



## Kent County Volunteer Firemen's Association

October 21, 2009

President Rains called the 933<sup>rd</sup> meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. at Station 56, Marydel Volunteer Fire Company. Following dinner served by the Ladies Auxiliary of the station, Vice President Gillespie presented gratuities to the auxiliary. President Ralph Rossi of the Marydel Volunteer Fire Company gave the address of welcome; Vice President Gillespie gave the response.

**Roll Calls:** Officers: 13 present, 0 absent; Companies: 19 present, 0 absent; Past Presidents: 15 KCVFA, 6 DVFA, and 8 Fire Company Presidents.

**Deferment of Business** – State Treasurer's Office distributed Fire Tax Insurance checks and the Levy Court presented checks to all companies present. The State requested that the ACH forms be filled out for checks to bank and thanks companies that have already done so. All Levy Court Commissioners present spoke for about 30 seconds each. President Mike Rains presented a resolution to Paul Davis for his part in the road width issue. Paul Davis accepted on behalf of all the individuals involved with helping to make it happen. Mr. Bruce Ennis then read the entire resolution to Mr. Paul Davis as witnessed by the Association

### **Introduction of Guests:**

**DVFA** – Kevin Wilson, sent emails out thanking the Levy Court for efforts over these past five years and thanks for not cutting the Fire Service funding. Conference 2009 is over with a lot of good comments passed on with thanks to all attending. A conference reorganization committee will be meeting tomorrow to look at what we need to change or see in Conference 2010. See Scott Bundek or Chuck Christiansen for your ideas. Voter Registration – asking that we all make sure our members have the opportunity to register to vote. Emails were sent out for company voter registration contact names. Companies should train someone (Registrars) to register members; it is easier today than it has been in the past. A meeting with the Governor that was scheduled for the 14<sup>th</sup> was postponed. We will be asking to meet every two months instead of once a year. A Governmental Affairs committee is working on a talking points letter to include financial issues that will not include your local issues. Next meeting of the committee is on the 26<sup>th</sup> in Dover. Some computer programs are out that will allow you to send letters, email using the computer, we have money in the budget for technology to help make this happen. We are looking for as many members as possible some period from January to June to meet at Legislative Hall. Legislative Day will be at the Legislative Hall sometime in June. Have a community day and invite the community to attend, more information to come. Invite your legislators out for fire service training day and put them in the gear. November 16<sup>th</sup> will be meeting with the Public Health Director. Members can go to Public Health Clinics and get flu shots for free. Dates for the H1N1 are out; there is a shortage of the vaccine. Public Relations Consultant is available for all companies. The Pension Office is transitioning from paper to computer forms. Recruitment and Retention, there are a lot of things going out. Jill Graham may contact you, help her out and share your ideas. USFA Grants - \$165 million out with none for Delaware. There is a 2<sup>nd</sup> round due to go out for another \$40 million. There was a short introduction of other guests.

**State Fire Chief's Association** – Mike Rains – next meeting at Cranston Heights, Station 14

**State Ambulance Association** – P.J. Gosh, H1N1 is on hold but schools will start next week

**DVFA Ladies Auxiliary** – Loraine Madden, Thanks for the recognition.

**State Fire Police Association** – Charlie Walls, next meeting at South Bowers

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**DVFA Conference** – No Report

**State Fire Prevention Commission** – Marvin Sharp, new leaders bring new ideas and I chose to step down. Work continues with the Joint Sunset Committee with a rework on Title 16. New chairman is Bob Ricker

**Delaware State Fire School** – No Report

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

**Legislature** – Bruce Ennis – Thanks to the Kent County Levy Court. Developer recently got emailed from Del-DOT and 2 engineers stated the 28' does not match the Del-DOT standard and as a result may not be considered in the maintenance system for Del-DOT, referencing the water runoff. Legislative sessions start up again on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday in January.

**Kent County Fire Chief's Association** – Bobbie Madden, next meeting November 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Kent County Fire Police Association** – Richard Schwalb, No Report

**Kent County Ambulance Association** – Ed Angwin, No Report.

**Kent County Ladies Auxiliary** – Pat Paolini, Thanks for the recognition.

**Kent County Levy Court** – Harold Brode, on behalf of all the Levy Court Commissioners and County Administrator for we thank you for showing up to the RPC and the Levy Court hearing. Your being there makes our job easier. Not everyone at Del-DOT are hard to work with, Thanks to John Gains for working with us.

**Kent County Emergency Management** – No Report

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

**Kent County Emergency Medical** – No Report

**New Castle County Volunteer Firemen's Association** – Rick Perrillo, No Report

**Sussex County Volunteer Firemen's Association** – Roland Walker, Thanks for the recognition

**State Recruitment and Retention** – No Report

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

**DEMA** – Glen Gillespie Thanks for the recognition.

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

**Deceased Members:** Station 44 – Clarence A. Johnson, Jr., Station 52, Angel S. Rodriguez

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

**Treasurer's Report** – Treasurer Robert Yerkes reported ending balances as of October 1, 2009: Roland Trader Scholarship Fund – \$5,980.52; Checking Account – \$110.11; Money Market – \$12,413.64; total of all CD's – \$19,209.93; total funds – \$31,733.68

**Written Correspondence** – Received 1 letter endorsing Edward Welch for appointment to the Fire Advisory Board by the Harrington Fire Company. Received 1 letter in support of John M. Pridemore's nomination for the position of director by the Clayton Fire Company.

### **Report of Committees**

Fire Prevention – Paula King, deadline for having all Fire Prevention posters and essay's in is by October

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16<sup>th</sup>. Please have all completed fire prevention packages sent to the 911 Kent Center by October 30<sup>th</sup> judging will be completed on November 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Payment of Bills** – \$600.00 – Michael Rains, (Past President's Expenses); \$6.44 – Robert Yerkes, (1 Roll of 50/50 tickets): A motion was made, seconded, and carried for payment of bills.

**Unfinished Business** – None

**Installation of Officers** – Frank King, administered the oath of office to the following newly elected officers of the association. Listed as: President – Dave Snell, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Dave Gillespie, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – Steve White, Secretary – Pablo Reyes, Jr., Treasurer – Robert Yerkes, Chaplin – Rev. Dave Paul, Directors – Clyde Luton(1), John Pridemore(1), Ronnie Vincent(3), Harry Lindale(2), and Frank King(2). NOT present Jeff Dennison(3).

Mike Rains, presented Dave Snell with a license plate (Kent County President) and Thanks to all for letting me serve you. Dave Snell presented Mike Rains with a check and a Past Presidents badge. Next, President Dave Snell called for New Business.

**New Business** –

Levy Court, stated that in regards to Senator Bruce Ennis about 28 foot issue the Levy Court will hold steadfast. Mike Michaels, update on the trial, defendant gave up rights. Judge has not made a decision. Please do not make comments. Judge did rule she was a firefighter and was protected. I sent a letter to Senator Bruce and 1 to Representative Cathcart who got back within 24 hours. We want a memorial sign put up but Del DOT is making it hard. Please talk to your legislators for recognition. Paul Davis, each fire company probably has a Vietnam Veteran. November 11 will be an official memorial dedication. The Levy Court is very good they help to make this happen. It will be known as the Kent County Memorial Park. Bricks that were bought at \$75 are in place. Public thanks to all that helped make this happen from the Vietnam Veterans of Kent County. "WE SINCERELY THANK YOU!" Mr. Michaels, Thanks to those that attended at Emmitsburg, Maryland. (Your brick is there)Thanks for attending.

**Good of the Association**

Al Metheny, Saturday Hartly firefighters and auxiliary will be having an annual fall public dinner starting a 3:00.

50-50 – Kenny Pyle

Conference Souvenir –

A motion was made and seconded, and carried to adjourn at 9:10 p.m.; Chaplin Paul gave the benediction.

*The next meeting will be at Station 54, Little Creek.*

Respectfully submitted,



Pablo Reyes, Jr., Secretary