



Kent County Volunteer Firefighter's Association

May 21, 2014

President Brode called the 982nd meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at Station 50, Harrington Fire Company. Following dinner served by the Ladies Auxiliary of the station, Vice President Dempsey conveyed our thanks to the Auxiliary. Ken Brode, President of the Harrington Fire Company gave the address of welcome; Vice President Dempsey gave the response.

Roll Calls: Officers: 11 present, 3 absent; Companies: 17 present, 2 absent; Past Presidents: 16 KCVFA, 7 DVFA, and 11 Fire Company Presidents.

Introduction of Guests:

DVFA – Richard Toulson, a thanks to those of you who participated at CFSI in Washington D.C., probably more important because of all the cuts happening in the budget over at Washington. As you can tell here in our own state we have 5 pieces of legislation. With the news that just came out from the state budget income we are waiting to see what happens. One of the bills that will not be affected is the Home Town Heroes referencing if you are killed in the line of duty you get a benefit amounting to \$150,000 to go along with the Federal. HB 315, 317, SB 207 that is going to run. One is going is tabled dealing with the County Governments Rep. Carson is asking a committee be formed to have dialog between County, Fire Service, and Legislators before proceeding. Bills have made it out of their committees and HB 315 should not have any problems. HB 315 & 317 requires $\frac{3}{4}$ majority vote so we may call for people to come up. It will help getting us out of EMS deficit state wide.

State Fire Chief's Association – Redman, next meeting June 26th in Harrington at Station 50 our Expo with vendors coming down.

State EMS Association – Mike McMichael, our condolences to Ed Angwin for loss of family member. Our next meeting will be with the State Chiefs in Harrington. Also our nominations and elections night. EMS Ambulance Regulations are in effect as of April 11th 2014 they are on the Fire Commission's website. Next week is the DEMSOC meeting. Still looking for letters addressed to my attention for our annual awards in the following categories; Heroic, EMS Lifetime, EMS

Instructor, Paramedics all due in by the end of July.

DVFA Ladies Auxiliary – No Report

State Fire Police Association – Alvin Schmick, thank you for the recognition.

DVFA Conference – John Stevenson, some registration forms are on the DVFA website working out some stuff for seminars keep checking back to the website.

State Fire Prevention Commission – Marvin Sharp, we met yesterday a fairly short meeting, there are some concerns on how to do QA, & QI we want to have a plan in place for it.

Delaware State Fire School – No Report

State Fire Marshal's Office – Grover Engels, Deputy Fire Marshal (II) Tate Colburn has completed his requirements and we are back to full strength in Kent County. Deputy Fire Marshal Billings from New Castle has gone back thanks for his assistance these past 5 years. Tanya is in service and Sparks (9 years old) is retired, both great working dogs. We are grateful for their service.

Legislature – Senator Ennis, BLS legislation when we had our meetings at the Task Force. It was decided in order to solve the deficit problem everyone would need to have a hand in it; Ambulance Service, County Government & State do their share, Insurance Company's do their share. With everything on the table so that there would be no surprises to them. 4 Bills, HB 317 increase State share of gross premium tax by about \$4.7 million to ambulance service. HB 315 adding assessment of \$10 to every motor vehicle violation would generate another \$1.25 million. HB 316 asking county governments to contribute 15% of basic cost of ambulance service, it is true that Sussex contributes \$1.5 million and New Castle is already contributing similar where Kent is not that much money. All 3 counties are affected. HB 317 & 315 have already cleared the house. SB 207 has to have amendments with regards to self-insured companies. We are trying to address the 8.5 million deficit. BLS Paid Employees (a study was conducted) after July 1st any Fire Company with basic life support wants to get in the plan can make an application for coverage on January 1st at the state rate. Thanks to all on the task force. Motorcycle rider

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program thanks to 7 Kent County Fire Company's we have a check for the KCVFA to the Smoke Detector Program for \$320.00.

Kent County Fire Chief's Association – Derrick Brode thanks for the recognition.

Kent County Fire Police Association – Les States, our next meeting is in Magnolia on June 17th at 7:00.

Kent County Ambulance Association – Allan Post on behalf of Jason Capps, next meeting is June 21st at South Bowers.

Kent County Ladies Auxiliary – Shirley Pennington, our next meeting is next Tuesday, May 27th at Farmington a Memorial for 23 members.

Kent County Levy Court – Terry Pepper, budget passed with funding for a total of \$715,000, which included the \$15,000 for Special Ops.

KC Emergency Dispatch Center – Kevin Sipple, Levy Court approved to re-fund Emergency Management position. First week of August we are getting a new computer aided system along with a mobile data platform to the tune of \$6.2 million throughout the State of Delaware so we can all be on the same platform. Suppose to go live in June but due to technology issues was pushed off to go live in August. Anyone interested get up with us it is free to all fire companies. Texting 911, RFP is out to implement for accepting text messages, ect. to keep up with technology.

KC Emergency Management Agency – No Report
KC Emergency Medical Services (Paramedics) – No Report

New Castle County Volunteer Firemen's

Association – Dan Burris, next meeting Thursday, June 12th at Elsmere.

Sussex County Volunteer Firemen's Association – Jay Jones, next meeting 27th at Frankford.

State Recruitment and Retention – No Report
Mutual Relief – No Report

DEMA – Glenn Gillespie, thank you for the recognition.

NVFC – No Report

DSP – We just purchased 2 new helicopters and are expecting delivery in September, custom outfitted and equipment hard mounted, speed is 172 mph or 150 knots as the crow flies. This will make a big difference to provide better service. They will be hoist equipped.

Kent and Sussex will now have ability to lift firefighters more than one at a time. In addition handle multiple patients, multiple care givers to get to nearest trauma center. If a member is hurt call us flights are free. If you need us call us. Ability to rear load although may not be used for safety reasons. Thank you for your support.

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

Deceased Members: None

Report of Officers – All submitted in written or electronic form. President Brode, thanks to all that went to Levy Court on 4/29 & 5/6 for budget & HB 316. A thanks to all those that attended CFSI and assisted with the Motorcycle Poker Run. We are still looking for people to be part of the Honor Guard.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Robert Yerkes report of ending balances as of May 1, 2014: Roland Trader Scholarship Fund – \$12,451.30; Money Market – \$26,167.59; Checking Account – \$704.43; Smoke Detector Fund – \$326.60; Total of all CD's – \$17,467.12; Total funds – \$44,339.14 A motion was made, seconded, and carried to accept the report as read.

Written Correspondence – 1st letter, from the Hartly Volunteer Fire Company endorsing J. Allen Metheny as Treasurer for the DVFA.

Report of Committees

C.I.S.M. – Blake Bowers, All 3 Counties now have active teams. We will be meeting every 1st Thursday at Citizen's Hose if you are interested in being part of the team please see me call or send me an email. When you need to activate the CISM team contact Kent Center this is for insurance purposes. We have responded to the incident involving a dog and a 4 year old child at Felton. We will be offering support group training. There will be CEU involved for those participating in the training.

Safe Summer Days – Ken Ryder in your folders you will have documents for you to use. Safe Summer Day flyer

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and an application for signing up with inventory of equipment you are bringing to the event with manpower you can get back to me or Kim O'Malley at the State Fire School as she will be formulating a list for each company.

Payment of Bills – \$1000.00 – Roland Trader Scholarship (Past President's Gift); A motion was made, seconded, and carried to pay the bills.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

President Brode, called out all the Past President's present and asked them all to stand to be recognized with a photo op. Allen Metheny, Bill Betts, Wally Hudson, Harlan Blades, Fred Jester, Rod O'Neal, Marvin Sharp, Glenn Neese, Alvin Schmick, Joe Zeroles, Glenn Gillespie, Steve White, John Pridemore, Melvin Wyatt, and Bruce Ennis.

President Brode presented Past President John Pridemore with a resolution of recognition. Past President Pridemore donated a check in the amount of \$1000.00 on behalf of the Past Presidents to the Roland Trader Scholarship Fund.

President Brode presented a resolution to Brandon Haggerty for his contribution's to the Fire Service despite very difficult times in his life was named as an Honorary Member of the Kent County Volunteer Firefighter's Association. Brandon stated "Thank God he didn't choke up".

Senator Ennis, President Brode, and VP Ryder presented a resolution to the fire crew individuals involved in a recent Chicken House Fire. Additionally, read a lengthy letter also provided to all companies and members involved. The individuals were listed as follows: Harrington crew included Chief Ralph Tucker, Assistant Chief Rob Taylor, Assistant Chief Kenny Brode, Captain Jimmy Green and Firefighter Derek Bailey. The Felton crew included Past Chief Kevin Sipple, Chief Engineer Adam Jarrell and Firefighters Jeff DeCarlo, Jr., Adam Moore, Mike Semans, Brent Schoof, Ryan Sipple and Tyler Sipple; with a similar resolution presented to the Paramedics and Troopers

with names listed as follows: Career Staff Jennifer DeCarlo and Bobby Scott. The Kent County Paramedic crew included Doug Poore, Doug Haddad and Rich Allen. The DSP Aviation crew of Trooper 2 included Sean McDerby and Brent Creasey.

A motion was made and seconded, and carried in supporting the letter of endorse for Allen Metheny as DVFA Treasurer and a letter be sent supporting Allen Metheny to the office of DVFA Treasurer.

Steve White as the Kent County Representative, I have passed out forms to all the companies and you need to get your signed P1 forms to the Pension Office.

<http://www.delawarepensions.com/forms/Documents/P-1ActuarialFormRev10-11-12.pdf> Any questions call me.

A motion was made and seconded, and carried to send a letter supporting Joe Zeroles for the office of 1st Vice President of the DVFA.

Good of the Association

Rod O'Neal, All the entries for the Roland Trader Scholarship applications must be received by May 31st 2014.

50-50 – Hal Blades (donated back to the Roland Trader Scholarship Fund) Conference Souvenir – N/A

The next meeting will be at Hartly Fire Company, Station 51 – June 18, 2014

A motion was made and seconded, and carried to adjourn at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Pablo Reyes, Jr., Secretary