



## Kent County Volunteer Firefighter's Association

July 20, 2016

President Dempsey called the 1005<sup>th</sup> meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at Station 53, Leipsic Volunteer Fire Company. Following dinner served by the Ladies Auxiliary of the station, Vice President Dennison conveyed our thanks to the Auxiliary of the station. Barry Burkett of Leipsic Volunteer Fire Company gave the address of welcome; Vice President Dennison gave the response.

**Deviation of business:** A motion was made, seconded, and carried to deviate from the normal order of business for the presentation of the Roland Trader Scholarships. Tommy Trader presented four awards as follows; 1<sup>st</sup> to Tyler Adams Sipple \$500, 2<sup>nd</sup> to Hailey Boots \$500, 3<sup>rd</sup> Alexis Williams \$1000, 4<sup>th</sup> returning winner Drew Fox \$1000. Jim Woznicki, added recognition to Hailey for passing her National EMT. President Dempsey congratulated the winners and thanked Tommy Trader and his family for making the presentations. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to return to the normal order of business.

**Roll Calls:** Officers: 10 present, 3 absent; Companies: 19 present, 0 absent; Past Presidents: 15 KCVFA, 6 DVFA, and 8 Fire Company.

### Introduction of Guests:

**DVFA** – President Joe Zeroles, We are saddened by the death of Tim McClanahan from Lewes. During the week Manager Warren Jones and Commissioner Ron Marvel were helping out Lewes with anything they needed they ran it. A lot was going on and thanks to all that contributed and his family really appreciated what was done. DVFA Conference is moving along good and remember that all forms are due in by August 8<sup>th</sup>. HB 406 exempting cost of the background checks will be signed by the Governor at Station 86 with 90 days to go into effect. HB 302 fine for cell phone texting passed the Senate with \$20 of each fine going to the EMS fund. A house current resolution was passed establishing a task force for recommending changes to reduce the risk of embezzlement of those in charge of funds. Thanks to Blake and CISM team. Warren Jones, praised Blake Bowers and the CISM team for doing a fantastic job in working with those members of Lewes with regards to Tim McClanahan.

**State Fire Chief's Association** – Jeff Dennison, thanks for the recognition.

**State EMS** – Mike McMichael's, on behalf of Jennifer Knox our next meeting is September 14<sup>th</sup> at the Conference Banquet. Still looking for award submissions, something heroic, lifetime, for EMS and suggested instructors that were an influence. We need letters by July 31<sup>st</sup>, Personal note thanks to those of you sending cards and email for dealing with my sisters loss.

**DVFA Ladies Auxiliary** – No Report

**State Fire Police Association** – No Report

**DVFA Conference** – John McKenzie, all seminar forms need to be returned by August 8<sup>th</sup> or classes may be cancelled. Several new seminars, accountant for best practices, attorney from Wilmington for legal issues, covering recent issues, use of social media, station pride for retention issues, thermal imaging, and cancellation fees will be in force. Rooming list must be in by August 1<sup>st</sup>. Meet your host will be upstairs, no shows will get a bill.

**State Fire Prevention Commission** – Alan Robinson, meeting was yesterday. Medical Director Mathews reported protocols are being presented for approval in near future. 7 police agencies are using NARCAN. Scratch report no companies in Delaware went over scratch limit. Following Fire Companies need to submit DFIRS are; Clayton, Harrington, Houston, Little Creek, and Magnolia. Submit contact information are; Harrington, Houston, Little Creek, and Marydel. Submit BLS Report are; Carlisle, Cheswold, Citizens Hose, Dover, Farmington, Frederica, Hartly, Houston, Little Creek, Marydel, and South Bowers, get them in it helps determines monies for ambulance service. The next meeting is August 16<sup>th</sup>.

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**Delaware State Fire School** – No Report

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

**Legislature** – Senator Ennis, recap about resolution 95 the task force and HB 406 no fee on background checks. Out of 13 bills presented 11 passed. No cuts in Grant and Aid. Wilmington 9.02% New Castle 11.8%, Kent County 6.82%, Sussex 1.2% increases.

**Kent County Fire Chief's Association** – No Report

**Kent County Fire Police Association** – Jeff Dennison, thank you for the recognition next couple of weeks we will be busy with the fair. Also, under proper order of business a letter is being requested for the State Fire Police.

**Kent County Emergency Medical Services Association** – No Report

**Kent County Ladies Auxiliary** – Sandra Robinson, next meeting September 27<sup>th</sup> at Carlisle, Milford.

**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** – Terry Jester, next meeting is this coming Tuesday at Roxanna. Thanks to Kent County for the help that was provided at Lewes.

**State Recruitment and Retention** – No Report

**Mutual Relief** – Robert Yerkes, meeting will be next month

**DEMA** – Glenn Gillespie, thanks for the recognition.

**NVFC** – No Report

**Delmarva Firefighter's Association** – Clay Yocum, next meeting is August 7<sup>th</sup> and thanks to those that volunteered at Greenwood there was a good turnout.

**International Chief's** – Bill Betts, thanks for the recognition.

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

**Deceased Members:** Moment of silence for Tim McClanahan of Lewes, Station 64 – Katherine E. Fearon, Station 44/86 – William H. Faries, Jr.

**Report of Officers** – All submitted in written or electronic form. President Dempsey, Sussex County President O'Neal appreciated everything that was done by Kent County for Tim McClanahan. I noted the care from a random citizen that had pulled over and was saluting the entire procession. We will work on appoint of 3 members to the DVFA Finance Committee. Delaware State Fair is a big week, all monster truck tickets are gone, and still have some Rodeo tickets. We are still looking for a couple of small vehicles to display out on the Plaza in front of the Grandstand.

**Treasurer's Report** – Treasurer Robert Yerkes report of ending balances as of July 1, 2015: Roland Trader Scholarship Fund – \$15,184.34; Special Operations Fund – \$21,856.07; Money Market – \$22,311.98; Smoke Detector Fund – \$6,624.60; Checking Account – \$2,983.39; Total of all CD's – \$17,540.64; Total funds – \$64,692.08. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to accept the Treasurer's Report.

**Written Correspondence** – 16 letters of correspondence, 1<sup>st</sup> letter from Clayton Fire Company assigning their primary and alternate delegates. 2<sup>nd</sup> letter from the Citizen's Hose Fire Company assigning their primary and alternate delegates. 3<sup>rd</sup> letter from the American Legion assigning their primary and alternate delegates. 4<sup>th</sup> letter

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from the American Legion supporting Allan Post for office of KCVFA President. 5<sup>th</sup> letter from Bowers Fire Company endorsing Jeff Dennison for office of 1<sup>st</sup> VP of KCVFA. 6<sup>th</sup> letter from Camden-Wyoming Fire Company placing into nomination Michael Brittingham for the office of 2<sup>nd</sup> VP of KCVFA. 7<sup>th</sup> letter from Houston Fire Company endorsing Robert Yerkes for the office of Treasurer of KCVFA. 8<sup>th</sup> letter from Magnolia Fire Company nominating Ralph Satterfield for Director of the KCVFA. 9<sup>th</sup> letter from Frederica Fire Company endorsing Steve White for the Kent Count Director of the DVFA. 10<sup>th</sup> letter from Farmington Fire Company supporting Bill Betts for the office of 2<sup>nd</sup> VP of the DVFA. 11<sup>th</sup> letter from Bowers Fire Company endorsing Bill Betts for the office of 2<sup>nd</sup> VP of the DVFA. 12<sup>th</sup> letter from Hartly Fire Company endorsing Allen Metheny for the office of Treasurer of the DVFA. 13<sup>th</sup> letter from Citizen's Hose Fire Company nominating Alan Robinson for the term at the Fire Prevention Commission. 14<sup>th</sup> letter from Magnolia Fire Company nominating Earle Dempsey for the Kent Count Director of the DVFA. 15<sup>th</sup> letter from Felton Community Fire Company for Ken Ryder with interest in serving as the Kent Count Director of the DVFA. 16<sup>th</sup> letter in electronic format from Kent County Fire Chiefs Association with regards to Rescue Billing in support of moving forward to work with Levy Court for assistance.

### **Report of Committees**

Fire Advisory Board – Ed Welch, we were at the County Chiefs meeting asking them to endorse the plan for Rescue Billing. Companies are getting rejections are coming forth in part due to a statement made by the DE Insurance Commissioner “that fire companies receive state and federal grants and taxes and that billing for rescue services is inappropriate”. There is a disagreement with that statement. The Chiefs Association sent it to the Fire Advisory board to discuss. 3 recommendations were made. No obligations by each Fire Company. Extensive packet was handed out with many samples. Asking that under proper order of business we take some sort of action to move forward. Much discussion followed. Bruce Ennis, met long ago with several key people about Rescue Billing and bottom line no statue right now that provides for Rescue Billing. Expectation is that insurance premiums would go up.

CISM – Blake Bowers, apologies to Station 41 Camden there was a fire death and appropriate person did not respond. I will make corrections so that it does not happen again. CISM response for Tim McClanahan logged about 300 man hours with special thanks to Jimmy Hoppa from Laurel, Lori Meadows from Bowers, Allen Miller from Indian River they really did yeomen's work. Normally within 8 to 10 we can have a CISM response. Anyone interested in Crisis Management Response contact me.

**Payment of Bills** – \$100.00 – DVFA (Donation, Resuscitation Academy); \$1,000.00 – Delaware State University (Scholarship, Drew Fox); \$500.00 – University of Delaware (Scholarship, Tyler Sipple); \$1,000.00 – Kutztown University (Scholarship, Alexis Williams); \$500.00 – Delaware Tech (Scholarship, Hailey Boots); \$75.35 – Earle Dempsey (Website expenses); A motion was made, seconded, and carried to pay the bills.

**Nomination of Officers** – Letters read are nominations, President Dempsey read off the names nominated President – Allan Post, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Jeff Dennison, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – Michael Brittingham, Treasurer – Robert Yerkes, 2 Three year director positions, Director – Ralph Satterfield; Nominations will follow next month and open for next month are the office of Secretary and one Director position, Al Metheny nominated Pablo Reyes for Secretary. Bill Betts with discussion following that all letters for KCVFA nominations are turned over to Nominating committee and the Nominating committee will report on the letters received. President Dempsey next month it will be handled by the Nominating committee.

**Unfinished Business** – Mike Brittingham question on Fire Prevention program and schools. Warren Jones, discussing Kevin Carson meeting at State level the Executive Director for the Schools Superintendents. He took our position to the Superintendents meeting and it was agreed to support our program. Also met with DOE Chief of Policy

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writing and they are considering making our part of the program a part of the school curriculum.

President Dempsey stated the following folks with interest in volunteering to the DVFA Finance Committee to fill 3 positions; Bob Yerkes – Station 52, Brian Jackson – Station 40, Pablo Reyes – Station 50, Jeff Eisenbrey – Station 43, Ken Ryder – Station 48, and Arthur Ricker – Station 44. Is there anyone else interested? None noted. Table Officers will meet and decide who will be recommended back to the KCVFA at the next meeting to go to the DVFA in September.

### **Election of Officers**

President Dempsey, it is our turn in the rotation to put forth a individual for the positions of DVFA 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, and 3 year DVFA Director with a roll call ballot vote of 3 possible votes for each company. A motion was made seconded and carried to have a secret ballot roll call vote. President assigned 2 tellers and a counter. For the office of DVFA 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President the nominations were Bill Betts and Glenn Gillespie. A roll call ballot of companies was completed. President Dempsey reported results from the tellers, Bill Betts – 33, Glen Gillespie – 10 and Abstaining – 2. President Dempsey announced Bill Betts being recommended for the office of DVFA 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President. A motion was made seconded and carried to destroy the ballots. DVFA 3 year Director the nominations were Steve White, Ken Ryder, and Earle Dempsey. President Dempsey declined his nomination in favor Ken Ryder's letter of support. A roll call ballot of companies was completed. President Dempsey reported results from the tellers, after continuing to New Business and Good of the Association. Results are Ken Ryder – 39, Steve White – 3, and Abstaining – 2. A motion was made seconded and carried to destroy the ballots. President Dempsey announced Ken Ryder's name as being put forward for Kent County's choice for DVFA 3 year Director Position.

### **New Business**

Jeff Dennison, A motion was made and seconded, and carried to send a letter of congratulation to the State Fire Police Association for 55 years of service with a \$100 donation for an ad in their book.

A motion was made and seconded, with a voice vote and carried to have KCVFA support Allen Metheny for Treasurer with the DVFA.

Harold Brode, A motion was made and seconded, and carried to move forward with the recommendations about Rescue Billing made by the Fire Advisory Board.

### **Good of the Association**

Jeff Eisenbrey, Parade pre-judging need to be in line by 11:00 a.m.

Softball tournament in Seaford next month, call the station for registration 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>.

50-50 – John Stevenson

Conference Souvenir – Pablo Reyes, Jr.

*The next meeting will be at Little Creek Fire Company, Station 54 – August 17, 2016 7:00 p.m.*

A motion was made and seconded, and carried to adjourn at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Pablo Reyes, Jr., Secretary