



Kent County Volunteer Firefighter's Association January 20, 2016

President Dempsey called the 999th meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at Station 47, Farmington Fire Company. Following dinner served by the Ladies Auxiliary of the station, Vice President Dennison conveyed our thanks to the Auxiliary of the station. Ron Vincent, President of Farmington Fire Company gave the address of welcome; Vice President Dennison gave the response.

Roll Calls: Officers: 10 present, 3 absent; Companies: 18 present, 1 absent; Past Presidents: 17 KCVFA, 8 DVFA, and 11 Fire Company.

Introduction of Guests:

DVFA – President Joe Zeroles, We have appointed a conference committee to look at the budget and conference overall and looking to make recommendations at the March meeting. Delaware Fire Service Leadership symposium is to be held at the Hyatt in Dewey Beach. Check the Fire School website for a small registration fee. We have a block of rooms reserved with limit of 400 people get registered early. Expecting attendance from the officers both fire line and administrative. DVFA also has rooms available in Indianapolis for the FDIC Conference. January 26th DVFA Officers will be meeting with the Governor and hoping for a good outcome. March 31st CFSI hoping to get at least 4 or more attending per company to get our numbers up.

State Fire Chief's Association – Jeff Dennison, next meeting January 28th at Townsend with our guest speaker Ted Lowden a Chief from New Jersey

State EMS – Mike McMichael, on behalf Jennifer Knox who could not be here our next meeting is January 28th at Townsend in conjunction with the State Fire Chiefs.

DVFA Ladies Auxiliary – No Report

State Fire Police Association – Alvin Schmick, February 21st at the Delaware State Fire School, any new Fire Police that need training will be February 5th at Frederica.

DVFA Conference – John Stevenson, contract goes out after the 1st of February. There is a cancellation clause if no more than 48 hours' notice you will be charged.

State Fire Prevention Commission – Ron Marvel, we had a meeting yesterday and we de-certified one private ambulance in the State of Delaware and will become effective when we memorialize that and sign it. Another effort on the audit, please ask for extension if you cannot get it in on time. Any members arrested have to self-report that information, it will come up in Deljis system. Traffic fine money became available the first of the year, you should have checks by the end of the month. It is about \$17 and change for every run made between Jul 1 and December 31st last year.

Delaware State Fire School – No Report

State Fire Marshal's Office – Grover Engle, we ended 2015 with 8 fires with 4 working fire alarms. So far this year we have 3 fire deaths already. We are moving forward with filling Kent County Deputy Fire Marshal position we have had some interviews with a start date of March 14th. We need all the contact information in for President's and Chief's. Also anyone need help with DFIRS we would be happy to help.

Legislature – Representative Outten thanks for the recognition. Senator Ennis, just a couple of things, Tuesday's is usually committee's days. SB 124 Paramedics special tags and plates for both active and retired did clear committee. We are hoping to come up with a separate bill for the Volunteer Fire Service, and the Paramedics in Grant & Aid and possibly the Veteran's. There is a lot of talk to have sprinklers in new home construction.

Kent County Fire Chief's Association – Mark Langford, thanks for the recognition.

Kent County Fire Police Association – Jeff Dennison, we had our meeting last night there will be a letter coming forward to this organization about communications with Kent Center to have them acknowledge the Fire Police on their reports to show the Fire Police responding. Our next meeting is February 16th at Camden-Wyoming.

Kent County Emergency Medical Services Association – Jill Wilson, we are in conjunction with the Chiefs association working on two different policies of which one is the Active Shooter. Also for the next BLS games in September we can use all the help we can get.

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Kent County Ladies Auxiliary – thanks for the recognition our next meeting is on January 25th at Marydel.

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 – No Report

Sussex County Volunteer Firemen's Association – Ron O'Neal our next meeting January 26th at Rehoboth Beach

State Recruitment and Retention – No Report

Mutual Relief – Steve White, we just had a meeting last night. All County President's will be getting a letter with regards to a bylaw change to affect the funeral expense beneficiary. Right now it is going to the Funeral Homes even with pre-paid.

Working on a draft PowerPoint to have out by March so we can come around and talk to the various companies and our next meeting is February 29th at Station 49. Senator Ennis, clarification Companies did not get bill for normal insurance we get? Steve White, only discount is to have in prior to January 31st. Any companies that did not get their bills let me know.

DEMA – Glenn Gillespie shared some weather concerns with the upcoming storm with potentially high waves. Senator Ennis, offer invitation of attendance to new Director of DEMA and Public Safety Director.

NVFC – No Report

Delmarva Firefighter's Association – Clay Yocum next meeting is February 7th at Station 78 Greenwood.

International Chiefs – No Report

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

Deceased Members: Station 41 – Delmas Failing, Station 55 – Francis "Snooky" Powell, Sr., Station 57 – Jack French, Station 44 – Leon Collins Jr., Station 44 – Anthony B. Payne

Report of Officers – All submitted in written or electronic form. President Dempsey, Thanks to the Fire Prevention Committee and those in attendance to the Awards event. Planning for Safe Summer Days is June 11th and asking for participation from all companies and ambulance with equipment and apparatus. Reminder Fire Companies were to donate \$1000 to the DVFA Memorial Fund so far only 7 companies have made donations. The other 12 companies please make a donation to the DVFA Memorial Fund. Reminder the next meeting is our 1000th meeting. Thanks to all that worked 11 hours to raise \$1500 plus for the Salvation Army. Appreciation night F.O.Y. nominations are due tonight.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Robert Yerkes report of ending balances as of January 1, 2015: Roland Trader Scholarship Fund – \$11,901.57; Special Operations Fund – \$22,908.88; Money Market – \$19,932.10; Smoke Detector Fund – \$624.60; Checking Account – \$4,062.97; Total of all CD's – \$17,540.64; Total funds – \$64,444.59. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to accept the Treasurer's Report.

Written Correspondence – 5 letters, 1st from the Hartly Volunteer Fire Company announcing their primary and alternate KCVFA delegates. 2nd letter from the Dover Fire Company announcing their primary and alternate KCVFA delegates. 3rd letter from the Bowers Volunteer Fire Company announcing their primary and alternate KCVFA delegates. 4th from the Leipsic Volunteer Fire Company announcing their primary and alternate KCVFA delegates. 5th letter from the Frederica Volunteer Fire Company endorsing Willard (Bill) Betts, Jr. for 2nd Vice President for the DVFA.

Report of Committees

Fire Prevention – Muriel Gillespie, Fire Prevention asking for help to visit schools.

Appreciation Night – Muriel Gillespie, Appreciation Night tickets need them tonight if not I need them by next week. A meeting is scheduled for Sunday pending weather.

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Payment of Bills – \$1,000.00 – DVFA Foundation (Memorial Donation); \$529.17 – Muriel Gillespie (Fire Prevention); \$39.20 Pablo Reyes (80 Stamps); \$1,013.44 – 4 Imprint (1,000th mtg Glasses); \$1,234.00 – Jeff Dennison (1,000th mtg Coins); \$321.00 – M&M Trophies & Awards (6 Past President's Badges); \$82.99 – Debra Lawhead (1,000th mtg expenses); \$180.73 – Cheswold Fire Company (Special Operations Expense); \$822.08 – Hartly Fire Company (Special Operations Expense); A motion was made, seconded, and carried to pay the bills.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Michael Brittingham, in reference to Fire Prevention, we are lucky to have 5 schools and hand out about 150 packets in our district with only getting 3 responses. A motion was made and seconded, and carried to send a letter to the DVFA asking for assistance with Fire Prevention out in the schools. Discussion followed: Al Metheny commented this is first year that Hartly did not participate. Suggested an inclusion in DVFA letter for legislation to make the schools to provide x number of hours on Fire Prevention at the Elementary level. "Reason given to Hartly was they had no time". Murielle, suggested ask for a meeting with DOE that they have this the first days of school. Al Metheny, DOE says they have no control over the school districts.

Wakeup Delaware on the out, are we looking to buy smoke detectors for the fire departments in the county? Robert Yerkes suggests we use our own money to buy them. Jeff Dennison, I believe if we can still keep getting money from Levy Court we should provide our companies with the smoke detectors that we can. Harold Brode, A motion was made and seconded, and carried to have Harold Brode represent the KCVFA to go to Levy Court and request additional funds from the Kent County Levy Court. Comments: Bob Outten, why doesn't the KCVFA buy some smoke detectors? Robert Yerkes, do what you want.

Good of the Association

Jeff Eisenbrey, March 12th Citizens Hose will have our 3rd Annual Sportsman Show 9am to 3pm. We will be chancing off a couple of guns or you can choose to have a \$500 gift certificate. It has had about 1000 people come through the doors in the past. It is on our website and Facebook page.

Jasper Lakey, presented Clayton Fire Company with an old program from a memorable time dated May 15, 1991 when Clayton celebrated their 100th anniversary with thanks for allowing him to attend that day.

Steve White thanks to Mike McMichael for taking care of the back boards.

50-50 – Ted Wallis

Conference Souvenir –

The next meeting will be at Felton Fire Company, Station 48 – February 18, 2016 7:00 p.m.

A motion was made and seconded, and carried to adjourn at 8:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Pablo Reyes, Jr., Secretary