



Kent County Volunteer Firemen's Association

April 21, 2010

President Snell called the 937th meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at Ambulance 64, Smyrna. Following dinner served by the Ladies Auxiliary of the station, 2nd Vice President White presented gratuities to the auxiliary. Alan Post, President of Ambulance 64 gave the address of welcome; 2nd Vice President White gave the response.

There was a short deviation of normal business for a memorial, and disbursement of checks by Barbara Bennett with many checks already distributed by electronic method from State Treasurer's Office to the companies.

Roll Calls: Officers: 10 present, 3 absent; Companies: 18 present, 1 absent; Past Presidents: 12 KCVFA, 3 DVFA, and 10 Fire Company Presidents.

Introduction of Guests:

DVFA – Kevin Wilson, Recruitment & Retention grants will be sent. Regarding Recruitment & Retention as a whole Public Service Announcements will start Friday. CFSI next week need to see representation in Washington. Fire Service & DEMA will be meeting May 9th. Working on coordinated efforts. You will be contacted be prepared. SB212 there was some excellent discussion on the floor about funding of the fire service. What was said on the Senate floor is that we need to come up with good ways to fund the fire service. The message that we have been putting out is starting to make an effect. We have make good strides in reaching our legislators. Trying to get groups of people to help maintain a presence. Seek out your legislators, it does make a difference. Touched on many topics such as funding, insurance tax down, health tax down, adding to property tax to increase funding. As a fire service we lost a little more than 1.8 million dollars. Government Affairs committee is working very well. We have a meeting with Governor Markell on March 6th. A letter was sent to the Insurance Commissioner so we can get numbers. March 23rd Jim Cabbage sent an email to one of the ladies at the insurance office. There is a meeting with Tom Wagner on the 3rd to discuss audit of insurance on reporting another thing is to try and modify the reports the order in which it is put out every year. Is it the proper format, is it the right way, are we reporting everything. For example Montgomery County, Md. \$875,000, their fire service budget is \$200 million dollars. State and County Fire Service Committee we are working with them. Government Affairs Committee with the fire program beginning with JFC. We will continue to work with the governor. I am at legislative hall at least once a week.

State Fire Chief's Association – No Report

State Ambulance Association – Mike Michaels, next meeting with the State Chiefs at Slaughter Beach.

DVFA Ladies Auxiliary – Loraine Madden Thanks for the recognition.

State Fire Police Association – No Report

DVFA Conference – Jeff Denison, Everything should be online by May 1st. August 9th is cut-off for turning in paperwork.

State Fire Prevention Commission – Bill Betts, short meeting no majors issues, Tuesday 27th we get a hearing in front of JSC with our progress.

Delaware State Fire School – No Report

State Fire Marshal's Office – No Report

Legislature – Bruce Ennis, Report on a couple of bills, HB159 regulation for Health Care providers with an amendment to exempt firemen, and emt's, passed the senate. HB229 prohibits use of electronic equipment while operating motor vehicle on the highway unless it is a hands-free equipment, it is in Senate judiciary. HB262 passed and signed by governor. SB205 makes it a Class C felony to strike any emergency responder.

Kent County Fire Chief's Association – No Report

Kent County Fire Police Association – Alvin Schmidt, last meeting Past President's were honored next meeting Station 40.

Kent County Ambulance Association – Next meeting Station 55 on April 26th

Kent County Ladies Auxiliary – No Report

Kent County Levy Court – No Report

Kent County Emergency Management – Scott Bundek, Kent Center we have two new employees, would like to hear both positive and negative comments. Other operations are normal.

Kent County Emergency Dispatch Center – Sent a message to Fire Chief to make sure President or Fire Chief is available for a conference call with DEMA for storm related cost to call 326-6060 at 3:00 4/22/2010 it isn't just a Delaware thing.

Kent County Emergency Medical – No Report

New Castle County Volunteer Firemen's Association – No Report

Sussex County Volunteer Firemen's Association – No Report

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State Recruitment and Retention – No Report

Mutual Relief – Joe Zeroles, No Report

DEMA – No Report

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

Deceased Members: Station 52 – William Charles Hayes, (Memorial Service was performed with a wonderful ceremony and assistance from a Bagpiper recognizing 25 of our fallen but not forgotten members.)

Report of Officers – Submitted in written form. (with the exception of President's, & 1st Vice President's report)

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Robert Yerkes reported ending balances as of April 1, 2010: Roland Trader Scholarship Fund – \$6,326.62; Checking Account – \$357.10; Money Market – \$15,716.08; total of all CD's – \$19,441.17; total funds – \$35,514.35

Written Correspondence – Received 2 letters, 1st letter from Farmington Volunteer Fire Co. endorsing a recommendation for Joe Zeroles as a Board of Director for the DVFA. 2nd letter was from Dover Fire Department submitting Charles H. Boyer for the office of 2nd Vice President of the DVFA.

Report of Committees

None

Robert Yerkes, Frank King is absent but there was supposed to be a packet out tonight for Safe Summer days. The Safe Summer days is referring to the form which Jeff will email then it will get out to all the companies.

Payment of Bills – \$35.00 – William Frantz, (Memorial Service) A motion was made, seconded, and carried for payment of bills.

Unfinished Business –

None

New Business –

Jim Cabbage – someone off the street asked has anyone been to the County about the budget since budget time was getting near the end. President Snell said not to my knowledge.

Good of the Association

Steve White – reminded about the road bypass being put in at Frederica will close road about two weeks.

50-50 – Wally Hudson

Conference Souvenir – Kenny Ryder

A motion was made and seconded, and carried to adjourn at 8:43 p.m.; Chaplin Paul gave the benediction.

The next meeting will be at Station 40, North Bowers

Respectfully submitted,



Pablo Reyes, Jr., Secretary