



Kent County Volunteer Firemen's Association

January 21, 2009

President Mike Rains called the 924th meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at Station 40, Bowers Volunteer Fire Company. Following dinner served by the Ladies Auxiliary of the station, 1st Vice President Snell presented gratuities to the auxiliary. Phil Pennington of Bowers Volunteer Fire Company gave the address of welcome; 1st Vice President Snell gave the response.

Roll Calls: Officers: 12 present, 1 absent; Companies: 18 present, 1 absent; Past Presidents: 14 KCVFA, 7 DVFA, and 9 Fire Company Presidents.

Introduction of Guests:

DVFA –Warren Jones, Thanks to those attending funeral for Michelle L. Smith. Thanks to all the participants in the Presidential Inauguration, they should be able to see it on C-Span. CFSI is April 2nd 2009 check website for details. Kevin Wilson, 403 members participated in the inaugural parade, thanks to all who attended. William Tobin, Thanks for the recognition.

State Fire Chief's Association – John P. Fox, Thanks for the recognition, next meeting (Jan.) will be at Mill Creek.

State Ambulance Association – Still need to see more representation from all companies.

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

State Fire Police Association – Charlie Walls, Thanks for the recognition, No Report

DVFA Conference – No Report

State Fire Prevention Commission – Marvin Sharp, 2 EMT's were decertified. Follow your protocols. Standards are still in work. Standards are only a DRAFT. We are asking you to send someone with an obligation/commitment to attend.

Delaware State Fire School –No Report

State Fire Marshal's Office – No Report

Legislature – Bob Outten, A bill was introduced about the burn camp.

Kent County Fire Chief's Association – Phil Pennington, No Report, Thanks for the recognition.

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

Kent County Ambulance Association – Ed Angwin, 2 letters were sent for support in reference to letter to Attorney General.

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

Kent County Levy Court – No Report

Kent County Emergency Management – Al Metheny, Biggest issue is still the budget. Fire Advisor should meet early to work issues on budget cuts. What are current expectations, "Expect a cut". Decon team busy in Wilmington and Dover. Be ready for the cold weather and stay safe.

Kent County Emergency Dispatch Center – No Report

Kent County Emergency Medical Services (Paramedics) – No Report

New Castle County Volunteer Firemen's Association – Jasper H. Lakey, Thanks for Citizen's Hose Great Marching Band

Sussex County Volunteer Firemen's Association – Roland Walker, No Report

State Recruitment and Retention – No Report.

Mutual Relief –Joe Zeroles – Thanks for recognition.

DEMA – No Report

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

Deceased Members: Station 45 – Bruce Dadswell, Station's 53 & 44 – Henry (Buddy) Bush

Report of Officers – Submitted in written form. (No report for 2nd Vice President)

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Robert Yerkes reported ending balances as of January 1, 2009: Roland Trader Scholarship Fund – \$4,200.43; Checking Account – \$756.37; Money Market – \$13,120.72; total of all CD's – \$18,561.46; total funds – \$32,438.55

Written Correspondence – Received 3 letters, one from Citizens' Hose Company, Smyrna Fire Company in reference to appointment of delegates, another from Hartly Volunteer Fire Company with regards to having a prior letter dated in October

2008 rescinded, and last a letter addressed to the Attorney General in reference to justice for families of Michelle Smith and Mr. Reiss.

Report of Committees –

Robert Yerkes for Roland Neeman – Money for Ladies Night must be in no later than the 10th of February 2009. Companies are asked to bring two door prizes to the banquet.

Frank King – Firemen of the Year, have not received as many as wanted, and still have until the 31st of January 2009.

Payment of Bills – \$491.60 – Frank King, (Fire Prevention Awards); \$133.29 – Frank King, (Fire Prevention Supplies); \$1688.00 – Felton Fire Co., Auxiliary, (Ladies Night Dinners); \$6.44 – Robert Yerkes (50/50 roll of tickets); \$36.99 – Jen-Mor Florist (Flowers, Glenn Gillespie); \$111.37 – Frank King (Fire Prevention): A motion was made, seconded, and carried for payment of bills.

Unfinished Business – Robert Yerkes, a reminder that Fire Prevention funds must be in no later than the 31st of January. Marvin Sharp, a motion was made and seconded, and carried to approve a donation of the Ladies Night net proceeds to the Delaware Burn Camp in honor of Roland Neeman and the committee.

New Business – A motion was made and seconded, and carried to send a letter to the other two counties to match what we send to the Delaware Burn Camp. Ed Angwin, a motion was made and seconded, and passed unanimously to support Kent County Ambulance Association's letter to the Attorney General. Copies of Kent County Firemen's Association support letter to Kent County Chiefs, DVFA, and both Counties (New Castle & Sussex). Jasper Lakey further stated that on a recent visit to Sussex from the now Governor and Lt. Governor it was said "that no action had been taken against the individual but they were requesting maximum punishment."

Good of the Association

A motion was made and seconded, and passed to rescind Hartly's letter dated in October of 2008 from the records. Jasper Lakey, Thanks to all Kent County stations for over a period of 6 days for while covering funerals, thanks for the coverage of our stations. Thanks to all our brothers and sisters for your help and support. Ever grateful for help and support to the Delaware City Fire Co. Jasper Lakey, Thanks to all those participating in funeral and related, a 12 year old stated "are they doing this for my mother" (speaking of the firemen on the overpass saluting) "they look like angels". Everyone helped make thing go smoother. Emily Burge Trust Fund, much recognition for Michelle L. Smith is still going on. Mike McMichael put out P.S.A. reminding folks of emergency personnel on the roads. Sincere thanks to all that helped. Frank King, stated that for a donation of \$150 per brick at Emmetsburg, Md. the association could purchase a brick. A motion was made and seconded, and carried to purchase a brick at Emmetsburg, Md. in memory of Michelle L. Smith. Mr. Tobin, committee meeting of all Presidents and Chiefs to help all the leaderships.

50-50 – won by Paul Coverdale, Carlisle donated to Michelle L. Smith Conference Souvenir – N/A

A motion was made and seconded, and carried to adjourn at 8:55 p.m.; Chaplin Paul gave the benediction.
The next meeting will be at Station 44, Citizens Hose, Smyrna.

Respectfully submitted,



Pablo Reyes, Jr., Secretary