



Kent County Volunteer Firefighter's Association

May 17, 2017

President Post called the 1014th meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at Station 43, Cheswold Fire Company. Following dinner served by the Ladies Auxiliary of the station, Vice President Dennison conveyed our thanks to the Auxiliary of the station. Jeff Eisenbrey, of Cheswold Fire Company gave the address of welcome; Vice President Dennison gave the response.

Deviation of Business: A motion was made, seconded, and carried to deviate from the regular order of business. President Post made reference to it being Past President's Night and then asked all Past Presidents of KCVFA to stand and be recognized. Past President Ken Ryder on behalf of all Past President's accepted a \$1000.00 check to the Past President's. Past President Ryder in-turn donated check on behalf of all Past Presidents to the KCVFA Roland P. Trader Scholarship Fund. Next, President Post asked Dave Brown and Dustin Kenny from the Pasco Battery Warehouse to step forward. Dustin introduced himself and spoke about his company and using Promo Code – Fire for a 20% discount. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to return to the normal order of business.

Roll Calls: Officers: 10 present, 3 absent;
Companies: 19 present, 1 absent; Past Presidents:
11 KCVFA, 7 DVFA, and 9 Fire Company.

Introduction of Guests:

DVFA – President Ted Wallis, yielded to Vice President Bill Betts, Delaware Fire Service Recruitment coming on Saturday 10:00 a.m. or 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. asking all stations be open on that day. National Fallen Firefighters Association will have its annual Memorial Day celebration at Emmitsburg, Maryland on October 8, 2017. DVFA will be providing the busses for the Delaware Fire Companies but we need a good count so if you are planning on going please get back to us so we can count how many busses we will be needing. Conference forms are now up on the DVFA website www.dvfassn.com and

deadline for registration is August 8, 2017. Next meeting is June 11, 2017 at the Delaware Fire School.

State Fire Chief's Association – Derrick Brode, next meeting is on June 22nd at Harrington with the Expo starting at 3:00 p.m. followed by the meeting at a normal 7:00 p.m. time. Vendor's will be setting up at 1:00 p.m.

State EMS – Mike McMichael, our next meeting is on June 22nd at Harrington with the State Chiefs. We are looking for letters to be submitted for our annual awards for EMS Lifetime, Heroic, Instructor and Paramedic achievements.

DVFA Ladies Auxiliary – No Report

State Fire Police Association – Les States, thanks for the recognition our next meeting will be Sunday, May 21st at Dover Station 1.

DVFA Conference – John Stevenson, we had a meeting yesterday at Dover Downs. Went over everything with the contracts. Everyone in Kent County sent their contracts back in and 2 Companies in Sussex did not, so their rooms got released back to Dover Downs. Any changes let Lisa know in writing, email is okay. By the 1st of August you need to make sure your confirmation is sent back to Dover Downs but double-check your information. Event Registration forms check back five days after you turn in forms to make sure you are on list. Ladies need to turn in their forms earlier, by August 8th if you are going to men's meeting. You are still responsible for room costs if you do not cancel in time for them to re-rent the room. The dance is still on.

State Fire Prevention Commission – Alan Robinson, after our meeting yesterday at the Fire School there are several things you all need to be aware of. Dr. Matthews has warned of the increased use of Fentanyl, Carfentanil 10K more powerful Analgesic (**absorbed through the skin**) patch and injectable form, and Opiate overdoes. Suggest wash the gear with water after runs. Discussion questioning whether we need to know hours worked, it is not being tracked and we have no way of knowing

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individuals working too long. OEMS is working on a way to track hours through the reporting program. For companies being affected we suggest members sign off on a form for hours worked. There was a discussion on the scratch rate of 29% for Marydel which will affect Hartly and Camden. We will have Marydel come in and talk about a six-month plan to correct it. Of the 15 companies State-wide late on their DFIRS report, 9 are from Kent County, Secretary has a copy of those company names. Also, as of February 1st BLS Financial forms should have been turned-in, all companies have turned-in except for Camden-Wyoming, Frederica, Hartly, Leipsic, and Magnolia. We still need updated contact information from Cheswold, Dover, Harrington, Houston, Little Creek, and Magnolia. Information goes to the State for funding. Next meeting will be June 20th at the Delaware State Fire School.

Delaware State Fire School – No Report

State Fire Marshal's Office – No Report

Legislature – No Report

Kent County Fire Chief's Association – Ralph Tucker, thanks for the recognition, no report.

Kent County Fire Police Association – Leon Hyde, our next meeting is June 20, 2017 at North Bowers.

Kent County Emergency Medical Services Association – Shirley Pennington, our next meeting is May 22, 2017 at Station 43 at 7:00 at which time we will discuss low attendance with possible resolutions.

Kent County Ladies Auxiliary – Shirley Pennington, our next meeting will be at Felton Station 48, our Memorial Meeting. Thanks for your support.

Kent County Levy Court – No Report

KC Emergency Dispatch Center – No Report

KC Emergency Management Agency – No Report

KC Emergency Medical Services (Paramedics) – Earl Briel, thanks for the recognition 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 – Steve White, thanks for the

recognition no report.

DEMA – No Report

NVFC – No Report

Delmarva Firefighter's Association – Clay Yocum, attended our Convention and Banquet and I proud to announce that at the Banquet, 2 individuals of the 3 that were recognized are from Kent County inducted into the Delmarva Hall of Fame are , Bill Nickerson from Hartly and Ralph Satterfield from Magnolia. Congratulations to both.

International Chief's – Bill Betts, thanks for the recognition no report.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried for approval of the minutes of the previous KCVFA meeting as printed.

Deceased Members: Station 55 – Harry E. Reed, Station 41 – James T. Ratcliffe Jr., Station 41 – David Mckee, Station 41 – Alfred Thomas

Report of Officers – All submitted in written or electronic form, except for Vice President Brittingham. President Post, Safe Summer Day we are looking for at least one piece of apparatus from each company.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Robert Yerkes report of ending balances as of May 1, 2017: Roland Trader Scholarship Fund – \$13,537.54; Special Operations Fund – \$31,811.81; Money Market – \$19,569.19; Smoke Detector Fund – \$656.60; Checking Account – \$5,309.41; Total of all CD's – \$17,593.39; Total funds – \$42,471.99 not including Scholarship & Special Ops Funds. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to accept the Treasurer's Report.

Written Correspondence – 5 items of correspondence, 1st letter from the Rehoboth Beach Volunteer Fire Company announcing limited parking due to construction, 2nd letter from the Hartly Volunteer Fire Company discussing the recent cancellation of the DVFA Parade looking for a better explanation. 3rd letter from the DVFA Foundation stating a refund was provided to all departments and

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associations that had donated to the Firefighter's Memorial. 4th letter is from the Farmington Volunteer Fire Company submitting the name of Mark Langford for the remaining term of the open Director's position. 5th letter from the Clayton Fire Company submitting the name of Harry (Benny) O'Neal for the remaining term of the open Director's position.

Report of Committees

None

Payment of Bills – \$1,251.49 – Cheswold Fire Company (Special Ops Repairs); A motion was made, seconded, and carried to pay the bill.

Unfinished Business –

None

New Business

President Post, we received two letters for directors what is the pleasure? A motion was made and seconded, and carried to accept both letters. President Post appointed a judge and 2 tellers for a ballot vote. Secretary Reyes called out delegate names listed for each company up to a maximum of 3 responding per company. Each delegate that responded received a blank ballot to vote. Once the ballots were given out to those present, President Post re-stated that Mark Langford and Benny O'Neal were names for the ballot and to vote for one on the ballot. President Post asked James Woznicki to read the results of the ballots: Benny O'Neal 19 and Mark Langford 20. A motion was made and seconded, and carried to destroy the used ballots. President Post congratulated Mark Langford on his election to the Directors Position. Ralph Satterfield, reference shirt for the Directors need 3 shirts. President Post, we will take care of it.

Ralph Tucker, there have been a couple of discussions about dissolving the Kent County EMS Association. Asking that a committee be formed to dissolve the Kent County EMS Association and making them a committee under the Kent County Fire Chiefs Association. A motion was made and seconded, and carried to put together a committee to

determine what is to become of the Kent County EMS Association. President Post stated table officers will get together with the directors to see what can be put together.

Al Metheny, action on the letter from Hartly? President Post what action should be taken on the letter from Hartly about the DVFA Conference Parade? After much discussion that followed on the Conference Parade. Additionally, it was asked that all Delegates and Alternates be present at the June DVFA Meeting. A motion was made and seconded, and carried to have the Kent County Volunteer Firefighter's Association support the letter from Hartly and that the secretary send a letter to each company making sure they have at least 2 representatives at the June DVFA Meeting.

Good of the Association

None

50-50 – Duane Yerkes

Conference Souvenir – Earl Briel

The next meeting will be at Station 44, Citizens Hose (Smyrna) – June 21, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

A motion was made and seconded, and carried to adjourn at 8:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Pablo Reyes, Jr., Secretary