



## Kent County Volunteer Firemen's Association

June 15, 2011

President Gillespie called the 950<sup>th</sup> meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at Station 53, Leipsic Volunteer Fire Company. Following dinner served by the Ladies Auxiliary of the station, Vice President Pridemore presented gratuities to the auxiliary. Barry Burkett, President of the Leipsic Volunteer Fire Company 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: 15 KCVFA, 10 DVFA, and 9 Fire Company Presidents.

**Deviation of Business:** *A very nice 911 Center Presentation by Chief Sipple regarding the accreditation process. Standing and acknowledgement of all 911 Center Staff present. Chief Faulkner and Lt. Governor Matt Denn presented a tribute to the 911 Center for their accreditation and International Academy Emergency Dispatch achievements. Lt. Gov. Denn presented a letter of appreciation from Senator Tom Carper to the 911 Center. Lt. Gov. Denn also presented a tribute from Senator Coons to the 911 Center. Representatives Willis, Scott, and Kenton on behalf of all the state Representatives presented a tribute to the 911 center. Senator Ennis on behalf of all state Senators presented a tribute to the 911 center noting only one in state and only one of six in world getting the International Academy Accreditation of Emergency Dispatch. President P.J. Gosch of the Kent County Ambulance presented a tribute to the 911 Center. KCVFA President Gillespie, Vice President's White and Pridemore presented a tribute to the 911 Center.*

### **Introduction of Guests:**

**DVFA** – Charles Frampton, Bill Tobin is working this evening and unable to attend. Warren Jones and I attended a meeting on the 800 MHz radio and it was said that the 700 MHz will not affect the operations of the fire service. Additionally, there are 16000 users on the 800 MHz with a capacity for 64000. A car has been ordered for the Executive Manager to use to cut down on mileage expense. Warren Jones, tomorrow at Dover Fire Department the National 911 flag (ground zero flag) will be there. It is going to every state to be sown back together with American flags from every state. September 11, 2011 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the attack on the Nation and there will be a memorial at Firefighters monument in Dover, in the afternoon will be a stair climb at Dover Downs. We are looking for a 7 person team. Starting the stair climb from noon to five followed by a BBQ and D.J. More than one 7 person team is welcome. It is \$25 a person. Handbooks are now available for all Kent County Presidents. Next chiefs meeting we will have a book for the chiefs. It has been a pleasure working with the legislatures please thank them and let them know your appreciation.

**State Fire Chief's Association** – Doug Butler, next meeting 23<sup>rd</sup> June Station 89, thanks for the recognition. DNREC will explain how to do Instructional (controlled) burns to include paperwork involved. Big issue is that there is other trash added to the burn and household items are being brought it should not happen. These are to be clean burns. Chicken houses are also an issue.

**State Ambulance Association** – Ed Angwin, 2 things out of recent commission meetings are refusals and cancellation of ALS. Make sure your EMT's are documenting everything properly with clearance from medical direction. ALS, do NOT cancel until you are sure you do not need them hard to turn around once cancelled. Improving CPR more information as it becomes available. Epinephrine pens can be a liability issue with general public being allowed to administer. 2<sup>nd</sup> pen given by EMT can cause a cardiac arrest and can be fatal, more to come on this. Next meeting is with the state chiefs again at Slaughter Beach. Conference those sending representatives only space for 4 individuals.

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

**State Fire Police Association** – No Report

**DVFA Conference** – John McKenzie, conference is a go, forms are on the website, and training opportunities are available to everyone. No show policy is in effect.

**State Fire Prevention Commission** – Kevin Wilson, although I did not attend we get most of reports, make sure your EMT's are doing what they are supposed to be doing. Quality assurances make sure all forms are filled out. 4 to 5 different hearings on

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just on EMT's not doing what they are supposed to do. Make sure your quality control is up to date.

**Delaware State Fire School** – No Report

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

**Legislature** – Rep. Willis, Scott, and Kenton gives us a call we are there to serve you. Senator Bruce Ennis, SB 67 – referencing the signs that are put out for memorials, trying to get colors changed already move through senate. SB 140 – does not allow funeral expenses to be paid with the consent of the beneficiary of the pension from a deceased state employee. This bill changes the statute to allow funeral expenses to be paid out of the benefits of the decedent. Keno – is also something we need to look out for could affect some of the fund raising activities we have. Also want to recognize Al Metheny for the 911 Center.

**Kent County Fire Chief's Association** – our next meeting is Jul 14<sup>th</sup> at Sta. 54.

**Kent County Fire Police Association** – Richard Schwalb thanks for recognition.

**Kent County Ambulance Association** – P.J. Gosch our next meeting is Jul 14<sup>th</sup> a joint meeting with the chiefs.

**Kent County Ladies Auxiliary** – Pat Paolini thanks for the recognition.

**Kent County Levy Court** – Alan Angel, thanks for the recognition and the celebration of the 911 center.

**Kent County Emergency Dispatch Center** – Kevin Sipple, narrow band paging system FCC has mandated by January 2013, update your Minitor pagers. Through negotiations we may be able to supply about 15 units to each company throughout the state. Go to the FCC web page they have a timer on it. No extensions for updates will be granted. Through your funding process you need to include in your budgets.

**Kent County Emergency Management Agency** – Mr. Palmer, thanks for the recognition.

**Kent County Emergency Medical Services (Paramedics)** – Mr. Palmer, business as usual and we have one medical director.

**New Castle County Volunteer Firemen's Association** – Mike McMichael, next meeting in July.

**Sussex County Volunteer Firemen's Association** – Todd Reilly thanks for the recognition, our next meeting at Station 75 Ellendale. Just a reminder Hero's blood drive is going on please let them know which county you are from.

**State Recruitment and Retention** – No Report

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

**DEMA** – Glenn Gillespie, thanks for the recognition.

**NVFC** – No Report

*A motion was made, seconded, carried for approval of the minutes of the previous meeting as printed. (Typo was corrected under Legislature: SB 57 changed to show SB 67)*

**Deceased Members:** Station 44 – Richard "Dick" E. Ennis

**Report of Officers** – All submitted in written or electronic form (Summary by President Gillespie, toured 512<sup>th</sup> AW at Dover, DE, Pope AFB, NC & Patrick AFB, FL. Gave thanks to the committee for a successful Safe Summer Days and also all companies in county for their participation.)(Summary by Vice President Pridemore, 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Safe Summer Days represented very well by all companies along with other agencies. Fire Prevention next meets July 14<sup>th</sup> & August 4<sup>th</sup> scheduled Kent County Fire Prevention Awards Banquet on Sunday December 18<sup>th</sup> at Station 42.)

**Treasurer's Report** – Treasurer Robert Yerkes reported ending balances as of June 1, 2011: Roland Trader Scholarship Fund – \$8,951.11; Checking Account – \$213.98; Money Market – \$24,115.14; Smoke Detector Fund – \$6423.00; Total of all CD's – \$19,911.71; Total funds – \$43,240.83

**Written Correspondence** – NONE

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### Report of Committees

Law & Legislative, Kevin Wilson – talk about a bond bill committee email notice there was nobody on it from Kent County. Everyone should email on issues they do pay attention. In the next couple of weeks spend a couple of hours at legislative hall. Send them emails they do pay attention to them.

Website, Kevin Wilson – goal of the committee is to make the website a central repository for all of Kent County. We will also have many useful links. If information is not there email and let us know.

Constitution & Bylaws, Kevin Wilson – is still a work in progress

Fire Advisory Board, Marvin Sharp – we will be meeting at Harrington's Fire house for a new idea on additional funding from Levy Court being presented by Ed Welch.

Scholarship Committee, Robert Yerkes – 2 winners selected and will be presented at next meeting. (Little Creek)

Nominating Committee, Jim Cabbage – we will meet next month, anyone running for office get your letters in especially for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President.

**Payment of Bills** – \$100.00 – Delaware State Fire Police Association (For a full page advertisement in 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary book); A motion was made, seconded, and carried for payment of bills.

### Unfinished Business

NONE

### New Business –

NONE

### Good of the Association

Charlie Frampton, remiss in recognizing one director Ron Marvel.

President Gillespie for Carlisle Fire Company, couple chicken BBQ 26<sup>th</sup> of June and 2<sup>nd</sup> of July

President Gillespie with thanks again to all guest.

50-50 – Todd Reilly

Conference Souvenir – N/A

A motion was made and seconded, and carried to adjourn at 9:15 p.m.; Rev. Paul gave the benediction.

*The next meeting will be at Station 54, Little Creek – July 20<sup>th</sup>*

Respectfully submitted,



Pablo Reyes, Jr., Secretary