



Kent County Volunteer Firefighter's Association

April 16, 2014

President Brode called the 981st meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at Station 49, Frederica Fire Company. Following dinner served by the Ladies Auxiliary of the station, Vice President Dempsey conveyed our thanks to the Auxiliary. Steve White, President of the Frederica 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 an Annual Memorial Ceremony to honor our fallen firefighter's serving in the Kent County Fire Service. Additionally, a representative for the Treasurer disbursed some checks. After the ceremony & check disbursement, a motion was made, seconded, and carried to return to the regular order of business.

Roll Calls: Officers: 10 present, 4 absent; Companies: 16 present, 3 absent; Past Presidents: 12 KCVFA, 8 DVFA, and 9 Fire Company Presidents.

Introduction of Guests:

DVFA – Joe Zeroles for Richard Toulson, Thanks to all that showed a Legislative Hall we had a good turn-out. Thanks for opening your fire stations this past Sunday. CFSI Dinner is May 1st the price in Delaware is \$260 instead of \$295. CFSI represents us well when we need something done.

State Fire Chief's Association – Phil Pennington, next meeting June 26th in Harrington at Station 50.

State EMS Association – Mike McMichael, next meeting will be with the State Chiefs in Harrington. Also our nominations and elections night. We are looking for letters for our annual awards in the following categories; Heroic, EMS Lifetime, EMS Instructor, Paramedics due by the end of July. Also President Humphreys wanted me to mention something from the Medical Advisor asking for any EMT's arriving prior are obligated to fill out a report for patient care.

DVFA Ladies Auxiliary – Penny Rodimak, thank you for the recognition and a Happy Easter.

State Fire Police Association – Alvin Schmick, thank you for the recognition next meeting is in May at the Delaware State Fire School.

DVFA Conference – John Stevenson, look for forms on the DVFA website by May 1st.

State Fire Prevention Commission – Charlie Boyer, met yesterday at the Fire School. It is reported that the T.B. cases in the State of Delaware is on a rise. Discussion on boundary disputes between Dagsboro and Millsboro. Marvin Sharp has had some mini-strokes and we are wishing him a quick recovery. Next meeting is May 20th at the Fire School.

Delaware State Fire School – No Report

State Fire Marshal's Office – Grover Engels, Deputy Fire Marshal Tate Colburn is completing his training at the National Fire Academy. We are fortunate to get another canine a black lab called Tanya. New canine will be out by the summer time. Deputy Fire Marshal posting for Sussex County is closed. Applicants have been reviewed by personnel in process of testing for the position.

Legislature – Senator Ennis, each year we have a Delaware Motorcycle rider's education safety. Last year we had 7 fire stations to provide a ticket to hand out to the rider's. We need someone at the stations to be available to provide a ticket or coin from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Those participating will have the tickets or coins supplied by 1st of next week. SB 31 Surf fishing permit for Ladies Auxiliary is on the house ready list. SB 75 for Parks and Recreation provides \$5 million. SB 53 deals presumption of line of duty disability for people newly joining the fire company that develop heart problems or certain cancers. It is on the house ready list. Last April 8th was resolution to recognize Delaware State Volunteer Firefighter's Day. Next week we will have a press release asking Volunteer Firefighters to come to the press release. These figures show annual distribution of State funds that companies in Kent County show an increase \$62489.00 over last year. President Brode companies that signed up for Biker's Poker Run are Bowers, Frederica, Harrington, Hartly, Houston, Leipsic, and South Bowers. Al Metheny, City of Wilmington loosing over \$1 million dollars. Puzzled over why New Castle County companies are receiving less than last year. Probably the insurance companies can explain that. City of Wilmington taking a loss that loss should have gone to New Castle County Volunteer companies. Someone stated

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numbers read \$18000 more per New Castle Company. Senator Ennis stated differing reports came from the same office.

Kent County Fire Chief's Association – No Report

Kent County Fire Police Association – Les States, our next meeting is May 20th at Little Creek.

Kent County Ambulance Association – Jason Capps, next meeting is April 28th at Station 55.

Kent County Ladies Auxiliary – No Report

Kent County Levy Court – Terry Pepper, budget goes to vote last Tuesday of the month and it would be nice to have representation there. See you on April 29th.

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 – No Report

Sussex County Volunteer Firemen's Association – No Report

State Recruitment and Retention – No Report

Mutual Relief – Robert Yerkes, No Report

DEMA – Glenn Gillespie, thank you for the recognition.

NVFC – No Report

A motion was made, seconded, and carried for approval of the minutes of the previous meeting as printed. (Typo corrections as follows: 1st page 1st paragraph "Farmington" to "Felton"

Deceased Members: Station 48 – Robert L. Wood

Report of Officers – All submitted in written or electronic form. President Brode, thanks to all that attended Legislative Hall April 8th and to all companies that open their doors on April 11th. Make sure we get as many people to the Levy Court on April 29th meeting at 6:45 in the lobby.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Robert Yerkes report of ending balances as of April 1, 2014: Roland Trader Scholarship Fund – \$12,450.79; Money Market – \$26,165.87; Checking Account – \$656.93; Smoke Detector Fund – \$326.60; Total of all CD's – \$17,467.12; Total funds – \$44,289.92 A motion was made, seconded, and carried to accept the report as read.

Written Correspondence – 1st letter, from the Camden-Wyoming Volunteer Fire Company designating their primary and alternate delegates to the KCVFA. 2nd letter from the Magnolia Fire Company designating their primary and alternate delegates to the KCVFA.

Report of Committees

C.I.S.M. – Blake Bowers, had 1st meeting last month at Citizen's Hose. We will be meeting every 2nd Tuesday at Citizen's Hose. Looking forward to being able to serve the county. Dover Police Department is supposed to have an active shooter exercise at Dover High School. Be aware that this going to happen.

Safe Summer Days – Ken Ryder reminder mark your calendars June 14th 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

DVFA Parade Awards Committee – is still accepting the questionnaires.

Appreciation Night and Fire Prevention wrap-up meetings coming up Wednesday April 23rd at Milford Station 42 and asking all those involved to attend this meeting.

Payment of Bills – \$520.00 – DVFA (President & Secretary to CFSI); A motion was made, seconded, and carried to pay the bills.

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Unfinished Business

Banner Committee – Pablo Reyes, Jr., presented final numbers for the KCVFA Banner. Price for the banner only is \$785.00 and accessories at cost are \$143.65. A motion was made and seconded, and carried to get banner and accessories as presented.

New Business

Bruce Ennis, Biker's Poker Run all proceeds will go to Wake-up Delaware. Also take action on a resolution for 13 officers and firefighters. A motion was made and seconded, and carried to approve the resolutions for 13 members of the fire companies for an incident that happened on March 1st.

Good of the Association

Glenn Gillespie, Marvin Sharp did experience a mini-stroke a couple of months ago. After an appoint with his neurologist it was confirmed that he has had 4 mini-strokes over the last six months. He needs to go back for a blockage in one of his carotid arteries. Depending on severity there may be some action taken. Keep Sharp in your thoughts and prayers. In follow up to Blake Bowers, checking with my boss at DEMA we have looked into the matter. Right now all of this is being coordinated and planned by the Dover Police Department, Bay Health, and other departments within the City of Dover to have an Active Shooters Drill sometime this summer to be held at the New Dover High School. Speaking with representatives from Kent County EMA, EMS they have not been included. Our planning folks at DEMA and folks with the State they have not been kept abreast and there is no funding. There may be more coming out before this exercise takes place. Al Metheny, I am on T&E committee representing the fire service for Homeland Security funding. There is funding available through the T&E training and exercise program using Homeland Security. Our concern is as firefighters we do not want to get in there with active shooter. We do want to know what it is that the law enforcement will be doing encountering such an issue. Every Fire Company in the state will most likely be involved. We need to know what the plans are that law enforcement is going to have. President Brode everybody needs to work together. When they do the training they need to have representation for all services.

For Marvin Sharp just send things to Station 42, P.O. Box 292 Milford, DE 19963 or P.O. Box 473

Ken Ryder, Spring Breakfast at Felton Firehouse on Sunday April 27th

Robert Yerkes, Come get your picture taken with a Bunny Rabbit at Houston

50-50 – Rod O'Neal

Conference Souvenir – N/A

The next meeting will be at Harrington Fire Company, Station 50 – May 21, 2014 (Past Presidents)

A motion was made and seconded, and carried to adjourn at 8:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Pablo Reyes, Jr., Secretary

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Deceased Member	Station Number	Date of Death
Harold "Tom" Aptt	52	March 28, 2013
Herbert Abbott	46	March 25, 2013
Rev. David G. Paul	48	April 20, 2013
Kenneth "KP" Outten	50	April 19, 2013
Russell Betts	50	May 13, 2013
Donald Evans	49	May 30, 2013
John Halphen	54	April 23, 2013
Harold L. Bennett, Sr.	41	June 9, 2013
Donna M. Queen	41	June 14, 2013
Irwin W. Little, Sr.	54	June 26, 2013
Eugene Moore	41	August 2, 2013
Michael Ryan	44 & Amb. 64	July 30, 2013
William R. "Bill" Bowers	45	August 4, 2013
Harry K. Lindale	52	September 25, 2013
David M. Collins	44	October 6, 2013
Charles "Chuck" Heverin Short	53	January 4, 2014
Bruce Marvel	54	October 26, 2013
Richard Hand, Sr.	54	December 1, 2013
Robert Eberly	41	January 1, 2014
P.P. Philip B. Gunter	51	December 6, 2013
Johnny B. Long	44	December 21, 2013
Paul N. Kertiles	46	February 18, 2014
Bradford Holliday	49	March 9, 2014
William O. Stokes	57	Mar 4, 2014