



## Kent County Volunteer Firefighter's Association

August 17, 2016

Vice President Post called the 1006<sup>th</sup> meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at Station 54, Little Creek 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. Kenny Frazier, President of Little Creek 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 to discuss a new member company. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to allow Dover Air Force Base Fire Company Station 58 to join the organization as a voting but non-paying member of the association because they are a Federal Organization with a stipulation that it be reviewed and voted on annually. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to return to the normal order of business.*

**Roll Calls:** Officers: 8 present, 5 absent; Companies: 18 present, 1 absent; Past Presidents: 11 KCVFA, 9 DVFA, and 9 Fire Company.

### **Introduction of Guests:**

**DVFA** – Secretary Elmer Steel, Top three officers are currently attending a conference in Virginia. DVFA Conference is in four weeks and operating at full force. Keep in mind several companies still need to update their delegates for those that are going to the banquet. Governor Markel will be signing a bill in Wilmington. Revolving Loan for devices is at 1% until January 31, 2017.

**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. Thanks for the recognition.

**DVFA Ladies Auxiliary** – Mary Francis Eisenbrey Thanks for the recognition.

**State Fire Police Association** – Alvin Schmick, Thanks for the recognition.

**DVFA Conference** – John McKenzie, at the back at the souvenir table everything is for sale, also pocket agendas are there. Hot Springs is on there will be some changes due to low registration. Remember the "No Show" policy is still in effect, you will be billed for no shows. Any room changes must go through Lisa. Delegates and Alternates list need to be in they are not all in. Some EMS classes may be at risk for cancellation due to low attendance. Meet your hostess has been moved upstairs. Elmer, room confirmation numbers check with Lisa if you do not have it. None of the seminars are cancelled.

**State Fire Prevention Commission** – Ron Marvel, Dr. Matthews says there have been a lot of EMT's using pulse ox for the finger, these are not adequate for taking a pulse. They are to be done manually or use a monitor. BLS Protocols should be in place by January 1, 2017. Fire Prevention packets have been delivered tonight.

**Delaware State Fire School** – No Report

**State Fire Marshal's Office** – Grover Engel, Delaware Burn Camp at Camp Barnes has been a great success and keeps improving. Thanks for all that contribute. Annual Report should be out prior to the conference.

**Legislature** – Senator Ennis, we are out of session. HB 406 for background checks was signed at Rehoboth Beach. The Task Force regarding embezzlement HCR 95 dealing with fire companies in the state for what procedures are in place state-wide and recommendations for reform aimed at reducing risks.

**Kent County Fire Chief's Association** – Mark Langford, thank you for the recognition next meeting is a joint meeting with the KCVFA on September 21, 2016.

**Kent County Fire Police Association** – Leon Hyde, thank you for the recognition next meeting is September 20, 2016 in Felton.

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

**Kent County Ladies Auxiliary** – Sandra Robinson, thank you for the recognition next meeting September 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Carlisle, Milford.

**Kent County Levy Court** – No Report

**KC Emergency Dispatch Center** – Scott Bundeck thanks for the recognition.

**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** – Ron O'Neal, next meeting is August 23<sup>rd</sup> at Millsboro.

**State Recruitment and Retention** – No Report

**Mutual Relief** – Steve White, PowerPoint presentation is still circulating the companies. We are having a dinner meeting next week with a vote coming up at the conference.

**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 previous KCVFA meeting as printed.*

**Deceased Members:** Station 57 – Gram Cross, Station 51 – William Charles Warner, Five individuals spoke on behalf of Honorary Member Jack Peterman for his tremendous support of the fire service.

**Report of Officers** – All submitted in written or electronic form. Vice President Post on behalf of President Dempsey with regard to State Fire Prevention packets they are here and as to their importance. If you consider anyone for Honorary member of this association please submit their information.

**Treasurer's Report** – Pablo Reyes, Jr. on behalf of the Treasurer Robert Yerkes report of ending balances as of August 1, 2015: Roland Trader Scholarship Fund – \$12,184.92; Special Operations Fund – \$21,856.07; Money Market – \$22,312.93; Smoke Detector Fund – \$6,624.60; Checking Account – \$2,949.04; Total of all CD's – \$17,540.64; Total funds – \$64,658.68. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to accept the Treasurer's Report.

**Written Correspondence** – 2 letters of correspondence, 1<sup>st</sup> from the Felton Community Fire Company in support of Ken Ryder to the position of the DVFA Director for the KCVFA. 2<sup>nd</sup> from the Harrington Fire Company assigning their primary and alternate delegates.

### **Report of Committees**

CISM – Blake Bowers, will have a re-organization meeting on the 25<sup>th</sup> of September 5:00 p.m. at Citizen's Hose. This is not for everyone, this is for those that really have an interest in helping folks work through trauma. It is pretty tough work. Call me, email me.

Nominating Committee – Al Metheny, we have letters endorsing or supporting the following: President – Allan Post, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Jeff Dennison, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – Michael Brittingham, Secretary – Pablo Reyes, Jr., Treasurer – Robert Yerkes, Director – Ralph Satterfield; There is one Director's position left open with a letter to come for any nomination to that position.

**Payment of Bills** – \$100.00 – Delaware State Fire Police (55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Book AD); \$250.00 – EVO Studios, Inc. (Website service); A motion was made, seconded, and carried to pay the bills.

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**Nomination of Officers** – Vice President Post stated current nominee and called for further nominations to each office 3 time's with a motion made after each one, seconded, and carried to close each of those office's from any further nominations. They were as follows: President – Allan Post, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Jeff Dennison, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – Michael Brittingham, Secretary – Pablo Reyes, Jr., Treasurer – Robert Yerkes, and Director – Ralph Satterfield. Lastly, Jack Potter was nominated from the floor to fill the 2<sup>nd</sup> Directors position a motion made, seconded, and carried to close the Director's position from any further nominations.

**Unfinished Business** – Vice President Post, after a discussion amongst the President and both Vice President's a selection was made from 6 names presented to represent KCVFA on the newly formed DVFA Finance Committee are as follows: Pablo Reyes, Jr., Robert Yerkes, and Jeff Eisenbrey letter was completed and submitted to the DVFA.

### **New Business**

A motion was made and seconded, and carried to have KCVFA accept the letter of support for Ken Ryder as the KCVFA Director with the DVFA. Al Metheny, be sure a letter is sent to the DVFA. Response it has already been taken care of.

Vice President Post, asked our guests from the Dover Air Force Base (DAFB) Fire Department to step out for a few minutes. After receiving guidance from the Directors, can we make them members and waive the yearly fee because their process to pay is very difficult and typically they would take money out of their own pocket. Bylaws section was read by the Vice President for a membership. Dues fell under standing motions. After much discussion, it was stated that military is part of the government and should not be subject to these charges. *A motion was made, seconded, and carried to allow Dover Air Force Base Fire Company Station 58 to join the organization as a voting but non-paying member of the association and waive the dues fee of \$300.00. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to re-evaluate the dues for DAFB on a year by year basis.* Vice President Post invited the DAFB members back in and told them they are now members of this association and their dues have been waived for this year.

Al Metheny, any word on the committee for Rescue Billing? No committee members present.

### **Good of the Association**

September 11<sup>th</sup> we will have a 911service at the Citizen's Hose see Chief Brian.

Carlisle Company Crab feast is sold out thanks for your support.

50-50 – Judy Hegman

Conference Souvenir – Donna Sivley

*The next meeting will be at Magnolia Fire Company, Station 55 – September 21, 2016 7:00 p.m. a dual meeting with the KC Chief's Association.*

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

Respectfully submitted,



Pablo Reyes, Jr., Secretary