



Kent County Volunteer Firefighter's Association

August 19, 2015

President Ryder called the 995th meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at Station 44, Citizens' Hose Fire Company. Following dinner served by the Ladies Auxiliary of the station, Vice President Post conveyed our thanks to the Auxiliary. John Caldwell, President of Citizens' Hose Fire Company gave the address of welcome; President Ryder gave the response.

President Ryder called on Chief Pennington for a few words. Chief Pennington introduced Laurie Mallow with reference to Camp Bruiser in Memory of Brittney Ford. Laurie shared information about the Junior members being our future and what the fire service stands for. Camp Bruiser was created to inform the kids 13 to 17 about the fire service such as vehicle rescue, boat rescue functions, and CPR Instruction. The kids loved it and wanted to come back the following weekend. I believe if we get this information out to the kids we would see a lot more volunteers. Yes it is to honor my daughter's memory but at same time it incorporates the fire service something that Brittany lived for. This year is day camps and next year we are going for a week long using the Camp Barnes grounds. I hope to get all the companies support. We will be open to all kids from Kent, Sussex and New Castle counties. We have a flyer on Bowers website and on the flyer is my contact email address and telephone number.

Roll Calls: Officers: 11 present, 3 absent; Companies: 19 present, 0 absent; Past Presidents: 13 KCVFA, 8 DVFA, and 10 Fire Company Presidents.

Introduction of Guests:

DVFA – President Anthony Guzzo recognized, report by Vice President Zerolles, HB133 the sprinkler legislation was signed August 6th at Station 8 Aetna Hose with thanks for hosting us. Conference the deadlines have come and passed. We still have companies that have not turned in there information. If you are one of them you need to get your information in soon. Conference events since the deadlines have passed there are still some that have several openings. One of them is the round-table on September 16th with Scott Crawford – Investment Counselor, Bill Preston – Legal Issues, Mark Grub – DIVCOM, and DVFA Officers – Any current DVFA & Political issues. This would be a good opportunity for the

Administrative & Line Officers. Luncheon is Friday September 18th with several Politicians in attendance.

State Fire Chief's Association – Phil Pennington, next meeting in Cheswold on September 17th and our key note speaker will be Billy Goldfeder. There will be no tickets given out this year.

State EMS Association – Mike McMichael, next meeting is Banquet Awards on September 16th at Dover Downs by invitation only.

DVFA Ladies Auxiliary – No Report

State Fire Police Association – No Report

DVFA Conference – John Stevenson, make sure you get your conference package information in. Make sure you get the correct confirmation sheet from the hotel, some are not matching. If anyone gives up a room let Elmer know. Final counts for meals need to be in no later than noon on August 25th.

State Fire Prevention Commission – Ron Marvel, had our meeting on Tuesday at the State Fire School. Fire Marshal and Fire School both reported they had new personnel on board. Receiving complaints EMT's are doing things that they shouldn't. Audits are due six months after your fiscal year. If you are having problems let us know. Suggest you put it in your contracts with your Auditors to have your reports completed on time.

Delaware State Fire School – No Report

State Fire Marshal's Office – No Report

Legislature – Senator Bruce Ennis, we came out of session on July 1st. HB133 the sprinkler legislation was signed by the governor on August 6th which requires the buyer be notified on the cost of adding a sprinkler system to new homes. Delaware legislature hosted a conference of regional states with 500 legislators attending from throughout the country. HB41 Surf Fishing for ladies auxiliary never moved out of committee. HB142 has not yet received house action. SB53 Withdrawing from State Firemen's Pension is expected to be signed. SB89 Exception of Nonprofit from certified food protection managers did pass house and senate and expect governor to sign. SB91 Vans can be used for stretcher used for Medicaid eligible. SB126 presumption line of duty bill did not get one republican vote bill got defeated. Talk to your legislators. Status of the ambulance money so far over \$500,000 collected? Ron Marvel, the bill was passed

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to collect \$10 assessment on violations. After finding where the money went it has been decided by the commission that the distribution will be for those companies that have completed patient care reports with 85% validity. It will equate to about \$11.08 per ambulance run for every ambulance run you take. It will be electronically deposited to your accounts. Now, the legislature is looking at ticket fee assessments.

Kent County Fire Chief's Association – No Report

Kent County Fire Police Association – Les States, thanks for the recognition due to the conference we will not be having a meeting on the 3rd week of September instead meeting will be on September 8th.

Kent County Emergency Medical Services Association – No Report

Kent County Ladies Auxiliary – Sandra Robinson, thank you for the recognition, next meeting is September 22nd 7 p.m. at Little Creek.

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 – Mike McMichael, next meeting is at Delaware City September 10th 6:30 start.

Sussex County Volunteer Firemen's Association – Ron O'Neal our next meeting is August 25th at Station 42 Carlisle.

State Recruitment and Retention – No Report

Mutual Relief – Steve White, packets will be given to the delegates 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 meeting as printed.

Deceased Members: Station 40 – Gregory Pop Frank.

Report of Officers – All but one (V.P. Dempsey) submitted in written or electronic form. President Ryder, last month I receive letter to support Steve White for

Mutual Relief Association and based on that I will appoint Steve White to the 3 year position for Mutual Relief Association.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Robert Yerkes report of ending balances as of August 1, 2015: Roland Trader Scholarship Fund – \$11,899.08; Special Operations Fund – \$9,337.92; Money Market – \$27,706.59; Smoke Detector Fund – \$6,303.60; Checking Account – \$1,653.78; Total of all CD's – \$17,502.10; Total funds – \$56,200.39. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to accept the Treasurer's Report.

Written Correspondence – 1st letter was from the Bowers Fire Company endorsing Jeff Dennison for the office of Second Vice President of the KCVFA. 2nd letter was a support letter from American Legion Ambulance Service Station 64 supporting Allan Post for the office of First Vice President of the KCVFA. 3rd letter was from the Harrington Volunteer Fire Company endorsing Pablo Reyes, Jr for the office of Secretary of the KCVFA.

Report of Committees

Smoke Detector – Jeff Dennison, smoke detectors have been ordered and will be delivered by next weekend. There will only be 22 per company due to cost of detectors.

Fire Prevention – Steve White, there will be a meeting at Frederica on August 31st at 7:00 p.m. to do the packets.

Nominations Committee – Bill Betts, 2nd month of the nominations and are as follows:

President > Earle Dempsey, 1st Vice President > Alan Post, 2nd Vice President > Jeff Dennison, Secretary > Pablo Reyes, Jr., Treasurer > Robert Yerkes, Directors (2 positions) > Ron Vincent with one position open vacated by Jeff Denison.

CISM Committee – Blake Bowers, next county meeting is September 10th at the Citizens Hose Company. Lost a couple of members if you know of anyone interested let me know. Secondly, I have been appointed to Delmarva Volunteer Firemen's Association as a chaplain for Delaware. If you have anyone sick, convalescing, going in hospital send me information to get in touch with them. Any appointed Chaplains please give me their contact information.

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Fire Advisory Board – Mark, we had a meeting Monday everyone should have a copy we have passed them around. Houston now has an ambulance with full response. Attached is a spreadsheet with allocations proposal.

Payment of Bills – \$250.00 – Delaware Net, Inc. (website annual fee); \$61.99 – RWM Embroidery (2 shirts, Jeff Eisenbrey); \$17.18 Robert Yerkes (stamps, envelopes, & 50/50 tickets); \$6,279.00 E.D. Supply Co. (390 Smoke Detectors); \$1429.04 Cheswold Volunteer Fire Co. (Special Ops unit repairs & tires); A motion was made, seconded, and carried to pay the bills.

Nomination of Officers: - President Ryder called for the nominations of each office 3 times after which a motion was made for each office that they be closed except for the office of 2nd Vice President and Director. Jeff Dennison was nominated for the office of 2nd Vice President and Carroll Jester was nominated for Director. After each office was called a motion was made seconded and carried to nominate and/or close the nominations. President Ryder stated we have no vacancies for the offices at this time which concludes open floor for the nominations. Elections will take place at our next county meeting. Next meeting will be September 9, 2015 in a joint meeting with the Fire Chiefs Association.

Unfinished Business

Senator Ennis, Grant & Aid was fairly flat. Nothing has been cut. Insurance distribution there is an investigation into the City of Wilmington for income they get with geo code, regarding monies going to the city that should have gone to other Fire Companies in the county. Hearing rumors that when the next 20% comes the million dollars will show up. Warren Jones, presently there is no answer to that. That is why it is important to get back the agency agreements for Chancery Court in case we need to take action. We are trying to meet with the Insurance Commissioner before the Conference to narrow down what is happening. No definitive answer but we want to be ready so please get your agency agreements in to allow us to go to Chancery Court if needed. When meeting with the Governor we stated the Volunteer Fire Service is

Public Safety not a charity and yet we are rolled up with all other charities. Food for having a future conversation.

New Business

None

Good of the Association

Mike McMichael, thanks to all that took part in the Cumberland Valley Convention.

Jeff Eisenbrey, pre-judging of the apparatus for the parade we are working with Dover Downs for an area to use. As soon as we get it nailed down we will send word out. Jeff Dennison, exhibit area at the hotel should be empty on Saturday morning.

Senator Bruce Ennis, I consider New Castle, Kent County's special guest here at but we have another special guest here by the name of John Fox and he is a grandfather of Past Chief Greg Parcell.

Steve White, DELDOT asked Frederica to host Fire and EMS presentation of the clover leaf, service road, and everything happening between Little Heaven and Frederica.

50-50 – Jim Cabbage

Conference Souvenir – John Fox

The next meeting will be at Hartly Fire Company, Station 51 – September 9, 2015 7:00 p.m. (Joint meeting with the Chiefs)

A motion was made and seconded, and carried to adjourn at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Pablo Reyes, Jr., Secretary