



## Kent County Volunteer Firemen's Association January 16, 2008

President Joe Zeroles called the 913<sup>th</sup> meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at Station 50, Harrington Volunteer Fire Company. Following dinner served by the Ladies Auxiliary of the fire company, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Dave Snell presented gratuities to the auxiliary. Gary Harrington, President of Station 50, Harrington Volunteer Fire Company gave the address of welcome; Vice President Snell gave the response.

**Roll Calls:** Officers: 13 present, 0 absent; Companies: 19 present; Past Presidents: 13 KCVFA, 4 DVFA, and 10 Fire Company Presidents.

### Introduction of Guests:

**DVFA** – Ron Marvel – Greetings and introduction of many members. Leadership seminar geared to Chiefs and Presidents looking at the future of the fire service. Voter registrations should be in by January 18<sup>th</sup> 2008. Delaware Fire Service leadership meeting to be held at the Modern Maturity Center with two guest speakers, the agenda will be emailed or faxed on January 22<sup>nd</sup> or 23<sup>rd</sup>. It will involve deciding what the issues should be, hoping to see maximum representation.

**State Fire Chief's Association** – John Fox, Greetings, and thanks for the recognition.

**State Ambulance Association** – 1<sup>st</sup> time State Ambulance association is in conjunction with the State Fire Chief's Association meeting on January 24, 2008. It is expected that attendance will increase with hopes to continue. A Special presentation will be made with a demo on the EDEN system.

**DVFA Ladies Auxiliary** – Doris Seamans and Barbara Metheny, greetings and no report.

**State Fire Police Association** – Next meeting at the Fire School on February 17, 2008.

**DVFA Conference** – No report

**State Fire Prevention Commission** – Did not meet, no report.

**Delaware State Fire School** – No report

**State Fire Marshal's Office** – Mr. Engel, The U.S. Fire Administration is promoting a new campaign. If you smoke put it out, put it out all the way. Go to the website for more information

(<http://www.usfa.dhs.gov/media/press/2008releases/010908.shtm>). 7 lives lost in Kent County because of smoking materials.

**Legislature** – Senator Bruce Ennis states they are in session and that HB-192 was reintroduced with regards to Mutual Relief/State Employees have a \$7000 death benefit. Many people opt to give it all to the funeral directors. Reminded that effective January 2007 it became taxable. Representative Bob Outten offered congratulations to Representative Senator Ennis. Representative Bob Walls pleasure to be here.

**Kent County Fire Chief's Association** – Phil Pennington presents greetings.

**Kent County Fire Police Association** – Thanks for the recognition.

**Kent County Ambulance Association** – Next meeting is January 28, 2008 and the Office of EMS will demonstrate the EDIN system.

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

**Kent County Levy Court** – Mr. Harold Brode states county administrators will be meeting with regards to the sprinklers in an effort to bring it up in March for a vote.

**Kent County Emergency Management** – Allen Metheny states the director sends apologies. They will be reactivating a new EMS Task Force to analyze future needs and hopes to include Kent County Association and County Planning. It will be a research based data analysis. February 1<sup>st</sup> is the implementation date for designation changes such as, Med65 will become KM65. September 6, 2008 Kent County Public Safety in conjunction with Delaware State Management will have a Family Emergency Preparedness Day at the Dover Mall. He is looking for help and displays. Theme is to have families prepare to take care of selves in an emergency situation. Bruce added the 911 Center is certified as EMD and now certified as a Fire Dispatch Center. (6<sup>th</sup> in world)

**Kent County Emergency Dispatch Center** – No Report

**Kent County Emergency Medical Services (Paramedics)** – No Report

**New Castle County Volunteer Firemen's Association** – Richard Clark presents greetings with their next meeting in

Odessa on February 14, 2008

**Sussex County Volunteer Firemen's Association** – Bill Tobin thanks for the recognition.

**State Recruitment and Retention** – No report

**Mutual Relief** – Yerkes stated all companies have paid on time.

**DEMA** – Things are normal, however still do not have a lot of Federal Funds available.

*A motion was made, seconded, carried for approval of the minutes of the previous meeting as printed.*

**Deceased Members:** Edward L. Sapp (46), Frederic F. Harris, Jr. WWII Veteran (44), Oscar Watkins (52). Chaplin Paul said a prayer for the deceased.

**Report of Officers** – Submitted in written form.

**Treasurer's Report** – Treasurer Robert Yerkes reported ending balances as of January 1, 2008: Roland Trader Scholarship Fund – \$2,985.16; Checking Account – \$726.99; Money Market – \$10,234.27; total of all CD's – \$17,379.77; total funds – \$28,340.83

**Written Correspondence** – None

**Report of Committees** –

Ladies Night – Roland Neeman reported that tickets are all out and everything is ok.

Fire Prevention – On January 3<sup>rd</sup> it was discussed that one person handling name changes, plaques, and certificates to other places. Jeff Dennison needs names for the Fire Prevention and Public Safety Information Officers of all companies for a meeting.

Fire Advisory and Kent County Chiefs met with other counties and found that fire service problems are not unique. Firemen of the Year as of this meeting night had "0" responses from any company. Need to have them in no later than January 31' 2008 to Frank Marvel and if needed email to [king.frank@comcast.net](mailto:king.frank@comcast.net).

**Payment of Bills** – \$175.00 Robert Yerkes (Fire Prevention Awards), \$516.00 Felton Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary (Fire Prevention Dinners), \$710.00 M&M Trophies & Awards (Fire Prevention Awards), \$6.11 Robert Yerkes (Fire Prevention Postage). A motion was made, seconded, and carried for payment of these bills.

**Unfinished Business** – None

**New Business** – A motion was made and seconded for Marvin Sharp to request a 7.5% increase for the Grant-In-Aid with a copy to Levy Court

Recommendation was made to send a plaque to Kent Center for achieving 6<sup>th</sup> in world status.

**Good of the Association** – Jeff Dennison's email address for those wishing to send information is [jffrygp@aol.com](mailto:jffrygp@aol.com).

Kevin Wilson thanks the companies for donations to the South Carolina Company and states that needs still exist. 50-50 – won by Richard Haas

A motion was made and seconded, and carried to adjourn at 8:30 p.m.; Chaplin Paul gave the benediction.

Respectfully submitted,



Pablo Reyes, Jr., Secretary