

**DVFA Executive Committee
Meeting Minutes**

June 11, 2000

President Stephen P. Austin called the June Executive Committee meeting of the Association to order at 10:05 a.m. Assistant Chaplain, Rev. E. Arthur Titus offered the Invocation. Past President A. I. Guessford led the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag.

Master Sgt. Martin Myers and Tech. Sgt. Dave Mohney, Delaware Air National Guard, provided information about the "Coats for Kids" recruiting campaign. They asked for support from the DVFA and that the Assoc. become a team member with the DE Air National Guard, DE Dry Cleaners Assoc. and WJBR radio station. There will be drop-off points throughout the State where people can drop off coats, the dry cleaners association members will clean them for free; the DE Air National Guard will pick them up and distribute them. There is no money involved. The campaign will be kicking off on October 1. 1st Vice President Cabbage announced that the Board of Chaplains will be in charge of this project and chaired by Rev. Dave Paul, provided it is approved under the proper order of business.

Past President Guessford introduced Jack Riddle and Jeff Buckworth Vice Presidents of Mellon Bank, who presented a check to the DVFA in the amount of \$10,000.

President Emeritus Bruce Ennis submitted an update of legislation currently in the Legislature. He encouraged the Association to support HB 590, HB 577 and HJR 26, which address the recommendations of the 800 MHz Committee.

Roll Call of Officers – A visual roll call revealed all Officers were present, with the exception of Assistant Secretary Pickett, who was excused.

Report of Officers

President Austin reported that he had traveled 8,389 Miles to 40 events on your behalf. This has been a difficult quarter but not without progress in moving our agenda. I lift up the following issues for your information:

- We continue to face unauthorized solicitations a problem that may need a legislative remedy. This suggestion was referred to the Executive Committee for study and incorporation into the legislative agenda for next year.
- I have received requests to review the Executive Secretary's contract. Copies are available for anyone who would like one.
- John Mitchell has submitted his resignation. The Officers have replaced John with Jamie Turner.
- The remaining 3 public fire departments have accepted our offer to join the DVFA. With Wilmington, Dover AFB and the Air Guard on board as Associate members, we now represent the interest of the entire Delaware Fire Service.
- Our proposed sprinkler bill is moving, but will probably not be enacted this year due to time limitations in the General Assembly.
- It has been suggested that we consider sponsoring a debate on fire service issues between the candidates for Governor. I have asked Bill Metten to make inquiry with the media see if we can pull this off.

- We need further work on the Constitution and By-laws, including a review by our attorney.
- We will have a report from the Site Selection Committee and will vote on next year's conference site today.
- I have received a mandate from all three counties to deal with the encroachment of the Secretary of the Department of Public Safety on BLS Issues. This same mandate asked the DVFA to strengthen the Fire Commission's resolve to exert its statutory authority to regulate BLS. I have taken measures to deal with this issue.
- Our office is up and running. We will have a formal ribbon cutting this summer.
- Thank you for the support for CFSI and your attendance at the dinner.
- The Blankenship tragedy has left us a stronger association. We showed the fire service world that we are firmly in control of the fire service.

1. We succeeded with our media strategy both in print and on the Net.
2. We provided full support to Greenwood.
3. Our programs that we established responded to assist the family and the fire service. Special thanks are owed to Jamie Turner and Kevin Wilson.
4. Our federal contacts enabled us to have our own Jim Monihan on the NIOSH investigation team.
5. A special thanks goes out to the Claymont Fire Company for hosting the fundraiser for Zach. I have asked Bill Metten to be available to Claymont for full support.

Thank you for the support you have placed in me to lead the finest of all State Fire Organizations.

Date	Event	City	State	Miles
03/12/2000	Executive Committee Meeting	Dover	DE	86
03/19/2000	Motorola Symposium	Phoenix	AZ	4152
03/22/2000	DEMSOC	Dover	DE	86
03/22/2000	DVFA Law & Legislative	Dover	DE	0
03/23/2000	State Chiefs	New Castle	DE	22
03/25/2000	Elsmere Banquet	Elsmere	DE	16
03/26/2000	Turner Retirement	Clayton	DE	66
04/01/2000	Five States	Gettysburg	PA	222
04/01/2000	Holloway Terrace Banquet	Holloway Terrace	DE	22
04/06/2000	NC Fire Chiefs	Talleyville	DE	32
04/09/2000	Fire Muster	Allentown	PA	180
04/10/2000	NC Fire Police	Brandywine Hundred	DE	38
04/11/2000	Legislative Hall	Dover	DE	86
04/13/2000	Bill Signing	Dover	DE	68
04/13/2000	NC County Meeting	Delaware City	DE	5
04/13/2000	Conference Chairman Meeting	Odessa	DE	18
04/14/2000	Company Meeting	Newark	DE	4
04/18/2000	CFSI Dinner Meeting	Washington	DC	200
04/19/2000	Kent County Firemen	Frederica	DE	106
04/20/2000	Sprinkler Meeting	Dover	DE	86
04/24/2000	County Executive Meeting	Holloway Terrace	DE	22
04/25/2000	Sussex County Firemen	Slaughter Beach	DE	138
04/26/2000	DEMSOC	Dover	DE	86
04/26/2000	Gordon Fundraiser	Stanton	DE	12
04/27/2000	Burn Foundation Board	Philadelphia	PA	90
04/27/2000	FEMA Region III Open House	Philadelphia	PA	0
04/29/2000	Minquadale 75th Anniversary	New Castle	DE	22
05/03/2000	CFSI Dinner	Washington	DC	200

05/04/2000	NC Chiefs	New Castle	DE	11
05/04/2000	Blankenship Funeral	Greenwood	DE	77
05/05/2000	Company Meeting	Newark	DE	4
05/08/2000	NC Fire Police	Claymont	DE	48
05/09/2000	NC Chiefs Anniversary Planning	Cranston Heights	DE	13
05/11/2000	NC Firemen	Five Points	DE	17
05/11/2000	National Volunteer Fire Council	Crystal City	VA	220
05/13/2000	IAAI	Grand Rapids	MI	1544
05/30/2000	Chief Trotter Home Visit	Belvedere	DE	2
05/30/2000	DVFA Officers	Clayton	DE	66
06/05/2000	NDPO Meeting	Washington	DC	200
06/08/2000	NC Firemen	New Castle	DE	22

First Vice President Cabbage - President Austin, fellow officers, and members of the Delaware Volunteer Firemen's Association. I hereby submit for your review, my report for the 3rd quarter as the 1st Vice President of the DVFA. I have attended 47 functions, 184.5 hours, and traveled 4,392 miles representing the DVFA. My itinerary is as follows:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>MILES</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
3/2/00 to 3/3/00	Fire Department Instructor's Conference (Indianapolis, IN)	1190	15.0
3/4/00	FDIC - Delaware Night (Indianapolis, IN)	0	4.0
3/10/00	Magnolia Awards Banquet (Station 48)	52	3.5
3/12/00	DVFA Executive Committee Meeting (Dover)	25	5.5
3/15/00	KCVFA Meeting (Station 49)	52	4.0
3/21/00	SFPC Meeting (Dover)	0	2.0
3/22/00	DVFA Legislative Night (Dover)	25	4.5
3/23/00	Delaware State Fire Chiefs Meeting (Station 18)	62	4.5
3/26/00	James E. Turner, III Retirement Party (Station 45)	1	5.0
3/28/00	SCVFA Meeting (Station 85)	90	5.0
3/30/00	Legislative Hall - HB #121 (Dover)	12	4.0
4/1/00	CVVFA - Fire State's President's Meeting (Gettysburg, PA)	320	10.0
4/1/00	Felton Awards Banquet (Station 48)	52	4.5
4/5/00	Legislative Hall (Dover)	17	2.0
4/6/00	Funeral - Julian Dunning (Clayton)	5	2.0
4/7/00	Funeral - Richard Wegman (Newark)	54	3.0
4/9/00	Funeral - William Whalen	6	3.5

4/11/00	(Clayton) Legislative Hall	6	2.0
4/11/00	(Dover) DVFA Officer's Meeting	16	2.5
4/12/00	(Dover) SERC Meeting	12	2.5
4/12/00	(Smyrna) Legislative Hall	12	3.5
4/12/00	(Dover) KCFCA Meeting	52	4.0
4/13/00	(Station 49) Legislative Hall - Burial Bill Signing	26	4.0
4/18/00	(Dover) SFPC Meeting	0	2.0
4/18/00	(Dover) KCFPA Meeting	36	3.5
4/19/00	(Station 41) Legislative Hall	12	4.0
4/19/00	(Dover) DVFA Officers Meeting	0	1.0
4/19/00	(Station 48) KCVFA Meeting	52	4.0
4/20/00	(Station 48) Legislative Hall - Sprinkler Meeting	26	3.5
4/25/00	(Dover) SCVFA Meeting	80	5.0
4/26/00	(Dover) DEMSOC Meeting	12	3.0
4/26/00	(Dover) Insurance Commission's Office Meeting	6	1.5
4/26/00	(Dover) KCVFA EMS Workshop	18	3.0
4/29/00	(Station 43) CFSI Planning Meeting	60	4.0
5/2/00	(Wilmington) IAAI Dinner	108	4.0
5/3/00	(Washington, DC) CFSI Dinner & Reception	89	6.0
5/4/00	(Washington, DC) Funeral - Arnold Blankenship, III	80	6.0
5/9/00	(Station 78) Legislative Hall - Bond Bill Hearing	12	2.0
5/11/00	(Dover) NCCVFA Meeting	70	4.5
5/12/00	(Station 17) Del - Mar - VA Association Opening Ceremonies	4	1.5
5/12/00	(Station 44) Del - Mar - Va Banquet	4	3.0
5/13/00 to 5/19/00	(Station 44) IAAI Annual Meeting	1494	5.0
5/23/00	(Grand Rapids, MI) SFPC Meeting	0	2.0
5/23/00	(Dover) SCVFA Meeting	128	5.5
	(Station 76)		

5/24/00	DEMSOC Meeting (Dover)	8	3.0
5/24/00	DHSS - EMS Luncheon Meeting (Dover)	4	1.5
5/30/00	DVFA Officers Meeting (Station 45)	1	5.5

Tom DiCristofaro, Claymont, announced that they were having a great response to the beef n' beer fundraiser for Zachary Blankenship.

2nd Vice President Callaway reported that he attended 32 functions, committed 122 hours, and traveled 3,346 miles representing the DVFA during the 3rd quarter. A full copy of the typed itinerary was provided to the Executive Secretary.

Treasurer Metheny reported on the financial status of the Association from March 10, 2000 to June 6, 2000. All Fire Prevention reimbursement funds have been distributed and accounts have been established to manage the cost of the Executive Secretary's office. The Merrill Lynch account for our operations, due to its lack of use and maintenance costs has been closed. Year-end reports will be compiled, forwarded to our CPA and the Finance Committee.

The balance of the Association accounts is as follows:

DVFA Checking	\$ 1,573.02
DVFA Credit	\$ 3,619.76
DVFA Pension	\$ 189.47
DVFA Savings	\$76,563.45
Merrill Lynch	\$ 0.00
Total	\$81,945.70

DVFA Conference Accounts

96 Surplus	\$ 48,501.59
Business investment	\$ 38,000.00
Conference Checking	\$ 20,453.78
Conference Money Market	\$ 472.02
Total	\$107,427.39

DVFA Public Relations – William Metten submitted a written report outlining the following activities:

I regret that I am unable to attend the June 11th meeting at the Fire School. Listed below is a summary of my activities on behalf of DVFA during the past quarter:

1. Media Release: April 7, 2000 - "Senator Roth Sponsors Legislation to Help Americas Fire Service; Delaware Firefighters Would Benefit".
2. Media Release: April 30, 2000 - Statement by DVFA President Steve Austin following the death of Second Assistant Chief Arnold Blankenship III, Greenwood Volunteer Fire Company.
3. Provide on-site media relations support for Greenwood Volunteer Fire Company before and during funeral service.

4. Issued media release on April 20, 2000 and attended recognition ceremony in Legislative Hall honoring Tripp Wagner, Dan Einhaus, Aetna Hose, Hook and Ladder Company; article and photographs submitted to Delaware Fire Service News.
5. Media Release: May 16, 2000 - "DFVA Warns Delaware Residents about Fraudulent/Misleading Solicitations Following Death of Greenwood Volunteer Firefighter Arnold Blankenship, III."
5. Submitted two editorials to Delaware Fire Service News.
6. Faxed Delaware newspaper clippings about fire service issues to DVFA officers and provided public relations and media relations' counsel when called upon.

DVFA Webmaster – The Executive Secretary reported the following items on behalf Russ Pickett (who was excused): A "Last Call" section was added to our website, which it now includes 55 obituaries of firefighter's and Ladies Auxiliary members who have passed away since our last conference. If anyone knows of any others, please contact the Webmaster.

A "Fire Hall Rental" page is now shown on the DVFA website. Currently only those that have such a page already on the web are displayed. Any fire company that has a hall that they would like to have a page advertising it, but do not have a website, please let me know and I'll create a page for them.

The following has also been added to our website since the last meeting: Past Presidents (with pictures) of the LADVFA, DVFA Cruise Information, the DVFA "Hall of Fame" members, Conference 2000 tentative agenda, a "News Release" section showing DVFA News Releases, "In The News" page displaying recent newspaper articles of interest to firefighters, which is updated daily, and a link to the "State of Delaware's" web site.

Finally, if any fire company would like help creating a web site, please feel free to contact the Webmaster.

Executive Secretary Turner reported on the following activities up to and including May 31, 2000. Computers, printers, and telephone system have been received and networked. A copier/fax machine contract has been signed and will be installed in the office at the end of the week. Office entranceway furniture has been ordered and will be received on approximately July 15, 2000. Attended all DEMSOC and Fire Prevention Commission meetings to date. Supported Greenwood with the planning of Assistant Chief Blankenship's services. A copy of the contract signed by President Austin and me and the March, April and May time sheets have been made available as a handout. Coordinated the disbursement of donated office furniture from State Farm Insurance to the member companies and our office.

DVFA Executive Secretary work summary

3/1/00 - 3/31/00

Date	Activity	Time	Hours
03/01/2000	Officer Meeting Minutes - Computer research/RFP's	0730 – 1600	7.5
03/02/2000	Dover PO/Ingram/DSFS Printing	0800 – 1300	
	New Castle Chiefs Meeting	1745 – 2215	9
03/03/2000	Death Notices/Office Memos DSFS Printing	0800 – 1600	7.5
03/04/2000	Off	0	0
03/05/2000	DSFS/Seaford Memorial Service	1200 – 1800	6
03/06/2000	Telephone Company/Computer meeting	0830 – 1330	5
03/07/2000	Paperwork/Meeting w/Telephone installation	0830 – 1500	6

03/08/2000	Dover PO/Maden Funeral - paperwork @ home	0800 - 1600	7.5
03/09/2000	Paperwork/Meeting w/Telephone installation	0800 - 1330	
	Sta 15 A/V Presentation - Sta 14 NCCVFA	1630 - 2300	11.5
03/10/2000	Comm Mtng preparation	0730 - 1530	7.5
03/11/2000	DSFS - Exec Comm Mtng setup	1500 - 1800	3
03/12/2000	Exec Comm Meeting	0730 - 1330	6
03/13/2000	Paperwork	0800 - 1200	
	SFPC/BLS Mtng	1830 - 2300	8.5
03/14/2000	Exec Comm follow-up/paperwork	0730 - 1500	7.5
03/15/2000	Leg Hall/Fund Raiser/EMS Reporting	1200 - 2200	10
03/16/2000	Paperwork/Leg Hall/Fund Raiser	0900 - 1900	9
03/17/2000	Mtng w/ F. Richardson Del Tech - Intern	1100 - 1330	2.5
03/18/2000	Off		
03/19/2000	Off		
03/20/2000	Paperwork	0730 - 1130	
	2000 DVFA Conference Committee	1830 - 2130	7
03/21/2000	SFPC meeting/State Farm - Furniture	0800 - 1200	
	Leg Hall	1300 - 1730	8.5
03/22/2000	DEMSOC/Leg Hall/Law & Legislative Night	0930 - 2130	12
03/23/2000	Paperwork - Leg Hall & State Chiefs Mtng	0900 - 2230	12
03/24/2000	Off		0
03/25/2000	Off		0
03/26/2000	Off		0
03/27/2000	Paperwork, State Farm - Ingram -	0730 - 1500	7.5
03/28/2000	State Farm - Leg Hall - State Farm - SCVFA	0800 - 2300	13.5
03/29/2000	State Farm - Leg Hall - BLS Impr Mtng	0800 - 2200	12
03/30/2000	Furniture move/DEMSOC Scratch meeting	0800 - 1430	
	Leg Hall/Fund Raiser	1430 - 1930	11
03/31/2000	Murray Visit	1330 - 1630	3
	Normal Work hours	172.5	200.5

DVFA Executive Secretary work summary

4/1/00 - 4/30/00

Date	Activity	Time	Hrs
04/01/2000	5 States Meeting - Gettysburg, PA	0600 - 1600	10
04/02/2000	Off	0	0
04/03/2000	Paperwork	0730 - 1130	4
04/04/2000	Paperwork/Ingram - Office/Leg Hall	0730 - 1900	10
04/05/2000	Legislative Hall - Paperwork	0730 - 1700	8.5
04/06/2000	Paperwork - Leg Hall	0800 - 1600	7.5
04/07/2000	Paperwork	0830 - 1430	5.5
04/08/2000	Off		0
04/09/2000	Off		0
04/10/2000	Minutes, Conference Reg forms - paperwork	0800 - 1630	8
04/11/2000	DSFS, SFMO, PO. Dover FMO & Leg Hall	0800 - 1900	10
04/12/2000	Furniture move - Sta 14, Sta 46 & Office	0730 - 1600	7.5
04/13/2000	Paperwork - DSFS - Leg Hall	0730 - 1600	
	Sta 15 - Mtng w/Conf 2000 Chair	1600 - 1800	10
04/14/2000	Home - paperwork	0830 - 1230	
	Meeting with Treasurer - Post Office/DSFS/SFMO/Ingram's/Office	1230 - 1700	8.5
04/15/2000	Office setup/paperwork	0930 - 1330	4
04/16/2000	Off		0
04/17/2000	Paperwork/Office-Telephone Installation	0800 - 1730	8
	BLS Comm Mtng @DSFS	1830 - 2300	4.5

04/18/2000	Conf 2000 Meeting/Leg Hall/Blevins, Cloutier, & Valihura Fund Raiser	0800 - 1830	9
04/19/2000	Paperwork - DSFS - Leg Hall - Buckworth Fundraiser/Kent Mtng	0800 - 2300	13
04/20/2000	Odessa, Paperwork- Leg. Hall	0730 - 1530	7.5
04/21/2000	Holiday	0	0
04/22/2000	Off	0	0
04/23/2000	Off	0	0
04/24/2000	OEMS Meeting/Insurance meeting/Recruitment & Retention Mtng	0830-1330 1600-2200	11
04/25/2000	Paperwork Auditors Office/DSFS/Benefits meeting/Sussex Meeting @ 89	0800-1200 1430-2230	11
04/26/2000	DEMSOC KCVFA EMS Forum - Cheswold	0830-1200 1830-2200	7
04/27/2000	State WMD Meeting - Sheraton/PO	0800-1600	7.5
04/28/2000	Paperwork/Office/DSFS	0700-1530	8
04/29/2000	CFSI table assignments	0630-1100	4.5
04/30/2000	Greenwood incident	0	4
	Normal hours/Hours worked	142.5	188.5

DVFA Executive Secretary work summary

5/1/00 - 5/31/00

Date	Activity	Time	Hrs.
05/01/2000	SFMO meeting/Greenwood	0800-1830	10
05/02/2000	Greenwood/SFMO/Home/DSFS (CFSI Dinner info) Greenwood	0630-1830	11.5
05/03/2000	Greenwood	0630-2130	14
05/04/2000	Greenwood	0630-1830	11
05/05/2000	Greenwood/Office/PO	0630-1330	7
05/06/2000	Off	0	0
05/07/2000	Off	0	0
05/08/2000	Paperwork	0830-1530	6
05/09/2000	Bond Bill meeting/Greenwood/Legislative Hall/Leg. Fund Raiser	0930-1900	9
05/10/2000	Office/800 MHz radio meeting/Legislative Hall/PO	1030-1600	5.5
05/11/2000	Travel - Draeger Safety Advisory meeting via BWI airport	1300-2200	8
05/12/2000	Pittsburgh - Draeger Safety meeting/travel via BWI airport	0730-1930	12
05/13/2000	Drill Evaluator - NCCLEPC Haz Mat drill	0600-1330	7
	Sussex Legislative Night - Georgetown	1730-2130	4
05/14/2000	Off	0	0
05/15/2000	Paperwork@home/Mtng w/Copier/Fax Rep - Smyrna	0900 -1500	6
	Sta. 77 - Controlled Burn	1700-2300	6
05/16/2000	Paperwork/DSFS/Leg. Hall	0900-1900	8
05/17/2000	Paperwork/P.O./Office/Leg Hall/ Kent County Meeting @ Sta 50	1000-2300	11
05/18/2000	Paperwork/Mtng in Dover/EMS presentation @ Mall/Leg Hall	0900-1830	9
05/19/2000	Off		0
05/20/2000	Off		0
05/21/2000	Off		0
05/22/2000	Paperwork	0800-1200	4
	Odessa Committee meeting	1830-2130	3
05/23/2000	SFPC meeting/Townsend meet w/ Clarence Schwatka	0830-1700	8
05/24/2000	DEMSOC/BLS Improvement Committee meeting/Leg Hall/PO	0830-1500	6

05/25/2000	Paperwork/Office/Sta. 78, 85, 77, 83 & Roxana Ambulance meeting	0930-2230	11
05/26/2000	DSFS/PO/Auditors Office/Staples/Shane Quality Press	0800-1200	4
05/27/2000	Off		0
05/28/2000	Off		0
05/29/2000	Holiday		0
05/30/2000	Office computer setup/PO/Exec Committee mailing	0730-1600	8
	Officers meeting - Clayton	1800-2300	5
05/31/2000	Chiefs & Bushweller mailing/DSFS/Office/PO/Dept of Pub Safety	0800-1530	7
	Normal hours/Hours worked	165	201

Jamie Turner moved, Kevin Wilson seconded, that the reports of the officers be received and be made a part of the minutes. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

1. **Advisory To SFPC for Ambulance Service – Keith W. Bowman:** Commissioners have not approved the new revised BLS ambulance report at this time. There is one concern: there are still some fire companies not leaving the pink slips of the ambulance reports at the emergency departments. He then provided an update of the Eden system. EMS will pay the \$200 fee to have it on-line, but will be necessary to pay the monthly access for the web-site connection. Great concern on the length of time for the current paramedics to submit a report from the field. Yellow copies are being sent to the EMS for accurate data to be collected. They are looking into palm-held units or laptop computers.
2. **Advisory to the State Fire Marshal – James Cabbage:** Announced that Dan Kiley has had minor surgery and is doing well.
3. **Advisory to the State Fire Prevention Commission – President Austin:** Convening a meeting of the officers; discussed the New Castle County letter; action has already been taken.
4. **Advisory to the State Fire School – Director Murabito** reported that the following topics were discussed at the meeting this morning. These included the Caterer contract, auditorium update, tuition increase update, “Play safe – Be safe” seminar, computer software status, Video/Teleconferencing project, National Fire Academy Regional delivery programs, DSFS Web-page, Electronic Registration project, training administrator upgrade, Radio Advisory Committee legislation, NFPA 1035 activities, 2001 training schedule, terrorism grant, terrorism reference guides, and customer profile questionnaire.
5. **Archives – Charles Emerson:** Submitted a proposed budget to George Pyott. In it were 2 new plaques for the hallway, estimates of which were extremely high. They have requested a new display case for a piece of equipment that will not fit in the present case. He needs pictures of Past Presidents of the Ladies Auxiliaries.
6. **Constitution & By-Laws – Warren F. Jones:** The results from the straw poll (51 companies responded) are as follows:

Secretary Position: 31 favor not having 2 secretaries
19 keep as is
1 abstained

Change Name of the Association: 28 No
23 Yes

Roll-call Voting: 26 – 1 vote per company
17 – stay as is
6 – Option #3 (2 votes per company)
2 – Option #2

They are still in a dilemma as to how to proceed with question #1. The Committee wants to make it clear that the constitution and by-laws are perfectly clear as to who can vote, i.e. 60 fire companies and delegates (which is 2 votes per company). It is the unequivocal right of the 60 companies of this Assoc. to decide the rules and regulations of this Assoc. President Austin stated that the Assoc. will wait until there is a complete report from the Constitution and By-Laws Committee, turn it over to the attorney for review, and then submit it to each company for review and then be voted on at the December meeting.

7. Critical Incident Stress Management - Kevin L. Wilson: The speaker at the Conference will give a presentation on the Columbine High School shooting. There will also be one on dealing with humor and stress, the Egyptian air crash and Rev. Blevin Smith will speak on losing his son, who was an active, on-duty firefighter. He thanked the entire Delaware fire service for all their hard work during the Greenwood incident.
8. 2000 DVFA Conference – Arthur I. Guessford: A tentative agenda is in the packet. He met with the Asst. Chief of Mill Creek regarding the lack of training/seminars for non-leadership in getting younger members involved. They are looking at a seminar on this subject matter. There will be a Friday night dance. They have met with a couple of judges associations in Pennsylvania.
9. DVFA Conference Site Selection - Michael H. Vincent: Packets have been sent to the 3 county tourism bureaus; there has been no response from New Castle County; have received a complete package from Kent County and a letter from Sussex County. However, there are no dates available in September in Sussex Co. Most likely, the parade will have to be held on Friday, as the merchants in Rehoboth do not want the streets blocked off on a weekend. The Committee recommends extending the contract with the Sheraton for one year, which will give an opportunity to talk to New Castle County, to talk to the management at the new Dover Downs hotel and also talk to Rehoboth about the parade. The dates for the races at Dover Downs have not been finalized yet. Past President Hojnicky stressed that it is essential that a date be established for 2001.
10. DVFA Cruise – Raymond T. Stevens, Jr.: Have held meetings in all 3 counties; there will be a statewide meeting on July 6, 7:30, at Clayton Fire Hall.
11. Electric Deregulation - Harvey C. Smith, Jr. submitted a written report which stated that Connectiv is now ready to meet and assist the DVFA in exploring

- what direction the fire service should take towards electric billing. Michael Poncia, who is in charge of retail billing, will be contacting the Committee to set up a meeting in the near future. A questionnaire will be developed and distributed to fire company Presidents to determine how each company is obtaining and paying for electric. Further information will be reported to the companies at the Annual Conference.
12. Executive Director – Lynn Rogers: The work of this Committee is completed. President Austin has dismissed this Committee.
 13. Finance & Auditing - George J. Pyott, Jr: All budget requests must be submitted by the end of July.
 14. Fire Prevention: Ron Marvel reported that the Commission had cut a check to one of the fire service entities after the deadline for submitting is allowed. The Fire Prevention Committee did not approve funding. Kevin Wilson reported that this request was submitted from Kent County. The fact is that it was submitted and did not arrive in time. The money is there; they were not trying to go around the Committee. Ron Marvel reported that this situation has happened before and the requests have been returned. It is recommended that the money be returned to the Committee. Sandra Young: Reminder – Any budget requests over \$2,000, must be submitted by June 30. Oct. 8-14 is Fire Prevention Week; the Children's Fire Safety Foundation has a CD web-site demo available for purchase. There is also a *Safety Bear* costume that can be purchased.
 15. Law & Legislative - Michael H. Vincent: (1) HB 121 (increase in burial expenses) – signed by the Governor; (2) HB 222 (firefighter education subsidy) – in Appropriations Committee, will probably get the money, but don't know how much; (3) HB 555 (baby abandonment) had where a baby could be dropped off at a fire house pulled out of the bill; (4) HB 590 (appointment to 800 MHz Committee) will try to amend that bill to "President and/or his designee"; (5) HB 621 (a \$500 one-time allocation to each fire company to cover the increase in the cost of fuel); (6) HB 308 (purple light bill) original bill was pulled, another bill introduced; opposed to this bill, will not support this bill. If the first car in a funeral procession goes through a green traffic light, the rest of the procession goes through the intersection, even if the traffic light has changes. The Delaware State Police does not support this, nor does the DVFA; (7) HB 616 (requires criminal background checks of new EMT's, ambulance attendants and paramedics which will be paid by the State of DE); (8) Grant-in-Aids in good shape; (9) Bond Bill starts meeting on June 21; the largest item is the construction of a new auditorium at the Fire School.
 16. Out-of-State Coordinators – James L. Cabbage, Jr.: Announced that June 19 is the opening ceremonies of the MD State Firemen's' Convention.
 17. Recruitment & Retention – Ken Pyle: Several fire companies are using the Blood Bank and offering it as a R&R tool; several members of the Committee are planning to attend a R&R seminar in New Hampshire. The Committee has a program available for any fire companies who are experiencing problems with Recruitment & Retention.

18. Resolutions - Bruce C. Ennis – Submitted the following resolutions for consideration by the Assoc.: honoring John L. Mitchell, Sr., for his personal endeavors as DVFA Lobbyist for the past twelve years and honoring the Sussex County Ladies Auxiliary Association for achieving 60 years of service.
19. Scholarship - George L. Kerr, Jr. At their meeting on April 9, 23 applications were reviewed, 9 were selected to receive scholarships in the amount of \$17,000. In their review, they discovered that repeat applicants submitted the same material; in the future, procedures for submitting will be changed for previous years' winners. 1st Vice President Cabbage appointed the following to the Scholarship Committee: George Kerr and Rod O'Neal will serve as Co-chairs, Robert Johnson, Robert Powell, Lynn Johnson, Jim King, Clay Yocum, Fred Jester, Steve Martin, Pat Kerr and Joe Bukowski. The Scholarship winners for this year are: William Anderson (Christiana), James Hutchinson (Robbins Hose), Ronald King (Wilmington Manor), Tara Metheny (Hartly), David Sapp (Greenwood), George Wallace (Christiana), Daniel Washinski (Houston), Cory Cohee (Carlisle) and Jolene Cross (Bridgeville).
20. Statewide Legislative Night – Clarence R. O'Neal, Jr. submitted the following written report: The Statewide Legislative Appreciation Night affair was held on Wednesday March 22, 2000 at the Sheraton Inn Dover. There was in excess of 350 people in attendance at a cost of \$9,360.18. There were six statewide elected officials, nine members of the Senate, and twenty members of the House of Representatives in attendance. There were also five people from the Kent County Levy Court and four from the Sussex County Council in attendance. A special note of thanks was rendered to Director Murabito and the Fire School Staff for their efforts in accepting the RSVP reservations, the development of name tags for all the participants, generating the mailing lists, and the greeting and registering of all the guests.

The following expenses were paid: Sheraton Inn Dover \$8,944.10, Rogers Sign for the invitations \$196.00, Rod O'Neal for postage \$157.08, Rod O'Neal for flowers \$63.00, and Total expenditures were \$9,360.18

Sponsoring organizations were Mutual Relief Association, New Castle, Kent, and Sussex County Firemen's Associations, and the DVFA. Each organization contributed \$1,872.03 to support this successful effort.

21. Volunteer Fire Department Employees - Louis J. Amabili: Another issue that has surfaced is: Smoker's Rights – There is a "Clean Indoor Air Act", which was passed by the General Assembly, copies of which will be distributed to each fire company. It is necessary to have a written "smoking policy", must have "no smoking air" for those employees who request it and must have "no smoking" signs posted in those areas. The preference of non-smokers will prevail; violation is a fine of no less than \$25 and no more than \$50. The bad public relations that could come out of this would supercede what would come out of this. Ambulance Financial Report Form: A report form has been developed to identify the cost of EMS service in Delaware, which includes rescue, as well as first responders.

22. NFPA Committee Reports - Ken McMahon – Volunteer Deployment Committee reported that he attended the meeting during the second week of March. There were 673 public proposals that were reviewed. Most were rejected because they were mainly word changes that did not change the content of the proposed document. Most of the comments were generated from the Northwest region of this country. The document was voted on, released for a second public comment, which lasts until September. Every member company received a copy of the latest document. The Committee will again meet in December to review the latest comments. It is the Committee's intent to present the document at the Spring NFPA meeting to be held in California. This document is adaptable to every Fire Company, especially in Delaware. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

23. WMD/Haz Mat -. Chairman Leonnetti submitted the following:

Over the past several years, the WMD committee has been working to organize a plan to address Weapons of Mass Destruction. This committee has spent countless hours in meetings and consulting with experts in this field. The operational plan has been designed to meet Department of Justice guidelines for obtaining WMD grant money that will be dispersed to the State through DEMA. In addition to the operational plan, we are recommending the following training initiatives be presented to Director Joseph Murabito, Delaware State Fire School (DSFS) for consideration and possible implementation by the Fire School staff.

1. Train all Fire, Rescue, and EMS personnel to the Awareness level on Terrorism/WMD.
2. That an initial one-hour block on Terrorism/WMD be incorporated in the Basic Firefighter Course, to introduce the new recruit to this area of importance.
3. That DSFS continue with the DSFS/NFA Terrorism, Basic Concepts Course, not only at the Dover training (DSFS). facility, but brought out into the field at the Company level.
4. That DSFS institute a field course for Company Officers on Tactical Considerations for the first responding officers.
5. That DSFS initiate a field course on WMD decontamination to coincide with the operational plan.
6. That the DEMA and DSFS make the Fire Chiefs aware of the additional training, that is available for command officers and HAZMAT personnel, which is available by the Federal Government on Terrorism/WMD.

We also recommend that the Delaware Fire, Rescue, and EMS communities meet regularly with all Federal and State agencies that would be involved in a WMD Incident. This would serve as a conduit for information and a way to exercise our capabilities with one another.

Since the equipment purchase and distribution process will be spread out over the next several years, we ask that you keep the committee intact to monitor the progress and implementation of the plan.

The operational plan that is attached has been proposed to best use the Department of Justice grant money. It was unanimous among the committee, with equal representation from each county and the City of Wilmington, that the equipment should be acquired as outlined in the plan. The equipment suggested to be purchased is in accordance with the Department of Justice's rigid restrictions on equipment that is accepted for requisition.

With the DVFA approval and your endorsement, we will present this plan to each County Fire Chiefs Association.

Weapons of Mass Destruction Operational Plan

WMD LEVEL I (FIRST RESPONDER)

Initial response to a suspected WMD would essentially remain the same for first due Fire, Rescue and EMS response, as called for in their current company SOP's for response to a Hazmat incident. First Responders need training to recognize the true cause of the incident in order to protect themselves from potential hazards associated with this type of incident. Upon arrival and having determined that a possible WMD incident has occurred, their initial actions would include the following, but not necessarily in the subsequent order:

- Isolate/ secure the scene and establish control zones
- Establish command
- Sectorize the incident
- Notify hospitals
- Gather information regarding the incident (number of patients)
- Request additional resources
- Control and isolate patients (away from the hazard, at the edge of the hot/warm zone)
- Separate patients into symptomatic and asymptomatic
- Coordinate activities with law enforcement
- EMS would begin triage, initiate patient care, administer antidotes (ALS)
- Begin gross DECON operations
- Call for appropriate SERT

All first responder activities should be conducted in structural fire fighting gear and Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA). First responders would not enter areas where there is a potential for suspected concentrations of an agent, visible product, poor ventilation, compromised structural integrity, etc. These personnel can only operate for a limited period of time due to SCBA duration, and must undergo Decon when leaving the work area.

WMD LEVEL I - ACTION ITEMS REQUIRED:

- Review of potential hazards/protection provided by PPE
- Additional training regarding patient management to include placement, signs and symptoms, treatment and protocols.
- Additional training regarding mass decontamination procedures, options, and the use of other readily available equipment.
- Develop EMS protocols, train ALS and BLS personnel, and acquire antidotes for first responders.
- Develop quick dress procedures for rapid entry and rescue, using the Department of Defense 3/30-minute directive.

WMD LEVEL II (SERT RESPONSE)

The second level would consist of a Level III SERT response and the dispatch of the County DECON Unit (CDU) if not already responding from the initial dispatch. Field decontamination units (FDU's) would be dispatched to help with mass decontamination or sent to medical facilities to assist with decontamination of walk-in casualties. CDU's and FDU's would have Level-C Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) capability

consisting of Tychem 9400 suits or (equivalent), boots, butyl gloves, and respiratory protection. Their actions may include, but not necessarily in the following order:

- Provide technical assistance/information to command as necessary from the SERT and other response organizations / agencies.
- Detect/monitor to confirm agent and ensure control zones are adequate.
- Coordinate and assist with mass decontamination as required.
- Level-A PPE rescues in the Hot Zone (County DECON Units).

Field decontamination units would consist of an engine company equipped with, but not limited to, Level-C PPE, portable showers (1 per FDU), soap, soft brushes, buckets hoses and adapters. Level-C PPE will provide adequate protection while not limiting work time due to the limitations of the SCBA and turn out gear. Their actions may include, but not necessarily in the following order:

- Set up showers in accordance with the mass DECON protocols
- Begin a transition from gross decontamination in structural fire fighting gear to DECON in Level-C PPE.
- Decontaminate patients and send them to EMS for treatment (symptomatic), or to a holding area for evaluation (asymptomatic)
- ALS providers, in Level-C PPE, would continue to provide triage, antidotes, and treatment.

Caches of 26 Level-C PPE kits would be located throughout each county and in the City of Wilmington. Designated units will pick up this strategically located equipment and deliver it to the scene of the incident. This equipment will be made available for all workers assigned to the warm zone that are involved in treatment of patients, movement of patients to the DECON area, DECON workers, law enforcement and anyone else that has a potential for exposure. The field decontamination units along with an equipment cache will provide initial coverage until a county decontamination unit arrives for decontamination of first responders.

WMD LEVEL II - ACTION ITEMS REQUIRED:

- Provide 12 Level- A PPE kits to each CDU, DNREC, and the City of Wilmington. Each kit would consist of twelve (12) each of the following:
- Tychem 10,000 (or equivalent) Level-A suits, Haz mat boots, over boots, inner gloves, in suit communications system, one (1) hour SCBAs, and spare one (1) hour cylinders.
- Provide WMD monitoring equipment to county decontamination teams and DNREC
- Provide portable decontamination showers and support equipment to designated engine companies, eight (8) in each county and two (2) in the City of Wilmington, to respond as a FDU.
- Provide eight (8) Level-C PPE kits per FDU.
- Provide seven (7) caches of equipment, each containing 26 Level-C PPE kits, to designated fire stations, two (2) per each County and one (1) for the City of Wilmington.
- Train all personnel in mass decontamination protocols.
- Train all personnel in the selection and use of respiratory protection.

WMD LEVEL III (ADDITIONAL RESOURCES REQUIRED)

The third WMD level would occur when additional resources are required from counties out side of the initial incident. This would bring to the scene other CDU's, FDU's, and Haz

Mat Response Teams (HMRT). These units would be responsible for, but not necessarily in the following order:

- Provide technical information/assistance as necessary.
- Continue to monitor/identify for agents.
- Enter hot zone to assist with rescue, product confirmation and reconnaissance.
- Develop technical decontamination corridor for HMRT personnel.
- Coordinate and assist with mass decontamination and establish a technical decontamination corridor for asymptomatic patients.
- Provide tents (5) for operations and shelter.
- Provide support for other responding agencies.
- Coordinate efforts with military Civilian Support Teams (CST), formally known as RAID teams.
- Help in the preservation, collection, and decontamination of evidence for law enforcement.

WMD LEVEL III - ACTION ITEMS REQUIRED:

- Provide SKED rescue stretchers.
- Provide Level-A PPE to CDU's and DNREC.ERB.
- Provide WMD detection devices to CDU's and DNREC.
- Provide pneumatic tents (5) with heaters.
- Provide 800 portable radios to CDU's for in suite communications.

Past President Knight made a motion, seconded by Past President Vincent, to accept the Weapons of Mass Destruction Plan for training money, which will be submitted to DEMA. Motion carried.

Recognition of Past Presidents:

John V. Ryan, 20, 1961
Roland Neeman, 48, 1968
E. James Monihan, 82, 1978
Richard E. Ennis, 44, 1980
Lawrence Mergenthaler, 21, 1985
Edwin S. Barlow, 20, 1991
Elmer B. Steele, 81, 1993
Lynn J. Rogers, 85, 1996
Donald W. Knight, 1998

Clarence Schwatka, 26, 1964
Arthur I. Guessford, 24, 1973
Raymond H. McCall, 3 6 & 12, 1979
John E. Bare, Sr., 76, 1981
Robert G. Sweetman, 7 8 & 9, 1988
George A. Diamond, 55, 1992
J. Allen Metheny, 51, 1995
Joseph W. Hojnicky, Sr., 1997
Michael H. Vincent, 1999

President Emeritus:

Louis J. Amabili, 19

Bruce C. Ennis, 44

Affiliated Organizations/Agency Representatives

Ladies' Auxiliary: Eileen Doyle, President: Introduced officers of the State Ladies Auxiliary and County Presidents. She announced that Past President Grace Lecates had suffered a heart attack and was at home recovering.

State Fire Chiefs: Joseph Evans, 2nd Vice President: Letters have gone out and are due to be returned by 8/15/00.

Mutual Relief, Ann Emerson: Committee is working on the new policy, will be sending out information at the end of the month, urged everyone to return the requested information as soon as possible.

Eastern Division of International Association Fire Chiefs – William G. Walton, Jr., 2nd Vice President: The next meeting will be in Mt. Laurel, NJ, June 23-25.

State Fire Police: Joseph Bukowski, President: Title 16 is a concern of the State Fire Police. They are hoping that the three county Chiefs Associations will take a serious look at this and encourage the State Chiefs to recommend a solution or any possible changes. Any recommendations for changes should be sent to the attention of the DVFA, through the State Assoc. Law and Legislative, not through the Fire Police. The Assoc. is not happy with HB 308 (opposed to use of purple light). Conference preparations are under way (7/15 is the deadline for registration); five State Fire Police officers went to CFSI to assist with traffic; Fire Police throughout the State assisted at the Blankenship funeral in Greenwood. At the last meeting, the following officers have been elected for the ensuing year: President: Robert H. Yerkes, Jr.; 1st Vice President: Fred Bare; 2nd Vice President: Harold Ennis; Secretary: John Bare; Treasurer: Ken Collins.

State Ambulance Association: Keith W. Bowman, President: There was a good attendance at the last meeting; need State EMT of the Year Award letters by 8/1/00; need nominations from New Castle County for 2nd Vice President of the Ambulance Assoc.; need a Secretary of the State Assoc.; need ambulance attendants to bridge up. At the Conference there will be 12 hours of CEU time; he is disappointed that only 3 have signed up, so far.

National Volunteer Fire Council: E. James Monihan, Delegate: Reported on the following: annual meeting held 5/11-13; NVFC is asking CFSI why infant sleepwear legislation has not been passed, is introducing "Helping Hands" legislation, and is developing a plan to answer the 1-800-FIRELINE. NVFC is: publishing information on possible deficits on vapor barriers; re-emphasizes its opposition to dual standards being adopted by NFPA; has requested a permanent seat on the national Registry for Medical Technicians; has voiced its opposition to NFPA labels being put out fraudulently by manufacturers of fire service equipment; is seeking nominations for Volunteer Firefighter of the Year Award and directors want to hear from their districts. Fallen Firefighters Memorial service will be held 10/8. A pharmaceutical company is developing an informational program to protect ourselves from Hepatitis C, working in partnership with the University of Maryland to develop education programs for volunteer firefighters: VFIS has produced a 30-sec. video PSA featuring Richard Petty promoting R&R and 1-800-FIRELINE. Council has successfully represented the vol. fire service in the negotiated rate-setting program, with the Health Care Financing Administration. The Office of Inspector General has agreed to publish its own rule to create a safe harbor for hospitals to re-stock ambulances and not be prosecuted for fraud. Volunteer Fire Asst. Program in the amount of \$5,000,000 has passed by the House

State Fire Prevention Commission: Carleton E. Carey, Jr.: Commission approved for Jefferson Health Care to provide ambulance service for Christiana Hospital; BLS Improvement Committee is working on continuation of service on their program on improvements; AED and CPR approved for two years on renewal, so that the renewal for AED, EMT-B and CPR will come due at the same time; two ambulance

services were called in to answer to why they had uncertified attendants in their patient care department; an appeal hearing about a bed and breakfast in New Castle was held, the regulation was approved for them to have a variance but they had to meet certain stipulations; protocol system that was put into effect in February is going very well; requesting DEMSOC to support legislation on background checks; requested DEMSOC to develop patient care forms that all come down with one program, i.e. leave the form at the hospital with the patient. A memorandum of agreement was developed with DEMSOC to let them know how to respond to recommendations from the DEMSOC Committee (there were 2 minor changes, which were agreed to and have signed off). Licensing and software for the fire departments to be hooked up to the Eden System will be paid for by Bill Stevenson's office and Dr. Sylvester's office. New Basic Patient Care support form is available for review. The Commission at its next meeting will take it up. Funding for the EMT-B courses - still does not have all the funds they are looking for. Full course money last year was \$82,500 (\$16,000 paid out, so far). Bridge course money was \$165,000 last year (\$80,500 paid out, so far). There is quite a bit of money left in the program; urged everyone to send in for reimbursement money as soon as possible. They are hiring a part-time person for the office to upgrade the filing system. The Governor's Fire Safety Conference will be held 10/6/00, along with the Children's Fire Safety Program.

State Emergency Response Commission: Bruce C. Ennis: There is a one-time appropriation of \$47,000 to upgrade the New Castle and Sussex Counties units.

Communications

The following Communications were received and are summarized by the Secretary.

- 3/13/00 – Office of State Fire Marshal supporting the DVFA initiative to have fire suppression systems installed in college dorms.
- 3/14/00 – Martel Incorporated providing a written proposal for Office telephone system
- 3/22/00 – Donna Lee H. Williams, State Insurance Commissioner, thanking and declining invitation to the CFSI banquet
- 3/23/00 – Thank you note from Jack Cunningham, New Castle County Police Chief for invitation to the DVFA Law & Legislative night
- 3/27/00 – Eastern Division IAFC announcing the Valor Award nominations
- 3/30/00 – LADVFA invitation to attend the Ladies' Executive meeting on 5/1/00 at the Delaware Fire Service Center
- 4/2/00 - letter addressed to Senator F.Gary Simpson from Sussex County Council voicing their concerns on the Uniform Statewide Construction Code.
- 4/6/00 – State Farm Insurance copy of donated furniture from Dover Office

- 4/8/00 – Robbins Hose Co President Eichler thanking the Association for coordinating the Office furniture donation and informing the Association of Robbins Hose Company's position on making statements on American on line
- 4/8/00 – Draeger Safety Corporation announcing the appointment of the Executive Secretary to the Draeger Fire Service Advisory panel
- 4/13/00 – March meeting Minutes of DVFA & LADVFA Mutual Relief Association
- 4/14/00 – Copy of letter addressed to Brian Bushweller from Brandywine Hundred Fire Company concerning 800 MHz radio system. Referred to the House of Representatives 800 MHz Oversight Committee.
- 4/16/00 – letter from Clayton Fire Company to Kent County Firemen's Association endorsing James L. Cabbage, Jr. for the office of President.
- 4/16/00 - Felton Fire Company announcing their State Association Delegates and Alternates
- 4/18/00 – copy of letter to Rep. Timothy Boulden from the State Fire Marshal's Office outlining their position on the concept of the Uniform Construction code.
- 4/19/00 – New Castle Association letter addressing serious concerns regarding the EMS Service, DEMSOC and the State Fire Prevention Commission.
- 4/19/00 – Hartly Fire Company outlining their concerns on the current employment and use of the 800 MHz radio system in their operating area and offering suggestions on how to improve the current system. Referred to the House of Representatives 800 MHz Oversight Committee.
- 4/20/00 –Port Penn Fire Company endorsing Jasper H. Lakey for 2nd Vice President of this Association for the ensuing year
- 4/20/00 - Holloway Terrace Fire Company appointing Delegates and Alternates to the Association.
- 4/23/00 – Del-Mar-Va Volunteer Firemen's Association agenda
- 4/28/00 – Thank you note from Senator Roth for the fruit basket during his recent hospitalization
- 5/6/00 – Ellendale Fire Company requesting that the DVFA review the current Pension system. Referred to DVFA Pension Advisory Committee.
- 5/6/00 – Magnolia Fire Company offering comments on and requesting clarification on specific DVFA Pension administration and disbursements. Referred to DVFA Pension Advisory Committee.

- 5/8/00 – Mutual Relief Association letter inviting the DVFA Officers to a meeting on May 24, 2000 at Camden-Wyoming.
- 5/8/00 – Mutual Relief Association May meeting minutes
- 5/20/00 – LADVFA seeking clarification on Funeral Benefit bill recently passed.
- 5/20/00 – Letter from Draeger Safety thanking the Executive Secretary for participating in the Fire Service Partner's Advisory Council.
- 6/8/00 – Letter from Kent County Association endorsing and fully supporting New Castle Count Firemen's Association's and requesting that initiatives be made to shorten the time needed to fill out electronic EMS reports, request that funding for EMS be equal to Fire Service funding, and funding for the State Fire School to resume it's BLS training curriculum.
- 6/9/00 – Copy of letter to Kent County Firemen's Association endorsing J. Allen Metheny as Treasurer.
- 6/9/00 - Letter from Sussex County Firemen's Association endorsing Dale A. Callaway as 1st Vice President and James W. King as Director for the ensuing year.
- 6/9/00 – Letter from Sussex County Firemen's Association endorsing Claymont Fire Company's request for securing funds for their collapse rescue unit.
- 6/11/00 – Thank you card from Director Lakey for the fruit basket during his recent hospitalization.
- 6/11/00 – Joint letter from Goodwill, Holloway Terrace, Minquadale, and Wilmington Manor Fire Companies signed by the Presidents and Chiefs imploring the Association to incorporate additional training opportunities for their members.

Secretary Jamie Turner made a motion, seconded by Kevin Wilson, that the Communications be received and made a portion of the minutes. Motion carried.

Old Business

Past President Vincent made a motion, seconded by Kevin Wilson, that Conference 2001 be held in Kent County, with the Sheraton Inn being the headquarters. Motion carried.

New Business

Bruce Ennis made a motion seconded by Jasper Lakey, for the adoption of resolutions to John Mitchell for his dedicated service, congratulating the Sussex County Ladies Auxiliary on its 60th Anniversary and the Kent County Ladies Auxiliary. Motion carried.

Dan Young made a motion, seconded by Past President Hojnicky, that the Association supports the "Coats for Kids" Program initiated by the Delaware Air National Guard and that all companies become involved. Motion carried.

Kevin Wilson made a motion, seconded by Rod O'Neal, that the Wilmington Fire Department, DAFB and the Delaware Air National Guard be accepted as Associate members of the DVFA with appropriate assessments. Motion carried.

Sandy Young made a motion, seconded by Hal Barber, to have all money returned from Kent County to the State Fire Prevention Committee. Motion carried.

Hal Barber made a motion, seconded by Craig Moyer, requesting that a letter be written supporting HB 590, 800 MHz legislation, as amended. Motion carried.

Payment of Bills

Treasurer Metheny read the following bills:

JOHN L. MITCHELL	LEG. LIAISON	\$(1,000.00)
NAT. VOL.FIRE COUN.	REG. JAM	\$(50.00)
JOHN L. MITCHELL	LEG. LIAISON	\$(1,102.12)
ST. OF DEL. LEG. COUNCIL	LEG. BILL SERVICE	\$(200.00)
AT & T	800 PHONE	\$(22.73)
ANNE BALBONI	BASIC PROG. INSTR.	\$(1,618.94)
SUSSEX CO CISD	REIMBURSEMENT	\$(379.50)
ROGERS SIGNS	INV. FDIC DEL. NIGHT	\$(54.00)
KENNETH McMahan	MTG. EXP.	\$(1,066.37)
VISA CARD	DINNER W/ LADIES	\$(2,981.72)
VISA CARD	WEBPAGE REG.	\$(403.35)
C. R. O'Neal	REIMB. FLOWERS	\$(63.00)
SHERATON HOTEL	LEG. NITE EXP.	\$(8,444.10)
EDW F. LEWIS & SONS FLORIST	FLOWERS	\$(122.50)
VERNON INGRAM	RENT-3 MOS.	\$(1,275.00)
JAMES E. TURNER, III	MAR. PAYROLL	\$(2,102.00)
Transfer Money		\$(90,000.00)
JAMES E. TURNER, III	REIMB. EXP.	\$(980.82)
CITIZEN'S HOSE CO. NO. 1	DMV TROPHY SPONSOR	\$(25.00)
CHUCK SNYDER	PHOTOS-FDIC	\$(222.40)
AT & T	800 PHONE	\$(21.45)
CAMDEN WYOMING FIRE CO.	REIMB.	\$(819.99)
CARLISLE FIRE CO.	REIMB.	\$(571.03)
CITIZEN'S HOSE CO.	REIMB.	\$(741.10)
FELTON COMMUNITY FIRE CO.	REIMB.	\$(1,416.22)
FREDERICA FIRE CO.	REIMB.	\$(674.59)
HARTLY FIRE CO.	REIMB.	\$(1,221.00)
HOUSTON FIRE CO.	REIMB.	\$(934.16)
LITTLE CREEK FIRE CO.	REIMB.	\$(447.14)
MAGNOLIA VOL FIRE C	REIMB.	\$(357.36)
ROBBINS HOSE CO.	REIMB.	\$(3,330.04)

METROPOLITAN LIFE INS. CO.	JET LIFE INS.	\$(284.34)
JOHN L. MITCHELL	LEG. LIAISON	\$(1,663.22)
BETHANY BEACH FIRE	REIMB.	\$(1,044.20)
BRIDGEVILLE FIRE CO.	REIMB.	\$(2,369.97)
BLADES VOL FIRE CO.	REIMB.	\$(991.94)
DAGSBORO VOL. FIRE CO.	REIMB.	\$(673.78)
ELLENDALE FIRE CO.	REIMB.	\$(1,514.32)
FRANKFORD FIRE CO.	REIMB.	\$(708.53)
GREENWOOD FIRE CO	REIMB.	\$(579.11)
INDIAN RIVER FIRE CO	REIMB.	\$(5,590.07)
LAUREL FIRE DEPT.	REIMB.	\$(5,863.00)
LAUREL LADIES AUX.	REIMB.	\$(625.16)
LEWES FIRE DEPT.	REIMB.	\$(2,105.50)
MILLSBORO FIRE CO.	REIMB.	\$(8,169.40)
MILLVILLE VOL. FIRE CO	REIMB.	\$(1,099.17)
MILTON FIRE DEPT.	REIMB.	\$(1,001.83)
REHOBOTH BEACH FIRE CO	REIMB.	\$(8,521.88)
SELBYVILLE FIRE CO.	REIMB.	\$(603.21)
SUSSEX CO. VOL. FIREMENS ASOC.	REIMB.	\$(2,563.29)
DEL. STATE FIRE CHIEFS	REIMB.	\$(150.00)
VISA CARD	SUPPLIES	\$(16.29)
CONGRESSIONAL FIRE SERVICE	REGISTRATIONS	\$(39,800.00)
AMERISTAR	COMPUTER EQUIP.	\$(942.00)
DEL. STATE FIRE SCHOOL	PRINTING	\$(318.60)
MARTEL, INC.	OFFICE PHONE SYSTEM	\$(1,549.00)
NVFC	FIRELINE BROCHURES	\$(675.00)
BELL ATLANTIC	OFF. PHONE	\$(194.01)
AT & T	LONG DIST.	\$(15.37)
DELAWARE FIRE SERVICE NEWS	APR/MAY	\$(1,200.00)
ROGERS SIGNS	INVENTORY TAGS	\$(280.00)
EDWARD F. LEWIS & SONS	FLOWERS	\$(100.00)
AETNA HOSE HOOK & LADDER CO.	REIMB.	\$(3,822.58)
BRANDYWINE FIRE CO.	REIMB.	\$(3,027.71)
CHRISTIANA FIRE CO.	REIMB.	\$(2,315.13)
CLAYMONT FIRE CO.	REIMB.	\$(3,942.40)
CRANSTON HEIGHTS FIRE CO	REIMB.	\$(1,580.15)
DVFA LADIES AUX.	REIMB.	\$(539.49)
ELSMERE FIRE CO#1	REIMB.	\$(1,822.47)
FIVE POINTS FIRE CO.	REIMB.	\$(306.50)
GOODWILL FIRE CO	REIMB.	\$(5,011.05)
HOCKESSIN FIRE CO.	REIMB.	\$(4,636.75)
MILLCREEK FIRE CO.	REIMB.	\$(474.75)
MINQUADALE FIRE CO.	REIMB.	\$(1,127.63)
MINQUAS FIRE CO.	REIMB.	\$(910.32)
NEW CASTLE VOL. FIREMEN'S ASSN	REIMB.	\$(2,114.67)
ODESSA FIRE CO.	REIMB.	\$(1,932.21)
TOWNSEND FIRE CO.	REIMB.	\$(1,174.00)
VOLUNTEER HOSE CO.	REIMB.	\$(1,132.25)
WILMINGTON MANOR VOL FIRE CO	REIMB.	\$(3,343.85)

JAMES E. TURNER, III	P/R APRIL	\$(1,687.94)
DELL COMPUTER CORP.	COMPUTER EQUIP.	\$(10,280.85)
JAMES E. TURNER 111		\$(595.55)
SELECTIVE INSURANCE	COMMERCIAL INS.	\$(497.00)
AT & T	1-800 FIRELINE	\$(21.43)
JACKIE GUZZO	POSTAGE	\$(33.00)
AI GUESSFORD	HOSPITALITY RM-CFSI	\$(515.00)
BELL ATLANTIC	OFF. PHONE MAY	\$(188.74)
CHUCK SNYDER	PHOTOS CFSI & STA. 78	\$(360.40)
VISA CARD	OFFICERS CFSI	\$(548.43)
E. JAMES MONIHAN NVFC EXPENSES	REIMB.	\$(170.24)
J. ALLEN METHENY	REIMB. EXP.	\$(69.89)
ZACHARY BLANKENSHIP TR. FD.	CFSI DINNER DONATIONS	\$(1,755.00)
CONGRESSIONAL FIRE SERVICE	REGISTRATIONS	\$(400.00)
KENT COUNTY FIREMEN'S ASSN	REIMB.	\$(1,863.12)
EDWARD F. LEWIS & SONS	FLOWERS	\$(104.00)
AT & T	LONG DIST.PHONE	\$(26.30)
JAMES E. TURNER, III	EXP. REIMB	\$(2,261.41)
DURON, INC.	OFFICE FURNITURE	\$(2,400.00)
JANICE YERKES	SECT.	(\$100.00)
Total		\$(276,952.03)

Ray Stevens made a motion, seconded by Kevin Wilson, to pay the bill as submitted by the Treasurer. Motion carried.

Good of the Association

Carleton Carey reiterated that applications for "Fireman of the Year Award" must be postmarked by June 30. President Austin requested that as a standard operating procedure all applications be forward to the NVFC for consideration for "National Firefighter of the Year" Award.

Past President Vincent announced that Norman Tate is suffering from a bone marrow disease known as mylofibrosis, for which there is no known cure. He encouraged everyone to visit him, send cards, etc. President Austin reported that Charlie Murray is suffering with kidney problems, but is doing well at this time.

Past President Guessford presented a check for the Blankenship family in the amount of \$100 and also, \$148 in cash. Past President Metheny presented a check from CFSI in the amount of \$1,755, also for the Blankenship family.

Craig Moyer, R&R Committee, urged all members to get more minorities involved in the fire service.

Adjournment

It was regularly moved and seconded that the June 11, 2000 Executive Committee meeting be adjourned. Motion carried. Rev. Art Titus offered the Benediction. The meeting was adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice S. Yerkes

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Corresponding Secretary

I hereby attest that this is a true copy of the proceedings of the Delaware Volunteer Firemen's Association Executive Committee meeting held on June 11, 2000.

James E. Turner, III

Attest: James E. Turner, III,
Executive Secretary