



## Kent County Volunteer Firemen's Association

November 19, 2008

President Joe Zeroles called the 923<sup>rd</sup> meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. at Station 41, Camden-Wyoming Volunteer Fire Company. Following dinner served by the Ladies Auxiliary of the station, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Gillespie presented gratuities to the auxiliary. Glenn Neese of Camden-Wyoming Volunteer Fire Company gave the address of welcome; 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Gillespie gave the response.

**Roll Calls:** Officers: 13 present, 0 absent; Companies: 18 present, 1 absent; Past Presidents: 16 KCVFA, 10 DVFA, and 8 Fire Company Presidents.

### Introduction of Guests:

**DVFA** – Kevin Wilson > Warren Jones sends his regrets– Wake up Delaware successful with over 100,000 detectors. Budget is still in poor shape. Looks like their may be up to a 30% cut. Leadership/Communications is being sent out please check News Journal still waiting on article in December. Website page is being updated, antique section. Application completed for the Inaugural parade check your email. On behalf of all of us, "Happy Holidays". Fire Prevention awards please be in uniform.

**State Fire Chief's Association** –Mike Rains, No Report, see you at the next meeting.

**State Ambulance Association** – P.J. Gosch, Get Ambulance permits or you will not be able to bill runs.

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

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

**DVFA Conference** – Elmer Steele, Thanks for the recognition, 2009 is off and running. Our next meeting is the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday in February.

**State Fire Prevention Commission** – Marvin Sharp, Good workshop with DVFA & Fire Commission. We sat down for recommending position standards. Felt most of it is already in place. I will be a long process to work things out. Our thanks to the Fire Chiefs. Fire Commission did a Presentation about serious budget concerns. Thanks to the DVFA for a most productive meeting.

**Delaware State Fire School** –No Report

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

**Legislature** – Bruce Ennis, Economy problems are nationwide with short falls at about \$330 million for the state. Cuts may still be coming. It's a pleasure to be here.

**Kent County Fire Chief's Association** – Bill Betts, No Report, Thanks for the recognition.

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

**Kent County Ambulance Association** – Ed Angwin, Thanks for the recognition. Next meeting OEMS will be there looking for feedback on the EDIN System. Attendance is requested.

**Kent County Ladies Auxiliary** – Barb Metheny Thanks for the recognition No Report.

**Kent County Levy Court** – Harold Brode Thanks for the recognition. Budget will be cut again this next year.

**Kent County Emergency Management** – No Report

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

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

**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 Zeroles – Thanks for recognition.

**DEMA** – No Report

*A motion was made, seconded, carried for approval of the minutes of the previous meeting as printed with a correction made on 2<sup>nd</sup> page of file copy from "Legislator" to "DVFA Lobbyist" for John L. Mitchell, Sr..*

**Deceased Members:** Station 44 – William T. Cox, Jr., Station 40 – Robert Yoder, and Philip Tuthill, Station 51 – Leroy Cox.

**Report of Officers** – Submitted in written form. (No report for 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President)

**Treasurer's Report** – Treasurer Robert Yerkes reported ending balances as of November 1, 2008: Roland Trader Scholarship Fund – \$4,198.38; Checking Account – \$94.35; Money Market – \$10,021.28; total of all CD's – \$18,467.67; total funds – \$28,583.30

**Written Correspondence** – Received 2 letters, one from Magnolia Volunteer Fire Company one with regards to endorsing Clyde Luton to the Fire Advisory Board, the 2<sup>nd</sup> letter from the Audit Committee by George Pyott presenting an Audit Report dated October 2007 to September 2008.

**Report of Committees** –

Frank King – Bid for Trophies is ready to order for Fire Prevention plus a certificate of appreciation.

Roland Neeman – Ladies night tickets are out. Prices needed to go up for the cost of oysters. Please have them in by February 2, 2009.

**Payment of Bills** – \$18.68 – Robert Yerkes, (Stamps & Envelopes); \$114.41 – Frank King, (Fire Prevention Supplies): A motion was made, seconded, and carried for payment of bills.

**Unfinished Business** – None

**New Business** – Frank King made a motion and was seconded, and carried to pay Fire Prevention bills as they came in. Jim Cabbage made a motion and was seconded, and carried to approve the Audit Committee report. Kevin Wilson made a motion and was seconded, and carried to pay all bills as they came in until the next meeting.

**Good of the Association**

Clayton dinner this Friday (November 20, 2008)

50-50 – won by Harold Fry

Conference Souvenir – N/A

A motion was made and seconded, and carried to adjourn at 8:25 p.m.; Chaplin Paul gave the benediction.

*The next meeting will be at ~~Station 43, Cheswick~~. (Station 40, Bowers)*

Respectfully submitted,



Pablo Reyes, Jr., Secretary