



Kent County Volunteer Firemen's Association

November 21, 2007

President Joe Zeroles called the 912th meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. at Station 48, Felton Volunteer Fire Company. Following dinner served by the Ladies Auxiliary of the fire company, Vice President Dave Snell presented gratuities to the auxiliary. President of Station 48, Felton Volunteer Fire Company gave the address of welcome; Vice President Snell gave the response.

Roll Calls: Officers: 11 Present, 2 absent (King, O'Neal); Companies: 19 present; Past Presidents: 14 KCVFA, 5 DVFA, and 6 Fire Company Presidents.

Introduction of Guests:

DVFA – Kevin Wilson said that in the effort to get more members, he will be attending each Fire Company meeting some time this year. It was said that Senate Bill 251 will also have the ladies complete an affidavit for a background check. MRSA (Methicillin-Resistant *Staphylococcus Aureus*) staph notice is out, to be aware of this bad superbug. Please encourage voter registration.

State Fire Chief's Association – Jeff Denison, greetings from President Snyder & next meeting on January 24, 2008.

State Ambulance Association – Wendy Lauer for next meeting in efforts to build attendance, switch of dates to January 24, 2008 with a nationally known guest speaker "Mike Smith" and 2nd Vice President sends greetings.

DVFA Ladies Auxiliary – Greetings and thanks for county tickets

State Fire Police Association – It was stated that NO Fire Police will carry a firearm.

DVFA Conference – No report

State Fire Prevention Commission – Ambulance certifications should be completed by December 31st 2007 QI/QA program

Delaware State Fire School – Leadership program will be available in December for newly elected officers. Have a Safe Holiday.

State Fire Marshal's Office – No report

Legislature – Representative Bob Outten presents greetings and Happy Holidays.

Kent County Fire Chief's Association – Presents greetings and next meeting December 12th.

Kent County Fire Police Association – Bill Nickerson thanks for the recognition

Kent County Ambulance Association – Ed Angwin said next meeting is at Station 49, asks that the companies need to get more involved with the association.

Kent County Ladies Auxiliary – Barbara Metheny brought greetings.

Kent County Levy Court – Enhancement fees passed two weeks ago. Attendance of Fire Company members is appreciated.

Kent County Emergency Medical Services (Paramedics) – No Report

Kent County Emergency Dispatch Center – Allen Metheny greetings and everything ran good.

Kent County Emergency Management – No report

New Castle County Volunteer Firemen's Association – No report

Sussex County Volunteer Firemen's Association – President Tobin sends greetings.

State Recruitment and Retention – No report

Mutual Relief – Dues notice is out, companies that pay by December 15, 2007 will get a 10% discount.

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

Deceased Members: William (Bill) Paskey (48). Chaplin Paul said a prayer for the deceased.

Report of Officers – Submitted in written form.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Robert Yerkes reported ending balances as of November 1: Roland Trader Scholarship Fund – \$2983.17; Checking Account – \$105.78; Money Market – \$7628.77; total of all CD's – \$17,379.77; total funds – \$25,114.32

Written Correspondence – None

Report of Committees –

Ladies Night – Roland Neeman reported that entertainment will be a Patsy Kline and Elvis impersonator.
Fire Prevention – Charlie Boyer reported that 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners have been chosen and will be presented on December 2, 2007 at Felton Volunteer Fire Company.

Marvin Sharp – discussed Parks and Recreation. Thanks and commendations to Harold Brode in the Levy Court for his support of the fire service.

Alvin Schmick – Reference to Firemen of the Year; read letter of report from the 2007 committee as of this date has received NO awards from the companies. They must be submitted no later than January 31, 2008.

Payment of Bills – \$17.39 Robert Yerkes (stamps, envelopes), \$223.65 RWM Embroidery & More (shirts for Fire Advisory Board), \$28.95 Charles Boyer (pizza for Fire Prevention Committee). A motion was made, seconded, and carried for payment of these bills and any that came in during month of December 2007.

Unfinished Business – None

New Business – A motion was made and seconded for Vice President Snell to purchase more shirts. Motion was amended and carried to make it a yearly thing.

Texas Hold-em may be picking same dates as other events. Green from Tech assistance said there is a sheet on website for applications. Applications should be in 2 board meetings prior to event. "Website calendar may be out of date" website still holds good information. It is suggested applicants should have applications in 2 months in advance.

Good of the Association – Charlie Boyer said Safe Summer Days event is slated for June 14, 2008. Discussions are on-going for partnering in June. A six month window to submit letters of interest to "Partner with County" must go to Harry Vansant.

50-50 – won by Harold Fry

A motion was made and seconded, and carried to adjourn at 8:30 p.m.; Chaplin Paul gave the benediction.

Respectfully submitted,

Pablo Reyes, Jr., Secretary