



Kent County Volunteer Firefighter's Association

February 18, 2015

President Ryder called the 989th meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at Station 57, South Bowers Fire Company. Following dinner served by the Ladies Auxiliary of the station, Vice President Dempsey conveyed our thanks to the Auxiliary. Doug Hignutt, President of the South Bowers Fire Company gave the address of welcome; Vice President Dempsey gave the response.

Roll Calls: Officers: 11 present, 3 absent; Companies: 15 present, 4 absent; Past Presidents: 8 KCVFA, 7 DVFA, and 8 Fire Company Presidents.

Introduction of Guests:

DVFA – President Anthony Guzzo, CFSI is April 16, 2015 would like to see a good showing consider attending and sign up. We now have the ability to accept Credit Cards and will be using it for the CFSI and Conference to include forms that can be filled out and emailed. We have been working with the Insurance Commission to come up with a good formula for the cost of an ambulance run. We hired a forensic account to work with DVFA to develop a formula. JFC hearing has been re-scheduled to sometime in March. We will let you know when so we can fill the place up. Melissa Kiser has resigned her position with the DVFA as of January 27, 2015.

State Fire Chief's Association – Jeff Denison, No Report

State EMS Association – Mike McMichael, on behalf of President DeMarco our next meeting will be March 26th at Slaughter Beach with the Chief's meeting. We are looking for a grant for a CPR Assist Device system license throughout the state. We will not hear more until this summer.

DVFA Ladies Auxiliary – No Report.

State Fire Police Association – No Report

DVFA Conference – John Stevenson, menu's due to Elmer by April 1st Dover Downs has a bunch of stuff to do after that.

State Fire Prevention Commission – Ron Marvel, Ebola cranking down and Flu was cranking up and is now cranking up. All Grants are being held up because Department of Homeland Security is not fully funded. Those of you attending CFSI does help the Congressional Fire Service Institute. State of Delaware has gotten over \$11 million in the past 8 years. We are working with the state for the moving violation tickets additional \$10. What is an ambulance run? Patient care reports and run numbers did not match up which will help determine division of funds. Legislation specifically says it will be handed out for an ambulance run.

Delaware State Fire School – No Report

State Fire Marshal's Office – No Report

Legislature – Senator Bruce Ennis, 3 bills going back in, 1 presumption of health problems presumed for line of duty, 2 Surf fishing license for the ladies auxiliary, 3 any company wishing to get out of the State Pension plan. If interested in getting into the State Health care plan it was opened up. Pension plan check what you are paying, should be \$60 for every active member. We are paying for every earned credit year is \$187.97 per year. Bottom line if someone is no longer active you are paying \$187.97 for every member not active that will never get a pension.

Kent County Fire Chief's Association – No Report

Kent County Fire Police Association – Jeff Denison, our next meeting is March 17th at Station 48.

Kent County Emergency Medical Services Association – Christine Davila our next meeting is Monday at Clayton.

Kent County Ladies Auxiliary – Debra Lawhead, thank you for the recognition, next meeting is March 24th at Houston. We will have a Food Drive on March 14th at Dover's St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Kent County Levy Court – No Report

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 – Mike McMichael, next meeting Thursday at Minquas Fire Company

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Sussex County Volunteer Firemen's Association – Ron O'Neal, our next meeting is February 24th at Station 75 Ellendale Fire Department.

State Recruitment and Retention – No Report

Mutual Relief – Steve White, next meeting is February 23rd at Frederica

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 meeting as printed. (With a typo correction on 1st page 1st line of a number from Station "49" to Station "55")

Deceased Members: Station 49 – Robert Manaraze, Station 49 – Robin Rentz, Station 43 – Sam Knotts, Station 45 – Harvey Scott, Station 44 – Fred Beideman

Report of Officers – All submitted in written or electronic form. President Ryder, reports submitted electronically. DHSS directive for certified food protection person. DVFA created committee to discuss directive KCVFA will have Debra Lawhead and Ken Ryder on the committee. DVFA Committee for cost of Ambulance run representative's will be Allan Post and Ken Ryder. FDIC is April 20th to 25th and Safe Summer Days June 13th at Brecknock Park. Vice President Dempsey, stated that our 1000th meeting is next February and looking for volunteers to head up a celebration committee.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Robert Yerkes report of ending balances as of February 1, 2015: Roland Trader Scholarship Fund – \$11,494.78; Special Operations Fund – \$14,970.05; Money Market – \$27,563.84; Smoke Detector Fund – \$1,246.60; Checking Account – \$5704.31; Total of all CD's – \$17,502.10; Total funds – \$65,470.30. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to accept the Treasurer's Report.

Written Correspondence – 4 total, 1st letter from Hartly Volunteer Fire Company stating their delegates to the KCVFA. 2nd letter is from the Dover Fire Department stating their delegates to the KCVFA. 3rd letter from the Kent County Levy Court re-appointing Harold Brode to continue serving as liaison for Kent County. 4th letter is from the Clayton Fire Company stating the loss of Harvey W. Scott, III.

Report of Committees

CISM Team – Blake Bowers, next meeting is March 5th 19:30 at Station 44 anyone interested please attend. Company President's or Chief's I need names of your Chaplain's and contact information for the following stations 40, 41, 43, 46, 47, 48, 49, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, & 57 emailing me information will be appreciated. We are trying to take Chaplaincy to a new level so we are developing classes for Fire Company Chaplain's.

Fire Prevention – Earle Dempsey, On December 7th at Station 42 the event went very well. Thanks to the committee for doing such a good job. Any feedback for anything on the process let us know.

Appreciation Night – Muriel Gillespie, Appreciation Night is February 28th at Station 48. This is the last call tonight for tickets. Thanks to Jeff for the last thing being auctioned off that night is a Fire Helmet with 30 NASCAR Signatures on it.

Website – Pablo Reyes, Jr., We did lose a member of the committee that was taking care of the ambulance side of the website and looking for a volunteer willing to help in the administration of the website.

Military Appreciation Night – Larry Jameson, March 18th committee meeting agreed on design for a pin to show appreciation for those are or having served honorably in the Military and are a member of the Kent County Fire Service. Secretary has list with 236 individuals currently qualified to receive the pin. President Ryder, please get up with Secretary Reyes for any changes to the list.

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Payment of Bills – \$92.00 – M&M Trophies & Awards (Pocket Badge V.P. Post, 2014); \$1052.10 – Muriel Gillespie (Fire Prevention Awards Expenses, 2014); \$76.36 – Muriel Gillespie (Banquet Tickets); \$18.75 – Muriel Gillespie (Fire Prevention Expenses, 2015); A motion was made, seconded, and carried to pay the bills. Al Metheny, A motion was made, seconded, and carried to authorize the Treasurer to pay any bills in reference to the Appreciation Banquet prior to next meeting.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Ed Welch, A motion was made, seconded, and carried to accept the recommendation of the Military Recognition Committee on the guidelines for issuing the recognition pins and further authorize the purchase of 500 Military Recognition Pins for cost quoted of \$815.

Good of the Association

Mike McMichael, hosting the Cumberland Valley Firefighter's Association Convention and Parade at Delaware City Fire Company. We would appreciate at least 1 piece of apparatus if you can come. We are hoping to get a good showing from Delaware. Mark your calendars for August 1st 2015, expecting 300 to 400 at the event.

50-50 – Jasper Lakey

Conference Souvenir –

The next meeting will be at American Legion Ambulance, Station 64 – March 18, 2015 7:00 p.m. Military Recognition Night

A motion was made and seconded, and carried to adjourn at 8:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Pablo Reyes, Jr., Secretary

Note: *Marydel Fire Company, Station 56 – January 21, 2015 7:00 p.m. meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather*