



Kent County Volunteer Firefighter's Association

May 18, 2016

President Dempsey called the 1003rd meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at Station 45, Clayton Fire Company. Following dinner served by the Ladies Auxiliary of the station, Vice President Dennison conveyed our thanks to the Auxiliary of the station. Bob Faulkner, President of Clayton 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 normal order of business for the Annual Past President's Recognition Night. Sixteen Past Presidents were recognized and in attendance. Past President Ryder presented a \$1000.00 check on behalf of all Past Presidents to the Roland Trader Scholarship. President Dempsey then awarded Past President Ryder with a resolution for his service to the KCVFA. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to return to the normal order of business.*

Roll Calls: Officers: 9 present, 4 absent; Companies: 18 present, 1 absent; Past Presidents: 16 KCVFA, 7 DVFA, and 8 Fire Company.

Introduction of Guests:

DVFA – President Joe Zeroles, thanks to everyone that went to Washington D.C for the CFSI dinner, we had a showing of 194 people. Hagley Museum in Wilmington is going to have a fireworks display for us. M&T Bank is supplying 700 tickets for firefighters. The date for this is June 17 grab a flyer before you leave. The conference committee is working on the conference and everything seems to be going on schedule. Most of the forms are on the DVFA website, deadline for all the forms is August 8th. At Legislative Hall we went to legislators and we're trying to get free background checks for the fire service. This would be another recruitment tool.

State Fire Chief's Association – No report

State EMS – Mike McMichael, on behalf Jennifer Knox who could not be here tonight. Our next meeting will be with the State Chiefs on June 23rd at Harrington. We will have our nominations and elections. Award letters are due in by the July 31st. Thanks to Leipsic, Carlisle and Magnolia for their excellent hospitality, we had over 110 riders coming from Boston, Massachusetts to Delaware recognizing those we have lost on EMS. It was also nice with the escort the State Police gave them.

DVFA Ladies Auxiliary – No Report

State Fire Police Association – Alvin Schmick, thanks for the recognition next meeting is Sunday at 9:00 at the Fire School.

DVFA Conference – John McKenzie, seminar schedule is now set, this is the year of the employee. Recruitment and Retention will also be included for Station Pride. Wilmington Attorney will be there to answer any questions for free legal advice. Memorial Fire Company will be sponsoring a dance on Friday. Reminder, that early checkouts will not be reimbursed they will hold you to the contract.

State Fire Prevention Commission – Alan Robinson, we adopted draft five of the EMR and EMT education and administrative standard guidelines as was presented by the fire school director. We slightly went over the BLS protocols but it has to be accepted by the doctors, we won't be getting it back until August. The refresher class will not be at the conference it will be afterwards. Kent County DFIRS report Clayton, Farmington, Harrington, Hartly Houston and Magnolia are delinquent. Please get them in. Fire companies need to submit contact information to Fire School missing Carlisle, Marydel, Harrington, South Bowers, Houston and Little Creek; it has been since January get it in please. Audits, it states in the regulation you must have audits by a Certified Public Accounting Firm not a Public Accountant. Government Auditing Standards is what we should be doing. Next meeting is June 21 at the Fire School.

Delaware State Fire School – No Report

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State Fire Marshal's Office – Grover Engel, there are a few companies that are couple months in arrears on their DIFRS and we are not sure if they are aware of this. We want to make sure the problem is not on our end.

Legislature – Representative Outten yields to Senator Ennis, we have been in session for three weeks now. Rumor is we should not have any decrease in Grant & Aid but of course it won't have an increase either. Special plates for professional firefighters passed and signed. Also tags for retired paramedics or active paramedics passed and was also signed. HB 218 Sale and use of ground-based fireworks has not had any movement.

Kent County Fire Chief's Association – Mark Langford, thanks for the recognition our next meeting is June 8 at Station 52, Houston. Selling raffles to a fishing trip for \$5 dollars each see your Company Chief; there will be six people on the trip.

Kent County Fire Police Association – Leon Hyde, thank you for the recognition.

Kent County Emergency Medical Services Association – no report

Kent County Ladies Auxiliary – Sandra Robinson thanks for the recognition our next meeting is Tuesday, May 24th at Bowers Beach our Memorial Service starting at 6:30.

Kent County Levy Court – Brooks Banta, good news and bad news, bad news is our Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield of Delaware health insurance is going up by \$600,000 for Kent County; good news is that it doesn't affect the fire service your checks will still come through in October with a slight increase.

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 – No Report

Sussex County Volunteer Firemen's Association – President Rod O'Neil, our next meeting is May 24 at Station 76 in Frankfurt

State Recruitment and Retention – No Report

Mutual Relief – Steve White, reminds you to contact us if you want to schedule a presentation about Mutual Relief. Next meeting is May 21st.

DEMA – Glenn Gillespie thanks for the recognition.

NVFC – No Report

Delmarva Firefighter's Association – Clay Yocum, we will continue the Queens Contest. We are looking into EMS personnel crossing state lines and we are working on it, it is a complicated issue. There was an incident with Firefighters going into Pennsylvania with non-??? were being stopped by the police. We will try to give a report at the next quarterly meeting.

International Chief's – Bill Betts, thanks for the recognition. Keep your dates open for 18th 19th 20th of May 2017 we are looking at having our conference in Rehoboth at the Atlantic Sands.

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

Deceased Members: Station 53 – Walter F. Gable, Station 40 – Lawrence "Sonny" Sullivan.

Report of Officers – All submitted in written or electronic form. President Dempsey, Safe Summer Days June 11th, and we are asking for Fire Police assistance. 700 tickets for the Hagley Museum June 17th Fireworks show are being offered. Delaware State Fair sponsorship on July 21st the Monster Truck event, track will be open one hour ahead of the event. Anyone that wants a pit pass will have to go through the neighboring fire company.

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Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Robert Yerkes report of ending balances as of May 1, 2015: Roland Trader Scholarship Fund – \$14,183.10; Special Operations Fund – \$21,856.07; Money Market – \$22,706.22; Smoke Detector Fund – \$6,624.60; Checking Account – \$2944.39; Total of all CD's – \$17,540.64; Total funds – \$65,047.32. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to accept the Treasurer's Report.

Written Correspondence – 1 letter, Harrington Fire Company supporting Bill Betts for 2nd Vice President of the DVFA.

Report of Committees

Smoke Detectors, Jeff Dennison – I am still trying to get the best price trying to get them for less than \$20 per piece. Kent County Scholarship, Robert Yerkes per Ron O'Neil due in by May 31st

Payment of Bills – No Bills

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Mike McMichael's, presented resolutions to Clayton for their 125 years of service and Marydel for their 75 years of service.

Good of the Association

Steve White, spoke to Colin Faulkner involving the medic unit at Frederica has not been fully staffed yet due to people retiring and others going to school. Starting Tuesday the Paramedic will be stationed there during the day.

Ken Ryder, Station 48 on Saturday, June 4th golf tournament, additionally a trip for June 25th advance ticket sales only \$25 a person \$15 for children

Allen Metheny, June 25th Hartly Fire company has an open house for 2 new trucks we just purchased and for our newly refurbished Hall.

Jeff Dennison, also at 11:00 on June 25th Bowers 16th annual canoe joust, we are looking for teams from different fire companies to challenges. There is a trophy we would like them to try and take it away from us.

50-50 – Clay Yocum

Conference Souvenir –

The next meeting will be at Houston Fire Company, Station 52 – June 15, 2016 7:00 p.m.

A motion was made and seconded, and carried to adjourn at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Pablo Reyes, Jr., Secretary