



Kent County Volunteer Firemen's Association

July 16, 2008

President Joe Zeroles called the 919th meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. at Station 56, Marydel Volunteer Fire Company. Following dinner served by the Ladies Auxiliary of the fire company, 2nd Vice President Snell presented gratuities to the auxiliary. Al Lane of Station 56, Marydel Volunteer Fire Company gave the address of welcome; 2nd Vice President Snell gave the response.

Roll Calls: Officers: 13 present, 0 absent; Companies: 17 present, 2 absent; Past Presidents: 12 KCVFA, 5 DVFA, and 5 Fire Company Presidents.

Introduction of Guests:

DVFA – Ron Marvel spoke on how voter registration is still on radar. Stating we need to target voter registration. Anyone can go online and type someone's name and it will tell you if they are registered. <http://pollingplace.delaware.gov/default.asp> All areas in Delaware a got funding cut except ours, end result was funding remained the same. Normal increases in funding were lost. Write letters to the NFPA for Ambulance standards, sample letter is available. September CSFI will have a Nationals fund raiser. News organizations are still seeking information, please do the interview.

State Fire Chief's Association – Director Jeff Eisenberg Thanks for the recognition, No Report

State Ambulance Association – Michael greetings from President Lowe, invitations are out. Melissa, DVFA is taking RSVP's. Recognition for Calloway will be at the next meeting, with a possible combination with the State Chiefs.

DVFA Ladies Auxiliary – Lorraine Madden, Thanks for the recognition, No Report

State Fire Police Association – Mr. Yerkes stated that things are going well. Zeroles over 5000 book markers are available.

DVFA Conference – Al Metheny date to remember is August 8, 2008! FORMS are on the web page.

State Fire Prevention Commission – Bill Betts stated that there will be a public hearing to review the Ambulance standards. There is a new regulation for extension on seatbelts to 60 inches. Companies will be required to appear when count exceeds 10% on scratches.

Delaware State Fire School – No Report

State Fire Marshal's Office – No Report

Legislature – Bruce Ennis stated that newspaper says that fire service is not getting an 8% cut. Actually, fire service is getting an effective 48% cut, largely in part due to a much needed increase not being received. Paramedics were cut 2 million. Due to the economy will not get level up funding. This happened because we did not get our normal growth on insurance premiums.

Kent County Fire Chief's Association – No Report

Kent County Fire Police Association – Joe Zeroles Thanks for the recognition No Report

Kent County Ambulance Association – EMS party is Tuesday at the Cheswold Fire Company. Please, encourage your EMT's to go to the meetings. Major construction going on at Kent General, August 1, 2008 a parking garage will be built with scheduled completion August 9, 2009.

Kent County Ladies Auxiliary – Pat Paolini Thanks for the recognition No Report.

Kent County Levy Court – No Report

Kent County Emergency Management – Al Metheny states that the 911 Center has 2 new employees in training, all else is the same. Paramedics have 2 new people and 2 new positions were approved. Delaware Geological survey for early warning on tide conditions equipment has been moved.

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 – Yerkes Thanks for the recognition, No Report

DEMA – Glen Gillespie host of speakers for a summit on the 14th of August call 302-659-3362 or 2242 for further information.

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. (No report for 1st Vice President)

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Robert Yerkes reported ending balances as of July 1, 2008: Roland Trader Scholarship Fund – \$5,692.45; Checking Account – \$125.15; Money Market – \$10,753.38; total of all CD's – \$18,352.27; total funds – \$29,230.80

Written Correspondence – Received 3 letter's one from Clayton Fire Company endorsing Kevin L. Wilson for DVFA 1st Vice President, another from Houston Fire Company submitting a company audit completion statement from a CPA and a 3rd letter from Milford/Carlisle Fire Company endorsing Glen Gillespie for DVFA 2nd Vice President.

Report of Committees –

Fire Prevention – Charlie Boyer the committee met at the Biggs museum. Special thanks to Paula King for helping to set it up. There was a very poor showing at the meeting and it covered going over the forms for the Fire Prevention program. Funds have been cut 6% for the state. Packets are in print and should be out by the end of August. A representative from each company must be prepared to come get the packets sometime in August.

Bingo – the website is up but the information was not what was expected. Please hold off until July to use it.

Fire Advisory Board – Marvin Sharp in a meeting with 2 commissioners, need to find funding. Levy Court presentation looking for a 7% increase.

Roland Trader Scholarship – Rod O'Neal presented two \$750 scholarship awards, one to returning recipient Amy Morris and a second one to Matt Seleskie.

Payment of Bills – \$17.80 – Frank King (Fire Prevention supplies): A motion was made, seconded, and carried for payment of bills.

Unfinished Business – None

New Business – None

Good of the Association – Roland Neeman expressed appreciation of Bruce Ennis and registrations. Ron Marvel stated that the Wilmington Museum is a worthwhile visit and if you get a chance go see it.

50-50 – won by Dave Snell

Conference Souvenir –

A motion was made and seconded, and carried to adjourn at 8:31 p.m.; Chaplin Paul gave the benediction.

The next meeting will be at Station 57, South Bowers.

Respectfully submitted,



Pablo Reyes, Jr., Secretary