



## Kent County Volunteer Firefighter's Association

October 17, 2018

Vice President Brittingham called the 1030<sup>th</sup> meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. at Station 50, Harrington 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. Ryan Welch, President of Harrington Fire Company gave the address of welcome; Vice President O'Neal gave the response.

**Roll Calls:** Officers: 11 present, 3 absent; Companies: 19 present, 1 absent; Past Presidents: 14 KCVFA, 10 DVFA, and 7 Fire Company.

### Introduction of Guests:

**DVFA** – President Bill Betts, reminder the dedication of the New Memorial is the Saturday at 11:00 a.m. The Conference, I thank everybody that worked hard on the conference. We had a wrap-up meeting the other night. We are looking into things that did good. We just put together a 5-minute video clip for the new legislators to let them know what the Fire Service does for the citizens of the state. Check it out at [www.dvfa.com](http://www.dvfa.com). The Fire Company President's Handbook has been updated and has a lot of good information. You can find information at the following link. [www.dvfa.com/documents/DVFA-President-Resource-Handbook.pdf](http://www.dvfa.com/documents/DVFA-President-Resource-Handbook.pdf) Radio inventory, we need an inventory of all the radio's and types we have a form out, try to get it back to Warren Jones as soon as possible. Warren is also into something called Safe Harbor looking into getting replacements at the hospital like we did in the past. We are trying to get that program running again.

**State Fire Chief's Association** – No Report

**State EMS** – President Jason Capps, our next meeting will be December 8<sup>th</sup> at the Fire School at 10:00 a.m.

**DVFA Ladies Auxiliary** – No Report

**State Fire Police Association** – President Les States, our next meeting is on November 18<sup>th</sup> at the Fire School. After the meeting we will be having a class on Defensive Driving if anyone needs it, starting around 9:00 a.m.

**DVFA Conference** – Joe Zerolles, we had a wrap-up meeting this past Monday night and most committees gave a written report when the minutes come out, I will get them out. We had a few issues come up we are going to try to resolve this year. We are going to start working on

the new logo and get the souvenirs a little early so get them out prior to the meeting and get some sold. Anyone that has any good ideas just see one of us and give the idea so we can check it out.

**State Fire Prevention Commission** – Al Robinson, we had a meeting yesterday at 9:00 a.m. at the Fire School. Presented resolution to Tom Dicristofaro for his tenure as a Fire Prevention Commissioner. Several Companies delinquent in getting in DFIRS. Kent County seems to be leading the other counties in delinquent reports. We need Fire Companies to submit the **2018 BLS Financial Report** and **2019 Fire Company Contact Information** both due no later than February 1, 2019 which gives you time to get them up to date. A tuition rate increase was approved for the Fire School effective January 1, 2019. Encourage that all get vaccinated for the Flu especially EMS. We approved the Statewide Standard Treatment Protocols and Basic Life Support Standards effective January 1, 2019. The 2019 Ambulance equipment list was approved. Next commission meeting is scheduled for November 20, 2018 at the Fire School at 9:00 a.m.

**Delaware State Fire School** – No Report

**State Fire Marshal's Office** – No Report

**Legislature** – Representative Bobby Outten, thank for the recognition.

**Kent County Fire Chief's Association** – No Report

**Kent County Fire Police Association** – Mike Berry, our next meeting is November 20<sup>th</sup> at Station 40 Bowers.

**Kent County Emergency Medical Services Committee** – No Report

**Kent County Ladies Auxiliary** – Christine McGee, our next meeting is on November 27<sup>th</sup> at Marydel.

**Kent County Levy Court** – 7 from Levy Court were present to hand out checks. They each spoke for a few minutes. Commissioner Buckson is asking we go out and promote ourselves. Some folks still do not understand what we do. Commissioner Hosfelt, New Legislators need to know who you are. Commissioner Howell, we appreciate all you do, you are unsung heroes.

Administrator Mike Petit de Mange, last year we handed out \$800,000 and tonight it will be \$850,000 with added \$15,000 for Special Ops. Commissioner Sweeney, thank you very much for what you do. Commissioner Banta, I see a lot of you on a regular basis. I certainly do

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appreciate everything you do. Important thing is for us to distribute the checks. Presentation of checks to company representatives and each shook their hands.

Commissioner Banta, once again thank you everyone and we hope next year the check will be bigger.

**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** – Vice President Watson, next meeting at Station 26 November 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Sussex County Volunteer Firemen's Association** – No Report

**State Recruitment and Retention** – No Report

**Mutual Relief** – Steve White, reminded everyone bills will be coming out next month with drop-dead date of January 21<sup>st</sup> after that time there will be a penalty. Our next meeting is October 25<sup>th</sup> at Frederica.

**DEMA** – No Report

**NVFC** – No Report

**Delmarva Firefighter's Association** – Ralph Satterfield, our next meeting is November 4<sup>th</sup> at Cordova, MD.

**International Chief's** – Bill Betts, Eastern Conference will be in Northern New Jersey next year May 9, 10, and 11<sup>th</sup>.

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

**Deceased Members:** Station 55 – Daniel Flynn, Station 41 – Carl King, Station 41 – Tom Dawson, Station 44 – Alan McClements, Station 11 – Charlie Frampton (DVFA PP)

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

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Robert Yerkes report of ending balances as of October 1, 2018: *Roland Trader Scholarship Fund* – \$13,609.65; *Special Operations Fund* – \$12,577.55; *Money Market* – \$18,202.36; *Smoke Detector Fund* – \$806.60; *Firefighter's Relief Fund* – \$7,593.00; *Checking Account* – \$8,971.22; *Total of all CD's* – \$17,646.29; *Total funds* – \$36,420.27 *not including Scholarship, Special Ops Funds, Relief or Smoke*

*Detector Funds.* Additionally, the books have been turned over to George Pyott for an Audit. Also, received in the mail a check from Levy Court for \$15,000.00 for the *Special Operations Fund* and it has been deposited. I thank you all for the pleasure of serving as your Treasurer for the last 13 years. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to accept the Treasurer's Report.

**Written or Email Correspondence:** 2 letter's, 1<sup>st</sup> letter, from Senator Bruce Ennis regarding Fire Service Bills from the 149<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of which a copy is in each company's folder. 2<sup>nd</sup> letter, from Felton Community Fire Company making a recommendation for Ken Ryder to be an Assistant Vice President for the Delaware Volunteer Firefighter's Association.

### **Report of Committees:**

**Constitution and Bylaws** – Benny O'Neal, we have been meeting they are not quite ready yet. Hopefully we will have something to present next month.

**Fire Prevention Committee** – Murielle Gillespie, need to pick up your packets by this Friday for the Schools. Then your top three picks to the Fire School by November 10<sup>th</sup> we will be judging that week. Please make sure your forms are filled out. Fire School must have them by 4:00 p.m.

**Appreciation Banquet** – Murielle Gillespie, Banquet is February 23<sup>rd</sup> at Felton Fire Hall. Tickets will be here at next month's meeting. Invoices will be available.

**Bylaws Committee** – Benny O'Neal, we will have changes to the Bylaws to present next month as a first reading. Vice President Brittingham, we plan on having an officers meeting prior to next County meeting so we can get a new list out. Fire Advisory Board people coming off are Ed Welch, Jen Knox, Mike Berry, Steve Connors, Ray Morris, and Harold Scott. Anyone like to serve representing us have a letter turned in.

**Payment of Bills:** by Treasurer Robert Yerkes || \$17.98 – Robert Yerkes (Stamps and 50/50 tickets); \$2,655.00 Hartly Fire Company (Special Ops Unit Tires); \$200.00 John Farrell (Firefighter's Relief) for total payments of \$2,872.98; A motion was made, seconded, and carried to pay the bills.

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### Unfinished Business:

Shirley Pennington, on the QuickBooks was there a cap on what to spend? Vice President Brittingham I believe it was \$400.00 but need to look at August minutes to be sure.

### Installation of Officer's:

Vice President Brittingham, announced that Past President Harold Brode will serve as the Installing Officer for KCVFA as follows: President – Mike Brittingham, 1st Vice President – Benny O'Neal, 2nd Vice President – Mark Langford, Secretary – Pablo Reyes, Treasurer – Shirley Pennington, Two 3-year Director's – Marvin Sharp and Carroll Jester. Past President Brode completed the installation of Officers for the Kent County Firefighter's Association and then shook hands with each KCVFA officer.

### New Business:

President Brittingham, I had an opportunity to visit the Kent County Volunteer Firefighter's Auxiliary. I did make an observation they are navigating with a large 10-foot parade banner and with as much as they do for us (to include \$800,000.00 donated by the State-wide Auxiliary back to the Firefighters.) With as much as they do for us we should do something for them. We usually give the outgoing President a plaque and \$600.00 for expenses. We are not doing that this year. So, with that money and a little bit extra I would like to see this association purchase a banner for the Kent County Volunteer Firefighter's Auxiliary up to \$1,300.00. A motion was made and seconded, and carried to foot the entire bill for the Kent County Volunteer Firefighter's Auxiliary Banner. President Brittingham I will place the order tomorrow. We will figure out the logistics of when and where to present the banner. President Brittingham, next month's meeting falls on the day before Thanksgiving. I would like a motion to combine our meeting with the Chiefs for that month. A motion was made and seconded, and carried to hold our next meeting in a combined meeting with the Chiefs on November 14<sup>th</sup> 2018.

President Brittingham, as Bob Yerkes eluded the books are out for audit. We have letters going out to the bank to have everything changed over to Shirley Pennington.

### Good of the Association:

Randy Wood, we will be ringing the bell for the Salvation Army starting at 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on December 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, and 23<sup>rd</sup> at Sam's Club. If anyone is available, we still need some help.

Ken Ryder, next Friday night October 26<sup>th</sup> is our annual hunters' night out at Station 48. Tickets are sold out but do have some Raffle tickets at \$10.00

Robert Yerkes, Station 52 \$8.00 breakfast on Sunday. Hartly will be having Beef & Dumplings on November 3<sup>rd</sup> for \$13.00 at 3:00 to 7:00 p.m.

50-50 – David Ruff  
Conference Souvenir –

*The next meeting will be at Station 42 Carlisle, Milford – November 14, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.*

A motion was made and seconded, and carried to adjourn at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Pablo Reyes, Jr., Secretary