



Kent County Volunteer Firefighter's Association

March 20, 2019

President Brittingham called the 1034th meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at Station 46, Dover Fire Company. Following dinner served by the members of the station, Vice President O'Neal conveyed our thanks and appreciation to the members of the station. Tim Mullaney, Jr., President of Dover Fire Company gave the address of welcome; Vice President O'Neal gave the response.

Deviation: A motion was made, seconded, and carried to deviate from the regular order of business to conduct the Military Appreciation Night. Director's Sharp, Woznicki, and Satterfield assisted in the Presentation of Award Pins. 29 more names of Kent County Volunteers were read and added to the Military Veteran's List of Volunteers that are also Military Veteran's. This brings our total Volunteer's to include 370 Veteran's. Thank you for your service and what you have done for the United States of America. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to return to the regular order of business.

Roll Calls: Officers: 10 present, 3 absent; Companies: 17 present, 3 absent; Past Presidents: 13 KCVFA, 8 DVFA, and 7 Fire Company.

Introduction of Guests:

DVFA – President Bill Betts, CFSI Dinner is April 25th at a cost of \$300.00 per person and registration forms are available on the DVFA website. (www.dvfassn.com/documents.cfm) We are no longer accepting credit cards this year. CFSI is a valuable service for the Fire Service and the National Congress in obtaining FEMA Grants, AFG, and the Safer Grants. Delaware Fire Companies have been awarded over 7 million dollars in grants since 2010. The Jones boys have been traveling up and down the state meeting with our 15 new legislators. FDIC room block for the DVFA has been filled. We have written a draft for both Presumption legislation in for both cancer and PTSD more to come on March 10th. We need to identify the number of career and volunteer staff to help determine cost of the program. Recruitment and Retention Task Force, we are looking for people not part of the Fire Service. The Commission still has not received officers list from stations 42, 46, 47, and 56; these lists are important in order for us to maintain good communication channels.

State Fire Chief's Association – next meeting March 28th at Station 28

State EMS – Mike McMichael's, on behalf of President Capps our last meeting was well attended. The funds that were raised by Bingo with the help Shirley, Christine, Frederica and Aetna Hook & Ladder Fire Companies helped to fund our National Speaker in September. I completed tour at the new Bayhealth Hospital in Milford it is very well laid out and spacious. May 15th and 16th National EMS Bike drive coming out of Boston, Massachusetts stopping at Felton and Harrington Fire Companies to rest. There will be over 200 bikes riding that day. DEMSOC there were over 400 opioid deaths in the state last year. That is alarming to say the least. Our next meeting will be June 8th at the State Fire School.

DVFA Ladies Auxiliary – No Report

State Fire Police Association – Les States, thanks for the recognition our next meeting is May 19th 9:00 at Fire School.

DVFA Conference – No Report

State Fire Prevention Commission – Al Robinson, DFIRS reports in Kent County there is one company that has not turned in a report since January 2018. There are no repercussions for not turning in. We need legislation to get this done. These reports are all important. The Fire Prevention Matching funds were approved. Next meeting April 16th.

Delaware State Fire School – No Report

State Fire Marshal's Office – No Report

Legislature – No Report

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Kent County Fire Police Association – Mike Berry, next meeting April 16th at Clayton.

Kent County Emergency Medical Services Committee – No Report

Kent County Ladies Auxiliary – Sandra Robinson, thanks for the recognition. Past State President Lorraine Madden has suffered 2 strokes and is now located at PAM Rehabilitation Hospital room 213 1240 McKee Road, Dover, DE 19904. She is accepting visitors. Next meeting is March 26th at Bowers Beach. Presented a \$1,000.00 check from the KCL Auxiliary to the KCVFA for the Scholarship Fund.

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, fund raising in May for Special Olympics, next meeting is April 8th at Station 8 in Newark.

Sussex County Volunteer Firemen's Association – No Report

State Recruitment and Retention – No Report

Mutual Relief – Steve White, thanks for the recognition No Report.

DEMA – No Report

NVFC – No Report

Delmarva Firefighter's Association – Ralph Satterfield, our conference will be May 2nd, 3rd, and 4th we will have a display in the parking lot with prizes. No parade.

International Chief's – Bill Betts, Eastern Conference will be held May 10th, 11th, and 12th in New Jersey with a cost of \$125 individual plus \$75/\$100 for a partner.

President Brittingham request: asking for anyone that has a report could you please put it in writing if you can or send an email ahead of time if you know what you are going to bring up.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried for approval of the minutes of the KCVFA February 2019 meeting as printed.

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 February 28, 2019: *Roland Trader Scholarship Fund – \$13,612.46; Special Operations Fund – \$24,922.55; Money Market – \$18,006.11; Smoke Detector Fund – \$806.60; Firefighter's Relief Fund – \$7,393.00; Checking Account – \$17,294.87; Total of all CD's – \$17,646.29; Total funds – \$44,747.67 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: 5 letters' only 4 to read, 1st letter from the Insurance Company allowing us to use online method for communications. 2nd letter, from the Bower's Fire Company endorsing Ken Ryder to the DVFA office of 2nd Vice President. 3rd letter from the Carlisle Fire Company announcing their Primary and Alternate delegates to the KCVFA. 4th letter from Houston Fire Company announcing their Primary and Alternate delegates to the KCVFA. 5th email from Les States from Marydel announcing support Ken Ryder to the DVFA office of 2nd Vice President.

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Report of Committees:

Nominations committee see Nomination of DVFA Officers

Payment of Bills: by Treasurer Shirley Pennington || \$1,035.75 – Rush Uniforms (KCVFAA Banner); \$89.99 – Mike Brittingham (Flowers for Bill Walton, Sr. Funeral); for total payments of \$7,835.63; A motion was made, seconded, and carried to pay the bills.

Nomination of DVFA Officers:

President Brittingham, it is for 2nd Vice President of the DVFA. We have numerous letters in supporting Ken Ryder. Next month we will formalize the nominations for 2nd Vice President of the DVFA and following month we will vote if there is an election so we can turn in a letter to the DVFA by the June meeting.

Unfinished Business:

President Brittingham, Fire Company President's binders were distributed to all companies present. Donna Sivley, In January I asked if any company wanted to support the Salvation Army in the ringing of the bell this December. Last December we had 18 people assisting and it was not enough. Due to lack of interest and a lack of a motion for support request for support was dropped. Ralph Satterfield, committee reports can we get names updated. President Brittingham it is in progress.

New Business:

None

Good of the Association:

Ted Walius, Bob Quillen a Past President of Hartly is at Beebe Hospital for Pneumonia and Heart issue and is in room 371 is accepting visitors.

Benny O'Neal, Application Scholarship Packets are in your folders.

Terry Whitham, John Hurd is at Eden progressing well from a stroke is accepting visitors.

50-50 – Sam Lofton

Conference Souvenir –

The next meeting will be at Station 47 Farmington Fire Company – April 17, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. (Memorial Service)

A motion was made and seconded, and carried to adjourn at 8:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Pablo Reyes, Jr., Secretary