



Kent County Volunteer Firefighter's Association

January 16, 2013

President Pridemore called the 967th meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at Station 53, Leipsic Fire Company. Following dinner served by the Ladies Auxiliary of the station, Vice President Ryder presented our thanks to the auxiliary. Jim Woznicki, Vice President of the Leipsic Fire Company gave the address of welcome; Vice President Ryder gave the response.

Roll Calls: Officers: 11 present, 2 absent; Companies: 18 present, 1 absent; Past Presidents: 15 KCVFA, 9 DVFA, and 13 Fire Company Presidents.

Introduction of Guests:

DVFA – Charles Boyer, We met with Governor Markel on January 10th to present our agenda for 2013. We asked for funding for EMS, money in revolving loan fund and to join us in a recruitment & retention campaign. The governor was receptive to our concerns and asked many questions. JFC meeting is scheduled February 7th anyone may attend with Class A uniform. It will be at Legislative Hall meet there at 12:00. CFSI 25th annual dinner and we would like to see a good turn-out for State of Delaware. Company meeting presentations are continuing if you have not yet scheduled contact us. To new Chiefs and Presidents we need all company contact information. Reports from EMS and Department of Health about concern for number of Flu cases please ensure EMT's have had their Flu shots and use proper protection. It is not too late to get a Flu shot.

State Fire Chief's Association – Glenn Gillespie, next meeting is next Thursday night January 24th at Station 8. In addition to State Chiefs meeting on the 24th there is another function going on at the Fire School. Recognizing Newark in regards to their 125th anniversary.

State EMS Association – Ed Angwin, we have our meeting in conjunction with State Chiefs. Need more individuals attending we want your representation. A.I. DuPont has been given a preliminary Level 1 pediatric designee. DEMSOC asking for photos for annual report send them in.

DVFA Ladies Auxiliary – No Report

State Fire Police Association – No Report

DVFA Conference – Charlie Boyer, meeting next month February 18th at the Sheridan.

State Fire Prevention Commission – Alan Robinson, we met yesterday and Fire Marshal reported six Kent County companies are delinquent in their DFIRS reports. Updated regs are loaded. Still waiting on Fire Companies to get contact information in. BLS Medical Director states whenever EpiPen (epinephrine autoinjector) is used paperwork needs to be

completed. Smyrna Bayhealth E.R. is open. Audits not in on time will generate letter from commission to appear. Next meeting is February 19th Fire School at 9:00a.m.

Delaware State Fire School – Mike Lowe, Fire Safety Speaker from the Department of Education February 2nd get some folks out to the fire safety workshop. February 9th and 10th more workshops with a couple speakers talking about enhancing fire safety in the community. Please encourage Fire Safety people to attend.

State Fire Marshal's Office – Grover Engel, 2012 had 9 fatalities of which 8 had no working fire alarm. Wake-up Delaware has been a successful program. Educational component is something we need to continue to do. National level looking at hard wired smoke alarms being required in new homes.

Legislature – Senator Bruce Ennis, briefly 2nd week back and big issue seems to be gun control. Rep. Lee put a bill for Volunteer Firefighters allowing Surf Fishing permit at no cost, recently a bill has been proposed doing same thing for Veterans.

Kent County Fire Chief's Association – No Report

Kent County Fire Police Association – Richard Schwalb thanks for the recognition.

Kent County Ambulance Association – Mike Havel thanks for the recognition.

Kent County Ladies Auxiliary – Penny Gentry thanks for the recognition meeting next Tuesday.

Kent County Levy Court – No Report

Kent County Emergency Dispatch Center – No Report

Kent County Emergency Management Agency – No Report

Kent County Emergency Medical Services (Paramedics) – No Report

New Castle County Volunteer Firemen's Association – Dan Carrier, thanks for the recognition.

Sussex County Volunteer Firemen's Association – Todd Riley, next meeting is Tuesday. We are onboard with a 10 year fire detector program along with our counter parts in New Castle and Kent Counties. We are working on bulk buy for lower price. Governmental Affairs committee next meeting is at Little Creek on the 28th after which we will go to Joint Finance with focus on EMS funding.

State Recruitment and Retention – No Report

Mutual Relief – Joe Zerolles, thanks for the recognition.

DEMA – Glenn Gillespie, Delaware maybe receiving some winter weather. From central to northern end of state may get 1 to 3 inches.

NVFC – No Report

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A motion was made, seconded, carried for approval of the minutes of the previous meeting as printed. (Typo correction State Fire Chiefs changed to State Fire Police at the State Fire Police Association entry)

Deceased Members: Station 50 – Dale Dean, Frank Collins, and Bill Brannock (March is last month to enter deceased members for recognition at the April memorial meeting)

Report of Officers – All submitted in written or electronic form. President Pridemore, DVFA GAC will present funding request for \$100,000 per company to the JFC. Please send representation to the CFSI May 9th expecting 250 from State of Delaware they have helped us tremendously. Thanks to the Fire Prevention Committee for a successful fire prevention program and banquet.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Robert Yerkes report of ending balances as of January 1, 2013: Roland Trader Scholarship Fund – \$9032.67; Checking Account – \$3,510.90; Money Market – \$26,803.29; Smoke Detector Fund – \$6,806.00; Total of all CD's – \$17,241.32; Total funds – \$47,555.51. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to accept the report as read.

Written Correspondence – 3 letters read, 1st letter from the Dover Fire Department stating their primary and alternate KCVFA delegates. 2nd letter from the Harrington Fire Company stating their primary and alternate KCVFA delegates. 3rd letter from the Hartly Fire Company stating their primary and alternate KCVFA delegates.

Report of Committees

Appreciation Banquet – Charles Coverdale Appreciation Night is fast approaching get your ticket monies in with \$50 for gift.

Fire Prevention – Harold Brode, Fire Prevention committee presented Muriel Gillespie with thank you plaque for her outstanding service to the committee and efforts to help reduce costs of the program.

Fireman of the Year 2012 – John Pridemore for Frank King is requesting that companies submit their nominations on company no later than January 31, 2013.

Safe Summer Days – Ken Ryder, Safe Summer Days has been established to be June 15th 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Fire Advisory Board – Marvin Sharp, thanks to all that came out Sunday we had a good turn-out. We tried to come up with a good work-able plan. Those that were not there Sunday we will go through this now as an overview to show you what was

presented on Sunday. Also all fire companies have a copy of this presentation. Vote will be taken at the next meeting February 20th. www.kcvfa.com has a copy of the presentation. Any questions reach out to Marvin Sharp or go to your representation on the Fire Advisory Board.

Payment of Bills – \$30.43 – Robert Yerkes (check stamp and 50/50 tickets); \$800.00 – Ladies Auxiliary, Carlisle Fire Company (Fire Prevention Dinners); \$636.40 – Muriel Gillespie (Fire Prevention supplies); \$109.00 – Awards, Trophies & More (Fire Prevention Plaque); \$78.00 – Clayton Fire Company (Association meeting cards); \$225.00 – Central Delaware Chamber of Commerce (2013 dues); for the Total – \$1878.83 A motion was made and seconded, and carried to pay the bill.

Unfinished Business

Robert Yerkes, as of tonight all the dues have been paid.

New Business

None

Good of the Association

Debra Lawhead, tomorrow is deadline to submit your pension. Rev. Blake Bowers, 2 CSIM opportunities coming up. Any individuals interested please see me. I have brochures for you to take back to your chaplains.

Mike McMichael, board for Station 58 needs to go back.

Glenn Gillespie, Walton Johnson Past President of DVFA passed away yesterday if anyone remembers him Saturday and Sunday services. Internment at Millsboro Cemetery Robert Yerkes, Houston Fire Company selling pool table put in bid by Monday.

President Pridemore, clarification on recognizing any Military Veteran not just Active Duty Military.

50-50 – Leroy Dear

Conference Souvenir –

The next meeting will be at the Little Creek Fire Company, Station 54 – February 20th

A motion was made and seconded, and carried to adjourn at 8:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Pablo Reyes, Jr., Secretary