



Kent County Volunteer Firefighter's Association

April 15, 2015

President Ryder called the 991st meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. at Station 40, Bowers Fire Company. Following dinner served by the Ladies Auxiliary of the station, Vice President Post conveyed our thanks to the Auxiliary. Willie Trowbridge, Vice President of Bowers Fire Company gave the address of welcome; Vice President Post gave the response.

Deviation of Business – A motion was made, seconded, and carried for a deviation of business to complete the 2014-2015 Memorial Service recognizing 19 KCVFA members that answered their last call this past year. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to return to the regular order of business.

Roll Calls: Officers: 12 present, 2 absent; Companies: 17 present, 2 absent; Past Presidents: 8 KCVFA, 1 DVFA, and 7 Fire Company Presidents.

Introduction of Guests:

DVFA – Vice President Joe Zerolles, tomorrow's CFSI for those of you that are going they will be closing down registration at 4:00 p.m. 28th April Firefighter's day at Legislative Hall meet at 11:00 a.m. looks like it will be an annual event. DVFA has hired a consulting firm to deal with monies from last year. Conference forms should be on website by May 1st. They are using a different formula for calculation of appropriation funds instead of zip codes using new codes. City of Wilmington got shorted about 1.5 million and Insurance Commissioner took it upon herself to give them \$994,000. Lawyer is looking into this more to come later. Earle Dempsey, on request for Recruitment t-shirts for those that still want one we are offering them for \$5.00. Also, on May 16th we are asking for a state-wide open house from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. There will be prior advertising & onsite advertising during those hours.

State Fire Chief's Association – Jeff Dennison, thanks for the recognition.

State EMS Association – No Report

DVFA Ladies Auxiliary – No Report

State Fire Police Association – Al Schmick thanks for the recognition.

DVFA Conference – John Stevenson, reminder get your list of names in. Double-check your confirmation information. May 1st forms will be online.

State Fire Prevention Commission – No Report

Delaware State Fire School – No Report

State Fire Marshal's Office – No Report

Legislature – Senator Bruce Ennis, Presumption bill was reactivated, with regard to a presumption of heart problems or certain cancers. HB41 which deals with the surf fishing permits for the ladies auxiliary. SB53 Withdrawal policy from the Pension Plan. April 1st JFC did have hearings and it went very well.

Kent County Fire Chief's Association – Shirley Pennington with a change from Camden-Wyoming to Harrington on 2nd Wednesday next month.

Kent County Fire Police Association – Les States, thanks for the recognition our next meeting is in Frederica April 21st.

Kent County Emergency Medical Services Association – Chris Davila, thank you for the recognition, next meeting is April 27th at Felton.

Kent County Ladies Auxiliary – Ms. Darcy our next meeting is May 26th at Leipsic. Shirley Pennington, it is our memorial service and we will be starting earlier at 6:30 instead of 7:00

Kent County Levy Court – Commissioner Buckson, referring to a KCVFA letter regarding Paramedic Service in the South Eastern quadrant with the understanding that the Association is in favor of a 2 person Paramedic Unit. I am here to explain the decision of a 1 man unit. The numbers indicate that a pilot program should only have a 1 person unit with the understanding that they will have backup on the ready. The current plan is what you see identical to the Sussex Plan. There is a DEMSOC meeting with an open invitation for the fire service to attend. Request you attend the meeting to discuss the concerns. Cannot cut cost for Public Safety and cannot write blank checks. It is funded with a cost of about \$1 million. In the totality of our budget, over a 1/3 is Public Safety. Long discussion ensued. The numbers must demonstrate the need.

KC Emergency Dispatch Center – Kevin Sipple, last night Levy Court approved Smart 911. Go to

<https://www.smart911.com> to create account and enter your information in a National Database. Your data information would populate our 911 center screens. Please take the time to help us promote this. We hope to have it online in the next 30 days. When your phone call comes in

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we will have access for 45 minutes. It is a very successful nation-wide program.

KC Emergency Management Agency – No Report

KC Emergency Medical Services (Paramedics) – No Report

New Castle County Volunteer Firemen's Association – No Report

Sussex County Volunteer Firemen's Association – No Report

State Recruitment and Retention – *Vice President Dempsey reported with DVFA

Mutual Relief – Steve White, No Report

DEMA – No Report

NVFC – No Report

Delmarva Firefighter's Association – No Report

International Chief's – No Report

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

Deceased Members: None (Keep Delaware State Police in your prayers for the passing of Chaplin Oscar H. Frundt)

Report of Officers – All submitted in written or electronic form. President Ryder, CFSI state wide number of tickets sold was 178 of which Kent County held 43. FDIC is next week. Safe Summer Days is June 13th at Brecknock Park. Information is in your folders. Work with Kim O'Malley at the Fire School. Please advertise on your company marquees.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Robert Yerkes report of ending balances as of April 1, 2015: Roland Trader Scholarship Fund – \$12,595.72; Special Operations Fund – \$14,970.05; Money Market – \$28,174.45; Smoke Detector Fund – \$1,266.60; Checking Account – \$2,778.81; Total of all CD's – \$17,502.10; Total funds – \$63,425.41. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to accept the Treasurer's Report.

Written Correspondence – 1 letter from the Houston Fire Company stating their delegates to the KCVFA.

Report of Committees

Roland Trader Scholarship – Robert Yerkes, Rod was unable to be here the packet forms are due back May 31st

CISM – Blake Bowers, next meeting is May 7th 19:30 at Citizen's Hose anyone interested please attend.

Payment of Bills – \$590.00 – DVFA (2 CFSI Tickets); A motion was made, seconded, and carried to pay the bills.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

None

Good of the Association

Robert Yerkes, Houston has breakfast this Sunday and April 25th all you can eat beef and dumpling dinner. Chaplain Bowers, I am director of Chaplain Services at Bay Health and congratulations to one of our own Barry Burkett who has received the Physicians Award in Volunteerism. Earle Dempsey, Station 55 is looking at replacing SCBA equipment and would like to pool our buying power within the next year to make a decision.

Jeff Dennison, Annual Canoe Joust need you to come out \$30 a team food and drinks on last Saturday in June.

Bruce Ennis, About the Public Health regulation, we had meeting on Mach 13th and we let them know fire companies were exempt. They are putting in writing waiver of requirement to have certified person at every event.

Tom, Past Secretary Sophie Dear lost her father yesterday morning with services on Saturday.

50-50 – Ken Ryder (donated back to the Scholarship Fund) Conference Souvenir –

The next meeting will be at Camden-Wyoming Fire Company, Station 41 – May 20, 2015 7:00 p.m. Past President's Night

A motion was made and seconded, and carried to adjourn at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Pablo Reyes, Jr., Secretary