



Kent County Volunteer Firefighter's Association

July 17, 2019

Vice President O'Neal called the 1038th meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at Station 49, Frederica 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. Bill Betts, Secretary of Frederica Fire Company gave the address of welcome; Vice President Langford gave the response.

*****Deviation:*** A motion was made, seconded, and carried to deviate from the regular order of business to allow a presentation to the Roland-Trader Scholarship Fund award winners. Rod O'Neal, apparently some companies did not get Application notices out. Normally we receive 8 – 10 applications and this year we only received 2 Applications. Something is not right. Called up Sandy Robinson and Ben O'Neal to assist in presenting the following Roland-Trader Scholarship Fund awards: Tom spoke to explain briefly about the 25-year scholarship. \$1,500.00 each to Jackson Sylvester and Michael O'Malley (absent). A motion was made, seconded, and carried to return to the regular order of business.

Roll Calls: Officers: 9 present, 4 absent; Companies: 18 present, 2 absent; Past Presidents: 9 KCVFA, 6 DVFA, and 6 Fire Company Presidents.

Introduction of Guests:

DVFA – President Bill Betts, checks for the Grant & Aid should be coming out this week. Received \$2 million more for Revolving Loan Fund bringing us up to \$5 million for the program. In June we were out of Funds now in next Fiscal year (July) we can apply for 2% loans. The Recruitment & Retention Resolution passed the House and Senate. We wish to thank anyone that showed up for the resolution. All the conference forms are on the DVFA website, <http://www.dvfassn.com/conferenceforms.cfm>. We have some GREAT seminars. Female members are encouraged to attend the seminar(s). Ali Rothrock, EMT National speaker she will be a guest speaker talking about Equality vs. Equity. We also have Firefighter Cancer, Active Shooter, Liabilities of Administrative Officers, and Pension workshop seminars. It is a great line-up join us in Dover.

State Fire Chief's Association – No Report

***State EMS** – Earl Briel, next meeting will be at the Conference Wednesday on September 11th starting at 6:00 p.m. it will be a Banquet meeting. All the forms for the seminars are on the website and as of now the response is light.

DVFA Ladies Auxiliary – No Report

State Fire Police Association – Les States, thanks for the recognition our next meeting will be at Conference September the 11th.

DVFA Conference – David Ruff, dance on Friday night be sure your members have ID's on them, they will be checking. Get your forms in deadline is August 8th.

***State Fire Prevention Commission** – Ron Marvel, meeting on Tuesday, the Ambulance fund was approved. I have run totals see me after meeting. Reported that there were no companies below the scratch level. All audits are in except for 4 audit extensions. 5 companies in Kent County are delinquent in their DFIRS. We had a very good presentation for the 1917 NFPA Delaware committee. That committee is looking at the differences between the Federal Specification KKK-A-1822: Specification for Ambulances, and NFPA 1917: Standard for Automotive Ambulances for Ambulance construction. Currently the regulations state we abide by Triple-K standard. There will be a public hearing concerning adopting NFPA 1917 standard which will go into effect January 2020.

Delaware State Fire School – No Report

State Fire Marshal's Office – Grover Engel, our K9 Tonya was up in Maine for the week of July 8th and has been certified for another year. We are working with the company's delinquent with their DFIRS report. SB 53 Fireworks bill amending Title 16 to add another festival. I was asked to support bill if 3-year moratorium was added in. I said yes and it was put in. No significant events. The problem we perceive are not the legal ones it is the illegal ones.

*Changes in sequence called

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***Legislature** – Senator Bruce Ennis, Grant & Aid had a 4% increase, discussed Insurance Distribution to include a Kent County increase of 9.2%. Fire Works Bill, allowing certain fireworks. I had an amendment for a 3-year moratorium. When it came from the House it knocked out the 3-year moratorium. SB-39 including Ambulance Assessment that would waive the fee. SB 126 Presumption issue which includes; expands eligibility for Line-of-Duty disability benefits to paid firefighters who work for municipal fire departments and to fire service instructors and fire marshals, passed Senate in flying colors and got hung up in the House.

Kent County Fire Chief's Association – No Report

Kent County Fire Police Association – Leon Hyde, the Summer months are here, stay hydrated on the road. Kent County and State Fire Police will be working the Fair for the next ten days that is a total of 140 Fire Police working the State Fair, see them out there say Hi. Our next meeting is August 20th in Harrington.

Kent County Emergency Medical Services Committee – No Report

Kent County Ladies Auxiliary – Sandra Robinson, thanks for the recognition. Our next meeting is Monday, September 23rd at 7:00 p.m. at Camden-Wyoming.

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 – Jim Watson, We are having a fund raiser at Delaware City October 18th a BBQ with live music, \$30 per person. The Blue Rocks organization are offering a Firefighters/EMS night on August 22nd, tickets are \$11.

Sussex County Volunteer Firemen's Association – No Report

State Recruitment and Retention – No Report

Mutual Relief – No Report

DEMA – No Report

NVFC – No Report

***Delmarva Firefighter's Association** – Elmer Steele, next meeting August 11th at East New Market, Md.

International Chief's – No Report

A motion was NOT made for approval of the minutes of the KCVFA June 2019 meeting as printed. (Typo correction was made on June 2019 minutes from "Easton" to "East New Market" Delmarva Firefighter's Association)

Deceased Members: None

Report of Officers: All submitted or to be submitted in written or electronic form. *VP O'Neal report will be submitted electronically; VP Langford no report; Secretary Reyes report in the form of the minutes and I have not received any corrections for June 2019.*

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Shirley Pennington report of ending balances as of June 30, 2019: *Roland Trader Scholarship Fund – \$18,410.34; Special Operations Fund – \$23,339.03; Money Market – \$18,009.12; Smoke Detector Fund – \$806.60; Firefighter's Relief Fund – \$9,335.15; Checking Account – \$11,227.88; Total of all CD's – \$17,646.29; Total funds – \$36,741.54 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.*

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Written or Email Correspondence: 4 items', 2 letter's turned over to the nominating committee. 1st letter from Hartly Fire Company announcing new President Kevin Hovis and reassigning a primary delegate from Patricia Connors to Kevin Hovis. 2nd letter from Dover Fire Company endorsing Terry Whitham for the position of DVFA Treasurer.

Report of Committees:

Nominations – Bill Betts, announcing letters of nominations on hand for: Offices of President – Benny O'Neal; 1st Vice President – Mark Langford; 2nd Vice President – still open; Secretary – Ken Steele; Treasurer – Shirley Pennington; two 3-year Director(s) – Ralph Satterfield, 2nd position still open. || Letter for James Woznicki to be a DVFA Director.

*Payment of Bills: by Treasurer Shirley Pennington || None

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: None

Nominations of Officer's:

Vice President O'Neal, called for nominations 3 times: President – Benny O'Neal; 1st Vice President – Mark Langford; 2nd Vice President – Gerald Manley (letter forthcoming); Secretary – Kenny Steele; Treasurer – Shirley Pennington; two 3-year Director(s) – Ralph Satterfield, Donna Sivley (letter forthcoming), Chris Davila (letter forthcoming). Vice President O'Neal stated nominations will remain open until next month when they will be reopened.

Good of the Association:

Vice President O'Neal, next year I will be actively pursuing Recruitment and Retention. Teresa Whisman, over 900,000 living in Delaware with only 7,000 volunteers. Kim O'Malley report on Fire School numbers being way down. A normal 300 to 400 (2016-17) down to 84 students. Continued discussion on research, growth of homes in area, budgeting, financing. Looking at all areas, more discussions ensued. State appoint committee or task force as well. I appreciate everyone's input. Vice President O'Neal we also added another person to the Recruitment and Retention committee Donna Sivley.

50-50 – Steve Hudson

Conference Souvenir – Les States

The next meeting will be at Station 51 Hartly Fire Company – August 21, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

A motion was made and seconded, and carried to adjourn at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Pablo Reyes, Jr., Secretary