



Kent County Volunteer Firefighter's Association

November 21, 2012

President Pridemore called the 966th meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. at Station 51, Hartly Fire Company. Following dinner served by the Ladies Auxiliary of the station, Vice President Ryder presented our thanks to the auxiliary. Frank Ballek, President of the Hartly Fire Company gave the address of welcome; Vice President Ryder gave the response.

Roll Calls: Officers: 10 present, 3 absent; Companies: 19 present, 0 absent; Past Presidents: 14 KCVFA, 6 DVFA, and 13 Fire Company Presidents.

Introduction of Guests:

DVFA – Charles Boyer, Thanks for all the hard work in preparation for Hurricane Sandy. Our government affairs committee would like to include in a report to the JFC what we did for Hurricane Sandy please get your numbers in as soon as possible. Food drive, last of the food was move to Station 14 Cranston Heights it will be ready for shipment sometime this Friday. We had a meeting of the Mass Gathering committee at the Public Safety Department and I was there to represent the DVFA. DEMSOC meeting is this coming Wednesday at the Public Safety building. After 1st of year we will be back to visiting the fire stations if we have not been there yet please contact the Executive Manager to make arrangement for the meeting. On behalf of the DVFA Officers wishing you a Happy Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas.

State Fire Chief's Association – Redman (Steve Maichle) next meeting January 24th at Station 8 in Newark kicking off their 125th anniversary. Indian River meeting has been moved to Ellendale March 28th.

State EMS Association – Ed Angwin, couple of things, number 1 keep reminding EMTs must complete protocols with the state by December 31 or get decertified by January 1 and Fire School is changing one of their BLS classes. Protocol questions go to OEMS. Remote E.R.'s on schedule in Smyrna email will go out prior to full operation. EDIN reports you must continue to do your reports to remain in compliance with Ambulance Regulation. Joint meeting with State Chiefs January 24th at Station 8. Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas.

DVFA Ladies Auxiliary – Penny Rodimak thanks for the recognition, wishing you all a blessed Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas.

State Fire Police Association – David Snell greeting from State Fire Police Happy Holidays and be safe.

DVFA Conference – No Report

State Fire Prevention Commission – Dave Roberts, Alan will give the report. Meeting held at Fire School yesterday.

Delinquent DFIRS reports from the following companies, Bowers, Felton, Hartly, Houston, and South Bowers please get them in or call Fire Marshalls office to explain what is going on. Update coming to the BLS funding report, new report will be much simpler to fill out. Audit committee is trying to get the process down as easy as possible the information will be coming. Our next meeting is December 18th 9:00 a.m. at Fire School.

Delaware State Fire School – No Report

State Fire Marshal's Office – No Report

Legislature – Senator Bruce Ennis, December 5th Judgeship confirmation and wish you all a Happy Holiday. Representative Bob Outten, January we will be back in session, Happy Holidays.

Kent County Fire Chief's Association – Dennis Dean, some areas are having problems with ALS coverage. Our President had a meeting with *Petit deMange*, turned out to be a favorable meeting. Planning on another meeting on December 5th at Levy Court with all the table officers, President Scott along with Kent County Ambulance and Chiefs organizations.

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

Kent County Ambulance Association – Mike Havel next meeting at Bowers, wish you all Happy Holidays.

Kent County Ladies Auxiliary – Debora Lawhead thanks for the recognition.

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

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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 – Joe Zerolles, talked to a few companies about numbers we need, Monday night is our quarterly meeting.

NVFC – No Report

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

Deceased Members: Station 48 – E.B. Warrington, Jr. and Donald L. Frazier, Station 41 – Gilbert Steven, Station 49 – Zeke Dill, Station 52 – Bill Wilson

Report of Officers – All submitted in written or electronic form. See attachment for President Pridemore

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Robert Yerkes report of ending balances as of November 1, 2012: Roland Trader Scholarship Fund – \$9031.92; Checking Account – \$725.85; Money Market – \$22,900.69; Smoke Detector Fund – \$6,806.00; Total of all CD's – \$20,265.55; Total funds – \$43,892.09. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to accept the report as read.

Written Correspondence – 4 letters read, 1st letter from the Kent County Ambulance Association appointing Allen Post as representative for the Kent County Ambulance Association. 2nd letter from the Kent County Ambulance Association regarding issues with paid staff and their performance due to going from job to job with inadequate rest. 3rd letter from the Harrington Fire Company endorsing Edward Welch to be reappointed as a representative on the Fire Advisory Board. 4th letter from the Audit Committee reporting a recent audit and that the books are in order and monies accounted for. 5th letter from the Delaware Burn Camp thanking the association for a donation.

Report of Committees

Appreciation Banquet – President Pridemore, Acknowledge Co-chair Director Coverdale. Each fire company should submit \$50.00 to this Association to help pay for door prizes and/or auction items for the Annual Appreciation Banquet. If you have not sold all your tickets we would get back by Wednesday the 16th of January and if you need more see Director Coverdale or Muriel Gillespie. I ask that each company bring \$50.00 to next association meeting to give committee ample time to purchase appropriate gifts. Committee meeting scheduled for the 28th at Station 49 at 1900 hours and all Directors are requested to be there for that meeting.

Fire Prevention – Harold Brode, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, place winners were selected and the 1st place winners were sent to Guy Hudson for State judging. December 16th County Awards Ceremony at Milford.

CISM – Chaplin Blake Bowers, in Kent County we do not have a CISM team if you have members interested in becoming part of this team contact me. If you have anyone else firefighter, nurses, professionals, interested please have them contact me.

Sunshine Committee – Chaplin Blake Bowers, please send me information for any significant events so that I may take action.

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/vice president.

Fire Advisory Board – Marvin Sharp, Continues to work hard on a County funding program and narrowed down to 3 plans.

There will be a meeting sometime after January 13th at the Delaware Fire School to be prepared for vote at February county meeting.

Payment of Bills – \$86.00 – M&M Trophies & Awards(name plate) A motion was made and seconded, and carried to pay the bill.

Unfinished Business

None

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New Business

President Pridemore, A motion was made and seconded, and carried for the table officers and the Fire Advisory Board meet up with the Kent County Fire Chiefs Association to meet with Mike Petit deMange at Levy Court to address the issue with Kent County Paramedics.

A motion was made and seconded, and carried to have Kent County Firefighters Association support the Kent County Ambulance Association with their concerns on EMT work hours and to have the Fire Advisory Board work with them closely.

A motion was made and seconded, and carried to support the re-appointment of Edward Welch to the Fire Advisory Board.

A motion was made and seconded, and carried to pay bills through month of December until the next association meeting.

Good of the Association

Harold Brode, thank you for your support on November 6th our elections.

Senator Bruce Ennis provided some continuity on a bread truck. Citizen's Hose bought the truck from Houston.

President Hudson raffle tickets for Ducks Unlimited

President White December 8th 1400 Ladies Auxiliary benefit come on out.

President Dempsey, Magnolia sent crew out to Route 1 recently qualified person in back of ambulance needed to talk to someone but unfortunately took five days to get help so it is important we support Rev. Blake with CISM team setup.

Kevin Wilson if you have a CISM issue contact Kent Center they will get you someone within hours we do have a state CISM team. Cumberland Valley is looking for an assist for Long Island as soon as I find out more I will let you know. They are looking for equipment and volunteer help.

Robert Yerkes, Director Harry Lindale is not doing well at all chemo-therapy is not working for him. Keep him in your prayers.

50-50 – unknown

Conference Souvenir –

The next meeting will be at the Leipsic Fire Company, Station 53 – January 16th

A motion was made and seconded, and carried to adjourn at 8:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Pablo Reyes, Jr., Secretary