



## Kent County Volunteer Firefighter's Association

April 17, 2019

President Brittingham called the 1035<sup>th</sup> meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at Station 47, Farmington Fire Company. Following dinner served by the Auxiliary members of the station, Vice President Langford conveyed our thanks and appreciation to the Auxiliary members of the station. Joe Zerolles, President of Farmington Fire Company gave the address of welcome; Vice President Langford gave the response.

*Deviation: A motion was made, seconded, and carried to deviate from the regular order of business to allow presentation from the Delaware State Auditor Kathleen McGuiness and to conduct the Memorial Service. State Auditor McGuiness provided a 15-minute presentation with regards practices of the Auditors office, to include expectations, and to offer assistance to all fire companies. State Auditor McGuiness stated she would like to see the best practices of fire companies incorporated in all fire companies and the Auditor's office be a resource for your needs. Chaplain Rev. Rich Walton and Assistant Chaplain Post, calling the member names of 16 Kent County Volunteer Firefighter's who answered their last call. The ceremonial bell was rang 3 times 5 bells for each deceased member, companies that did not suffer a loss stood to be recognized and a Chief's and Firefighter's helmet were ceremoniously placed on the Memorial Table. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to return to the regular order of business.*

**Roll Calls:** Officers: 13 present, 0 absent;  
Companies: 17 present, 3 absent; Past Presidents:  
12 KCVFA, 7 DVFA, and 4 Fire Company Presidents.

### Introduction of Guests:

**DVFA** – President Bill Betts, CFSI Dinner is next Thursday April 25<sup>th</sup> registration forms are still available on the DVFA website. ([www.dvfaasn.com/documents.cfm](http://www.dvfaasn.com/documents.cfm)) and costs \$300.00 per ticket. We are continuing to take registrations until the end of the week. It has been a valuable asset to the Delaware Fire Service they are prime supporter for getting AFG and Safer Grants. We are up to over 150 people now. It appears we will

have the largest group in attendance once again. We have written a draft for Presumption legislation in for both cancer and PTSD and Senator's Bruce Ennis and Nicole Poore are working with us on legislation. We hope to have this legislation once legislators return from Spring Break. We were working with the Governor's office on a Joint Resolution to create a taskforce for Recruitment and Retention of Volunteer Firefighters, resolution has been completed and look forward to its being released to the General Assembly. The Fire School is running classes on the best accounting practice and will be held at the Kent County Fire School at 7:00 p.m. on May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please try to have someone from each company attend, in the past turn-out has been poor. In the future they may become mandatory, we don't want that to happen so please try to get out there and attend these classes. Any questions see me after the meeting.

**State Fire Chief's Association** – Derrick Brode, next meeting June 28<sup>th</sup> at Station 50 starting at 3:00 p.m. with the Expo and meeting at 6:30 p.m. Also, July 20<sup>th</sup> in Hartly a State Chief's Crab feast, see Ralph Tucker for tickets.

**State EMS** – President Capps our next meeting June 8<sup>th</sup> at the Fire School at 10:00 a.m. We are working on changes to our By-laws, coming out via emails. May 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> National EMS Memorial Bike Ride with 100 to 200 riders coming out of Boston, Massachusetts stopping at Newark, Delaware City, Townsend, Cheswold, and Dover they are still updating their itinerary at this time. 6,500 flu cases in the State or Delaware with 23 related-deaths to the Flu. Advance EMT workshop will be May 4<sup>th</sup> at the Fire School 10:00 a.m. open to anyone. Committee will be formed that day. There are some concerns with Lucas Device and the neck strap not being used. Contact your manufacture, highly recommended you have it on there and secured. By-laws address the EMS Association changes.

**DVFA Ladies Auxiliary** – No Report

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

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**DVFA Conference** – Joe Zeroles, committees are working hard. We did find someone to chair the Golf event and has confirmed Johnathan's Landing. All registration forms will be out in the next couple of weeks by May 1<sup>st</sup> with a deadline of August 8<sup>th</sup> any question contact myself or President Bill Betts

**State Fire Prevention Commission** – Al Robinson, Financials' class there are 12 individuals signed up from 4 fire companies and 6 from one other company for a total of 18 covering 5 companies in Kent County. We need to get your guys attending. DFIRs we are getting better but not as good as the other Counties. Still need 2019 Company information forms from Carlisle and Farmington. Scratch reports, only one company over in the State of Delaware and they are from Kent County. Most companies are carrying meds that were discussed. There is a discussion that meds may be made mandatory. We did certify 1,466 EMTs in March but 104 – January and 80 – March were being de-certified due to not testing out. Next meeting is May 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Delaware State Fire School** – No Report

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

**Legislature** – No Report

**Kent County Fire Chief's Association** – next meeting is May 8<sup>th</sup> at Felton Fire Company

**Kent County Fire Police Association** – Mike Berry, next meeting May 21<sup>st</sup> at Station 47 Farmington

**Kent County Emergency Medical Services Committee** – No Report

**Kent County Ladies Auxiliary** – Al Robinson for Sandra Robinson, next meeting is May 28<sup>th</sup> at Cheswold. Lorraine Madden was transferred to Kent General for a Pneumonia, and dehydration. She is accepting all visitors.

**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, thanks for the recognition.

**Sussex County Volunteer Firemen's Association** – Greetings, next meeting is next Tuesday at

Greenwood

**State Recruitment and Retention** – No Report

**Mutual Relief** – Steve White, thanks for the recognition. Remember Mutual Relief is a separate form for delegates.

**DEMA** – No Report

**NVFC** – No Report

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

**International Chief's** – Terry, Eastern Conference will be held May 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup> in New Jersey. The News Journal reported that Jay Gordon Rafferty is an IChiefs Board member and he is not.

*A motion was made, seconded, and carried for approval of the minutes of the KCVFA March 2019 meeting as printed. (One typo correction under State Fire Prevention Commission April 6<sup>th</sup> to April 16<sup>th</sup>)*

**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 March 31, 2019: *Roland Trader Scholarship Fund – \$14,613.05; Special Operations Fund – \$24,922.55; Money Market – \$18,006.87; Smoke Detector Fund – \$806.60; Firefighter's Relief Fund – \$7,593.00; Checking Account – \$16,320.75; Total of all CD's – \$17,646.29; Total funds – \$43,574.31 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:** 6 items, 1<sup>st</sup> letter from Edward Welch asking name be withdrawn for consideration for nomination to the DVFA office of 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President. 2<sup>nd</sup> letter from the Marydel Fire Company submitting letter of recommendation for Ken Ryder to the DVFA office of 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President. 3<sup>rd</sup> letter from, the Carlisle Fire Company announcing

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addition to their Primary and Alternate delegates to the KCVFA. 4<sup>th</sup> letter from Ambulance 64 announcing their Primary and Alternate delegates to the KCVFA. 5<sup>th</sup> letter from Felton Fire Company announcing their Primary and Alternate delegates to the KCVFA. 6<sup>th</sup> card (giant size with numerous signatures) from KCVFA Auxiliary thanking KCVFA for the donation of the NEW Auxiliary Banner.

### Report of Committees:

Recruitment & Retention, spoke with the owner of Rudy's in Harrington for the idea of creating coupons for 15% donations from the meals to serve as a fundraiser. Also, spoke to the Lake Forest High School guidance office to offer information on training to establish future careers in the Fire Service.

Payment of Bills: by Treasurer Shirley Pennington || \$1,284.05 – Hartly Fire Company (backup camera Special Ops); \$299.47 – Hartly Fire Company (batteries for Special Ops); \$60.99 – Jen-Mor Florist (flowers for newborn congrats to Brittingham Family); \$47.40 – Advanced Filing (Smead folders for the Secretary); for total payments of \$1,691.91; A motion was made, seconded, and carried to pay the bills.

### Nomination of DVFA Officers:

President Brittingham, A motion was made and seconded, and carried to accept letter from Edward Welch declining nomination to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President of the DVFA. President Brittingham, called for nominations to the office of 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President of the DVFA. Ken Ryder was nominated and Ken Ryder accepted nomination to 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President of the DVFA. President Brittingham called for nominations 2 more times with no other names submitted. A motion was made and seconded, and carried to close nominations for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President of the DVFA. Due to a vacating position of Ken Ryder from the Directors position companies were asked to submit letters next month for their nominee to the position of DVFA Director representing KCVFA.

### Unfinished Business:

None

### New Business:

None

### Good of the Association:

President Brittingham, thanks for the flowers sent on the birth of our baby.

On Monday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> they will be transferring Firefighter Marine died in Afghanistan from Dover Air Force Base to New York for a funeral. They are talking about having apparatus on all the bridges. More information to come.

Robert Yerkes, Houston will be having Easter Breakfast this Sunday all you can eat \$8.00  
Shirley Pennington, Frederica, we are selling challenge coins for \$10.00

50-50 – Kitty Correia

Conference Souvenir –

*The next meeting will be at Station 48 Felton Fire Company – May 15, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. (Past President's Night)*

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

Respectfully submitted,



Pablo Reyes, Jr., Secretary