



Kent County Volunteer Firefighter's Association

November 15, 2017

President Dennison called the 1020th meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at Station 49, Frederica 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. Steve White, President of Frederica Fire Company gave the address of welcome; Vice President O'Neal gave the response.

Deviation of Business: A motion was made, seconded, and carried to deviate from the regular order of business. President Dennison called on Commissioner-President Brooks Banta from the Kent County Levy Court to make a presentation of checks with other Commissioner's in attendance to the companies present. Treasurer Robert Yerkes also took time to hand out Companies Due's notice. Treasurer Yerkes also mentioned and thanked the Levy Court Commissioner's for the Kent County Special Ops check in the amount of \$15,000.00. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to return to the normal order of business.

Roll Calls: Officers: 12 present, 1 absent; Companies: 19 present, 1 absent; Past Presidents: 8 KCVFA, 9 DVFA, and 7 Fire Company.

Introduction of Guests:

DVFA – President Richard Perillo, turned the report over to, Bill Betts – 2018 DVFA Committees have been selected and the Committee Chairs are being notified and they will contact the committee members. The Conference Committee has been selected and they have held their first meeting. Next year 2018 we are going back to Dover Downs after which our contract will be up and we are looking around. Terry Whitham volunteered to be DVFA Assistant Treasurer and he has been appointed. As most of you know we had a censor come to us last year and say we have \$94 million in the bank. Once we get deposit information from all companies on our desk and with only 15 companies reporting so far, we are \$23 million in DEBT. We are not as rich as we think. We were hoping to have a response from our Tax Attorney on the unrelated Tax income so we can pass it on to you. We are working on the DVFA Website this is being updated to today's times. We will be adding all three County Associations meetings, dates, times and locations. Some of you may

remember the President's hand-book from many years ago. We are bringing this back to life too. We have a new accounting firm, Bumpers Inc. and they are providing us with different policies that we can put on our site for your review. Policies like Sexual Harassment and Whistle Blower to name a few. DVFA is here to assist you in any way you think we can, we are not here to get involved in your company business.

State Fire Chief's Association – Andy Hall, next meeting January 25th 2018 are Fire Station 26 with dinner at 6:30 p.m. Guest speaker is Chief Dickerson from Lexington, VA.

State EMS – Mike McMichael, on behalf of Amy Yonko, 1st meeting will be January 16, 2018 and meetings will be April and June on 3rd Tuesday of the month at the Fire School.

DVFA Ladies Auxiliary – No Report

State Fire Police Association – Les States, thanks for the recognition our next meeting will be November 19th at 9:00 a.m. at the Fire School.

DVFA Conference – Charlie Frampton, we have our first meeting next Monday and we are supposed to have all committee members there.

State Fire Prevention Commission – Marvin Sharp to Ron Marvel, we have meeting scheduled for next Tuesday at 9:00 with a few things on the agenda.

Delaware State Fire School – No Report

State Fire Marshal's Office – Grover Engel, thanks for the recognition. We now have 9 fire-related deaths state-wide. There were no working fire alarms at 8 of the homes. DFIRS reports we are working with the Chiefs.

Legislature – Senator Bruce Ennis, only two bills to report, SB 97 signed by the Governor on September 21st allow DelDOT to ride on the shoulder with amendment to include all emergency and DelDOT vehicles use of the shoulder in an emergency. Working on another bill to give volunteer firefighter's immunity for administering antidote for over-doses.

Kent County Fire Chief's Association – Mark Langford, thanks for the recognition our next meeting is January 10th at the Harrington Fire Company.

Kent County Fire Police Association – Mike Berry, thanks for the recognition our next meeting is at Clayton next Tuesday.

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Kent County Emergency Medical Services Committee
– No Report

Kent County Ladies Auxiliary – Sandra Robinson, our next meeting is November 28th in Harrington.

Kent County Levy Court – thanks for the recognition.

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 – President Terry Jester, thanks for the recognition, next meeting is November 28th in Laurel.

State Recruitment and Retention – No Report

Mutual Relief – Steve White, we had a very long meeting last week discussing history of Mutual Relief. It is still going on and we will meet November 30th at Frederica. December 3rd at 10:00 at Fire School we will provide report we did not have ready at the conference, all your delegates are invited.

DEMA – No Report

NVFC – No Report

Delmarva Firefighter's Association – Elmer Steele, next meeting will be the 1st Sunday in November in Virginia.

International Chief's – Bill Betts, thanks for the recognition. Terry Jester, next Conference will be held next year at same time as CFSI Dinner at the Arundel Mills Mall Area. Rooms are \$140.00 per night. Busses will be running.

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

Deceased Members: None

Report of Officers: All submitted or to be submitted in written or electronic form. President Dennison, also on the 20th of this month we will have officer's meeting at which committees will be completed and Director's will be receiving assignments.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Robert Yerkes report of ending balances as of November 1, 2017: Roland Trader Scholarship Fund – \$13,140.91; Special Operations Fund – \$43,060.28; Money Market – \$18,573.89; Smoke

Detector Fund – \$656.60; Checking Account – \$5,925.72; Total of all CD's – \$17,593.68; Total funds – \$42,093.29 not including Scholarship & Special Ops Funds. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to accept the Treasurer's Report.

Written or Email Correspondence: Two letters, 1st letter from Chesapeake Utilities making a donation but needs to be reviewed by the officers. 2nd letter from Kent County Ladies Auxiliary offering Season's Greetings.

Report of Committees:

Fire Prevention – Murielle Gillespie, December 3rd at 2:00 p.m. at Bowers Fire Company. Felton, Carlisle, Citizen's, Frederica, Bowers, and Clayton need to be there in Class A's. The members of committee need to be there at 1:00 p.m. Members of all the Fire Companies need to sit together.

County Banquet Night – Murielle Gillespie, February 24th at Felton. In your folders is an invoice for 10 tickets you will get them when they are paid. Also, assessment of \$50 for door prizes/auction items. It was clarified that you only pay for the number of tickets you want to purchase, Murielle will re-accomplish the invoice.

Audit Committee – Pablo Reyes, presented the Kent County Volunteer Firefighter's Association Audit Report for 10/1/206 to 9/30/217. See attached document.

EMS Committee – Mike Brittingham, regarding EMS Ambulance Association we are still underway with that. There is still a payment outstanding, once check has cleared we will get closing check sent over. Spoke with President Langford of the Chief's Association and the by-law is in the hands of their By-laws committee with a target date of February. Still actively working on it just slowed down. They are still taking EMS issues. Any questions contact a committee member.

Payment of Bills: Treasurer Robert Yerkes, \$49.00 – Deanna Dennison (Fire Prevention Stamps); \$410.84 – Murielle Gillespie (Fire Prevention Awards); \$580.00 – Michael Brittingham (Fire Prevention Cash Awards); A motion was made, seconded, and carried to pay the bills.

Unfinished Business:

Chaplain Bowers, last month we spoke about establishing a Kent County Volunteer Firefighter's Members Relief

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Fund. I would like to make: a motion was made, seconded, and carried to proceed with the proposal for the Kent County Volunteer Firefighter's Members Relief Fund as it is written.

Randy Woods, last month I mentioned we were ringing the Salvation Army Bell on the 9th, 16th, and 23rd of December. I still have spots open and need help. Last year we generated over \$3000.00 and I would like to see us do it again this year.

Brooks Banta, we needed to recognize another member.

Harold Brode the Register of Wills.

New Business:

Chaplain Blake Bowers as you read in the Members Relief Fund Proposal it calls for \$7500.00 to begin the fund. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to provide the \$7500.00 seed money come out of the Money Market Account.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to change name of the Banquet Appreciation Night to the Roland Neeman Memorial Banquet.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried that when we have the Appreciation Banquet auction and going forward that 50% of funds go to the Members Relief Fund and 50% to the Roland Trader Scholarship Fund.

Murielle Gillespie to DVFA, President Perillo we have a problem in Kent County we have had it for many years. We are asking for results, we asked last year from DVFA we cannot get into all our schools involved with the Fire Prevention packets. President Perillo we were promised this was taken care of and obviously it has not because it has happened in New Castle and apparently Kent County. We will do our best to see it is rectified in 2018. Murielle, we have had numerous meetings with key people in the School Districts and the School Boards and still not responsive. President Perillo can you get us names please? Murielle, I would be glad to. Joe Zerolles, when I was President we were guaranteed this would not happen again, continued discussions. President Dennison, we did not have all the entries this year. President Perillo is aware of it and will continue to work from there.

Good of the Association:

Debra Lawhead, Winter Carnival is on December 30th at the Kent County Library with crafts, skits, and Fire Safety.

(Camden and Magnolia attending) Asking other Fire Companies to join. 9:00 to Noon. Please contact me to volunteer a truck.

The Hartly Annual Train Show 9 to 3 on Saturday Ken Ryder, please take a flyer on the front table, Spaghetti dinner and Ice Cream this Friday 5 to 8 p.m. for \$10.00

December 3rd at 8:00 p.m. Marydel will be holding 8th Annual Christmas Parade, anyone interested in attending let me know.

50-50 – Joe Zerolles
Conference Souvenir –

*The next meeting will be at Station 50, Harrington –
January 17, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.*

A motion was made and seconded, and carried to adjourn at 8:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Pablo Reyes, Jr., Secretary