



Kent County Volunteer Firefighter's Association

September 20, 2017

President Post called the 1018th meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. at Station 48, Felton Fire Company. Following dinner served by the Auxiliary of the station, Vice President Brittingham conveyed our thanks and appreciation to the Auxiliary of the station. Kevin Sipple, Chief of Felton Fire Company gave the address of welcome; Vice President Brittingham gave the response.

Roll Calls: Officers: 12 present, 1 absent; Companies: 18 present, 2 absent; Past Presidents: 9 KCVFA, 4 DVFA, and 8 Fire Company.

Introduction of Guests:

DVFA – President Richard Perillo, asking for everyone assistance as was said at the Conference this is your Association whatever you would like to do, let us know. Check out website www.dvfassn.com. Bill Betts, we hope everyone enjoyed the Conference. The Conference wrap-up is Monday October 16th in Cheswold. Anyone wishing to be on a committee get your form request filled out and turned in to the office. The bus going to the Memorial for be leaving Carlisle Fire Company Sunday October 8th at 6:00 a.m. New Castles bus will be leaving at 6:30 a.m. DVFA Recruitment and Retention has sent out letter to Company Presidents requesting how many members you have lost and recruited in the past 3 years. We need information to close out the Safer Grant and we are in development stages of Recruitment and Retention Program to present to the State Government. Vietnam Wall in D.C. looking for volunteers to read names off the Vietnam Wall in Washington D.C. from November 7th to the 10th. If you are interested in participating let me know. 15 or 30-minute turns. Richard Perillo, spoke Senator Coons about unrelated business tax income issue for income on our halls. Bill Betts, it was also brought up to Senator Carper's team.

State Fire Chief's Association – Andy Hall, next meeting January 25th 2018 are Fire Station 26

State EMS – Mike McMichael's on behalf of President Amy Yonko, after speaking with AG Matt Denn with regards to the Epi-pen problem and settlement for almost a million dollars. It was earmarked for the Attorney Fees and Medicaid Recipients. Question was why can't the Fire Service get some as well? AG said good question he would take it back to the manufacturers.

DVFA Ladies Auxiliary – No Report

State Fire Police Association – Les States, thanks for the recognition our next meeting will be November 19th at 9:00 a.m. at the Fire School.

DVFA Conference – John Stevenson, thanks to all that attended the Conference, we know it went well. We will have dinner at the Conference wrap-up at 6:00 p.m. meeting starting right after. If you have anything good, bad, or indifferent please let us know so we can pass it on for any changes. Designer mugs are left and on sale for \$6 and have some shirts left too. Again, thanks to all that attended.

State Fire Prevention Commission – Ted Walius, thanks for the recognition passing to Ron Marvel, we did have a meeting on Tuesday. Dr. Matthews was there and did speak to the Epi-pen and spoke about trying to get the price down. Discussion on some EMT's. Any questions see Ted Walius.

Delaware State Fire School – Tucker Dempsey, In-service training season is open. This past year we did a Junior Fire Camp and we also had a girl's camp. We are interested in numbers and currently they are low.

State Fire Marshal's Office – Grover Engel, we are at 7 fire fatalities in the State of Delaware the last one occurring on September 11th in the City of Wilmington and still under investigation and it appears in did not have a working smoke alarm. Right now, 6 of the 7 fire deaths did not have a working smoke alarm. We are making progress with the DFIRS Reports and we have been in contact with Fire Chiefs of the company and provided assistance. Juvenile division is down by one person and we are still able to meet our needs.

Legislature – No Report

Kent County Fire Chief's Association – Mark Langford, thanks for the recognition.

Kent County Fire Police Association – Leon Hyde, our next meeting is October 17th at Citizens Hose.

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Kent County Emergency Medical Services Committee – Not formed yet, No Report

Kent County Ladies Auxiliary – Melinda Jackson, thank you for the recognition.

Kent County Levy Court – No Report

KC Emergency Dispatch Center – Kevin Sipple, thanks for the recognition. We have a new employee Tim Brown working out really well.

KC Emergency Management Agency – No Report

KC Emergency Medical Services (Paramedics) – No Report

New Castle County Volunteer Firemen's Association – No Report

Sussex County Volunteer Firemen's Association – Elmer Steele, thanks for the recognition. We meet tomorrow night at Station 84 in Millville.

State Recruitment and Retention – No Report

Mutual Relief – Steve White, thanks for the recognition, we are waiting on the accountants to work on some issues. Before end of year will be a special meeting to make money or even things out. There will be messages coming out through email so make sure emails are updated.

DEMA – No Report

NVFC – No Report

Delmarva Firefighter's Association – No Report

International Chief's – Bill Betts, thanks for the recognition

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

Deceased Members: Station 55 – Doris Semans

Report of Officers: All submitted or to be submitted in written or electronic form

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Robert Yerkes report of ending balances as of September 1, 2017: Roland Trader Scholarship Fund – \$12,539.86; Special Operations Fund – \$29,371.41; Money Market – \$18,572.34; Smoke Detector Fund – \$656.60; Checking Account – \$6,561.41; Total of all CD's – \$17,593.68; Total funds – \$42,727.43 not including Scholarship & Special Ops Funds. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to accept the Treasurer's Report.

Written or Email Correspondence: None

Report of Committees:

Fire Advisory Board – Ed Welch, in your packets tonight is the proposed distribution for Levy Court's Distribution of Funds.

The numbers are based on the formula we developed back in 2010. The funds did not go up this year but they did not go down. Total came to \$800,000 with \$15,000 going to Special Operations. We will need to approve under New Business.

Fire Prevention, Smoke Detectors – Jeff Dennison, after speaking with Levy Court about Smoke Detectors they are interested in doing matching funds. Under proper order of business looking for \$3000 to fire detectors. There are no Fire Prevention matching funds this year.

Nominating Committee – Bill Betts read report for nominations to the following offices with no changes: President – Jeff Dennison, Station 40; 1st Vice President – Michael Brittingham, Station 41; 2nd Vice President – Ben O'Neal, Station 45 & 53; Secretary – Pablo Reyes, Jr., Station 50; Treasurer – Bob Yerkes, Station 52; Director – Jeff Eisenbrey Station 43; and Director – James Woznicki Station 53. We have no other new letters.

Payment of Bills: Robert Yerkes, I received a \$300.00 from President Post for reimbursement of the CFSI Dinner that he was unable to attend. Bills as follows: \$100.00 – M&M Trophies & Awards (Pocket Badge); \$255.00 – EVO Studios, Inc. (website semi-annual maintenance); A motion was made, seconded, and carried to pay the bills.

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Unfinished Business:

None

Election of Officers: President Post, you have heard from the nominating committee and there are no contested offices. A motion was made and seconded, and carried to have the Secretary cast all the ballots for stated positions except the Secretary and Treasurer cast the ballot for the Secretary.

Secretary Reyes cast a YES ballot for President – Jeff Dennison, Station 40; 1st Vice President – Michael Brittingham, Station 41; 2nd Vice President – Ben O'Neal, Station 45 & 53; Treasurer – Bob Yerkes, Station 52; Director – Jeff Eisenbrey Station 43; and Director – James Woznicki Station 53. Treasure Yerkes cast a YES ballot for Secretary – Pablo Reyes, Jr., Station 50

New Business:

Ed Welch, A motion was made and seconded, and carried to approve the FAB Proposal for 2018 Grant from Levy Court and Secretary write an official letter and send to the County Administrator.

Jeff Dennison, 1st Reading of a By-Laws change to Article VI Duties of standing committees, Section 5 Subsection B-2 | no change line 1, | changes to lines 2 and 3 to read as follows

One member appointed by the President of Kent County Fire Chiefs Association

From the Kent County EMS Committee to serve a term of one year

A motion was made and seconded, and carried to accept the 1st reading of the By-Laws change.

Pablo Reyes, Asking the KCVFA about the disposition of KCVFA records that date back to 1932 and have never been looked at in eleven years, should have them scanned or? Suggestions: keep current year and 2-3 more, we have ours going to the State Archives, everything has been scanned no idea as to costs. A motion was made and seconded, and carried to call State Archives.

Jeff Dennison, A motion was made and seconded, and carried to put up \$3000.00 as long as it is matched by the Levy Court. Steve White, \$200,000 to go to lower income who is handling? Right now, it is going through Wake-Up Delaware. We need to meet with Chiefs to decide where it will go and to identify where the needs are.

Kevin Sipple, are you aware of a partnership with the Red Cross to distribute/install smoke detectors. Targeting Felton and Dover looking for low poverty areas. I will send email to Jeff on it.

Good of the Association:

Randy Wood, looking for volunteers for Sam's Club Salvation Army fund raising.

50-50 – Richard Perillo

Conference Souvenir –

The next meeting will be at Station 40, Bowers (Installation) – October 18, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

A motion was made and seconded, and carried to adjourn at 8:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Pablo Reyes, Jr., Secretary