



Kent County Volunteer Firemen's Association
September 23, 2009

President Rains called the 932nd meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at Station 51, Hartly Volunteer Fire Company. Following dinner served by the Ladies Auxiliary of the station, Vice President Gillespie presented gratuities to the auxiliary. President Paul Bullen of the Hartly Volunteer Fire Company gave the address of welcome; Vice President Gillespie gave the response.

Roll Calls: Officers: 13 present, 0 absent; Companies: 16 present, 3 absent; Past Presidents: 14 KCVFA, 4 DVFA, and 5 Fire Company Presidents.

Introduction of Guests:

DVFA – Kevin Wilson, Thanks to all for attending the conference. We did complete a name change now known as the Delaware Volunteer Firefighters Association. A committee has been assigned to look at the conference format. Recruitment and Retention passed out some forms looking for information. The directors have been mandated to get those forms back from the organizations. Voter registration is shooting for 3 training sessions – Charlie Frampton will be the P.O.C. There are many ways to register; we will need organization contact names. T-shirt collections for soldiers in Afghanistan are good. Now, we are still looking for DVD's, snacks, and other contributions. A Government Affairs Committee is a good way for everyone to talk to our legislators; it is a work in progress. We are going to change legislative night. Maybe sometime in June there will be a Legislative day. We are looking for different things. We have come up with a list of talking points with concerns of the fire service excluding local issues. Our other officers send their regards. Jill Graham is a good resource. Jill is looking for ideas on Recruitment and Retention. She would like to create a central database. Don't hesitate to contact her on Recruitment and Retention issues.

State Fire Chief's Association – Mike Rains – next meeting January 28th at Station 14

State Ambulance Association – P.J. Gosh, We will be meeting with the State Chief's all next year. Thanks for the recognition

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

State Fire Police Association – Bob Yerkes, President Wall's, sends his greetings.

DVFA Conference – No Report

State Fire Prevention Commission – Bill Betts, meeting back on Sep 15th with the new overpass the boundaries were changed. This was worked out without any grievance. Section 7 on cigarette's Philip Morris was there with questions. Progress report on Joint Sunset Committee submitted. Marvin Sharp, just want to thank the association next month is the election of commission I have no intention of running for re-election. I think new blood in there is a good thing.

Delaware State Fire School – No Report

State Fire Marshal's Office – No Report

Legislature – Bruce Ennis – Personally commend incoming President Kevin Wilson from Kent County and Lorraine Madden from the Auxiliary as President and Frank King as Firefighter of

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the Year. Last night many firefighters and women came to the meeting. Paul Davis deserves credit. Levy Court has approved the ordinance of 28 feet. Main reason for bringing this up is that all 7 voted in favor of the ordinance. It is a pleasure to be here.

Kent County Fire Chief's Association – Bill Nickerson

Kent County Fire Police Association – No Report

Kent County Ambulance Association – No Report.

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

Kent County Levy Court – Harold Brode, Thanks for all that showed up September 3rd October 21st checks will be handed out.

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 Zerolles, it was voted to accept for 3 more years Provident our current insurance. Organized league play will not be covered. Questions let me know.

DEMA – Glen Gillespie Thanks for the recognition.

A motion was made, seconded, carried for approval of the minutes of the previous meeting as printed. (3 minor typo's were corrected)

Deceased Members: Station 51 – Clinton (Cubby) Morris.

Report of Officers – Submitted in written form.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Robert Yerkes reported ending balances as of September 1, 2009: Roland Trader Scholarship Fund – \$5,980.03; Checking Account – \$81.47; Money Market – \$12,610.58; total of all CD's – \$19,166.80; total funds – \$31,858.84

Written Correspondence – Received 1 letter & read letter to legislators, 1 letter from Marydel Fire Company endorsing Dave Snell for KCVFA President, 1 copy of letter to all legislator's was read on the floor.

Report of Committees

Ladies Night – Frank King, letters have been sent out due back in by October 20th.

Fire Prevention – Paula King, just a couple of things packages were sent out to all the departments. One change please have all completed fire prevention packages sent to the 911 Kent Center by October 30th. PIO Fire Prevention meeting at the Fire School was enjoyable, would like to see more companies in attendance. We need your help with ideas. Only 4 companies showed up.

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Payment of Bills – \$239.00 – Sir Speedy Printing, (Letterheads and envelopes); \$9.24 – Mike Rains, (Postage); \$241.42 – Frank King, (Fire Prevention Expenses): A motion was made, seconded, and carried for payment of bills.

Unfinished Business – None

New Business – Mike Rains, reporting the following nominations for the positions as follows, requesting off the floor any further nominations for each position 3 times: President – David Snell < Marydel, 1st V.P. – Glenn Gillespie < Carlise, 2nd V.P. – Stephen White < Frederica, Secretary – Pablo Reyes, Jr. < Harrington, Treasurer – Robert Yerkes < Houston, (A motion was made and seconded, and carried to have Frank King cast all a vote for all unopposed offices.) Director – Jeff Dennison < Bowers, Director – Ron Vincent < Farmington. No other nominations were made and were closed. Frank King cast the ballot. Steve White's vacancy created opening for remaining term of another director. Marvin Sharp nominated John Pridemore from Clayton to fill the director vacancy by Steve White. All in attendance were in favor of the nomination. Mike Rains announced John Pridemore will be the new director replacing Steve White. Bruce Ennis made a motion that the KCVFA be authorized to comprise a resolution honoring Paul Davis past chief of Frederica Volunteer Fire Company for his perseverance in the new sub-division street width issue in which he was heavily involved in. Motion carried. A motion was made and seconded, and carried to provide a copy of a letter sent to the legislators, to the companies.

Good of the Association

Mr. Michaels, It has been approved to allow all paramedics, EMT's, and nurses to give flu shots. There must be at least 30 people for them to give the shots. Michele family escort looking for a large delegation at Emmitsburg, Md. Additionally, there are rumors of the trial coming up soon. Do not make comments or express any opinions about the trial as this will only make matters worse. Wait until the trial is over to make any comments.

50-50 – Bill Lagemann

Conference Souvenir –

A motion was made and seconded, and carried to adjourn at 9:44 p.m.; Chaplin Paul gave the benediction.

The next meeting will be at Station 56, Marydel.

Respectfully submitted,



Pablo Reyes, Jr., Secretary