



Kent County Volunteer Firemen's Association

February 16, 2011

President Gillespie called the 946th meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. at Station 57, South Bowers Volunteer Fire Company. Following dinner served by the Ladies Auxiliary of the station, Vice President White presented gratuities to the auxiliary. Robert Davis, President of the South Bowers Volunteer Fire Company gave the address of welcome; Vice President White gave the response.

Roll Calls: Officers: 11 present, 2 absent; Companies: 18 present, 1 absent; Past Presidents: 13 KCVFA, 7 DVFA, and 9 Fire Company Presidents.

Introduction of Guests:

DVFA – Bill Tobin, Today we have been in Washington D.C. from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., received a telephone call Sunday afternoon late from Gov. Markell's office calling for 5 Firemen and 5 Police Officers (Police Officers did not show) to go with Gov. Markell to testify with Senator Rockefeller about a 700 MHz banding; wanting to start a dialog looking at spending 40 billion dollars. Goal is to have Nation-wide same communications space. Comment was made by a Senator in Michigan 5 Agencies and 1 Fire Department could not communicate when a bridge collapsed. She also made the comment that Delaware was lucky to have a state-wide 800 MHz system that works well. Stated that they were also, working towards Paramedics using actual video to send to hospital for help. Stated they were also looking at using technology available, for sending blueprints of the building to you electronically. SB 28 is hoping to be done this year. CFSI is right around the corner and the challenge is to send 4 people if you can. Charlie Frampton, companies put-in for Recruitment & Retention there is also \$35000 state-wide available mainly to be used for retention letters coming out covering middle of March through middle of April. The items will be awarded after that. Bill Tobin, Glenn Gillespie will chair a 911 ceremony in Dover during the conference on a Sunday. Thanks to those that went to the recent Commission meeting. 800 MHz will not go 700 MHz we will continue with the 800 MHz

State Fire Chief's Association – Glenn Gillespie, next meeting will be March 24th 2011 at Station 87 Seaford. Keynote speaker Ryan Pennington from firehouse.com will be there.

State Ambulance Association – Ed Angwin, protocols still under review by state director. EDEN is waiting to move forward, Revised Ambulance regulations are out on the commission website. They grew from 19 pages to 40 pages and are looking for comments by March 7th in writing. Push your EMS Captain to review, next meeting – March 24th 2011 at Station 87 Seaford along with the State Chiefs.

DVFA Ladies Auxiliary – Penny Rodimak, thanks for the recognition.

State Fire Police Association – Dave Snell, next this coming Sunday 9:00 a.m. at Fire School.

DVFA Conference – Mike McMichael, next meeting February 21st at the Sheridan 7:00 p.m. There will be 15 no cost seminars but we need people to sign up. There will be a photography presentation next meeting. Registration forms late April or May. Late date is September 1st.

State Fire Prevention Commission – Alan Robinson, Delaware is the only complaint the company has had on glucometers. In reference to the Ambulance Regulations there is a question about volunteer drivers. Read over the Ambulance Regulations and put comments in writing to take to the Sheridan. There are hearings scheduled in April. Director and I will work on a packet for all companies to fill out and turn in. They will be handed out at the County meeting. Reminder you have only six months after your audit year ends to get your reports in.

Delaware State Fire School – No Report

State Fire Marshal's Office – No Report

Legislature – Senator Bruce Ennis, Not that much to report, members of Joint Finance were very impressed with

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those showing in full uniform. The presentations went pretty well. Commission recently had a meeting at the Fire School and a motion was made that as far as draft regulations introduced that no further action would be taken on it. In April the commission had released all three entities. I will take any further questions.

Kent County Fire Chief's Association – Bill Betts, next meeting will be with the KCAA on March 9th at Harrington.

Kent County Fire Police Association – Richard Schwalb, next meeting at Harrington, March 15th

Kent County Ambulance Association – PJ Gosch, next meeting with the KCFCA on March 9th at Harrington as a trial base next meeting will not be joint to decide if they will continue with joint meetings.

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

Kent County Levy Court – No Report

Kent County Emergency Dispatch Center – No Report

Kent County Emergency Management – No Report

Kent County Emergency Medical Services (Paramedics) – No Report

New Castle County Volunteer Firemen's Association – Thanks for the recognition, next meeting 2nd Thursday of the month Station 17 Five-points

Sussex County Volunteer Firemen's Association – Thanks for the recognition, next Tuesday at Gumboro

State Recruitment and Retention – No Report

Mutual Relief – Joe Zerolles, No Report

DEMA – Glenn Gillespie, Thanks for the recognition, No Report

NVFC – Al Metheny, Later on this Spring on a Sunday there will be a 3 hour training program for people in the State of Delaware interested or wanting to learn more about a Fire Core program. We are going to have a two-part training program starting with benefits and then funding for Safer and AFG programs. There are rapid changes in Washington going from no funding for Safer to introduction of bill to restore funding for both programs. People in Washington are working for us CFSI, NVFC, International Association of Fire Chiefs, Firefighters, and other smaller groups. Thank them for the support.

A motion was made, seconded, carried for approval of the minutes of the previous meeting as printed. (Typo corrected for Treasurer's Report year from "2010" to "2011")

Deceased Members: None

Report of Officers – All submitted in written or electronic form. (Summary by President Gillespie, see attachments)

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Robert Yerkes reported ending balances as of February 1, 2011: *Roland Trader Scholarship Fund* – \$6,532.31; *Checking Account* – \$2,366.96; *Money Market* – \$25,798.35; *Smoke Detector Fund* – \$6423.00; *Total of all CD's* – \$19,780.50; *Total funds* – \$47,945.81

Written Correspondence – Received 6 letters, 1st letter from Marydel Volunteer Fire Company Station 56 naming their primary delegates and alternates and naming their officers for the year. 2nd letter from Dover Fire Department Station 46 naming their officers for the year. 3rd letter from Citizen's Hose Company Station 44 naming their primary delegates and alternates. 4th letter from Farmington Volunteer Fire Company Station 47 naming their primary delegates and alternates. 5th letter from Camden-Wyoming Fire Company Station 41 naming their primary delegates and alternates. 6th item was a thank you card from Ralph Satterfield in reference to the loss of his daughter.

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Report of Committees

Constitution & Bylaws, Kevin Wilson – We hope to have by the March meeting slate of changes to present. Going through some paperwork to get the corporate name changed with the State Division of Corporations. Banking number stays the same.

Ladies Night, Frank King – Please need little guidance we still have 40 outstanding tickets and need a final count. President Gillespie checked with Felton Community Fire Company President Ryder and he extended date to Friday 18th of February.

Law & Legislative, Kevin Wilson – the Safer Grant issue, the NVFC will put out on their website a letter than you can send to your representatives. We will get you information as soon as we get it.

Firemen of the Year, Frank King – Thank the committee we have selected F.O.Y. and ask that those two others that did not make it send them in next year it was a close decision.

Payment of Bills – \$1,197.00 – Dover Electric Supply Co. (Fire Prevention Detectors, Batteries); A motion was made, seconded, and carried for payment of bills.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business –

Robert Yerkes, A motion was made and seconded, and carried to send the President and two Vice Presidents to the CFSI this year.

Good of the Association

Alan Robinson – DVFA get together with the commission over some sort of standards. A presentation was given that we go back and reinstitute a voluntary recognition program. It will be accomplished through the Fire School. If a firefighter wants to go through the program to get recognition it is a voluntary program.

Frank King – quick meeting after business tonight of the February 26th committee members

Glenn Gillespie – I want to reiterate that if you have any members currently serving in the military please notify Vice President White with the information. There will be recognition of those members at the March meeting.

50-50 – Herb Seaman

Conference Souvenir –

A motion was made and seconded, and carried to adjourn at 8:40 p.m.; Chaplin Paul gave the benediction.
The next meeting will be at Station 50, Harrington – March 16th

Respectfully submitted,



Pablo Reyes, Jr., Secretary