



Kent County Volunteer Firemen's Association

April 16, 2008

President Joe Zeroles called the 916th meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. at Station 53, Leipsic Volunteer Fire Company. Following dinner served by the Ladies Auxiliary of the fire company, 2nd Vice President Snell presented gratuities to the auxiliary. President Burkett of Station 53, Leipsic Volunteer Fire Company gave the address of welcome; 2nd Vice President Snell gave the response.

Roll Calls: Officers: 12 present, 1 absent; Companies: 18 present, 1 absent; Past Presidents: 11 KCVFA, 4 DVFA, and 8 Fire Company Presidents.

Introduction of Guests:

There was a short deviation of normal business for disbursement of checks from Ann Visalli – State Treasurers Office to the companies from 7:37 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.

DVFA – Ron Marvel – 215 people attended CSFI Dinner, it was a great success with Delaware having great representation.

State Fire Chief's Association –No Report

State Ambulance Association – Wendy Lowe with an introduction of guests. EMS forms are now on website. EDIN email is up and live. EMTB lists can be found on the website.

DVFA Ladies Auxiliary – Lorraine Madden, Pleasure to be here.

State Fire Police Association –Charlie Walls quarterly executive meeting will be on May 13, 2008.

DVFA Conference – Elmer Steele stated the as of today 90% of the forms are online, you are asked to fill them out and return to office. Education forms for seminars must have an attendance of at least six members or it is cancelled. "Drop dead" (last possible) date is August 8, 2008. Names for the Memorial Service must be turned in, please print and use the online form.

State Fire Prevention Commission – Bill Betts – expressed concerns on budget cut limits for Fire School Operations. EMT's in the state are numbering around 1050 individuals. Executive 99 passed wit 41 votes.

Delaware State Fire School – No Report

State Fire Marshal's Office – Commissioner Ingle states that with the coming budget cuts, there are no plans to cut back on any services.

Legislature – No Report

Kent County Fire Chief's Association – No Report

Kent County Fire Police Association – Walls, Thanks for the recognition.

Kent County Ambulance Association – Jean Forest, Thanks for the recognition. There will be a meeting with the Fire Advisory and EMS officers sometime in May.

Kent County Ladies Auxiliary – Pat Paolini, Thanks for the recognition.

Kent County Levy Court – No Report

Kent County Emergency Management – Dave attended the Hurricane Conference. Still very busy with the budget trying to sustain what we have and keep equipment maintained.

Kent County Emergency Dispatch Center – Al Metheny states there are two vacancies and interviews are going on.

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 – No report

DEMA – Former Director Chief Mulhern lost his battle to leukemia.

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

Deceased Members: None listed. (Memorial Service was performed with a wonderful ceremony recognizing 20 of our fallen but not forgotten members.)

Report of Officers – Submitted in written form. (No reports for 1st and 2nd Vice Presidents)

Treasurer's Report – Not Available (Robert Yerkes was taken to the hospital just prior to meeting)

Written Correspondence – Two pieces, both were letters, one assigning delegates and alternates to the KCVFA from the Camden-Wyoming Fire Company and the other letter was from James L. Cabbage, Jr. thanking the association for being selected as Kent County Firemen of the Year.

Report of Committees –

Safe Summer Days – participation keeps growing. Propose sending out information June 1st – 14th by way of companies and marquees. Companies must send in paperwork by May 12, 2008.

Fire Advisory – Marvin Sharp is hoping to involve most of AMB representatives in May meeting.

Payment of Bills – Not Available

Unfinished Business – None

New Business – Jeff Denison – A motion was made, seconded, and carried to purchase a shirt for all members working the Parks & Recreation/Safe Summer Days not to exceed total cost of \$400.00. Ralph – Texas Holdem in reference to applications it was said that it is unconstitutional to limit days applied for. Every type of application will be listed on the website. Glenn Neese – vendors usually try to pick another night. Mr. Green – when using application forms on website they require a notary. Efforts are made by the board to get approvals even on contingency however there are some scheduling problems. Rod O'Neal – Once legislation is done a teleconference to all counties/companies will need a representative on hand.

Good of the Association – Charlie Frampton – go on to the Delaware website for information on voting and online registration. Budget cuts are still a concern so contact your representative. Steve White – Chiefs meeting thanks to Station 54. Rev. Dave Paul – thanks to all participants. Thanks to Dave Snell for his support. Thanks by Jim Cabbage for selection to Firemen of the Year.

50-50 – won by NO ONE

A motion was made and seconded, and carried to adjourn at 8:35 p.m.; Chaplin Paul gave the benediction.

Respectfully submitted,



Pablo Reyes, Jr., Secretary