



Kent County Volunteer Firefighter's Association

March 19, 2014

President Brode called the 980th meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at Station 48, Felton Fire Company. Following dinner served by the Ladies Auxiliary of the station, Vice President Dempsey conveyed our thanks to the Auxiliary. Terry Killen, President of the Farmington Fire Company gave the address of welcome; Vice President Dempsey gave the response.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to deviate from regular order of business to complete a ceremony to honor our Veteran's serving in the Kent County Fire Service. After the ceremony, a motion was made, seconded, and carried to return to the regular order of business.

Roll Calls: Officers: 11 present, 3 absent; Companies: 18 present, 1 absent; Past Presidents: 14 KCVFA, 9 DVFA, and 14 Fire Company Presidents.

Introduction of Guests:

Special Guest – Bill Webb from CFSI, I normally go to the quarterly meeting of the DVFA and have been making a point to visit the Delaware Companies. Senator Coons & Senator Carper will be attending CFSI and we are waiting to hear from Congressman Carney. We have succeeded on many fronts. We have increased funding for the U.S. Fire Administration. AFG Safer program increased. FY2015 there will be some cuts. Working together with other agencies and Capitol Hill we are able to encourage them not to penalize the fire service including the status of Volunteer Firefighters with the IRS. Any questions when you're in Washington just stop in and ask we are willing to help.

DVFA – Richard Toulson, thank you Bill Webb. I thank all those that attended the state executive meeting. There is a lot of work going on with the EMS Task Force. April 8th mark the date down that is the day we will meet with legislatures and we want to pack the hall. We want to meet there at 12:00. Van pooling is encouraged. April 13th asking all Fire Stations to be open Noon to 4:00 p.m. Yahoo! We have made arrangements with the Delaware State Fair on the 1st Thursday of the State Fair to sponsor a rodeo and have a booth for Recruitment & Retention July 17th. Earle Dempsey, rodeo is a very exciting thing. We will receive quite a bit of free tickets. Opportunity for displays, events during rodeo breaks. A lot of planning going in and we are looking for assistance particularly from our younger members. TV & Radio Ads are out and will be catered for that week. 4 Stations on April 13th will be hosting live radio. Ken Ryder, Thanks to DVFA and EMS Task Force.

State Fire Chief's Association – Stephen (Redman) Maichle, next meeting March 27th at Station 74.

State EMS Association – Mike McMichael, next meeting will be with the State Chiefs March 27th at Station 74 Delmar. Concern is the EMT's/Paramedics are working too many hours. We are looking into this. Trooper Medic is getting a new helicopter. State Fire School has put out an alert that TB is on the rise. Use your safety precautions.

DVFA Ladies Auxiliary – No Report

State Fire Police Association – Alvin Schmick, thank you for the recognition.

DVFA Conference – John Stevenson, all contracts are out and we still have some outstanding.

State Fire Prevention Commission – Marvin Sharp, met yesterday make sure you have a current Infectious Control Officer and pass that information on to the state.

Delaware State Fire School – No Report

State Fire Marshal's Office – Grover Engels, we one Fire Death incident this year and it is still under investigation.

Legislature – Senator Ennis, SB 31 Surf fishing & SB 53 deals with 31 are still going through the house. Senator Lawson we need to hear from you to know what you want done. Stay in touch. Look forward to seeing you all on April 8th.

Kent County Fire Chief's Association – No Report

Kent County Fire Police Association – Les States, our next meeting is April 15th at Leipsic.

Kent County Ambulance Association – Decon has been opened back up at Milford. Our next meeting will be March 24th at Little Creek.

Kent County Ladies Auxiliary – Debra Lawhead, Presented a check for \$1000.00 for the Scholarship.

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Kent County Levy Court – Terry Pepper, wrapped up our budget last night. Budget to the Fire Companies will be a total of \$700,000 plus another \$15,000 for Special Ops. Paramedic coverage we are looking to take over for Sussex who will no longer provide support in that area of Kent County.

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 – Dan Burris, our next meeting will be April 3rd at Christiana.

Sussex County Volunteer Firemen's Association – No Report

State Recruitment and Retention – Tucker Dempsey, see DVFA report section.

Mutual Relief – Robert Yerkes, Organized sports you need to have an additional policy to have them covered.

Organized leagues need a rider. One-time events for example Burn Center Fund raisers are okay.

DEMA – No Report

NVFC – No Report

Special Guest – Drew Slater, representing John Carney grants for USDA are due in by the next time we meet. Good for anything inside your buildings. Over the last two years they have increased giving by almost 500%. They gave out over 17 million last year. Kirby & Holloways dinner fund raiser was cancelled.

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

Deceased Members: Station 46 – Paul Kertiles, Station 49 – Bradford Holliday, Station 57 – William O. Stokes

Report of Officers – All submitted in written or electronic form. President Brode, thanks to the Appreciation Night Committee it was good night. A questionnaire is hosted on the website for possible changes for the Annual Parade. Vice President Ryder, It is an individual questionnaire if you want changes fill it out and send it in.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Robert Yerkes report of ending balances as of March 1, 2014: Roland Trader Scholarship Fund – \$10,237.21; Money Market – \$26,164.09; Checking Account – \$2,597.05; Smoke Detector Fund – \$326.60; Total of all CD's – \$17,467.12; Total funds – \$46,228.26 A motion was made, seconded, and carried to accept the report as read.

Written Correspondence – 1st letter, from the Hartly Volunteer Fire Company designating their primary and alternate delegates to the KCVFA. 2nd letter from the South Bowers Fire Company designating their primary and alternate delegates to the KCVFA. 3rd letter from the Marydel Fire Company designating their primary and alternate delegates to the KCVFA.

Report of Committees

C.I.S.M. – Blake Bowers, because of the ongoing issue's there is going to be a meeting April 1st at Station 44 for those interested. On April 4th at Dover Police Dept. they will be sponsoring a mass causality conference with scenarios, procedures and protocols. October 18 -19 Chaplin training at Annapolis, see me if interested.

Honor Guard – Blake Bowers, this is something we really want to do. Mr. Bob Ross, Sr. will have the DAFB Honor Guard standing by to assist as needed. Again if you have members interested contact us.

DVFA Scholarship – Rod O'Neil, Scholarships are due in by March 31st The Kent County Scholarships make sure you get a packet and turn them in by May 31st

Safe Summer Days – Ken Ryder mark your calendars June 14th 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Registration forms in packet get them to Kim O'Malley at the State Fire School.

Appreciation Banquet – Robert Yerkes for Muriel Gillespie gave financials report. We made little over \$2700 profit.

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Payment of Bills – \$6,120.00 – Felton Fire Company Auxiliary (Banquet Dinners), \$1,213.12 – KCVFA Roland Trader Scholarship (½ Banquet Profit) \$248.00 – M & M Trophies & Awards (3 Pocket Badges); A motion was made, seconded, and carried to pay the bills.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Jeff Denison, A motion was made and seconded, and carried to send the President and Secretary to attend the CFSI.

Good of the Association

Al Metheny, Annual Spring Train show at Hartly if interested come on out for breakfast and lunch.

Blake Bowers, Friday June 20th leaving Smyrna rest area at 3:30 to go Washington D.C. to observe the USMC Drum & Bugle Corp & Silent Drill Platoon cost is \$25 for the trip. Those interested contact Allan Greenwell, Dick Goldberg, Grant Nash.

President Brode, Asked for any companies willing to participate in Poker Run the following companies that have already offered to participate are North Bowers, Frederica, and Harrington. Bruce Ennis, clarified that the Poker Run where the bikers can stop and pick up a card from the Fire Companies between 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. with proceeds going to the smoke detectors for Kent County. Stations 40, 49, 50, 51, 53, 57 are participating.

Kent County Ladies are having a food drive. Bring your items to the Fire Companies for pickup March 22nd to 28th we will pick them up on Friday or Saturday.

Ken Ryder, Station 48 comeback Friday night for a Spaghetti night we usually have a good turnout.

50-50 – Jasper Lakey Conference Souvenir – N/A

The next meeting will be at Frederica Fire Company, Station 49– April 16, 2014 (Memorial Service)

A motion was made and seconded, and carried to adjourn at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Pablo Reyes, Jr., Secretary