



## Kent County Volunteer Firefighter's Association

September 18, 2019

President Brittingham called the 1040<sup>th</sup> joint with Chief's Association meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at Station 52, Houston Fire Company. Following dinner served by the Auxiliary members of the station, Chief Alex Vasquez conveyed our thanks and appreciation to the Auxiliary members of the station. Bob Scott, President of Houston Fire Company gave the address of welcome; Vice President O'Neal gave the response.

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

### Introduction of Guests:

**DVFA** – President Jay Jones, we are coming of our Conference, I would appreciate any comments positive or negative. We will be having a wrap-up meeting in October. Starting the beginning of October, the Recruitment & Retention Task Force will start meeting from October to January when the legislators come back in session.

**State Fire Chief's Association** – No Report

**State EMS** – Jill Wix, thanks for the recognition, if you guys have anything feel free to reach out to any of our members.

**DVFA Ladies Auxiliary** – No Report

**State Fire Police Association** – Leslie States, our next meeting will be on October 28, 2019 at Gumboro.

**\*DVFA Conference** – Joe Zerolles, we are going to have a wrap-up meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup> of October at Cheswold. If you have any issues, comments, or complaints send me an email at [jz4730@comcast.net](mailto:jz4730@comcast.net).

**State Fire Prevention Commission** – Al Robinson, we are still having problems with DFIRs stations 41, 43, 45, 46, 52, 54, 55, and 57 contact the Fire Marshal's Office and see if you can get it up to date. Department of Health has received a \$5.8 million per year Grant to reduce Overdose Deaths in the State. We are looking at putting a committee together to address the possibility of the Commission handling issues between Fire Companies in the State, as it

may require changes to the statute. Next meeting is October 15<sup>th</sup> at the Fire School.

**Delaware State Fire School** – Jerry Brennan, sent email today to all EMT's reiterating Narcan Protocols. If there are any questions contact me.

**State Fire Marshal's Office** – No Report

**Legislature** – No Report

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

**Kent County Fire Police Association** – No Report

**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 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at Camden-Wyoming.

**Kent County Levy Court** – No Report

**KC Emergency Dispatch Center** – Kevin Sipple, finalized replacement of our radio console. Any problems notify us right away. Looking to replace paging system for the entire county through the budget process. One proposal from Motorola came in at over \$2 million. Trying to get the State to help fund this. New Castle and Sussex are doing the same thing.

**KC Emergency Management Agency** – No Report

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

**New Castle County Volunteer Firemen's Association** – Jim Watson, Greetings from President Gott could not be here tonight. We are overhauling our By-Laws and talking of reducing our meetings from 12 a year to 4 times a year. On October 18<sup>th</sup> we are having a dance with the Mason Dixon Band and the Delaware City Fire Company, tickets \$40.00. Delaware Valley Fire Chiefs is having a raffle, if anyone is interested.

**Sussex County Volunteer Firemen's Association** – thanks for the recognition, our next meeting is the 24<sup>th</sup> at Bethany Beach.

**State Recruitment and Retention** – No Report

**Mutual Relief** – Steve White, the rates went up a little bit, because everyone is starting to put in the claims. Bills have gone out and we will also email them, you need to have them paid by January 31<sup>st</sup> if not post

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marked or paid by that date you will not have insurance.

**DEMA** – No Report

**NVFC** – No Report

**Delmarva Firefighter's Association** – Elmer Steele, next meeting November 3<sup>rd</sup> at Gumboro.

**International Chief's** – No Report

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

**Deceased Members:** None reported

**Report of Officers:** All submitted or to be submitted in written or electronic form. *(President Brittingham spoke at some length about his attendance. Stated, I cannot comment on a lot of stuff on the account of an ongoing lawsuit. I have since taken a suspension from Camden-Wyoming and tendered my resignation of Camden-Wyoming. Camden-Wyoming is my sponsoring company to hold this position. I am going out the door, officially less than a month away. I have a lot going on at work, with having a newborn and a 6-year-old who hates to see me leave. So, this would be my last meeting as President, at the end of the meeting. Have any questions give me a call? I made some stuff for the incoming 2<sup>nd</sup> V.P. to keep him well informed, just officer's binders that I gave to all the companies. He has everything he needs to work with Benny and Mark. It's been a lot of fun. It's been a fun 3 years. I want to thank everyone for your help and support. We got a lot accomplished, that I am happy about. The biggest thing I couldn't be more thrilled about is the Gear Washers. They have been placed. They are open to be used by anyone that needs. Cancer is no joke protect yourselves. These are assets that the Kent County Levy Court gave us to protect ourselves. I did pick up the plaques from the Kent Center, Past President, County, Chiefs, and Firefighter of the Year have been updated. I delivered them back. The Association approved the funds but I went ahead and paid for them. There is no receipt.)*

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Shirley Pennington report of ending balances as of August 30, 2019: *Roland Trader Scholarship Fund – \$14,411.76; Special Operations Fund – \$17,109.24; Money Market – \$18,010.65; Smoke Detector Fund – \$806.60; Firefighter's Relief Fund – \$9,335.15; Checking Account – \$11,648.89; Total of all CD's – \$17,646.29; Total funds – \$38,777.28 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:** 1 item(s), 1 letter from Camden-Wyoming Fire Company referencing a personnel matter turned over to the Board of Directors.

**Report of Committees:**

Fire Advisory Board – Ed Welch, reports of the FAB funding distribution are in your folders. The Kent Levy Court appropriated an additional \$50,000 to make it \$900,000. The FAB voted 7 to 0 to distribute this year's added \$50,000 equally to all the 19 organizations. That is the recommendation of the FAB. We look to take a vote under New Business. Fire Prevention – Muriel Gillespie, love when we have the Fire Chief's here too, so everybody can hear at the same time. New Rule, on the paperwork there is a sticker that has to go on every Poster and Essay. It is coming from the State. It needs to be back to you by October 25<sup>th</sup>, to the County by November 8<sup>th</sup> at the Fire School.

**Payment of Bills:** by Treasurer Shirley Pennington || 60.00 – Ivin's Florist (Flowers for C. Jester); \$951.69 – Cheswold Fire Co. (Special Ops Equipment); \$522.60 Staples (Fire Prevention Copies); for total payments of \$1,534.29; A motion was made, seconded, and carried to pay the bills.

**Unfinished Business:** None

**Election of Officer's:**

President Brittingham, 4 people running for 2 - Director positions. We have pre-printed ballots made

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up. People running for Director positions are as follows: Ralph Satterfield (55), Donna Sivley (57), Chris Davila (49), Jason Capps (56) and their names are on the ballots. President Brittingham, with no objection, you circle your 2 choices and we will pick the top two choices as winners. Nominating Committee: Harold Brode, Bill Betts, Steve White will come by and pick up your ballots. President Brittingham called all the delegates names for each company stopping after 3 delegates received ballots. President Brittingham while vote is counted Chiefs Association will continue.

\*DVFA Conference report, see page 1

President Brittingham, short recess while count is completed.

President Brittingham called meeting back to order at 8:17 p.m.

Based on the Nominating Committee's count, President Brittingham called out the top 2 votes as Ralph Satterfield and Chris Davila. So, Ralph Satterfield and Chris Davila have been elected to the position of 3-year Director for the KCVFA and will be installed next month at Leipsic. A motion was made and seconded, and carried to destroy the ballots. A motion was made and seconded, and carried to have the Secretary cast the ballot for all uncontested positions. Secretary cast the ballot as yes for all uncontested positions as follows: President – Benny O'Neal; 1st Vice President – Mark Langford; 2nd Vice President – Gerald Manley; Secretary – Kenny Steele; Treasurer – Shirley Pennington.

**New Business:**

Marvin Sharp, at the DVFA Conference Business Meeting that the incoming DVFA President look into and see what it would take to remove the word Volunteer out of the name of the Delaware Volunteer Firefighters Association. A motion was made and seconded, and carried unanimously to send a letter to the DVFA and other 2 County's stating that we (KCVFA) reinforce (reemphasize) that the name Delaware Volunteer Firefighter's Association remains the Delaware **Volunteer** Firefighters Association. Ed Welch, A motion was made and seconded, and

carried to support the recommendation of the FAB on the 2019 Distribution of the Kent County Levy Court Community Grant and forward the information to County Administrator so he can proceed with Distribution.

**Good of the Association:**

Allan Post, Lowes out at Camden is doing a Safe Summer Days on October 12<sup>th</sup> we are asking for any fire apparatus, EMS, Fire Police, Emergency Services, and Fire School. I will be putting a letter out later this week. The public really enjoys it. If any body is interested, I will be sending the letter out.

50-50 – Bryan Jackson  
Conference Souvenir – none

*The next meeting will be at Station 53 Leipsic Fire Company – October 16, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. Installation meeting.*

A motion was made and seconded, and carried to adjourn at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Pablo Reyes, Jr., Secretary