



Kent County Volunteer Firefighter's Association

May 16, 2018

Vice President Brittingham called the 1025th meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. at Station 55, Magnolia Fire Company. Following dinner served by the Auxiliary of the station, Vice President O'Neal conveyed our thanks and appreciation to the Auxiliary of the station. Ralph Satterfield, Director of Magnolia Fire Company gave the address of welcome; Vice President O'Neal gave the response.

Roll Calls: Officers: 10 present, 4 absent; Companies: 19 present, 1 absent; Past Presidents: 13 KCVFA, 9 DVFA, and 7 Fire Company.

Introduction of Guests:

DVFA – President Perillo, stated we went over the edge repelling 222 feet down for Special Olympics. Thanks to all for their support. Fallen Firefighter's Monument Site work has been completed, after the Jun 10th Executive meeting at 2:00 p.m. we will be celebrating it. On that day we will be unveiling the names of wounded firefighter's Chris Leech, Jerry Fickes, Ardy Hope, and Tim McClanahan. The Sprinkler Coalition will be doing a side by side demonstration this Saturday attendance will be appreciated. Smoke Detectors were ordered for the low income from monies we got from the State sometime ago \$200,000. We also ordered Smoke Detectors through the DVFA \$10,000 approved by the membership at our last Executive meeting. Each company will get 12 Smoke Detectors, once they come in we will notify each company to pick them up. In the past it was reported that Kidde.com would give away 50 free Smoke Detectors, they stopped that give-away. Reference to the Conference, 2nd Vice President Jones has landed many good speakers information will be sent out to the Companies. Round-table discussion and we will have a Survey-Monkey sent out. Please answer those questions to help get more people involved.

State Fire Chief's Association – Dave Hall, our next meeting is June 28th at Station 50 Harrington. Expo Meeting with doors opening at 3:00 p.m. followed by meeting starting at 6:30 to 7:00 p.m. Cardio Kinetics Program we thank KCVFA for their donation to the program. We got New Castle County to come onboard and we are looking to tap both Sussex County and the DVFA.

State EMS – Mike McMichael, on behalf of President Amy Yonko our next meeting is June 19th at the Fire School. Once again, we are trying to get Narcan and the overdose situation straightened away. We are looking at any way possible to combat this situation. We are also working on trying to get a broadcast/podcasts on a Facebook of our meetings. This would help those having trouble getting away to attend the meetings as a means of getting involved. Special Event Annually Originating in Boston, Massachusetts EMS Bicycle Ride going through numerous states using the Cape May-Lewis Ferry stopping at Georgetown, Delaware to recognize individuals we have lost. They are doing this on their own time and dime. We will be at the Georgetown Circle tomorrow. Come down join us at about 11:00 a.m. over by Noon. We are looking for letters for being recognized for accomplishments please send us a letter. Includes all not just volunteers.

DVFA Ladies Auxiliary – No Report

State Fire Police Association – Les States, thanks for the recognition. Our next meeting is May 20th at the State Fire School with a class on Radios.

DVFA Conference – Joe Zeroles, all forms are online and our committees are working hard. Get your completed forms in on time. **No later than August 8th 2018.**

State Fire Prevention Commission – Al Robinson, we had a meeting yesterday. Grover Ingle reported that the Sparkler Bill has passed. CO Detector bill will pass. We are still working with some companies on DIFRS updates. Fire School Director reported rest-room upgrade is not on Bond Bill. Online testing is not going as planned and will return back to classroom in the fall. BLS Medical Director reported Narcan distribution is continuing in Kent and Sussex Counties. Protocols are scheduled completion in June. Show to Cause Notice out to Mid-Sussex Rescue. Marydel scratch rate plan is working and has been accepted. Next meeting is June 19th at the Fire School.

Delaware State Fire School – No Report

State Fire Marshal's Office – No Report

Legislature – Senator Bruce Ennis, this year I counted 13 bills related to the Fire Service including EMS related issues. 10 of those have already been signed. 3 pending, 1 SB91 deals with Carbon Monoxide detectors it did pass Senate, Other HB192 allows EMT's to have Special Plates, last one stirring some controversy HB394 dealing with PIP insurance coverage allows to cover Rescue Billing in

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regards to using Hearst tools. Charges for Rescue Service from Insurance companies. Resolution SCR 61 to Steve Austin for recognition for 2018 CFSI Fire Service Leadership Award. Insurance distribution monies are available with Wilmington getting increases of \$758,000.00 to all departments, New Castle County \$39,549.00 per company and Kent County getting \$2,768.84 per company and Sussex County \$39,036.00 per company. Ambulance or Rescue went up by \$8,900. Grant and Aid we are pushing for a minimum of restoring the 20%.

Kent County Fire Chief's Association – Mark Langford, thanks for the recognition our next meeting is June 13th at Marydel starting at 7:00 p.m.

Kent County Fire Police Association – Mike Berry, thanks for the recognition our next meeting is June 16th at Leipsic.

Kent County Emergency Medical Services Committee – No Report

Kent County Ladies Auxiliary – our next meeting is May 22nd in Leipsic and is a Memorial Service starting at 6:30.

Kent County Levy Court – Terry Pepper, budget was passed for 2018-2019 with no tax/property/sewer rate increases and still increase our contribution to Fire Companies by \$50,000, and keep the \$15,000 for Special Ops.

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 – Chief Watson, thanks for the recognition. Our Academy class graduates sometime next week with the youngest being 18 and the oldest 61. Our next meeting is Station 21 on June 14th.

Sussex County Volunteer Firemen's Association – No Report

State Recruitment and Retention – No Report

Mutual Relief – Steve White, next meeting is May 24th at Frederica

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 KCVFA April meeting as printed.

Deceased Members: Station 45 – Walter Lamon, Station 42 – Marvin Hitch, Station 42 – Pret (Preston) Dyer

Report of Officers: All submitted or to be submitted in written or electronic form.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Robert Yerkes report of ending balances as of May 1, 2018: Roland Trader Scholarship Fund – \$15,567.54; Special Operations Fund – \$43,060.28; Money Market – \$19,198.52; Smoke Detector Fund – \$806.60; Firefighter's Relief Fund – \$7,593.00; Checking Account – \$10,690.92; Total of all CD's – \$17,593.97; Total funds – \$47,483.41 not including Scholarship & Special Ops Funds. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to accept the Treasurer's Report.

Written or Email Correspondence: 3 letters, 1st letter for filing a personnel matter to archives for records. 2nd letter from Bowers Volunteer Fire Company naming their Primary and Alternate Delegates to the KCVFA. 3rd letter/card from KCVF Auxiliary conveying thanks for all that KCVFA members do.

Report of Committees:

Scholarship Committee, Ben O'Neal on behalf of Rod O'Neal the Roland-Trader Scholarship Application needs to be "Postmarked" no later than May 31st 2018.

Payment of Bills: by Treasurer Robert Yerkes || \$66.96 – RWM Embroidery (Directors Shirts); A motion was made, seconded, and carried to pay the bills.

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Unfinished Business:

Vice President Brittingham, Bylaw that was tabled has been sent back to committee for some clarification. As soon as they meet it will come back before the board.

Vice President Brittingham, regarding correspondence on personnel matters we need to be careful on what is said on the open floor per recommendation from the attorney. The letter received has been turned over to the Directors for review. Vice President Brittingham stated that a letter that was received showed there is no good standing with the home company. Also, we would never witch-hunt anyone, the by-law was created due to a personnel issue at hand. It was never an intention to keep anyone in the dark. Vice President Brittingham continued to speak to the issue. Director Satterfield spoke stated that the President has been suspended from his own company and as Director of the DVFA until his probation is completed. The Directors took that under consideration and Director Jester will address that. Vice President Brittingham clarified that resolution of an individual coming back with a personnel matter was not because it was resolved but because there was nothing in our by-laws to uphold a suspension. We have no impeachment process/or terms for removal from office other than missing 3 meetings. A motion was made and seconded and unanimously carried to take personnel matter off the table. Much discussion continued.

Director Jester, Directors met and unanimously agreed to recommend suspension of the President until his probation is over or resolved and that the Vice President fulfill the duties of that office. A motion was made and seconded and unanimously carried to suspend the President from the KCVFA while he is on probation and (in conjunction with the by-laws) the 1st Vice President fulfill the duties of the office. Note: no opposing votes

Clarification By-laws change is still tabled until it comes back from committee.

New Business:

Past President's Night – Terry Pepper read a Past President resolution for Past President Alan Post. Vice President Brittingham asked all the Past President's to stand and be acknowledged. Past President Ryder on behalf of all Past President's accepted a \$1000.00 check and rededicated it to the KCVFA Roland-Trader Scholarship Fund.

Ralph Satterfield, reference to a follow-up for Jeff Dennison. Vice President Brittingham said it will be taken care of.

Ralph Satterfield, I think its time that we have insurance for officers and treasurer. I think we should pursue it. I have a copy of a sample insurance questionnaire/application. Vice President Brittingham will get together with the Directors to see what can be done.

Good of the Association:

Robert Yerkes, Station 52 Breakfast this Sunday with a discounted price of \$8.00

Vice President Brittingham, I will be out of the country starting Saturday until the following Monday and again out of the state June 9th through 15th be at Disney. Get ahold of Vice President O'Neal for any business of the Association.

50-50 – Charlie Frampton

Conference Souvenir –

The next meeting will be at Station 56, Marydel – June 20, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

A motion was made and seconded, and carried to adjourn at 8:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Pablo Reyes, Jr., Secretary