



## Kent County Volunteer Firemen's Association

October 20, 2010

President Snell called the 943<sup>rd</sup> meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at Station 42, Carlisle Fire Company of Milford. Following dinner served by the Ladies Auxiliary of the station, Vice President White presented gratuities to the auxiliary. Marvin Sharp, President of Carlisle Fire Company gave the address of welcome; Vice President White gave the response.

*Deviation of business: Levy Court Commissioner President Banta spoke about a conference where he met a survivor of 9/11 and related that survivor's experience, Levy Court presented checks to the companies; Frank King passed out letters for Ladies Night and Levy Court Commissioner Harold Brode presented a \$15,000 check for "Wake-Up Delaware" to KCVFA President Snell.*

**Roll Calls:** Officers: 12 present, 1 absent; Companies: 18 present, 1 absent; Past Presidents: 13 KCVFA, 7 DVFA, and 10 Fire Company Presidents.

### **Introduction of Guests:**

**DVFA** – Bill Tobin, thanks to President Snell and to all who attended National Fallen Firefighters at Emmitsburg, Maryland, it was well attended by Delaware. At a B.O.D. meeting we are working on a description for a new employee for the office and it will be sent out to all companies by the first of the month. January 15<sup>th</sup> those companies whose fiscal year ended June 30<sup>th</sup> you will have to have your financial report in to the Fire Commission. Charlie Frampton, in 2 weeks we go to the polls asking when we go to polls wear your company shirt/logos. Bill Tobin, November 18<sup>th</sup> meeting at Little Creek with the Government Affairs Committee and is open to any Fire Company or member.

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

**State Ambulance Association** – Ed Angwin, Kent County has been funded for the firefighter's immunization clinic with last one November 15<sup>th</sup>. It will provide you with Flu, Hepatitis, Tetanus, and TB. Next State meeting – January 27<sup>th</sup> along with the State Chiefs.

**DVFA Ladies Auxiliary** – Thanks for the recognition.

**State Fire Police Association** – Thanks for the recognition.

**DVFA Conference** – Elmer Steele – on behalf of Chairman Sawyer to the committee members I would like to thank each and every one of you for helping with the conference. Mac, Dance is no longer on the schedule as is some other events, if you want see some of those events put back see your county reps. Events are dependent on funding and we will see what can be done. There has been request for additional Education Seminars so we are doubling the seminars for the daytime, afternoon, and night. The Fire Police will be moving their dinner to Friday.

**State Fire Prevention Commission** – Marvin Sharp, Alan Robinson is the new commissioner. Bill's chair looked different. Commission and IMS did not get together on the protocols. The audit committee continues to review audits and remember you have six ½ months from whenever your year ended. November 7<sup>th</sup> 9:00 a.m. at the Delaware Fire School we will be producing the proposed Standards. There will be a question and answer period. I think we have a product that everyone can work with.

**Delaware State Fire School** – No Report

**State Fire Marshal's Office** – No Report

**Legislature** – No Report

**Kent County Fire Chief's Association** – Phil Pennington, next meeting November 10<sup>th</sup> at station 46

**Kent County Fire Police Association** – Alvin Schmick, next meeting November 16<sup>th</sup> at Farmington

**Kent County Ambulance Association** – Ed Angwin, next meeting Station 64 on the 25<sup>th</sup>

**Kent County Ladies Auxiliary** – Barbara Metheny, Thanks for the recognition

**Kent County Levy Court** – Appreciate the invitation to be here.

**Kent County Emergency Dispatch Center** – No Report

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**Kent County Emergency Management** – No Report

**Kent County Emergency Medical Services (Paramedics)** – No Report

**New Castle County Volunteer Firemen's Association** – Charlie, next meeting joint meeting with Chiefs on November 4<sup>th</sup> at Claymont.

**Sussex County Volunteer Firemen's Association** – Bill, Tuesday night installation of officers Convention Hall, Rehoboth.

**State Recruitment and Retention** – No Report

**Mutual Relief** – Joe Zeroles, No Report

**DEMA** – Jaime Turner, Thanks for the recognition, most of you are starting to receive checks from the Snow Storm. Multiple requests were made and that is why it took so long to start getting checks.

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

**Deceased Members:** None

**Report of Officers** – All submitted in written or electronic form.

**Treasurer's Report** – Treasurer Robert Yerkes reported ending balances as of September 1, 2010: Roland Trader Scholarship Fund – \$6,529.60; Checking Account – \$125.00; Money Market – \$15,740.99; total of all CD's – \$19,610.44; total funds – \$35,476.43;: October 1, 2010: Roland Trader Scholarship Fund – \$6,530.13; Checking Account – \$91.50; Money Market – \$15,743.57; total of all CD's – \$19,643.82; total funds – \$35,478.89

**Written Correspondence** – Received 3 letters, 1<sup>st</sup> letter from the Magnolia Volunteer Fire Company naming their primary delegates and alternates. 2<sup>nd</sup> letter was from the Carlisle Fire Company naming their primary delegates and alternates. 3<sup>rd</sup> letter was from the Bethany Beach Volunteer Fire Company presenting their B.O.D. and line officers.

**Report of Committees**

Ladies Night, Frank King – Ladies Night you all signed for both tickets and the letter. The Firemen of the Year is due by mail January 31<sup>st</sup> or you can send them electronically to me at [king.frank@comcast.net](mailto:king.frank@comcast.net) or call me at 697-2526 or 531-6705. I would like to have a short meeting with the committee at the end of this meeting.

Fire Prevention, Steve White – Fire Prevention poster and essay's must be in to Kent Center by the October 29<sup>th</sup> we will be doing the judging on the October 31<sup>st</sup> with awards ceremony from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. December 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Payment of Bills** – \$48.87 – Frank King (Fire Prevention Copies); \$600.00 – Dave Snell (Past President's Expenses); \$115.98 – Glenn Gillespie (Jacket for a Past President); \$72.69 – Frank King (Ladies Night Tickets); A motion was made, seconded, and carried for payment of bills.

**Unfinished Business**

None

**New Business** –

1<sup>st</sup> Order of Business is the Installation of Officer's, Mayor of Milford – Joseph Ronnie Rogers administering the oath of office. The following are the incoming officers: President – Glenn A. Gillespie, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Steve White, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – John M. Pridemore, Secretary – Pablo Reyes, Jr., Treasurer – Robert H. Yerkes, Jr., 2 Director's for 3 year terms – Charles Coverdale, and Ralph Satterfield.

Past President Snell – stated, it was an honor & pleasure to serve this association and I thank you for the support that was

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given and then handed gavel over to new President Gillespie. Past President Snell presented President Gillespie with a "County tag acknowledging him as President of the KCVFA 2011"

President Gillespie – Here is a small token (A jacket acknowledging as Past President) of appreciation for all you have done for this association to Past President Snell with a check for \$600 for expenses over the last three years.

*President Gillespie – read a long prepared statement of an agenda for the coming year. Every officer will be committed with exploring various avenues to enhancing the Volunteer Fire and EMS network within Kent County. Stop repeating what the issues affecting our organizations, it is time to begin working towards solutions for long term benefits, ensuring the finest trained personnel, responding best state of art equipment, recruitment & retention, re-enforcing state of readiness, continue belt tightening, number of fiscal issues, additional funding, identifying expenditures. Pleased to announce Marvin Sharp as chairman of the Fire Advisory Board. Suggest we become member of Central Delaware Chamber of Commerce. This type of exposure can lead to alternative sources of support. Examples, Recruitment & Retention, Fire Service Outreach, Fund Drive initiative Fire Prevention time has come to take next step by interacting with the business community. Two sources of communication are telephone calls and email. John Pridemore will be charged with creating a Kent County website. I have appointed Steve White with selecting a committee for updating the Constitution and By-Laws. EMS Organization should have an opportunity to combine with Chief's Organization. Tonight you have heard my agenda. Challenge 19 member organizations commit a minimum of 6 members including your President or Vice President to each monthly meeting. I work for you, the table officer's work for you. **Check attached copy for details of the President Gillespie's address.***

Also tonight it is my pleasure to introduce as the assistant secretary to this County Association and I appoint Shirley Pennington to be my assistant secretary.

Al Metheny – Is there a report from the officers on the upcoming Legislative Night?

President Gillespie – Kent County Legislative Night next Wednesday night October 27<sup>th</sup> Governmental Affairs Committee talking points and will be available before the meeting. Remind all here tonight as to Politicians responding 90% plus, I would like to be able to provide a good rough number for those total attending. Let me know how many you anticipate attending on behalf of your department. Dress is business casual golf or oxford shirts with company logos identifying your department are ok.

### Good of the Association

Al Metheny, this Saturday Hartly annual Fall Public Dinner \$12 person

50-50 – Virginia Schmick

Conference Souvenir – Mike McMichael

A motion was made and seconded, and carried to adjourn at 9:00 p.m.; Chaplin Paul gave the benediction.

*The next meeting will be at Station 46, Dover – November 17<sup>th</sup>*

Respectfully submitted,



Pablo Reyes, Jr., Secretary