



Kent County Volunteer Firemen's Association

March 18, 2009

President Mike Rains called the 926th meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at Station 45, Clayton Fire Company. Following dinner served by the Ladies Auxiliary of the station, Vice President Snell presented gratuities to the auxiliary. President Pridemore of Clayton Fire Company gave the address of welcome; Vice President Snell gave the response.

Roll Calls: Officers: 10 present, 3 absent; Companies: 19 present, 0 absent; Past Presidents: 14 KCVFA, 7 DVFA, and 9 Fire Company Presidents.

Introduction of Guests:

DVFA – Kevin Wilson, CFSI – 2 April get your information in. FDIC – there will be NO Delaware night, instead monies will be applied to having a Management Leadership Seminar. DEMSOC – 1998 why do we need added training? The death rate is down from 45% to 20 %. EMT's are doing good for the most seriously injured patients. Fiscally conservative legislators are asking how we can help. Jim Cabbage, note your calendars for the 19th the governor will be on the radio with budget information. We (the state) are in bad shape; it will be a trickle down effect in all areas. Wait and see what happens. Al Metheny, all companies have received their share of the bills for the parade.

State Fire Chief's Association – Mike Rains, next meeting 3/26/09 No Report

State Ambulance Association – Mike, next mtg 6/25/09 with exposition. EMS bike ride is a go with ceremonies taking place in Dover on May 18th. There is currently about 250 participants. Many fund raisers are going on. Thanks to all the donations.

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

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

DVFA Conference – No Report

State Fire Prevention Commission – Marvin Sharp, Joint Sunset Committee (JSC) – Chalmers article did not truly reflect meeting. President Jones did a good job on representing the Fire Service. Betts, 11 companies did not have officers listed.

Delaware State Fire School – No Report

State Fire Marshal's Office – Grover Ingel, 3 fire related deaths in the state. One was no working smoke alarm in a trailer. 2nd one was no smoke alarms.

Legislature – Bruce Ennis, JSC – SB-6 wigwag light passed in the senate with the house passing unanimously. Reference to December 10th – authority of Fire Commissioner to release records look at the Federal Law that says there cannot be disclosure of Fire Pupils records. Currently looks as though there will be a \$750,000 shortfall. There may be a 15% cut in Grant-and-Aid pending any future losses in revenue.

Kent County Fire Chief's Association – Manny Carrar, Thanks for the recognition, next meeting April 8th at station 54.

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

Kent County Ambulance Association – Ed Angwin, Thanks for the recognition, No Report

Kent County Ladies Auxiliary – Pat Paolini & Barb Metheny, Thanks for the recognition, No Report.

Kent County Levy Court – No Report

Kent County Emergency Management – Al Metheny, April 3rd & 4th flyers went out for Hazardous Materials > free dinners at Little Creek is for the Haz-Mat team and EMT. It is a good program with 3-4 ceu's for training. Kevin Sipple is acting assistant director. Go to him for issues on the 911 center. Fire Advisory should work closely with the county.

Kent County Emergency Dispatch Center – No Report

Kent County Emergency Medical – No Report

New Castle County Volunteer Firemen's Association – Richard Perillo, Thanks for the recognition, No Report

Sussex County Volunteer Firemen's Association – Roland Walker, Thanks for the recognition, No Report

State Recruitment and Retention – No Report

Mutual Relief – Ken Clendaniel & Joe Zeroles – Thanks for recognition, No Report.

DEMA – No Report

Special Guest(s) – Nicole Carry, packets are out for the convention.

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

Typo corrections were made as follows: 1st Vice President changed to read 2nd Vice President in the first paragraph.

Deceased Members: Station 45 – Robert J. Carson, Station 55 – John F. Hobbs, Station 41 – John Klink, Station 53 – Betty Slaughter-Storey; next meeting is a memorial service meeting.

Report of Officers – Submitted in written form.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Robert Yerkes reported ending balances as of March 1, 2009: Roland Trader Scholarship Fund – \$4,201.11; Checking Account – \$926.16; Money Market – \$11,394.64; total of all CD's – \$18,561.46; total funds – \$30,882.26

Written Correspondence – Received 3 letters, one each from Hartly Volunteer Fire Company and Felton Community Fire Company in reference to appointment of delegates, last one from Kent County Ambulance Association a letter showing support for David Fisler as chairperson of the NFPA Ambulance Standards Committee.

Report of Committees –

Bob Yerkes for Roland Neeman – Ladies Night, Roland Neeman resigns with thanks for his 32 years on the committee and thanks for the flowers. Total Ladies Night net profit \$1551.82 with \$766.00 going to the Roland Trader Scholarship and \$766.00 going to the Burn Camp, in honor of Roland Neeman. President Rains spoke volumes of praises about Roland's 32 years of service to the committee. Vice President Snell will look into filling the committee.

Payment of Bills – \$5,890.00 – Felton Fire Co. Auxiliary, (Ladies Night Dinners); \$350.00 – Mel Price, (Ladies Night Entertainment); \$334.50 – M&M Trophies & Awards, (Ladies Night Plaques); \$102.50 – Wilmington Trust, (Gift card, W.R. Dempsey); \$275.00 – D.V.F.A., (1 person CFSI); \$150.00 – National Firefighters Foundation, (Brick, in memory of Michelle Smith): A motion was made, seconded, and carried for payment of bills.

Unfinished Business – President Rains – stated Mr. Zingar will be presenting a large donation at the Felton Fire Hall April 3rd at 5:00 pm.

New Business – Jim Cabbage made a public apology to Ed Angwin for comments made at a related association meeting.

Good of the Association

Marvin Sharp –invite Burn Camp to present at our meeting. Bruce Ennis – some sub-divisions access is 22 feet per Del DOT. Kent County Levy Court requires 28 foot minimum access. Bob Yerkes – Life Safety budget of \$5000.00 or greater turn in to the committee by June 1st.

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 gave the benediction.
The next meeting will be a memorial meeting at Station 54, Little Creek.

Respectfully submitted,



Pablo Reyes, Jr., Secretary