



Kent County Volunteer Firefighter's Association

March 16, 2016

Vice President Post called the 1001st meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. at Station 49, Frederica Fire Company. Following dinner served by the Ladies Auxiliary of the station, Vice President Dennison conveyed our thanks to the Auxiliary of the station. Steve White, President of Frederica 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 Military Appreciation Night. Vice President Post stated last year there were about 305 names read. This year's recognition we will add 32 more names. Vice President Dennison recognized 32 names for a total of 337 Military Veterans in the KCVFA with a commitment to the Volunteer Fire Service. Vice President Post thanked all Veterans for their service. Next, Vice President Post introduced Paul Ikeler from the Delaware Fire Sprinkler Coalition spoke on the history of the Coalition with goal of asking builders to provide information for home sprinkler systems and helping others with awareness of the legislation. We meet on a quarterly basis, with hopes of reaching out Delaware Emergency Service Representatives and to the building community and other organizations involved in prevention and recovery. Please get the word out about the coalition. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to return to the normal order of business.*

Roll Calls: Officers: 10 present, 3 absent; Companies: 17 present, 2 absent; Past Presidents: 13 KCVFA, 6 DVFA, and 7 Fire Company.

Introduction of Guests:

DVFA – President Joe Zeroles, Only 6 companies from Kent County have signed up for the Symposium so far with a deadline of March 26th and due to low registrations it has been opened up to all the fire service members. Forms are on the Fire School website. Met with JFC on February 22nd with a presentation two issues, one was Grant & Aid and the second about personal protective gear. JFC also wants to give us \$200,000 for smoke detectors to target the low income areas. They have asked to canvas our areas to find these people in need. CFSI Dinner is May 5th with a discounted rate of \$295 looking for maximum participation.

State Fire Chief's Association – Chief Phil Pennington, our next meeting is March 24th at Station 80 Indian River. Our guest speaker will be Chief Lombardo, and Ted Loudon will make an appearance. Please take care of yourselves out there; I mentioned it last night's meeting a young gentleman is going through throat cancer, please take advantage of the Cardio Kinetics. We are in the process of trying to get another grant going so we can continue this.

State EMS – Mike McMichael, on behalf Jennifer Knox who has gone back to work. We will be meeting with the State Chiefs on March 24th. On agenda is the completion of the Bariatric Stretchers and our attempt to get CPR System device were told by the Federal Government we had too much. We are trying again from a County level; these devices in action do save lives. We are requesting letters for anyone deserving recognition.

DVFA Ladies Auxiliary – No Report

State Fire Police Association – Alvin Schmick, our next meeting is May 22nd due to Dover Downs running a race.

DVFA Conference – John Stevenson, cutoff date has passed but still need names to the rooms. Read your contracts especially about cancellations.

State Fire Prevention Commission – No Report

Delaware State Fire School – No Report

State Fire Marshal's Office – No Report

Legislature – Representative Outten thanks for the recognition. Senator Ennis, last draft the \$200,000 for smoke

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detectors was still there. Paramedics used to be governed by the Board of Medical Practice now it is written now to go to the Division of Professional Licenses. That bill will be on Tuesday agenda in the Senate then goes to the House.

Kent County Fire Chief's Association – Mark Langford, thanks for the recognition our next meeting is April 13th at Station 50.

Kent County Fire Police Association – Jeff Dennison we had our meeting last night. There are letters going out to update our current list of Fire Police and asking for a State Fire Police of the Year submission. Also, please send in letter for Kent County Fire Police of the Year. Fire Police ID's will be done by Fire School not Div. of Motor Vehicles. Our next meeting is April 19th Station 43, Past Presidents.

Kent County Emergency Medical Services Association – Shirley Pennington, next meeting at South Bowers on March 28th.

Kent County Ladies Auxiliary – Shirley Pennington thanks for the recognition our next meeting is on March 22nd at South Bowers. Also, KCLA presented a check for \$1000 to the KCVFA Scholarship.

Kent County Levy Court – Commissioner Terry Pepper, tonight I bring a check for Smoke Detectors as promised. Our medical insurance for county employees has gone up 20%.

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 – President Les Warrick, next meeting is April 14th at Station 21.

Sussex County Volunteer Firemen's Association – No Report

State Recruitment and Retention – No Report

Mutual Relief – Steve White, we continue to meet monthly and the PowerPoint presentation is ready. Let us know if you want us to schedule a presentation. Checking into an issue where the funeral is paid for and the funeral homes are not returning the monies to the beneficiary. Forms will give a choice.

DEMA – No Report

NVFC – No Report

Delmarva Firefighter's Association – No Report

International Chief's – Bill Betts, thanks for the recognition.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried for approval of the minutes of the previous KCVFA meeting as printed. (A typo correction was made by deleting the number 2 from CO2 on page 3 under "Unfinished Business".)

Deceased Members: Station 55 – William Hinsley, Sr., Station 53 – John L. Jones, Station 44 – James R. Ford, Station 40 – Ralph F. Blades, Sr.

Report of Officers – All submitted in written or electronic form except for President Dempsey (absent), and Vice President Jeff Dennison.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Robert Yerkes report of ending balances as of March 1, 2015: Roland Trader Scholarship Fund – \$12,052.55; Special Operations Fund – \$21,856.07; Money Market – \$20,833.80; Smoke Detector Fund – \$624.60; Checking Account – \$3,690.39; Total of all CD's – \$17,540.64; Total funds – \$63,920.90. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to accept the Treasurer's Report.

Written Correspondence – None

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Report of Committees

Banquet Committee, Robert Yerkes, with total income at \$9,130.50, total expenses \$6,721.61 with net of \$2,258.89 with \$1,129.44 to KCVFA and adding another \$150 donation for a total to the Scholarship fund of 1,279.45.

1000th Meeting Committee, Robert Yerkes, total expenses at \$3,351.27 and total income of \$116.00 from 50/50 for a total expense of \$3,235.27.

Scholarship, Allen Metheny, Rod O'Neal wants everyone to understand information is in the packets on the Kent County Scholarship fund, make sure you get your packets.

Payment of Bills – \$5,745.25 – Felton Community Fire Company Auxiliary (Banquet Dinners); A motion was made, seconded, and carried to pay the bill.

Unfinished Business

Carlton Carey, in reference to contacting Chesapeake Utilities the assistance for CO detectors it is under review with Chesapeake Utilities donations committee.

New Business

None

Good of the Association

Billy Jester, Ken Ryder was scheduled to go in for heart surgery and he did not need any stints or anything they will treat him with medication and he is recovering well at home.

Les States, Marydel Fire Company will have a 75th Anniversary parade and celebration. Can you tell your companies to send forms back to us.

Blake Bowers, after suffering a stroke Dad's health and progress is slow. He walked for the first time Thursday. His attitude and spirits are pretty good. He has his cell phone back now. Thanks for all the cards and prayers.

Bill Betts, made a presentation to Jim McCall from Christiana for 50 years of service with the Eastern iChiefs.

Allen Metheny, at our newly renovated fire hall Hartly will have a Spring Dinner on April 2nd.

Vice President Post, State-wide open house on May 14th asking companies to participate from 11 to 2 p.m.

Safe Summer Days on June 11th make sure at least one apparatus from each station.

50-50 – Shirley Pennington

Conference Souvenir –

The next meeting will be at Harrington Fire Company, Station 50 – April 20, 2016 7:00 p.m. (Memorial Service)

A motion was made and seconded, and carried to adjourn at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Pablo Reyes, Jr., Secretary