



## Kent County Volunteer Firefighter's Association

May 20, 2015

President Ryder called the 992<sup>nd</sup> meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. at Station 41, Camden-Wyoming Fire Company. Following dinner served by the Ladies Auxiliary of the station, Vice President Post conveyed our thanks to the Auxiliary. Leroy Dear, President of Camden-Wyoming Fire Company gave the address of welcome; Vice President Post gave the response.

**Roll Calls:** Officers: 9 present, 5 absent; Companies: 16 present, 3 absent; Past Presidents: 10 KCVFA, 8 DVFA, and 7 Fire Company Presidents. President Ryder made a special recognition by name of all Past Presidents in attendance with a round of applause.

### **Introduction of Guests:**

**DVFA** – Vice President Joe Zeroles, a couple of things to report tonight, HB 133 – new home buyer's sprinkler system and SB 89 the bill to exempt the Ladies Auxiliary from certification for food service, Senator Ennis will speak more to this in his report. Conference most of the forms are online and are ready. A letter was sent to the editor at the News Journal in regards to recent things said about the Ladies Auxiliary. Couple of years ago the estimated \$7500 that we were shorted has already been added back in to this year's appropriation that you recently received as stated by the State Treasurer's Office. Questions were raised because some letters had been distributed to the companies stating a future distribution.

**State Fire Chief's Association** – (Steve Maichle) Redman, thanks for the recognition, Terry Jester, next meeting June 25<sup>th</sup> Expo at Harrington starting at 3:00 p.m. meeting starting at 6:30 with 32 vendors attending.

**State EMS Association** – Mike McMichael, still looking for letters for annual awards on heroic efforts.

**DVFA Ladies Auxiliary** – No Report

**State Fire Police Association** – No Report

**DVFA Conference** – John Stevenson, be sure to check for date confirmations wait about a week to check for updates.

**State Fire Prevention Commission** – Commissioner Marvel, Medical Director was absent. New list is out for what needs to be on the ambulance prior to July 1<sup>st</sup> all of it should cost less than a \$1000.00. Frequent flyers issue is being addressed. Fire Prevention reimbursement has not been approved.

**Delaware State Fire School** – No Report

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

**Legislature** – Senator Bruce Ennis, seems we will have a \$83 million shortfall with a total shortfall after 2<sup>nd</sup> day of \$39.3 million. Talking about a 1% cut discussion came up with Grant & Aid. SB53 Withdrawal policy from the Pension Plan is in Senate Finance Committee. SB89 discussion about certified food protection manager is getting kickback from commercial vendors. HB51 which deals with the surf fishing permits for the ladies auxiliary; they were reminded about SB75 which gave \$5 million to the Parks Service. HB 133 – new home buyer's sprinkler system briefly discussed the disclosure form and bill is in House committee.

**Kent County Fire Chief's Association** – Harold Scott, thanks for the recognition

**Kent County Fire Police Association** – Les States, thanks for the recognition our next meeting is in Hartly, Station 51 on June 16th.

**Kent County Emergency Medical Services Association** – Christine Davila, thank you for the recognition, next meeting is June 22<sup>nd</sup> at Station 51.

**Kent County Ladies Auxiliary** – No Report

**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** – No Report

**Sussex County Volunteer Firemen's Association** – Clay Yocum, thanks for the recognition

**State Recruitment and Retention** – No Report

**Mutual Relief** – Steve White, AD&D Policy issue was brought up, if you are working on fire scene and get injured AD&D will pick up to \$10,000 if your insurance runs out.

**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 previous meeting as printed.*

**Deceased Members:** In the absence of our chaplains reading deferred to next month per President Ryder,

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Station 49 – Ira “Porky” Glanden, Station 44 – Ralph Jones, Station 44 – Donnie Uhlendorff

**Report of Officers** – All submitted in written or electronic form. President Ryder, DVFA Executive committee continues to address problem of the distribution of Insurance funds. Safe Summer Days get your participation forms in to Kim O'Malley. Fire Advisory new chairman is Ed Welch to complete this year's term, and John Gallo to finish Ed's term for the balance of the year. Informational copies in folder referencing HB133.

**Treasurer's Report** – Treasurer Robert Yerkes report of ending balances as of May 1, 2015: Roland Trader Scholarship Fund – \$14,970.05; Special Operations Fund – \$14,970.05; Money Market – \$28,176.30; Smoke Detector Fund – \$1,266.60; Checking Account – \$2,837.81; Total of all CD's – \$17,502.10; Total funds – \$63,486.26. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to accept the Treasurer's Report. President Ryder stated that \$1000.00 was being transferred to the Roland Trader Scholarship in honor of the KCVFA Past Presidents.

**Written Correspondence** – 1 letter from the Hartly Fire Company endorsing Al Metheny to the position of Treasurer of the DVFA.

### **Report of Committees**

Roland Trader Scholarship – Robert Yerkes, scholarships are due by the end of this month

**Payment of Bills** – \$1,000.00 – Roland Trader Scholarship Fund (KCVFA Past President's gift); \$1,242.07 Roland Trader Scholarship Fund (1/2 Profit from the Appreciation Banquet); \$5,632.13 Hartly Fire Company (Reimbursement for Special Operations 51-10 repair expenses) A motion was made, seconded, and carried to pay the bills.

### **Unfinished Business**

None

### **New Business**

None

### **Good of the Association**

Terry Jester, we have 2 new vendors in Ambulance supply

coming to the expo.

Mike McMichael, July Delaware City Fire Company is having the Cumberland Valley Volunteer Firemen's Association Conference [www.dcf15.com](http://www.dcf15.com) forms are on website also we will have a good BBQ, bring your apparatus and have a good time.

Steve White, special thanks to Mike McMichael for getting all the back boards from the ER's and bringing them back to us.

50-50 – Les States

Conference Souvenir –

*The next meeting will be at Carlisle Fire Company Milford, Station 42 – June 17, 2015 7:00 p.m.*

A motion was made and seconded, and carried to adjourn at 8:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Pablo Reyes, Jr., Secretary