



Kent County Volunteer Firefighter's Association

August 21, 2013

President Pridemore called the 974th meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at Station 42, Carlisle Fire Company. Following dinner served by the Ladies Auxiliary of the station, Vice President Ryder presented our thanks to the Auxiliary. Marvin Sharp, President of the Carlisle Fire Company gave the address of welcome; Vice President Ryder gave the response.

Roll Calls: Officers: 11 present, 2 absent; Companies: 18 present, 1 absent; Past Presidents: 12 KCVFA, 7 DVFA, and 8 Fire Company Presidents.

Introduction of Guests:

DVFA – Charlie Boyer, Company meetings the officers and executive management would like to continue our presentations at one of your fire company meetings. We have just a few companies to see. Please contact us to make these visits possible. Revolving Loan Fund the interest rate is only 2% and it can be used for apparatus, ambulance or remodeling of fire station. Information for the fund is on the DVFA website. The conference committee has done an excellent job in the movement of the Conference to Dover Downs. Thanks to the committee for doing all the hard work in getting it ready. A reminder to everyone about 2 seminars, both is on Wednesday one is a Legal seminar and the other is the DVFA Roundtable both have valuable information for your administrative officers. It has been an honor to serve as the DVFA President and looking forward to seeing you all at the conference.

State Fire Chief's Association – Glenn Gillespie, thanks to all for your concerns. Our Keynote speaker at the conference will be Mike Lombardo, former Fire Commissioner from the Buffalo Fire Department and he has a great presentation for us. Thanks to all for your support while I went through the chairs at the State Chiefs.

State EMS Association – Ed Angwin, we are winding down for the State events. The EPC class is on and the 1st part has to be done online prior to the class. Monday through Wednesday classes will be in ballrooms B & C. Banquet is Wednesday night in ballroom A. This is my last meeting representing the State EMS and thanks to all the folks around me. Special thanks to Mike McMichael, P.J. Gosch, and Alan Post for being a tremendous help.

DVFA Ladies Auxiliary – Penny Rodimak Thanks for allowing me the opportunity to attend this past year see you at the conference.

State Fire Police Association – Dave Snell, No Report

DVFA Conference – John McKenzie, If, everything goes off without a hitch that is because of me and if it goes to (heck) in a hand basket it is not me. All seminars are a go and look forward to see you at the conference. John, remember policies in effect.

State Fire Prevention Commission – Marvin Sharp, met yesterday. A boundary dispute between Dagsboro and Frankford was settled and agreed to by both parties. Ambulance companies it is becoming a big deal, you need to establish a QA/QI program and get it working. Ron Marvel, Frankford and Gumboro also settled their dispute.

Delaware State Fire School – No Report

State Fire Marshal's Office – Grover Engel, Matt Hardy started on the 12th as the Day Care Inspector for entire state. 7 fire related deaths for the state.

Legislature – No Report.

Kent County Fire Chief's Association – No Report

Kent County Fire Police Association – Richard Schwalb, No Report

Kent County Ambulance Association – Meeting next Monday at Station 49 Frederica

Kent County Ladies Auxiliary – Debra Lawhead, next meeting September 24th

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 – Dan Carrier Thanks for the recognition.

Sussex County Volunteer Firemen's Association – Todd Riley, No Report

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State Recruitment and Retention – No Report

Mutual Relief – Joe Zeroles still working on the policies make sure you have your delegates and alternates at the conference.

DEMA – Glenn Gillespie, Thanks for the recognition

NVFC – No Report

A motion was made, seconded, and carried for approval of the minutes of the previous meeting as printed. (Typo correction of the date next meeting on last page from "August 17th to August 21st" and 1st page "Lombardi to Lombardo")

Deceased Members: Station 41 – Eugene Moore

Report of Officers – All submitted in written or electronic form. President Pridemore, Robert Yerkes is having back surgery and our thoughts and prayers go out to him. Thanks to the Sculpture committee for making the fund raiser possible. Thanks to the Logo committee for all the work that went into it. Charlie, Glenn, Ed, Kenny, and Dave, thanks for you have done for the fire service.

Treasurer's Report – Reported by Pablo Reyes, Jr. – Treasurer Robert Yerkes report of ending balances as of August 1, 2013: Roland Trader Scholarship Fund – \$10,234.23; Money Market – \$29,760.05; Checking Account – \$289.97; Smoke Detector Fund – \$6,806.00; Total of all CD's – \$17,455.93; Total funds – \$47,505.95 A motion was made, seconded, and carried to accept the report as read.

Written Correspondence – 2 letters read, 1st letter from the Felton Community Fire Company designating their primary and alternate delegates to the KCVFA. 2nd letter from the Magnolia Fire Company supporting Earle Dempsey for the position of 2nd Vice President to the Kent County Volunteer Firefighter's Association.

Report of Committees

Fire Prevention Committee – Ken Ryder, fall season getting started on the poster and essay contest this year. Thanks to the committee for helping put packets together. Take your packets with you on the way out. Companies 41, 44, 45, 46, 47, 50, 51, 54, & Ambulance 64 are on the table with the number of items requested. Also need company officer in charge for Fire Prevention information. Do not hesitate to call for any information regarding the packets.

Fire Advisory Board – Marvin Sharp met about the helicopter issue. We have identified that it is not going to be a short term fix. It will take more than us, maybe going to the DVFA. It can be a long drawn out process. There is not going to be a deadline. Document all your helicopter emergency calls, we need specifics.

Fund Raiser – Shirley Pennington, if each company can sell at least 20 raffle tickets or more we can make about \$1600.00. The size of the sculpture is about 4' tall. Plan is to sell raffle tickets at conference and all fire service functions that we can attend.

Payment of Bills – \$250.00 – Delaware Net, Inc. (Annual website fee); A motion was made, seconded, and carried to pay the bills.

Nomination of Officers

President Pridemore stated that this is last month we will do the nominations; we will be closing them tonight. I will read each of the candidates by position. Now, for the Office of President I have Harold K. Brode, are there any other nominations for the office of President, are there any other nominations for the office of President, are there any other nominations for the office of President, are there any other nominations for the office of President. 1st Vice President – Ken Ryder, Jr., per communications tonight – 2nd Vice President – Earle Dempsey nominated, Treasurer – Robert Yerkes, Jr., Secretary – Pablo Reyes, Jr., Director – Ralph Satterfield, Director – Richard Deputy. Called each office 3 times for nominations. A motion was made, and properly seconded, and carried to close the nominations of offices and names be turned over to the nomination committee for verification and to have them report at the next meeting and with no one contesting have the election.

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Unfinished Business

Logo Committee: Pablo Reyes, Jr. with members of the committee went through a PowerPoint presentation and presented a new logo to the association with a comparison to the original logo.

New Business

Steve White, A motion was made, seconded, and carried to accept the recommendation of the committee for the Kent County Volunteer Firefighter's Association logo.

Steve White, A motion was made, seconded, and carried to accept the committee recommendation to purchase the Upright Banner with the words "Kent County" on it with all applicable hardware. President Pridemore, work with committee to bring back financials prior to committing. A comment was made to add our website address at bottom of our letterhead. President Pridemore it will be done.

Good of the Association

Harold Brode, Saturday October 5th a truck convoy of all types fund raiser for Special Olympics entry is \$100.00 see me for registration forms.

Rev. Blake Bowers, I was teaching a class to Maryland State firefighters, and John Poland passes his appreciation for the Delaware State Fire Service and spoke highly of the Delaware State Fire School and Lou Amabili. On 9/11 at 1900 Citizen's Hose is sponsoring a 9/11 memorial service event all are invited to attend.

Mike McMichael thanks to Kent County Paramedic.

John Pridemore, Clayton Fire Company 2nd Crab feast September 7th; Glenn Gillespie, Also on the 7th Carlisle Fire Company is also hosting a Crab Feast.

50-50 – Rick Deputy

Conference Souvenir – Bill Sipple

The next meeting will be at Cheswold, Station 43 – September 18th "Elections meeting"

A motion was made and seconded, and carried to adjourn at 8:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Pablo Reyes, Jr., Secretary

