



Kent County Volunteer Firemen's Association

May 21, 2008

President Joe Zeroles called the 917th meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at Station 54, Little Creek Volunteer Fire Company. Following dinner served by the Ladies Auxiliary of the fire company, 2nd Vice President Snell presented gratuities to the auxiliary. President Richard Hand, Sr. of Station 54, Little Creek Volunteer Fire Company gave the address of welcome; 2nd Vice President Snell gave the response.

Roll Calls: Officers: 11 present, 2 absent; Companies: 17 present, 2 absent; Past Presidents: 13 KCVFA, 8 DVFA, and 10 Fire Company Presidents.

Introduction of Guests:

DVFA – Jim Cabbage with introduction of guests. Check your packets on items highlighted/(* - asterisk) with regards to funding issue's. These are important budget items to keep in mind. We may get caught in a budget cuts. Those individuals receiving "Calls for solicitation of money" get as much information as you can and ask for paperwork to hand over to the Attorney General. News organizations are writing articles; give these calls to the appropriate company President, Chief, or Public Information Officer.

State Fire Chief's Association – Thank for the recognition, No Report

State Ambulance Association – Wendy Lowe take note there has been a party change from the Sheraton, check the website for Tuesday's class hours change at the conference. We are still looking for letters from the companies for the EMT of the Year.

DVFA Ladies Auxiliary – No Report

State Fire Police Association – No Report

DVFA Conference – Jim Cabbage emphasized that the conference forms need to be downloaded off the website and have to be turned in prior to the August 8, 2008 **CUTOFF**.

State Fire Prevention Commission – Marvin Sharp SFPC is scheduled to meet with the Governor in 2 weeks sometime in June to try and get 2 positions back. HB329 is supposed to go to the Senate.

Delaware State Fire School – No Report

State Fire Marshal's Office – Commissioner Ingle states that the 4th fire related death in the state was a trailer fire with NO fire detectors, it is still under investigation. A new canine is in training with the deputy.

Legislature – Bruce Ennis states 61% of the budget is for Health & Social Services and Education. Grant & Aid not on the table yet for cuts but it can happen and would expect 10 to 20 percent in cuts. SB208 passed the Senate and was sent to the Governor for a signature. On the \$7000.00 death benefit – communications is out that it is NOT a taxable item. Bob Outten – Thanks for the recognition.

Kent County Fire Chief's Association – No Report

Kent County Fire Police Association – Thanks for the recognition.

Kent County Ambulance Association – Jean Forest, Last two months has shown poor attendance. We received a complaint from the Hospital on individuals using towels to clean Ambulance. They are asking we use the blue towels provided by the hospitals for this purpose. Many companies are not responding to meetings. A permanent location has been established for the National EMS Memorial at Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Kent County Ladies Auxiliary – No Report

Kent County Levy Court – No Report

Kent County Emergency Management – Al Metheny working with Kitts Hummock to clean up and get things back together. Evacuees went to shelters with pets. Facilities a Little Creek worked out great. South Bowers, Bowers, and Little Creek support expenses must be filed to help determine assistance needs. (Costs of Public Assistance)

Kent County Emergency Dispatch Center – 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 – HB 192 was signed into law, Thanks to Bruce Ennis.

DEMA – No Report

*A motion was made, seconded, carried for approval of the minutes of the previous meeting as printed.
(2 typing corrections were made to the minutes of 4/16/2008 and reprinted for file copy only)*

Deceased Members: Station 45 – Kenneth Abrams, Sr.

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

Treasurer's Report – *Treasurer Robert Yerkes reported ending balances as of April 1, 2008: Roland Trader Scholarship Fund – \$2,988.13; Checking Account – \$1,495.68; Money Market – \$11,449.69; total of all CD's – \$17,590.88; total funds – \$30,536.25:: Treasurer Robert Yerkes reported ending balances as of May 1, 2008: Roland Trader Scholarship Fund – \$3,889.31; Checking Account – \$545.68; Money Market – \$11,454.40; total of all CD's – \$17,590.88; total funds – \$29,590.96*

Written Correspondence – None

Report of Committees –

By Laws – Ed Welch provided a 1st reading of a change to the Fire Advisory board article 4. (see your handout)

Fire Prevention – Safe Summer Days budget out with next item being the essays. The Committee wants to meet with all Fire Prevention Fire Company representatives and is looking for 100% participation. They are recommending that for 2008-2009 we have two separate committees for the Expo (Safe Summer Days) and the Schools Fire Prevention Essay's. June 14th is Safe Summer Days → Jeff Dennison would like information on all Company Marquees for maximum exposure. Frank King reports Expo budget is \$500.00 and Schools Fire Prevention Essay's budget is \$3429.00.

Bingo /Casino – Jim Greene spoke on website operations. 3rd party vendors are causing problems with paperwork. He advises you do your own paperwork.

Payment of Bills – *As of 4/16/08: \$50.00 – Roland Neeman (Ladies Night Gift); \$900.00 – Roland Trader Scholarship Fund (Ladies Night Profit) \$50.00 – Donald Kelley (Ladies Night Gift):: As of 5/21/08: \$1000.00 – Roland Trader Scholarship Fund (Past President's Gift):: A motion was made, seconded, and carried for payment of bills for 4/16/08 and 5/21/08.*

Unfinished Business – None

New Business – Fire Advisory Board – Director of Public Safety called and stated they are working on ways to come up with funding. A motion was made and seconded, and carried for the approval of the 1st reading to the Fire Advisory bylaws change. A motion was made, seconded, carried for approval of the Expo budget in the amount of \$500.00. A motion was made, seconded, carried for approval of the Schools Fire Prevention Essay's budget in the amount of \$3428.00,

Good of the Association – Scott – Thanks for responding to the flood of May 12th 2008. Robert Yerkes – When are matching checks coming out for Fire Prevention? Al Metheny – it is in process. Bruce Ennis – if member is inactive then reinstated you should get your years earned back on the pension report.

50-50 – won by Wally Hudson

A motion was made and seconded, and carried to adjourn at 8:50 p.m.; Chaplin Paul gave the benediction.

Respectfully submitted,



Pablo Reyes, Jr., Secretary