



Kent County Volunteer Firemen's Association

November 17, 2010

President Gillespie called the 944th meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at Station 46, Dover Fire Company. It was followed by a dinner served by members of the station. Tom Kennedy, President of Dover Fire Company gave the address of welcome; Vice President Pridemore gave the response.

Roll Calls: Officers: 12 present, 1 absent; Companies: 18 present, 1 absent; Past Presidents: 12 KCVFA, 5 DVFA, and 10 Fire Company Presidents.

Introduction of Guests:

DVFA – Charles Frampton, President Tobin is attending another function in Sussex County. The posting for the Executive Manager is on until the 25th of this month with no idea of how many applications are in. They will be interviewing the applications by numbers and not the person's name; position will be filled based on the application. Recruitment and Retention person to replace and there are several applications in for review. Young Firefighter from Blades was hurt on Sunday when a tree fell on his head. He is in ICU doing well but asks no visitor's at present time. Next meeting will be December 12th 9:00 a.m.

State Fire Chief's Association – Glenn Gillespie, next meeting will be January 27th 2011 at Station 14 Cranston Heights.

State Ambulance Association – Ed Angwin, next meeting – January 27th along with the State Chiefs.

DVFA Ladies Auxiliary – Lorraine Madden, Thanks for the recognition.

State Fire Police Association – Dave Snell, Thanks for the recognition.

DVFA Conference – No Report

State Fire Prevention Commission – Marvin Sharp, yield to Kevin Wilson, good meeting highlight Deputy A.G. proposed adopt a new complaint form goes from informal process to a more formal process. He asked that if you are asked fill one out. Ambulance regulations email me for a copy and I will get a copy to you. Questions brought up on National Registry vs. National Highway Safety program, Delaware EMT more to come on that. Marvin Sharp, 21 concerns brought up and will be published with paper on table's next meeting. Title 16 committee will meet November 22nd on how to get the legislative wording to get the official ok. Issues on integrity came up with conflicts involving commissioners.

Delaware State Fire School – No Report

State Fire Marshal's Office – No Report

Legislature – Representative Bob Outten and Senator Bruce Ennis, thanks for your support and pleasure to be here.

Kent County Fire Chief's Association – Phil Pennington, P.J. next meeting December 8th at station 47

Kent County Fire Police Association – Alvin Schmick, next meeting at Felton December 21st

Kent County Ambulance Association – Ed Angwin, next meeting 22nd at Camden

Kent County Ladies Auxiliary – Pat Paolini, Thanks for the recognition

Kent County Levy Court – Harold Brode, Thanks for the support

Kent County Emergency Dispatch Center – Kevin Sipple, Thanks to Harold Brode for all your help in public safety. During October new 911 telephone system went in. During that time no interruption of service. Tomorrow we meet on the budget. We are looking at a five-year plan. Changes were made to the Helicopter responses by the county and discussed dispatching policies. 93% non-usage rate. In a 20 minute dome a helicopter can be dispatched if you feel you need one.

Kent County Emergency Management – No Report

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Kent County Emergency Medical Services (Paramedics) – No Report

New Castle County Volunteer Firemen's Association – No Report

Sussex County Volunteer Firemen's Association – No Report

State Recruitment and Retention – No Report

Mutual Relief – No Report

DEMA – Thanks for the recognition, No Report

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

Deceased Members: Station 41 – William Millman, Station 53 – James Marshall, Station 50 – Harold Fry, Station 48 – Charles H. Roland, Jr.

Report of Officers – All submitted in written or electronic form. (*Any members currently serving in Active Military Service contact the KCVFA President*)

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Robert Yerkes reported ending balances as of November 1, 2010: *Roland Trader Scholarship Fund* – \$6,530.68; *Checking Account* – \$61.65; *Money Market* – \$30,047.90; *total of all CD's* – \$19,678.37; *total funds* – \$49,787.95

Written Correspondence – Received 2 letters, 1st letter from the American Legion Ambulance Service Station 64 naming their primary delegates and alternates. 2nd letter was a copy of the Kent County Volunteer Firemen's Association audit report from the Audit Committee.

Report of Committees

Constitution & Bylaws, Kevin Wilson – Charged with looking at Bylaws to do upgrade where needed, looking at website we will make a proposal under proper order of business on a name change for the association from Firemen to Firefighter. Contact the committee members for any suggested Bylaw changes so they can make proposal in January.

Fire Prevention, Steve White – Station 42, Carlisle will host the awards ceremonies on December 11th 2:00 p.m. State judging will be held on the 28th at the Fire School. Reminder get your Fire Prevention reports in by the 31st of January.

Law & Legislative, Kevin Wilson – DVFA last year started the Law & Legislative program and it worked out pretty well. It showed the State we are a force to be reckoned with. There are many initiatives to involve every elected official to get information to people that need to know. It is very easy to do using email. They appreciate being informed. Use talking points to convey same messages not to exclude your local concerns. Every Levy Court and Legislative meeting we will maintain a presence. We are getting together a comprehensive list of all our elected officials. Something formalized will be out beginning of the year. All retired guys get ready we will fill your hours. Fire Advisory Board, Marvin Sharp – Just a reminder to Fire Advisory Board members there is a meeting on November 30th at Kent Center. We are going back to yellow shirts in the audience at Levy Court, where they graciously granted us \$15000 for Wake-Up Delaware without hesitation with thanks to assistance from Harold Brode. Website, Kevin Wilson – In today's society websites are the way to go, in the packets you will find 3 proposals for a website proposed to be called "Kent County Emergencies Services" to include all five associations. Each proposal

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has different items to meet our needs. We will be suggesting a website under the proper order of business. Plan is to have other organizations buy into it. As the parent organization we should proceed.

Payment of Bills – \$44.00 – Glenn Gillespie (Postage, Kent County Legislative Night); \$9.58 – Kevin Wilson (Legislative Night name tags); \$711.89 – Little Creek Auxiliary (Legislative Night Food); A motion was made, seconded, and carried for payment of bills.

Unfinished Business

Senator Bruce Ennis requested update from Marvin Sharp (Fire Advisory Board) talking about regulations and standards with reference to fire training regulations or standards. Marvin Sharp, 21 questions were taken back and the answers will be on front table of DVFA meeting. Questions fielded that day were estimated at over 100. Senator Ennis notice that the handout of the Delaware Emergency Standards that DVFA was on the cover sheet. When did DVFA adopt a standard proposal and why did it not go back to companies first? Charlie Frampton, DVFA did NOT adopt it but has been working with the commission. No, it will not come up for a vote. Senator Bruce Ennis, making a couple of comments, Number one we had an NFPA Standards, we did not adopt it, we adopted voluntary guidelines Delaware Safety and Health program. We attempted to have a Delaware OSHA program and had it passed the Delaware Fire Service would have been exempt. He stated a concern for unfunded mandates. Do not need mandates but rather voluntary guidelines. Which legislatures stated we should have mandatory training? Representative Lee said he would like to see proposal at legislative hall by the 12th of January. Did we not learn lesson from HB 322 unfunded mandates do we want the same thing for fire training and officers? Marvin Sharp, everyone in the room was firemen, did not want someone to come back and say this is what you have to have. We can make presentations to all the companies. Harold Brode, legislatures still have final say and to vote on it. Ralph Satterfield, where do we stand on Wake-Up Delaware? President Gillespie, point of contact is Mr. Dennison and he will take care of it. If our cache of smoke detectors runs low he will be able to get them. The program funding for Wake-Up Delaware is gone. Why are we waiting to purchase smoke detectors? President Gillespie with no detectors in the County I will work with Jeff Denison to get up with the vendors so we can get smoke detectors back in Kent County.

New Business –

President Gillespie, Senator Ennis, Representative Outten with a presentation to James Cubbage, past DVFA Executive Secretary. Senator Ennis, a proclamation (tribute) by the governor, State tribute from the Senate, Representative Outten, State tribute from the House of Representatives, Kent County Volunteer Firemen's Association resolution, Commissioner Harold Brode, Kent County Levy Court tribute, Pat Paolini and Lorraine Madden, Ladies Auxiliary commendation. Lastly from the Fire Police Association appreciation of service and Fire Chief's Association will present at next Chief's meeting.

President Gillespie introduced an initiative by way of a presentation of the Mispillion Life Ring Committee Project. Make river walk area safer. Completed a presentation to provide life rings, secure funding, working with variety of local community members. Example was presented. To sponsor a life ring station let a committee member know. The Kent County Fire Chiefs have sponsored and challenge all others to do same.

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A motion was made and seconded, and carried to have the Kent County Fireman's Association sponsor a Mispillion Life Ring to be located at the best suitable location determined by the Milford Fire Company.

Marvin Sharp, it was noted that no one from Milford voted on this motion.

Kevin Wilson – Constitution & Bylaws, present the first reading that the association name be changed article 1 section 1 of the Constitution and Bylaws to read Kent County Volunteer Firefighters Association instead of Kent County Volunteer Firemen's Association. A motion was made and seconded, and carried to consider this a first reading.

Kevin Wilson – Website committee, a motion was made and seconded, and carried to have Delaware.net be accepted as the company of choice for creating a website and the other associations be approached for their support.

Mr. Metheny – challenge that all get information into the system. DVFA is not representing KCVFA.

Marvin Sharp – Fire Advisory Board to get yellow shirts. A motion was made and seconded, and carried to get the yellow shirts for all the Fire Advisory Board members.

Robert Yerkes – A motion was made and seconded, and carried to authorize Treasurer to pay all bills of the association during the next month.

Robert Yerkes – A motion was made and seconded, and carried to get all the officers or the association a shirt.

Vice President Pridemore – This association owes Commissioner Brode recognition for all that he has done for this association.

President Gillespie - A motion was made and seconded, and carried to have the Kent County Volunteer Firemen's Association become a member of the Central Delaware Chamber of Commerce with a committee to be established.

Good of the Association

2 Past President's Bill Nickerson and Fred Wyatt need your prayers for health

Houston breakfast having it Sunday morning \$6

Smyrna vs. Clayton football game with donation of Toys for Tots.

President Gillespie - Past President Snell presented with Past President's pin.

50-50 – John Pridemore (donated back to association)

Conference Souvenir –

A motion was made and seconded, and carried to adjourn at 9:40 p.m.; Chaplin Paul gave the benediction.

The next meeting will be at Station 48, Felton – January 19th

Respectfully submitted,



Pablo Reyes, Jr., Secretary