



Kent County Volunteer Firefighter's Association

February 21, 2018

Vice President Brittingham called the 1022nd meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. at Station 51, Hartly Fire Company. Following dinner served by the Auxiliary of the station, Vice President Brittingham conveyed our thanks and appreciation to the Auxiliary of the station. Omer Truitt, President of Hartly Fire Company gave the address of welcome; Vice President Brittingham gave the response.

Roll Calls: Officers: 7 present, 6 absent; Companies: 19 present, 1 absent; *Past Presidents:* 13 KCVFA, 8 DVFA, and 5 Fire Company.

Introduction of Guests: Director Eisenbrey assisting

DVFA – Vice President Bill Betts – Thanks to all that showed to the Joint Finance Committee hearing on February 12th there was a large crowd. They restored Grant and Aid to 100%, and Fire Prevention matching funds to \$75,000 and additional \$1,000,000 to the Revolving Loan Fund. Thanks to Senator Ennis for bringing the equalization money to our attention. We need you to all meet and talk with your legislators. We are trying a different tactic where some of you will get assigned to certain legislators. We want you to meet with them in person. All Fire Company New officers we need contact information, please fill out form on line at the State Fire Commissions website (https://statefirecommission.delaware.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/103/2018/01/FC_contact_form.pdf) then Fax or Email to Sherry and she will disseminate them out the DVFA, Fire Marshal, and Fire School. CFSI Dinner is Thursday April 19th we would like to have a good showing because Steve Austin will be receiving a Fire Service Leadership award and there will be a tribute to Lou Amabili. CFSI registration forms are on our website. Executive meeting on March 11th a lot of things going on new things from the auditor and decision will need to be made for next 3 years conference site. President has been sick for about two weeks.

State Fire Chief's Association – Andy Hall, next meeting is March 22nd at Station 89 Slaughter Beach with a guest speaker from Anne Arundel County. We encourage you to attend Cardio Kinetics Program, of the officers that have gone through 3 have been identified to follow-up with their physician.

State EMS – No Report

DVFA Ladies Auxiliary – No Report

State Fire Police Association – No Report

DVFA Conference – Joe Zeroles, we had our meeting last month and still not a lot going on. The forms should be on the website pretty soon but no later than the end of April.

State Fire Prevention Commission – Al Robinson, we had our meeting yesterday, the Sparkler bill will probably pass over our objections. Some companies are still in need of getting DFIRS up-to-date. Ambulance simulator should be in-service by March 19th. Flu has accounted for up to 18 deaths. No public comments for Ambulance Regulations. Committee has been set to review the Ambulance Regulations to include Dave Roberts, Ron Marvel, and Al Robinson to work with EMS Associations, and a representative from the private ambulance companies. Next meeting at the Fire School March 20, 2018.

Delaware State Fire School – No Report

State Fire Marshal's Office – Grover Engels, 1 fire fatality this year. 2nd victim is still in critical condition. Canine Sparks pass on this past Monday. DFIRS we are working with companies to get caught up. Sparklers HB53 passed on January 25th legal twice a year July 4th and New Year's Eve and can be sold 30 days prior. Thanks for your support.

Legislature – Senator Bruce Ennis, this is the 4th week we have been in JFC and hopefully we finish up tomorrow. SB91 – Carbon monoxide detectors it is committee. SB147 – Naloxone antidote for opioids states any public safety officer can administer provided they have report to be certified and helps prevents any liability issues. Public Safety officers can be described as Police Officers, Paramedics, Firefighters, EMTs and Emergency dispatchers. Last year

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we had 264 deaths due to opioid overdose and Nation-wide there were more opioid overdose deaths than attributed to motor vehicle accidents.

Kent County Fire Chief's Association – No Report

Kent County Fire Police Association – Mike Berry, thanks for the recognition our next meeting is March 20th in Harrington.

Kent County Emergency Medical Services Committee – No Report

Kent County Ladies Auxiliary – Sandra Robinson, thank you for the recognition, our next meeting March 27th in Houston.

Kent County Levy Court – Terry Pepper, great to be back home. This year we will be increasing amount to Fire Companies, we are in the middle of the budget process. Thanks to all you do.

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 – Jim Watson, President Majewski apologizes for not attending. Our next meeting is March 8th at Station 15 Delaware City.

Sussex County Volunteer Firemen's Association – No Report

State Recruitment and Retention – No Report

Mutual Relief – Steve White, death benefits, it does not benefit you to pay funeral homes directly. You would have to pay taxes on it if you get it personally.

DEMA – No Report

NVFC – No Report

Delmarva Firefighter's Association – Elmer Steele, our Convention is coming up April 12th, 13th, and 14th at Greenwood, get your paperwork in. Includes Queens contest and Parade.

International Chief's – Bill Betts, Eastern Conference is going to be up by BWI, stay at the Embassy Suites. There is a good list of speakers, it is coming up the Friday after CFSI Dinner.

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

Deceased Members: Station 49 – Ernie Creed, Station 46 – Harry Montgomery, Station 51 – Edward Lewis, and Canine Sparks

Report of Officers: All submitted or to be submitted in written or electronic form.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Robert Yerkes report of ending balances as of February 1, 2018: Roland Trader Scholarship Fund – \$13,142.57; Special Operations Fund – \$43,060.28; Money Market – \$20,619.33; Smoke Detector Fund – \$806.60; Firefighter's Relief Fund – \$7,593.00; Checking Account – \$12,863.42; Total of all CD's – \$17,593.68; Total funds – \$51,076.43 not including Scholarship & Special Ops Funds. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to accept the Treasurer's Report.

Written or Email Correspondence: 5 letters, 1st letter from Carlisle Fire Company appointing their Primary and Alternate Delegates to the KCVFA. 2nd letter from Farmington Volunteer Fire Company naming their Primary and Alternate Delegates to the KCVFA. 3rd letter from Marydel Volunteer Fire Company naming their Primary and Alternate Delegates to the KCVFA. 4th letter from Carlisle Fire Company with reference to Jeff Dennison. 5th letter from the New Castle Volunteer Firefighter's Association with reference to Al Metheny.

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Report of Committees:

County Banquet Night – Murielle Gillespie, hope to see everyone there and doors open at 5:00 p.m. and not before.

Payment of Bills: by Treasurer Robert Yerkes || \$83.99 – Muriel Gillespie (Banquet Tickets); \$900.00 – Muriel Gillespie (Banquet Door Prizes); A motion was made, seconded, and carried to pay the bills.

Unfinished Business:

Vice President Brittingham, issues with Jeff Dennison is tabled until further notice.

Vice President Brittingham on a policy being written will be sent to V.P. O'Neal and President Perillo for their thoughts and also needs to go to the attorney for review after which it will be brought to the floor.

New Business:

None

*Steve White, a motion was made and seconded, and carried to pay for the Banquet.

Good of the Association:

Jimmy, update for the memorial on talking with Danny Burris they have all the permits all done. The state wants them to get it started around 1st of April so they can be done by the end of April. He has the new statue up at his shop and can be done in 35 to 40 days.

*Steve White, a motion was made and seconded, and carried to go back to New Business.

Jeff Eisenbrey, Cheswold Sportsman Show is next Saturday March 3rd doors open at 9 a.m. Come out and have a good day.

Mike Brittingham, Camden is doing a shoe fund drive, looking for old shoes to be refurb then go to a 3rd world countries.

50-50 – Robert Yerkes

Conference Souvenir –

The next meeting will be at Station 52, Houston – March 21, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

A motion was made and seconded, and carried to adjourn at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Pablo Reyes, Jr., Secretary