



## Kent County Volunteer Firefighter's Association

March 20, 2013

President Pridemore called the 969<sup>th</sup> meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at Station 55, Magnolia Fire Company. Following dinner served by the Ladies Auxiliary of the station, Vice President Ryder presented our thanks to the auxiliary. Earl Dempsey, President of the Magnolia Fire Company gave the address of welcome; Vice President Ryder gave the response.

*A motion was made seconded and carried for a Deviation of Business for Military Recognition Night.*

**Deviation of Business:** Vice Presidents Brode and Ryder read list of all Military Veteran's serving in the Delaware Fire Service as submitted by each company.

*Commissioner Pepper, Commissioner Banta and I looked through this lengthy list of names especially those we knew and recognized. This Community and Fire Companies we serve can certainly be proud for those that continue to serve. We thank you Levy Court thanks you the other 5 Commissioners and I are certainly proud to serve you. Senator Ennis, purpose tonight is to honor the military we certainly thank all those of you that have served and are serving in the military. Representative Bob Outten, want to convey same message that all these guys have already said and to thank you. We did miss 2 out of Station 50 and that is my father Bill Outten – Army/Air Force and Uncle Dale Dean – Navy. The Dover Air Force Base Color Guard provided a wonderful presentation of the colors and we were honored by the attendance of members of the DAFB Fire Department.*

**Roll Calls:** Officers: 11 present, 2 absent; Companies: 18 present, 1 absent; Past Presidents: 14 KCVFA, 5 DVFA, and 12 Fire Company Presidents.

### **Introduction of Guests:**

**DVFA** – Charles Boyer, CFSI Dinner we would like to see a good turn-out we need to support Delaware. Our visitation of company meetings of what we do and what we can do for you is still in the works and if you need to set up a date for us to come contact the Executive Manager to set a date. Gaming Board, we have submitted Frank Gants name due to a withdrawal of previous person's name because of a conflict in the regulation.

**State Fire Chief's Association** – Glenn Gillespie, next meeting is March 28<sup>th</sup> at Station 75, Ellendale. We lost our

keynote speaker and rescheduled a presentation to be given Chief John Rudd and Deputy Chief RJ Shaw on mayday situation that occurred last year. June meeting will be at Station 50 for expo with planning on April 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**State EMS Association** – Ed Angwin, we piggyback at the same time for a meeting with the State Chiefs same time same place. New patient care goes live the 26<sup>th</sup> of this month. Get your training done to get access.

**DVFA Ladies Auxiliary** – No Report

**State Fire Police Association** – No Report

**DVFA Conference** – John McKenzie, once you register your name will show up on the website. That is for any event you happen to make at the conference. Any suggestions or comments we are certainly glad to entertain those.

**State Fire Prevention Commission** – Marvin Sharp, new position has been posted for Fire Center Coordinator.

There are 4 Companies running behind on DEMERS. Two companies fined one for \$4100 and the other for \$5000; it is extremely hard to take money out of a Fire Department budget. The law mandates a fine of \$100 a day for not getting audits in on time.

**Delaware State Fire School** – No Report

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

**Legislature** – Senator Bruce Ennis, 2 Bills that are numbered and in session already. The proper names of EMTs and Paramedics be in the criminal code. HB 21 & 22 One HB 21 has to do with if you are called for any type of emergency and you get injured you cannot be fired from your job. The bills are back in the house. Drafted up several bills one has to do with volunteer firemen develops heart problems or cancer due to his employment as a volunteer it is presumed the injury came as result of doing their duties. New bill to amend surf fishing license allows President of company to determine who is active and who is not. About ambulance fees, one of the people in my district recently received a bill for an ambulance transport contracted by Bay Health to go from Smyrna to Dover total bill \$2682.

**Kent County Fire Chief's Association** – No Report

**Kent County Fire Police Association** – Richard Schwalb thanks for the recognition next meeting Past Presidents Night April 16<sup>th</sup> Camden/Wyoming.

**Kent County Ambulance Association** – Mike Havel

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thanks for the recognition next meeting March 25<sup>th</sup> at Cheswold. Jason, about DEMERS process if needed have your Administrators go on and give you a password. Do not fax anymore forms everything is done online. If someone was missed our apologies many names were entered. DEMERS live on the 26<sup>th</sup> no more reporting through EDEN but accessible.

**Kent County Ladies Auxiliary** – Penny Gentry thanks for the recognition next meeting May 26<sup>th</sup> at South Bowers.

**Kent County Levy Court** – Commissioner Terry Pepper, Thanks to Vice President Brode for continuing to be our liaison to the fire service. 911 center is ready for upgrades to the heating and cooling system to Geo-thermal and expansion of parking lot.

**Kent County Emergency Dispatch Center** – No Report

**Kent County Emergency Management Agency** – No Report

**Kent County Emergency Medical Services (Paramedics)** – No Report

**New Castle County Volunteer Firemen's Association** – Dan Carrier, thanks for the recognition.

**Sussex County Volunteer Firemen's Association** – No Report

**State Recruitment and Retention** – No Report

**Mutual Relief** – Joe Zeroles, No Report thanks for the recognition.

**DEMA** – Glenn Gillespie, thanks for the recognition.

**NVFC** – No Report

*A motion was made, seconded, carried for approval of the minutes of the previous meeting as printed with a typo correction of Richard Park, Sr. to Richard Clark, Sr.*

**Deceased Members:** Station 42 – John Deputy

**Report of Officers** – All submitted in written or electronic form. President Pridemore, 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of CFSI Dinner May 9<sup>th</sup> expecting to get 250 attending from State of Delaware. April association meeting will be a Memorial Service get names in to Chaplin Blake Bowers. Please get your audits in on time. May 15<sup>th</sup> Station 41 June 15<sup>th</sup> Station 43 July 15<sup>th</sup> Stations 40 44 45 47 49 50 52 53 55 57. Rev. Paul's health is diminishing we want to explore options on how we can assist. DVFA Firemen of the Year nominations letters are due in by June 30<sup>th</sup> this is a good

opportunity to submit a lot of names. June 16<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> is health & safety week. DVFA if doing fund raiser for the Scholarship fund and is on the United Way of Delaware as a designation agency for donations. Lastly smoke detectors have been ordered and have arrived. Chief Bundek will store and a page will be sent of where and when to pick up sometime middle of next week.

**Treasurer's Report** – Treasurer Robert Yerkes report of ending balances as of March 1, 2013: Roland Trader Scholarship Fund – \$9033.40; Money Market – \$30,006.94; Checking Account – \$1853.63; Smoke Detector Fund – \$6,806.00; Total of all CD's – \$17,241.32; Total funds – \$49,101.89. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to accept the report as read.

**Written Correspondence** – 5 letters read, 1<sup>st</sup> letter from the Bowers Fire Company stating their primary and alternate KCVFA delegates. 2<sup>nd</sup> letter from the Frederica Volunteer Fire Company stating their primary and alternate KCVFA delegates. 3<sup>rd</sup> letter from the South Bowers Volunteer Fire Company stating their primary and alternate KCVFA delegates. 4<sup>th</sup> letter from the Farmington Volunteer Fire Company endorsing Joe Zeroles for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President to the DVFA. 5<sup>th</sup> letter from the Carlisle Fire Company endorsing Glenn Gillespie for the office of a Director representing Kent County to the DVFA.

### **Report of Committees**

Fire Advisory Board – Marvin Sharp, thanks to all for supporting the funding proposal. The committee worked hard at putting that together. We are set to meet April 15<sup>th</sup> and going to the next step.

Ladies Night Banquet (Appreciation Night) – Total income \$9,113.00, Net Profit \$2,119.12 of which 1,059.56 goes to the Scholarship committee.

**Payment of Bills** – \$121.00 – M & M Trophies (Plaque Ladies Auxiliary Banquet); \$5,896.00 – Felton Fire Company, (Auxiliary Banquet meals); \$5,000.00 – Lowe's (Smoke Detectors); \$500.00 – D.V.F.A. (2 tickets to CFSI); \$1059.56 – Trader Scholarship (½ Banquet profit); for the Total – \$12,576.56; A motion was made and seconded, and carried to pay the bills.

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### Unfinished Business

None

### New Business

Harold Brode, A motion was made and a second not acknowledged due to comment to hold motion until July.  
Senator Ennis, A motion was made and seconded and carried that the KCVFA support the adoption of a resolution for John. Lattomus retired from State Fire Marshall's office to include an invitation to a meeting.

### Good of the Association

Al Metheny, reference to report from Senator Ennis on ambulance run. It is a ridiculous amount to charge. Some discussion ensued. Senator Ennis the individual did not have insurance. President Pridemore, Bruce can you submit that to the Fire Advisory Board or the Commission.  
Al Metheny, A motion was made and seconded and carried that we send a letter to the Fire Prevention Commission in reference to the incident that Senator Ennis is referring and that he provide the details so that we can include that in the correspondence.

Richard, Clayton Fire Company annual Chicken Dinner this Saturday.

Robert Yerkes, Benefit for Harry Lindale next month we will put flyers out.

Al Metheny, April 13<sup>th</sup> Chicken and Dumpling dinner and this Saturday a Train Show.

Joe Zeroles, Farmington Fire Company Craft Show this weekend

Bowers Fire Company April 13<sup>th</sup> 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with a Parade

Harrington Fire Company April 13<sup>th</sup> will be having a Chicken and Dumpling dinner.

Steve White, This Saturday we are having a quarter auction.

Aetna Hose Hook and Ladder Company looking for groups of 4 for Golf Outing, get a flyer.

Rev. Bowers, Appreciate all support from the companies for the Fire Chaplin Training. WBOC Jimmy Hoppa was there. At last DVFA meeting I was appointed Chaplin to the DVFA.

50-50 – Charlie Boyer

Conference Souvenir – Joe Zeroles

*The next meeting will be at the Marydel Fire Company, Station 56 – April 17<sup>th</sup> Memorial Service*

A motion was made and seconded, and carried to adjourn at 8:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Pablo Reyes, Jr., Secretary