



Kent County Volunteer Firefighter's Association

August 21, 2019

Vice President O'Neal called the 1039th meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at Station 51, Hartly Fire Company. Following dinner served by the Auxiliary members of the station, Vice President Langford conveyed our thanks and appreciation to the Auxiliary members of the station. Paul Bullen, Vice President of Hartly Fire Company gave the address of welcome; Vice President Langford gave the response.

Roll Calls: Officers: 10 present, 3 absent;
Companies: 19 present, 1 absent; Past Presidents:
13 KCVFA, 9 DVFA, and 6 Fire Company Presidents.

Introduction of Guests:

DVFA – President Bill Betts, stated that the Recruitment & Retention Resolution passed both the House & Senate. I wish to thank everyone who showed up for the resolution. Looking good for this Task Force in September. This should help us with our recruitment & retention. The conference is only twenty days away. We have forty-one vendors this year. There will be thirty fire apparatus outside. We have a national speaker for one of our seminars this year. remember the opening ceremonies on Thursday, September 12th and the Memorial Service on September 13th. If you are not signed up for the seminars, you can still attend them. There will be an evaluation sheet in your packets, please fill one out and turn it in so we can improve on the conference. I thank everybody for their support last year, this will be my last meeting before conference. It has been a quick and busy year. A standing round of applause was given to DVFA President Bill Betts.

State Fire Chief's Association – No Report

State EMS – Jason Capps, EMS classes are coming together at conference, there have been some changes. The weekend will be a 24-hour refresher on the 9798 held at the Fire School. There will be a PHTLS plan sponsored by ST Francis, the information will be on our Facebook page. The CPR Academy is on September 10, 2019 from 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. is being sponsored by Sussex ALS & Howard County, MD. On Wednesday, our national speaker coming in will be Ken Bouvier, talking about

hot car deaths, plane crashes and school shootings. Our attendance numbers are up from last year.

DVFA Ladies Auxiliary – No Report

State Fire Police Association – Leslie States, our next meeting will be on September 11, 2019 at the Conference.

DVFA Conference – Joe Zeroles, time is getting short if you do not have your registration in yet, after this week it will be too late.

State Fire Prevention Commission – Ron Marvel, we had our meeting yesterday seems we still can't get our audits done and in on-time. If you believe six months and two weeks is not enough time to get the audit done, please let us know what we can do to make it easier. It is state law that you get them in or we find out why. The commission is working on adopting NFPA 1917 as the Ambulance Standard & Commission Regulation. Today, most of the President's and Fire Chiefs were emailed a copy of the NFPA 1917 regulation. The current regulation is they call the Triple-K. If we adopt the NFPA 1917, then we can get updates when they occur and it has some things that help with the construction of the Ambulances. There will be a public hearing before this is instituted. The day it goes on-board is January 1, 2020. Some email that went out today, that someone is using FOIA (Freedom of Information Act) to request financial records for all companies. I will find out who and why and then I will let everybody know.

Delaware State Fire School – No Report

State Fire Marshal's Office – No Report

Legislature – Senator Bruce Ennis, this year is the 1st of the 150th General Assembly. There was 11 pieces of legislation and 3 of them were resolutions. 7 of these have been signed by the Governor. SB 26 which passed the senate, but has not passed in the house yet, this bill addresses false complaints. It allows those agencies affected to get restitution & benefits.

Kent County Fire Chief's Association – Mark Langford, we will have a combined meeting next month at Houston.

Kent County Fire Police Association – Leon Hyde,

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next meeting is September 17th here at Hartly.

Kent County Emergency Medical Services Committee – No Report

Kent County Ladies Auxiliary – Vice President Melinda Jackson, thanks for the recognition. Our next meeting is Monday, September 23rd at 7:00 p.m. at Camden-Wyoming.

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 – Jim Watson, President Gott could not be here tonight our next meeting will be at Station 24 Odessa on September 5th. It will be a combined meeting with the Chiefs. We are having a fund raiser at Delaware City October 18th a BBQ with live music, \$30 per person. This weekend starting Friday night the National Fire Heritage Center, & National Fallen Firefighters Foundation, and Singlerly Fire Company in Elkton are having a benefit fund raiser with Fire Apparatus Muster, Flea Market, and Fire Apparatus Model Show.

Sussex County Volunteer Firemen's Association – No Report

State Recruitment and Retention – No Report

Mutual Relief – Robert Yerkes, make sure your **Mutual Relief** delegates are at the Conference on Thursday

DEMA – No Report

NVFC – No Report

Delmarva Firefighter's Association – Ralph Satterfield, next meeting will be at Gumboro, Delaware. Berlin, MD has asked to hold the Delmarva Firefighter's Association conference for 2020 with a parade. Get your parade uniforms out of the closet.

International Chief's – No Report

A motion was made, seconded, and carried for approval of the minutes of the KCVFA July 2019 meeting as printed. A motion was made, seconded, and carried for approval of the minutes of the KCVFA June 2019 meeting as printed.

Deceased Members: Station 44 – John C. Caldwell, Jr., Station 53 – Hugh Jim Cornelius, Station 53 – Harry J. Pisapia

Report of Officers: All submitted or to be submitted in written or electronic form. (*President Brittingham no report; VP O'Neal submitted electronically; VP Langford no report*)

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Shirley Pennington report of ending balances as of July 30, 2019: *Roland Trader Scholarship Fund – \$18,411.12; Special Operations Fund – \$17,109.24; Money Market – \$18,009.88; Smoke Detector Fund – \$806.60; Firefighter's Relief Fund – \$9,335.15; Checking Account – \$10,588.88; Total of all CD's – \$17,646.29; Total funds – \$36,103.30 not including Scholarship, Special Ops Funds, Relief or Smoke Detector Funds.* A motion was made, seconded, and carried to accept the Treasurer's Report's.

Written or Email Correspondence: 5 items', 4 letter's turned over to the nominating committee. 1 letter from Frederica Fire Company assigning their Primary and Alternate delegates to the KCVFA. Additionally, I also have another letter ready to go to the DVFA endorsing Terry Whitham for DVFA Treasurer. Under the proper order of business, I will need a motion to send this letter.

Report of Committees:

Recruitment & Retention Committee – Theresa Whisman, I would like to get the committee members together to participate in Lake Forest Day on October 26th from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm., to get a table at this event is free. The table has to be reserved by October 12th showing, here we are we need help and maybe new people in area will learn about us. We were invited to the Leipsic Oyster Festival on October 12th at 12:00 p.m. and 1 of the girls in charge, stated that the Governor will be there as well. We have a couple more meetings prior to then. Vice President O'Neal, one of the factors mentioned was about costs involved. They will need to contact Mr. Newman at Fire School and he will discuss any costs involved.

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Scholarship committee – Rod O'Neal, stated that he received a letter of thanks from Jackson Sylvester the Scholarship recipient last month. A very nice letter and I will bring it in next month.

Nominating Committee – Bill Betts, reported the following nominations. Benny O'Neal (53) for President of the KCVFA. Mark Langford (47) for First Vice President of the KCVFA. Gerald L Manley JR (44) for Second Vice President of the KCVFA. Ken Steele (44) for Secretary of the KCVFA. Shirley Pennington (49) for Treasurer of the KCVFA. Ralph Satterfield (55), Christine Davila (49), Jason Capps (56), and Donna Sivley (57) for the two 3-year Director(s) of the KCVFA. || *I have letters for everyone on the list.*

Payment of Bills: by Treasurer Shirley Pennington || \$49.99 – Jen-Mor Florist (Flowers for B. O'Neal); \$99.00 – EvoGov Inc. (DNS for KCVFA website); for total payments of \$148.99; A motion was made, seconded, and carried to pay the bills.

Nominations of Officer's:

Vice President O'Neal, called for nominations for each office 3 times: President – Benny O'Neal; 1st Vice President – Mark Langford; 2nd Vice President – Gerald Manley; Secretary – Kenny Steele; Treasurer – Shirley Pennington; two 3-year Director(s) – Ralph Satterfield (55), Donna Sivley (57), Chris Davila (49), Jason Capps (56). For each office a motion was made and seconded, and carried to close nominations for that office. Vice President O'Neal stated okay we vote on them next month.

Unfinished Business:

Ralph Satterfield, with regards to the donation of \$200 per meeting to the Auxiliaries (for their preparation of the meals) It comes to about \$7,000.00 Shirley Pennington, with clarification it is \$2,200.00. Ralph no it is times 3 that for (Firefighter's, Chiefs, and Fire Police) It is the whole thing I am talking about. The Fire Police have already agreed to do it. Just taking it out of one pocket to the other. Several side conversations continued.

Vice President O'Neal continued, any other

Unfinished Business?

A motion was made and seconded, and carried to endorse Terry Whitham for the position of Treasurer for the DVFA.

Another motion was made and seconded, and carried to send a letter of endorsement for Terry Whitham as Treasurer, Ken Ryder as 2nd Vice President, and Jim Woznicki as Director, all to the DVFA.

New Business: None

Good of the Association:

Mike McMichael, stated he is stepping down as the Secretary for the State EMS after 12 years. I have handed the reigns over to Earl Briel from Station 42. I am going to stay on as a director. It has been a pleasure over the years to serve. With a TOTAL team effort from the association, we completed a list of optional medications on all the EMS units in the state and presented it to the Fire Commission. I will continue to be involved as Director, and with the National and State Committees I got appointed to. I will continue to bring the boards down but no more cookies.

Ben O'Neal, Station 45 is having a Crab & Shrimp feast on September 14th tickets are \$45 a person.

50-50 – Leroy Dear

Conference Souvenir – Mike McMichael

The next meeting will be at Station 52 Houston Fire Company – September 18, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

A motion was made and seconded, and carried to adjourn at 8:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Pablo Reyes, Jr., Secretary