



Kent County Volunteer Firemen's Association

February 18, 2009

President Mike Rains called the 925th meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. at Station 44, Citizens' Hose Company. Following dinner served by the Ladies Auxiliary of the station, 2nd Vice President Gillespie presented gratuities to the auxiliary. President Morris of Citizens' Hose Company gave the address of welcome; 2nd Vice President Gillespie gave the response.

Roll Calls: Officers: 12 present, 1 absent; Companies: 18 present, 1 absent; Past Presidents: 17 KCVFA, 6 DVFA, and 9 Fire Company Presidents.

Introduction of Guests:

DVFA –Warren Jones, Thanks to those attending the Inaugural Parade on a cold and windy day, great service. Thanks to Frank King for helping to coordinate it. Each county is asked to make a motion for the fire service to continue with the Fire Commission. FDIC will be April 20 – 25 2009, no Delaware night, not affordable. With regards to company budgets whether you are in work or not, try to keep it on the low end. We are looking at budget cuts. Kevin Wilson, if you have received WMD Equipment and you got/get a letter it is nothing to be concerned about, just fill out the information request. Charlie Boyer, Fire Prevention information needs to get back to DVFA ASAP.

State Fire Chief's Association – No Report

State Ambulance Association – Mike, Thanks to Little Creek. Looking for EMT of Year(s) need it on company letterhead.

DVFA Ladies Auxiliary – Lorraine Madden, Thanks for the recognition, No Report

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

DVFA Conference – No Report

State Fire Prevention Commission – Marvin Sharp, Senator Ennis got an opinion from the Attorney General that the letter of the law was followed with concerns to release of information.

Delaware State Fire School –No Report

State Fire Marshal's Office – Bill Betts, Thanks for the recognition, No Report

Legislature – Bruce Ennis, fire school pupil records are not exempt. House passed HB44 (Delaware Burn Camp) SB6 – Passed (amend Title 21 with regards to terminology and flashing headlights for emergency personnel) HB64 (amend Title 29 relating to Health Care Insurance.)

Kent County Fire Chief's Association – Thanks for the recognition, next meeting will be Clayton

Kent County Fire Police Association – Pleasure to be here. Charlie Walls, Thanks for the recognition

Kent County Ambulance Association – No Report

Kent County Ladies Auxiliary – Thanks for the recognition, No Report.

Kent County Levy Court – No Report

Kent County Emergency Management – No Report

Kent County Emergency Dispatch Center – No Report

Kent County Emergency Medical Services (Paramedics) – May 18th National EMS Memorial bike ride, more information to come. Past years attendance has been 150 expecting much larger group. Plans are in the works to move this event to Colorado.

New Castle County Volunteer Firemen's Association – No Report

Sussex County Volunteer Firemen's Association – No Report

State Recruitment and Retention – Debbie and Sandy, Packages, forms for companies need to be filled out, need to identify the person responsible (P.O.C.) who must get involved and share information.

Mutual Relief –Joe Zerolles – Thanks for recognition next meeting will be at Magnolia.

DEMA – No Report

Special Guest(s) – Camden/Wyoming Rotary, Mr. Zingar, speaking on FREE medical offered to Fire Fighters at the Hope Clinic. Stated that 50% of fire fighters die of a heart attack. Connecting what working firemen do with what doctors do. There was a \$10300.00 donation to the Hope Clinic for firemen, please get the word out for firemen 18 – 65 about the FREE clinic, physicals, ect...

Dover Station 2, David Lawson, Ops Team new management team training on 3 and 4 Thursday covering 4 disciplines. Currently, issue is funding. Team is under the Dover Company and unable to fund. Looking at options available.

A motion was made, seconded, carried for approval of the minutes of the previous meeting as printed. with corrections made as follows: Under unfinished business, a transcription error for Marvin Sharp's motion be corrected reading "donation of the Ladies Night net proceeds to the Delaware Burn Camp in honor of Roland Neeman and the committee." to "donation of the Ladies Night net proceeds ½ goes to the Roland Trader Scholarship fund and ½ to the Delaware Burn Camp in honor of Roland Neeman & the committee."

Deceased Members: None

Report of Officers – Submitted in written form.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Robert Yerkes reported ending balances as of February 1, 2009: Roland Trader Scholarship Fund – \$4,200.79; Checking Account – \$1,232.57; Money Market – \$13,124.06; total of all CD's – \$18,561.46; total funds – \$32,918.09

Written Correspondence – Received 2 letters, one from Glenn Gillespie a thank you note for flowers sent, another from the Hartly Volunteer Fire Company dated January 1, 2009 assigning delegates for 2009 year.

Report of Committees –

Snell – Fire Prevention not all packets were picked up. Only 19 of 39 schools participated.

Ladies Night some ticket money is still needed and we will have up to 270 attending. Roland is progressing well in his health and will be there that night.

Payment of Bills – \$6.41 – Robert Yerkes, (Fire Prevention postage): A motion was made, seconded, and carried for payment of bills.

Unfinished Business – None

New Business – A motion was made and seconded, and carried to send the KCVFA President to the CSFI dinner.; Bruce Ennis, a motion was made and seconded, and passed unanimously to send a letter to the DVFA supporting a continuance of the Delaware Volunteer Fire Service to be under the Delaware State Fire Commission as with present stature.; A motion was made and seconded, and carried to purchase recording device for the KCVFA secretary with the stipulation that all recordings be destroyed after each transcription is completed.

Good of the Association

Mike – National Fire Academy Forms are available for fire companies wishing to purchase memorial bricks. We are seeking bike riders and supporters to participate in recognition of Stephanie and Michelle. Those of you interested please check the following website www.muddyangels.org. Risk Watch II – DOE Lesson Plans are available for teachers to incorporate. Get prevention information out to the schools. Requesting companies provide at least two door prizes for Ladies Night.

50-50 – won by Steve White Conference Souvenir – N/A

A motion was made and seconded, and carried to adjourn at 8:42 p.m.; Chaplin Paul's stand-in gave the benediction. *The next meeting will be at Station 45, Clayton.*

Respectfully submitted,



Pablo Reyes, Jr., Secretary