



Kent County Volunteer Firefighter's Association

June 18, 2014

President Brode called the 983rd meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at Station 51, Hartly Fire Company. Following dinner served by the Ladies Auxiliary of the station, Vice President Dempsey conveyed our thanks to the Auxiliary. Allen Metheny, President of the Hartly 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: 15 KCVFA, 5 DVFA, and 7 Fire Company Presidents.

Introduction of Guests:

DVFA – Richard Toulson, been busy at Legislative Hall as they stand now HB 315 is passed the house and in the Senate. SB 207 has passed Senate and on ready list for the house. HB 317 is on hold waiting for a financial report. Home Town hero bill HB 372 passed the house and going through Senate committee. (Regardless of State benefits you still get the Federal benefits). Earle Dempsey, Starting Thursday, July 17, 2014 at the Delaware State Fair there will be a for a fee event in the Grand Stands with the DVFA and Firefighter.Delaware.Gov as a sponsor at the fair. Also, we will have a booth for the 10 days of the Fair we will need staffing to talk about recruitment. It will be in the air condition area. Conference in September we will have a DVFA round table and have DivCom to talk about broadband and what benefits can be gained. We may be one of the 1st states to have it. Visit the exhibit areas at the conference and check website for the seminars. HOT's training is a good one.

State Fire Chief's Association – No Report

State EMS Association – P.J. Gosch our next meeting on June 26th at Station 50 annual State Chiefs Expo starting at 3:00p.m. with the meeting at 6:00p.m.

DVFA Ladies Auxiliary – No Report

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

DVFA Conference – John Stevenson, drop dead date for everybody is August 8th everything is on the website. Next meeting is Monday the 23rd of June.

State Fire Prevention Commission – Charlie Boyer, Dr. Matthews reported that NARCON has been used in the field and very successful. No way to track EMT's time for working too many hours unless they clock in and clock out. July 15th next meeting at the Fire School.

Delaware State Fire School – No Report

State Fire Marshal's Office – No Report

Legislature – Senator Ennis, we are down to the last few days of the General Assembly. SB 31 stalled in House committee, Hot issue's, boundary disputes Court rules that decision go to the town or city but they are not honoring the Commission. A fairer system is for Commission to decide that the town. When a town annexes many things are not considered. The bill was supported by the DVFA at the last meeting. SB 240 with regards to the Pension bill some companies want to resign from the program which would make a huge impact on the system. HB 315 \$10 assessment on fees for traffic violations to include red lights. HB 316 with asking County's to support the ambulance service. In cooperation with the counties we will me in the fall. SB 207 asking insurance companies to cover the cost of ambulance has passed the Senate. Paid EMT's were not able to get people in state health plan and it has been resolved. Effective for January 1st. Joining the plan is very cheap. Senator Lawson recently we had a little wind down toward Marydel. The coordination, reaction, and

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response time was phenomenal. It was neighbor looking after neighbor. Thanks to all for an extremely well done job.

Kent County Fire Chief's Association – No Report

Kent County Fire Police Association – Les States, our next meeting is in Magnolia on July 15, 2014 at South Bowers.

Kent County Ambulance Association – Allan Post, next meeting is June 23rd at South Bowers. We have been attending the BLS protocol meetings for the state we got about 98% of everything we asked for. September 9th blood drive we are looking for at least 50 to 60 to 70 people to participate.

Kent County Ladies Auxiliary – Debra Lawhead, our next meeting is June 24th

Kent County Levy Court – Terry Pepper, I want to thank all of you that participated but we should also acknowledge the Amish Community they were there too helping out. Next year with your help we should be able to come up with something. I am proud to acknowledge our fire service.

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 – Dan Burris, next meeting July 10th

Sussex County Volunteer Firemen's Association – No Report

State Recruitment and Retention – No Report

Mutual Relief – No Report

DEMA – Glenn Gillespie, thank you for the recognition.

NVFC – No Report

Delmarva Firefighter's Association – Bob Hudson, next meeting August 3rd at Magnolia

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

Deceased Members: Station 40 – Mike Morris, Station 64 – Karen Knowles-Graubant, Station 46 – James A. McWilliams, Jr., Station 50 – William (Bill) H. Outten, Station 51 – Ludwig F. Schweitzer, III

Report of Officers – All submitted in written or electronic form. President Brode, thanks to all that worked at Safe Summer Days with over 2500 people in attendance.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Robert Yerkes report of ending balances as of June 1, 2014: Roland Trader Scholarship Fund – \$13,490.85; Money Market – \$25,489.35; Checking Account – \$743.43; Smoke Detector Fund – \$646.60; Total of all CD's – \$17,467.12; Total funds – \$43,699.94 A motion was made, seconded, and carried to accept the report as read.

Written Correspondence – 1st letter, from the Camden – Wyoming Volunteer Fire Company stating their delegates to the KCVFA. Last 2 letters were turned over to the nominations committee.

Report of Committees

Banner – Ken Ryder > Mike Rush, banner looks pretty good but I will bring you a bag to carry it all in and some clips for the top. Ken Ryder, Thanks to all for your time on it.

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Fire Prevention – Robert Yerkes, not enough participation on the matching funds for Fire Prevention. Usually it is a full page of recipients ½ monies was not used. Earle Dempsey, Fire Prevention will be meeting at 6:00 prior to County Chiefs meeting in Houston.

Roland Trader Scholarship Fund – Rod O'Neal, we receive 5 very good applicants and we selected two.

Payment of Bills – \$20.00 – M & M Trophies & Awards (Engraved 4 plates); A motion was made, seconded, and carried to pay the bills.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

President Brode and Senator Lawson, presented a resolution to Senator Bruce Ennis his numerous years of dedication and devotion to the Delaware Volunteer Fire Service. Standing ovation...

Good of the Association

Glenn Gillespie, for Marvin Sharp: last Wednesday he was admitted to Milford and Friday he lost his left toe. He is still going to be off his feet for about a month.

Rev. Blake Bowers, Dover Police Department has set a date for July 24th for Active Shooter at Dover High School and still do not know the parameters so if you hear anything around that date remember it is an exercise. If, you need CISM contact Kent Center they have the numbers to get a hold of us. Contact Bob Roth from Frederica he is handling the Kent County Ceremonial Honor Guard for those interested.

50-50 – Leroy Dear

Conference Souvenir – Harold Brode

The next meeting will be at Houston Fire Company, Station 52 – July 16, 2014

A motion was made and seconded, and carried to adjourn at 8:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Pablo Reyes, Jr., Secretary