



## Kent County Volunteer Firefighter's Association

October 17, 2012

President White called the 965<sup>th</sup> meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at Station 45, Clayton Fire Company. Following dinner served by the Ladies Auxiliary of the station, Vice President Brode presented our thanks to the auxiliary. Nick Sawyer, President of the Clayton Fire Company gave the address of welcome; Vice President Brode gave the response.

**Roll Calls:** Officers: 13 present, 1 absent; Companies: 18 present, 1 absent; Past Presidents: 16 KCVFA, 8 DVFA, and 11 Fire Company Presidents.

### **Introduction of Guests:**

**DVFA** – Charles Boyer, As many of you know there was a line of duty death in Dagsboro on September 27<sup>th</sup>. The DVFA worked with Dagsboro from when the accident occurred until the following Saturday. I would like to thank the DVFA team and those that participated in the viewing and attended the funeral. Government Affairs committee has a meeting October 29<sup>th</sup> at Little Creek. Communications Future Committee and Delaware Division of Communications will have a meeting this week to start the planning for broadband. There was a meeting at the Public Safety on mass gatherings. November 6 election day encourage all to get out and vote.

**State Fire Chief's Association** – Glenn Gillespie next meeting January 24<sup>th</sup> at Station 8 coincides with Newark's 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary in the fire service. Special thanks for helping out in Dagsboro the young man was a relation to my wife.

**State EMS Association** – Ed Angwin, our next meeting is January 24<sup>th</sup> at Station 8 with the State Fire Chief's. 600 EMT's that have completed mandatory update all others NOT completed will lose their certification. Issue's with the MOST form any questions call in to the medical control. Bay Health is getting ready to open a new E.D. in Smyrna with Open House on the 25<sup>th</sup> of October but not yet ready to take patients.

**DVFA Ladies Auxiliary** – Penny Rodimak thanks for the recognition

**State Fire Police Association** – David Snell thanks for the recognition our next meeting is November 18<sup>th</sup> at the Fire School.

**DVFA Conference** – John Stevenson conference wrap-up meeting went well and thanks to all the committees to helping make the conference successful.

**State Fire Prevention Commission** – Marvin Sharp, one EMTB license was suspended pending public hearing.

**Delaware State Fire School** – Steve Martin thanks for the recognition.

**State Fire Marshal's Office** – Grover Engel working with the A.G. to finalize regulation and put in registry at which time ten days after it will go into effect.

**Legislature** – Representative Lincoln Willis, Senator Bruce Ennis, and Senator David Lawson thanks for the recognition.

**Kent County Fire Chief's Association** – No Report

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

**Kent County Ambulance Association** – No Report

**Kent County Ladies Auxiliary** – Penny Gentry thanks for the recognition.

**Kent County Levy Court** – Brooks Banta, Allan Angel, Glen Howell, Eric Buckson, Terry Pepper, Jody Sweeney, Mike Petit de Mange in attendance. Brooks Banta and commissioners presented checks to the companies and paid tribute to Reverend Dave Paul to include a Levy Court pin. President White presented a tribute to Rev. Paul from KCVFA to include a certificate for a Jacket and Logo. Clayton Fire Company Nick Sawyer also presented a tribute to Rev. Paul. Additionally, Levy Court paid tribute to DVFA President Charlie Boyer in honor of his selection for 2012-2013 and a tribute to Gerald Mood as F.O.Y. for 2012

**Kent County Emergency Dispatch Center** – Kevin Sipple thanks for the recognition

**Kent County Emergency Management Agency** – No Report

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

**New Castle County Volunteer Firemen's Association** – Steve (Redman) Maichle, next meeting be December 1st at Station 14 with the Chiefs.

**Sussex County Volunteer Firemen's Association** – William Buckaloo our next meeting is October 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**State Recruitment and Retention** – No Report

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**Mutual Relief** – Joe Zeroles, passed out letter asking for information need it back soon as possible so we can get numbers accurate for a new price on the policy. Meeting dates are the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday in November, February, and May.

**DEMA** – Glenn Gillespie thanks for the recognition.

**NVFC** – No Report

**Delaware Treasury Office** – Barbara Bennett representing Chip Flowers offering thanks and to hand out a few checks with all others sent electronically.

*A motion was made, seconded, carried for approval of the minutes of the previous meeting as printed.  
(Typo on the 1<sup>st</sup> page name changed from "Bill to Vale")*

**Deceased Members:** Station 46 – John H. Wilson, Station 47 – Dennis Dean

**Report of Officers** – All submitted in written or electronic form. President White with a short final report thanks to all. We need younger members involved. One company one vote needs to be part of bylaws, establish a logo for our organization, continue to work with Levy Court and last but not least work more on Recruitment and Retention.

**Treasurer's Report** – Treasurer Robert Yerkes report of ending balances as of October 1, 2012: Roland Trader Scholarship Fund – \$9031.53; Checking Account – \$297.20; Money Market – \$23,599.70; Smoke Detector Fund – \$6,806.00; Total of all CD's – \$20,265.55; Total funds – \$44,162.45. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to accept the report as read.

**Written Correspondence** – None

### **Report of Committees**

Appreciation Banquet – Muriel Gillespie, Banquet will be February 23, 2013 all monies & unused tickets due back by January 16, 2013 and anyone needing more tickets contact me.

Fireman of the Year 2012 – John Pridemore for Frank King is requesting that companies submit their nominations on company letter head signed and approved by the company president.

Fire Prevention – Harold Brode, Fire Prevention essays and posters must be in by October the 19<sup>th</sup> from all schools and judged to us by November 2<sup>nd</sup> get us the 1<sup>st</sup> place winners.

Fire Advisory Board – John Pridemore, letters due in for vacating office Ed Welch's term is up and looking for him to submit letter, again anyone interested in the position must have letters in by next meeting.

**Payment of Bills** – \$600.00 – Stephen White (Past President's Expenses); \$145.35 – Clayton Fire Company (Ladies Night tickets and Past President jacket) A motion was made and seconded, and carried to pay the bills.

### **Unfinished Business**

None

### ***Deviation of Business: Installation of Officers***

*Kevin Wilson presided over installation of the Officers for the year 2012-2013. The officers that were installed are President – John Pridemore, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Harold Brode, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – Ken Ryder, Secretary – Pablo Reyes, Treasurer – Robert Yerkes, Assistant Secretary – Shirley Pennington, Chaplin – Blake Bowers, Directors – Ronnie Vincent and Jeff Dennison. Remaining Directors – Charles Coverdale, Harry Lindale, Ralph Satterfield, and Jim Woznicki*

Individual and group photos were completed after which President Pridemore presented Past President White with a check, Past President's pin, and a thank you note. Lorraine Madden presented President Pridemore a gift representing "Driving Ms. Daisy" Station Q fire truck. Introductory speech from President Pridemore attached to minutes.

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**New Business**

Past President White, A motion was made and seconded, and carried to have each company contribute \$50 to the Appreciation Banquet in support of the auction and table gifts.

**Good of the Association**

Robert Yerkes, October 4<sup>th</sup> Ernest Harding celebrated his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday with his 75<sup>th</sup> year in the fire service. President Boyer was there and we thank you for certificate. Mr. Harding is alert and was talking that he was in WWII as a turret gunner. Appreciate all that was done for him.

Harold Brode I would be remiss if I did not thank Pope Paul for being here to keep me straight this past year you will be missed Pope.

Rev. Blake Bowers short biography and stated he wants position to be of more service to all. Please call I have many skills to offer. Happy to serve and thank you for the opportunity.

President Pridemore thanks to all in Clayton Fire Company for your support.

Al Metheny, Soup and sub sale this coming Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> October Chicken Salad dinner.

Ken Ryder thanks for the opportunity to serve as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President anyone that does want fried oysters & chicken salad we will have them at Felton Fire Company on Saturday.

Steve White, Marcus Landon fell asleep on way home, we are having a benefit craft show to help him along.

50-50 – Blake Bowers

Conference Souvenir –

*The next meeting will be at the Hartly Fire Company, Station 51 – November 21<sup>st</sup>*

A motion was made and seconded, and carried to adjourn at 9:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Pablo Reyes, Jr., Secretary