



Kent County Volunteer Firefighter's Association

September 17, 2014

President Brode called the 986th meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. at Station 54, Little Creek Fire Company. Following dinner served by the Ladies Auxiliary of the station, Vice President Dempsey conveyed our thanks to the Auxiliary. Kenny Frazier, President of the Little Creek Fire Company gave the address of welcome; Vice President Dempsey gave the response.

Roll Calls: Officers: 12 present, 2 absent; Companies: 18 present, 1 absent; Past Presidents: 16 KCVFA, 8 DVFA, and 9 Fire Company Presidents.

Introduction of Guests:

DVFA – President Anthony Guzzo, greetings from the DVFA and Vice President Zeroles will give you an overview. Vice President Zeroles, the DVFA would like to thank all of those that attended the Conference, seemed to be a very good conference. Again congratulations to those that won an award and recognitions. Souvenirs left over are on sale. For tonight only mugs are on sale at 2 for \$5.00. Wrap-up for the conference will be October 20th at Cheswold. Any suggestions let us know.

State Fire Chief's Association – Stephen (Redman) Maichle, last meeting 535 people served in 22 minutes. Open door policy at the State Chiefs.

State EMS Association – Mike McMichael on behalf of Mat DeMarco greetings, we will report next month

DVFA Ladies Auxiliary – No Report

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

DVFA Conference – John Stevenson thanks for the support at the Conference this year. Wrap-up for the conference will be October 20th at Cheswold. Again, designer mugs on sale.

State Fire Prevention Commission – Marvin Sharp, thanks for the recognition

Delaware State Fire School – Billy Baker, 50th Anniversary of the school is November 8th and invitations will be going out by the end of the week.

State Fire Marshal's Office – Grover Engels, open house coming up and we have seen several request already and if you need any training with DFIRS contact our office.

Legislature – Representative Trey Paradee, thanks for the recognition. Senator Bruce Ennis, we are not in

session. 4 Bills are going to be signed on the 24th of this month, first is Home Town Hero, and next is HB315 with the civil penalties and also HB317 gross premium tax increase benefit BLS and lastly, SB207 insurer to cover cost of ambulance. Any questions I would be happy to answer. SB31 about surf fishing permit for Ladies Auxiliary and SB53 about cancer presumption of condition, both did not pass the house.

Kent County Fire Chief's Association – No Report

Kent County Fire Police Association – Jeff Denison, our next meeting is October 21st at Station 42.

Kent County Ambulance Association – Jason Capps next meeting next meeting October 22nd at Camden-Wyoming with nominations and elections that night.

Kent County Ladies Auxiliary – Shirley Pennington, thank you for the recognition

Kent County Levy Court – Terry Pepper, thanks to those that gave inputs and came to Levy Court meeting with regards to the Southeast Quadrant. Thanks to those that participated in parade this past Saturday. It was good to see such participation.

KC Emergency Dispatch Center – Kevin Sipple, thanks for the recognition. Come out to visit Delaware Ag Museum this Saturday.

KC Emergency Management Agency – No Report

KC Emergency Medical Services (Paramedics) – No Report

New Castle County Volunteer Firemen's Association – Dan Burris, pleasure to be here, our next meeting is October 2nd at Elsmere.

Sussex County Volunteer Firemen's Association – Jay Jones thanks for the recognition our next meeting is the 23rd at 7:00.

State Recruitment and Retention – No Report

Mutual Relief – Steve White, our next meeting is November 8th at Frederica

DEMA – No Report

NVFC – No Report

Delmarva Firefighter's Association – No Report

Special Guest – Clay Yocum, thanks for the recognition. Lamar Gunn, appreciate the work that you do. Delmarva, next meeting November 2nd in Chincoteague. Lou Amabili, thank you for the recognition.

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A motion was made, seconded, and carried for approval of the minutes of the previous meeting as printed.

Deceased Members: Station 43 – Howard Killen

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

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Robert Yerkes report of ending balances as of September 1, 2014: Roland Trader Scholarship Fund – \$11,492.37; Money Market – \$24,859.50; Checking Account – \$233.53; Smoke Detector Fund – \$646.60; Total of all CD's – \$17,479.68; Total funds – \$42,572.71 Treasurer's Report was accepted.

Written Correspondence – 1 Letter presented to the nominating committee for Jeff Eisenbrey.

Report of Committees

Fire Prevention – Earl Dempsey, every station should have received your packets. Dates as follows: November 7th by 5:00p.m. have your station selections turned in Fire School or 911 Center. November 9th at 1:00 p.m. we will meet in Frederica to select the winners. Ceremony is December 7th starts at 4:00 p.m. with cookies and punch at Carlisle, Milford, Delaware.

Nominations Committee – Bill Betts, All required letters of endorsement are in.

Fire Advisory – Marvin Sharp, we will be meeting October 20th in Magnolia.

Payment of Bills – None

Unfinished Business

Marvin Sharp, you have all heard about the Paramedic issues in the Southeast Quadrant of Kent County. I have heard that there is an endorsement coming on this. Milford has offered to set up a meeting for location. More discussion followed. President Brode stated a vote was planned for the concept of having another Paramedic Unit in that Quadrant location yet to be determined by the Levy Court.

Election of Officers

President Brode re-stated that nominations were closed.

Secretary Reyes called out the following nominations: President – Ken Ryder, 1st Vice President – Earle Dempsey, 2nd Vice President – Allan Post, Secretary – Pablo Reyes, Jr, Treasurer – Robert Yerkes, 1st Open Director – James Wosnicki, 2nd Open Director Jeff Eisenbrey. That is all the nominations for the open offices. President Brode, since all the offices were unopposed I will have the secretary cast a vote for all the offices except his own and the Treasurer will cast the one for the Secretary. The Secretary and the Treasurer cast their ballots with a yes vote.

New Business

P.J. Gosch made a motion and was seconded, and carried for both *associations to support the concept of putting a Paramedic Unit in the Southeast Quadrant of the County. Terry Pepper stated the location is up in the air.

Good of the Association

Robert Yerkes, Our banner not up because pole was too tall. It needs to have shorter pole purchased or cut existing pole.

50-50 – Mike Gosch

Conference Souvenir –

The next meeting will be at Felton Community Fire Company, Station 48 – October 15, 2014 Uniforms for those getting installed Class A's.

A motion was made and seconded, and carried to adjourn at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Pablo Reyes, Jr., Secretary

*Kent County and Chief's Associations was a combined meeting see Chief's Association minutes for items pertaining to the Chief's Association.