



Kent County Volunteer Firefighter's Association

October 19, 2011

President Gillespie called the 954th meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. at Station 49, Frederica Volunteer Fire Company. Following dinner served by the Ladies Auxiliary of the station, Vice President Pridemore presented gratuities to the auxiliary. Chief Rentz of the Frederica Volunteer Fire Company gave the address of welcome; Vice President Pridemore gave the response.

Roll Calls: Officers: 12 present, 2 absent; Companies: 17 present, 2 absent; Past Presidents: 11 KCVFA, 10 DVFA, and 11 Fire Company Presidents.

Introduction of Guests:

DVFA – Charlie Frampton, Congratulations to Glenn on a good year. DVFA Conference wrap up is on Monday and we are looking for new people. Directors will be working with committees. Safer Grants Recruitment and Retention will have Mr. Earl Dempsey from Magnolia take over the position. Commission meeting Deputy Attorney General brought out information about the sexual abuse training that all will have to go through. Anyone that is in houses or anything to do with ambulance will be affected. They have been asked to attend DVFA meeting. Fire Prevention awards are coming up.

State Fire Chief's Association – Glenn Gillespie, next meeting January 24 at Townsend, thanks for the recognition.

State Ambulance Association – Ed Angwin, reiterate things brought up about conference. No cancellations everything went very well. Thanks to Jerry Brennan for handling registration and the ConEd classes at night. Next meeting will be with the State Chiefs in January. BLS Protocols is still a work in progress. Eden reports need to be in a timely manner.

DVFA Ladies Auxiliary – No report

State Fire Police Association – No report

DVFA Conference – Mike McMichael, next meeting February 20th will be looking for people to fill in for those retiring. Any questions see me. Thanks to my mentor, icon Elmer Steele.

State Fire Prevention Commission – Marvin Sharp, AG office has goal of training 35000 people in the next 12 months about sexual abuse towards kids and the elderly. They can go after leadership if you know something is going on and if convicted fined up to \$10,000 personally. They will make commitment to come to fire house for training. If you have any knowledge of mistreating a child let someone know. \$4700 fine was made for turning audit in late. The folding stretcher is now an optional item on the ambulance. Next meeting is 15th of November.

Delaware State Fire School – No Report

State Fire Marshal's Office – No Report

Legislature – Senator Ennis, SB67 Memorial Signage is still being coordinated with the Secretary of Transportation waiting on a response from the Federal Government. SB130 the word Keno was inserted making it part of the Lottery Commission not Bingo. We will be back in session on the 2nd Tuesday in January. There will be an administrative budget hearing in November.

Kent County Fire Chief's Association – Shirley Pennington Thanks for the recognition next meeting at Dover AFB.

Kent County Fire Police Association – Alvin Schmidt, next meeting in November.

Kent County Ambulance Association – P.J. Gosch our next meeting will be Monday at Cheswold.

***Kent County Ladies Auxiliary** – President Penny Gentry, 2nd V.P. Shirley Pennington, 1st V.P. Debra Lawhead and Secretary Jan White thanks for the recognition.

Kent County Levy Court – Commissioner Banta, Dave Buxton is doing ok. This is my 15th event and in that time we have given out is close to 6 million and it is not enough. Most of people migrating from PA, NJ, and NY to Kent County are not aware that you are a Volunteer service. Bottom line you need to educate people on what it takes to run a firehouse. Let them know what you are doing for nothing. County Administrator with assistance handed out the County Checks. We are looking forward to November 1st meeting on funding.

State Representative for Treasurer – Richard Rexrode representing State Treasurer Flowers distributed State Checks.

Kent County Emergency Dispatch Center – No Report

Kent County Emergency Management Agency – No Report

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

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New Castle County Volunteer Firemen's Association – Robert Sutton, thanks for the recognition.

Sussex County Volunteer Firemen's Association – Todd Robins, next meeting October 25th at Lewis.

State Recruitment and Retention – No Report

Mutual Relief – No Report

DEMA – Glenn 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. Typo's in Septembers minutes were corrected. 1st page 2nd paragraph from "excluding what you are already getting" to "including current Grant & Aid"

Deceased Members: Station 41 – John Barrett, Station 41 – John Butler, Station 57 – Richard Roeill

*Deviation of business back to Kent County Ladies

Report of Officers – All submitted in written or electronic form. *President Gillespie presented a small token of appreciation to his wife and his summarized report is attached.*

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Robert Yerkes report of ending balances as of October 1, 2011: Roland Trader Scholarship Fund – \$7,354.04; Checking Account – \$239.60; Money Market – \$21,751.75; Smoke Detector Fund – \$6423.00; Total of all CD's – \$19,949.51; Total funds – \$41,940.86

Written Correspondence – 2 letters read, 1st letter from Camden-Wyoming Fire Company requesting Grant and Aid be restored to 100%. 2nd letter from Kent County Ambulance Association requesting a matter be turned over to the Fire Advisory Board and that Ambulance 64 get Fire Advisory Board representation.

Report of Committees

Constitution and Bylaws, Kevin Wilson – draft of the bylaws is complete please look at them and email me the comments. This is not a 1st reading and one of the corrections made was the oversight of Ambulance 64 for Fire Advisory Board representation.

Website, Kevin Wilson – several things have been added is progressing along nicely. Visit the website at www.kcvfa.com.

Fire Prevention, John Pridemore – the packets need to be back to your organization prior to October 21st. November the 4th 1st place winners must be submitted. November 18th must have 1st place winners to State Chairman. December 18th will be the banquet. Do not call for winners list we will notify you at the banquet. Winners from the County will go up to the state sometime in January of 2012.

Fire Advisory Board, Marvin Sharp – We heard Levy Court Commissioner Banta say we need to educate the people. It is a work in progress.

Payment of Bills – \$600.00 – Glenn Gillespie (President's expenses); \$69.99 – Clayton Fire Co. (Past President's Jacket)

Unfinished Business

None

President Gillespie called all current officers of the association to the floor for a special presentation of thanks. Additionally, tokens of appreciation to Mrs. Pridemore and Mrs. White.

New Business –

Installation of Officers by Elmer Steele: President – Steve White, 1st Vice President – John Pridemore, 2nd Vice President – Harold Brode, Secretary – Pablo Reyes, Jr., Treasurer – Robert Yerkes, Chaplin – Rev. Dave Paul, Assistant Chaplin – Blake Bowers, Director's – Harry Lindale, Jim Woznicki Ronald Vincent, Jeff Dennison, and Ralph Satterfield.

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Gavel passed to President White.

President White presented a gift (Past President's jacket) and check with a Past President's pin to Past President Glenn Gillespie.

A motion was made and seconded, and carried to move forward on the letter presented by the Kent County Ambulance Association. In reference to this same issue; Al Metheny, helicopter getting cancelled as often as it is we need to take action, Marvin Sharp, need specifics so we can act on this, President White stated it will be turned over to the Fire Advisory Board.

A motion was made and seconded, and carried to replace missing badges for directors and officers missing one.

A motion was made and seconded to have banner updated to reflect our new name but after the discussion that followed about getting Logo updated first, the motion and second were withdrawn.

Good of the Association

Glenn Gillespie stated that on October 29th Wills for Heroes will be at Station 42 to have your Will completed FREE you should bring some documentation. Check the website Wills for Heroes to find more information on what to bring in order to prepare your Will. Also, November 27th Annual Carlisle Craft show.

Saturday, October 29th is the 125th Anniversary for Citizen's Hose.

50-50 – Michael J. Petit de Mange

Conference Souvenir –

A motion was made and seconded, and carried to adjourn at 9:25 p.m.; Rev. Paul gave the benediction.

The next meeting will be at American Legion Ambulance Station 64, Smyrna

Respectfully submitted,



Pablo Reyes, Jr., Secretary