



Kent County Volunteer Firefighter's Association

September 21, 2016

President Dempsey called the 1007th meeting a joint meeting with the Chief's (KCFCA) to order at 7:00 p.m. at Station 55, Magnolia Volunteer Fire Company. Following dinner served by the Ladies Auxiliary of the station, Vice President Dennison conveyed our thanks to the Auxiliary of the station. Buck Dougherty, Deputy Chief of Magnolia Volunteer Fire Company gave the address of welcome; Vice President Dennison gave the response.

Roll Calls: Officers: 11 present, 2 absent; Companies: 20 present, 0 absent; Past Presidents: 11 KCVFA, 8 DVFA, and 9 Fire Company.

Introduction of Guests:

DVFA – President Ted Wallis, thanks to all that attend the conference, all ideas are welcome and appreciated. On Thursday's meeting changes to the bylaws for a permanent committee and budget have been delayed until the December 2016 meeting. Revolving loan fund has special offers for radios, power stretchers, breathing apparatus ambulance with special no limit with a 1% fee. Conference wrap-up meeting is October 17, 2016 at Cheswold.

State Fire Chief's Association – Terry Jester, thanks to all that attended the dance at the conference. October 1st at Greenwood we are having our chicken BBQ, start at 6:00 and normally sold out by 1:00.

State EMS – Jason Capps, no report thanks for the recognition.

DVFA Ladies Auxiliary – No Report

State Fire Police Association – No Report

DVFA Conference – John McKenzie, hope everyone enjoyed the conference. Next year Conference will have to start on a Tuesday. Any questions feel free to email John Stevenson or myself.

State Fire Prevention Commission – Ron Marvel, passed on to Joe Zerolos, BLS Protocols were adopted and go into effect on January 1st 2017. Next meeting is October 18th at the Fire School.

Delaware State Fire School – Tucker Dempsey, Basic Outside class starts this weekend. Send your folks with gear that fits them. National Fire Academy class starts in November.

State Fire Marshal's Office – Grover Engel, \$5.00 of the proceeds from the Christmas Ornaments goes to the Delaware Burn Camp. Jennifer Adams has started as the Juvenile Center Coordinator currently working at a convention.

Legislature – Senator Ennis, this year we had 7 Senate bills introduced that dealt with fire service and 6 passed. HB 275 was signed today named the DEMA Training Center after Jamie Turner.

Kent County Fire Chief's Association – President Chris Clough, no report thanks for the recognition.

Kent County Fire Police Association – Jeff Dennison, thanks for the recognition.

Kent County Emergency Medical Services Association – Jason Capps, next meeting is Monday at Cheswold.

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

Kent County Levy Court – No Report

KC Emergency Dispatch Center – Kevin Sipple, recently had our computers updated, if there are any issues call us. We are in the process of hiring 2 to 3 dispatchers testing is currently in progress.

KC Emergency Management Agency – No Report

KC Emergency Medical Services (Paramedics) – Kevin Sipple, we have 4 paramedics that are just out of training and being cleared. Goal is to be ready by the end of October or first week of November. Please let us know how the pilot program is working.

New Castle County Volunteer Firemen's Association – Les Warrick, our next meeting is October 13th at Minquadale Fire Company.

Sussex County Volunteer Firemen's Association – Elmer Steele, next meeting is next Tuesday at Millsboro.

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State Recruitment and Retention – No Report

Mutual Relief – Steve White, on the proposed billing should be coming out in November so you can get out at your December meeting to get them in no later than January 31st 2017. PowerPoint presentations are going very well.

DEMA – No Report

NVFC – No Report

Delmarva Firefighter's Association – No Report

International Chief's – No Report

A motion was made, seconded, and carried for approval of the minutes of the previous KCVFA meeting as printed. (With typo minor correction from pulse "sock" to "ox" on page 1 State Fire Prevention Commission section.)

Deceased Members: Station 45 – Robert E. Berghorn

Report of Officers – All submitted in written or electronic form. President Dempsey in reference to KGH being on divert, if it is impacting our service I would like our combined associations to bring this to light.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Robert Yerkes report of ending balances as of September 1, 2016: Roland Trader Scholarship Fund – \$12,185.44; Special Operations Fund – \$21,856.07; Money Market – \$22,313.87; Smoke Detector Fund – \$6,624.60; Checking Account – \$2,667.04; Total of all CD's – \$17,540.64; Total funds – \$64,377.62. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to accept the Treasurer's Report.

Written Correspondence – 2 letters of correspondence, 1st from the Magnolia Fire Company assigning their primary and alternate delegates. 2nd letter for Jack Potter's nomination turned over to Nominating Committee.

Report of Committees

CISM – Blake Bowers, we are having a re-organization meeting on the 25th of September 5:00 p.m. at Citizen's Hose, please RSVP. It would be really nice if we had at least one person from every station. We do operate State-wide. Recently there was an incident in Lewis and another with an infant involved where the crews did a fantastic job. We are here to help with all your fire service personnel. I ask that you call Kent Center and it has actually worked well. Sometimes you just need a Chaplin I am here for you even at 3:00 a.m.

Fire Advisory Board – Ed Welch, discussed two documents handed-out to Kent County companies with reference to Levy Court Distributions. FAB unanimously approved the distribution documents. Bring up under proper order of business. President Dempsey, during July FAB meeting on rescue billing looking for time with the Levy Court on the October agenda to include any research done, more to come on that.

Fire Prevention – Allan Post, all companies should have their packets for the schools and looking for assistance in the judging. Jeff Dennison, 400 10-Year Smoke Detectors will be purchased tomorrow morning at 22 per company. President Dempsey, we were put on the agenda for the 19 State School Superintendents and they were very receptive. It is incumbent on us to communicate with the schools and get the fire prevention packets out, we will make contact (DVFA or myself) if you get any push-back.

Payment of Bills – \$5,968.80 – Lowes (Smoke Detectors); A motion was made, seconded, and carried to pay the bills.

Unfinished Business – Steve White, for Fire Prevention a motion was made, seconded, and carried that the treasure issue a check for \$600 for the awards for Fire Prevention.

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Election of Officers – President Dempsey nominations were closed last meeting with single nominations for the following positions: President – Allan Post Station 64, 1st Vice President – Jeff Dennison Station 40, 2nd Vice President – Michael Brittingham Station 41, Secretary – Pablo Reyes, Jr. Station 50, Treasurer – Robert Yerkes Station 52, Director – Ralph Satterfield Station 55, and Director – Jack Potter Station 55 a motion was made and seconded, and carried to have Secretary cast ballots for all positions except his own and the Treasurer cast a ballot for the Secretary. Secretary Reyes cast a ballot in the affirmative for all positions but his own, and Treasurer Yerkes cast a ballot for Secretary Reyes.

New Business

Last year KCVFA assisted the Salvation Army and collected the most in one day of any organization. This year they would appreciate our help again on December 3rd 2016. We are looking for volunteers starting at 10:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Ask that you wear your fire service logo apparel to identify your organizations.

Ed Welch, a motion was made and seconded, and carried to approve the recommendation of the FAB on the funding distribution of companies for the Levy Court Community Grant.

Good of the Association

Michael Brittingham, one of our members Ryan Artigliere's wife just passed away feel free to give him a holler.

Ken Ryder, Station 48 Spaghetti dinner on September 30th 4 to 7 p.m. come on down.

Chief Jester, please consider purchase of ornaments at \$45 of which \$5 from each sale will be going to the Delaware Burn Center.

Allan Post, under Fire Prevention any children that took action on some type of Fire incident please contact us. We would like to recognize them.

50-50 – Andy Hall

Conference Souvenir –

The next meeting will be at Ambulance 64 Smyrna, old building (American Legion) – October 19, 2016 7:00 p.m.

A motion was made and seconded, and carried to adjourn at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Pablo Reyes, Jr., Secretary