



## Kent County Volunteer Firefighter's Association

June 21, 2017

President Post called the 1015<sup>th</sup> meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at Station 44, Citizen's Hose Fire Company. Following dinner served by the Ladies Auxiliary of the station, Vice President Brittingham conveyed our thanks to the Auxiliary of the station. Brooks Keen, President of Citizen's Hose Fire Company gave the address of welcome; Vice President Brittingham gave the response.

*Deviation of Business: A motion was made, seconded, and carried to deviate from the regular order of business. President Post introduced Carl Thomson from the Armed Forces Benefit Association (AFBA). Carl Thomson the AFBA is a Military Directed non-profit that was created with the help of General Eisenhower based at the Pentagon in 1947 to provide low cost life insurance for the military. As of the 911 impact all First Responders were added to the eligibility list for a \$5000.00 with zero exclusion for loss of life to the beneficiaries at no cost. 2<sup>nd</sup> coverage that was normally available only to the military is now available for 1<sup>st</sup> Responders. You can purchase up to \$500,000 worth of coverage. Including \$40,000 for college with line of duty, and overnight \$15,000 for burial costs. For more information contact me to get signed up and I will come to your companies for a presentation. A form was handed out for follow-ups with the stations. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to return to the normal order of business.*

**Roll Calls:** Officers: 11 present, 2 absent; Companies: 19 present, 1 absent; Past Presidents: 12 KCVFA, 8 DVFA, and 9 Fire Company.

### **Introduction of Guests:**

**DVFA** – President Ted Wallis, yielded to Vice President Bill Betts, Legislative Hall the situation is not going well the Joint Finance Committee (JFC) are not talking to each other and Legislators need to be contacted letting them know we do not want to be cut on our Grant and Aid. We continue to fight for funding and at one time we were asking we get put under a separate Protected Grant and Aid for Public Safety. It still has not been accomplished for the past two years. They tried something else that was not in our favor and was shot down. For more Legislative information on this contact Warren Jones he is right on top of it. Also, George Pyott has been appointed as the acting Treasurer please give him your support as he takes over the job until September. National Fallen Firefighter's Association memorial is October 8<sup>th</sup> in Emmitsburg, Maryland. The DVFA is having busses for everyone that wants to go. We need to get a count so everyone can go as one group. Conference forms is on the DVFA website with deadlines by August 8<sup>th</sup> you also need to have your Delegates and Alternates and let us know anyone that is interested in committees. We will be working on committees in September after the Conference.

**State Fire Chief's Association** – Jeff Dennison, next meeting is on June 22<sup>nd</sup> at Harrington Station 50 with the Expo starting at 3:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. followed by the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

**State EMS** – No Report

**DVFA Ladies Auxiliary** – No Report

**State Fire Police Association** – Les States, thanks for the recognition our next meeting will be July 10<sup>th</sup>.

**DVFA Conference** – John Stevenson, if you need to make any changes to the rooms make sure you call, put it in writing and use email to Lisa Scully. If you keep a paper trail it will not get lost. Final room list, you should get confirmation 1<sup>st</sup> week of August. Make sure you check arrival and departure dates. If there is a cancellation do not wait or you will be charged. Do not just call follow-up with email. Wait 5 days after you send registration forms in for confirmations.

**State Fire Prevention Commission** – Alan Robinson, after our meeting yesterday at the Fire School there are some things you all need to be aware of. Dr. Matthews has reported on memo about dosing for Narcan it is supposed be only 1 mg and some are giving more and it will get you in trouble. There is a legislative attempt to post ER waiting

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times on the Internet. Ron Marvel is going to look into that, we do not feel that is a good idea. That would put some ambulances into difficulties. It was approved for remedial fees for EMS Training, they will be paying for that. Audit extensions were approved for Indian River, Selbyville, and Aetna. Still need DFIRS from 43, 52, 57, 46, 40, 51, and 53. Due to the resignation of Allen Metheny we need a name from KCVFA that is familiar with doing Audits to review Audits from Sussex County. A name ASAP will be appreciated. Next meeting is July 18<sup>th</sup> at the Fire School.

**Delaware State Fire School** – No Report

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

**Legislature** – No Report

**Kent County Fire Chief's Association** – Mark Langford, thanks for the recognition, our next meeting is July 12<sup>th</sup> at Clayton.

**Kent County Fire Police Association** – Leon Hyde, our next meeting is July 18, 2017 at Camden-Wyoming.

**Kent County Emergency Medical Services Association** – Our next meeting is June 26<sup>th</sup> at Clayton.

**Kent County Ladies Auxiliary** – Doris Seamans, thanks for the recognition, Donna Sivley our next meeting will be at Cheswold, on June 27<sup>th</sup> for an Installation of Officers. Then our next meeting will be at Frederica on Tuesday September 26<sup>th</sup>. Traveling Poster Board has pictures from all over the county, with apologies to Citizen's Hose, Hartly, Marydel, and Clayton for not visiting but next time I will come for a visit to catch you working.

**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.

**State Recruitment and Retention** – No Report

**Mutual Relief** – Steve White, thanks for the recognition no report.

**DEMA** – No Report

**NVFC** – No Report

**Delmarva Firefighter's Association** – No Report

**International Chief's** – Bill Betts, our Convention is over and we had a very successful conference. Terry Jester will be two more years before he runs through the chairs.

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

**Deceased Members**: Station 57 – Bryan Legates

**Report of Officers** – All submitted in written or electronic form, President Post, thanks for all that attended Safe Summer Day.

**Treasurer's Report** – Treasurer Robert Yerkes report of ending balances as of June 1, 2017: Roland Trader Scholarship Fund – \$14,538.13; Special Operations Fund – \$30,560.32; Money Market – \$18,570.00; Smoke Detector Fund – \$656.60; Checking Account – \$6,399.41; Total of all CD's – \$17,593.39; Total funds – \$42,562.80 not including Scholarship & Special Ops Funds. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to accept the Treasurer's Report.

**Written Correspondence** – 4 items of correspondence, 1<sup>st</sup> letter from the Frederica Volunteer Fire Company endorsing Bill Betts for the office of 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President of the DVFA. 2<sup>nd</sup> letter from the Bowers Fire Company

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supporting Jeff Dennison for the KCVFA office of President, turned over to the nominating committee. 3<sup>rd</sup> letter from the Frederica Volunteer Fire Company announcing their Primary and Alternate delegates. 4<sup>th</sup> letter is from the Little Creek Volunteer Fire Company announcing their Primary and Alternate delegates.

### Report of Committees

CISM – Blake Bowers, starting on this Friday I will be out of the country until July 2<sup>nd</sup> for those needing CISM service call Kent Center for service from either New Castle or Sussex County.

Nominations – Bill Betts, we received one letter for Mike Brittingham for 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President and nomination for Jeff Dennison but no letter yet.

Fire Prevention – Jeff Dennison, we are trying to be proactive and July 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. we will be meeting at Bowers to put packets together.

Payment of Bills – None

Unfinished Business –

None

### New Business

Steve White, a motion was made and seconded, and carried to endorse Bill Betts for 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President of the DVFA. President Post, for the State Fire Prevention Commission Audit Committee a replacement for the vacant KCVFA position. After some discussion, Alan Robinson, suggested we find someone that knows how to audit a Qualified Individual that may be interested to take the position. Currently duties are being handled by the other two Counties auditors. Audits come in at different times and it is not a full-time job.

Steve White, Ralph Tucker had made a motion to put a committee together for the disposition of the EMS Association. We are still waiting on names for the KCVFA. President Post I have a letter drafted to go out to send out to have our people on the committee. I will have the names soon.

President Post, asked Past President Zeroles to install Mark Langford as the KCVFA Director.

### Good of the Association

Tucker Dempsey, from DEMA hosting a Public Information Officers Joint Information Seminar Tuesday July 11<sup>th</sup> at the Fire School from 9:00 to 4:30

50-50 – Ray Dean

Conference Souvenir – Jim Woznicki

*The next meeting will be at Station 45, Clayton – July 19, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.*

A motion was made and seconded, and carried to adjourn at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Pablo Reyes, Jr., Secretary