



Kent County Volunteer Firemen's Association

February 20, 2008 (Snowy night)

President Joe Zeroles called the 914th meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. at Station 51, Hartly Volunteer Fire Company. Following dinner served by the Ladies Auxiliary of the fire company, 2nd Vice President Dave Snell presented gratuities to the auxiliary. President of Station 51, Hartly Volunteer Fire Company gave the address of welcome; Vice President Snell gave the response.

Roll Calls: Officers: 13 present, 0 absent; Companies: 18 present, 1 absent; Past Presidents: 15 KCVFA, 9 DVFA, and 10 Fire Company Presidents.

Introduction of Guests:

DVFA – Ron Marvel – Greetings and introduction's. States, he wants everyone to be aware that Charlie Frampton is the head of voter's registration. He would like to see at least 90% of the firefighters registered to vote. Party affiliations should be done no later than March 30, 2008. Conference was successful; some of the things discussed have been implemented into service. CFSI is scheduled for April 3, 2008 in Washington D.C. hoping for maximum attendance by all companies. Law and Legislative is May 6, 2008. Kevin Wilson will be available to come to your company to register people for voting, please contact him for more information.

State Fire Chief's Association – Greetings, and thanks for the recognition, next meeting March 27th in Felton.

State Ambulance Association – Greetings and thanks for the recognition on behalf of Wendy.

DVFA Ladies Auxiliary – Thanks for the recognition with greetings.

State Fire Police Association – No Report

DVFA Conference – 2008 Committee is set and off and running. All conference registration will be online by May 1st; cutoff date is August 8, 2008. Conference souvenirs are in and for sale. Room contracts are due back. Next meeting will be the 3rd Monday in May.

State Fire Prevention Commission – Marvin Sharp reported that the Hemoglobin dressing has been approved. 28 % of BLS calls are admitted. Put names on your bags. BLS and Fire Company Financial Reports are due in. Question posed: Does your company do background checks? 10% of the Fire Service is participating and we will be having evening meetings. Fire Advisory board still needs names and numbers of company representatives. Residential sprinklers were discussed. Next meeting is February 27th.

Delaware State Fire School – No Report

State Fire Marshal's Office – Mr. Ward stated there were 2 fire related deaths. There was 1 in Farmington with a smoke detector present and another in Camden-Wyoming where an individual was burned in a trunk. Spoke about the residential sprinklers and the belief is that "it will save lives" and will be effective. Another Deputy Fire Marshall has been approved for Kent County.

Legislature – Senator Bruce Ennis states has been four weeks in the Finance Committee with no movement being made in the Grant-in-aid. Short falls are expected and it is possible that the Grant-in-aid may be reduced. State Death/Fire-Funeral benefit @ \$7000.00 is taxable. Seems that it should not affect the Funeral Benefit but it does. More clarity on Executive Order 99 for audits. Companies need to be aware of this. Mr. Lee, Thanks. Marvin Sharp on Executive Order 99 – penalties are involved for being late. It is already something that all Fire Departments are doing, compilation reports. Jim Cabbage from multiple emails and Pension Newsletter, for the State Police & Employees it is a death benefit but for the fire service it is a "funeral expense" (not a death benefit). Allen Metheny – Hartly Fire Company filed for a deceased member in 1987-1988 for \$800 and it was denied because he was a state employee. Belief was that it was legitimate because it comes from the pension fund.

Kent County Fire Chief's Association – Glad to be here. Kent County Fire Chief's have pushed a letter for residential sprinklers. Tucker Dempsey – with road width increase from 22' to 28'. DelDOT / Fire Marshall did not bring it up. Chief's sent a letter with support for 32 foot roads.

Kent County Fire Police Association – Mr. Nickerson thanks for the recognition.

Kent County Ambulance Association – Mr. Forest thanks for the recognition. Bayhealth has said that linen usage is becoming a problem. They believe that companies are using a lot of linen and ask that they NOT take a lot in the ambulance or take any back to their bunk rooms. Reminder, that Bayhealth is doing all this for free. Bayhealth also wants to remind all the companies that there is a designated smoke area and it is NOT in the Ambulance bays. BLS, there will be a Doctor's program presentation at the next meeting February 25th in Hartly.

Kent County Ladies Auxiliary – Barbara Metheny thanks for the recognition.

Kent County Levy Court – No Report

Kent County Emergency Management – Allen Metheny states it is snowing out, so be vigilant and safe.

Kent County Emergency Dispatch Center – Thanks for the recognition and 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 – Thanks for the recognition

State Recruitment and Retention – No report

Mutual Relief – No Report

DEMA – No Report

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

Deceased Members: Gilbert Burris (51), Robert Lomax (51). 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 February 1, 2008: Roland Trader Scholarship Fund – \$2,986.17; Checking Account – \$1,149.68; Money Market – \$11,440.28; total of all CD's – \$17,379.77; total funds – \$29,969.73

Written Correspondence – Two pieces, both were letters assigning delegates and alternates to the KCVFA from Little Creek Volunteer Fire Company and Citizen's Hose Company, Smyrna

Report of Committees –

Fire Prevention Committee report is in written form. Jeff Denison still needs names of representatives from many companies. It was also stated that the guest list for the Fire Prevention banquets should include Teachers, Students, Parents, and School Principals. Safe Summer Day Expo is set for June 14th 2008 at Brecknock Park in Camden, DE. All companies are encouraged to participate and bring an apparatus. They are still looking for more Special Ops demonstrations.

Wake Up Delaware – is set for March 8th from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Jeff Denison states do not pickup Co2 detectors.

Ladies Night – Starts at 6:00 p.m. There will be lots of prizes and we are expecting large crowds so come early.

Payment of Bills – \$105.00 M&M Trophies & Awards (Kent Center Plaque). A motion was made, seconded, and carried for payment of these bills.

Unfinished Business – A motion was made, seconded and carried for the KCVFA to support the KCFC position on residential sprinkler systems with a letter to the Kent County Levy Court.

New Business – A motion was made, seconded, and carried to pay the bills for the Ladies Night event. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to send the President, and Vice President's to the CSFI in Washington D.C.

Good of the Association – Hartly Fire Co. Annual Spring show on March 15th.

50-50 – won by Pablo Reyes, Jr.

A motion was made and seconded, and carried to adjourn at 8:55 p.m.; Chaplin Paul gave the benediction.

Respectfully submitted,



Pablo Reyes, Jr., Secretary