



## Kent County Volunteer Firemen's Association

August 20, 2008

President Joe Zeroles called the 920<sup>th</sup> meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at Station 57, South Bowers Volunteer Fire Company. Following dinner served by the Ladies Auxiliary of the fire company, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Snell presented gratuities to the auxiliary. Deputy Chief Dennis Dean of Station 57, South Bowers Volunteer Fire Company gave the address of welcome; 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Snell gave the response.

**Roll Calls:** Officers: 12 present, 1 absent; Companies: 19 present, 0 absent; Past Presidents: 13 KCVFA, 10 DVFA, and 9 Fire Company Presidents.

### Introduction of Guests:

**DVFA** – Ron Marvel mentioned that we need to continue to encourage our members to register to vote. Wake Up Delaware has \$362000 and is opening up the CO program. Newspaper reporter is still going around. If, you need someone to help with the interview let him know. Newspaper article should be out in the next 3 to 4 weeks.

**State Fire Chief's Association** – No Report

**State Ambulance Association** – Wendy Lowe stated that Con Ed membership is up. RSVP is extended to the 29<sup>th</sup> of August for the party at Cheswold and they will need at least a 100 to show.

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

**State Fire Police Association** – Charlie Walls stated all is fine.

**DVFA Conference** – Elmer Steele – Conference is close and thanks to all committees and sub-committees. Agenda is on the website. Some seminars cancelled due to lack of participation. Souvenir stock is low due to not as much being ordered. Thanks to all that registered. The fees for rooms at the Sheraton are due. Memorial Service still practicing and parade route looks good. Thanks for all the help.

**State Fire Prevention Commission** – Bill Betts stated that the agencies administrative positions got caught in an employment freeze. Slaughter Beach proposed a new sub-station and it was approved. The draft BLS protocol with Doctors has some good changes. Referencing the high scratch rate, the 2 companies that appeared are doing great.

**Delaware State Fire School** – Mike Lowe Thanks for the recognition, No Report

**State Fire Marshal's Office** – Thanks for the recognition, No Report

**Legislature** – No Report

**Kent County Fire Chief's Association** – No Report

**Kent County Fire Police Association** – Nicholson, Thanks for the recognition No Report

**Kent County Ambulance Association** – Jean Forest stated EMT's are in to help thanks for the support to the association.

**Kent County Ladies Auxiliary** – Doris, Thanks for the recognition No Report.

**Kent County Levy Court** – Harold Brode, Thanks for the recognition, all is going good.

**Kent County Emergency Management** – Al Metheny about the Family Emergency Planning Day on September 6<sup>th</sup> DEMA will head up the departments and is host to the event. 10-2 in front of the Department of Transportation. Any apparatus sent please let him know.

**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, No Report

**Sussex County Volunteer Firemen's Association** – Roland Walker, Thanks for the recognition, No Report.

**State Recruitment and Retention** – No Report

**Mutual Relief** – Yerkes Thanks for the recognition, No Report

**DEMA** – No Report

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

**Deceased Members:** Station 53 – Everett Marshall, Station 41 Gerold Altemus

**Report of Officers** – Submitted in written form.

**Treasurer's Report** – Treasurer Robert Yerkes reported ending balances as of August 1, 2008: Roland Trader Scholarship Fund – \$4,194.15; Checking Account – \$72.00; Money Market – \$10,757.95; total of all CD's – \$18,352.27; total funds – \$29,182.22

**Written Correspondence** – Received 1 letter from Bowers Fire Company endorsing Jeff Denison for the office of 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President.

**Report of Committees** –

Fire Prevention – It was very busy with all letters sent out to the schools asking to appoint a designated person for Fire Prevention. We sent out 1200 packets with five members of the committee delivering to PIO or Fire Prevention Officer. Students' information was closely reviewed and looking for accurate information from the schools. How many packets actually delivered to the schools to include private schools? Any questions can be directed to Paula King. The packets are due to the Fire Companies by October 17, 2008. Central drop-off for the winners is the Kent Center. By October 31<sup>st</sup> Fire Companies must turn-in their packets. Email or contact Jeff Dennison with the Fire Company designee.

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

Fire Advisory Board – two positions are coming open

**Payment of Bills** – \$78.35 – M&M Trophies & Awards (Scholarship winner's plaques); \$750.00 – Delaware Tech Scholarship (Amy Morris); \$750.00 – Delaware Tech Scholarship (William Szelestei): A motion was made, seconded, and carried for payment of bills.

**Unfinished Business** – Joe Zeroles – DVFA needs information from many companies; they need to submit information by Thursday for an article.

**New Business** – Nominations – President > Mike Rains, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President > Dave Snell, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President > Jeff Denison and Glen Gillespie, Secretary > Pablo Reyes, Treasurer > Bob Yerkes, Directors > Harry Lindale, Rod O'Neal, and Frank King.

**Good of the Association**

50-50 – won by Mike Rains

Conference Souvenir –

A motion was made and seconded, and carried to adjourn at 8:23 p.m.; Chaplin Paul gave the benediction.

*The next meeting will be at Ambulance 64, Smyrna.*

Respectfully submitted,



Pablo Reyes, Jr., Secretary