



Kent County Volunteer Firefighter's Association

October 21, 2015

President Ryder called the 997th meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at Station 55, Magnolia Fire Company. Following dinner served by the Ladies Auxiliary of the station, Vice President Post conveyed our thanks to the Auxiliary of the station. Earle Dempsey, President of Magnolia Fire Company gave the address of welcome; Vice President Post gave the response.

Roll Calls: Officers: 14 present, 0 absent; Companies: 18 present, 1 absent; Past Presidents: 15 KCVFA, 7 DVFA, and 11 Fire Company.

Introduction of Guests:

DVFA – President Joe Zeroles, Thanks to all that attended the DVFA Conference and those that received an award. We appointed a committee to review the budget and will also be taking an over-all look at the conference for next year. Grant & Aid meeting was cancelled due to a fire at legislative hall the meeting was re-scheduled for the 28th. Oct 7th attended meeting with the Governor when he signed SB-89 into legislation exempting food manager requirements at our events. DVFA, Fire Commission, Fire School, Fire Marshal Office, and DEMA preparing a Delaware Fire Service leadership symposium at Dewey Beach on April 9th and 10th. It is still in planning stages with more information to come.

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

DVFA Ladies Auxiliary – No Report

State EMS – Mike McMichael, next meeting on January 28th with the State Chiefs at Townsend

DVFA Ladies Auxiliary – President (Aunt Mary) Eisenbrey, thanks for the recognition.

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

DVFA Conference – John Stevenson, thanks for attending the conference. The wrap-up meeting was this past Monday and next conference will be the week of September 12th.

State Fire Prevention Commission – Al Robinson, our meeting was yesterday with items of note as follows. Covered the Fire Marshal regulation changes, heard from Wilmington Manor on finances, at some length discussed the scratch reports on ambulance, law states if you are above 10% on scratches it says the commission can shut the Ambulance down. We are looking at legislation to take care of problems like that where it would hurt everyone. Ask for extensions prior to not after. Our next meeting is November 17th at the Fire School.

Delaware State Fire School – No Report

State Fire Marshal's Office – Grover Engel, October 28th we are continuing process of an interview with a written test for the Vacant Deputy Fire Marshal position. In interim we have transferred a Deputy Fire Marshal to Kent County. Companies in arrears for DFIRS please contact us and we would be happy to assist you.

Legislature – Representative Bob Outten, thanks for the recognition. Senator Bruce Ennis, Grant & Aid and Insurance distributions. Whatever you got last year we got again this year. Insurance increased state-wide per company at 34.8 %. SB - 89 since last meeting Governor signed on October 7th and on September 4th signed SB – 54. There are a number of activities coming up one on November 7th in Dover a monument is being unveiled dealing with the Middle-East Afghanistan war.

Kent County Fire Chief's Association – Mark Langford, thanks for the recognition next meeting November 11th at the Dover Fire Company

Kent County Fire Police Association – Les States, thanks for the recognition next meeting will be at Marydel on November 17th.

Kent County Emergency Medical Services Association – Chris Davila, thanks for the recognition next meeting is Farmington.

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Kent County Ladies Auxiliary – Shirley Pennington, thanks for the recognition our next meeting is in Magnolia on November 24th.

Kent County Levy Court – President Brooks Banta, Commissioners Jody Sweeney, Glen Howell, Terry Pepper and County Administrator Petit de Mange with a presentation of checks totaling around \$735,000.00. We are trying to educate the public of what you all do for no pay. Bad news 2 weeks ago, we heard the General Assembly has the intention of cutting funding for Paramedics which will affect us with setting up Paramedics in the South Eastern Quadrant. We plan on spending about \$1 million in that area. Question to General Assembly why would you punish 1st Responders for doing a great job that they do not get paid for. Only 6 companies have turned in the Audit reports. Presented checks to all companies present. The last check is to KCVFA Special Operations. It has been a pleasure handing out but still nothing compared to what we want to do. Senator Ennis, this year with a shortfall of the budget referring to Grant & Aid the other two counties are bragging about win-falls. Vice President Dempsey recognized arriving Commissioners Buckson and Angel.

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 – Jasper, our next meeting is November 5th at Station 22 Minquadale

Sussex County Volunteer Firemen's Association – Ron O'Neal, our next meeting is Tuesday, October 27th.

State Recruitment and Retention – No Report

Mutual Relief – Steve White, we had a meeting last night and in the process of working with a lot of changes to Mutual Relief. We are meeting monthly and our next meeting is November 17th.

DEMA – Glenn Gillespie thanks for the recognition.

NVFC – No Report

Delmarva Firefighter's Association – No Report

International Chief's – No Report

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

Deceased Members: Station 44/64 – Ed Hohman, Jr.

Report of Officers – All submitted in written or electronic form. Vice President Dempsey, F.O.Y. all applications were in the folders make sure you recognize someone and return application by January 20th.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Robert Yerkes report of ending balances as of October 1, 2015: Roland Trader Scholarship Fund – \$11,900.07; Special Operations Fund – \$7908.88; Money Market – \$21,429.53; Smoke Detector Fund – \$24.60; Checking Account – \$1,402.12; Total of all CD's – \$17,540.64; Total funds – \$48,281.17. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to accept the Treasurer's Report.

Written Correspondence – 1 letter was from The Salvation Army asking for volunteers from November 16th to November 27th.

Report of Committees

CISM Committee – Blake Bowers, next county meeting is November 12th 19:30 at the Citizens Hose Company.

Fire Prevention – Muriel Gillespie, by now all the stuff should have been picked up by the Fire Companies, check with all the schools packets due back to county by November 6th at 911 Center or Fire School. Judging begins November 8th at 1:00 pm Frederica with Fire Prevention event December 6th 2:00 pm at Carlisle. Make sure your companies are

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represented for your company's award winners.

Appreciation Night – Muriel Gillespie, 1st a second choice of menu's adding roast beef to the menu with an added \$2 for a total of \$25 per ticket. 2nd need to have \$50 from each company for two big door prizes and auction items and auction proceeds is split 50% to association and 50% to the Scholarship fund. "No money is made from ticket sales" Fire Advisory Board – Ed Welch on behalf of the FAB and the association we thank the County Commissioners for their help the numbers have doubled and we certainly appreciate all you have done.

Payment of Bills – \$600.00 – Kenneth Ryder (Past President's expenses); \$576.00 – Scott Embroidery (Shirts, call board advisory); A motion was made, seconded, and carried to pay the bills.

Unfinished Business

None

Installation of Officers: - President Ryder called for the installation of officers to be completed by DVFA President Joe Zeroles for the positions as follows: President – Earle Dempsey, 1st Vice President – Alan Post, 2nd Vice President – Jeff Dennison, Secretary – Pablo Reyes, Jr., Treasurer – Robert Yerkes, Directors 3 year positions – Ron Vincent and Carroll Jester. After the completion of the ceremony President Zeroles declared all the officers duly installed. Past President Ryder made some departing remarks to include numerous thanks and turned gavel over to President Dempsey. President Dempsey, presented Past President Ryder a commemorative gavel, a reimbursement check for \$600, and a Past President's Pin. President Terry Killen from Felton Station 48 made a presentation of an Excellence in Service to Past President Ryder. Representative Bob Outten made a presentation of a House of Representative Tribute to Past President Ryder. Kent County Levy Court President Brooks Banta, recognized Past President Ken Ryder in the form of a Tribute presented to him and honoring him as the outgoing President of the Kent County Firefighter's Association. Past President Ryder presented gifts to all the officers of the KCVFA. President Dempsey spoke about his year beginning with many thanks to Past Presidents, officers, extended families, and Magnolia's Ladies Auxiliary. Dedication, responsibility, commitment, action, respect, tradition, comradery, and selflessness those are words we hear all the time but what is unique is they all exist within this room known as the brotherhood and sisterhood of the fire service. I believe in two types of traditions but if you believe things can use improvement I want to talk to you. Mr. Allan Angel, the President and I go way back. When he came back from London I did not recognize him until he told me it was "punkin" which is what I knew him as he was growing up. So family meet "Mr. President Pumpkin"

New Business

Robert Yerkes, A motion was made, seconded, and carried and approved to have the Secretary purchase 6 Past President's pins.

Ralph Satterfield, normally we have a traditional thing to celebrate the 100th meetings and our 1000th meeting is coming up is there a committee working on this? President Dempsey a committee will be appointed and it will be February 17th at Station 48 Felton.

Jeff Dennison, A motion was made, seconded, and carried and approved to have each company donate \$50 for door prizes and auction items for Appreciation Night in February.

Regarding the dinner menu, a motion was made, seconded, and carried and approved to an upgraded menu of adding Roast Beef for a total of \$25 per ticket.

Muriel Gillespie, we are looking for youngsters that have saved lives and or property one way or another. We want to give out a new award this year, more than one. It is not a judging thing but the youngster needs to have saved life,

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and or property. To keep in line with Fire Prevention youngsters are classified as Kindergarten through Eighth grade for the year 2015 and make sure you turn information in by December 1st 2015.

Good of the Association

Derrick Brode – Reminder that the Harrington Fire Company on Wednesday November 4th will have our 2nd Annual HPD & HFC Stress Buster. \$30 for shrimp, crab balls, calms strips, sausage sandwiches, and drinks with all proceeds going to Scholarships. Tickets are available. This event had been re-scheduled.

Robert Yerkes, audit information has been turned over to committee and looking to hand out dues notices next month would like to get a quick response.

Mike McMichael, New Castle is having a 5K and proceeds go to the Burn Camp and looking for participation from all 3 counties starts November 14 at 12:00 p.m.

Glenn Gillespie, asking for prayers to Carlisle for Chief Emeritus Jim Abbott and Chief Emeritus Marvin B. Hitch and good luck punkin.

Allan Post, thanks to all that donated blood at the Conference for Boots and Badges with 41 members showing up to give blood.

Blake Bowers, Clay Yocum has had a quadruple heart bypass and is home recovering, also keep Elmer and Sandy Steele in your prayers Sandy had major brain surgery. Also, Kent County has an organization called Code Purple www.hpcdelaware.org to help with our homeless to contend with the winter weather.

50-50 – Rick Deputy

Conference Souvenir –

The next meeting will be at Dover Fire Company, Station 46 – November 18, 2015 7:00 p.m.

A motion was made and seconded, and carried to adjourn at 9:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Pablo Reyes, Jr., Secretary