



**Kent County Volunteer Firemen's Association**  
**September 8, 2010**

President Snell called the 942<sup>nd</sup> meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. for a combined KCVFA & KCFCA meeting at Station 45, Clayton Fire Company. Following dinner served by the Ladies Auxiliary of the station, Chief Phil Pennington presented gratuities to the auxiliary. John Pridemore, President of Clayton Fire Company gave the address of welcome; 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President White gave the response.

**Roll Calls:** Officers: 13 present, 0 absent; Companies: 19 present, 0 absent; Past Presidents: 13 KCVFA, 4 DVFA, and 14 Fire Company Presidents.

**Introduction of Guests:**

**DVFA** – Kevin Wilson, thanks to everyone for coming to Clayton. We no longer have an Executive Secretary, (Jim Cabbage retired as of 9/1/10 and has done great work for the Delaware Fire Service) as of now there is no replacement named. B.O.D. will run association until a successor has been named. Conference is coming up, starting Saturday. Thanks to everyone for signing up for a seminar. We have only had to cancel one the Recruitment and Retention but they do plan to have one later on in the year, probably January or February. Thanks to the association for my trip up the past 3 years. Thanks to all the members of my company for all their support. Charlie Frampton is in charge of voter registration, voting does make a difference get your members out to vote. Glenn Gillespie, thanks to Kevin Wilson for representing Kent County these past 3 years through the chairs of the DVFA with a standing applause from the KCVFA.

**State Fire Chief's Association** – Buffy Madden, No Report

**State Ambulance Association** – Mike McMichael on behalf of P.J. Gosch, sends her sincere thank you for all the support from the association. Thanks to all that sent their RSVP and forms in on timely manner.

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

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

**DVFA Conference** – Elmer Steele – Kevin covered everything pretty well; we are kicking off everything this coming weekend.

**State Fire Prevention Commission** – Marvin Sharp, Ambulance renewal application with a question about the insurance all you need to do is send them a copy of your vehicle insurance. We have not heard anything on our new appointment with no prediction on when it will be announced. Ambulance Standard just remember November 7<sup>th</sup> 9:00 a.m. plan on being there all day. Keep an open mind everyone has done a good job coming down on the home stretch you will see in there an appeal process twice. Again, the only thing I stress is to keep an open mind. It will be at the Fire School classroom 5. Thank you and Bill Betts will be missed. Bill Betts, 12 years is too long I have gone through the 3<sup>rd</sup> Attorney General and all have different opinions on everything. It is changing every day. It has been a long journey and very gratifying thanks for the recognition.

**Delaware State Fire School** – Biff Newman, Mr. Reynolds will give the report thanks for the recognition. Mr. Reynolds, we lost a senior instructor to the park service. We made a few changes to the in-service. Three EMT classes have started running one in each county. All programs are running please get your training request early. Some classes are very popular and fill up before the cut-off date the class may fill up. National Fire Academy weekend coming up two of the classes are full. The due dates have passed please send in request anyway. Vehicle Extrication Challenge, we have only four companies competing. We are little disappointed it is only four but we will have a good day.

**State Fire Marshal's Office** – Grover Ingle, congratulations to the home fire sprinkler coalition which made a DVD

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available. It is a media kit on protecting the community. As we move forward you may get questions from people of the community about residential sprinklers. It will be a great tool for you to use to help answer many of the questions. 2<sup>nd</sup> we are in the process of filling the position vacated by Jim Bunkley's retirement. It may be a couple of months to go through the process we have received over 30 applicants they will be notified who they are to take a test before moving on to next step in process. Last thing is that it is dry out the no burning has been lifted. We will be keeping an eye on it with consultation from other agencies. John Lattomus, 1<sup>st</sup> juvenile referrals have dropped this last year shows that your prevention program is working. 2<sup>nd</sup> Burn Camp has been excellent this past year. Planning on next year already and we need volunteers, there is an application to fill out. Events coming up are fund raisers one is October 2<sup>nd</sup> and another on October 8<sup>th</sup> with all proceeds going to the Burn Camp.

**Legislature** – No Report

**Kent County Fire Chief's Association** – Buffy Madden, next meeting October 13<sup>th</sup> with installation of officers at station 40

**Kent County Fire Police Association** – Alvin Schmick, next meeting September 21<sup>st</sup>

**Kent County Ambulance Association** – No Report, next meeting Station 40 on the 27<sup>th</sup>

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

**Kent County Levy Court** – Eric Buckson, no more fire tax on the fire company buildings. Generator has been repaired on the mobile command unit. Paramedic unit has been approved for repair. Generator at Kent Center has been addressed the County Administrator can make decision on own or request a special Levy Court.

**Kent County Emergency Dispatch Center** – Kevin Sipple, would like to bring up, the water rescue this past weekend. South Bowers found 3 of the 5 people with coordination between different agencies fantastic job and the other 2 people ended up swimming to shore. I can't say enough about Incident Commander Warner for a fantastic job well done. I get calls from state communications they offer free preventive maintenance to your mobile and portable radios. They say that they are not getting any participation. Sooner or later we will be at the risk of losing this. This is something that each month they call 2 companies and if they call be sure to get something setup they can help. Beginning of month Scott sent email out talking about CAD system a lot of chiefs have elected to setup to automatically upgrade. What that means if there is a working fire and an ambulance would be dispatched automatically. It is something that is setup by the different fire companies.

**Kent County Emergency Management** – No Report

**Kent County Emergency Medical Services (Paramedics)**– Cindy Grygo, stated her report was primarily for the Chiefs and would come back in October.

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

**Sussex County Volunteer Firemen's Association** – No Report

**State Recruitment and Retention** – No Report

**Mutual Relief** – Joe Zeroles, No Report

**DEMA** – No Report

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

**Deceased Members:** None

**Report of Officers** – All submitted in written form. 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – no report

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**Treasurer's Report** – Treasurer Robert Yerkes reported bank has not sent out statement due to holiday in time to create report.

**Written Correspondence** – Received 3 letters, 1<sup>st</sup> letter from the Bowers Fire Company stating their primary and alternate delegates. 2<sup>nd</sup> letter was from the Cheswold Volunteer Fire Company stating their primary and alternate delegates. 3<sup>rd</sup> letter was from the Harrington Fire Company stating their support of Pablo Reyes, Jr. for the position of Secretary of the KCVFA.

**KCFCA** – Opportunity was given to complete their part of the minutes, Report of Officers, Treasurers Report, reading of communications, committee reports, operational issues, and topic of current events.

### **Report of Committees**

Fire Prevention, Steve White – if you still need packets see me.

**Payment of Bills** – \$87.50 – Steve White, (Fire Prevention Copies); A motion was made, seconded, and carried for payment of bills.

**KCFCA** – Opportunity to call for unfinished business, new business, and payment of bills

**Deviation of Business:** 50/50 was called and President Snell stated the Chiefs will break to have meeting in another room we will continue here and the Chiefs will be back to join us.

### **Nominating Committee** – Presented by Al Metheny

President – Glenn A. Gillespie, Carlisle; 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Steve White, Frederica; 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – John M. Pridemore, Clayton; Secretary – Pablo Reyes, Jr., Harrington and Shirley Pennington, Bowers; Treasurer – Robert H. Yerkes, Jr., Houston; Director's – Charles Coverdale, Carlisle, still one opening for director.

**Nominations from the floor:** All offices were called 3 times then closed, the following were added: Director – Ralph Satterfield

**Election** process was performed for the Secretary's office with 3 votes assigned per company using the Delegates roll call roster. The assigned Judges and Clerks were Frank King, Al Metheny, Bill Betts, and Sean Christiansen.

Judges counted ballots and returned a majority count for Pablo Reyes, Jr.

A motion was made and seconded, and carried to have the Secretary cast the ballot for all unopposed office's.

### **Newly Elected Officers for the KCVFA are as follows:**

President – Glenn A. Gillespie, Carlisle; 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Steve White, Frederica; 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – John M. Pridemore, Clayton; Secretary – Pablo Reyes, Jr., Harrington, Treasurer – Robert H. Yerkes, Jr., Houston; Director's 3 year terms – Charles Coverdale, Carlisle and Ralph Satterfield, Magnolia.

Director's with remaining terms: 2 year – Jeff Dennison and Ronnie Vincent; 1 year – Harry Lindale and Frank King

### **Unfinished Business**

None

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**New Business –**

Glenn Gillespie, speaking to the actions by the DVFA resulting in issue's centering on whether or not Policies and Procedures were followed. Asking that the KCVFA be kept informed. The issue may have been totally out of proportion. I will tell this association you will be my number one for the remainder of the year that I am President of this association.

A motion was made and seconded, and carried to send a letter reaffirming the support for J. Allen Metheny as Treasurer of the DVFA.

**Good of the Association**

Scott Bundek, I challenge each of you to find something we can do to get accomplished. Instead of having some of these added meetings let's get back to basics. Let's try getting trucks out the door and having the appropriate funding so we can do our jobs. That's what all these associations are for from the DVFA all the way down. A lot of times we loose sight of that because of other agendas. It is hard to get things done without having support. Let's all work with each other to achieve tangible goals as a fire service. We need to set our goals and set them small and attainable. My challenge is that you work with all these people.

Marvin Sharp, Levy Court is hosting a First Responders acceptance at Trooper Lodge 30 sometime in September; get up with him for more information.

Robert Yerkes, September 19<sup>th</sup> all you eat breakfast at Houston

Marvin Sharp, Crab feast October 11<sup>th</sup> from 4 to 8 and also on the 25<sup>th</sup> a Comedy show call the event line or check our website for more information.

Dover, September 17<sup>th</sup> annual convention party starts at 6:00 \$20 at the door

Ed Welch, Harrington Fire Company Crab & Shrimp Feast October 2, 4 to 7 pm all you can eat. \$30 in advance, \$35 at the door.

26<sup>th</sup> Hartly having all you can eat breakfast

Felton, Annual Fried Oyster dinner will be October 18<sup>th</sup>

**KCFCA –** One last thing to do, presented their list of officers

50-50 – Ron Marvell

Conference Souvenir – N/A

A motion was made and seconded, and carried to adjourn at 9:15 p.m.; Chaplin Paul gave the benediction.

*The next meeting will be at Station 42, Carlisle, Milford*

Respectfully submitted,



Pablo Reyes, Jr., Secretary