



## Kent County Volunteer Firefighter's Association

July 15, 2015

President Ryder called the 994<sup>th</sup> meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. at Station 43, Cheswold Volunteer Fire Company. Following dinner served by the Ladies Auxiliary of the station, Vice President Dempsey conveyed our thanks to the Auxiliary. Jeff Eisenbrey, President of Cheswold Volunteer Fire Company gave the address of welcome; Vice President Dempsey gave the response.

**Deviation of Business:** A motion was made, seconded, and carried to deviate from the normal order of business for a special recognition program. President Ryder with assistance from Debra Lawhead of the Ladies Auxiliary presented the Roland P. Trader Memorial Scholarship to the following 4 winners. Returning recipient's Drew Fox \$1000, Tyler Sipple \$500, First time recipient's Ryan Sipple \$1000, and David James Correll \$500. President Ryder then presented Past President Harold Brode with a Past Presidents resolution. (Past President Brode was on vacation during the initial presentation) A motion was made, seconded, and carried to return to the regular order of business.

**Roll Calls:** Officers: 11 present, 3 absent; Companies: 17 present, 2 absent; Past Presidents: 15 KCVFA, 8 DVFA, and 8 Fire Company Presidents.

### **Introduction of Guests:**

**DVFA** – President Anthony Guzzo deferred the report to Vice President Zeroles, Legislatures worked all night and we got out of there by about 5:30 a.m. They restored realty transfer tax and Grant & Aid bill. HB133 the sprinkler legislation and SB89 exempting Food managers at the fire houses both passed unanimously on July 1<sup>st</sup> early a.m. Thanks to legislators that helped us out. Conference forms information is on website. Deadline is August 8<sup>th</sup> get your registrations in. Wednesday September 16<sup>th</sup> will be a round table at the conference with advice on investments & returns, attorney to speak on legal issues, DIVCOM future of State Communication systems, and DVFA Officer's and Executive Management to present current DVFA political issues. It is a good time for Administrative & Line Officers to be there.

**State Fire Chief's Association** – Steve "Redman" Maichle, next meeting in Cheswold on September 17<sup>th</sup> and our key note speaker will be Billy Goldfeder.

**State EMS Association** – Mike McMichael, everything is geared up for the conference get your registrations in now. End of the month the Delaware City Fire Company will be hosting the Cumberland Valley Convention. If you have a unit you can send up it would be appreciated. Parade is August 1<sup>st</sup> I have registration forms.

**DVFA Ladies Auxiliary** – No Report

**State Fire Police Association** – Alvin Schmick, thanks for the recognition our next meeting is at Conference on September 16<sup>th</sup>.

**DVFA Conference** – John Stevenson, seminar agenda sign up early. We had to cancel some last year. HOTS training is only there for 2 days with a limited number of seats for Friday and Saturday. Conference committee meeting Monday night July 20<sup>th</sup> at Dover Downs anyone wanting to attend you are invited.

**State Fire Prevention Commission** – Alan Robinson, our meeting is next Tuesday at the State Fire School.

**Delaware State Fire School** – No Report

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

**Legislature** – Representative Trey Paradee, reiterate it was an ugly budget year fortunately you have a lot of friends in the legislature. If you are from Cheswold, Camden-Wyoming, Dover, Hartly, Clayton, and Smyrna and need my cell number see me after the meeting.

**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 21<sup>st</sup>.

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**Kent County Emergency Medical Services Association** – Christine Davila, thank you for the recognition, next meeting is August 24<sup>th</sup> 7:00 at Station 52.

**Kent County Ladies Auxiliary** – Sandy Robinson, thank you for the recognition, next meeting is September 22<sup>nd</sup> 7 p.m. at Little Creek.

**Kent County Levy Court** – No Report

**KC Emergency Dispatch Center** – Kevin Sipple, thank you for the recognition. Special Events such as the Firefly event generated 900 called-in 911 calls. Now the Big Barrel is coming up. We have been invited down for the 10 days of the fair to assist in administration.

**KC Emergency Management Agency** – No Report

**KC Emergency Medical Services (Paramedics)** – No Report

**New Castle County Volunteer Firemen's Association** – Steve "Redman" Maichle, August 13<sup>th</sup> at Station 22 Miquadale.

**Sussex County Volunteer Firemen's Association** – our next meeting is July 28<sup>th</sup> at Blades followed by August 25<sup>th</sup> at Carlisle.

**State Recruitment and Retention** – \*Completed under V.P. report, Earle Dempsey, the Delaware State Fair does start next Thursday and once again we are a Blue Ribbon Sponsor with the Rodeo Event on opening night. I have some tickets if you need them. Still looking for some assistance and need some small and large apparatus for display to show our presence. Next month I will not be here because we will be on a family vacation.

**Mutual Relief** – Lorraine Madden, next meeting is at the end of August.

**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**: Station 41 – Noland Cooper.

**Report of Officers** – All submitted in written or electronic form. President Ryder, adding to what VP Zeroles said about late hours at Legislative Hall I wanted to mention that Warren Jones was there through it all, thanks Warren. If you interested in serving on a committee on what to do about our conference please let me know.

**Treasurer's Report** – Treasurer Robert Yerkes report of ending balances as of July 1, 2015: Roland Trader Scholarship Fund – \$14,898.50; Special Operations Fund – \$9,337.92; Money Market – \$27,705.41; Smoke Detector Fund – \$6,303.60; Checking Account – \$1,709.74; Total of all CD's – \$17,502.10; Total funds – \$56,255.17. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to accept the Treasurer's Report.

**Written Correspondence** – 1<sup>st</sup> letter was from the Delaware Volunteer Firefighters and Ladies Auxiliary Mutual Relief Association (MRA) requesting letter of reappointment or replacement for Steve White no later than August 27, 2015. 2<sup>nd</sup> letter was a nomination letter from Magnolia Fire Company for Earle Dempsey. 3<sup>rd</sup> letter was from the Farmington Volunteer Fire Company endorsing Joe Zeroles for President of the DVFA. 4<sup>th</sup> letter was from Frederica Volunteer Fire Company endorsing Steve White for the 3 year Mutual Relief Representative from Kent County.

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### Report of Committees

Nominations Committee – Bill Betts, initial nominations are as follows:

President > Earle Dempsey, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President > Alan Post, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President > pending, Secretary > Pablo Reyes, Jr., Treasurer > Robert Yerkes, Directors (2 positions) > Ron Vincent and Jeff Denison.

Bill Betts stated make sure you get your letters in for the positions you are interested. President Ryder, reminder next month floor is open for nominations please get your company's support and bring a letter with you.

CISM Committee – Blake Bowers, statewide there is training at the Delaware Fire School more information is on the [www.ncccism.com](http://www.ncccism.com) website. At conference we will be presenting an introduction seminar, more information on what to expect. Next county meeting is September 10<sup>th</sup> at the Citizens Hose Company. Also, anyone considering becoming a chaplain, a course is being offered for \$200 any questions please see me.

**Payment of Bills** – \$123.96 – RWM Embroidery (KCVFA Officer's Shirts); \$1,000.00 Drew Fox (Roland Trader Scholarship Award); \$1,000.00 Ryan Sipple (Roland Trader Scholarship Award); \$500.00 David Correll (Roland Trader Scholarship Award); \$500.00 Tyler Sipple (Roland Trader Scholarship Award); A motion was made, seconded, and carried to pay the bills.

### Unfinished Business

None

### New Business

None

### Good of the Association

50-50 – Dan Carrier

Conference Souvenir – Mike Greco

*The next meeting will be at Citizen's Hose Smyrna, Station 44 – August 19, 2015 7:00 p.m.*

A motion was made and seconded, and carried to adjourn at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Pablo Reyes, Jr., Secretary