



Kent County Volunteer Firefighter's Association

October 19, 2016

President Dempsey called the 1008th meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at Ambulance Station 64, American Legion Smyrna. Following dinner served by the members of the station, Vice President Dennison conveyed our thanks to the members of the station. Russell Stinson, Captain of Ambulance Station 64 gave the address of welcome; Vice President Dennison gave the response.

Deviation: A motion was made, seconded, and carried to deviate from the regular order of business. President Dempsey turned over to President Brooks Banta and Levy Court Commissioners, Terry Pepper, Glen Howell, Eric Buckson, and County Administrator Michael J. Petit de Mange. They presented checks to all the fire companies present to include \$15,000 for Special Ops. President Banta stated all collectively totaling close to a million for the year. Harold Brode, spoke on an added check for smoke detectors. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to return to the regular order of business.

Roll Calls: Officers: 10 present, 3 absent; Companies: 17 present, 3 absent; Past Presidents: 14 KCVFA, 8 DVFA, and 7 Fire Company.

Introduction of Guests:

DVFA – President Ted Wallis, turned over to 2nd Vice President Bill Betts, Bylaws change to the conference was tabled and Budget was put on hold. We will send out information prior to December meeting. Legislative Financial Overview Task Force met last week, it is not a witch hunt. The goal is to help fire companies prevent fraud and embezzlement. It was decided to send survey to see how things are currently handled; you can answer questions directly online. The Fire Service Symposium will be held on March 11, 2017 at the Atlantic Sands Hotel in Rehoboth.

State Fire Chief's Association – Jeff Dennison, thanks for the recognition.

State EMS – Jason Capps, on behalf of Matt Gajdos, our next meeting is January 25, 2017.

DVFA Ladies Auxiliary – No Report

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

DVFA Conference – John Stevenson, thanks to all that supported the conference. Next year conference starts on a Tuesday. We had wrap-up meeting Monday and if anyone has any comments please let us know.

State Fire Prevention Commission – Alan Robinson, BLS Director mentioned that could we make use of NARCAN mandatory with the major question being the money? The Task Force is looking into formulating a blueprint for us to use with financial issues. A question was brought up on the possibility of using DMIRS for tracking EMT's hours. If you are having problems with CPA firms please let us know. Bethany Beach voiced concerns over manpower, DVFA will assist. Our next meeting is November 15th at 9:00 a.m. at the Fire School.

Delaware State Fire School – No Report

State Fire Marshal's Office – No Report

Legislature – No Report

Kent County Fire Chief's Association – No Report

Kent County Fire Police Association – Jeff Dennison, thanks for the recognition our next meeting is November 15th at Hartly.

Kent County Emergency Medical Services Association – PJ Gosch, next meeting is October 24th at Bowers.

Kent County Ladies Auxiliary – Barbara Metheny, thank you for the recognition.

Kent County Levy Court – President Brooks Banta, thank you for the recognition.

KC Emergency Dispatch Center – No Report

KC Emergency Management Agency – No Report

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KC Emergency Medical Services (Paramedics) – No Report

New Castle County Volunteer Firemen's Association – Keith Bowman, our next meeting is November 10th.

Sussex County Volunteer Firemen's Association – Ron O'Neal, our next meeting is October 25th at Lewes.

State Recruitment and Retention – No Report

Mutual Relief – No Report

DEMA – No Report

NVFC – No Report

Delmarva Firefighter's Association – No Report

International Chief's – Bill Betts, thanks for the recognition.

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

Deceased Members: Station 48 – William C. Myers, Jr., Station 52 – William T. Minner, Sr.

Report of Officers – All submitted in written or electronic form. President Dempsey Kent County Levy Court will meet with our Fire Advisory Board on November 1st to address a Rescue Billing scenario and proposal. We will get some information to the Levy Court prior to the meeting.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Robert Yerkes report of ending balances as of October 1, 2016: Roland Trader Scholarship Fund – \$12,185.94; Special Operations Fund – \$21,856.07; Money Market – \$16,346.69; Smoke Detector Fund – \$656.60; Checking Account – \$3,814.84; Total of all CD's – \$17,540.64; Total funds – \$58,557.44. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to accept the Treasurer's Report.

Written Correspondence – None

Report of Committees

Smoke Detectors – Jeff Dennison, Detectors have come in, I will deliver remaining to stations. Thanks again to the Kent County Levy Court for helping fund this program.

Payment of Bills – \$600.00 – Earle Dempsey (Past President's expenses); \$600.00 – Steve White (Fire Prevention Awards); \$135.96 – RWM Embroidery (4 Officers Shirts); \$95.90 – M&M Trophies & Awards (Past President's Plaque); \$2531.34 – Cheswold Fire Company (Special Ops, repair equipment); A motion was made, seconded, and carried to pay the bills.

Unfinished Business – Michael Brittingham, got zero packets back for Fire Prevention from the Charlton School, Earle Dempsey will check into it with Superintendent and report back to the Camden-Wyoming Fire Company.

Installation of Officers – President Dempsey we will be installing the following individuals for the following positions: President – Allan Post Station 64, 1st Vice President – Jeff Dennison Station 40, 2nd Vice President – Michael Brittingham Station 41, Secretary – Pablo Reyes, Jr. Station 50, Treasurer – Robert Yerkes Station 52, Director – Ralph Satterfield Station 55, and Director – Jack Potter Station 55. Harold Brode recited the oath of office which was repeated by each officer after which he declared all the officers duly installed. Past President Dempsey turned over the meeting and the gavel to President Post at which time President Post proceeded with presentations and the normal order of business. President Post provided Past President Dempsey with parting gifts. President Post presented Past President Dempsey with a clip tie with an embroidered KCVFA logo. Past President Dempsey presented parting gifts to all the officers and directors. President Post presented KCVFA logo ties to all table officers. President Post, although I have an EMS background we are going to work as one team, one fight for the fire service.

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New Business

TSgt Aaby, next Monday the Airbase is conducting a mass casualty exercise with Milford and Kent General we need 6 to 8 more ambulances from the County to participate. Anyone interested see me after the meeting. We are looking to kick-off around 7:00.

Ladies Auxiliary thanks for the invitation to join in volunteering for Sam's Club Salvation Army. We will be handing out 50 plus puzzles during the event. Thanks for including us in your efforts to help the community. Randy, last year we generated \$1500.00 the more volunteers we have the less number of hours we would need to be there. If interested please see me. Randy, I had a talk with the Salvation Army and they wanted to know how do we make contact? We are working on this now, trying to see if we can get someone from the KCVFA.

Good of the Association

Ken Ryder, Station 48 is having our Annual Hunter's Night out on October 28th, we have a few ticket's left Al Metheny, this Saturday is Hartly's dinner from 3 to 7 p.m.

Harold Brode, Stress buster tomorrow night with lots of food and drinks for a scholarship fund raiser.

50-50 – Russ Stinson

Conference Souvenir –

The next meeting will be at Station 56, Marydel – November 16, 2016 7:00 p.m.

A motion was made and seconded, and carried to adjourn at 8:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Pablo Reyes, Jr., Secretary