



## Kent County Volunteer Firefighter's Association

February 27, 2019

President Brittingham called the 1033<sup>rd</sup> meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at Station 44, Citizen's Hose Fire Company. Following dinner served by the Auxiliary of the station, Vice President Langford conveyed our thanks and appreciation to the Auxiliary of the station. Gerald Manley, President of Citizen's Hose Fire Company gave the address of welcome; Vice President Langford gave the response.

**Roll Calls:** Officers: 9 present, 4 absent; Companies: 15 present, 5 absent; Past Presidents: 12 KCVFA, 6 DVFA, and 9 Fire Company.

### Introduction of Guests:

**DVFA** – President Bill Betts, CFSI is coming up scheduled for April 25<sup>th</sup> registration forms are available on the website. ([www.dvfassn.com/documents.cfm](http://www.dvfassn.com/documents.cfm)) We are no longer accepting credit cards this year. CFSI is responsible for getting a lot of the FEMA Grants, AFG, and the Safer Grants of which Delaware companies are recipients of many of them. We would like everyone that can, send someone to show support for Delaware. JFC meeting of February 11<sup>th</sup> went well. \$75,000 Fire Prevention matching funds and another \$1,000,000 for the Revolving Loan Fund is in the Governors budget. Get your NEW Officers list into the Commission to Sherry Lambertson. There is a fill-able form available on the Delaware Fire Prevention Commission website. Search for "Fire Company Contact" pdf form. We have met with many legislators including 15 new ones. FDIC there are no more rooms left on our block. Presumption legislation in for both cancer and PTSI more to come on March 10<sup>th</sup>. It is import to get your Delegates and Alternates to our meetings.

**State Fire Chief's Association** – No Report

**State EMS** – Jen Knox, our next meeting is March 9<sup>th</sup> at the Fire School. President Brittingham, thanks to Shirley and Chris for successful fund raiser.

**DVFA Ladies Auxiliary** – No Report

**State Fire Police Association** – Les States, our next meeting is May 19<sup>th</sup> 9:00 at Fire School.

**DVFA Conference** – Joe Zeroles, committees are working hard and Logo is done now. Everyone should have had your rooms reserved by now. Still looking for a Chairman of the Golf Tournament, call me if interested 302-632-8310.

**State Fire Prevention Commission** – No Report

**Delaware State Fire School** – No Report

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

**Legislature** – Senator Bruce Ennis, September 15, 2017, Governor signed the SB-35 "REPLICA, EMS personnel will be able to respond across state borders" I followed up on status, when we started we had 9 states on board now we have 16 states with the exception of Pennsylvania and Maryland. Want to get it up and running by January 2020. It is supposed to be jointly controlled by EMS and the Fire Prevention Commission.

**Kent County Fire Chief's Association** – Shirley Pennington, our next meeting is at Dover.

**Kent County Fire Police Association** – Leon Hyde, next meeting March 19<sup>th</sup> at Citizen's Hose

**Kent County Emergency Medical Services Committee** – No Report

**Kent County Ladies Auxiliary** – Sandra Robinson, our next meeting is March 26<sup>th</sup> at Bowers Beach 7:00 p.m. Expressed thanks for the Auxiliary Banner gift.

**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** – Jim, thanks to Smyrna, Clayton, and all the EMS that was on an accident the other night.

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Sussex County Volunteer Firemen's Association – No Report

State Recruitment and Retention – No Report

Mutual Relief – Steve White, thanks to all the companies in the State for having your payments in by January 28<sup>th</sup> this is the first year I have seen this happen.

DEMA – No Report

NVFC – No Report

Delmarva Firefighter's Association – we met February 11<sup>th</sup> and our conference will be by the 1<sup>st</sup> of May.

International Chief's – Bill Betts, Eastern Conference will be held May 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> for anyone that wants to go.

*A motion was made, seconded, and carried for approval of the minutes of the KCVFA January 2019 meeting as printed. (with one typo correction made from Deceased Members: Station 18 to Station 48)*

Deceased Members: None

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

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Shirley Pennington report of ending balances as of January 31, 2019: *Roland Trader Scholarship Fund – \$13,611.94; Special Operations Fund – \$24,922.55; Money Market – \$18,005.42; Smoke Detector Fund – \$806.60; Firefighter's Relief Fund – \$7,393.00; Checking Account – \$18,980.37; Total of all CD's – \$17,646.29; Total funds – \$46,432.48 not including Scholarship, Special Ops Funds, Relief or Smoke Detector Funds.* A motion was made, seconded, and carried to accept the Treasurer's Report's.

Written or Email Correspondence: 3 letter's, 1<sup>st</sup> letter from the Houston Volunteer Fire Company going on record supporting Ken Ryder to the office of DVFA 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President. 2<sup>nd</sup> letter, from the Frederica Fire Company announcing their Primary and Alternate delegates to the KCVFA. 3<sup>rd</sup> letter from the Frederica Fire Company endorsing Ken Ryder to the DVFA office of 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President.

Report of Committees:

Appreciation Banquet – Shirley Pennington, we had a total of 292 attending with \$3,484.30 collected. That allowed for \$1,742.15 each to the Scholarship fund and Firefighter Relief Fund. President Brittingham, discussed the door gift and will kick it back to the committee for review followed by report back to the association. Another issue with the auctioneers will also be brought to the committee. Any other concerns please let us know.

Safe Summer Days – President Brittingham, I will reach out to them and hopefully get some communication with regard to the event.

Military Appreciation – Pablo Reyes, next month we will be celebrating our Military Veteran's that are also Firefighters. Please get your list updated, get the information to me any way you can and the list will be updated.

Payment of Bills: by Treasurer Shirley Pennington || \$6,894.50 – Felton Community Fire Company (Appreciation Night Dinner); \$941.13 – Murielle Gillespie (Appreciation Night, Reimbursement for door prizes); for total payments of \$7,835.63; A motion was made, seconded, and carried to pay the bills.

Unfinished Business:

President Brittingham, binders that were made for each President of the Kent County companies are completed and still in my garage. I will have them at the next meeting. If you need it before then just let me know.

President Brittingham, I spoke with DVFA President Betts, and the Insurance Commissioner called me back. The way the report was sent in we actually did get a bump. It is all straightened out.

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### New Business:

President Brittingham, working on getting 4 to 5 gear washers. The biggest thing in listening to Jackie Wilson was a lot of (cancer causing) stuff is transferred by our gear. We have sent a survey out to see who has gear washers.

More to follow later on that. It was stated that a washer and dryer can cost up to \$18,000.

President Brittingham, looking for approval to spend up to \$40.00 for plaque updates at the Fire School. A motion was made and seconded, and carried to update all the plaques at the State Fire School board.

President Brittingham, I spoke with the State Auditor, Kathleen McGuinness and she will be here in April, she has a 15 to 20-minute presentation on how she can help us with some advice.

Chaplain Walton, if you have a Chaplain at your station can you get me their contact information?

### Good of the Association:

Paul Eichler, Chairman of the Delaware Fire Sprinkler Coalition – The conversation with regards to sprinkler requirements in single family dwellings and town homes in Kent County. We would greatly appreciate that you contact your Levy Court Commissioners to let them know your feelings in regards to sprinklers. The Commissioners would greatly appreciate to hear back from the Fire Service. Again, reach out to your commissioners about your support. Two demonstration burns for the effectiveness of sprinklers are coming up at Dover Campus, Delaware Fire School. March 28<sup>th</sup> and April 25<sup>th</sup>. Check out <http://sprinklersaves.com>

President Brittingham, recognized Firefighter of the Year Alvin Schmick.

50-50 – Alvin Schmick

Conference Souvenir –

*The next meeting will be at Station 46 Dover Fire Company – March 20, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. (Military Recognition)*

A motion was made and seconded, and carried to adjourn at 8:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Pablo Reyes, Jr., Secretary