



Kent County Volunteer Firemen's Association

March 19, 2008

President Joe Zeroles called the 915th meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. at Station 52, Houston Volunteer Fire Company. Following dinner served by the Ladies Auxiliary of the fire company, President Joe Zeroles presented gratuities to the auxiliary. President Yerkes of Station 52, Houston Volunteer Fire Company gave the address of welcome; President Zeroles gave the response.

Roll Calls: Officers: 8 present, 5 absent; Companies: 17 present, 2 absent; Past Presidents: 10 KCVFA, 4 DVFA, and 9 Fire Company Presidents.

Introduction of Guests:

DVFA – Ron Marvel – Greetings with introduction of multiple guests. States, Kevin Wilson and Charlie are working hard on voter registration. Numerous forms can be found online. Last day to change party preference is March 30, 2008. Webpage's are up and running however; the website is a work in progress. AFG Grants should be ready to go in. With regards to the CFSI they are looking for maximum participation.

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

State Ambulance Association – Greetings and thanks for the recognition next meeting May 4, 2008 at the Fire School. EMT-B must complete recertification by March 31, 2008 to remain in active status. There will be a private EMS party that Southeastern Emergency Equipment is sponsoring during Conference 2008. This is open only to state EMS personnel. You must have a state EMT card, a special admission card issued by the Delaware State Ambulance Association or invited guest to gain admission to the event. In order to get a special admission card, the individual must have a signed letter from their company chief or EMS captain.

DVFA Ladies Auxiliary – Lorraine Madden, Thanks for the recognition with greetings.

State Fire Police Association – Robert Yerkes, thanks for the recognition and states Charlie Walls wife is doing well.

DVFA Conference – Kevin Wilson states forms for the conference will be on the website by May 1, 2008. Currently there are 16 free seminars with a lot of other things going on.

State Fire Prevention Commission – Marvin Sharp looking at scratches. Frederica and Magnolia are undergoing boundary changes. DVFA and Fire Commission are working very well hand-in-hand. Executive 99 > H.B. 329 will be voted on by April 15th. Seatbelt extensions are available for back of ambulances. Wear your seatbelts!

Delaware State Fire School – No Report

State Fire Marshal's Office – Grover Engle stated that Robert Brode was selected as a new fire marshal.

Legislature – Representative Walls stated that the bills are progressing rapidly.

Kent County Fire Chief's Association – No Report

Kent County Fire Police Association – Robert Yerkes stated that Steve Austin made a presentation of safety vests.

Kent County Ambulance Association – Jean P. Forest, Thanks for the recognition. State Fire School is offering EMT training 3/22, 29, 30. The Medical Management of Radioactively Contaminated Patients at DMA on 3/26/2008. Jean will be coordinating EMT coverage for the 2008 Conference. This will include all seminars, functions and the parade. The Kent County Fire Advisory Board will have a special meeting with EMS Captain, officers on 4/23/2008. We will discuss county wide EMS issues. Looking for maximum attendance Next meeting on Monday 3/24/2008 at Houston, Station 52

Kent County Ladies Auxiliary – Thanks for the recognition.

Kent County Levy Court – No Report

Kent County Emergency Management – Allen Metheny states county is tight on budget, all else is ok. Hurricane Safety Flyers are out. Very busy and looking at having KM9 on the road more, 911 center need 2 more people. Check website for more information. Encourage the use of laptops on runs for mapping. Get a hold of Scott for any training issues.

Kent County Emergency Dispatch Center – No report.

Kent County Emergency Medical Services (Paramedics) – No Report

New Castle County Volunteer Firemen's Association – Thanks for the recognition our next meeting is in Middletown.

Sussex County Volunteer Firemen's Association – Charlie Frampton, Thanks for the recognition and our next meeting is in Milton.

State Recruitment and Retention – No report

Mutual Relief – Robert Yerkes all is ok, but looking at minor changes.

DEMA – No Report

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

Deceased Members: None

Report of Officers – Submitted in written form.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Robert Yerkes reported ending balances as of March 1, 2008: Roland Trader Scholarship Fund – \$2,987.12; Checking Account – \$2,325.68; Money Market – \$11,444.83; total of all CD's – \$17,590.88; total funds – \$31,361.39

Written Correspondence – Two pieces, both were letters one assigning delegates and alternates to the KCVFA from the Clayton Fire Company and the other letter was from the Kent County Fire Police Association asking support in opposing Dover Fire Department from pursuing the use of blue lights for all of their members. Representing they are totally against the use of blue lights by those not authorized to do so by the current State Code

Report of Committees –

Ladies Night – reported final income & expense as follows: Total Take-in Ticket Sales, Chance off, & Auction; – \$7,228.00; Total Expenses Dinners, Entertainment, & Trophies; – \$5,305.00; for a Total Profit of \$1,923.00
Rod O'Neal – Scholarship information is in the folders, make sure it gets posted at your companies.
Robert Yerkes – Fire Prevention file for your matching funds.

Payment of Bills – \$275.00 – Bruce Conover (Ladies Night Entertainment); \$185.00 – M&M Trophies & Awards (Ladies Night Plaques) \$4,845.00 – Felton Fire Company Auxiliary (Ladies Night Dinners); \$825.00 – D.F.V.A. (3 CFSI Dinner Attendees) A motion was made, seconded, and carried for payment of these bills.

Unfinished Business – None

New Business – Robert Yerkes – Roland has given a lot of his time to Ladies Night. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to give Roland, Donald, and Kelly \$50 gift certificate. Robert Yerkes in reference to Ladies Night profits – A motion was made, seconded, and carried to put \$900 in the Scholarship Fund and the rest in the General Fund. Jeff Dennison – A motion was made, seconded, and carried to support the letter from the Kent County Fire Police Association opposing blue lights for all members of the Dover Fire Department.

Good of the Association – Charlie Boyer handed out the VFIS results and companies present signed for them. Charlie Frampton – young members can register to vote if they reach their 18th birthday by November 4, 2008. & be eligible to vote in the primaries. Ambulance 64 is hosting tow courses from 1 – 4 p.m. on Sunday, April 13, 2008 Registration fee is \$35.00. EMS ride along program is appreciated and next is Carlisle and Harrington. Reverend Paul has noticed that on the Internet eBay is selling lots of Post Cards which is a source of Historical items. Al Metheny – Companies should be registered on the National Volunteer Fire Council website for a Grant Program that will award ten \$5,000 scholarships to junior firefighters who demonstrate commitment and dedication to their local program and the fire service. On a sad note, Clinton Morris was diagnosed with state 4 cancer. April 12th there will be a benefit 6 – 12, now selling tickets. Robert Yerkes – Dave Snell is recovering from knee surgery, he is in rehab and doing ok. Frank King is in hospital and hopes to be back next month.

50-50 – won by Bill Langmann

A motion was made and seconded, and carried to adjourn at 8:36 p.m.; Chaplin Paul gave the benediction.

Respectfully submitted,

Pablo Reyes, Jr., Secretary