



Kent County Volunteer Firefighter's Association

June 17, 2015

President Ryder called the 993rd meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at Station 42, Carlisle Fire Company. Following dinner served by the Ladies Auxiliary of the station, Vice President Post conveyed our thanks to the Auxiliary. Christine McGee, member of Carlisle Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary gave the address of welcome; Vice President Post gave the response.

Roll Calls: Officers: 11 present, 3 absent; Companies: 17 present, 2 absent; Past Presidents: 10 KCVFA, 7 DVFA, and 7 Fire Company Presidents.

Introduction of Guests:

DVFA – President Anthony Guzzo, Conference registration forms are on the website and fill-able and then mail or email to the office. Thanks to all of you that attended services in Dover for Beau Biden. DVFA Attorney was at the last meeting and has created a form that needs all companies to sign off for using the DVFA Attorney to represent the companies on issue of \$953,000 involving Wilmington. Form is on the Internet. Grant & Aid bill has an across the board cut of 10% decided by one vote.

State Fire Chief's Association – Jeff Denison, June 25th Expo meeting in Harrington starting at 3:00 with the Ambulance Association in attendance.

State EMS Association – No Report

DVFA Ladies Auxiliary – No Report

State Fire Police Association – Alvin Schmick, next meeting is at Conference on September 16th.

DVFA Conference – John Stevenson, agenda has been finalized and most of the forms for the seminars are online just waiting on speakers to confirm should be done by this Friday. Please get your forms filled out and turned in so we don't have to cancel a seminar. If you want to take an ad out for the conference booklet call 302-745-6388 to get an ad placed. Conference dance has been canceled.

State Fire Prevention Commission – Commissioner Robinson, Medical Examiner, stated be sure you get the proper refusals filled out for ambulance service. Problems with frequent flyers, know it is a problem looking at several avenues. Offensive touching is not something you can be investigated for. Looking at changing language for what should apply to EMT's. If your audit is going to be problem notify us and we will work with you. TCR's are going to be used as a basis for funding out of that particular program.

We are going to make it a regulation instead of a rule. Finally, went over the Fire Marshal's regulation in attempt to update and upgrade and should be finished within next couple of meetings.

Delaware State Fire School – No Report

State Fire Marshal's Office – No Report

Legislature – No Report

Kent County Fire Chief's Association – No Report

Kent County Fire Police Association – Les States, thanks for the recognition our next meeting is in Houston, Station 52 on July 21st.

Kent County Emergency Medical Services Association

– Christine Davila, thank you for the recognition, next meeting is June 22nd at Station 51 at 19:00.

Kent County Ladies Auxiliary – Deb Lawhead, thank you for the recognition, next meeting is June 23rd at Bowers Beach Installation 7:00 Station 40.

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 –

Elmer Steele, thanks for the recognition our meeting will be next Tuesday in Bridgeville.

State Recruitment and Retention – *Completed under V.P. report, Earle Dempsey, we are sponsoring the Rodeo event on the opening night at the Delaware State Fair this year. We are looking for apparatus the day of the rodeo to be displayed, please contact me.

Mutual Relief – Bob Yerkes, No Report

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: Month of May: Station 49 – Ira Ray "Porky" Glanden, Station 44 – Ralph Jones, Station 44 – Donald "Donnie" L. Uhlendorff || Month of June: Station 55

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– Ronald F. Seaman, Station 40 – Mike Gosch, Station 40
– Harry Jackson.

Report of Officers – All submitted in written or electronic form. President Ryder, Reiterate, agency agreement in folders need to be filled out and returned to DVFA Office. Thanks to all those that attended Safe Summer Days. HB 133 House Protection has passed the House and is in the Senate. Also, SB 89 has something going on tomorrow at 2:45.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Robert Yerkes report of ending balances as of June 1, 2015: Roland Trader Scholarship Fund – \$14,897.89; Special Operations Fund – \$9,337.92; Money Market – \$27,178.19; Smoke Detector Fund – \$1,266.60; Checking Account – \$1,635.74; Total of all CD's – \$17,502.10; Total funds – \$55,653.95. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to accept the Treasurer's Report.

Written Correspondence – None

Report of Committees

Roland Trader Scholarship – Rod O'Neal, we will be evaluating scholarships to be presented at the Cheswold meeting.

Fire Advisory Board – Ed Welch, In reference to the South East Region issue and DEMSOC meeting for our position for single medic use and helicopter use. Earle Dempsey, single medic issue we lost the discussion and motion was made to approve and passed to have a pilot program. They do want to hear from us directly on any challenges with degradation of service. There was a discussion on the use of a Helicopter with reference to cancellation of the Helicopter by Paramedic units. It was decided all information should be funneled through the OIC with a discussion. Preference is to have the helicopter land and the OIC working with decisions from the medics. If there is a helicopter at the scene and the medics choose not to use it they will answer for it. Al Metheny, what other items are on the agenda? Ed Welch, we are working on the distribution for October and a method on how to monitor in what way a new medic unit is going to impact service in the South East Region.

Payment of Bills – None

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Harold Brode, after speaking with the County Administrator we are only getting this year \$735,000 reasoning is because \$900,000 is being set aside for the South Eastern Region medic startup. The budget passed. Special Ops received \$15,000.

Fred Jester, as a result of attending the conference meeting on Sunday, I make a motion and it was seconded, and carried to have the President appoint a committee to see if we as a county can host our own conferences.

Fred Jester, A motion was made and seconded, and carried to move \$5000.00 out of savings and move it to the smoke detection fund. Questions, Al Metheny do we have anything left on our current allocations. Rob Yerkes, Jeff Denison all detectors are equally divided.

Harold Brode, suggested that the smoke detectors may be something to go to the county to get more funding. Some time ago we did get \$15,000.00.

Good of the Association

50-50 – Richard Perillo “donated back to smoke detector fund”
Conference Souvenir – Fred Jester

The next meeting will be at Cheswold Fire Company Milford, Station 43 – July 15, 2015 7:00 p.m.

A motion was made and seconded, and carried to adjourn at 8:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Pablo Reyes, Jr., Secretary