



Kent County Volunteer Firefighter's Association

November 20, 2013

President Brode called the 977th meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at Station 44, Citizen's Hose Fire Company. Following dinner served by the Ladies Auxiliary of the station, Vice President Dempsey presented our thanks to the Auxiliary. Chris Hudson, President of the Citizen's Hose Fire Company gave the address of welcome; Vice President Dempsey gave the response.

Roll Calls: Officers: 12 present, 2 absent;
Companies: 18 present, 1 absent; Past Presidents:
10 KCVFA, 8 DVFA, and 11 Fire Company
Presidents.

Introduction of Guests:

DVFA – Joe Zerolles for Richard Toulson, President says thank you to all of you that turned in your BLS reports we had 100% participation in the state. On the Safer Grant we received there is going to be a FOY for each county for 4 years and they will get opportunity to attend CFSI & FDIC through the grant. Delaware Volunteer Firefighter day is set for April the 8th 2014 meeting at Legislative hall want max participation. April 13, 2014 is recruitment day asking that all Fire Companies have an open house that day. Applying for AFC Grant to replace all the 3000's & Sabers we will need to have matching funds anywhere from \$200 to \$400 a radio. Joe Zerolles added: I wanted to let you know that Warren Jones was in an accident and that is why he is not here and that he said anyone can contact him at 302-535-4566 for any information.

State Fire Chief's Association – Steve Maichle, our next meeting is in January 30th at Station 24 Odessa followed on March 27th at Delmar and June 26th at Harrington. Our guest speaker will be Lenny Carmichael Chief of Operations from the Trenton Fire Dept.

State EMS Association – No Report

DVFA Ladies Auxiliary – No Report

State Fire Police Association – Alvin Schmick, thank you for the recognition and Happy Holidays.

DVFA Conference – John Stevenson, We sent out 17 packages and only received 1 back and if

approved may be presented at the December 8th DVFA Executive meeting.

State Fire Prevention Commission – Charlie Boyer we met Tuesday November 19, 2013. Houston Fire Company takes on responsibility of running an Ambulance Service starting January 1, 2014. BLS Medical Director is still working on grant for a CPR Unit. Our next meeting is December 17, 2013 at the Fire School.

Delaware State Fire School – No Report

State Fire Marshal's Office – Grover Engel, fire fatalities this year is 12 for the state. Of those 12 nine of them did NOT have working smoke alarms. Seems to be same factors we have been talking about over the years. The efforts we are making need to be continued and get the message out. Juvenile Interventionist position has been filled.

Legislature – Representative's William Robert Outten, Happy Holiday's and Senator Bruce C. Ennis, We have not been in session however we have been there quite a bit. Last JFC we had Grant & Aid came up, reminded them we still have a Fire Commission and that they will be getting a report dealing with funding for EMS. Our next meeting is December 12th. Highmark of Delaware for the 1st time is considering raising pay for the Ambulance. Concern is inconsistencies between what they pay in Delaware and other states such as New Jersey. Representative Trey Paradee, sorry for being late if there any questions for me see me after the meeting.

Kent County Fire Chief's Association – No Report

Kent County Fire Police Association – Richard Schwalb thanks for the recognition and Happy Holidays.

Kent County Ambulance Association – Lorraine Madden, next meeting is next Monday at Hartly.

Kent County Ladies Auxiliary – Speaking for Debra Lawhead, thank you for the recognition, next meeting November 26th at Cheswold.

Kent County Levy Court – Brooks Banta, like you to know that for the 2015 budget cycle we have been working diligently on your behalf to get additional increase in funding. Happy Thanksgiving.

KC Emergency Dispatch Center – No Report

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KC Emergency Management Agency – No Report
KC Emergency Medical Services (Paramedics) –
No Report

New Castle County Volunteer Firemen's Association – Dan Carrier, Thanks for the recognition next meeting at Volunteer Hose Company.

Sussex County Volunteer Firemen's Association –
Our next meeting is at Laurel.

State Recruitment and Retention – No Report

Mutual Relief – No Report

DEMA – No Report

NVFC – No Report

Special Guest – Drew Slater representative from John Carney's office The AFG Grant there was \$280 million dollars available and Felton was only company that got something last year. We are trying to get other companies to apply. USDA has a pot of money and will give you up to \$50,000 depending on where you are to get furniture, equipment whatever you need they will give you 15% to 75% of it.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried for approval of the minutes of the previous meeting as printed. (With typo correction as follows: Last page "Harrington" to "Citizen's Hose Smyrna"

Deceased Members: None

Report of Officers – All submitted in written or electronic form. President Brode, meeting cards are ready pick one up or you can get one off the KCVFA website. Appointed Blake Bowers to chair a new committee & Advisor Marvin Hitch for KCVFA Honor Guard those interested please sign up. We need to elect new director between old and new business.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Robert Yerkes report of ending balances as of November 1, 2013: Roland Trader Scholarship Fund – \$10,235.62; Money Market – \$29,465.98; Checking Account – \$1573.97; Smoke Detector Fund – \$6,806.00; Total of all CD's – \$17,467.12; Total funds – \$47,591.11 A motion was made, seconded, and carried to accept the report as read.

Written Correspondence – 1st letter, from the American Legion Ambulance Service nominating Allan Post to KCVFA Director. 2nd letter from Kent County Ambulance Association appointing Allan Post to the Fire Advisory Board year 2013-2014. 3rd letter from Kent County Ambulance Association supporting Allan Post for KCVFA Director. 4th letter from Houston Volunteer Fire Company endorsing Robert Scott for KCVFA Director. 5th letter from KCVFA Audit Committee submitting Audit Report for period of October 1, 2012 to September 30, 2013.

Report of Committees

Fire Prevention Committee – Ken Ryder, We met on November 3rd at Station 49 to judge the entries and did not judge any entries after that date. November 15th entries were delivered to Guy Hudson at Roxanna. December 15th Kent County Fire Prevention Awards program will be held Station 42 Carlisle, Milford starting at 2:00 p.m. The following companies have award winners and are to have their President, Chief, and/or Fire Prevention Officer present in Class A uniform. Stations 42, 44, 45, 48, 49, 50, 51, and 58. The State Fire Prevention Awards program will be held on January 5, 2014 at Hartly.

FOY – Paula King, The deadline of the entries is January 15, 2014 prior to meeting start. We are using this to date to give us a chance to deliver these to the President prior to when meeting begins. Additionally, they can be mailed to President Brode 322 Wiener Ave, Harrington, DE 19952 and directed to Frank King, Chairman. Put FOY 2013 on the outside of the envelope and they will remain sealed until Frank King receives them. Mark your calendars committee members must vote by January 21, 2014 by secret ballot in conference room at Fire School. Members are Frank King, William R. Carrow, II, Robert Yerkes, Robert Outten, Marvin Sharp, Ralph Satterfield, and W. R. Dempsey, Jr. The nominations must have President's signature, if President is nominated Vice President or Chief is okay to sign. Importance to both ladies and men request that confidentiality be adhered to. Plaques for both ladies and men's will be ordered at the same time please make sure spelling

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is correct. Any questions call 302-697-2526 or 302-943-9180. We are happy to see Skipper Carrow on the committee this year. Payment for the plaques are divided by the Hartly and Clayton Fire Companies with no expense to the association.

Appreciation Night – Murielle Gillespie, I have the tickets back and still need 43, 47, and 57. All your monies are due back January 15th along with the \$50 for your part of the auction items. Deadline for numbers to Felton is February 1st. The banquet will be February 22, 2014 at the Felton Fire Hall.

Mutual Relief – Ken Ryder, copy of my report in each folder. Also in packet are copies of A.D&D. policy and beneficiary forms. Electronic copies can be sent to anyone requesting it. It is effective January 1, 2014. Each company's 1 year renewal is \$3408.81 including 20% discount is due on January 15, 2014 to qualify for the discount. All members must sign the form for the A.D&D policy and placed in their personnel file. Any questions contact me.

Payment of Bills – \$70.75 – Muriel Gillespie (Banquet Tickets), \$80.00 – M&M Trophies & Awards (Pocket badge for 2nd V.P. Dempsey); A motion was made, seconded, and carried to pay the bills.

Unfinished Business

Jeff Dennison, which companies need smoke detectors for the 10 detector and batteries? Please see me after the meeting. I will have them here for January's meeting.

Nomination & Election of a Director

President Brode called for nominations from the floor to finish a 1 year director's term. He called 3 times and then a motion was made and seconded, and carried to close the nominations. Names submitted for KCVFA Director are Allan Post and Robert Scott. President Brode then called for a vote, the secretary called up to 3 delegates from each company for a ballot vote. President Brode appointed Allen Metheny a judge to count the ballots. Allen Metheny reported a tally of ballots of 22 for Robert Scott and 16 for Allan Post. President Brode declared Robert Scott the new director for the next year.

New Business

President Brode, per telephone conversation and a prior contact with Past President Steve White an Insurance vendor wanted to talk to association about AD&D for 10 minutes offering up to \$4000.00 free AD&D and anything more we would have to pay for. A motion was made and seconded, and carried to stay with our current Mutual Relief plan.

Robert Yerkes, dues notices were handed out I would like payment as soon as possible.

Charlie Boyer, A motion was made and seconded, and carried to have association appoint a committee to come up with a Special Ribbon or Pin to be given to each of our Military Personnel and this ribbon be worn on their Fire Company Uniform and committee report back to this association at the January 2014 meeting with their findings. Al Metheny asked that committee also look into further clarification as to who is supposed to be honored. (Active Duty, Retiree's, Reserves, ect...)

Good of the Association

Robert Yerkes, we have a member Ernest Harding a Veteran who just turned 101 with sound mind.

Leroy Dear, Former Past President Phillip Gunter is not doing well at Silver Lake.

Steve White, anyone have list of past Firefighter's of the year. President Brode suggested that Secretary Reyes will post on website once he gets the names.

50-50 – Paula King

Conference Souvenir – N/A

The next meeting will be at Dover Fire Department, Station 46– January 15, 2014

A motion was made and seconded, and carried to adjourn at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Pablo Reyes, Jr., Secretary