



Kent County Volunteer Firefighter's Association

August 15, 2018

Vice President Brittingham called the 1028th meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. at Station 40, Bowers Fire Company. Following dinner served by the Auxiliary of the station, Vice President O'Neal conveyed our thanks and appreciation to the Auxiliary of the station. Bryan Jackson, President of Bowers Fire Company 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 permit a Presentation of a Financial Review for the Kent County Fire Companies by Ray Stevens. Mr. Stevens presented a detailed report of audit reported debts. Sussex County rounded Total Available \$34 million owe \$24 million equates to 70% obligated. Kent County rounded Total Available \$29 million owe \$13 million equates to 45% obligated. State-wide not counting New Castle rounded obligation is 60%. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to return to our regular order of business.

Roll Calls: Officers: 13 present, 1 absent; Companies: 19 present, 1 absent; Past Presidents: 14 KCVFA, 11 DVFA, and 8 Fire Company.

Introduction of Guests:

DVFA – President Perillo yielded to Bill Betts, coming up the Dedication for the Monument is set during Conference for Friday night at 6:00 p.m. in front of legislative hall. We will be unveiling names of three Wilmington Firefighters and the list on names on the wall for which the families can/will attend. Ask that you attend with Class A uniforms. Exciting Seminar "I can see color again" dealing with Firefighters PTSD & Suicide. It will occur twice on Tuesday 1:00 to 3:00 and again at 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Speaker is coming in from Minnesota. Also, Wednesday morning "Breaking Barriers" for Recruitment and Retention by Dr. McDonald. Both are national speakers. Again, on Wednesday afternoon we are expanding the DVFA round-table opening with best practices discussions facing Delaware Fire Service today. If you have not done so already get your Primary Delegates and Alternate names in to Warren.

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. We are fortunate to have our speaker, he is retired Captain of FDNY Mike Dugan speaking on Fire Ground Operations. August 27th is the deadline for Heroic Firefighter of the Year submissions please get them to myself or Terry Watson for deliberation. Cardio Kinetics Program is back on full again. We are in the black with funding graciously due to the donations of the associations. We are accepting people to Cardio Kinetics. If you wish to participate contact one of us. We put through 55 people and of those 5 have been significant saves. Get your physical if you are interested.

State EMS – Mike McMichael, on behalf of President Amy Yonko, our next meeting is Wednesday September 12th at the Conference. Based on registrations attendance for the Conference was lower than expected. We will need to re-evaluate. Our annual awards have been selected. All EMS related stuff was scheduled. We are still working with the Delaware State Fire School in broadcasting our meetings on a Podcast from Facebook. The Commissioner's office will speak to revising the protocols later on to include official dedications. The current protocols have been revised with hopes of completing training by the end of this year. A survey monkey has been sent out about the additional medications. So far, the information we have been receiving is in favor but nothing has been finalized yet. Out of 20 or more EMT's I have spoken with they have had nothing negative to say.

DVFA Ladies Auxiliary – No Report

State Fire Police Association – Les States, thanks for the recognition. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday September 12th at Conference.

DVFA Conference – No Report

State Fire Prevention Commission – Marvin Sharp, the following departments are late at getting their DFIRs report in. Station's 40, 43, 50, 52, 53, and 55. All of you owe reports to the Fire Marshals Office.

Delaware State Fire School – No Report

State Fire Marshal's Office – No Report

Legislature – Senator Bruce Ennis, there is one concern I have. When the 800 MHz system was devised the fire, service was heavily involved. We were convinced that 800 MHz was the way to go state-wide. Since then there have been upgrades with a 3rd upgrade going on right now. It is a 7-year upgrade with a cost of 6 to 7 million dollars a year for the next 7 years. From what I can

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see is we are not involved and not get any radios. Somebody at the state association needs to get up with the 2 Co-Chairs of the Bond Bill Committee Quinn Johnson & David Sokola and make sure the fire service is included.

Kent County Fire Chief's Association – Mark Langford, thanks for the recognition our next meeting is a Joint Meeting with KCVFA September 19th at Little Creek.

Kent County Fire Police Association – Mike Berry, thanks for the recognition our next meeting is next Tuesday night in Magnolia.

Kent County Emergency Medical Services Committee – No Report

Kent County Ladies Auxiliary – Sandra Robinson, thanks for the recognition our next meeting is September 25th at Magnolia at 7:00 p.m.

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 – V.P. Watson, thanks for the recognition. We will be speaking with Ray Stevens to get our program done. Our next meeting is September 6th at Station 24 combined meeting with Chiefs.

Sussex County Volunteer Firemen's Association – Ray Stevens, our next meeting starts at 7:30 on August 28th at Millsboro.

State Recruitment and Retention – No Report

Mutual Relief – Steve White, thanks for the recognition.

DEMA – No Report

NVFC – No Report

Delmarva Firefighter's Association – Rev. Blake Bowers, I stirred the pot at Delmarva by making a motion to un-incorporate and dissolve the organization. We did that because attendance has been very poor. We lack forums. The motion was tabled. Elmer Steele sent out email for input on the Delmarva Organization and what kept them from coming to the meetings. The organization is doing some soul searching. Our next meeting is November 4th in Cordova, Md.

International Chief's – No Report

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

Deceased Members: None

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 August 1, 2018: *Roland Trader Scholarship Fund – \$13,608.51; Special Operations Fund – \$38,065.19; Money Market – \$18,200.83; Smoke Detector Fund – \$806.60; Firefighter's Relief Fund – \$7,593.00; Checking Account – \$9,808.96; Total of all CD's – \$17,593.97; Total funds – \$37,204.16 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: 4 letter's, 1st letter, from Carlisle Fire Company endorsing Marvin Sharp for KCVFA Director. 2nd letter, from New Castle County Firefighter's Association to the State Fire Prevention Commission regarding unfunded mandate for the Fire Service. 3rd letter, from New Castle County Firefighter's Association to the DVFA regarding recouping Ambulance billing costs. 4th letter, from Robbin's Hose to KCVFA endorsing Terry Whitham for DVFA Treasurer.

Report of Committees:

Fire Prevention Committee – Murielle Gillespie, it is that time again. I would like to thank all the volunteers with packets. Companies that have your packets, please get them out! We would greatly appreciate to fill a whole room or Poster's and Essay's to judge. Awards will be December 9th at 2:00 p.m. centrally located in the county. Waiting on approval. All Poster's and Essay's need to be

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dropped off to Kim O'Malley at the Fire School.

Nominating Committee – Bill Betts, All the positions have been filled with letters on file. Positions as follows: President – Mike Brittingham, 1st Vice President – Benny O'Neal, 2nd Vice President – Mark Langford, Secretary – Pablo Reyes, Treasurer – Shirley Pennington, Two 3-year Director's – Marvin Sharp and Carroll Jester.

Payment of Bills: by Treasurer Robert Yerkes || \$250.00 – EVO Studios (Website hosting); \$269.00 Records/Gebhart Agency, Inc. (Officers Bonding); for total payments of \$519.00; A motion was made, seconded, and carried to pay the bills.

Nomination of Officer's:

Vice President Brittingham, nominations are still open. We will start off the top the President – Mike Brittingham, accepted and my letter is in. We have no other letters in for the position of President? Bill Betts, no. And with no other letters present I am ready to close nominations for this month. Some discussion followed. All positions filled with no other letters. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to close the nominations. Vice President Brittingham, next month we elect and October we install.

Unfinished Business:

Robert Yerkes, I went ahead and rolled-over the association's CD's as I was asked to do.

New Business:

Bill Betts, A motion was made, seconded, and carried to endorse Terry Whitham as Treasurer to the DVFA.

Vice President Brittingham, 2 things with Robert Yerkes going out. I would like to move into QuickBooks. I would like to purchase QuickBooks. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to purchase QuickBooks at \$420.00 per year. Vice President Brittingham, my company will donate a laptop computer.

Good of the Association:

President Perillo, Thanks to everyone for your support this past year. Pablo, I know you can get QuickBooks cheaper through TechSoup. Pablo, yes that is true.

Is there any way we can come up with list of members that are running for election or in office supporting the fire service. Vice President Brittingham, we can look into this based on our filing status.

Rev. Blake Bowers, for 3 weeks I will be out of the network beginning Oct 24th if you are North part of County call New Castle County, South end of the county call Sussex County, and if you need Chaplain Service in my absence call Charlie Arnold.

50-50 – Al Schmidt

Conference Souvenir – Warren Jones

The next meeting will be at Station 54, Little Creek – September 19, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. Joint with Fire Chiefs, (Elections)

A motion was made and seconded, and carried to adjourn at 8:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Pablo Reyes, Jr., Secretary