



Kent County Volunteer Firefighter's Association

October 16, 2013

President Pridemore called the 976th meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at Station 50, Harrington Fire Company. Following dinner served by the Ladies Auxiliary of the station, Vice President Ryder presented our thanks to the Auxiliary. Mark Scribner, Jr., Vice President of the Harrington Fire Company gave the address of welcome; Vice President Ryder gave the response.

Roll Calls: Officers: 12 present, 1 absent; Companies: 17 present, 2 absent; Past Presidents: 16 KCVFA, 13 DVFA, and 13 Fire Company Presidents.

Introduction of Guests:

DVFA – Richard Toulson, Congratulations to the President Pridemore and looking forward to working with incoming President Brode. Sad news is that Melissa Kiser's Grandmother has passed away and she will not be in the office for the next couple of days, she is taking it pretty hard. EMS Task Force we have found in our efforts to get extra funding and by November 14th we will need reports filled out by everyone again. This should help Task Force make good decisions. The Surplus Equipment workshop will be held November 17th and there are two types of equipment that will be available are DOD you can keep and Federal you cannot keep (they can recall it) along with some conditions. Conference site selection committee is working hard with 17 packets out with a report due back at December meeting. Earl Dempsey and Warren Jones are working Recruitment and Retention. Earl met at Governor's office with Staff, Secretaries of Homeland Security, Health and Social Services and OMB seeking feedback outside of the box. We did walk away from there with some good thoughts and directions with help on added PSA, and a possible Volunteer Firefighter's Week in April 6-13 to include a statewide open house(April 13th) at the fire companies. Also we will be on the State website as part of a Volunteer area of website. On the revolving loan we met last week and have increases in 3 areas, facilities \$200,000 or 50%, equipment up to \$100,000, used trucks up to \$100,000, and tankers up to \$300,000 or 50%. We have \$900,000 in the fund now, anyone want a loan it is 2%.

State Fire Chief's Association – Phil Pennington, our next meeting is in January 30th at Station 24 Odessa followed on March 27th at Delmar and June 26th at Harrington.

State EMS Association – Jennifer Knox, our next meeting is in January 30th at Station 24 Odessa.

DVFA Ladies Auxiliary – No Report

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

DVFA Conference – John Stevenson, We will be having a wrap-up meeting next Monday. The date for the conference has not yet been decided. We will let you know sometime after the Executive meeting in December. Anyone who wants to be on a committee let me know.

State Fire Prevention Commission – Alan Robinson, Had meeting yesterday and as of last week there were 4 reports delinquent in Kent County for DFIRS – 43, 45, 50, 57. It is possible they are in by now. DMERS reporting for the Ambulance is working very well now. We cleared many investigations. There will be a public hearing in November for the Ambulance Regulations. EMS Funding Report, Alan and I volunteered to re-do the report. Hopefully so everyone will be reporting the same information and make it less confusing. In a week you should have a copy. Next meeting is November 19th at the Fire School.

Delaware State Fire School – No Report

State Fire Marshal's Office – Grover Engel, we have one fatality where the person was found deceased in resident still under investigation. Look forward to working with you.

Legislature – Representative's W.C. (Trey) Paradee, William Robert Outten, and Senator Bruce C. Ennis, Tenant's Rights is a good bill for the fire service, it prohibits any tenant living in an apartment or rental from tampering with smoke & carbon monoxide detectors. Two bills pending we need to get behind. One is the Surf Fishing & Tag bill allows active firefighter's and paramedics to get Surf Fishing permits and SB 31 allows Auxiliary to have them as

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well. Also SB 53 if you join Fire Service and develop Cancer or Heart problems it is presumed due to hazardous duties in fire service and only affects new firefighter's. Be on the look-out for these bills. EMS Task Force met for 2nd time October 6th and we had 3 Fire Companies give good presentations. We are waiting on the reports so we can get definite figures from the ambulance service. Senator Dave Lawson, thanks for recognition.

Kent County Fire Chief's Association – Derrick Brode, next meeting is November 13th at Station 44 Smyrna.

Kent County Fire Police Association – Jeff Denison, next meeting November 19th at Station 49.

Kent County Ambulance Association – Jason Capps, next meeting is at Station 40 Bowers on October 28th.

Kent County Ladies Auxiliary – Debra Lawhead, thank you for the recognition, next meeting November 25th at Cheswold.

Kent County Levy Court – Brooks Banta, Eric Buckson, Jody Sweeny, Glen Howell, Terry Pepper, & Michael Petit de Mange, all presented checks to the KCVFA member companies. Brooks Banta stated this is his 17th year for making presentations. President Pridemore, we went from \$365,000 to \$600,000 this year. Brooks Banta, 2 more things like to present Special County pin's to incoming President Brode and also outgoing President Pridemore.

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 – Dan Carrier, Thanks for the recognition and look forward to working with you in the future.

Sussex County Volunteer Firemen's Association – No Report

State Recruitment and Retention – No Report

Mutual Relief – Ken Ryder, Mutual Relief at the conference AD&D policy went into effect same day it was voted on.

DEMA – Glenn Gillespie, Thanks 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 52 – Harry Lindale, Station 44 – David M. Collins, Delaware State Ambulance Association – Mike Smith.

Report of Officers – All submitted in written or electronic form. President Pridemore, Thanks to DVFA and all Associations for your support through my term in office. Thanks to all Past Presidents and to the Clayton Fire Company. Special Thanks to Kevin Wilson and Jim Cabbage for introducing me to this path. To my family thank you for making sacrifices along the way. Challenge to the association is to keep working on resolving funding issues. Thanks to all Kent County Fire Companies for your support.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Robert Yerkes report of ending balances as of October 1, 2013: Roland Trader Scholarship Fund – \$10,235.19; Money Market – \$29,464.01; Checking Account – \$413.97; Smoke Detector Fund – \$6,806.00; Total of all CD's – \$17,467.12; Total funds – \$47,345.10 A motion was made, seconded, and carried to accept the report as read.

Written Correspondence – 1 letter read, from the Kent County Fire Chief's Association supporting a Special Operations Unit to have the Fire Advisory Board seek funding from Kent County Levy Court with a requested amount of \$15,000 annually.

Report of Committees

CISM – Rev. Blake Bowers, last Friday we received a call from Station 55 Bowers to respond to 3 EMS personnel

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that had responded to a CPR that did not go well. The person on the contact list was Lynn Truitt please delete her name and replace it with Dennis Carridan the State Coordinator. Within an hour we had help to the individuals.

Contact person for Kent County is Rev. Blake Bowers. Check our website: www.dvfassn.com/cism.cfm.

Fire Prevention Committee – Ken Ryder, little bit of information for you are these dates October 18th companies must have their entries back. November 1st the companies must have their 1st place winners to the county committee.

November 3rd we will meet at Station 49 to judge the entries. November 15th entries are due back to the State.

December 15th Kent County Fire Prevention Awards program at Station 42 Carlisle, Milford starting at 2:00 p.m.

Appreciation Night – Murielle Gillespie, I have the tickets and need someone to sign for the tickets. All monies due back January 15th along with the \$50 for your part of the auction items. The banquet will be February 22, 2014 at the Felton Fire Hall. We have a letter for F.O.Y. and submissions must be in by January 2014.

Resolutions – Senator Bruce Ennis, we have 6 resolutions tonight starting with Charles Boyer in recognition for his leadership for serving as DVFA President. Shirley Pennington, Dave Carey, & Jeff Morris for their heroic efforts. In addition they each received a plaque and the person whose life they saved was present. Philip Fluhr & Rob Roth for their heroic efforts and each received a plaque.

Payment of Bills – \$154 – Pablo Reyes, Jr. (Toner Cartridge), \$80.00 – Beaver Branch Florist (Director Lindale's Funeral Flowers), \$600.00 – John Pridemore (Past President's Expenses), \$61.98 – Clayton Fire Company (Past President's Expense), \$19.98 – Clayton Fire Company (Certificate); A motion was made, seconded, and carried to pay the bills.

Unfinished Business

None

Installation of Officers

Installing Officer Past President Bill Sipple also Retired Delaware State Police installed: President Harold Brode, 1st Vice President – Ken Ryder, Jr., 2nd Vice President – Earle Dempsey, Treasurer – Robert Yerkes, Jr., Secretary – Pablo Reyes, Jr., Director – Ralph Satterfield, Director – Richard Deputy. In addition, all the other elected director's & the following appointed officer's Chaplin – Rev. Blake Bower's, Assistant Chaplin – Rev. Dr. Larry Jameson, Assistant Secretary – Shirley Pennington were called forward to be installed. After a swearing in to the office Past President Sipple shook all their hands and present officer's to the association. President Brode, pictures will be taken when meeting is over.

Past President Pridemore called forth past officers during his tenure and presented each with a gift as a small token of his appreciation. Bag for President Brode was to go with his new laptop. President Pridemore also gave his wife a gift. Station 45, Clayton President Samuel Sawyer presented their appreciation for a great job done representing. President Brode presented Past President's badge to Past President Pridemore. Also from the KCVFA a Past President's jacket with the new logo and a gavel and a \$600 check for expenses. Senator Bruce Ennis presented a Tribute resolution to Past President Pridemore. House of Representatives W. C. Paradee & Bob Outten presented a Tribute resolution to Past President Pridemore. Vice President Ken Ryder read a tribute from the Delaware State Insurance Commission – Karen Weldon Stewart. President Brode thanks to Past President Pridemore and thanks to Bill Sipple for the installation. Announcing appointee to the Fire Advisory Board Ray Morris replacing Bruce Smith both from Station 51 and Marvin Sharp will continue as Chairman. Goal is to continue work with Levy Court on funding issues. Thanks to Levy Court for being the liaison I have appreciated that and would like to continue to do so. I would like to start a County Wide Honor Guard. Retired Major Blake Bowers will chair committee and Sgt Major Hitch will be an Advisor. Committee's and Calendar's will be out next month. A director's spot needs to be filled for Past Director Harry Lindale we will have an election next month. Please bring your letters in if you are interested.

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New Business

Robbie Brode, we requesting a letter of support with regards to judging the parade requesting a rule change to the DVFA that you be placed according to the points. A motion was made and seconded, and carried to send letter to DVFA to have Parade awards placed according to points, in support of Chiefs letter to the DVFA.

Al Metheny, a motion was made and seconded, and carried to support request of Chief's to have Fire Advisory Board look into and meet with Levy Court to secure funding for the Special Operations Unit.

Good of the Association

Rev. Blake Bowers, Welcome to Rev. Dr. Larry Jameson as Assistant Chaplin

Robert Yerkes, Breakfast Sunday \$7

Ken Ryder, Fried Oyster's this Saturday in Felton, 2nd October 25th Annual Hunter's night out.

Al Metheny, October 26th Hartly Chicken Salad & Dumpling, Lamb.

Glenn Gillespie, Ladies Auxiliary Quarter Auction this Friday night \$15 at door \$10 in advance

Nick Sawyer, Clayton also will have Quarter Auction on the 25th

50-50 – N/A

Conference Souvenir – N/A

The next meeting will be at Harrington, Station 44 – November 20, 2013 Smyrna

A motion was made and seconded, and carried to adjourn at 9:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Pablo Reyes, Jr.", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Pablo Reyes, Jr., Secretary