



Kent County Volunteer Firemen's Association

August 18, 2010

President Snell called the 941st meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at Station 44, Citizen's Hose Fire Company of Smyrna. Following dinner served by the Ladies Auxiliary of the station, 2nd Vice President White presented gratuities to the auxiliary. Alan Robinson, President of Citizen's Hose Fire Company gave the address of welcome; 2nd Vice President White gave the response.

Roll Calls: Officers: 11 present, 2 absent; Companies: 17 present, 2 absent; Past Presidents: 14 KCVFA, 7 DVFA, and 7 Fire Company Presidents.

Introduction of Guests:

DVFA – Kevin Wilson, thanks to everyone for getting all your information in. Seminar's this year filled up pretty good, looks like may have to cancel only one this year. Looks like the Recruitment & Retention seminar but we are going to have a stand-alone sometime in January. We have gotten a lot of responses from our ad campaigns, if our Recruitment & Retention coordinator reaches out please follow up with her. Talking letter out from the Treasurer's office, Grant & Aid has gone out most companies have it electronically. Important elections coming please get members registered and out to vote, contact Charlie Frampton. Bill, Government Affairs to go over budget, Thanks to all in the room, I have been up and down the state. Personal thanks to Senator Cook and Senator Ennis, we went over allotted time and you were gracious to allow us to stay. Budget meeting went through and officer's decided B.O.D. needed to go through it also. The board went over every item on budget and had a very good 2 hour meeting. We balanced the budget, no money out of savings. Everyone should have their copies. Suggestions were made, we are going to meet again in January and review expenditures any questions we will be glad to answer.

State Fire Chief's Association – No Report

State Ambulance Association – P.J. Gosch, our 7 day conference is almost here, extremely busy year and thank everyone for your support.

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

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

DVFA Conference – Elmer Steele – No Report, hope everyone has a good conference.

State Fire Prevention Commission – Bill Betts, we haven't heard anything from the governor's office yet. It has been a long 12 years, we had our meeting yesterday morning another EMT meeting and it was fairly short. New Deputy Attorney General so you may see some different procedures. When you come in for a hearing you will have a court stenographer, question was who is paying for the stenographer. Dr. Matthews said the protocols are finished and they should be ready to start teaching them to EMT's in October. It is a lot quicker jump than last time. Marvin Sharp, next work shop for standards will be a state-wide one at the Fire School on November 7 at 9 o'clock. It will be a presentation date followed by a question and answer period. We think it is a document that people will be excited about. Forms are going out for registration right now so we can get everybody in classroom 5. Depending on how many register for it, initially we are going to limit to 4 company members until we see how many spots we have left then we will fill the rest of the spots up. Come with an open mind, we are still tweaking. Dave Snell, at this time we would like to take this opportunity to thank Bill Betts for work and effort in the 12 years of service on the State Fire Prevention Commission. (standing round of applause)

Delaware State Fire School – No Report

State Fire Marshal's Office – No Report

Legislature – Representative Bobby Outten and Senator Nancy Cook, thanks for the recognition. Senator Bruce Ennis, briefly Delaware City had a P.S.A. about the move over law both on T.V. and radio. It was well attended with representatives from the fire service, many municipalities, EMS people, individual fire companies, police officer's also there were the Governor and Lt. Governor. The Governor signed the SB 205 at the Delaware City Fire Company with a P.S.A. Three things have come to my attention, one is the issue of the accommodation 8% tax – recently notification is that we need to pay the tax. Appears a misinterpretation of accommodation because they thought the fire service was exempt but we are not. The other thing is EVO, as it stands now you have to go to Delaware Fire School take card to any DMV and get your non CDL. Due to real ID Federal

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legislation there is only one machine that can handle EVO cards for emergency operators and it is in Dover which means other counties will have to come to Dover or not get it. Another thing is Health Insurance in the epilog of the budget act pg 90 basically created a situation where EMT working in New Castle leaves a company for another company that was not registered for group health insurance until this year could not get it. Frank King, accommodation tax employee's of the state exempt. Fire Service considered members of the state? Bruce Ennis, volunteer fire companies are not considered charitable organizations.

Kent County Fire Chief's Association – Phil Pennington, next meeting September 8th at station 45 joint meeting with KCVFA

Kent County Fire Police Association – Richard Schwalb, next meeting station 44

Kent County Ambulance Association – No Report

Kent County Ladies Auxiliary – Pat Paolini & Barbara Metheny, 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 – Robert Yerkes, new contracts are out, we got them early.

DEMA – No Report

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

Deceased Members: Station 48 – Charles Wesley Bostick, Station 41 – Samuel G. Thomas, Station 44 & 86 – Sherman W. Tribbitt

Report of Officers – All submitted in written form.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Robert Yerkes reported ending balances as of August 1, 2010: Roland Trader Scholarship Fund – \$6,529.00; Checking Account – \$60.00; Money Market – \$15,738.32; total of all CD's – \$19,576.03; total funds – \$35,374.35

Written Correspondence – Received 4 letters, 1st letter from the Carlisle Fire Company endorsing Glenn Gillespie to the office of KCVFA President. 2nd letter was from the Carlisle Fire Company endorsing Charles "Chuck" Coverdale to the position of KCVFA Director. 3rd letter was from the Clayton Fire Company supporting nomination and endorsing John M. Pridemore for the position of KCVFA 2nd Vice President. 4th letter was from the Bowers Fire Company endorsing Shirley Pennington for the office of KCVFA Secretary.

Report of Committees

Fire Prevention, Steve White – we were short some packets and Marvin wired a few more, if any companies are short let me know we have a few extra. 1st place entries need to be in by October 29th delivered to Kent Center by 6:00pm with judging at Station 49 on the 31st. The County awards ceremony will be held at Station 42, December 11, 2010.

Helicopter, Kevin Wilson – 16 folks present, helicopter not being utilized and questions asked one thing that helicopter travel is dangerous and that Kent County started enforcing the state protocol as far as helicopter training. Things need to be worked out, Kent General being a level 3 trauma center meets the protocol. A lot of it is education and things that need to be worked out. In the spring Kent General will be upgraded to a level 2 trauma center with a neurosurgeon coming on board. It was good meeting and someone mentioned one of the things to look for is consistency. It is not over and both sides are talking. Rev. Paul referenced a trauma level 1 situation and patient care.

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Payment of Bills – \$0.00

Nominations Committee – Presented by Jim Cabbage

President – Glenn A. Gillespie, Carlisle; 1st Vice President – Steve White, Frederica; 2nd Vice President – John M. Pridemore, Clayton; Secretary – Pablo Reyes, Jr., Harrington; Treasurer – Robert H. Yerkes, Jr., Houston; Director – Charles Coverdale, Carlisle; Director – OPEN.

Nominations from the floor: Secretary – Shirley Pennington; Nominations closed until next month.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business –

A motion was made and seconded, and carried to move September meeting date which is currently same week as conference to September 8th in conjunction with the Kent County Chiefs meeting.

Glenn Gillespie stated a lot of work has been done with many successes. It is not time to sit back we need to continue to maintain communications. A motion was made and seconded, and carried to host a Legislator's Night (includes Levy Court) for all legislators including nominees to have an opportunity to meet with the President's, Vice President's, Fire Chiefs, Deputy Fire Chiefs, and Ambulance Captain's of all companies. A meet & greet to happen before elections sometime in October.

Good of the Association

Robert Yerkes, congratulations to Joe Zeroles has a new grandson.

50-50 – Bruce Ennis (donated back to association)

Conference Souvenir – N/A

A motion was made and seconded, and carried to adjourn at 8:30 p.m.; Chaplin Paul gave the benediction.

The next meeting will be at Station 45, Clayton

Respectfully submitted,



Pablo Reyes, Jr., Secretary