



## Kent County Volunteer Firefighter's Association

August 17, 2011

Vice President White called the 952<sup>nd</sup> meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. at Station 55, Magnolia Volunteer Fire Company. Following dinner served by the Ladies Auxiliary of the station, Vice President Pridemore presented gratuities to the auxiliary. Phil Russell, Past Chief of the Magnolia Volunteer Fire Company gave the address of welcome; Vice President Pridemore gave the response.

**Roll Calls:** Officers: 12 present, 2 absent; Companies: 18 present, 1 absent; Past Presidents: 18 KCVFA, 9 DVFA, and 12 Fire Company Presidents.

### **Introduction of Guests:**

**DVFA** – Charles Frampton, Mr. Bill Tobin sends his regrets he is home sick. Charles Boyer, reminding everyone of the 9/11 Stair Climb at Dover Downs and Memorial Service on September 11<sup>th</sup> with sign up on website by September 1<sup>st</sup>. Warren Jones, companies looking for last year's parade score sheets see me after meeting.

**State Fire Chief's Association** – Doug Butler, come to the conference there will be a good speaker.

**State Ambulance Association** – Mike McMichael, Robert Jones is doing better recovering from heart attack, any cards send to his house. Ed Angwin, Primary thing is get your conference registration in cut-off date is coming up quickly. Sign is a work in progress there is supposed to be a demonstration model at the conference. Protocols is still a work in progress, they are back to Medical Director. Reminder for ConEd you will need a photo ID to get in.

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

**State Fire Police Association** – David Snell thanks for the recognition.

**DVFA Conference** – John McKenzie, conference is coming up need to get your registrations in so a decent count can be made. Elmer Steele, reiterate September 1<sup>st</sup> is drop-dead date. Several seminars do not have anyone registered. Wednesday night is meet your host night for Fire Police and Ambulance. Friday night dance is back in place at the expense of the President Tobin and Memorial Fire Company. Thanks to all the 28 sub-committees for their assistance.

**State Fire Prevention Commission** – Alan Robinson, reports from Fire Marshall and Fire School Director looking at changes to ambulance regulations and the audit. Next

meeting is September 20<sup>th</sup> 9:00 a.m. at the Fire School.

**Delaware State Fire School** – Tucker, National Fire Academy the postings are out. I'd like to see numbers go up on those attending. We need to get our folks trained, great facility good teachers push your folks to train.

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

**Legislature** – Senator Ennis, 1<sup>st</sup> session is over, new session starts in January. Last month I reported 3 Senate Bills signed by governor. 1 – ramp devices 2 – Memorializing with signs 3 – Funeral benefits ability to sign checks over to funeral home.

**Kent County Fire Chief's Association** – Phil Pennington, due to scheduling conflict we would like to have a combined meeting with the KCVFA at Station 56.

**Kent County Fire Police Association** – Alvin Schmick, next meeting at Station 57 on September 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Kent County Ambulance Association** – P.J. Gosch our next meeting will be September 26<sup>th</sup> at Frederica.

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

**Kent County Levy Court** – Harold Brode thanks for the recognition. Eric Buckson, in reference to street widths law states development must have 28 foot wide roads stands, DelDOT says that is fine we are not going to approve them, we outrank you. As far as the Public Safety fee, I am willing to listen.

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

**Sussex County Volunteer Firemen's Association** – Todd Reilly, greetings from Sussex County our meeting will be Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> at Indian River. Wake-up Delaware good numbers from Kent County still working on New Castle, Sussex County has good numbers showing the program is working.

**State Recruitment and Retention** – No Report

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

**DEMA** – No Report

**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:** None

**Report of Officers** – All submitted in written or electronic form (except for President Gillespie)

**Treasurer's Report** – Secretary Pablo Reyes reported for Treasurer Robert Yerkes report of ending balances as of August 1, 2011: Roland Trader Scholarship Fund – \$8,152.58; Checking Account – \$166.98; Money Market – \$21,744.38; Smoke Detector Fund – \$6423.00; Total of all CD's – \$19,978.76; Total funds – \$41,890.12

**Written Correspondence** – 4 letters read, 1<sup>st</sup> letter from Cheswold Volunteer Fire Co. stating their delegates. 2<sup>nd</sup> letter from Cheswold Volunteer Fire Co. showing not in support of the F.A.B. proposal to Levy Court. 3<sup>rd</sup> letter from Houston Volunteer Fire Co. showing not in support of the current F.A.B. proposal to Levy Court. 4<sup>th</sup> letter from Kent County Ambulance Association showing not in support of the current F.A.B. proposal in its present form to Levy Court.

### **Report of Committees**

Fire Prevention, John Pridemore – thanks to all the presidents and chiefs as of tonight all packets have been passed out and they have gotten their appropriations. The packets are due back to each company by October 21<sup>st</sup>. We need a point of contact for each company Fire Prevention representative. Currently the electronic packet is on DVFA website.

Nominating Committee, Al Metheny – KCVFA nominees are as follows for: President – Steve White, letter is on file with the secretary; 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – John Pridemore, letter is on file with the secretary; 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – Harold Brode, letter is on file with the secretary; Secretary – Pablo Reyes, Jr.; Treasurer – Robert Yerkes; Directors – Frank King and Harry Lindale.

Website, Kevin Wilson – website is a work in progress; let us know about adding anything the website address is [www.kcvfa.com](http://www.kcvfa.com).

Fire Advisory Board, Marvin Sharp – Fire Advisory Board will meet 7:00 p.m. 30<sup>th</sup> of August in Magnolia to clarify some things about the F.A.B. Proposal. Fire Advisory

Board meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month.

Chamber of Commerce – Tonight you got a packet of information explaining what you can get, review it and anyone wishing to attend a combined mixture at Milford let me know.

**Payment of Bills** – \$8.38 – Robert Yerkes (50/50 tickets and envelopes); A motion was made, seconded, and carried for payment of bills.

### **Unfinished Business**

NONE

### **New Business** –

Nominations from the floor were opened by Vice President White and each office called 3 times. Nominations of office for: President > Steve White, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President > John Pridemore, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President > Harold Brode, Secretary > Pablo Reyes, Jr., Treasurer > Robert Yerkes, Directors > Harry Lindale, with Frank King & Jim Woznicki nominated from the floor.

\*A motion was made and seconded, and carried to combine KCVFA and KCFCFA next month.

### **Good of the Association**

(\* ) A motion was made and seconded, and carried to go back to new business.

Charlotte, reminding everyone about Little Creek and Bowers benefits this weekend and also, Bingo 25<sup>th</sup> at Bowers.

Blood Bank Sussex County Hero drive is still going on and so is Kent County Hero drive.

50-50 – Charlie Boyer

Conference Souvenir – Pablo Reyes, Jr.

A motion was made and seconded, and carried to adjourn at 8:16 p.m.; Rev. Paul gave the benediction.

*The next meeting will be at Station 56, Marydel – September 21<sup>st</sup> Nominations and Elections*

Respectfully submitted,



Pablo Reyes, Jr., Secretary