



## Kent County Volunteer Firemen's Association

March 16, 2011

President Gillespie called the 947<sup>th</sup> meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. at Station 50, Harrington Volunteer Fire Company. Following dinner served by the Ladies Auxiliary of the station, Vice President Pridemore presented gratuities to the auxiliary. Ed Welch, President of the Harrington Volunteer Fire Company gave the address of welcome; Vice President Pridemore gave the response.

**Roll Calls:** Officers: 11 present, 3 absent; Companies: 16 present, 3 absent; Past Presidents: 15 KCVFA, 9 DVFA, and 8 Fire Company Presidents.

**Deviation of Business:** *Recognizing the men and women currently serving the Active Duty Military from our fire companies. President Gillespie presented Lt. Dallas Wingate, Col. Davidson, and SMS Tim Brown. Lt. Gov. Denn could not attend. President Gillespie introduced Levy Court Commissioner Eric Buckson and Liaison Harold Brode to present their statement of gratitude. Next, Introduced Representative's Robert Outten, Dave Wilson, and Harvey Kenton reading resolutions from State House, Senate, and Governor's Office. This was followed by a photo-op with a standing ovation. All the names of all the fire company member's currently serving active duty military were read for a total of 47 Kent County fire company members serving in the active duty military. President Gillespie presented our Kent County Firefighter of the Year award to Chief Emeritus Marvin B. Hitch followed by a standing ovation. Chief Hitch stated after 51 years his wife was ring leader in allowing him to stay she put up with a lot and he had a good time with the fire service.*

### **Introduction of Guests:**

**DVFA** – Charlie Frampton, Sunday's meeting a motion was made to purchase tickets to the Gold Cup and distributed to the parent's of the ones that cannot afford. Charles Boyer, letter having President's of all 3 County Associations take charge of a blood drive which will be called the 3 County Hero Drive asking County Presidents are to report back at the September meeting. Al Metheny, keep in mind CFSI dinner next month. Reservations are very low and hoping to get attendance up. Organizations such as this have helped make impact on our funding. Delaware has received a little over \$11 million dollars. It is important that we have our presence at this event. Warren Jones, Executive Manager, Started March 1<sup>st</sup> and it is an honor to follow 2 outstanding people from Kent County. Contact numbers see me after meeting.

**State Fire Chief's Association** – Doug Butler, next meeting will be March 24<sup>th</sup> 2011 at Station 87 Seaford. Keynote speaker Ryan Pennington from firehouse.com will be there. He is a great motivational speaker, operations in building.

**State Ambulance Association** – Ed Angwin, next meeting – March 24<sup>th</sup> 2011 at Station 87 Seaford along with the State Chiefs. Reminder conference is coming please check the website for agenda by May 1<sup>st</sup>.

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

**State Fire Police Association** – Dave Snell, working on banquet to be held in November our next meeting May 22<sup>nd</sup> at Fire School.

**DVFA Conference** – Elmer Steele, a lot of changes with the organizational meeting. All forms will be on website by May 1<sup>st</sup>. Educational Seminars have been added. Big thing is no show policy company will get billed if you do not attend. No meet your host or dance. Fire Police has been changed to Wednesday night. Someone from conference will make all the county meetings.

**State Fire Prevention Commission** – Dave Roberts, honored to be selected as chairman and I am available through Commission Office or my cell phone and I look forward to working with everyone. Alan Robinson, yesterday's meeting received report the Fire Marshall, Fire School Director. BLS Medical Director said suspension was upheld. Hearing on April 11<sup>th</sup>. There was a Public hearing on Hard Wired Smoke Detector Regulations, there were no objections they were adopted. Ambulance Regulations there were objections, discussion on issue for driver's background check. Drivers do not need a background check providing each company must submit a letter stating that the individual has complied with the language in the affidavit that is they have not done any of the crimes listed must be submitted with the ambulance

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paperwork. Our next meeting is April 19<sup>th</sup> at the Fire School.

**Delaware State Fire School** – No Report

**State Fire Marshal's Office** – No Report

**Legislature** – Rep. Harvey Kenton, gratitude to the men & women serving in the military. Rep. Outten, No Report

**Kent County Fire Chief's Association** – Phil Pennington, next meeting at Station 57 South Bowers April 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Kent County Fire Police Association** – Richard Schwalb, next meeting at April 19<sup>th</sup> at Houston.

**Kent County Ambulance Association** – PJ Gosch, next meeting with the KCFCA on April 13<sup>th</sup>.

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

**Kent County Levy Court** – Commissioner Buckson, any questions I would be happy to help.

**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** – Robert Sutton, Thanks for the recognition.

**Sussex County Volunteer Firemen's Association** – Todd Riley, Thanks for the recognition.

**State Recruitment and Retention** – No Report

**Mutual Relief** – Joe Zerolles, seems there was a mix up in billing, will change this year. When you send forms in to conference send your delegates it will be handed out there in the form of a bill.

**DEMA** – Glenn Gillespie, Thanks for the recognition, 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Hazmat Conference April 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> at Smyrna Readiness Center with FREE training. Plenty of opening any Fire Companies take advantage it is FREE!

**NVFC** – Al Metheny, Planning to have training program on May 22<sup>nd</sup> to explain Fire Core Program at the Fire School. We are developing program a Fire Core Academy. This will help bring people in to help with your companies' non-emergency phases.

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

**Deceased Members**: None, April 20<sup>th</sup> please get any other names in prior to next meeting.

**Report of Officers** – All submitted in written or electronic form. (*Summary by President Gillespie, under proper order of business requesting our Chaplains be permitted to attend Fire Chaplain Training for approximately \$175*)

**Treasurer's Report** – Treasurer Robert Yerkes reported ending balances as of March 1, 2011: *Roland Trader Scholarship Fund – \$6,532.81; Checking Account – \$2,407.96; Money Market – \$25,123.02; Smoke Detector Fund – \$6423.00; Total of all CD's – \$19,811.03; Total funds – \$47,342.01*

**Written Correspondence** – Received 1 letter, from Harrington Volunteer Fire Company Station 50 naming their primary delegates and alternates.

### **Report of Committees**

Ladies Night, Frank King – This is not a final report, thanks to committee for their help in obtaining many items. Income \$7879.50, net profits \$1232.81

Law & Legislative, Kevin Wilson – we are planning legislative day and will be asking for help from all companies still looking for a good day. Last year we made a good stride, invite your legislators to your functions, meetings and thank them.

Firemen of the Year, Frank King – thank you to the Firemen of the Year, Marvin Hitch with a standing Ovation. Thanks to Auxiliary Member of the Year Penny Rodimak.

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Website, Kevin Wilson – The new logo, need to put some things together to get local students to incorporate the County Logo with ours to show our working relationship. We are looking for submissions by the May meeting from your companies or local school students.

Chamber of Commerce – Fred Jester, in process of establishing a working committee let me know if you want to assist or notify the President of the association.

Safe Summer Days – John Pridemore, we would like to see all 19 companies present for Safe Summer Days. Please check your packets for information to include marquees and press releases. Information approved by the Levy Court. EMS Trauma will not be presenting but Special Ops will be presenting in their place.

**Payment of Bills** – \$5,676.00 – Felton Fire Company Auxiliary (Ladies Night Dinner); \$214.00 – M & M Trophies & Awards (Ladies Night, 2 Plaques); \$900.00 – Clayton Fire Company (Website charge); \$825.00 – D.V.F.A. (CFSI Reservations); \$616.41 – Roland Trader Scholarship ( ½ Ladies Night Profit); A motion was made, seconded, and carried for payment of bills.

### **Unfinished Business**

None

### **New Business** –

Al Metheny, A motion was made and seconded, and carried to send Rev. Blake Bower with all expenses paid to Chaplain Seminar in Salisbury.

Rod O'Neal, Scholarships are in your packets take them back to your companies and post them for a good turn-out like last year.

John Pridemore, I will work with the DVFA to represent Association. If, you have anyone giving blood tell them you want the Hero card. Challenge out to other County Associations for the Hero Blood Drive.

### **Good of the Association**

New Castle, 5K run/walk be at New Castle Burn Center 10:00 this Sunday (March 20<sup>th</sup> )

Robert Yerkes, Houston will be having breakfast Sunday all you can eat \$6

President Ryder, Felton this Saturday take out dinner including soon to be famous home-made ice cream.

Al Metheny, April 2<sup>nd</sup> Hartly Spring Dinner and April 9<sup>th</sup> Train Show flyers are out largest attendance in state.

President Pennington, Sub sale at our Fire Station from 12 to 5, 6 or more will deliver. Come have fun at Bowers.

Marvin Sharp, Thanks again for honoring the military service.

50-50 – Jane Frey

Conference Souvenir –

A motion was made and seconded, and carried to adjourn at 9:00 p.m.; Chaplin Bower gave the benediction.

*The next meeting will be at Station 51, Hartly – April 20<sup>th</sup>*

Respectfully submitted,



Pablo Reyes, Jr., Secretary