



## Kent County Volunteer Firefighter's Association

April 17, 2013

President Pridemore called the 970<sup>th</sup> meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at Station 56, Marydel Fire Company. Following dinner served by the Ladies Auxiliary of the station, Vice President Ryder presented our thanks to the auxiliary. Les States, Director of the Marydel 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 a Memorial Service.*

**Deviation of Business:** Chaplin Blake with the assistance of Vice Presidents Brode and Ryder presented a memorial service for the deceased members of the past year. See attached list for deceased member's last call.

**Roll Calls:** Officers: 10 present, 3 absent; Companies: 19 present, 0 absent; Past Presidents: 16 KCVFA, 8 DVFA, and 10 Fire Company Presidents.

### Introduction of Guests:

**DVFA** – Charles Boyer, CFSI Dinner is next month this year is the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary we would like to see a good turn-out and want all companies participate. DVFA is being awarded a \$946,000 Safer Grant for Recruitment and Retention. Lastly, Vice President Biden will be a keynote speaker being introduced by our own Louis J. Amabili. Company meetings we would like to continue with our presentation at your company meetings. The following companies that still need to make arrangements for a date located in Kent County are; Bowers, Carlisle, Cheswold, Houston, Little Creek, Marydel, and South Bowers. Please contact the office. FDIC anyone attending next week the annual Provident Insurance Hospitality night will be Friday night at the Marriott across from the Convention Center, all from Delaware are welcome to attend. Warren Jones, Legislative are back in session and I have been in meetings JFC and Bond Bill Committee and want to pass on to you that monies are coming in flat. It will be a slow income this year. If any of you are planning on making any purchases involving revolving loan funds I would like to know please pass that on to us.

**State Fire Chief's Association** – Glenn Gillespie, next meeting is June 27<sup>th</sup> at Station 50, Harrington the meeting with the expo and we had a great meeting with Chief Rudnick at Station 75 in Ellendale.

**State EMS Association** – Ed Angwin, we will be meeting at the same time and place with the State Chiefs. As of this month Delaware had 1297 certified EMTs of which 1252 have maintained National Registry status a very good percentage.

**DVFA Ladies Auxiliary** – No Report

**State Fire Police Association** – Dave Snell, our next meeting will be May 19<sup>th</sup> at the Fire School.

**DVFA Conference** – John McKenzie, next month we will be posting the entire conference schedule online, if you have any problems, questions or comments let us know.

**State Fire Prevention Commission** – Marvin Sharp, tonight reading of correspondence in communication from the Attorney

General with reference to ambulance billing. It will tell us how to handle that problem.

**Delaware State Fire School** – No Report

**State Fire Marshal's Office** – Engel Grover, position will be opening up in the next week.

**Legislature** – Senator Bruce Ennis, This year there seems to be a lot of social issues. A lot of activity going on for example Senate Concurrent Resolution 8 that the Senate passed, for a study on extra 911 service with regards to the ability to support Text-to-911 service and the feasibility of embedding the physical location of the texter into the message sent to 911 dispatchers. SB 12 New official names of EMT's to be covered under a class A misdemeanor. SB31 Surf fishing permits allowing Presidents of the company to designate who or who cannot have permits and to also to allow active ladies auxiliary. HB76 create special license plates for retired professional firefighters. Bills are starting to fly. W. Charles "Trey" Paradee, echo what Senator Ennis is saying. I have a profound respect of what all of you bring to the community and I have a personal experience with the Cheswold Fire Company. I knew some of the names on last call list personally or by reputation and I believe they are more than just your friends or fellow firefighters these are your brothers. I understand the incredible deal the tax payers get by what you bring to the community. My cell number if you should ever want to contact me is 302-382-2727. I look forward to working with you all.

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

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**Kent County Ambulance Association** – Mike Havel next meeting is April 22<sup>nd</sup> at Station 45.

**Kent County Ladies Auxiliary** – Penny Gentry thanks for the recognition next meeting is a memorial service May 28<sup>th</sup> 7:00 at Bowers. Presentation was made to President Pridemore by the Ladies Auxiliary in the form of a check to the Roland Scholarship Fund.

**Kent County Levy Court** – No Report

**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** –

our next meeting is Thursday May 2<sup>nd</sup> at Station 23, and our Fire Police Meeting May 14<sup>th</sup> will be in Newark.

**Sussex County Volunteer Firemen's Association** –

Todd Riley, our next meeting is April 23<sup>rd</sup> in Greenwood, and May and June meetings locations will be switched with May's in Bridgeville, June's in Ellendale.

**State Recruitment and Retention** – No Report

**Mutual Relief** – No Report

**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 "Tucker to Terrie Pepper" & help to health" on 2<sup>nd</sup> page and added to 1<sup>st</sup> page "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."*

**Deceased Members:** Station 52 – Harold "Tom" Aptt, Station 45 – Capt. Larry Duhadaway, Sr. (2013 Memorial Service), Station 46 – Herbert Abbott

**Report of Officers** – All submitted in written or electronic form. President Pridemore, Congratulations to Bowers Fire Company for celebrating their 75<sup>th</sup> year of service. 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of CFSI Dinner May 9<sup>th</sup> still challenging everyone to attend from State of Delaware. May association meeting will be Past Presidents night. Audits coming due are 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. We

challenge each of you to be timely with the audit reports. Rev. Paul's health is still diminishing and he is back at Memorial Hospital. Recently at the Fire Chiefs meeting an approval was made to donate \$500 to Felton Fire Company to help offset the cost of a \$2500 ramp for Rev. Paul. Challenge the association that there is some type of support for financial relief under proper order of business. Thanks to Director Jeff Denison, Todd Riley, and John Lattomus for helping to purchase, coordinate and distribute the smoke detectors as well as thanks to the Chief Scott Bundek and the Little Creek Fire Company to store the detectors. We need strong representation at Levy Court next week on Tuesday the 23<sup>rd</sup> in Class A's and Marvin Sharp will get into particulars.

**Treasurer's Report** – Treasurer Robert Yerkes report of ending balances as of April 1, 2013: Roland Trader Scholarship Fund – \$10,093.36; Money Market – \$30,008.98; Checking Account – \$833.07; Smoke Detector Fund – \$6,806.00; Total of all CD's – \$17,241.32; Total funds – \$48,083.37 A motion was made, seconded, and carried to accept the report as read.

**Written Correspondence** – 4 letters read, 1<sup>st</sup> letter from the Dover Fire Department stating their primary and alternate KCVFA delegates. 2<sup>nd</sup> letter from the Cheswold Volunteer Fire Company stating their primary and alternate KCVFA delegates. 3<sup>rd</sup> letter from the Office of the Governor thanking the Association for the letter of recommendation for Shirley Pennington to the Delaware Gaming Board and that he would give full consideration. 4<sup>th</sup> letter from the Office of Joseph R. Biden, III, Attorney General stating a response and procedure to follow if a complaint needs to be filed in reference to Ambulance Companies providing services on the streets or highways of Delaware. Quoting the Fire Service Standard Section 709 see attachment. President Pridemore with clarity on letter from Governor Markell, the letter from the Governor's office was in response to previous communication before the change from DVFA having to select another individual for Shirley. Senator Ennis, comment on the letter from the Attorney General to the Fire Prevention Commission. I did not bring this up as a complaint; my intent was to let you know that apparently you can charge anything you want to charge for ambulance service in Delaware. With an ambulance

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contracted by Bay Health there was a transport of 12 miles that came in the neighborhood of \$2682.00. I will go back and ask her if she wants to make a formal complaint, the commission was asked if there was a cap and if there is a cap she will make a complaint. Just be aware that if you get services by one of those ambulances you may get a \$2600 to \$2700 bill.

### Report of Committees

Fire Prevention – Harold Brode, starting 1<sup>st</sup> meeting on Sunday April 28<sup>th</sup> at Station 49 at 2:00pm.

Fire Advisory Board – Marvin Sharp, met this week continuing hard work. Tuesday night we need to see representatives from every company at the Levy Court in class A's. Meet at 6:45 in the lobby to walk in as a group.

Safe Summer Days – Harold Brode, 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Safe Summers Days is scheduled for Saturday June 15<sup>th</sup> at Brecknock Park from 10 to 2 and would like all companies to bring a piece of equipment. Let me know what you are going to bring so we can plan the setup. Also, we would like all companies to put something on their marquees the week before and we will get local schools to do the same.

Wake-Up Delaware – Jeff Dennison, Smoke Detectors have been given to all the companies if you need more supplies please let me know.

Senator Ennis presented a resolution to Chief Pennington for the Bowers Fire Company in celebration of its 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary milestone.

Payment of Bills – \$118.00 – Duck Creek Printing (Memorial Service Program); \$500.00 – Felton Fire Company, (Ramp for Rev. Paul); \*\*A motion was made and seconded, and carried to pay the bills.

### Unfinished Business

None

### New Business

Harold Brode, A motion was made and a second and carried to donate \$500 to Felton Fire Company to support the completion of a handicap ramp for Rev. David Paul. Robert Yerkes, \*\*A motion was made and a second and carried to include the \$500 to Felton Fire Company in tonight's bills.

Rod O'Neal, Roland Trader Scholarship packets are out and need to be back May 31<sup>st</sup> and we will be giving out 2

as we normally do, one to a graduating high school student and one to a returning student.

President Pridemore, something I received from the Commission is outstanding financial reports that were due by March 31<sup>st</sup>. The following companies were listed: Bowers, Cheswold, Citizen's Hose, Clayton, Dover, Farmington, Hartly, Houston, Little Creek, Marydel, and South Bowers are delinquent with their BLS Financial Reports.

### Good of the Association

Robert Yerkes, Update on Director Harry Lindale, Houston will have a benefit dinner for him on the 27<sup>th</sup> from 4 to 7 followed by an auction. Tickets are \$12.

Rev Bob Hudson, our convention will be starting May 2<sup>nd</sup> in Parkston, Virginia with a fine memorial service planned.

And I want to thank you all for your support and the honor I have received I have been selected to do the Invocation and the Benediction at the CFSI Dinner. I will be representing the State of Delaware and DVFA. I thank you very much.

Jeff Denison, on behalf of Bowers Fire Company I would like to thank all those that participated with our 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration especially the parade.

Rev. Blake Bowers, April 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> at the Delaware State Fire School - Group Crisis Intervention for CISM will be taught by Dennis Harding and you can go to his website to download the application. [www.ncccism.com](http://www.ncccism.com)

50-50 – Todd Reilly (Donated back to the Delaware Burn Camp) Conference Souvenir – Marvin Sharp

*The next meeting will be at the American Legion Ambulance, Smyrna, Station 64 – May 15<sup>th</sup> Past President's Night*

A motion was made and seconded, and carried to adjourn at 8:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Pablo Reyes, Jr., Secretary

**Kent County Volunteer Firefighter's Association  
Members that Answered their Last Call...**

As of: 4/13/2013

<b>Month &amp; Year</b>	<b>Deceased Member</b>	<b>Station Number</b>	<b>Date of Death</b>
Apr 2012	Ronald Vautard	55	March 22, 2012
"	Steven Douglas "Dougie" Chillas Sr.	64	January 7, 2012
"	Steve Szelestei, Jr.	51	*2012*
"	John Shults	56	January 20, 2012
May 2012	Thomas J. Walsh	28, 32, 44	April 28, 2012
"	Ronald H. Hoffecker	44	May 7, 2012
Jun 2012	Allen Arthur	47	June 2, 2012
Jul 2012	Harold Venable	47	***
"	Charles Walls	49	July 1, 2012
"	Gordon Miller	44	July 13, 2012
Aug 2012	George E. Scuse, Sr.	44	August 9, 2012
Sep 2012	Albert C. Price	50	August 19, 2012
"	Joseph S. Vodvarka	51	September 12, 2012
Oct 2012	John H. Willson	46	October 11, 2012
"	Dennis E. Dean, Sr.	47	October 15, 2012
Nov 2012	E. B. Warrington, Jr.	48	October 17, 2012
"	Donald L. Frazier	48	November 14, 2012
"	Gilbert F. Steuer	41	November 2, 2012
"	Zeke Dill	49	October 26, 2012
"	Bill Wilson	52	October 22, 2012
Dec 2012	None Reported		
Jan 2013	Dale Dean	50	December 13, 2012
"	Frank Collins	50	December 11, 2012
"	Bill Brannock	50	November 11, 2012
Feb 2013	Roland Neeman	48	February 4, 2013
"	Henry Marshall	53	February 9, 2013
Mar 2013	John (Deputy Dawg) Deputy	42	March 14, 2013
"	Capt. Larry Duhadaway, Sr.	45	March 21, 2013