



Kent County Volunteer Firefighter's Association

July 18, 2018

Vice President Brittingham called the 1027th meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at Ambulance 64, American Legion, Smyrna-Clayton. ** Following dinner served by the members of the station, Vice President O'Neal conveyed our thanks and appreciation to the members of the station. Russel Stinson, Captain of American Legion Ambulance 64 gave the address of welcome; Vice President O'Neal gave the response.

***Deviation of Business: A motion was made, seconded, and carried to deviate from the regular order of business to allow a presentation of the Roland-Trader Scholarship Awards. Rod O'Neal and Tommy Trader presented the following awards. 2018 Original Awardees: Thomas Eisenbrey, 1st Place \$1000.00; Jordan Edwards, 2nd Place \$500.00. 2018 Returning Awardees: Alexander Carrow, 1st Place \$1000.00; Jenna Fox, 2nd Place \$500.00. They mentioned that we are going on 24 years of being able to present the award. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to return to the regular order of business.*

Roll Calls: Officers: 10 present, 4 absent; Companies: 18 present, 2 absent; Past Presidents: 10 KCVFA, 11 DVFA, and 7 Fire Company.

Introduction of Guests:

DVFA – President Perillo, the Dedication for the Monument has been put on the Conference Schedule for Friday September 14th at 6:00 p.m. we have been asked that if we will be providing transportation. That is something we are working on. If you are going to attend we please ask you to wear your company uniform. At the request of the State Pension Office which was sent to the company Presidents only 5 Kent Company's sent in your ID numbers. Please send your EIN your Federal ID number to Warren. Conference forms are available on the DVFA website. Public Seminars are, PTSD, I see color again, Recruitment & Retention, and a Round-Table Discussion. No increase in Grant & Aid, we did have a surplus this year. We did receive \$1 million for the revolving loan fund. We are Public Safety we need funding that will not be cut. Special thanks to the following folks representing us at Legislative Hall; Executive Manager Warren Jones, 2nd V.P. Norman Jay Jones, Director Daniel Carrier, 1st V.P. Bill Betts, and Commissioners Ron Marvel, & Dave Roberts.

State Fire Chief's Association – Andy Hall, our next meeting will be the Conference meeting at Cheswold Station 43 starting at 5:30 p.m. Our speaker is retired Captain of FDNY Mike Dugan speaking on Fire Ground Operations. It will be a dinner meeting with a presentation of awards. August 27th is the deadline for Firefighter of the Year if Kent County has any submissions please get them to myself or Terry Watson for deliberation. We had a gracious donation and influx of money to Cardio Kinetics Program. We went through 55-member evaluations and found 5 that needed follow-up.

State EMS – Mike McMichael, on behalf of President Amy Yonko, everything is geared up on the EMS side for Wednesday September 12th Training and Banquet all in one day. Do you have any EMT's that need education or up for re-certification make sure they fill out the registration form(s) on the DVFA website? We are still working to broadcast/podcast our meetings in the future with the State Fire School. We are looking at trends nation-wide and we noticed one trend is that they are looking at perhaps requiring Narcan, EpiPen, Albuterol, and CPAP back on the ambulance. We need feedback from EMT's, Fire Chiefs, and President's if you have any opinions for example instead of using the word optional to make it required. We will try to put out a Survey Monkey to try and get feed-back.

DVFA Ladies Auxiliary – No Report

State Fire Police Association – Les States, thanks for the recognition. Our next meeting will be at Conference at 7:00 p.m.

DVFA Conference – Make sure you get your registrations in for your Delegates and Alternates. If you do not get them in on time you will not have a badge and will not have a right to vote.

State Fire Prevention Commission – Al Robinson, we had a meeting yesterday. There are going to be some regulation changes come this fall, most are clean up things. Camp Fury is August 10 to 12. AFG Grant was approved. Fire School should have a Certificate of Occupancy this week. BLS Director did report 600 Narcan in New Castle County has been used up and now they will rely on the state supplies. Medical Director will be working with the Fire School to get classes scheduled so they are done before the end of the year. Narcan is currently optional but I think it will be mandatory so be ready for it. Townsend got a nine-day extension. Red light funds will be distributed. Next meeting at August 21, 9:00 a.m. at the Fire School.

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Delaware State Fire School – No Report

State Fire Marshal's Office – Grover Engel, regulations have some clean-up along with some new codes which will be in my report in October. Fireworks on July 4th we handled 10 incidents and they were legal for that time. We made out fairly well. Staff has been inspecting at the Fair and all is going well. Lastly, Deputy Fire Marshal John Galaska and K-9 Tanya got re-certified in Maine.

Legislature – Senator Bruce Ennis, this year was good for Grant & Aid last year 400 million short-fall compared to \$360 million surplus this year. Also, Paramedics got funded up to 30% they were at 24%. We did get an increase in Ambulance & Rescue about \$9,000 more per company. Fireworks bill, we got an amendment on the bill to provide a 3-year substance probation. SB 7 provide the Wilmington Firefighters similar benefits the Volunteer Fire Service has.

Kent County Fire Chief's Association – No Report

Kent County Fire Police Association – Mike Berry, thanks for the recognition our next meeting is August 21st.

Kent County Emergency Medical Services Committee – Jen Knox, no report

Kent County Ladies Auxiliary – Sandra Robinson, thanks for the recognition our next meeting is September 25th at Magnolia.

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 – J. David Majewski, thanks for the recognition our next meeting will be at Station 23 Newport on August 9th.

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 – No Report

International Chief's – No Report

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

Deceased Members: Station 57 – Cecil Pauley

Report of Officers: All submitted or to be submitted in written or electronic form.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Robert Yerkes report of ending balances as of July 1, 2018: *Roland Trader Scholarship Fund – \$16,568.90; Special Operations Fund – \$38,065.19; Money Market – \$18,200.06; Smoke Detector Fund – \$806.60; Firefighter's Relief Fund – \$7,593.00; Checking Account – \$10,738.96; Total of all CD's – \$17,593.97; Total funds – \$38,133.39 not including Scholarship, Special Ops Funds, Relief or Smoke Detector Funds.* A motion was made, seconded, and carried to accept the Treasurer's Report.

Written or Email Correspondence: 1 letter, a bill from EVO turned over to the treasurer.

Report of Committees:

Fire Prevention Committee, Mike Brittingham I was given the packets this evening and I will catch up with Murielle Gillespie so she can get some dates out for a meeting. She did text last week requesting a meeting.

Nominating Committee, Past President Sharp filling in stating no letters in yet. Opening nominations from the floor and called 3 times for the Offices of President – Mike Brittingham; 1st Vice President – Benny O'Neal; 2nd Vice President – no name(s); Secretary – Pablo Reyes, Jr.; Treasurer – Robert Yerkes (Declines), no other name(s); 3-year Director(s) – Mark Langford, Carroll Jester: V.P.

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Brittingham stated nominations will be kept open until next month at which time those currently nominated will need to turn in a letter before the start of the meeting.

Payment of Bills: by Treasurer Robert Yerkes || \$370.00 – Records Gebhart Agency (Officers Insurance); \$600.00 Selective Insurance (Liability Insurance); \$1,000.00 – Thomas Eisenbrey (Scholarship 1st Place); \$500.00 – Jordan Edwards (Scholarship 2nd Place); \$1,000.00 – Alexander Carrow (Scholarship returnee 1st Place); \$500.00 – Jenna Fox (Scholarship returnee 2nd Place); for total payments of \$3,970.00; A motion was made, seconded, and carried to pay the bills.

Unfinished Business:

None

New Business:

V.P. Brittingham for 1st V.P. of DVFA Bill Betts, would like a Financial Review of Kent County similar to what Sussex County did. ~~Steve Austin~~ Ray Stevens has offered to do it for Kent County free of charge. We have the information needed, we would like to show the State our debts. The only person that will know actual debts will be the one doing it. He will code any company identifying information on the report. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to have him complete the report free of charge for Kent County. Hopefully, he will be the speaker for next month at Bowers.

Treasure Yerkes, what is the pleasure of the organization on the Association's CD's, roll-over or cash-in? A motion was made, seconded, and carried to roll-over the Association's CD's.

Good of the Association:

None stated

50-50 – Terry Whitham (Donated back \$39.00 to the Scholarship Fund)

Conference Souvenir –

The next meeting will be at Station 40, Bowers – August 15, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. Nominations

A motion was made and seconded, and carried to adjourn at 8:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Pablo Reyes, Jr., Secretary