



## Kent County Volunteer Firemen's Association

April 15, 2009

### Memorial Service

President Mike Rains called the 927<sup>th</sup> meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at Station 54, Little Creek Fire Company. Following dinner served by the Ladies Auxiliary of the station, Vice President Snell presented gratuities to the auxiliary. President Richard Hand of Little Creek Fire Company gave the address of welcome; Vice President Snell gave the response.

**Roll Calls:** Officers: 10 present, 3 absent; Companies: 18 present, 1 absent; Past Presidents: 14 KCVFA, 5 DVFA, and 8 Fire Company Presidents.

*There was a short deviation of normal business for disbursement of checks from State Treasurers Office to the companies. President Rains presented a check for \$776.00 to the Delaware Burn Camp. The Burn Camp organization is asking for support in helping to make children aware of the program. For further information contact Bonnie Cahall Kent County Ladies Auxiliary presented a check of \$800.00 to go to the Roland Trader Scholarship Fund.*

#### **Introduction of Guests:**

**DVFA** – Warren Jones, Thanks for attending the CSFI. It was a good night for Delaware. We have been awarded the Safer Grant. May 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting at Cheswold for recruitment and retention (9:00 am) looking for at least one representative per company. Meeting on the revolving loan fund paperwork is out. Plan your budgets for a tough year. State Ambulance National Memorial on Saturday, May 29<sup>th</sup> This will be the last year for the bike ride through Roanoke, Virginia.

**State Fire Chief's Association** – Mike Rains, Jeff Dennison, 6/25 next meeting will be the expo @ 4:00 pm, golf @ 11:00 am.

**State Ambulance Association** – Mike, we need letters of nomination by June 30. Opening ceremonies for the bike ride will be on May 18<sup>th</sup> at Dover and Wilmington recognizing Stephanie and Michelle.

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

**State Fire Police Association** – Charlie Walls, Thanks for the recognition, next meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup> No Report

**DVFA Conference** – No Report

**State Fire Prevention Commission** – Marvin Sharp, Joint Sunset Committee (JSC) – the meeting went well. Thanks to Senator Bruce Ennis for support. Next meeting is Tues @ 9:00.

**Delaware State Fire School** – No Report

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

**Legislature** – No Report

**Kent County Fire Chief's Association** – Bill Betts, No Report

**Kent County Fire Police Association** – No Report

**Kent County Ambulance Association** – Ed Angwin we will be meeting on the 21st at Clayton with Con Ed

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

**Kent County Levy Court** – No Report

**Kent County Emergency Management** – Al Metheny, I will retire on May 29<sup>th</sup>. Everything is non-emergency operations. I plan on being and staying around. Thanks for the recognition.

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

**Kent County Emergency Medical** – 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** – No Report.

**DEMA** – No Report

**Special Guest(s)** – Brian Burge, spoke about Emily's Heart Foundation and is requesting a P.O.C. list from each of the companies.

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

**Deceased Members**: Station 44 – John W. Dukes, Station 46 – Milford Taylor, Station 51 – James A. Gunner (Memorial Service was performed with a wonderful ceremony and assistance from the Dover Police Bagpipers recognizing 11 of our fallen but not forgotten members.)

**Report of Officers** – Submitted in written form.

**Treasurer's Report** – Treasurer Robert Yerkes reported ending balances as of April 1, 2009: Roland Trader Scholarship Fund – \$4,206.46; Checking Account – \$106.16; Money Market – \$14,347.38; total of all CD's – \$18,561.46; total funds – \$33,015.00

**Written Correspondence** – Received 4 letters, one from Farmington Volunteer Fire Company in reference to appointment of delegates, another from Kent County Fire Police Association a letter addressing justice for Michelle Smith, another from Dick Dempsey thanking the association for gift card, last one from Harrington Fire Company opposing draft of certification requirements.

**Report of Committees** –

Frank Kings – Final Report on budget figures are out for Fire Prevention and Expo. Ladies Night Report is out stating awards given with a list of recommendations for the next event.

**Payment of Bills** – \$776.00 – Delaware Burn Camp, (Donation in Honor of Roland Neeman); \$776.00 – Roland Trader Scholarship, (½ profit from Ladies Night): A motion was made, seconded, and carried for payment of bills.

**Unfinished Business** – None

**New Business** – Jeff Denison – made a motion for those at head table as to dress (with a question on the motion) Jim Cubbage stated that dress at the head table was always the prerogative of the President. The motion was rescinded. Wake up Delaware celebration of the 100,000<sup>th</sup> Smoke Detector given away is in letter format please take one. (the event will be in June or July)

A motion was made and seconded, and carried to send a letter to the City of Dover thanking them for the use of the Bag Pipers for our memorial ceremony.

**Good of the Association**

Vice President of Carlisle Fire Company – with reference to the fire of a motel, we had lots of help and appreciated all the help we got, thank you. Jeff Denison – packets of yellow paper need to be posted at the fire house. Mike – Thanks to Clayton for the help provided to my mother.

50-50 – Pablo Reyes, Jr.

A motion was made and seconded, and carried to adjourn at 8:40 p.m.; Chaplin Paul gave the benediction.

*The next meeting will be Past Presidents Night at Station 47, Farmington.*

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Pablo Reyes, Jr.", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Pablo Reyes, Jr., Secretary