



## Kent County Volunteer Firemen's Association

June 17, 2009

Vice President Snell called the 929<sup>th</sup> meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. at Station 48, Felton Fire Company. Following dinner served by the Ladies Auxiliary of the station, Vice President Snell presented gratuities to the auxiliary. Secretary Kenny Ryder of Felton Fire Company gave the address of welcome; Vice President Gillespie gave the response.

**Roll Calls:** Officers: 12 present, 1 absent; Companies: 18 present, 1 absent; Past Presidents: 15 KCVFA, 6 DVFA, and 9 Fire Company Presidents.

### **Introduction of Guests:**

**DVFA** – Warren Jones, Insurance premiums, still waiting on a meeting. State budget still up in the air, could be as much as 15% cut in Grant & Aid. Thanks to the fire service for the memorial

**State Fire Chief's Association** – John Fox, Jeff Denison, June 25<sup>th</sup> meeting all are invited.

**State Ambulance Association** –, Mike McMichael meeting next Thursday at Slaughter Beach. Anyone in Kent County eligible for lifetime achievement award, send information to Mike by June 30<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to Dave Mick for bike riders through Kent County, National was impressed.

**DVFA Ladies Auxiliary** – Loraine Madden, Thanks for the recognition.

**State Fire Police Association** – Charles Walls, Thanks for the recognition.

**DVFA Conference** – Elmer Steele, conference registrations can be found on the website.

**State Fire Prevention Commission** – Thanks for the recognition, No Report

**Delaware State Fire School** – No Report

**State Fire Marshal's Office** – John Latterman, Delaware Burn Camp in the State of Delaware is having trouble getting names of individuals that can use their service. If you know of someone that can benefit from our service please let us know. June 20 is Family Day with lots of activities, more information call 302-856-5600. No Report

**Legislature** – No Report

**Kent County Fire Chief's Association** – No Report

**Kent County Fire Police Association** – Bill Nickerson, No Report

**Kent County Ambulance Association** – Meeting in Felton with ConEd.

**Kent County Ladies Auxiliary** – Thanks for the recognition.

**Kent County Levy Court** – Commissioner Brode, regrets not being here but supports the road width regulation.

**Kent County Emergency Management** – Kevin Sipple – Assistant Director and Scott Bundick – Administrative Officer, thanks for the recognition.

**Kent County Emergency Dispatch Center** – Concerns over area of responsibilities, CALL.

**Kent County Emergency Medical** – No Report

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

**Sussex County Volunteer Firemen's Association** – Next meeting at Bridgeville, No Report

**State Recruitment and Retention** – No Report

**Mutual Relief** – Joe Zeroles, we will be voting on new contract.

**DEMA** – No Report

*A motion was made, seconded, carried for approval of the minutes of the previous meeting as printed. 3 typo corrections were made. (Jeff Denison's comments moved to State Chiefs, State Fire Police – inserted "newly elected" before President, and Grover Engle's comments moved to State Fire Marshal's Office, File Copy corrected.)*

**Deceased Members:** Station 41 – Tamala Snyder, Station 53 – Medford Potter

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

**Treasurer's Report** – Treasurer Robert Yerkes reported ending balances as of June 1, 2009: Roland Trader Scholarship Fund – \$6,778.40; Checking Account – \$237.16; Money Market – \$12,900.87; total of all CD's – \$19,019.35; total funds – \$32,157.38

**Written Correspondence** – Received 5 letters, 2 from Felton Fire Company, one supporting Mike Rains to the office of President for the Delaware State Fire Chief's Association and another adding a 3<sup>rd</sup> delegate & alternate. 1 letter from Harrington Fire Company assigning delegates and alternates. 1 letter from Dover Fire Department assigning delegates. 1 from the Kent County Fire Chief's Association stating dissatisfaction with a committee selected by the DVFA with regards to Standards.

**Report of Committees**

Fire Prevention – Correspondence to all 18 companies wishing to host the Fire Prevention went out with only 4 responding. Joe Zerolles stated 300 was a number that his fire company could not handle therefore a reason for not responding. Letters to the companies were sent to both the Chiefs and Presidents.

**Payment of Bills** – \$34.76 – Pablo Reyes, Jr., (KCVFA Tape Recorder): A motion was made, seconded, and carried for payment of bills.

**Unfinished Business** – Zerolles & Yerkes rescinded their prior motion for a name change to the Roland Trader Scholarship Fund.

**New Business** – A motion was made and seconded, in reference to not making any changes for rescue billing. (Question on the motion, is that it should go back to the companies) more discussion. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to table this until the next meeting.

**Good of the Association**

Marvin Sharp – Conference costs difference when calculated for life of contract (3 years) is MORE than \$16,000. Over the 3 years there is as much as \$130,000 added difference because of the rooms cost.

50-50 – Freddie Elbusti

A motion was made and seconded, and carried to adjourn at 8:28 p.m.; Chaplin Paul gave the benediction.  
*The next meeting will be at Station 49, Frederica.*

Respectfully submitted,



Pablo Reyes, Jr., Secretary