



Kent County Volunteer Firefighter's Association

May 15, 2013

President Pridemore called the 971st meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. at Station 64, American Legion Ambulance. Following dinner served by the American Legion, Vice President Ryder presented our thanks to the American Legion. Allan Post, Director of the American Legion Ambulance Service gave the address of welcome; Vice President Ryder gave the response.

Roll Calls: Officers: 9 present, 4 absent; Companies: 17 present, 2 absent; Past Presidents: 14 KCVFA, 4 DVFA, and 10 Fire Company Presidents. *(KCVFA Past Presidents present today were recognized by President Pridemore then Past President Steve White presented a check for \$1000 on behalf of the Past Presidents to the Roland Trader Scholarship fund.)*

Introduction of Guests:

DVFA – Anthony Guzzo, thanks to all those participating in the CFSI Dinner, Delaware had 261 in attendance. We had an opportunity to listen to our Vice President talk. The office is still hoping to make more fire company meetings please give the office a call to set your date. Legislative hall is working very hard with EMS funding, adding funds to revolving loan, regulations; job protection and medical assumption bills, and adding ladies to surf fishing permit. June 9th is the Executive meeting and afterwards an unveiling of the name Justin Townsend at the memorial at 1:00. All conference forms are on the website you need to get on website to fill out your forms. Al Metheny, Warren had applied for a new Safer Grant and it looks like we were awarded a \$946,000.00 Safer Grant over a 4 year grant period.

State Fire Chief's Association – Glenn Gillespie, next meeting is June 27th at Station 50, Harrington the meeting with the Expo. Also at the IChiefs meeting Bill Betts was selected as 2nd Vice President. I was happy to see the tremendous showing of the Delaware Fire Service at the CFSI and it was apropos (fitting) to see Director Lou Amabili next to Vice President Biden introducing him. Director Amabili thank you.

State EMS Association – Ed Angwin, we will be meeting at the same time and place with the State Chiefs. Go on the website for conference and get your registrations done as soon as possible.

DVFA Ladies Auxiliary – No Report

State Fire Police Association – No Report

DVFA Conference – John Stevenson, rooms request at the Sheraton get them as soon as you can. Wait 3 to 5 days after

you have sent in registration forms to check the website give the office a chance to update the website for status.

State Fire Prevention Commission – Marvin Sharp, next meeting Tuesday at 9:00.

Delaware State Fire School – No Report

State Fire Marshal's Office – Engel Grover, in the process of filling John Lattomus position and we will have a vacancy for the Day Care Inspector.

Legislature – Senator Bruce Ennis, briefly the Surf fishing permit will allow the Ladies Auxiliary to be added. Another bill was one dealing with medical disability from incident on the job. FYI it was estimated that 366 new firefighters join the fire companies each year Insurance distribution up 16.1% for City of Wilmington, New Castle increase \$25,499 per company, Kent 0% amounting to \$872 per company, Sussex 5.2% amount to \$16174 per company. Grant and Aid in work expecting to be equal to last year.

Kent County Fire Chief's Association – No Report

Kent County Fire Police Association – Richard Schwalb next meeting Tuesday at Cheswold.

Kent County Ambulance Association – Mike Havel next meeting is Monday at Station 47.

Kent County Ladies Auxiliary – No Report

Kent County Levy Court – President Brooks Banta our latest population count was 168,904 on behalf of those people we would like to thank all of you for the tremendous job you do on a regular basis.

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 – President Dan Carrier, thanks for the recognition.

Sussex County Volunteer Firemen's Association – No Report

State Recruitment and Retention – No Report

Mutual Relief – Joe Zerolles quarterly meeting is Monday night.

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 Tracey Pardee to W. Charles "Trey" Paradee on page 1 column 2.

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Deceased Members: Station 48 – Rev. David G. Paul,
Station 50 – Kenneth (KP) Outten, Station 50 – Russell Betts

Report of Officers – All submitted in written or electronic form. President Pridemore thanks to all those representing the State of Delaware at the CFSI dinner. Also would like to thank those that came out for support at Levy Court on April 23rd for the budget meeting. Thanks to all those who came out to pay respects to Rev. Paul. It is that time of year when audits are due Station 41 is due as of today and June 15th Station 43 July 15th Stations 40 44 45 47 49 50 52 53 55 57. And Past Presidents here today would like to meet with you after the meeting for a quick photo to put on the website.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Robert Yerkes report of ending balances as of May 1, 2013: Roland Trader Scholarship Fund – \$11,232.79; Money Market – \$30,010.96; Checking Account – \$251.07; Smoke Detector Fund – \$6,806.00; Total of all CD's – \$17,241.32; Total funds – \$47,503.35 A motion was made, seconded, and carried to accept the report as read.

Written Correspondence – 4 letters read, 1st letter from the Felton Community Fire Company thanking the KCVFA for \$500.00 donation to Rev. Paul's cost of constructing a deck and ramp. 2nd letter from the NCCVFA to the DVFA supporting Frank Gant as a representative to the Gaming Commission. 3rd letter from the NCCVFA to the Delaware DOE asking why the "Move Over Law" is not part of driver education curriculum. 4th letter from NCCVFA to the Delaware DMV asking why the "Move Over Law" commercials are not being played on the screens at the Motor Vehicle Inspection Lanes.

Report of Committees

Fire Advisory Board – Marvin Sharp, I was unable to attend the budget vote thanks for all those that attended. We are in process of working on another PowerPoint presentation.

Safe Summer Days – President Pridemore for Vice President Harold Brode, 15th Annual Safe Summers Days is scheduled for Saturday June 15th at Brecknock Park from 10 to 2 and if you are participating the Vice Presidents will be reaching out to each company to see what piece of apparatus you are bringing. Senator Ennis presented a resolution to Past President Steve White recognizing his service as a Past President.

Payment of Bills – \$36.00 – Delaware Burn Camp (Todd Riley donation); \$1000.00 – Roland Trader Scholarship, (Past Presidents gift); A motion was made and seconded, and carried to pay the bills.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Senator Bruce Ennis, in regards to a resolution in the house to set up a 7 member task force with only 2 fire related representatives. In reference to boundary disputes would hate to see Fire Commission loose that authority. Draft resolution was sponsored by Rep. Outten but has offered to table it because of another legislator adding other things. President Pridemore, Chief's President Scott intent was to give the Fire Prevention Commission the final governing body. Chief Scott has asked Representative Outten to shred it. Right now the Boundary legislation will have more conversations using proper protocol.

Good of the Association

Robert Yerkes, Update on Director Harry Lindale, went out to visit him he is in pain now due to the shingles keep him in your prayers. Fund raiser we had for him raised \$15,000.

Thomas J. Walsh from Station 44 died May 7th 2012 memorial records were in error. Actually Thomas J. Walsh was also a lifetime member of Wilmington Manor Fire Company Station 28/32 and he passed on April 28th 2012. President Pridemore stated information will be updated.

Senator Bruce Ennis, a lot of people get involved in these issues today on the benefit for firefighters disability we had other firefighters also involved at the legislative hearings Warren Jones, Chief Bailey, and Chief Bundek.

Marvin Sharp, Lou Amabili 25 years ago Lou was on the ground floor for CFSI and it took a tremendous effort to get together 262 people from Delaware to attend this year. A round of applause for all those making this happen and making Delaware shine that night.

50-50 – Marvin Sharp

Conference Souvenir – Mike McMichaels

The next meeting will be at Bowers, Station 40 – June 19th

A motion was made and seconded, and carried to adjourn at 8:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Pablo Reyes, Jr., Secretary