



Kent County Volunteer Firefighter's Association

October 15, 2014

President Brode called the 987th meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at Station 48, Felton Fire Company. Following dinner served by the Ladies Auxiliary of the station, Vice President Dempsey conveyed our thanks to the Auxiliary. Terry Killen, President of the Felton Community Fire Company gave the address of welcome; Vice President Dempsey gave the response.

Deviation: A motion and was made, seconded, and carried to deviate from the regular order of business for Kent County Levy Court to present checks to the Kent County Volunteer Firefighter Association member companies. Commissioner Brooks Banta introduced the members of Levy Court present. They then distributed the Kent County Levy Court checks to the member companies present and each company signed for their checks. KCVFA signed for the Special Operations check. A motion and was made, seconded, and carried that we go back to the regular order of business.

Roll Calls: Officers: 12 present, 2 absent; Companies: 18 present, 1 absent; Past Presidents: 13 KCVFA, 8 DVFA, and 11 Fire Company Presidents.

Introduction of Guests:

DVFA – President Anthony Guzzo, greetings from the DVFA followed by introduction of officers. Joe Zeroles, wrap up meeting for the conference is next Monday on October 20th at Station 43 Cheswold. Any questions contact DVFA office. September 24th the Governor signed the 3 EMS bills and also Home-town Hero bill. The DVFA and Commission met with the Joint Finance Committee at Legislative Hall talked about monies for Fire Prevention and was very well received.

State Fire Chief's Association – Stephen (Redman) Maichle, next meeting is January 29th at Station 22, Keynote will be Greg Knowles. March 26th at Station 89 in Slaughter Beach our Guest Speaker will be Randy Brown. Our Expo will be held in Harrington on June 25th starting at 3:00 with meeting at 6:30. Complaints were being made about vendors being gone. Wrap-up is September 17th at Station 43 Cheswold with guest speaker Billy Goldfeder.

State EMS Association – PJ Gosch, thanks for the recognition our meeting follows with the Chiefs on January 29th.

DVFA Ladies Auxiliary – Thanks for the recognition.

State Fire Police Association – No Report

DVFA Conference – John Stevenson trying to get contracts out earlier this year. Get with me about how many rooms you will need next year.

State Fire Prevention Commission – Marvin Sharp, not a whole lot going on right now. As soon as you are done with elections get the updated information to us.

Delaware State Fire School – No Report

State Fire Marshal's Office – Grover Engels, thanks to all Fire Companies for your activities this past week. There are some haunted house events coming up make sure people are safe.

Legislature – Senator Bruce Ennis, we had a special session on October 8th where Senate had to confirm some judges. Last month on the 24th at Cheswold the signing was well attended although we did not get much publicity. Mentioned last meeting that it be required the certified food processors. It looks like it will not be necessary for ladies auxiliary, churches and groups

Kent County Fire Chief's Association – Chris Clough thanks for the recognition.

Kent County Fire Police Association – Jeff Denison, our next meeting is October 21st at Station 42.

Kent County Ambulance Association – Christine Davila our next meeting is October 27th at Station 49

Kent County Ladies Auxiliary – Debra Lawhead, thank you for the recognition, next meeting is November 25th at Harrington. For those that elect to go back into State Medical contact the Benefit's Office Faith Rentz 739-8331

Kent County Levy Court – Pleasure to be here.

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 – Jay Jones thanks for the recognition our next meeting is the 28th at Indian River. Clay Yocum, thanks for the recognition

State Recruitment and Retention – No Report

Mutual Relief – Steve White, our next meeting is November 8th at Frederica at 19:00

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DEMA – Glenn Gillespie, Fire Companies should have received this week from State Fire Prevention Commission regarding protective equipment relating to the Ebola virus. If you have not received the information call the Commission office. The sooner we can get the information out the easier it will be for advanced notice.

NVFC – No Report

Delmarva Firefighter's Association – Ralph Satterfield, just finished our Fire Prevention Queen contest in Magnolia.

International Chief's – Bill, No Report

A motion was made, seconded, and carried for approval of the minutes of the previous meeting as printed. (With a correction from October 22nd to October 27th in the Kent County Ambulance Association paragraph.)

Deceased Members: Station 40 – Rodney Fields, Station 52 – Ernest Harding

Report of Officers – All submitted in written or electronic form. President Harold Brode, thanks for **all** your support and one the best things I did was taking Brandon into the organization.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Robert Yerkes report of ending balances as of October 1, 2014: Roland Trader Scholarship Fund – \$11,492.84; Money Market – \$24,860.53; Checking Account – \$298.78; Smoke Detector Fund – \$646.60; Total of all CD's – \$17,502.10; Total funds – \$42,661.41 Treasurer's Report was accepted.

Written Correspondence – 1 Letter presented by the Camden-Wyoming Fire Company requesting the Delaware Volunteer Firemen's Mutual Relief Association provide a detailed financial report.

Report of Committees

CISM – Blake Bowers, Just a reminder that CISM meets on the 1st Thursday of each month at the Citizen's Hose next meeting November 6th we are still looking for more volunteers and also please make a distinction as to whether you need my services as a Chaplin or CISM. Fire Prevention – Earle Dempsey, important dates as follows; all packets due back by 5 p.m. November 7th

delivery to 911 center or Fire School; Committee will meet at Station 49 to judge on 1 p.m. November 9th and Awards for winners 4 p.m. December 7th at Carlisle Station 42 having cookies and punch. Any questions see us.

Appreciation Night – Murielle Gillespie, Appreciation Night will be February 28th 2015 at Felton. Tickets will be at the next meeting here. You need to get your Firefighter of the Year in a sealed envelope to the President by the January meeting.

Fire Advisory – Marvin Sharp, next meeting Monday night at 7:00 in Magnolia. Thanks to all the Levy Court Commissioners.

Payment of Bills – \$600.00 – Harold Brode (Past President's Expenses); \$94.26 – M&M Trophies & Awards – (Past President Plaque); A motion was made, seconded, and carried to pay the bills.

Unfinished Business

Jeff Denison, Over on the table are 10 year smoke detectors and once batteries go dead that is it. Please sign for them I would rather not take them back, there are 2 boxes per company. Any companies that need supplies get with me and I will continue to work with companies on their individual needs.

President Brode, donated \$600 check back to the Smoke Detector Fund.

Program turned over to Vice President Ryder for the installation of officers.

Installation of Officers

Vice President Ryder called the following offices for the installation ceremonies with Past President Joe Zeroles presiding President – Ken Ryder, 1st Vice President – Earle Dempsey, 2nd Vice President – Allan Post, Secretary – Pablo Reyes, Jr, Treasurer – Robert Yerkes, 1st Open Director – James Wosnicki, 2nd Open Director Jeff Eisenbrey. After the ceremony Past President Joe Zeroles declared all the officer's duly installed. Photo-ops and pinning.

Past President Harold Brode presented gifts to the officer's during his tenure. It was followed by President Ryder presenting a plaque to Past President Brode recognizing his service's as President for this past year.

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Next, Harrington Fire Company represented by Rob Brode & Mark Scribner presented a plaque to Past President Harold Brode.

President Ryder, with a few comments. 1st is a few thanks' Joe Zeroles, our many affiliated organizations, President Brode and officers and yes get ready for another busy year. Also, DVFA Officer's and Fire Commission thanks for your support to include transportation. Station 48 thanks for your help and support. Lastly, friends, family, and my wife thank you all. Where we are going and what we are going to do. We are heading in the right direction and we will continue this direction unless the association sees fit to change that direction. We have worked closely with the Kent County Levy Court with communication, concession, and cooperation were necessary to reach this threshold. Make no mistake we are going to continue to move forward.

New Business

Senator Bruce Ennis, Bring up an issue for consideration. Most of the delegates that attended the annual meeting at the DVFA conference saw the financial report for the Mutual Relief Association and it was a pretty sizable figure. The Mutual Relief Association underwrote a supplemental policy last year and paid for an extension of the policy to cover additional months. I would like to make a motion that this association go on record sending a letter to the Mutual Relief Association asking for consideration on underwriting the 2015 supplemental policy to the AD&D insurance that we get. Worse that can happen is that say no but at least we need to go on record. Motion was seconded, (Jeff stated that at that meeting, there was a vote taken on the AD&D and it was passed that the companies would absorb the extra \$300 this year. If we look at something it is going to have to be a year away. I disagree with the letter, possibly send a letter of concern) (Senator Ennis I did not get the information I was asking for. I realize they took a motion; it is up to their bylaws and their attorneys. In view of the finances I saw in the report there should be consideration to pay for the supplemental policy. President Ryder asked Senator Ennis to restate the motion. Senator Bruce Ennis, I would like to make a motion that this association go on record sending a letter to the Mutual Relief Association asking for consideration

on underwriting the supplemental policy for the companies in the State of Delaware to the AD&D insurance that we get. Ralph second the motion, the motion carried.

Allen Metheny, a motion was made and seconded, and carried to create a separate account for the Special Operations funds.

Good of the Association

Past President Brode thanks all for the gifts and mentioned that Clayton is creating a Brick Paver to recognize accomplishments with a special thanks to them. Steve White, November 1st annual craft show at Frederica with free admission

Allen Metheny, Salad and Soup sale, this Saturday, also 25th is our fall Public Dinner.

Terry Killen, Saturday our annual firemen's supper \$18 for adults.

New Castle County 5K run at 12:00 November 15th.

Houston Auxiliary this Sunday \$7 for breakfast

50-50 – Ted Walius Conference Souvenir –

The next meeting will be at Magnolia Fire Company, Station 55 – November 19, 2014

A motion was made and seconded, and carried to adjourn at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Pablo Reyes, Jr., Secretary