



## Kent County Volunteer Firefighter's Association

August 20, 2014

President Brode called the 985<sup>th</sup> meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at Station 53, Leipsic Fire Company. Following dinner served by the Ladies Auxiliary of the station, Vice President Ryder conveyed our thanks to the Auxiliary. James Woznicki, President of the Leipsic Fire Company gave the address of welcome; Vice President Ryder gave the response.

**Roll Calls:** Officers: 11 present, 3 absent; Companies: 19 present, 0 absent; Past Presidents: 13 KCVFA, 5 DVFA, and 10 Fire Company Presidents.

### **Introduction of Guests:**

**DVFA** – President Richard Toulson, Congratulations to Recruitment and Retention at the Delaware State Fair they greeted over 119 contacts, hopefully somewhere in the state we will see some new members. We had a very good group working every day, some even putting in 12 hours. Conference is coming up soon. August the 8<sup>th</sup> is the cut-off date for most everything. Also we are having a round-table about communication and broadband. We will also have a voter registration booth open at the conference. It is important that we exercise our right to vote.

**State Fire Chief's Association** – Stephen (Redman) Maichle, our guest speaker will be Lenny Carmichael next meeting September 11<sup>th</sup> at Cheswold.

**State EMS Association** – Mike McMichael on behalf of Sean Humphries, EMS Conference classes are all set, the banquet is set, award winners have been selected and we will acknowledge them September 10<sup>th</sup> the class numbers are up.

**DVFA Ladies Auxiliary** – No Report

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

**DVFA Conference** – John Stevenson, there are companies that have not turned in their stuff and late turning things in, classes cancelled because not enough numbers. We are maxed out on exhibits. Many things coming late we have to cancel. The NFPA sent a guest speaker.

**State Fire Prevention Commission** – Charlie Boyer, 8 investigations listened to and closed. Class was given at the school "Criminal History Security Training" keep information confidential. Meet next month 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at the Fire School.

**Delaware State Fire School** – No Report

**State Fire Marshal's Office** – Grover Engels, now there are 4 fire deaths in the state. 2 with working smoke alarms and 2 without.

**Legislature** – Senator Bruce Ennis, the bills that have passed, none have been signed by the governor. Got notification today that HB315 & 317 & SB207 the governor will be signing 2:00p.m. September 24<sup>th</sup>. He wanted to have it signed at a firehouse and it will be at Cheswold Firehouse. We want him to include HB372 hometown hero's bill. May 7, 2014 HB158 for Health Insurance for children of line of duty death benefit victims, providing health benefits. HB315 & HB317 amounts to about million dollars for general fund. HB207 Insurers must cover the cost of Ambulance transport, you should see better payments from Blue Cross Blue Shield. Discussion about issue of using State Plan for Fire Company paid people. This bill will allow you to enroll people in the state health plan effective in January.

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

**Kent County Fire Police Association** – Les States, our next meeting will be September 16<sup>th</sup>.

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**Kent County Ambulance Association** – Jason Capps next meeting Smyrna at the American Legion. BLS Protocol did get approved by the Fire Commission yesterday; look for them to be rolling out.

**Kent County Ladies Auxiliary** – Debra Lawhead, our next meeting is September 23<sup>rd</sup> at Frederica.

**Kent County Levy Court** – Terry Pepper, last week I was here for the Chiefs meeting. I wanted to give you all a heads up as far as Paramedic coverage in the southern end of the county. As Public Safety chairman I have authorize Chief Faulkner to put together a presentation to cover that area. We want to put a full Paramedic unit down there 24/7. Sussex is still submitting a letter to the state requesting they no longer handle anything in Kent County. We want your input and if you have information that you want considered contact and speak to Nicole or Chief Faulkner at 302-735-2200. Once our focus is done in the southern end of the county we will concentrate on the western end of the county. In 1990 there were no county boundaries.

**KC Emergency Dispatch Center** – Kevin Sipple, thanks for the recognition. Stop by visit us.

**KC Emergency Management Agency** – No Report

**KC Emergency Medical Services (Paramedics)** – No Report

**New Castle County Volunteer Firemen's Association** – Dan Burris next meeting is September 4<sup>th</sup> at Station 19, Hockessin.

**Sussex County Volunteer Firemen's Association** – Clay Yokum thanks for the recognition

**State Recruitment and Retention** – No Report

**Mutual Relief** – \*Ken Ryder, a letter sent out by DVFA Office with regard to renewal of the AD&D policy, at this point in time will need to decide how to fund and renewal at the conference. Bobbie Albright sent a list of companies that have not filed their delegates and alternates. They need to be sent in.

**DEMA** – No Report

**NVFC** – No Report

**Delmarva Firefighter's Association** – No Report

**Special Guest** – Candidate Ken Simpler

*A motion was made, seconded, and carried for approval of the minutes of the previous meeting as printed.  
(To include date correction from June 18 to July 16)*

**Deceased Members:** Station 41 – Donald L. Spence

**Report of Officers** – All submitted in written or electronic form.

**Treasurer's Report** –Treasurer Robert Yerkes report of ending balances as of August 1, 2014: Roland Trader Scholarship Fund – \$11,491.88; Money Market – \$26,057.99; Checking Account – \$317.18; Smoke Detector Fund – \$646.60; Total of all CD's – \$17,479.68; Total funds – \$43,854.85 A motion was made, seconded, and carried to accept the report as read.

**Written Correspondence** – 4-total, 1<sup>st</sup> letter from the Frederica Volunteer Fire Company stating their delegates to the KCVFA. 2<sup>nd</sup> letter from the Little Creek Volunteer Fire Company stating their delegates to the KCVFA. 3<sup>rd</sup> letter from the Houston Volunteer Fire Company stating their delegates to the KCVFA. 4<sup>th</sup>

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letter from Houston in reference to the opposition of the allocation of County funds distribution proposal presented at the July 16<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### **Report of Committees**

CISM Team – Blake Bowers, we will have CISM training on the 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> of August at Kent General Hospital and there is still time to sign up by going to the New Castle County CISM.org. Also, during September 5<sup>th</sup> through September 13<sup>th</sup> if you need CISM for Kent County, contact New Castle County Fire Board.

Nominations Committee – Bill Betts, Nominations & Letters on hand are as follows: President – Ken Ryder, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Earle Dempsey, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – Allan Post, Secretary – Pablo Reyes, Jr, Treasurer – Robert Yerkes, Directors – James Wosnicki, one director position vacant.

Fire Advisory – Marvin Sharp, I will be making a motion under proper order of business to accept the funding proposal that Ed Welch presented last month for the distribution of Kent County funds.

Mutual Relief - \*Ken Ryder

**Payment of Bills** – \$250.00 – Delaware.Net (Website annual fee); \$250.00 – Blake Bowers (Chaplains Conference); \$958.65 – Rush Uniforms (Banner and accessories) A motion was made, seconded, and carried to pay the bills.

### **Nominations of Officers**

Nominations are open and President Brode called out each office 3 times in the following order: President – Ken Ryder, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Earle Dempsey, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – Allan Post, Secretary – Pablo Reyes, Jr, Treasurer – Robert Yerkes, 1<sup>st</sup> Director – James Wosnicki, 2<sup>nd</sup> Director called 3 times, Open Director spot nominated Jeff Eisenbrey (President Brode, Jeff we will need letter next month). Nominations are now closed. Election of officers is next month.

### **Unfinished Business**

None

### **New Business**

Senator Bruce Ennis, Station 64 is honoring a member Kelly Polito for 50 years of service. A motion was made and seconded, and we adopt a resolution to present to Kelly Polito.

A motion was made and seconded, and carried by a roll-call vote to accept the Kent County Funding Proposal presented at last month's meeting. All companies were called and the vote was tallied as follows 39 delegates yes, 10 delegates no and 2 not voting. President Brode announced that based on the tally we will send a letter to the Kent County Levy Court in support the proposed distribution of funds as set by the Fire Advisory Board. See attached Roll Call vote sheet for votes.

Robert Yerkes, has anyone receive Ambulance & Rescue appropriations this year? We always use to get it in April, the State money from the Insurance Commissioner. Has anyone gotten Grant & Aid? Yes.

### **Good of the Association**

Ronnie, Softball tournament made some money for the Burn Camp.

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Deb, Magnolia Fire Prevention, 5K run, interested vendors see me, parade see me, and heritage fire prevention see me.

Leroy, Camden-Wyoming having a crab-shrimp feast September 6<sup>th</sup> \$30 in advance \$40 at the door.

Nick, Clayton Crab feast September 28<sup>th</sup> 1 to 4 \$40

John, Carlisle, spearheading a cruise for reduced deposits to the Caribbean

Alan, Blood drive at the conference come give some.

Felton Community Fire Company 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary starts this Saturday. We are still taking enrollments

Bowers Fire Company, September 24<sup>th</sup> Circus is coming to town, boundary of Frederica and Bowers.

Harrington is having a stress seminar with a feast for \$25 for all EMS, put on by Fire and Police service.

President Brode, letter from Mutual Relief to provide a replacement for Ken Ryder announced Steve White from Frederica as the replacement.

50-50 – Joe Knickerson

Conference Souvenir – Steve White

*The next meeting will be at Little Creek Fire Company, Station 54 – September 17, 2014*

A motion was made and seconded, and carried to adjourn at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Pablo Reyes, Jr.", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Pablo Reyes, Jr., Secretary