



Kent County Volunteer Firefighter's Association

February 17, 2016

Celebrating our 1000th Meeting

President Dempsey called the 1000th meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. at Station 48, Felton Community Fire Company. Following dinner served by the Ladies Auxiliary of the station, Vice President Dennison conveyed our thanks to the Auxiliary of the station. Todd Hannah, President of Felton Community Fire Company gave the address of welcome; Vice President Dennison gave the response.

Deviation of Business: *A motion was made, seconded, and carried to deviate from the normal order of business for our special agenda. President Dempsey walked us through a little history. First, comparing 85 years of history with Past President Brode then highlighting several important moments mentioning the following: Prohibition, Depression, Unemployment, Star Spangle Banner, Nevada legalized gambling, Empire State building completed with our Association being created that year. I am very honored and proud to be in this chair for this milestone. President Dempsey introduced the following groups of special people. Congressman John Carney, Mr. Drew Slater, Ms. Kate Rorke representing US Senator Chris Coons, Mr. Tom Wagner, Mr. Ken Simpler, Senator's Bruce Ennis, Brian Bushweller, Dave Lawson, Representative's Bobbie Outten, Trey Paradee, Lyndon Yearick, Levy Court President Brooks Banta, Commissioner's Glen Howell, Jody Sweeney, Terry Pepper (At Large), Administrator Mike Petit de Mange, State Fire Prevention Commission, Chairman David Roberts, Vice Chairman Alan Robinson, Commissioner's Lynn Truitt, Anthony Guzzo, Ron Marvel, DVFA, President Joe Zeroles, 1st VP Ted Walius, 2nd VP Richard Perillo, Secretary Elmer Steele, Treasurer Allen Metheny, Assistant Treasurer George Pyott, Past President Rich Toulson, New Castle County Director Dan Carrier, Kent County Director Glenn Gillespie, Sussex County Clay Yocum, Executive Manager Warren Jones, New Castle County President Les Warrick, and Sussex County President Ron O'Neal. Introducing our most important group **here** tonight that helped get us to our 1000th meeting. Past President's Ken Ryder, Harold Brode, John Pridemore, Steve White, Glenn Gillespie, Mike Rains, Joe Zeroles, Charlie Boyer, Ed Welch, Al Schmick, Glen Neese, Bob Lane, Alan Robinson, Kevin Wilson, Carroll Jester, Carleton Carey, Fred Jester, Wallace Hudson, Willard Betts, Jr., Allen Metheny, Tom Baker, Melvin Wyatt, Bill Sipple, Rod O'Neal, and Bruce Ennis. President Dempsey presented a commemorative plaque to the Felton Community Fire Company and another one to the Felton Ladies Auxiliary. Vice President Dennison presented a plaque to President Dempsey for his tenure during our 1000th meeting. Several guest presentations followed beginning with Congressman Carney, State Treasurer Ken Simpler, Legislature, Senator's Ennis, Lawson, & Bushweller, Representative's Outten, Paradee, & Yearick, Levy Court Brooks Banta, all commissioners present and Mike Petit de Mange, State Fire Prevention Commission Chairman Roberts, Vice Chairman Robinson, Commissioner's Truitt, Guzzo, & Marvel, DVFA, President Joe Zeroles, New Castle County President Les Warrick, and lastly Sussex County President Rod O'Neal and VP Terry Jester. President Dempsey asked 1000th committee to stand for special thanks. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to return to the regular order of business.*

Roll Calls: Officers: 13 present, 0 absent; Companies: 19 present, 0 absent; Past Presidents: 25 KCVFA, 13 DVFA, and 12 Fire Company.

Introduction of Guests:

DVFA – President Joe Zeroles, Remind everyone about the Leadership Symposium on April 9th at Hyatt Place in Dewey Beach put together by the DVFA, Fire Commission, Fire School, Fire Marshall and DEMA with a guest speaker Chief Rich Gasaway on Situational Awareness, registration form is on the Delaware State Fire School website. JFC meeting is Monday February 22nd we would like to see as many as possible in Class A uniforms. CFSI dinner is on May 5th you will find forms on the website. We would like to see many of you go to get our numbers up.



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State Fire Chief's Association – Chief Phil Pennington, our next meeting is March 24th at Station 80 Indian River. Something we have been concentrating on is Cardio Kinetics. Recently, we lost a brother from Station 42 that was only 47 years old, unexpected death. We have some Cardio Kinetics monies left and we will need more soon, please take advantage of the Cardio Kinetics. You guys need to take care of yourselves out there; there is money out there for this kind of stuff.

State EMS – Mike McMichael, on behalf Jennifer Knox who could not be here our next meeting will be with the State Fire Chiefs on March 24th at Station 80 Indian River. Couple of big topics coming up Bariatric Stretchers and National Issue's with those in military about becoming a paramedic once they have been discharged.

DVFA Ladies Auxiliary – President Mary Frances Eisenbrey, congratulations on the association's 1000th meeting, thanks for the recognition.

State Fire Police Association – Alvin Schmick, our next meeting is February 21st 9:00 at the Delaware State Fire School.

DVFA Conference – John McKenzie, working diligently and you need to get your room request in ASAP they are rapidly filling up and if you depart early you will be charged the entire contract amount. Last year they gave us a break they will not do so this year.

State Fire Prevention Commission – Dave Roberts, we had a meeting yesterday at the Fire School. Flu is still sporadic in Delaware, ALS/BLS protocol committee will meet in the Spring, DAG regulation changes take effect March 3rd. State Auditor is asking which CPA firms are legal to be used under current state law. Next meeting is March 15th at the Fire School.

Delaware State Fire School – No Report

State Fire Marshal's Office – Grover Engle, all companies are doing a good job in reporting their DFIRS. If you need our assistance contact our office.

Legislature – Representative Outten thanks for the recognition. Senator Ennis, be very brief State President mentioned the Fire Service will be there on February 22nd a Monday, I hope to see many of you there. When Public Safety came to the JFC a group did a very good job. Top ten states with regards to taxes Delaware was in the top ten for being the best and was rated number one.

Kent County Fire Chief's Association – Mark Langford, thanks for the recognition our next meeting is at Frederica on March 9th.

Kent County Fire Police Association – Jeff Dennison thanks for the recognition.

Kent County Emergency Medical Services Association – Jill Wilson, we are actively working with the Chief's Association in Kent County the Active Shooter policy. Our next meeting is February 24th at Marydel looking at different topics to include Bullet Proof vests. We welcome you to join us in conversation.

Kent County Ladies Auxiliary – Shirley Pennington thanks for the recognition our next meeting is on March 22nd at South Bowers.

Kent County Levy Court – President Brooks Banta, we are in the middle of our budget process.

KC Emergency Dispatch Center – Kevin Sipple, an email has gone out asking to supply Winter Storm Jonas expenses so it could be pushed through DEMA as a disaster declaration. Paramedic unit is still a work in progress and few more medics have been hired and hopefully the Frederica unit will be up soon.

KC Emergency Management Agency – No Report

KC Emergency Medical Services (Paramedics) – No Report

New Castle County Volunteer Firemen's Association – President Les Warrick, next meeting is March 10th at Station 12.

Sussex County Volunteer Firemen's Association – President Ron O'Neal, next meeting is February 23rd at Station 88.



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State Recruitment and Retention – No Report

Mutual Relief – Steve White, we continue to meet monthly and the PowerPoint presentation should be ready by March. Let us know if you want us to schedule a presentation.

DEMA – Deputy Director Glenn Gillespie thanks for the recognition, stress that you get the Jonas Storm expenses in from the event. Senator Ennis, I want to acknowledge that we also have a Past DEMA Director here Jamie Turner. Threshold for snow in Kent County is 24 inches.

NVFC – No Report

Delmarva Firefighter's Association – Clay Yocum recently had our meeting on February 7th a hot topic was the Queens contest and it will be held as normal. However, a committee was appointed to look at the rules and combining it with the convention on the same weekend. The Convention will be in Chincoteague on April 28th, 29th, and 30th.

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 42 – Duane Jefferson

Report of Officers – All submitted in written or electronic form. President Dempsey, in 10 days is Kent County Appreciation night and May 5th is CFSI and all support for attending will be appreciated.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Robert Yerkes report of ending balances as of February 1, 2015: Roland Trader Scholarship Fund – \$11,902.08; Special Operations Fund – \$22,908.88; Money Market – \$20,832.97; Smoke Detector Fund – \$624.60; Checking Account – \$7,280.98; Total of all CD's – \$17,540.64; Total funds – \$68,563.47. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to accept the Treasurer's Report.

Written Correspondence – 2 Items, 1st from the Delaware State News "Letters to the Editor" heart-felt speaking about donations to the Fire Service. 2nd letter from the Carlisle Fire Company endorsing Glenn Gillespie for the position of 2nd Vice President for the DVFA.

Report of Committees

Smoke Detector Funding, Harold Brode met with Levy Court and they have graciously agreed to give us \$3000.00 for smoke detectors. It will be brought up under proper order of business. And thanks to the Commissioners for their support.

Scholarship for DVFA, Rod O'Neal, scholarships must be in by March 31st let your kids know.

Payment of Bills – \$243.00 – Awards, Trophies & More (1000th meeting plaques); \$900.00 – Muriel Gillespie (Door prizes for Banquet); \$777.84 – Felton Fire Company Auxiliary (1000th meeting food); A motion was made, seconded, and carried to pay the bills. A motion was made, seconded, and carried authorizing Treasurer to pay any bills associated with Appreciation Night event on February 27th.

Unfinished Business

Ed Welch, after much discussion, a motion was made, seconded, and carried to have the KCVFA match the \$3000.00 donated by the Levy Court for Smoke Detectors. Jeff Dennison, any ideas will be entertained.

Steve White, Since Carleton Carey suggest the CO detector funding from Chesapeake Utilities have him check with them on that issue.



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New Business

Robert Yerkes, CFSI? A standing motion exists to send 3 people or their alternates.

Good of the Association

Robert Yerkes, All you can eat spaghetti on February 27th, also Sunday all you can eat breakfast.

Todd Hannah, Joe Sherwood a Past Fire Fighter of the Year and also a Life Member of Felton during the night of the recent storm had a massive heart attack and had a quadruple bypass, he is home now and doing a lot better.

Steve White, during the snow storm, we had a very big fire and I thank all the companies that came to get there.

Unfortunately the guy that started it had carried ashes out in a cardboard box out of his stove.

Brooks Keen, Citizens Hose is in active recruiting drive at Polytech. If you want to participate let us know. Any information we get for other departments we will pass on the information. President Dempsey, regarding your 17th recruitment drive get in touch with me for help from DVFA for materials that we may help you with.

Pablo Reyes, a couple of things 1st in all your folders you received a list from last year's Military Recognition if there are any changes (such as deceased or new members) please get them to me prior to the next meeting. 2nd Question to Bruce Ennis is about Grant & Aid is that there is a change coming down about keeping separate accounts for the Grant & Aid? If this is true companies might want to keep this in mind for accounting in your companies.

Camden, Dover Fire Dept, and District of Colombia are getting together to sponsor on March 26th a Beef & Beer 2 to 8 pm. Trying to raise money for one of our members his wife was diagnosed with terminal cancer with 6 months to live. Tickets are \$35 get them at Station 41 or Dover.

Terry mailed out 85,000 for fund drive with only a 9% return rate.

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Conference Souvenir –

The next meeting will be at Frederica Fire Company, Station 49 – March 17, 2016 7:00 p.m.

A motion was made and seconded, and carried to adjourn at 9:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Pablo Reyes, Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

Pablo Reyes, Jr., Secretary