10 DVFA, and 7 Fire Company.

### Introduction of Guests:

**DVFA** – President Bill Betts, Current preparing for the JFC hearing on February 11<sup>th</sup> at Legislative Hall for those that want to join us, we would love to see you there. Some items are that: \$75,000 permanently included for the 50/50 Fire Prevention funds, \$1 million added to Revolving Loan fund to increase to \$4 million, Increase State Tax deduction to \$500.00, Looking for State Assistance in Recruitment and Retention, and an increase to Insurance Tax Formula. 800 Radio's we need to replace radios that will not meet P25 system in 2024, we need companies provide their inventories so we will know how many to ask for. Currently there is still 40 companies not reporting their inventories. Please make sure you get in your new officer's list in, there is a form you can use on the Fire Commissioners website. <https://statefirecommission.delaware.gov/forms-reports> We have been meeting with the legislatures, if you have not had a meeting with yours just call us and let us know we can help you out. Lastly, CFSI meeting is April 25<sup>th</sup> registration forms will be on our website next week.

**State Fire Chief's Association** – Derrick Brode, next meeting is January 24<sup>th</sup> at Station 8 with guest speaker Jack Wilson from the Fire School doing a presentation on Commercial Building Fires.

**State EMS** – Mike McMichael on behalf of President Jason Capps, next meeting is Saturday March 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. at the Fire School. 2018 BLS Protocols were completed. National EMS Advisory council, where do you think EMS is going to be by 2050? Did you get your flu shot yet? 37 deaths state-wide were flu related that could have been avoided. Shirley Pennington, trying to get fund raisers together to get better speakers for EMS at the conference. One fund raiser is designer bag bingo one in each county. 1<sup>st</sup> one is in Aetna February 10<sup>th</sup> and we will sell out. March will be at Harrington for Kent and April will be at Indian River for Sussex.

**DVFA Ladies Auxiliary** – No Report

**State Fire Police Association** – Les States, our next meeting is February 17<sup>th</sup> 9:00 at Fire School

**DVFA Conference** – Joe Zeroles, committees are working hard and one is working on the Logo at this time. Our next meeting is in March the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday. Letters need to be in to Dover Downs for rooms by February 15<sup>th</sup>.

**State Fire Prevention Commission** – Al Robinson, we had a meeting yesterday the 15<sup>th</sup> Kent County leads the state in delinquent DFIRs Reports with 7 please get with the Fire Marshal and get these up to date. We need to get the BLS Financial Reports in by February 1<sup>st</sup> remind your folks to get them in. Dr. Matthews, all EMT's are reminded to fill out patient care report even for patient refusals. We did pass the Ambulance Funding. Next meeting is the 19<sup>th</sup> of February.

**Delaware State Fire School** – No Report

**State Fire Marshal's Office** – Yesterday on the Fire from Laurel had an individual go to the hospital and today that person passed away for 1<sup>st</sup> fire related death for the year.

**Legislature** – No Report

**Kent County Fire Chief's Association** – Derrick Brode, January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 at Kent Center please tell your chiefs or their designees there will be an Operations Meeting and the topic will be helicopter usage, rescue billing, and self-dispatching.

**Kent County Fire Police Association** – Mike Berry, next meeting February 19<sup>th</sup> at Cheswold

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Kent County Emergency Medical Services Committee – No Report

Kent County Ladies Auxiliary – Sandra Robinson, our next meeting is January 22<sup>nd</sup> at South Bowers 7:00 p.m.

Kent County Levy Court – No Report

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 – our next meeting at Station 29 on February 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

Sussex County Volunteer Firemen's Association – No Report

State Recruitment and Retention – No Report

Mutual Relief – Steve White, our next meeting is February 19<sup>th</sup> Anyone that has not paid for insurance has until the 31<sup>st</sup>

DEMA – No Report

NVFC – No Report

Delmarva Firefighter's Association – Elmer Steele, No Report

International Chief's – No Report

*A motion was made, seconded, and carried for approval of the minutes of the KCVFA November 2018 meeting as printed.*

**Deceased Members:** Station 48 – R. Wayne Walters, Station 47 – George B. Langford

**Report of Officers:** All submitted or to be submitted in written or electronic form.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Shirley Pennington report of ending balances as of November 30, 2018: *Roland Trader Scholarship Fund – \$13,610.78; Special Operations Fund – \$24,922.55; Money Market – \$18,203.88; Smoke Detector Fund – \$806.60; Firefighter's Relief Fund – \$7,593.00; Checking Account – \$9,621.50; Total of all CD's – \$17,646.29; Total funds – \$37,072.07 not including Scholarship, Special Ops Funds, Relief or Smoke Detector Funds. And as of December 31, 2018: *Roland Trader Scholarship Fund – \$13,611.36; Special Operations Fund – \$24,922.55; Money Market – \$18,204.65; Smoke Detector Fund – \$806.60; Firefighter's Relief Fund – \$7,593.00; Checking Account – \$15,772.37; Total of all CD's – \$17,646.29; Total funds – \$43,223.71 not including Scholarship, Special Ops Funds, Relief or Smoke Detector Funds. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to accept the Treasurer's Report's.**

**Written or Email Correspondence:** 2 letter's, 1<sup>st</sup> letter from the Hartly Volunteer Fire Company announcing their delegates. 2<sup>nd</sup> letter, from The Salvation Army thanking us for the Kettle Volunteers collecting \$2,554.13 to help the Salvation Army.

### **Report of Committees:**

Appreciation Banquet – Murielle Gillespie, tonight was the deadline the time to get your tickets back or your monies in. I am still looking Stations 41, 43, 44, and Ambulance 64 tickets back or money tonight. February 23<sup>rd</sup> see you all there.

**Payment of Bills:** by Treasurer Shirley Pennington || No Bills

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**Unfinished Business:**

None

**New Business:**

Donna Sivley, on the first day we collected for The Salvation Army \$1,248.63 and on the second day largest of the day we collected \$1,305.50. Do you want to continue in the program again in December? Dates open are 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> with an answer by next month.

Glenn Gillespie, A motion was made and seconded, and carried to approach Kent County Levy Court in renaming "Kent Count Public Safety" Building to the "Donald W. Knight Emergency Operations Center"

President Brittingham, I have a resignation from Phillip Russell Station 55 for his position on the Fire Advisory Board. I have appointed Past President Earle Dempsey Station 55 to complete the remainder of his term.

President Brittingham, I have reached out to the Insurance Commissioner working back with President Bill Betts regarding Kent County seeming to be shorted money from the Tax Insurance Rebate funds. It appeared we were about \$3000 shy from New Castle and Sussex. They have assured me that is not the case, our numbers must be wrong. We are looking at it again and will report back in the next month or two. Next meeting, I will have a binder for all the companies with important dates and contact information. Can you encourage your officers to attend next county meeting? And also provide us the new contact information.

**Good of the Association:**

None

50-50 – Erica Scott

Conference Souvenir –

*The next meeting will be at Station 44 Citizens-Hose, Smyrna – February 20, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.*

A motion was made and seconded, and carried to adjourn at 8:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Pablo Reyes, Jr., Secretary