



Kent County Volunteer Firemen's Association November 18, 2009

President Snell called the 934th meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. at Station 54, Little Creek Volunteer Fire Company. Following dinner served by the Ladies Auxiliary of the station, Vice President White presented gratuities to the auxiliary. Chief Scott Bundek of the Little Creek Volunteer Fire Company gave the address of welcome; Vice President White gave the response.

Roll Calls: Officers: 12 present, 1 absent; Companies: 16 present, 3 absent; Past Presidents: 15 KCVFA, 5 DVFA, and 7 Fire Company Presidents.

Deferment of Business – State Pension Office – Deputy Pension Administrator made an extensive presentation about the automated annual billing process, including information on training sessions to use the system.

Introduction of Guests:

DVFA – Kevin Wilson, spoke on voter registration. We are meeting with the Governor on the 24th. We did meet with the Director of Public Health on the 16th it went very well. Speaking about various topics to include the H1N1, seasonal flu clinics and the DIMES (Delaware Information Management Emergency Services > old EDEN system). There will be extensive testing on the system prior to implementation. Conference reorganizational committee is going well. Pension > dates are on the website for training. Recruitment and Retention will have a package for you. Fire Grants are undergoing the 2nd round at the end of the month they are expecting to hand out 15 – 20 more grants. EDEN system > Allen Metheny is our representative to the Patient Care Reporting Committee. Allen may have to call you to come to Dover and talk. Trauma System update FYI the Hospitals from up state are going through their Trauma designations. Delaware so far has received high marks in the Aero-medical, and our ALS / BLS systems. What is the additional 140 hour get me? It makes a difference 3% per year reduction which equates to about 70 additional lives. DEMSOG – does understand the funding issues will try to get together a report. H1N1 started a week early and schedule is on the website. An issue was made about Homeland Security in paying for upkeep and testing of equipment. You can use funding for upkeep it was fought through DEMA. The military and Homeland Security folks are really concerned to be prepared over the holidays. 911 system, they are looking to review how cell phones impact the system. Bill Tobin, Governmental Affairs Committee is setup to assist the fire companies in the state to speak on issues with your legislatures and representatives on issue's that may come up for financing. Forms were sent out to the companies and we are asking the information get in by December 1st.

State Fire Chief's Association – Mike Rains – next meeting 28th of Jan. at Cranston Heights, Station 14

State Ambulance Association – P.J. Gosh, H1N1 clinic has started. They are going very well.

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

State Fire Police Association – Charlie Walls, Thanks for the recognition.

DVFA Conference – No Report

State Fire Prevention Commission – Betts, New DIME System – presentation about the new ambulance equipment. By Jan 2011 each unit will be required to have a pulsar; it will affect mainly the paid ambulance service. They will be conducting a general vehicle inspection, such as doors in need of repair, tire treads, ect. Presentation by the Burn Camp and were surprised at the low attendance. The kids did have a great time. They need your help in passing on information about kids in need in your areas.

Marvin Sharp, January 18th is a PROPOSED draft for Standards at the Fire School. Things to consider are

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how we adopt and an implementation date. Stressing this is a proposed draft.

Delaware State Fire School – No Report

State Fire Marshal's Office – No Report

Legislature – Bruce Ennis – I really give officers of the Delaware Fire Service a lot of credit. Standard Flu Shots will be available to fire service. We will be back in session 2nd Tuesday in January. Once Certification and Training is mandated there will be a liability problem. In favor of VOLUNTARY Certification and Training for firemen.

Kent County Fire Chief's Association – No Report

Kent County Fire Police Association – New officers were elected and installation will be on the 15th.

Kent County Ambulance Association – No Report.

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

Kent County Levy Court – No Report

Kent County Emergency Management – Scott Bundek, storm this past week cost incurred that is storm related need to get the amounts in. We also need to know about any storm related damage.

Kent County Emergency Dispatch Center – Levy Court approved two more dispatchers to help cover staff. Anyone you know needs job keep an eye out in newspaper.

Kent County Emergency Medical – Mobile data units will be replaced by a Federal Grant no cost to companies.

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 – Joe Zerolles, No issue's any questions contact me

DEMA – Glen Gillespie Thanks for the recognition.

A motion was made, seconded, carried for approval of the minutes of the previous meeting as printed with amendments for corrections as follows: Past President's Gift to Past President's Expenses, and inclusion of the list of installed officers as follows; Frank King, administered the oath of office to the following newly elected officers of the association. Listed as: President – Dave Snell, 1st Vice President – Dave Gillespie, 2nd 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). Typo correction of Swab to Schwalb.

Deceased Members: None

Report of Officers – Submitted in written form.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Robert Yerkes reported ending balances as of November 1, 2009: Roland Trader Scholarship Fund – \$5,981.02; Checking Account – \$142.67; Money Market – \$11,815.71; total of all CD's – \$19,253.48; total funds – \$31,211.86

Written Correspondence – Received 2 letters, 1st letter a statement for the Kent County Firemen's Association Audit by George J. Pyott, Jr. for total assets of \$37,704.20. 2nd letter was to the Kent County Levy Court from the Chief's Association regarding discussion of Section 303 of the IPMC specifying 911 addressing.

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Report of Committees

Ladies Night – Frank King, function is set for February 27th with dinner starting 6:00 pm at the Felton Fire House.

Fire Prevention Committee – Paula King, Banquet will be December 6th at Hartly Fire Company. Special thanks to Joe Zerolles of Farmington for reaching the home schooled. Only 2 departments did not do reach outs. Letters out to PIO's for those attending. Great Job Kent County Fire Departments Delaware Gaming – Jim Green, complaints are out about the 3rd party vendor violations. Our rules and regulations are online. Call for any help. Non-profits need to take charge of their own events. Don't let the 3rd parties tell you what to do, look it up on the internet.

Payment of Bills – \$288.40 – Frank King, (Fire Prevention Awards); \$145.05 – Frank King, (Fire Prevention Supplies): A motion was made, seconded, and carried for payment of bills.

Unfinished Business – None

New Business –

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to pay the bills now through January.

~~A motion was made, seconded, and carried to have the By-laws committee come up with a proposal to change the By-laws making the Fire Prevention Committee permanent.~~

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to endorse letter from the Fire Chiefs Association to the Kent County Levy Court.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried in support of the hiring an additional 2 people at the dispatch center.

Good of the Association

50-50 – Chuck Coverdale

Conference Souvenir –

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 55, Magnolia.

Respectfully submitted,



Pablo Reyes, Jr., Secretary