



## Kent County Volunteer Firefighter's Association

September 9, 2015

President Ryder called the 996<sup>th</sup> meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. a joint meeting with the Chief's Association. at Station 51, Hartly Fire Company. Following dinner served by the Ladies Auxiliary of the station, Vice President Post conveyed our thanks to the Auxiliary. Al Metheny, President of Hartly Fire Company gave the address of welcome; Vice President Dempsey gave the response.

**Roll Calls:** Officers: 13 present, 1 absent; Companies: 19 present, 0 absent; Past Presidents: 15 KCVFA, 6 DVFA, and 10 Fire Company Presidents; Chief's Association: Dover AFB Chiefs – 0 present.

### **Introduction of Guests:**

**DVFA** – Vice President Joe Zeroles, Conference is coming next week hope to see you all there. There will be a round-table on September 16<sup>th</sup> Investment Counselor, Bill Preston our attorney, Mark Grubb from DIVCOM, and Executive Manager Warren Jones with DVFA Officers it will be a good event to attend for the administrative and fire line officers.

**State Fire Chief's Association** – Chief Steve "Redman" Maichle, next meeting in Cheswold on September 17<sup>th</sup> and our key note speaker will be Billy Goldfeder. There will be no tickets given out this year everybody can come. Thanks to those that showed for chicken BBQ.

**State EMS Association** – Jennifer Knox, see everybody at Camden, thanks for the recognition.

**DVFA Ladies Auxiliary** – No Report

**State Fire Police Association** – Al Schmick, thanks for the recognition see you at the conference.

**DVFA Conference** – John McKenzie, seminars are all a go this year some of the free seminars still have room. We will be taking credit cards this year.

**State Fire Prevention Commission** – Al Robinson, next meeting is September 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Fire School. At the August meeting DAG reported that DELDOT has collected over \$100,000.00 from fines but none has been turned-over to date. Also looking at dollars \$ from the EZ Pass violations too. It looks like there is more to come on this issue. After hearing 2 audit concerns a letter was accepted from one company and the other one was fined for 13 days late.

\*Fire Advisory Board – called from Chiefs area

**Delaware State Fire School** – Matt Gajdos, Fire Prevention month coming up, please get your requests in early. Several new classes being offered with deadline by the end of September that is when NFA wants registrations in and classes will be the first week of November.

**State Fire Marshal's Office** – Grover Engel, on the 22<sup>nd</sup> will be a public hearing for the proposed new regulations. You will be

able to make comments on the website. Annual report is coming out shortly and will be posted on the website.

**Legislature** – No Report

**Kent County Fire Chief's Association** – Combined with KCVFA meeting

**Kent County Fire Police Association** – Les States, thanks for the recognition next meeting will be the 20<sup>th</sup> of October.

**Kent County Emergency Medical Services Association** –

Chris Davila, next meeting is 28<sup>th</sup> of September at Leipsic.

**Kent County Ladies Auxiliary** – Shirley Pennington, thanks for the recognition anything we can do to support the organization just let me know.

**Kent County Levy Court** – No Report

**KC Emergency Dispatch Center** – Kevin Sipple thanks for the recognition. On September 21<sup>st</sup> we are hoping to see President's and Fire Chiefs with the FAB at Kent Center to discuss some critical issues for the fire service. WBOC did an interview over our SMART911 service. We would like to see company's putting information on your website's to direct them to [www.Smart911.com](http://www.Smart911.com) to help promote it. Individuals can put as much or as little information as they want to reveal. Other states that are using this with their provider will also be able to access the information when needed.

**KC Emergency Management Agency** – Family preparedness day is same day as the Fire Prevention Program.

**KC Emergency Medical Services (Paramedics)** – We are still working on the South East Corridor and looking to hire six medics by the end of the year.

**New Castle County Volunteer Firemen's Association** – Redman, next meeting is at Delaware City at Station 15.

**Sussex County Volunteer Firemen's Association** – Clay Yocum, next meeting Bethany Beach on the 22<sup>nd</sup>

**State Recruitment and Retention** – No Report

**Mutual Relief** – Steve White, the proposed AD&D policy can be found on the DVFA website. It will be voted on at the conference.

**DEMA** – No Report

**NVFC** – No Report

**Delmarva Firefighter's Association** – Clay Yocum, next meeting at Cordova on November 1<sup>st</sup>

**International Chiefs** – No Report

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

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

**Deceased Members:** None

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

**Treasurer's Report** – Treasurer Robert Yerkes report of ending balances as of September 1, 2015: Roland Trader Scholarship Fund – \$11,899.58; Special Operations Fund – \$7908.88; Money Market – \$27,707.65; Smoke Detector Fund – \$24.60; Checking Account – \$1,370.61; Total of all CD's – \$17,529.42; Total funds – \$48,237.56. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to accept the Treasurer's Report.

**Written Correspondence** – KCVFA - 1 letter was from Carlisle Fire Company informing the association of an Administrative change stating Ryan Knowles as President. || Chief's – by Shirley Pennington 1 letter from the Felton Community Fire Company nominating Chris Clough to the office of President for the Chief's Association.

### **Report of Committees**

\*Fire Advisory Board – Ed Welch, under the KCVFA proper order of business a motion will be made to make a formal request for an increase in funding from the Kent County Levy Court for the budget year 2017.

Fire Prevention – Earl Dempsey, Fire Prevention efforts are under way. Dates submitted are as follows: Packets back to Fire Companies by October 16<sup>th</sup> then back to the County by October 30<sup>th</sup>, Awards on December 6<sup>th</sup> asking any company that has a winner be in dress blues-uniforms at the event.

CISM Committee – Blake Bowers, next county meeting is September 10<sup>th</sup> at the Citizens Hose Company. It is always on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday. We will not meet in December. Keep me informed of any family members going into the hospital.

**Payment of Bills** – \$31.99 – Robert Yerkes (reimbursement for the attendance book); A motion was made, seconded, and carried to pay the bills.

### **Unfinished Business**

None

**Election of Officers:** - President Ryder called for the election of officers for positions as follows: President – Earle Dempsey, 1st Vice President – Alan Post, 2nd Vice President – Jeff Dennison, Secretary – Pablo Reyes, Jr., Treasurer – Robert Yerkes, Directors 3 year positions – Ron Vincent and Carroll Jester. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to have the Secretary cast a vote for all unopposed offices except his own and have the Treasurer cast the ballot for the Secretary. The Treasurer cast a Yes vote for the Secretary. The Secretary cast a Yes vote for all remaining unopposed offices.

### **New Business**

Ed Welch, A motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve the following motion as written and read. "That the KCVFA submit a formal budget request for the 2017 budget cycle to Kent County Levy Court through the County Administrator, the request should be for an additional \$165,000 (total of \$900,000) to the community grants for distribution to Kent County Fire and BLS Providers and additionally \$15,000 for Special Operations maintenance."

### **Good of the Association**

Harold Brode – October 1<sup>st</sup> at Harrington Fire Company our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual HPD & HFC Stress Buster. \$30 for shrimp, crab balls, calms strips, sausage sandwiches, and drinks with all proceeds going to Scholarships. Tickets are available.

Robbins Hose Company – October 24<sup>th</sup> get together great stories to be told with food and drinks free come and enjoy, just ask you RSVP to 302-736-4242

Pre-judging for the apparatus parade will be on turn four of the track and we can come in off of Leipsic Road with judging starting from 9 – 12.

Al Metheny – Annual Hartly sponsored breakfast will be on September 27<sup>th</sup> starting at 8:00 a.m.

Earle Dempsey – Annual Heritage day September 26<sup>th</sup> in Magnolia and we will start a 5K race at 8:00 a.m. followed by a parade. We would like neighboring companies to send apparatus.

Blake Bowers – Friday, September 11<sup>th</sup> an event at Citizen's Hose our ceremony will have a speaker on the port authority, this is the 14<sup>th</sup> year that we have done this event. Contact the station for more information if you are interested in attending.

50-50 – Tim Wallis

Conference Souvenir – Pablo Reyes, Jr.

*The next meeting will be at Magnolia Fire Company, Station 55 – October 21, 2015 7:00 p.m. (Installation of Officers)*

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

Respectfully submitted,



Pablo Reyes, Jr., Secretary