



Kent County Volunteer Firefighter's Association

November 19, 2011

President White called the 955th meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at Ambulance Station 64, Smyrna. Following dinner served by the members of Ambulance Station 64, Vice President Pridemore presented gratuities to Ambulance Station 64. Capt. Bob Jones of Ambulance Station 64 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: 13 KCVFA, 8 DVFA, and 11 Fire Company Presidents.

Introduction of Guests:

DVFA – Charlie Frampton, Conference review committee, meet next Wednesday at Fire School to go over changes presented. DVFA Fire vehicle is a Red Ford Focus. We had a meeting with Mutual Relief advisory committee at the request of past presidents. DVFA meeting is set for December 11th. Wishing everyone a safe and Happy Holiday.

State Fire Chief's Association – Phil Pennington, thanks for the recognition and have a safe and Happy Holiday.

State Ambulance Association – Ed Angwin, Mike McMichael sent by email 1st Executive Board meeting this Saturday. Next State meeting will be in conjunction with the State Chiefs on January 26th. BLS Protocols is back in the hands of the commission. Do not need the folding stretchers on the ambulances anymore.

DVFA Ladies Auxiliary – No report

State Fire Police Association – No report

DVFA Conference – Elmer Steele, Conference 2011 is history and dates for 2012 will be September 10th to 15th and have a Safe and Happy Holiday. John Stevenson will be taking over shortly.

State Fire Prevention Commission – No report

Delaware State Fire School – No Report

State Fire Marshal's Office – Mike Chionchio, Thanks for the recognition.

Legislature – Senator Ennis, 6 bills are in for signing and we go back into session January 10th and budget hearings will start with Joint Finance sometime in 1st week in February.

Kent County Fire Chief's Association – Phil Pennington Thanks for the recognition

Kent County Fire Police Association – Richard Schwalb,

have a Happy Thanksgiving.

Kent County Ambulance Association – P.J. Gosch our next meeting at Station 50 on the 28th of this month. We sent out to all companies about Helicopter being canx. We would like information given to include why the helicopter should not have been canx. Include more information in EDEN reports.

***Kent County Ladies Auxiliary** – President Penny Gentry, everyone have a Safe Holiday

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 – thanks for the recognition.

Sussex County Volunteer Firemen's Association –

Todd Reilly, next meeting November 22nd at Seaford Station 87.

State Recruitment and Retention – No Report

Mutual Relief – Joe Zeroles, Letter sent out at the end of year please get them back as soon as possible.

DEMA – No Report

NVFC – No Report

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

Deceased Members: Station 54 – Dave Marvel

Report of Officers – All submitted in written or electronic form.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Robert Yerkes report of ending balances as of November 1, 2011: Roland Trader Scholarship Fund – \$7,354.66; Checking Account – \$74.61; Money Market – \$21,055.38; Smoke Detector Fund – \$6423.00; Total of all CD's – \$19,949.51; Total funds – \$41,079.50

Written Correspondence – 2 letters read, 1st letter from Bower's Fire Company stating their delegates and alternates. 2nd letter from Bower's Fire Company expressing concerns over two issues with the Apparatus

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Funding Proposal, one about the 100% support and the other about a media leak.

Report of Committees

Ladies Night, Frank King – all companies should have copy of this letter for Ladies Night on February 25, 2012 at Felton Fire House. Children will be allowed at this event, department needs more tickets contact me immediately. We are requesting 2 door prizes from each company.

Firemen of the Year, Frank King – Seeking nomination for Firemen of the Year for 2011 sent to me by email, postmarked no later than January 21st 2012. It would be nice to have one nomination from each company.

Fire Prevention, John Pridemore – Thanks to all the companies for participation in the program, judging has been completed. We will notify 1, 2, & 3rd place winners that they have won but they will be told at the event which place they won.

Constitution and Bylaws, by President White for Kevin Wilson – planned on having Bylaw changes but changes will be held until January's meeting.

Fire Advisory Board, Marvin Sharp – We have been extremely busy, we had an excellent meeting with Levy Court on the 2nd we were told we had only 15 or 20 minutes and we were there 1 ½ hours. We continue to work with County Government. Tonight you received a copy of a tax proposal. We team up and see what we can get. Helicopter issue we are working on it, we need why that helicopter was discontinued. We are working with State Police; we have a long ways to go on this. We got a copy of the EDEN report; we need something as to why the helicopter should keep on going.

**Fire Prevention Commission, Alan Robinson – anyone with hearing impairment contact Fire Marshal's office for fire detectors. A.G. office is coming down with 2 programs 1st is for Child Sexual abuse program, 2nd class for EMT treatment on infant death. Confusion about affidavit mainly for EMT's, some officer's think they are liable and they are not, the list is just saying that the individuals have been talked to and the individual has signed off.

Payment of Bills – \$250.00 – Delaware.Net, Inc. (website expenses); \$86.65 – Frank King (Ladies Night expenses, 2012); \$877.50 – Marvin Sharp (Funding Proposal Books); \$80.00 – M & M Trophies & Awards (pocket badge)

A motion was made and seconded, and carried to pay the bills and any expenses occurred in the month of December until the next meeting in January.

Unfinished Business

Camden-Wyoming, A motion was made and seconded, and carried to send a letter to the DVFA in support of Camden-Wyoming's letter for a request for Grant & Aid money.

New Business –

Letter from Bowers enlighten as to why it was written. November 2nd it was put in the paper. Press release after Levy Court meeting and it is a Public forum, reports were at that meeting and that is how they got the information. The reporter quoted verbatim what was said to the Levy Court Commissioners. We did not have an interview; they got their information from a public forum. Al Metheny, opinion page in Delaware State News has lots of comments that do not make us look good; President White, Dave Bonar is working on this. President White we had a very good meeting with Levy Court and have a lot of support. Glenn Neese, each company needs to have a representative out making the visit to the organizations and tell your story of what we do.

Good of the Association

**Fire Prevention Commission:: Al Metheny, Hartly Fire Company, fall train show with breakfast and lunch. Station 45, Annual Chicken and Dumplings on Saturday. Bruce Ennis, 2nd Saturday in May rescheduled our Citizen's Hose parade. President White with Happy Holiday's, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

50-50 – Bill Lagerman : Conference Souvenir –

A motion was made and seconded, and carried to adjourn at 8:22 p.m.; Rev. Paul gave the benediction.

The next meeting will be at Camden-Wyoming Fire Company 41, Smyrna

Respectfully submitted,



Pablo Reyes, Jr., Secretary