



Kent County Volunteer Firefighter's Association

July 16, 2014

President Brode called the 984th meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at Station 52, Houston Fire Company. Following dinner served by the Ladies Auxiliary of the station, Vice President Dempsey conveyed our thanks to the Auxiliary. Robert Yerkes, President of the Houston Fire Company gave the address of welcome; Vice President Dempsey gave the response.

A motion was made seconded and carried to deviate from the regular order of business to complete a Roland Trader Scholarship program presentation. Tyler Sipple and Drew Fox and families were asked to come forward. 2 \$1000 scholarships were presented to the recipient's by the Firefighter's and Ladies Associations. An award and \$1000 went to Tyler Sipple and \$1000 went to Drew Fox (was not present a representative from Milford accepted). A motion was made seconded and carried to return to the regular order of business.

Roll Calls: Officers: 11 present, 3 absent; Companies: 18 present, 1 absent; Past Presidents: 14 KCVFA, 5 DVFA, and 10 Fire Company Presidents.

Introduction of Guests:

DVFA – Joe Zeroles for President Toulson, thanks to all that showed at Legislative Hall and the 4 bills from Legislative hall have all passed on the 30th. At the conference President Toulson wants all to check website and consider attending round-table about DivCom and other seminars going on. Earle Dempsey, tomorrow begins 1st day of Delaware State Fair those of you helping to staff thank you. Tomorrow is the rodeo the one the DVFA & Firefighter.Delaware.Gov is sponsoring. It used to be a free, now it is a paid main event in the grandstands. Anyone that helps out in the booth gets a perk a t-shirt, all new firefighters that go through basic firefighting skills will get a free t-shirt as a walking bill board(Volunteer Now Ask Me How).

State Fire Chief's Association – No Report

State EMS Association – Mike McMichael on behalf of Sean Humphries, Conference forms are due by August 8th with a check. EMS Association is still looking for nominations for the annual awards. Someone that is always there for you, EMS, Paramedics, EMS Instructor, send us a letter by July 31st. Banquet & Awards will be on the 10th of September. Our next meeting at Station 18 on August 14th.

DVFA Ladies Auxiliary – No Report

State Fire Police Association – No Report

DVFA Conference – John Stevenson, drop dead date for everybody is still August 8th everything is on the website. If you have a room and want to turn in let Elmer know first. Sign up for classes. We are having a blood drive on Tuesday, they need 30 peoples.

State Fire Prevention Commission – Alan Robinson, FMO is working with companies with DFIRS reports that are behind. BLS Protocols we will accept written comments before August 19th. Audits are okay so far. NARCAN Pilot is going well. DAG reported Membership Requirements need to be clarified. Discussion needs to happen for BLS service on non-essential runs ("frequent flyers"). Next meeting August 19th.

Delaware State Fire School – No Report

State Fire Marshal's Office – No Report

Legislature – Representative Bob Outten, most of the bills were passed, we are out of session you have a problem see one of us and we will see what we can do.

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Kent County Fire Chief's Association – Derrick Brode, thanks for the recognition our next meeting is August 13th at Leipsic.

Kent County Fire Police Association – Les States, our next meeting will be at North Bowers August 19th.

Kent County Ambulance Association – Allan Post, on behalf President Capps our next meeting is August 25th at American Legion Post 14 Ambulance Station 64. We will be proposing a name change for the Kent County Ambulance Association under new business.

Kent County Ladies Auxiliary – Debra Lawhead, our next meeting is September 23rd.

Kent County Levy Court – Terry Pepper, slow time of the year for Levy Court. It would be a good time to place items on the committee agenda. Any problems with the Medical Examiner's office give me a call. Secretary Schiliro brought in Mayor Carey and recognized him for all the support he has provided over the years.

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 – Jay Jones, next meeting is at Roxanna July 22nd.

State Recruitment and Retention – see DVFA report.

Mutual Relief – No Report

DEMA – Glenn Gillespie, Director Turner is doing much better and he expresses thanks to all that have reached out to his family. We are in the hurricane season. Be prepared. Typically main threat is between September and October time frames.

NVFC – No Report

Delmarva Firefighter's Association – No Report

A motion was made seconded and carried to deviate from the regular order of business to present a Roland Trader Scholarship to Drew Fox. Drew Fox and family members come forward. Drew Fox was presented the award with a \$1000. A motion was made seconded and carried to return to the regular order of business.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried for approval of the minutes of the previous meeting as printed. DVFA paragraph ("B?D?Com" was replace with "DivCom")

Deceased Members: Station 41 – Charles Semans, Station 41 – William Hamilton, Station 47 – Robert Messick

Report of Officers – All submitted in written or electronic form. President Brode, every one of the bills that we followed were passed. Everybody assisted and thanks to all that did. FAB will make a presentation tonight and give you some material to take back to your companies. When you come for the next meeting we will take a vote on it. The final vote will then be taken to Levy Court and they will vote on it. Check your delegates and make sure changes are in to the secretary prior to the next meeting.

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Treasurer's Report –Treasurer Robert Yerkes report of ending balances as of July 1, 2014: Roland Trader Scholarship Fund – \$11,491.39; Money Market – \$26,456.19; Checking Account – \$775.43; Smoke Detector Fund – \$646.60; Total of all CD's – \$17,467.12; Total funds – \$44,698.74 A motion was made, seconded, and carried to accept the report as read.

Written Correspondence – 5-total with 4 letters of nomination turned over to nominating committee. 1st letter from the American Legion Ambulance Service stating their delegates to the KCVFA.

Report of Committees

Nominations – Bill Betts, we have several letters we will review and post at the August meeting. We have letters for Ken Ryder, Earle Dempsey, Robert Yerkes, and Alan Post. Two director's positions coming open, one will have a letter next month still need another nomination for the 2nd opening.

CISM Team – Blake Bowers still looking for people to join you don't need anything special we will train you. Next meeting is 1st Thursday of each month at Station 44.

Payment of Bills – \$1,000.00 – University of Delaware (Roland-Trader Scholarship for Tyler Sipple); \$1,000.00 – University of Delaware (Roland-Trader Scholarship for Drew Fox); \$100.50 – M & M Trophies & Awards (Scholarship plaques) A motion was made, seconded, and carried to pay the bills.

Unfinished Business

None

Special Action by President Brode

President Brode presented a resolution to Jay Piatkowski for the rescue of a victim by removing the victim from a burning vehicle where her legs had been trapped under a dashboard; as emergency crews were arriving at the scene.

New Business

Allan Post, after a discussion on changing name of the "Kent County Ambulance Association" to "Kent County EMS Association". A motion was made, seconded, and carried to that the "Kent County Ambulance Association" be allowed to change their name to the "Kent County EMS Association".

President Brode, A motion was made, seconded, and carried to cover ½ the cost of \$250.00 (\$112.50) for Rev. Blake Bowers to attend a seminar over at Annapolis, Md.

FAB – Ed Welch, made a presentation with a FAB **suggestion** as to the distribution of newly approved increase in funds by the Levy Court to the fire service. Every company was given a spreadsheet with numbers representing a distribution of a classification of services provided, based on an average of 2011, 2012, & 2013 (#fire alarms, EMS & assist, district area, and population. Regardless of the amounts suggested **ALL** companies will have a larger check. *With the old system all companies receive an equal distribution divided by the number of companies.* This is just a suggestion that Levy Court will consider.

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Good of the Association

Debra Lawhead, on behalf of the Delmarva Association we would like to invite you to a meeting at Magnolia Fire House on August 3rd.

Mike McMichael, Blue Rocks game coming up look on the website they are recognizing the Fire Service.

Kenny Brode, Harrington Fire Company & Police Department is having a Stress Buster Celebration. Cost is \$25 not open to public, just emergency services personnel.

Blake Bowers, Dover Police Victims Services Unit drill is still going on at Dover High School it is mostly about victims we have no further information.

Robert Yerkes, Houston will have Fire Prevention Day on August 9th with a drawing.

Rev. Blake Bowers, great training for your Chaplin's at Annapolis take a brochure to companies and send your Chaplin's. Keep my informed of individuals needing my assistance 24/7 including yourselves. I am here to serve. Anyone related to the Fire Service.

Ken Ryder, Information on the table for those coming to the Felton 75th Anniversary.

Reminder, we will have our ice cream trailer at the State Fair

50-50 – Derrick Brode

Conference Souvenir – Bill Sipple

The next meeting will be at Leipsic Fire Company, Station 53 – August 20, 2014

A motion was made and seconded, and carried to adjourn at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Pablo Reyes, Jr.", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Pablo Reyes, Jr., Secretary