

MINUTES – JULY 21, 2010

The 940th meeting of the Kent County Volunteer Firemen’s Association was held at the Cheswold Volunteer Fire Department, Sta. 43. This meeting was held on Wednesday, July 21, 2010. President David J. Snell called the meeting to order at 7 PM.

The meeting was recessed at 7:10 PM. while the dinner was being served by the Cheswold Ladies Auxiliary. Gratuities were presented to the Ladies Auxiliary by 1st Vice President, Glenn Gillespie. The Address of Welcome was given by Mr. Howard Killen, President of Cheswold Volunteer Fire Department. The response was given by KCVFA President, David J. Snell.

ROLL CALL

There were ten (10) Officers present and three (3) absent. There were seventeen (17) Companies represented. There were two (2) absent. There were fourteen (14) Past Presidents of KCVFA in attendance. There were eight (8) DVFA Past Presidents in attendance, and seven (7) current Presidents of Fire Departments present.

PRESENTATION OF SCHOLARSHIPS

The President deviated from the regular order of business in order to recognize and present awards for the “**Roland Trader Scholarship**”. The Trader Funeral Home representative present was Mr. Tom Trader, who was there to co-present the Awards with President Snell. The 2010 Trader Scholarship winners were Ms. Melissa Szelestei and Mr. Dylan Fox. Comments to both recipients from Mr. Trader included, “we are proud of both of you and please spend these monies wisely.” Treasurer Yerkes reported later, “We should be very proud of these students as they are excellent students.”

The President then returned to the regular order of business.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS – 1ST VP, GLENN A. GILLESPIE.

DVFA PRESIDENT, KEVIN WILSON - Thanked all for their continued support and especially those who participated in the Legislative Session by their presence and/or discussions with their respective appointed legislators. He further noted, “I know this because they told me you did.” He further thanked Senators Bruce Ennis and Nancy Cook for “their constant support”. He urged “all departments and members to “thank” them as well in their respective districts for their support.

President Wilson reported the following in addition:

- From the DVFA, 1st VP, William Tobin, 2nd VP Charles Frampton, Directors Boyer and Snell, Executive Secretary- Jim Cabbage and he, would be available for questions after the meeting.
- There were thirty-four (34) Bills in 2010 that required DVFA interest and input.
- Senate Bill #271 had passed and dealt with everything the DVFA does business with the Delaware. State Government finalizing the name change of Delaware Volunteer Firemen’s Association to “***Delaware Volunteer Firefighter’s Association***”. The one exception was the Insurance Office. There is now a new form available for Companies. Previously, there was no form available that did what they wanted it to; therefore no form had been filed in several years. The DVFA will file these forms on behalf of all companies that are members of the DVFA. Those that are not members will be responsible for filing and preparation of their own forms. He reported, “this was never intended for work towards funding purposes.”
- Conference 2010 is approaching. The deadline for forms, registrations, Delegates and Alternates is August 9, 2010.
- The “Move-Over Law” has been passed and in place with a Class G – Felony penalty for violation. There will be a bill signing to be held at the Delaware City Volunteer Fire Department sometime in the near future. It will be in conjunction with Cumberland Valley and a photo-shoot as well. The date and time is yet to be determined. Information will be made available to all departments sometime in the near future.
- Grant-In-Aid will remain the same with no cuts which is positive. Fire Prevention Reimbursements and Immunizations which originally were cut completely by the Governors Budget will be returned with only a cut of 10%.
- There was a meeting held with the DVFA, DEMA, and DEL-DOT. This was on storm related issues. A committee/task force will be developed. The first appointment noted was Mr. Glenn Gillespie. The committee will be formed including appointed members and chiefs. There task is to “form and develop a plan that protects everyone involved for the State of Delaware.” In addition, all will have a better understanding of what each is doing. He further reported, “All had good points but nothing developed, so there would be more work required.”
- This year of 2010 was a “tough year”, with a “tougher one in 2011.”

- **1st VP William Tobin** - “It is a pleasure to be here.”
- **2nd VP Charles Frampton** – “Thank you for the recognition.”
- **Director, Charles Boyer** – “Thank you for the recognition.”
- **Executive Secretary, Jim Cabbage** – “Thank you for the recognition.”

STATE FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION – NO REPORT

STATE AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION

President, P. J. Gosch reported, “All Delegates and Alternates for Conference registration should be sent by 8/9/2010.” There will be an election for one Office.

Secretary, Mike McMichaels reiterated the same information.

LADVFA

President, Ms. Lorraine Madden – “Thank you for the recognition.”

STATE FIRE POLICE ASSOCIATION

President Charles Walls – *Please get Delegate and Alternate forms in by 8/9/2010. In addition, he asked for “letters of interest for the Fire Policeman of the Year Award.”*

DVFA CONFERENCE 2010

Mr. Elmer Steele reported, “*Conference is fast approaching.*” *The forms and information is due no later than 8/9/2010. EMS & Seminars are down in numbers. He further stated, “Please take the information back to the departments and members in order for them to be included.” Forms may be downloaded from the DVFA Website if needed.*

STATE FIRE PREVENTION COMMISSION

Mr. Bill Betts reported, “ *it was a very trying meeting for Appeal Hearings.*” *Anyone on probation will not receive an EMT card for future reference until they have completed the probation process.*

Mr. John Smith of Elsmere VFD (Sta. 16) was appointed to the Auditing Committee to replace Mr. Roland Leathrum.

There was a “snafu” with the National Registry. A member who was on probation was able to take the test. The Attorney General’s Office is sending a letter to include the Fire Commission is in charge of EMS certifications.

There will be another meeting held on August 10th for Appeals. This will held at 6:00 PM. The meeting is open to the public.

DELAWARE STATE FIRE SCHOOL NO REPORT

STATE FIRE MARSHAL’S OFFICE – NO REPORT

LEGISLATIVE

Senator Bruce Ennis had reported previously of a “shortfall” of \$300 Million Dollars. He reported, “Senator Nancy Cook’s mission was to reinstate monies previously cut in the Fire Service budget. These were in the areas of Grant-In-Aid, Fire Prevention Reimbursements, and Immunizations (cut completely in the Governor’s Budget) restored with only a 10% cut. He further reported “because of the down turn in the economy, insurance premiums were down because people were not buying insurance and as a result each company in Kent County would see a \$23,381.00 cut in insurance funding. The New Castle cut would be \$52,051.00 and Sussex County would see a \$16,227.00 cut in funding. He “praised” Senator Cook for her efforts in working on behalf of the Fire Service getting monies “restored”.

Senator Nancy Cook “praised” the job Senator Ennis did by keeping her updated on issues in order to make a difference. “Bruce is valuable in every way.” She thanked “everyone for their hospitality this evening.”

Included in the report from Senator Ennis were these Legislative Reports:

- **HB 71 w/HA1** – Extends “Move-Over Law” to include tow trucks. –Signed by (Markell) 4/27/10.
- **HB 159 w/ HA 1, w/HA 1 to HA1 & HA2 &S/A1 & S/A 2** – Policemen, Firemen, & EMT’S are exempted from Senate Amendment 2. Signed (Markell) 4/27/10
- **HB204 w/A1 Amends Title II**, relating to the Crime of Murder – 1st Degree and adds Paramedics, Emergency Techs, Fire Marshals, Fire Police Officers. This bill will be known as “Michele Smith Law.” Signed (Markell) 7/31/10.

KC FIRE CHIEF’S ASSOCIATION - NO REPORT

KC FIRE POLICE ASSOCIATION

President Alvin Schmick reported, “Their meeting in July was held the previous night at Milford – Carlisle VFD (Sta. 42). The next meeting will be held at the Cheswold VFD (Sta. 43) on August 17, 2010.

KC AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION

President Ed Angwin reported, “ Their next meeting will be held on August 23rd at Ambulance 64.

KC LADIES AUXILIARY

President, Pat Paolini – “Thank you for the recognition.”

Past President, Doris Semans – “Thank you for the recognition.”

KC LEVY COURT – NO REPORT

KC EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT – NO REPORT

KC EMERGENCY DISPATCH CENTER – NO REPORT

KC EMS (PARAMEDICS) - NO REPORT

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NEW CASTLE COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION

1ST VP SUTTON - "Thank you for the recognition."

SUSSEX COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Past President- Ron Marvel – NO REPORT

DVFA RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION – NO REPORT

MUTUAL RELIEF – Joe Zeroles – NO REPORT

DEMA - NO REPORT

SECRETARY'S REPORT OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Senator Bruce Ennis (Sta. 44) and seconded by Mr. Herman Wagner (Sta. 48) to "Approve" the June 16, 2010 Minutes with no corrections.

DECEASED MEMBERS

Chaplin David Paul, noted the following Fire Department Members that *"answered their final call."*

- Sta. 56 (Marydel VFD) Mr. Jack Lepore, died 7/3/10. He was a Life Member with 50 years of active service. He was an avid baseball fan.
- Sta. 56 (Marydel VFD) Mr. Hollis Gray, died 7/16/2010. He was a a Life Member with 50 years of active service. Mr. Gray was the former Mayor of Marydel. He was a Fire Policeman, and former Scout Master of Troop #338.
- Sta. 56 (Marydel VFD) Mr. Frank McKinnon, died 7/20/2010 with over 40 plus years of active service. He was "Fire Policeman of the Year " given by the DFPA on two occasions, and "Fire Policeman of the Year" for KCFPA as well.
- Sta. 48 (Felton VFD) Mr. Charles Bostick, died 7/16/2010 with over 60 years of service. Mr. Bostick will be sorely missed.
- Sta. 53 (Leipsic VFD) Mr. Frank Marshall Sr., died 7/2/10. He was a Life Member known at Leipsic as "Captain Peabody."

A moment of silence was held by Reverend Paul, members & guests present.

REPORT OF OFFICERS: SUBMITTED IN WRITTEN FORM

ALL reports were submitted in writing except for 2nd VP Steve White. The report submitted by 1st VP Glenn Gillespie was from May 20th through July 20, 2010.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Robert Yerkes reported ending balances as of 7-1-2010.

Roland Trader Scholarship – 6/1/10 \$7,327.71, credit of \$800.61 with an **Ending Balance as of 7/1/2010 of \$8,128.32.**

Checking Account - \$227.60 (as of 6/1/2010) \$34.00 credit bringing a Total to \$261.60, debits of \$160.00 leaving an **Ending Balance of as of 7/1/2010 of \$15,735.65.**

Certificates of Deposit - \$2,957.09 CD#7506755; \$5,994.76 CD#7644480; and \$10,589.82 CD#7676243; each bringing forward a **Total Balance of \$19,541.67** as of 7/1/2010.

Money Market Account – as of 6/1/2010 \$14,621.26, credits of \$1,114.39 leaving an **Ending Balance of \$15,735.65**

TOTAL FUNDS (KCVFA) - \$35,378.92

Motion was made by Alvin Schmick and seconded by Herman Wagner to accept the Treasurer's Report. M/C

WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE – NONE REPORTED

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

The KCVFA – Fire Prevention Report was given by 1st VP Glenn Gillespie in Chairman Steve White's absence pertaining to the Budget for FY 2010. The following report will be brought up under the proper order of business for approval.

FIRE PREVENTION 2010 BUDGET.

Film, Photo paper or Developing cost) - \$150.00
Stamps/Envelopes - \$200.00
Administration Costs - \$600.00
 Ink (Black) - \$100.00
 Copying - \$200.00
 Gold Seals - \$50.00
 Misc. Costs - \$200.00

Banquet Meals - \$500.00
Trophies - \$600.00

TOTAL BUDGET 2010 - \$2,050.00

In addition, he reported a letter was in ALL KCVFA Company Files dated 7/14/2010 – TO: Kent County Presidents & Chiefs. This was pertaining to Presidents and Chiefs selecting a Fire Prevention Officer from each company. The deadline for Chairman White to receive this information was August 1, 2010.

FIRE ADVISORY BOARD

Chairman Frank King reported “he had met with his Committee on June 30, 2010.” He reported one Chief attended of 18 companies. There were 6 of the 10 committee members present. Another email will be sent out advising all concerned of the next meeting in August. The date in July conflicted with the Harrington State Fair.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Treasurer Yerkes reported the following bills due as of 7/21/2010.
 \$800.00 Eastern Kentucky University Scholarship – Dylan Fox.
 \$800.00 Delaware Technical & Comm. College – Scholarship –
 Melissa Szelestei.
 \$ 87.60 – M&M Trophies & Awards – 2 plaques for Scholarship
 Winners.

**** Total Bills as of 7/21/2010 was \$1,687.60.**** - Motion was made by Senator Bruce Ennis and seconded by Alvin Schmick to pay all bills. M/C

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - NONE REPORTED.

NEW BUSINESS

- Glenn Gillespie asked for a motion to approve KCVFA – Fire Prevention Budget for FY 2010. *Motion was made by Bill Betts to approve and seconded by Alvin Schmick.. M/C*
- Bill Betts thanked Senators Ennis and Cook for their part in obtaining funding of \$230,000.00 in the budget for repairs on the 40 year old building of the DSFS. He further reported “it was showing its age and really needed these repairs.”
- Treasurer Robert Yerkes added to his report the KCVFALA had donated \$800.00 for one of the Scholarships given as did KCVFA.
- President Snell reminded **ALL** in attendance to “please” update the Delegate & Alternate information IF they had not done so. There will be an upcoming election.
- Information was placed in all folders for a “Special Seminar Announcement”. On September 15th from 8:30 AM – 4 PM this Seminar will be held and will be very informative session designed to protect first responders from dangerous situations while operating on the roadway. It further will include real case scenarios compiled from several years of investigations from both the US & Europe. This is open to ALL Line Officers, First Responders, & Fire Police. The cost is \$10.00 per person and includes lunch and all materials. Forms are available on the DVFA Website. Forms are due by 8/9/10.

GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION

- *Joe Zerles reported on 8/21/2010, Farmington VFD will hold a “Family Fun Day”. Events will include a Wiffle Ball/Horseshoe Tournament, Pig Roast Dinner, among other food and beverages available.*
- *Mike McMichaels thanked KCVFA for their “hard work” this past year and their support.*
- *Paula King reported on August 7, 2010 the Town of Wyoming will have a Peach Festival Parade. We need Fire Apparatus. Trophies will be given for Best Appearance. Line up is at 8AM.*

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The winning number was #6268 held by Alvin Schmick. The amount won was \$46.00.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

The Motion to Adjourn was made by Bill Betts and was seconded by Frank Ballek, Sr. M/C Reverend David Paul gave the Benediction.

CONFERENCE SOUVENIR

The winning number was #9528 held by Mike McMichaels.

President Snell reported the next meeting of the KCVFA will be held Wednesday, August 18, 2010 at Smyrna- Citizen's Hose VFD (Sta. 44). Dinner will begin at 7PM. This meeting will include Nominations for Office.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Paula King
Assistant- Secretary (KCVFA)

