

DVFA OFFICER'S MEETING

February 24, 2003

President Jasper H. Lakey called the February DVFA Officer's Meeting to order at 1842 Hrs. at the Social Hall of the Delaware City Fire Company. LADVFA Treasurer Saralee Stevens offered the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by NCCVFA PP Warren F. Jones

Attendance:

President Jasper H. Lakey	DSFCA President Michael Rush
First Vice President Marvin C. Sharp	DSAA President Mike McMichael
Second Vice President Raymond T. Stevens, Jr.	LADVFA President Patricia McCall
Treasurer J. Allen Metheny, Sr.	LADVFA Secretary Jackie Guzzo
Executive Secretary James L. Cabbage, Jr.	LADVFA Treasurer Saralee Stevens
Director Curt Gray	Richard E. Colliss – Verizon Wireless
Director Clarence R. O'Neal, Jr.	Donald Stamper – DE Firefighter Online
Director James W. King	Paul Austin – DE Firefighter Online
Director Richard F. Weaver	Mike Dillon – Firefighter Advantage
Director H. Glenn Neese, III	2 nd VP Jim Arrington – SCVFA
Chairman Warren F. Jones	2 nd VP Nick Sawyer – KCVFA
Chairman Alan F. Robinson, Jr.	

President Lakey then recessed for a delicious dinner served by the Delaware City Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary at 1845 Hrs.

Meeting was called back to order at 1928 Hrs. President Lakey then called on the following guests for remarks:

VERIZON WIRELESS Richard E. Colliss, Government Accounts discussed the present usage of Motorola hard wired SE III (3) watt analog cell phones and a proposed change to digital and the present situation that only hand held digital phones can be used in apparatus. Will keep us apprised of the progress to upgrade.

DELAWARE FIREFIGHTER ONLINE Donald Stamper & Paul Austin introduced themselves and advised that Delaware Firefighter Online went on line on December 17, 2002 and at the present time they have 736 members. It is a Bulletin Board for their members to share information and comments. They wanted to meet the DVFA Officers and discuss any of their concerns.

FIREFIGHTER ADVANTAGE Mike Dillon brought the Officers up to date on the problems and concerns that they have had. Advised that his staff is working to correct the deficiencies.

President Lakey thanked all of our guests and invited them to stay for the remainder of the meeting but allowed them to leave if necessary.

President Lakey then introduced the Association President's and asked for their comments.

LADVFA President McCall brought greetings and introduced her officers that were present. She then thanked the DVFA for again funding the LADVFA Fire Prevention Committee.

DSFCA President Rush brought greetings and discussed the following issues:

- Reported that the County Chiefs Associations are working with DEMA on preparing an SOP for Weapons of Mass Destruction
- Advised that 2nd VP Rodney Marvel is coordinating "Delaware Weekend" at the National Fire Academy on Oct 25 – 26, 2003.
- Congratulated Frances Cahoon on his Presidency of the Delaware Valley Fire Chief's Assoc.
- Sadly reported on the passing of Past Chief Vaughn C. "Shorty" Watson
- Next meeting will be in Clayton on Thursday, March 27, 2003

DSAA President McMichael also brought greetings and discussed the following issues:

- Advised that the next meeting of DSAA will be on Wednesday, February 26th at Cheswold
- Reported that the DSAA supported the DSFS in its attempt to fully fund EMS Training funds for NREMT
- Reported that Lt. Gov. Carey is again riding along
- Requested that the DVFA look into supporting health insurance for non – fire department non profit ambulances
- Advised that they are waiting for the NCC Consultant to provide the report on the operations & cost of EMS service in New Castle County
- Advised that they are reconstructing the records and in the process of building their archives. It is believed that Bob Lord was First President of the DSAA.

CONFERENCE Chairman Jones reported on the following items;

- Advised that he is attempting to improve the Opening Ceremonies
- Reported that they are reviewing the Seminars and may have "Hands On" training at DSFS
- Reported that Co-Chairman McKenzie has prepared an "Alcohol Policy"
- Advised that souvenirs will be able to be purchased on line thru RWM Advertising's web page.
- Discussed the possibility of registering on line.

Motion by 1st VP Sharp, Seconded by Treasurer Metheny that the Conference Committee be authorized to utilize the DSFS for Fire Fighting Seminars. Motion Carried.

WAKE UP DELAWARE Chairman Robinson advised that the Final Report has been filled with FEMA and that we are waiting to hear on the 2003 Grant.

LEGISLATIVE ISSUES Executive Secretary Cabbage reviewed the following legislation that is currently being worked in the 142nd General Assembly:

- **HB #7** 911 Center – NAEMD Certification
Introduced by Rep Lee on 1/16/03
Passed House on 1/16/03
Passed Senate on 1/21/03
Waiting for Governor's signature
- **HB #15** Amends Clean Indoor Air Act
Introduced by Rep Thornberg on 1/16/03
Out of Committee
Bill has 21 Amendments
- **HB #51** Allows the use of White Lights
Introduced by Rep. B. Ennis on 2/13/03
In House Public Safety Committee
- **HB# 57** False Fire Alarm Bill
Introduced by Rep Lee on 2/13/03
In House Public Safety Committee
- **HJR #2**
Dedicates the Natural Resources Research Vessel the "First State" in honor of Captain Maurice "Buddy" Sipple, Jr.
Introduced by Rep B. Ennis on 1/21/03
Passed House on 1/22/03
In Senate Natural Resources Committee

LEGISLATIVE NIGHT Chairman O'Neal advised that the mailing would go out at the end of the week and that everything else is on schedule for March 26th at the Sheraton-Dover

DVFA CRUISE Chairman Stevens gave an update on the progress of the cruise. He then advised that there is another travel agent utilizing the DVFA/LADVFA name for the same cruise we are taking; same date & same ship. It is one of the unsuccessful bidders. After a short discussion: ***Motion by Executive Secretary Cabbage, Seconded by Director King that the DVFA send a letter to the Travel Agent advising to "Cease & Desist" the usage of the DVFA and LADVFA name on their cruise materials. Motion Carried.***

LIFE SAFETY COMMITTEE 1ST VP Sharp advised as to his appointments for the 2003 Life Safety Committee that he will make on March 9th at the Executive Committee Meeting:

Guy Hudson, 90 Chairman
Sandy Young, 18 (NCCVFA Chair)
Joseph Vattilana, 25
Heather Lightcap, 45
Nick Sawyer, 45 (KCVFA Chair)
Robert Yerkes, 52

Ronald Marvel, 87 Co-Chairman
Patty Carnevale, 21
Kevin Twilley, 42
Sheila Scotten, 45
Paul Eichler, 46
Dottie Barber, 70

Alice Bruce, 91
Mike Lowe, 81 (DSFS)

Randy Lee, 81 (SCVFA Chair)

After a short discussion, ***Motion by 1st VP Sharp, seconded by Director O'Neal that a letter be sent to the State Fire Prevention Commission, stating our displeasure with the lack of communication during the Rehoboth Incident and that both organizations work together for the betterment of the Delaware Fire Service. Motion Carried.***

Jim Arrington, 2nd VP – SCVFA discussed the cost of NREMT training; DSFS vs. Hospital provided training.

President Lakey thanked everyone for the continued participation, dedication, and hard work on behalf of the Delaware Fire Service.

Motion by Director Gray, seconded by Director Weaver that we adjourn. Motion Carried.

Meeting Adjourned at 2144 Hrs.

Respectfully submitted,

James L. Cabbage, Jr.

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