



## Kent County Volunteer Firefighter's Association

March 21, 2012

President White called the 958<sup>th</sup> meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. at Station 43, Cheswold Volunteer Fire Company. Following dinner served by the Ladies Auxiliary of the station, Vice President Brode presented our thanks to the auxiliary. Steve Martin, President of the Cheswold Volunteer Fire Company gave the address of welcome; Vice President Brode gave the response.

**Roll Calls:** Officers: 12 present, 2 absent; Companies: 18 present, 1 absent; Past Presidents: 14 KCVFA, 7 DVFA, and 11 Fire Company Presidents.

**Deviation of Business:** Vice President John Pridemore, A roll-call of names with tribute to all Active Duty members in the military that are also members of the Delaware Kent County Fire Service. Presentation of Kent County pins to the military members present at the meeting by P. Brooks Banta. Thanks for the job you do for America.

### Introduction of Guests:

**DVFA** – Charles Boyer, DVFA Officers with the Executive Manager has started meeting with all the fire companies. To schedule a meeting contact the DVFA office, it is only a 20 minute presentation. We are looking for maximum participation to the CFSI Dinner. Al Metheny, pleasure to be here and thanks to all who sent me cards or called. I am on the mend.

**State Fire Chief's Association** – Glen Gillespie, thanks for the recognition and next meeting March 29<sup>th</sup> at station 42, Carlisle. There will be a presentation on a successful rescue by the Wilmington Fire Company.

**State Ambulance Association** – Ed Angwin thanks for the recognition our next meeting is in conjunction with the Chiefs at Carlisle.

**DVFA Ladies Auxiliary** – No Report

**State Fire Police Association** – No Report

**DVFA Conference** – John Stevenson, committee is working. Conference forms should be online.

**State Fire Prevention Commission** – John Pridemore on behalf of Alan Robinson, DIMES is out, State is looking into a 3<sup>rd</sup> party program, New law requires all smoke alarm installations be done & inspected by licensed electricians. Maritime Ambulance Regulations will be part of the Ambulance Regulations

**Delaware State Fire School** – No Report

**State Fire Marshal's Office** – Grover Engel, couple of personnel changes. Smoke Alarm saved some lives. HB 180, created required anyone that pulls wires would have to be a licensed electrician goes into effect June 30, 2012.

**Legislature** – Senator Ennis, SB 174, Confidentiality statements added to include the fire service as part of the bill. A bill was drafted to qualify the State Fire Marshal's office and members as law enforcement officers.

**Kent County Fire Chief's Association** – Treasurer Mike Gosch, next meeting April 11<sup>th</sup> at Station 44.

**Kent County Fire Police Association** – Richard Schwalb, thanks for the recognition next meeting at Farmington.

**Kent County Ambulance Association** – Jennifer Knox, next meeting the 26<sup>th</sup> at Leipsic.

**Kent County Ladies Auxiliary** – Penny Gentry, thanks for the recognition and next meeting in Hartly.

**Kent County Levy Court** – P. Brooks Banta, You should be very proud of John Pridemore he has done a very good job of presenting. Senator Ennis and I are constantly writing articles supporting the fire service, to include educating the public as to the volunteer service and that tax dollars do not pay all. As of July 1<sup>st</sup> allocations will be changing for the ambulance service. 3<sup>rd</sup> April is a committee meeting on the smoke detectors. In the past seven years we have sent to the Kent County Volunteer fire service over \$3 million. John Pridemore, a thanks to all supporting individuals Mr. Welch, Mr. Sharp, The Fire Advisory board and all fire companies willing to listen and work with us.

**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** – Frank Kohout, thanks for the recognition next meeting at station 8.

**Sussex County Volunteer Firemen's Association** – Rich Toulson, next meeting at Station 85.

**State Recruitment and Retention** – No Report

**Mutual Relief** – Joe Zerolles, No Report.

**DEMA** – Glen Gillespie thanks for the recognition.

**NVFC** – No Report

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

**Deceased Members:** Station 49 – Herbert Robbins

**Report of Officers** – All submitted in written or electronic form. Vice President Pridemore, Ladies Night – thanks to Frank King, the committee, and Felton for hosting the event.

**Treasurer's Report** – Treasurer Robert Yerkes report of ending balances as of March 1, 2012: Roland Trader Scholarship Fund – \$7,357.07; Checking Account – \$7,223.03; Money Market – \$18,870.26; Smoke Detector Fund – \$6423.00; Total of all CD's – \$19,989.75; Total funds – \$46,780.73

**Written Correspondence** – 3 letters read, 1<sup>st</sup> letter from Marydel Volunteer Fire Company stating their delegates and alternates. 2<sup>nd</sup> letter from the Cheswold Volunteer Fire Company stating their delegates and alternates. 3<sup>rd</sup> letter from Cheswold Volunteer Fire Company agreeing to one vote per company and in agreement with Smyrna that the logo should be a separate issue from the bylaws. Lastly, in opposition to the proposed logo.

### **Report of Committees**

Ladies Night Committee, Frank King – Report of income and expenses and stated a survey is being created to get feedback for next Ladies Night.

Firefighter of the Year, Frank King – This year's F.O.Y. is Bill Betts.

Wake Up Delaware, Jeff Dennison – Any companies needing anything let me know and if you are thinking of doing a Carbon Monoxide presentation see me. I have a few C.O. detectors.

Constitution and Bylaws, Kevin Wilson – under proper order of business we will do a 2<sup>nd</sup> reading and discussion of By-Laws.

**Payment of Bills** – \$771.83 – Roland Trader Scholarship Fund (½ of Ladies Night profits)

### **Unfinished Business**

Kevin Wilson - A motion was made and seconded, and carried to bring the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of the Constitution & Bylaws back on the table. Kevin Wilson, starting discussion asking

what the majority of the association wants to do. A motion was made and seconded, to accept Constitution and By-Laws, a challenge was made to have a passing vote of 2/3 vote of companies present on By-Laws NOT just a voice vote. Discussion followed about two issues that came up in prior meeting. After much discussion, A motion was made and seconded, and carried unanimously to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of the Constitution and By-Laws without the logo Article I, Section 4 and Article VIII, Section 2 the one vote per company and other entries associated with those 2 issues. There were zero NO votes. The committee will do further work on the remaining issues.

### **New Business**

A motion was made and seconded, and carried that the President and 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President be sent to the CFSI Dinner.

### **Good of the Association**

Saturday Hartly annual train show come on out doors open at 9:00 a.m. and the following Saturday Annual Spring Dinner.

Smyrna will be having their 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary

50-50 – Wayne Whitman

Conference Souvenir –

A motion was made and seconded, and carried to adjourn at 8:45 p.m.; Rev. Paul gave the benediction.

*The next meeting will be at the Smyrna Fire Company Station 44 (Memorial Service)*

Respectfully submitted,



Pablo Reyes, Jr., Secretary