



## Kent County Volunteer Firefighter's Association

November 19, 2014

President Brode called the 988<sup>th</sup> 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. Earle Dempsey, President of the Magnolia Fire Company gave the address of welcome; Vice President Post gave the response.

**Roll Calls:** Officers: 12 present, 2 absent; Companies: 19 present, 0 absent; Past Presidents: 14 KCVFA, 8 DVFA, and 11 Fire Company Presidents.

### **Introduction of Guests:**

**DVFA** – President Anthony Guzzo, defers to 1<sup>st</sup> VP Joe Zeroles, wrap up for conference was on October 20<sup>th</sup> if you have any suggestions for next year's conference see a committee member. Safer Grant, DVFA is selecting 3 F.O.Y. one from each county and winners will receive a trip to FDIC, CFSI, and Luncheon at the 2015 Conference. Forms are on the website with a deadline of December 31<sup>st</sup>, any questions just contact Warren Jones. CFSI is April 16, 2015. January 17, 2015 starting a series of seminar's dealing with Administrative issues and one on Reputation Management presented by someone from Ohio.

**State Fire Chief's Association** – Stephen (Redman) Maichle, next meeting is January 29<sup>th</sup> at Station 22, Keynote will be Greg Knowles.

**State EMS Association** – Jennifer Knox, thanks for the recognition.

**DVFA Ladies Auxiliary** – No Report.

**State Fire Police Association** – No Report

**DVFA Conference** – No Report

**State Fire Prevention Commission** – Marvin Sharp, Met yesterday, 1<sup>st</sup> we have a new commissioner and that is Lynn Truitt. 3 areas left, to get Fire Hydrants and that kind of stuff. CPR cards may go from \$5 to \$10 shortly. We discussed Bariatric in Ambulances that haul people that are exceptionally large coming up with regulation that they are in compliance. Smoke detectors were donated to the Fire Marshal's office. Our next meeting is 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday in December.

**Delaware State Fire School** – No Report

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

**Legislature** – Senator Bruce Ennis, very brief we are not in session. On December 16<sup>th</sup> will be the Senate confirmation. There was a delay in presenting the 80% of the insurance checks. Public Health, food handling licensing has been waived for the Ladies Auxiliary. Several bills in work for next year to include the Presumption Bill and it was passed in the Senate.

**Kent County Fire Chief's Association** – Shirley Pennington, next meeting will be January 14<sup>th</sup> at Marydel.

**Kent County Fire Police Association** – Les States, our next meeting is December 16<sup>th</sup> at Citizen's Hose.

**Kent County Ambulance Association** – Christine Davila our next meeting is November 24<sup>th</sup> at Carlisle.

**Kent County Ladies Auxiliary** – Debra Lawhead, thank you for the recognition, next meeting is November 25<sup>th</sup> at Harrington.

**Kent County Levy Court** – Terry Pepper, thank you for the recognition. Levy Court has kind of slowed down. Chief Faulkner has been asked to come up with a plan in the South East Quadrant and present it for an approval. Once this is completed they will be able to move medics around to support the area.

**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 Burris, thanks for the recognition.

**Sussex County Volunteer Firemen's Association** – Steve Deery thanks for the recognition our next meeting is November 25<sup>th</sup> at Station 87 Seaford Fire Department.

**State Recruitment and Retention** – No Report

**Mutual Relief** – Steve White, Companies look to get a 20% discount if you get your bills in by January 15<sup>th</sup>. We are also working on renewing our by-laws.

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**DEMA** – Glenn Gillespie, thanks for the recognition

**NVFC** – No Report

**Delmarva Firefighter's Association** – Bob Hudson, thanks to Magnolia for hosting the Queen's contest. In May I will be stepping down not only as President but also as Chaplin with Blake Bowers going in as my replacement for Chaplin. Our next meeting is February 1<sup>st</sup> in Easton, MD.

**International Chief's** – Terry Jester, thanks for the recognition. Next year's conference is in New York and our incoming President is Bill Betts from Frederica. Please come and provide your support for Bill Betts. Cost will be less than \$100 for the whole conference to include all meals.

*A motion was made, seconded, and carried for approval of the minutes of the previous meeting as printed. (With a typo correction on 1<sup>st</sup> page of a name under State Fire Chief's Association from Nolan to Knowles)*

**Deceased Members:** None

**Report of Officers** – All submitted in written or electronic form. President Ryder, couple of things the committee list has been revised and put in folders along with Firefighter of the Year packets with a January 21<sup>st</sup> deadline to Skip. V.P. Dempsey wants to establish a committee for January 20, 2016 will be our 1000<sup>th</sup> meeting anyone interested in this committee please see him.

**Treasurer's Report** – Treasurer Robert Yerkes report of ending balances as of November 1, 2014: Roland Trader Scholarship Fund – \$11,493.33; Money Market – \$39,862.11; Checking Account – \$257.52; Smoke Detector Fund – \$1,246.60; Special Operations Fund – \$15,000.00 Total of all CD's – \$17,502.10; Total funds – \$57,621.73. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to accept the Treasurer's Report.

**Written Correspondence** – No communications

### **Report of Committees**

Bingo & Casino – Shirley Pennington, attended many of the workshops. Have any questions call me and I will be glad to help.  
Fire Prevention – Muriel Gillespie, If you have a winner please have your representative there. We will have punch and cookies on December 7<sup>th</sup> at Station 42. Setup starts at 2:00 p.m.

Appreciation Night – Muriel Gillespie, Tickets are out and due back no later than the January meeting with a last call of February 1<sup>st</sup> Appreciation Night is February 28<sup>th</sup> at Station 48.

Audit Committee – Robert Yerkes, read by President Ryder the books from October 1<sup>st</sup> 2013 to September 30<sup>th</sup> 2014 have been examined and are in order and monies accounted for signed George J. Pyott, Jr.

CISM Team – Blake Bowers, we continue to meet and we now have 12 to 14 individuals throughout the state. We are meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday in January 7:30 p.m. at Citizen's Hose. If you need us calls through Kent Center.

Helicopter – Allen Metheny, New helicopters are ready and willing to come out to the companies for training. For information contact Captain Darren Short at the State Police Aviation Section.

**Payment of Bills** – None

### **Unfinished Business**

Robert Yerkes, Special Ops money has to be in a separate account because we already have 3 accounts it has to stand-alone. It will need a minimum of \$1500.00 and if we buy checks they costs \$25.00 for 140 checks. I want to know what you want to do? Allen Metheny, Special Ops Monday night and I will meet with the other Fire Chiefs and get back to you.

Robert Yerkes, Fire Insurance money unless you got it this week you did not get your Ambulance Rescue money. The Health Insurance money \$41,000 we did not get it.

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Senator Ennis, spoke about Insurance coverage for employees (EMT's) as of January. Look at the State rate if you want a better rate. Faith Rentz 739-8331 for benefits.

Senator Ennis, regarding Mutual Relief at possibility of underwriting the rider for the Insurance coverage. After some discussion Steve White stated be advised Mutual Relief is already paying 20% of the costs.

Dan Burris, we found out last week that our employee Insurance Plan went up 65%. Debra Lawhead suggested contact Faith Rentz.

### **New Business**

Harold Brode, after some discussion a motion was made, seconded, and carried unanimously that the Kent County Volunteer Firefighter's Association is going on record requesting the Delaware Volunteer Firefighter's Association reconsider their action in reducing the hours of the Administrative Assistance position in the Delaware Volunteer Firefighter's Association Office at Dover and send copies to the other 2 county associations. It was stated that these Administrative Assistant hours were accounted for in the original DVFA budget.

Ralph Satterfield, on behalf of the Appreciation committee we are making a motion requesting that all companies make a \$50.00 donation for the door prizes and auction items on Appreciation Night and have the secretary send a letter to the companies, motion passed.

### **Good of the Association**

Shirley Pennington, meeting cards that went out are still not right. Corrections will be made for Jeff Eisenbrey. Shirley will work on trying to combine KCVFA & KCFC & Ambulance into one meeting card.

Bob Hudson, we are looking for your support by buying a page in our convention book. I will get you an application for getting in the book.

50-50 – Steve Deery

Conference Souvenir –

*The next meeting will be at Marydel Fire Company, Station 56 – January 21, 2015 7:00 p.m.*

A motion was made and seconded, and carried to adjourn at 8:29 p.m.

Draft recorded by: Shirley Pennington, Assistant Secretary

Respectfully submitted,



Pablo Reyes, Jr., Secretary