



Kent County Volunteer Firefighter's Association

June 19, 2019

President Brittingham called the 1037th meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at Station 41, Camden-Wyoming Fire Company. Following dinner served by the Auxiliary members of the station, Vice President Langford conveyed our thanks and appreciation to the Auxiliary members of the station. Fred Jester, Past President of Camden-Wyoming Fire Company gave the address of welcome; Vice President Langford gave the response.

Roll Calls: Officers: 11 present, 2 absent;
Companies: 18 present, 2 absent; Past Presidents:
12 KCVFA, 7 DVFA, and 8 Fire Company Presidents.

Introduction of Guests:

DVFA – President Bill Betts, Ocean City the Maryland Conference was entertaining. The Presumption legislation has been assigned to the Finance Committee in the Senate. Recruitment and Retention of Volunteer Firefighters, resolution passed the House and has gone to the Senate. Bond Bill and Budget are meeting tonight. Fire Prevention, Extra for Fire School, and EMS monies requested are in the budget. Conference forms are on the website. Two events we are highlighting are the Combinations Fire Departments and Equality vs. Equity. Jay, Bill went into committee to increase our Tax Credit. DVFA Committee list is out to everyone. You need to submit by August 1st to server on a DVFA committee.

State Fire Chief's Association – No Report, Langford, next meeting is June 27th at Station 50 starting at 3:00 p.m. with the Expo and meeting to follow at 6:30 p.m.

State EMS – Mike McMichael's on behalf of President Capps, look at the DVFA website for classes the deadline to submit is August 8th. Looking at setting up committees State-wide. Looking for names for the annual awards, such as Heroic, Life-Time Achievement, Paramedics, and Instructors. Check the DVFA website. Finally, I am stepping down after 15 years and the younger gentleman Earl Briel will be taking my place.

DVFA Ladies Auxiliary – No Report

State Fire Police Association – Les States, thanks

for the recognition our next meeting will be at Conference.

DVFA Conference – Joe Zeroles, forms are online and the deadline is August 8th. Get your forms in so that Warren in not overloaded as we get closer to that date.

State Fire Prevention Commission – Al Robinson, the following Kent County companies are delinquent. Over more than 2 months; Cheswold, Harrington, Houston, and South Bowers: Between 1 to 2 months; Dover, Frederica, Hartly, Little Creek, and Magnolia: Please get them in. It ties our hands legislatively if you don't get the information in. Still need 2019 Contact information from Carlisle Fire Company. Accepted Consent Agreements in EMT Case Number 1906.

Delaware State Fire School – No Report

State Fire Marshal's Office – Grover Engel, of all the Fire Fatalities 5 did not have a working smoke alarm 3 of them did. We are into fireworks season allows ones that don't go boom. They are permitted in retail stores, some are in tents they are being required to have a permit from us.

Legislature – No Report

Kent County Fire Chief's Association – No Report

Kent County Fire Police Association – Leon Hyde, gearing up for the Summer months with Firefly and the Fair coming up in July, Peach Festival on 3rd of August.

Kent County Emergency Medical Services Committee – No Report

Kent County Ladies Auxiliary – Sandra Robinson, thanks for the recognition. Our next meeting is June 25th at Carlisle Fire house. Thanks to your association for budgeting \$200 to the hosting auxiliary's.

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 – our next meeting is July 11th at Claymont.

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Sussex County Volunteer Firemen's Association – Elmer Steele, next Tuesday at Station 72, Crisfield.

State Recruitment and Retention – No Report

Mutual Relief – Steve White, reminder the Mutual Relief delegates is a separate form for the Conference. Make sure you fill it out if you want representation.

DEMA – No Report

NVFC – No Report

Delmarva Firefighter's Association – Elmer Steele, next meeting August 11th at East New Market, Md. If you don't belong please participate.

International Chief's – Bill Betts, no report

A motion was made, seconded, and carried for approval of the minutes of the KCVFA May 2019 meeting as printed.

Deceased Members: Station 47 – CI (Carl I.) Legates, Station 53 – Willis A. Jackson

Report of Officers: All submitted or to be submitted in written or electronic form. *President Brittingham, with regards to the Cancer Stuff, Kent County Levy Court is giving us \$36853.38 to purchase 7 Gear Washers to place throughout Kent County. Initially they will be delivered to Camden-Wyoming. They will be shared throughout the County. Strategically they will go North, South, East, and West and companies will work together for supplies.*

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Shirley Pennington report of ending balances as of May 30, 2019: *Roland Trader Scholarship Fund – \$18,409.58; Special Operations Fund – \$23,339.03; Money Market – \$18,008.38; Smoke Detector Fund – \$806.60; Firefighter's Relief Fund – \$9,335.15; Checking Account – \$11,750.63; Total of all CD's – \$17,646.29; Total funds – \$37,263.55 not including Scholarship, Special Ops Funds, Relief or Smoke Detector Funds.* A motion was made, seconded, and carried to accept the Treasurer's Report's.

Written or Email Correspondence: 2 item's, 1 letter supporting documentation on James Woznicki for

DVFA Director and 1 letter turned over to the nominating committee.

Report of Committees:

No Reports

Payment of Bills: by Treasurer Shirley Pennington || \$600.00 – Selective Insurance (Insurance for Officers); \$6,229.79 – Cheswold Fire Company (Special Ops equipment); \$47.75 – Amazon (Printer Cartridges); \$370.00 – Records/Gebhart Agency (Commercial Crime Coverage); \$269.00 – Records/Gebhart Agency (General Liability Insurance); for total payments of \$7,516.54; A motion was made, seconded, and carried to pay the bills.

Unfinished Business:

Vice President O'Neal, for the Scholarship Committee they had 2 applications, next month will announce the winners.

New Business: None

Good of the Association:

Marvin Sharp, thanks to all for the support of a motion on the DVFA floor the vote was 82 to 8 which allows the officers to choose who goes where.

Ron Marvel, the state has chosen to fund again the Fire matching fund monies of \$75,000. Keep your receipts and turn it in to the DVFA for matching funds.

50-50 – Ken Frazier – *Donated back*
Conference Souvenir – Dan Carrier

The next meeting will be at Station 49 Frederica Fire Company – July 17, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

A motion was made and seconded, and carried to adjourn at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Pablo Reyes, Jr., Secretary