



Kent County Volunteer Firefighter's Association September 21, 2011

President Gillespie called the 953rd meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. at Station 56, Marydel Volunteer Fire Company. Following dinner served by the Ladies Auxiliary of the station, Vice President Pridemore presented gratuities to the auxiliary. Steve Bernat, President of the Marydel Volunteer Fire Company gave the address of welcome; Vice President Pridemore gave the response.

Deviation of Business: Fire Advisory Board members Mr. Ed. Welch and Mr. Marvin Sharp presented an updated F.A.B. Kent County Apparatus Funding Proposal with opportunities for questions throughout the presentation. Marvin Sharp thanks Chiefs & Presidents and with those attending previous meetings. Ed Welch spoke about changes to the proposal. Total funding request is \$1,557,000 per year. This proposal is including current Grant & Aid. Details were provided to all companies in a presentation format. John Pridemore provided more information on how funding would work in the proposal. Even funding streamline across the board. If, it is completed through legislative law it could be set to last. Six months after your audit year a report would be sent to the County. Looking at getting them to pass some sort of legislation. It has been estimated it would take \$284 million dollars to run the State-wide fire service. Marvin Sharp we should not get into the funding mechanism yet that is the Commissioners job. We have made changes using many of your ideas. New Castle and Sussex County companies get a check those organizations use the monies as they see necessary for their own companies. We need to at least try and move forward with the proposal. We would not be where we are at today if we do not ask. Who is financially responsible to fund the fire service? We need to enter negotiations. Estimated cost is at \$15 per parcel.

Roll Calls: Officers: 13 present, 1 absent; Companies: 18 present, 1 absent; Past Presidents: 12 KCVFA, 6 DVFA, and 13 Fire Company Presidents.

Introduction of Guests:

DVFA – Charles Boyer, thanks to those attending 9/11 events, and the 2011 DVFA Conference. Special thanks to Elmer Steele and the committee for putting on a good conference. Executive Manager, Vice Presidents and Directors will start meeting with the companies. Be sure to have all your audits in before deadline, two companies were fined for being late. DVFA dues for the coming year have been reduced by \$500 per company.

State Fire Chief's Association – Glenn Gillespie, thanks for the recognition.

State Ambulance Association – Mike McMichael, Congratulations to Tucker Dempsey and Doug Poore on their awards. Next meeting with the Chiefs in January 2012.

DVFA Ladies Auxiliary – Penny Rodimak thanks for the recognition.

State Fire Police Association – David Snell thanks for the recognition next meeting will be November 13, 2011.

DVFA Conference – Elmer Steele F.O.Y., reiterate what Charlie Boyer said earlier all indicators so far are that conference was a great success.

State Fire Prevention Commission – Marvin Sharp, people were infectious with no way to contact the ambulance crew, Eden is becoming more and more important. Given data some departments are getting 95% of the Eden reports within the window they want. Some companies are at 67% which is not acceptable. Motion was made that the fines go to the Burn Camp instead of the General Funds. We are in the infant stages at looking for billable on maritime ambulance. Life Star of Delaware has been purchased by Life Star of Maryland. One department in State of Delaware goes out of service every night at 7:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. with neighboring companies picking up the burden. They are getting same funding to operate full service.

Delaware State Fire School – No Report

State Fire Marshal's Office – No Report

Legislature – Senator Ennis, out of session, thanks to all for participating in the 9/11 exercises.

Kent County Fire Chief's Association – No Report

Kent County Fire Police Association – No Report

Kent County Ambulance Association – Jennifer Knox our next meeting will be Monday at Frederica.

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

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Kent County Levy Court – No Reports

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 – No Report

Sussex County Volunteer Firemen's Association – No Report

State Recruitment and Retention – No Report

Mutual Relief – Joe Zerolos, Invoice for Insurance premiums need to be in on time.

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 56 – Al Lane, Station 53 – Dan Fox

Report of Officers – All submitted in written or electronic form. President Gillespie summarized his report. Thanks to the Magnolia Fire Company for hosting FAB proposal. Thanks to John Pridemore's support, assistance and collaboration with the F.A.B. Thanks to all companies participating in the 911 memorial service and stair climb and to Citizen's Hose Company for the 911 memorial service.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Robert Yerkes report of ending balances as of September 1, 2011: Roland Trader Scholarship Fund – \$7,353.21; Checking Account – \$194.60; Money Market – \$21,747.92; Smoke Detector Fund – \$6423.00; Total of all CD's – \$19,949.51; Total funds – \$41,892.03

Written Correspondence – 6 letters read, 1st letter from Citizen's Hose Company stating their support of John Pridemore to the position of KCVFA 1st Vice President. 2nd letter from Citizen's Hose Company stating their support of Harold Brode to the position of KCVFA 2nd Vice President. 3rd letter from Dover Fire Department stating their support of Harold Brode to the position of KCVFA 2nd Vice President. 4th letter from Kent Fire Chiefs Association showing not in support of the current F.A.B. Apparatus proposal. 5th letter from Camden-Wyoming Fire Company showing disapproval of the F.A.B. proposal as previously presented. 6th letter from Bowers Fire Company stating their concerns over a patient transportation issue and the transportation of patient's decision making authority.

Report of Committees

Constitution and Bylaws, Kevin Wilson – everything is not done with many changes being made, instead of taking time to go through it at a meeting we will make a copy for everyone to review then go over it at the next meeting.

Fire Prevention, John Pridemore – the packets need to be back to your organization prior to October 21st. Provide us with any special Fire Prevention celebrations and we will see that they get on the KCVFA website.

Website, Kevin Wilson – website is up and running, we have not had much time to upload information. If you have anything to upload send us an email and we will see it gets done. Visit the website at www.kcvfa.com.

Fire Advisory Board, Marvin Sharp – You heard what we got in the earlier presentation; we will need to move on this.

Nominating Committee, Bill Betts – KCVFA nominees are as follows for: President – Steve White; 1st Vice President – John Pridemore; 2nd Vice President – Harold Brode; Secretary – Pablo Reyes, Jr.; Treasurer – Robert Yerkes; with 3 Directors nominated for 2 spots – Frank King, Harry Lindale and Jim Woznicki.

Payment of Bills – No bills presented.

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Unfinished Business

A motion was made and seconded, and carried to take the F.A.B. Funding Proposal off the table and acted on from when it was tabled in July. Floor was opened for discussion on the proposal, you have heard and seen the revised proposal. Nothing said tonight is cast in stone. The Presentation that was given tonight will be tailored. Are you satisfied with the funding you are getting? *A motion was made and seconded that the F.A.B. and table officers move forward with the F.A.B. Proposal that was presented here tonight. After much discussion about the motion a roll-call vote was taken and the motion passed.*

A motion was made that because we did not get 100% of the vote for the F.A.B. Proposal that we should not move forward with the F.A.B Proposal; the motion died for lack of a second.

New Business –

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

Motions were made and seconded, and carried to close nominations for each office as each was called 3 times. President Gillespie stated the Directors having 3 nominees and only 2 vacancies would require a ballot vote. A motion was made seconded and carried to have the secretary cast a vote for all the unopposed offices. A roll-call of delegates was performed for a ballot vote with the appointment of 1 judge and 2 tellers. By a count of a ballot vote the 2 Director's elected to the Director's positions are Harry Lindale and Jim Woznicki.

The elected members for the positions of the KCVFA are as follows: President – Steve White, 1st Vice President – John Pridemore, 2nd Vice President – Harold Brode, Secretary – Pablo Reyes, Jr., Treasurer – Robert Yerkes, 3 Year Director's – Harry Lindale, and Jim Woznicki

Good of the Association

Mr. Tucker, Citizen's Hose will celebrate 125 years of service on October 29th starting a 2:00 check our website for more information. Robert Yerke's, Saturday will be Houston's Annual Fire Prevention Day with a parade.

50-50 – Chief Hitch

Conference Souvenir –

A motion was made and seconded, and carried to adjourn at 9:50 p.m.; Rev. Paul gave the benediction.

The next meeting will be at Station 49, Frederica – October 19, 2011 Installation of Officers

Respectfully submitted,



Pablo Reyes, Jr., Secretary