



Kent County Volunteer Firefighter's Association

January 18, 2017

Vice President Dennison called the 1010th meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at Station 57, South Bowers Fire Company. Following dinner served by the Ladies Auxiliary of the station, Past President Ryder conveyed our thanks to the Auxiliary of the station. Jack Potter, President of South Bowers Fire Company gave the address of welcome; Vice President Dennison gave the response.

Roll Calls: Officers: 10 present, 3 absent; Companies: 19 present, 1 absent; Past Presidents: 9 KCVFA, 6 DVFA, and 8 Fire Company.

Introduction of Guests:

DVFA – President Ted Wallis, turned over to Vice President Bill Betts, Fire Service Symposium is March 11, 2017 at Rehoboth Beach, and topics will be Legislative Financial Overview Taskforce recommendations. Highly suggested President's and other Administrative Officers attend this regarding handling of monies. Another is Combination Fire Departments, 3 person panel to answer questions. After Symposium a task force will be assembled from leadership of the Delaware Fire Companies. You will need to register on the website. March Exec meeting will be March 19 instead of the 12th. We still have a number of detectors available, contact Paul Eichler or Jeff Dennison. This year's CFSI is April 6th and we are looking for a good show from Delaware.

State Fire Chief's Association – Terry Jester, we had a very good May Day policy workshop with 93 people attending. There will be a different tone sent out from the ones we currently use. It should be available in the mid-fall. Once the policy is set and tone is agreed on we should be good. Our next meeting is next Thursday night at Station 15, Delaware City.

State EMS – Mike McMichael's, per President Matt Gajdos meeting is the day before State Chiefs at the Fire School except for June it will be with the State Fire Chiefs at the Expo in Harrington. Most of the EMT's got their BLS Protocols done before the end of the year. Remind EMT's/EMR's next meeting at the Fire School next Wednesday.

DVFA Ladies Auxiliary – No Report

State Fire Police Association – Les States, thanks for the recognition.

DVFA Conference – John Stevenson, room contracts have been sent out and next meeting is on January 30th at Dover Downs.

State Fire Prevention Commission – Ron Marvel, BLS Financial Reports due in prior to March 30th. We also are still having issues with some Audits; you typically have 6 months and two weeks to get them in. Talk to your EMT's if they get locked up they need to report it.

Delaware State Fire School – No Report

State Fire Marshal's Office – No Report

Legislature – No Report

Kent County Fire Chief's Association – Mark Langford, our next meeting is February 8th at South Bowers. Shirley Pennington, we need you to update your companies information/changes for Chiefs with both us and Kent Center.

Kent County Fire Police Association – Jeff Dennison, our next meeting is February 21st at Little Creek. Les States, we have a committee looking for an SOP to be adopted regarding 10-8 with Kent Center and for recognition of appointment.

Kent County Emergency Medical Services Association – Shirley Pennington, we will not be having a meeting this month. At the next meeting at Bowers on February 27th, we will have letters for 1st and 2nd Vice President and Secretary. Please put the word out we need EMT's attendance at the next meeting.

Kent County Ladies Auxiliary – Shirley Pennington, thank you for the recognition, our next meeting is 24th of this month in Clayton. Donna Sivley, an issue has come up saying some of the meals are not up to par at the Fire School.

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We are asking, what do you want to eat? What are your ideas? If there is an issue please let us know, write it on the end of course review sheets. We wish to serve you to the best of our ability. See me or call 302-424-1933

Kent County Levy Court – No Report

KC Emergency Dispatch Center – No Report

KC Emergency Management Agency – No Report

KC Emergency Medical Services (Paramedics) – Earle Briel, thanks for the recognition.

New Castle County Volunteer Firemen's Association – No Report

Sussex County Volunteer Firemen's Association – Terry Jester, our next meeting is January 24th at Carlisle.

State Recruitment and Retention – No Report

Mutual Relief – Steve White, reminder on January 31st must be in for discount.

DEMA – No Report

NVFC – No Report

Delmarva Firefighter's Association – Clay Yocum, in November a special committee was formed for the Queens contest and how to fix it. We discussed handling the crossing of State Lines, the association is not big enough so we sent out letters and got two responses back, and it will be discussed further at the February 12th meeting.

International Chiefs – Bill Betts, reservations are open at the Atlantic City Hotels. There are going to be many good guest speakers. Cost is \$125 for attending includes food.

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

Deceased Members: Station 48 – Charles R. Layton, Jr., Station 43 – Thomas W. Nickerson, Jr., Station 43 – William Bishop, Station 46 – Donald Edward Ellis

Report of Officers – All submitted in written or electronic form, except for President Post.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Robert Yerkes report of ending balances as of January 1, 2017: Roland Trader Scholarship Fund – \$12,236.48; Special Operations Fund – \$33,433.51; Money Market – \$18,148.03; Smoke Detector Fund – \$656.60; Checking Account – \$6,056.74; Total of all CD's – \$17,540.64; Total funds – \$75,178.92. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to accept the Treasurer's Report.

Written Correspondence – 6 items, 1st Leipsic Volunteer Fire Company announcing their primary and alternate delegates. 2nd Dover Air Force Base announcing their primary and alternate delegates. 3rd Hartly Volunteer Fire Company announcing their primary and alternate delegates. 4th Camden-Wyoming Fire Company announcing their primary and alternate delegates. 5th American Legion Ambulance Station 64 discussing the resignation of President Post from a paid position and his continued good standing as a volunteer with Life Member Status. 6th A card from the Kent County Ladies Auxiliary with play-money of \$100 wishing us a Happy New Year.

Report of Committees

Appreciation Night – Muriel Gillespie, all companies were told their tickets and/or monies should be in tonight. Mr. Yerkes no later than the 31st of January and the \$50 is due in to Mr. Yerkes no later than the 1st week of February. **Fire Prevention** – Muriel Gillespie, thanks to all that participated at the awards. If you are having problems getting into any of the schools please let us know. DVFA has reached out with the Superintendents and they are supposed to be onboard.

DVFA Scholarship – Allen Metheny, per Mr. O'Neal scholarship information will be available on the website by the end of this week.

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Payment of Bills – \$531.12 – Muriel Gillespie (Fire Prevention Expenses); \$74.57 – Muriel Gillespie (Banquet Tickets); \$25.24 – Jeff Dennison (Fire Prevention Postage); \$2,531.34 – Cheswold Fire Company (Repairs on Special Ops Unit); \$891.22 – Hartly Fire Company (DOT Inspection and Repairs); \$1,047.60 – Cheswold Fire Company (Special Ops T-Shirts); A motion was made, seconded, and carried to pay the bills.

Unfinished Business –

Robert Yerkes, A question was brought up on the finances of the association with regards to the large amount on hand. The monies for the Special Ops and Scholarships are ear-marked for special use. The amount on hand is not as large as it may appear. Only one company is questioning this and they have not paid their dues.

New Business

Vice President Dennison, any action needed on the letter for President Post? After a little discussion it was determined no action required on the letter.

Question, Can an invoice be sent by Treasurer to one company without an invoice for Appreciation Night? They were assured they would get one.

Treasurer Yerkes is asking for action to be taken on CD \$6400 coming due? After a short discussion, a motion was made and seconded, and carried to roll-over the CD.

Good of the Association

Ron Marvel, Bobby Halton editor of Fire Engineering at the Dover Fire House interviewing Lou Amabili and can be found on the Fire Engineering website. It was a very informative discussion of the Delaware Fire Service as seen from one of our own Delaware natives.

www.firefighternation.com/articles/2016/12/trusted-voices-bobby-halton-and-lou-amabili.html

Randy, Thanks to all that helped with the December Salvation Army event. We generated \$2651.00 for our two days effort. We hope to see more people out there next year.

50-50 – Billie Fisler

Conference Souvenir –

The next meeting will be at Station 40, Bowers – February 15, 2017 7:00 p.m.

A motion was made and seconded, and carried to adjourn at 8:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Pablo Reyes, Jr., Secretary