



## Kent County Volunteer Firefighter's Association

July 18, 2012

President White called the 962<sup>nd</sup> meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at Station 48, Felton Fire Company. Following dinner served by the Ladies Auxiliary of the station, Vice President Brode presented our thanks to the auxiliary. Ken Ryder, President of the Felton Fire Company gave the address of welcome; Vice President Brode gave the response.

**Roll Calls:** Officers: 11 present, 3 absent; Companies: 17 present, 2 absent; Past Presidents: 10 KCVFA, 3 DVFA, and 8 Fire Company Presidents.

### **Introduction of Guests:**

**DVFA** – Charles Boyer, Information here that Warren has given me the Legislative session was pretty successful this year. We received 5% increase in Grant & Aid, increase to \$100,000 for Fire Prevention, Free surf fishing license for all active firefighters, EMT, and Life members goes into effect January 1<sup>st</sup> 2013. We express our thanks to the Government Affairs committee, additionally; we assisted the Fire School in obtaining \$360,000. The conference is getting close and the deadline for all forms is August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2012. Hope Fire Department in Lincoln, Delaware involving fund raising (stating they are a non-active fire company) the A.G office has been contacted to investigate. Insurance meeting was a good one with the commissioner's office we appear to be moving in the right direction. Richard Tolson with thanks to all those attending at Legislative Hall. Al Metheny dues are out with a reduction to \$3500.

**State Fire Chief's Association** – Glenn Gillespie, stated all the new officers and directors, our next meeting is September 13<sup>th</sup> at Station 43, Cheswold.

**State Ambulance Association** – Ed Angwin, reviews going on now. Conference class numbers are down please sign up soon.

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

**State Fire Police Association** – Dave Snell, our next meeting will be at Conference on Tuesday night.

**DVFA Conference** – John Stevens, Get your room request in by August 17<sup>th</sup> and DVFA alcohol policies (on website) are in effect at the conference.

**State Fire Prevention Commission** – No Report

**Delaware State Fire School** – No Report

**State Fire Marshal's Office** – Grover Engel, proposed changes to the regulation have been posted in the registrar and are scheduled for a public meeting. There is not a great deal of changes mainly for the newer technologies.

**Legislature** – Representative Bob Outten thanks for the recognition. Senator Bruce Ennis a couple of things good news and bad news. Grant & Aid 5% increase is the good news with Insurance Premiums going up, however the bad news is the

ambulance side there was a reduction but the good news is Insurance rebate tax. Deducting losses and adding increase we still came out ahead. Senate Bill 210 Federal EMS standards act EMT's will be known as Emergency Medical Technicians and EMT-C will be known Advance Medical Technician's and EMT-P's will be known as Paramedics. SB 261 for 1.6 acres of ground not used transferred back to town of Smyrna for a future sub-station. HB401 passed for free surf fishing vehicle permits to active Delaware volunteer firefighters, active EMTs, and life-members of volunteer fire departments. HB 356 did not pass involving charitable gaming and vendors to undergo a background investigation at their cost, and enabling federal criminal background information to be obtained for third-party vendors.

**Kent County Fire Chief's Association** – No Report

**Kent County Fire Police Association** – Richard Schwalb, next meeting August 21<sup>st</sup> at Hartly Station 51

**Kent County Ambulance Association** – Ed Angwin No meeting in July conflicting with State Fair, next meeting August 27<sup>th</sup> at South Bowers.

**Kent County Ladies Auxiliary** – Penny Gentry, no meeting next month but we convene in September.

**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

**New Castle County Volunteer Firemen's Association** – pleasure to be here our next meeting is at Station 14 on August 9<sup>th</sup>

**Sussex County Volunteer Firemen's Association** – Richard Tolson, our next meeting is Tuesday at Roxana.

**State Recruitment and Retention** – No Report

**Mutual Relief** – Joe Zerolles, earlier packets were handed out and I will field questions next month. Hope to see your representatives at the conference we are going to vote on it. Form on the website

**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.*

**Deceased Members:** Station 47 – Harold Venable, Station 49 – Charles Walls, Station 44 – Gordon Miller.

**Report of Officers** – All submitted in written or electronic form. Except for President White he will submit one next month, Vice President Pridemore fill out form for your committee of choice. Vice President Brode echoed President White that Charlie Walls

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funeral was a nice event. Secretary Pablo Reyes, Jr. asks that members check out KCVFA website and notify an officer of any changes so it can be passed on to the appropriate individuals.

**Treasurer's Report** – Treasurer Robert Yerkes report of ending balances as of July 1, 2012: Roland Trader Scholarship Fund – \$9930.38; Checking Account – \$160.20; Money Market – \$24,596.63; Smoke Detector Fund – \$6,806.00; Total of all CD's – \$19,989.75; Total funds – \$44,746.58. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to accept the report as read.

**Written Correspondence** – 6 letters read, 1<sup>st</sup> letter from Citizen's Hose Fire Company supporting Harold Brode's nomination to 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President of KCVFA, 2<sup>nd</sup> letter from Citizen's Hose Fire Company supporting John Pridemore's nomination to President of KCVFA, 3<sup>rd</sup> letter from Magnolia Volunteer Fire Company submitting Ralph Satterfield's name for a position of the Mutual Relief Association, 4<sup>th</sup> letter from Harrington Fire Company supporting Harold Brode's nomination to 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President of KCVFA, 5<sup>th</sup> letter from Clayton Fire Company supporting John Pridemore's nomination to the office of President of KCVFA. 6<sup>th</sup> letter from the Felton Community Fire Company endorsing Ken Ryder for nomination to 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President of KCVFA.

### **Report of Committees**

Fire Prevention – Harold Brode, need all names for company representatives, our next meeting is August 19<sup>th</sup>. Under proper order of business we have a budget to present for next year. Safe Summer Days – John Pridemore, thanks to the association and for its support. We had event with heat index of 108 degrees. We passed out 1500 water bottles that day. 17 of the 19 companies were in attendance. Thanks to the Ladies Auxiliary, Fire Police, Stations 46, 42, 51, and 41. Great turn out really appreciate the support made Kent County proud.

**Payment of Bills** – \$18.00 – Robert Yerkes (Stamps); \$900.00 – Delaware State University (Lauren Nickerson, Scholarship); \$34.00 – M&M Trophies & Awards (Plaque, Scholarship Winner) A motion was made and seconded, and carried to pay the bills.

### **Unfinished Business**

Bruce Ennis, Status of Mutual Relief Association vacancy. President White, it is still open until the August meeting. Bruce Ennis, I think a Gaming Commission vacancy is coming up too. President White, we will check into it.

### **New Business**

Harold Brode, A motion was made and seconded, and carried to approve the Kent County Fire Prevention budget asking for

\$2050.00 for 2012.

President Steve White, we will not be having a joint meeting with the Chiefs in September. Reiterate if you want to be on or off a committee let us know.

**Nominations:** President White opened the floor for nominations calling each office. Nominations are as follows; President – John Pridemore, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Harold Brode, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – Ken Ryder, Secretary – Pablo Reyes, Jr, Treasurer – Robert Yerkes, 2 Directors – Ronnie Vincent, 1 left open. A motion was made and seconded, and carried to take these nominations to next month.

### **Good of the Association**

Robert Yerkes, I would like to one more time commend Frederica for the outstanding job they did with Charlie Walls funeral and Joe Zeroles for coordinating the Fire Police, Dover Police, State Police and State Highway we went out twice on Route 1. The camaraderie after the funeral was outstanding. Spoke to Mrs. Walls and she still appreciates everything that was done.

Earlier this week I was contacted by Cindy Greco Deputy Director of Kent County EMS in charge of coordinating a drill with Dover AFB looking for at least 5 BLS Ambulance to participate slated for August 21<sup>st</sup>. Contact Cindy directly.

Ron, 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Burn Tournament coming up and all proceeds go to the Delaware Burn Camp.

President White, please see Harold Brode for your Fire Prevention packages.

50-50 – Pablo Reyes, Jr.

Conference Souvenir – Unknown

*The next meeting will be at the Frederica Fire Company, Station 49 – August 15<sup>th</sup> (final nomination night)*

A motion was made and seconded, and carried to adjourn at 8:25 p.m.; Rev. Paul gave the benediction.

Respectfully submitted,



Pablo Reyes, Jr., Secretary