



## Kent County Volunteer Firefighter's Association

September 19, 2012

President White called the 964<sup>th</sup> meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. at Station 50, Harrington Fire Company. Following dinner served by the Ladies Auxiliary of the station, Vice President Brode presented our thanks to the auxiliary. Ed Welch, President of the Harrington Fire Company gave the address of welcome; Vice President Brode gave the response.

**Roll Calls:** Officers: 13 present, 1 absent; Companies: 16 present, 3 absent; Past Presidents: 14 KCVFA, 11 DVFA, and 10 Fire Company Presidents.

### **Introduction of Guests:**

**DVFA** – Charles Frampton, thanks to Kent County for all the support this past year. Charles Boyer, It is an honor to support you as President and I look forward to a great year. All those that attended the conference hope you enjoyed all the events and we received many compliments to the legal round-table discussion and look forward to running this again next year. POW/MIA Flag Day is set for this Friday, September 21<sup>st</sup>. We are asking all fire stations in the state to fly the POW/MIA flag. County representatives will explain how to get the flag.

**State Fire Chief's Association** – Glenn Gillespie thanks for the recognition pleasure to be here.

**State EMS Association** – Ed Angwin, total conference we averaged 355 attendees per day. Fire School reports fall EMT classes are full anyone else will have to wait for Spring to attend. Only 450 of the 1400 EMT's have completed online mandatory protocol update class the rest **must be complete before January next year or be decertified.**

**DVFA Ladies Auxiliary** – No Report

**State Fire Police Association** – No Report

**DVFA Conference** – John Stevens thanks again to those that participated. Our next meeting is Conference wind-up on the 15<sup>th</sup> of October at Cheswold. Next year's conference is set for September 9<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> put that in your books we still need help with committees.

**State Fire Prevention Commission** – Marvin Sharp, several fire departments filed their audits late and we were forced to fine around \$20,000. New Fire Regulations have been accepted some discussion as to facial hair, beards due to religious reasons. (Amish) doing some research. No date has been set for ground breaking at the new fire

school. Next meeting is the 16<sup>th</sup> with 2 public hearings set.  
**Delaware State Fire School** – Steve Martin thanks for the recognition.

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

**Legislature** – Senator Bruce Ennis, POW/MIA bill for those interested tomorrow 2:30pm the governor will sign at the American Legion Post 14 in Smyrna.

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

**Kent County Fire Police Association** – Richard Schwalb, Vail Johnsons daughter received honorary membership for the Delaware Fire Police Association and our next meeting October 16<sup>th</sup> Leipsic, Station 53.

**Kent County Ambulance Association** – P.J. Gosch next meeting next Monday 24<sup>th</sup> at Station 64.

**Kent County Ladies Auxiliary** – Shirley Pennington thanks for the recognition.

**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** – Steve (Redman) Maichle, next meeting be October 11<sup>th</sup> at Station 16.

**Sussex County Volunteer Firemen's Association** – William Buckaloo our next meeting is September 25<sup>th</sup> at Millville. Met the UPS truck and got 89 flags they will be handed out.

**State Recruitment and Retention** – No Report

**Mutual Relief** – Joe Zerolles, handing out letters for accidental death and dismemberment we need more realistic numbers. Numbers that would be good are your tax numbers or pension eligible people.

**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 50 – Albert C. Price, Station 51 – Joseph S. Vodvarka

**Report of Officers** – All submitted in written or electronic form. Vice President Pridemore remind all table Officers

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and Directors wear coat & tie or suit with badges to next meeting. Also anyone interested in serving on a committee sign up. November 2<sup>nd</sup> to the 4<sup>th</sup> would like to see good representation at the National Fire Academy.

**Treasurer's Report** – Treasurer Robert Yerkes report of ending balances as of September 1, 2012: Roland Trader Scholarship Fund – \$9031.16; Checking Account – \$151.20; Money Market – \$24,398.71; Smoke Detector Fund – \$6,806.00; Total of all CD's – \$19,989.75; Total funds – \$44,539.66. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to accept the report as read.

**Written Correspondence** – 1 letter read, from the Bowers Fire Company supporting Jeff Dennison for the position of KCVFA Director.

**Report of Committees**

Fire Prevention – Harold Brode, met on 19<sup>th</sup> of August and picked up packets and stuffed 1750 envelopes and passed out to the Fire Companies. All essays and posters must be in to the local companies by October the 19<sup>th</sup> from all schools and judged to us by November 2<sup>nd</sup> we will judge pass them on to State. Any questions contact John Pridemore for week I am gone.

**Payment of Bills** – \$700.00 – First State Flag (20 MIA/POW flags) (***under New Business Kevin Wilson***) \*A motion was made and seconded, and carried to pay for the flags.

**Unfinished Business**

**Election of officers & directors:** \*\* A motion was made and seconded, and carried for Rev. Paul to cast a ballot for all uncontested offices. After Rev. Paul's casting of the vote. The following are the elected officers of the Kent County Volunteer Firefighters Association. President – John Pridemore, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Harold Brode, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – Ken Ryder, Secretary – Pablo Reyes, Treasurer – Robert Yerkes, Directors – Ronnie Vincent and Jeff Dennison.

**New Business**

\*Kevin Wilson, A motion was made and seconded, and carried to pay for the POW/MIA flags. President White, flags can be signed for at the end of the meeting and

thanks to William Buckaloo for picking up flags for entire state.

Resolution for Rev. Paul was read for his outstanding service to the fire service throughout the state following his announcement of retirement presented by the Citizen's Hose Company members.

**Good of the Association**

National Fallen Fire Fighters an attempt is being made on October 7<sup>th</sup> for a ringing of all church bells. Check the website [www.bellsacrossamerica.com](http://www.bellsacrossamerica.com) for more information. Families of the Fallen Fighters will be meeting in Emmitsburg, Md.

\*\* A motion was made and seconded, and carried to go back to unfinished business.

Penny Gentry Kent County Ladies President wanted to remind everyone next Tuesday County Ladies hosting meeting at Station 54 all are invited.

Robert Yerkes, Harry Lindale getting treatment for cancer. He is in good spirits and keep Harry in your prayers.

Harold Brode, congratulations to and Smyrna and Clayton for winning the big prizes.

President White, member of our fire company was in an accident 4 months for recuperation, up at 2c24 – Christiana

50-50 – Mark Knots  
Conference Souvenir –

*The next meeting will be at the Clayton Fire Company, Station 45 – October 17<sup>th</sup> (installation of officers)*

A motion was made and seconded, and carried to adjourn at 8:15 p.m.; Rev. Paul gave the benediction.

Respectfully submitted,



Pablo Reyes, Jr., Secretary