



Kent County Volunteer Firemen's Association

May 19, 2010

President Snell called the 938th meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at Station 40, Bowers Fire Company. Following dinner served by the Ladies Auxiliary of the station, 2nd Vice President White presented gratuities to the auxiliary. Mike Gosch, President of Bowers Fire Company gave the address of welcome; 2nd Vice President White gave the response.

Roll Calls: Officers: 12 present, 1 absent; Companies: 17 present, 2 absent; Past Presidents: 11 KCVFA, 4 DVFA, and 8 Fire Company Presidents.

Introduction of Guests:

DVFA – Kevin Wilson, met with Fire Caucus (State Fire Service Committee) and talked about general issue's not just finances it was a good meeting. Met with the Governor primarily to speak about finances it was a friendly atmosphere. Also, met with auditors but did not take into account EMS. DEMSOC has a funding committee to look at EMS. May 26 meeting about Insurance Audit. Senate side of the house is discussing a need to find a way to fund the fire service. The message we have taken to them is working. June 13 is the Executive meeting at the Fire School. Recruitment and Retention brochures are in for the companies with 15,000 available. Two areas on brochure left blank for the companies use. Public Service Announcements will be out. Thank your Legislators and Levy Court. We still need support in legislative hall. Vice President Gillespie, to President Frampton on behalf of the officers and members of the Kent County Firemen's Association our sincere condolences to you and your family on recent loss of your son. Charlie Boyer, spoke to Harold Brode and asked to pass on there will be no cuts from the county appropriations.

State Fire Chief's Association – Jeff Dennison, meeting at Slaughter Beach Jun 19, with events throughout the day to include the State Police Helicopter showing maneuvers, a nice family day. Joe Zeroles, golf tournament on Jun 24th at Dover AFB.

State Ambulance Association – P.J. Gosch, May 3 & 4th with Mike Michaels and others attended EMS on the hill over at D.C. couple of topics discussed was the Public Safety Officers benefit which left out EMT & Paramedics for death benefit when killed in line of duty another topic was to put permanent funding in place with Medicare. Looking for letters for four awards date due is Aug 9th and forms are on website. Next meeting is with State Chiefs on Jun 19th. Mike McMichaels, it was an impressive visit to D.C. Suggested a nation-wide move over law. Thanks to 64 and 43 for taking mom to KGH.

DVFA Ladies Auxiliary – No Report

State Fire Police Association – Charlie Walls, next meeting Sunday, 23rd May. State Fire Police of the Year only 1 entry in, date due in no later than August 1st.

DVFA Conference – In progress...

State Fire Prevention Commission – Marvin Sharp, Ambulance regulations are moving slowing, the A.G.'s time is extremely limited. Ambulance problems, are coming up quick and weird. Standards want to thank everyone that took time to make a comment, statement and send stuff into us. Trying to determine what a ALS and BLS ambulance is? Does it go to the Fire Commission, Transportation, or OEMS.

Delaware State Fire School – No Report

State Fire Marshal's Office – No Report

Legislature – Senator Bruce Ennis, I'll hit the highlights on a number of bills, HB62 makes it a Class B felony for brandishing a deadly weapon against firefighter, law enforcement officer, police officer, fire police, and emergency medical technician signed. HB159 signed, HB282 signed, Senate confirmed Resolution 18 recognize week of Jun 1st to 7th as National CTR and AED week in Delaware. HB289 signed. HB330 signed to encourage donations. Due to down-turn in economy Kent County loosing \$23,381.00 for every company. Put in request for memorial signs. DOT stating specific type and color only. Vice President Gillespie, County Chiefs submitted letter to elevate the level of crime for shooting at an unarmed firefighter. Looking for assistance from the DVFA Law and Legislative committee for assistance through our

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legislators to increase the crime for shooting at an unarmed firefighter. Our firefighters need to have better protection. A charge of reckless endangerment is not acceptable. Senator Ennis responded proper charge should be applied.

Kent County Fire Chief's Association – Patrick Olechny, next meeting Jun 9th at Camden

Kent County Fire Police Association – No Report

Kent County Ambulance Association – No Report

Kent County Ladies Auxiliary – 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 – 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 – Joe Zeroles, No Report

DEMA – Vice President Gillespie, two part declaration in place, 48 out of 60 companies have made attempts to get reimbursed. If there is a Kent County Company that has not been contacted. Contact State EOS 659-3362, Ed Duras or Don Knox. The crew from FEMA is trying to provide fire companies with as much reimbursement as possible for the storms. Recognized an individual for 60 years of service Chief Marvin B. Hitch (emeritus).

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

Deceased Members: Station 44 – David W. Morris

Report of Officers – Submitted in written form.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Robert Yerkes reported ending balances as of May 1, 2010: Roland Trader Scholarship Fund – \$6,327.14; Checking Account – \$86.10; Money Market – \$15,718.66; total of all CD's – \$19,474.24; total funds – \$35,279.00

Written Correspondence – Received 4 letters, 1st letter from Delaware Foundation Reaching Citizens selling tickets to the Blue-Gold All Star game, 2nd letter from Marydel Volunteer Fire Co. recommending Ralph L. Rossi for the position of Fire Commissioner. 3rd letter from Hartly Volunteer Fire Company nominating J. Allen Meheny to the State Fire Prevention Committee. 4th letter from the Kent County Fire Chief's Association to have Kent County Firemen's Association look into tougher laws on for those engaging in criminal activities towards fire personnel such as shooting at responding firefighters.

Report of Committees

Fire Prevention, Steve White meeting at Station 49

Scholarship, Al Metheny Roland Trader program is open to accept application with postmark no later than the last day of this month.

Fire Advisory, Frank King scheduling meeting June 30th will send out emails.

Safe Summer Days, Jeff Dennison currently only one company has stated they will come. All companies need to have at least one apparatus and one table and then fax information to 653-1614 so we can get a good head count also if you can put something on your marquee so the public will know. Need to let committee know as soon as possible but no later than Jun 1st. Would like to do better than last year.

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Frank King, a letter was sent out to every chief in the county there should be two people in uniform or turn-out gear at the Patriotic 12:00 thing. Sent letter to ladies as well.

Payment of Bills – \$275.00 – D.V.F.A. (President, CSFI); \$1000.00 – Roland Trader Scholarship (Past President's Gift); \$160.00 – M&M Trophies & Awards (2 pocket badges); A motion was made, seconded, and carried for payment of bills.

Unfinished Business

Robert Yerkes, made a motion that was, seconded, and carried to accept the submitted Fire Prevention Commission letters and vote on next month.

New Business –

Kevin Wilson, a motion was made and seconded, and carried to have the Resolution Committee tasked with preparing a resolution to present to John Wilson who is retiring from Kent County and presented at the appropriate time.

President Snell presented a check to Joe Zeroles for Past President's who in-turn donated to the Roland Trader Scholarship fund.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried with regard to the letter from the Kent County Chiefs to be moved on to the DVFA for possible action by the Law and Legislative committee.

Good of the Association

Vice President Gillespie, spoke on the upcoming venue at Brecknock Park and our responsibilities towards supporting these public events. Glenn Neese, spoke on income from all funding sources, take opportunity to speak out to the people and let them know how money is gathered and spent. Al Metheny, will Kent County Recruitment & Retention be there, they have a responsibility to be there. Robert Yerkes, Fire Police is there and giving away bicycles.

50-50 – Jeff Dennison

Conference Souvenir – N/A

A motion was made and seconded, and carried to adjourn at 8:50 p.m.; Chaplin Paul gave the benediction.

The next meeting will be at Station 41, Camden Wyoming

Respectfully submitted,



Pablo Reyes, Jr., Secretary