



Kent County Volunteer Firefighter's Association

January 18, 2012

President White called the 956th meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at Station 41, Camden-Wyoming Fire Company. Following dinner served by the members of the station, President Leroy Dear of the Camden-Wyoming Fire Company gave the address of welcome; Vice President Brode gave the response.

Roll Calls: Officers: 14 present, 0 absent; Companies: 16 present, 3 absent; Past Presidents: 12 KCVFA, 6 DVFA, and 10 Fire Company Presidents.

Introduction of Guests:

DVFA – Charles Boyer, Warren Jones would be here but he lost his brother Monday evening. DVFA officers and the Executive Manager has started meeting with all the fire companies throughout the state typically with a 20 minute presentation so far the presentation has been well received. We have not met with any companies in Kent County any companies interested in setting up a meeting please contact the DVFA Office or Kent County DVFA Director. We have met with Governor Markell and the meeting went very well with discussion on the current economic conditions and how they could affect our requests. Government Affairs committee met and they are preparing for a presentation to JFC on February 2nd anyone available and wishing to attend please come in class A uniforms. Legislative Hall when you speak to any of your representatives please ask for their support.

State Fire Chief's Association – Glen Gillespie, thanks for the recognition and next meeting at station 26, Townsend.

State Ambulance Association – Ed Angwin thanks for the recognition our next meeting is with the Chiefs at Townsend.

DVFA Ladies Auxiliary – Penny Rodimak thanks for the recognition.

State Fire Police Association – No report

DVFA Conference – Mike McMichael, Executive meeting is going to be January 30th a lot of things to review to be prepared for meeting at the Sheraton on February 20th in Dover.

State Fire Prevention Commission – Al Robinson, Keep eye on website for updates. This may affect your budget. Fire School Director asked for and received permission to begin charging fire companies with individuals testing EMT for 3rd time. The 2nd time charge will be \$350 and the 3rd time failed will be \$700. A version of protocols was passed when the signatures are done have EMT's read and adhere to them. Still need your officer information with only 4 companies having them turned in. It is needed please get the information in. Audit paperwork must be in order follow the instructions or they will be returned.

Delaware State Fire School – No Report

State Fire Marshal's Office – No Report.

Legislature – Senator Ennis, SB67 memorializing the EMT. Signage out now is illegal according to Federal Regulation. We need legislators to introduce bill to congress. Contacts with Highway Safety we are looking for a waiver on the 2 signs up now. We are waiting for responses from US Department of Transportation.

Kent County Fire Chief's Association – Shirley Pennington, thanks for the recognition next meeting at Station 42

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

Kent County Ambulance Association – Ed Angwin, next meeting at Station 51.

Kent County Ladies Auxiliary – President Penny Gentry, thanks for the recognition and next meeting in Harrington.

Kent County Levy Court – No Report

Kent County Emergency Dispatch Center – No Report

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Kent County Emergency Management Agency – No Report

Kent County Emergency Medical Services (Paramedics) – No Report,

New Castle County Volunteer Firemen's Association – President Charles Sheridan, thanks for the recognition.

Sussex County Volunteer Firemen's Association – next meeting Station 74.

State Recruitment and Retention – No Report

Mutual Relief – Joe Zeroles, No Report

DEMA – Glen Gillespie, thanks for the recognition.

NVFC – No Report

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

Deceased Members: Station 48 – William Chambers, Jr., Station 41 – Vincent Saracuse, Station's 44 & 45 – James E. Turner, Jr., Station 42 – John Froland, Station 42 – Ken Fountain, Station 42 – Bruce Sharp

Report of Officers – All submitted in written or electronic form. Vice President Pridemore summarized that in the upcoming March 21st meeting we will be celebrating the 2nd annual Military Recognition night. We are asking please notify us by March 2nd of the members in your companies that are eligible.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Robert Yerkes report of ending balances as of January 1, 2012: Roland Trader Scholarship Fund – \$7,355.89; Checking Account – \$297.16; Money Market – \$24,062.65; Smoke Detector Fund – \$6423.00; Total of all CD's – \$19,949.51; Total funds – \$44,309.32

Written Correspondence – 3 letters read, 1st letter from Dover Fire Company stating their delegates and alternates. 2nd letter from the Felton Community Fire Company stating their delegates and alternates. 3rd letter from Felton Community Fire Company stating their support on the concepts of the Kent County Funding Proposal.

Report of Committees

Constitution and Bylaws, Kevin Wilson – proper order of business for 1st reading.

Fire Prevention, John Pridemore – thanks to all for your support in the program. Total cost of program was under budget.

Website, Kevin Wilson – work in progress needs to get a lot of information still put on it. Anyone wants to help see me.

Wake Up Delaware, Jeff Dennison – Any companies needing anything let me know now by next month I will put order in.

Safe Summer Days, John Pridemore – A lot of changes with Safe Summer Days, Directors we will be using you for this event. The date is Jun 30th at Brecknock Park. We lost a major sponsor and we are looking for donations.

Fire Advisory Board, Marvin Sharp – We are working on another helicopter issue but do not have enough information. We need feedback from all of you. Only 7 reports over 2 years is not enough information.

Ladies Night, Frank King could not make it tonight and he asked me to read. He wanted me to remind you that Firemen of the Year nomination must be in by January 31st with President's signature on it. Tickets not sold must be back by February 15th. It was the opinion of committee not to have a band this year. Also, companies should bring at least 2 door prizes. Any questions contact Frank.

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Audit Committee, Pablo Reyes – read audit report from George Pyott, Jr. books found to be in order and all monies accounted for from October 1, 2010 to September 30, 2011.

Payment of Bills – \$400.00 – Ladies Auxiliary, Carlisle Fire Company (Fire Prevention meals); \$709.30 – Muriel Gillespie (Fire Prevention Expenses); \$225.00 – Central Delaware Chamber of Commerce (Dues for 2012)

Unfinished Business

None

New Business –

Kevin Wilson, Constitution and Bylaws are in printed form and everyone should have a copy so we can consider this a 1st reading. I am just going to go over some of the highlights. Step by step if necessary. Standardize wording, covering all contingencies, added mission statement, updated our logo (blue and gold), keep delegates and alternates but only one vote per company, added Ambulance 64 to have representation, standing motions page (saves bylaw changes), President can appoint officers as needed, defined a quorum, and that covers most of the major changes. Are there any questions? Bruce Ennis, rationale for 1 vote for companies. After much discussion, Kevin stated it just a recommendation certainly we will go with wishes of the association. *A motion was made and seconded and passed that this was the 1st reading of the Constitution and Bylaws changes for the Kent County Volunteer Firefighter's Association.*

Blake Bowers stated International Critical Incident Stress Foundation offers training that can be used as a tool to help 1st responders. Training is requested for Chaplin Paul and myself with cost not to exceed \$1300. DVFA Treasurer Al Metheny stated funds are available for such training through the DVFA a motion will not be needed.

John Pridemore, a motion was made seconded and passed to send two letters to Carlisle Fire Company 1 to the Ladies Auxiliary for the preparing and serving of the food at the recent Fire Prevention Program Event and a 2nd to the Carlisle Fire Company for hosting the Kent County Fire Prevention Program Event.

John Pridemore, a motion was made seconded and passed to purchase 6 shirts for the officers as new or replacement shirts.

Good of the Association

Mike McMichael, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Ambulance Station 64, Cheswold and Hartly, my mother has moved in neighborhood. She is not in the best of health and thankful that she is in good hands. Thanks for taking care of my family.

50-50 – Ronnie Vincent :

Conference Souvenir –

A motion was made and seconded, and carried to adjourn at 8:43 p.m.; Rev. Paul gave the benediction.
The next meeting will be at Carlisle Fire Company 42, Milford

Respectfully submitted,



Pablo Reyes, Jr., Secretary