



Kent County Volunteer Firemen's Association

June 16, 2010

President Snell called the 939th meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at Station 41, Camden-Wyoming Fire Company. Following dinner served by the Ladies Auxiliary of the station, 2nd Vice President White presented gratuities to the auxiliary. Fred Jester, President of Camden-Wyoming Fire Company gave the address of welcome; 2nd Vice President White gave the response.

Roll Calls: Officers: 8 present, 5 absent; Companies: 17 present, 2 absent; Past Presidents: 12 KCVFA, 3 DVFA, and 11 Fire Company Presidents.

Introduction of Guests:

DVFA – Kevin Wilson, some changes were made to the Conference. We are getting good support at Legislative Hall from the companies. I thank all those that have been there. Memorial Service for the Wilmington Firefighters went well. We are meeting with anyone that will talk with us, we have met with a lot of folks. Al Metheny, dues notice are going out July 1st. Move over law is out of committee. Fire Commission - Title 16 rewrite in progress, added Public Defenders law, only address fire service it stated if you were current County, President, Vice President, or Director states you could not serve but it did not say anything for industry side. It has been re-worded to include industry and the fire service as an amendment. Thanks to Marvin and the Commission for working with the DVFA. Marvin Sharp, if you have a chance look the document over and see something that was overlooked bring it up.

State Fire Chief's Association – Jeff Dennison, meeting at Slaughter Beach Jun 19, with expo at 10:00, meeting at 1:00, lunch at noon and State Ambulance will be with us.

State Ambulance Association – P.J. Gosch, ConEd for conference all DVFA paperwork is on website. We are still accepting letters for the award. Protocols have had some revisions going to board of Medical Practice.

DVFA Ladies Auxiliary – Lorraine Madden, Thanks for the recognition.

State Fire Police Association – Charlie Walls, all day classes at the conference check website for sign up.

DVFA Conference – No Report

State Fire Prevention Commission – Marvin Sharp, Bill Betts just a few meetings left. Thanks for heck of a job. Commission has agreed to look at what a scratch is and New Castle Ambulances going bypass. Ambulance regulations are progressing. Jim Buckley is retiring after 30 years and 4 months. The EMS service is changing drastically every day. Fire School inspected 44 ambulances and 66 re-inspections do the math. Making sure things are on the rig.

Delaware State Fire School – No Report

State Fire Marshal's Office – No Report

Legislature – Representative Bobby Outten, we are about to wind down the cell phone bill has passed house and gone to the Senate and they put a couple of amendments so it is coming back to house. There was a bill came through committee to put \$12 assessment on all speeding fines to help fund 30 new state troopers. Jim Cabbage, comment \$12 fine to raise money estimated at 2.4 million a year. (earmark?) We have been asking for same thing for moving violations to fund EMS service. What is difference between Fire Service and State Police? Thanks to Bobbie for all he does and we thank him.

Kent County Fire Chief's Association – No Report

Kent County Fire Police Association – Richard Schwalb, last night presented Dave Snell's granddaughter a \$1000 scholarship.

Kent County Ambulance Association – next meeting on the 28th at South Bowers

Kent County Ladies Auxiliary – Pat Paolini, Thanks for the recognition

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 – No Report

DEMA – No Report

A motion was made, seconded, carried for approval of the minutes of the previous meeting as printed with the following amendments. First line replaces "Ambulance 64, Smyrna" with "Station 40, Bowers Fire Company" & on page 2 under Report of Committees "Law and Legislation" with "Fire Prevention"

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Deceased Members: Station 43 – Bernie Wales

Report of Officers – All submitted in written form, except for Glenn Gillespie

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Robert Yerkes reported ending balances as of June 1, 2010: Roland Trader Scholarship Fund – \$7,327.71; Checking Account – \$227.60; Money Market – \$14,621.26; total of all CD's – \$19,508.48; total funds – \$34,357.34

Written Correspondence – Received 3 letters, 1st letter from the Frederica Volunteer Fire Co. stating their primary and alternate delegates. 2nd letter from the Hartly Volunteer Fire Company endorsing Al Metheny for position of Treasurer in the DVFA. 3rd letter was from the Marydel Volunteer Fire Company President Ralph Rossi respectfully declining consideration for appointment to the Delaware State Fire Commission.

Report of Committees

Fire Prevention, Steve White – got a lot accomplished in one night. Milford is to be the awards banquet in December on the 11th because of days available for \$2.50 a plate for all the kids. Next meeting July 6th at Frederica.

Safe Summer Days, John Pridemore – thanks to all the organizations we had 13 out of 19 companies that were represented as well as other organizations with about 1500 people attending. It was a very successful event.

Payment of Bills – \$0.00

Unfinished Business

Jim Cabbage, a motion was made and seconded, and carried to accept the letter of request from Ralph Rossi.

Jim Cabbage, a motion was made and seconded, and carried for the remaining 3 candidates Edward Welch, Alan Robinson, and Allen Metheny, names to be submitted to the governor's office for the Kent County representatives for a position of elected commissioner representing the Fire Service for Kent County.

New Business –

Jim Cabbage, a motion was made and seconded, and carried to supporting the nomination of Al Metheny for Treasurer; Charles H. Boyer for 2nd Vice President, and Joe Zerolles for the unexpired 3 year term of Director presently being held by Charles H. Boyer.

Good of the Association

Ed Welch – shrimp and crab feast all you can eat for \$35 this Saturday at Station 50, Harrington.

Station 48 on Sunday morning at 11:00 we will have a ceremony for a new truck. Anyone wants to attend we will have refreshments following ceremony. Also, having a raffle for a Henry rifle #8 of only 12 made. Only 200 tickets \$100 a piece will be sold, value of rifle is \$4200.

Robert Yerkes – Sunday 7:00 to 11:00 at Houston Father's day breakfast all you can eat for \$6.00

Marvin Sharp – cruise lined up for 2011 anyone interested look on the website.

50-50 – Pat Paolini

Conference Souvenir – N/A

A motion was made and seconded, and carried to adjourn at 8:18 p.m.; Chaplin Paul gave the benediction.

The next meeting will be at Station 43, Cheswold

Respectfully submitted,



Pablo Reyes, Jr., Secretary