

**DELAWARE VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION
5th ANNUAL CONFERENCE
SEPTEMBER 16-18, 1999
DOVER, DE**

**DVFA & LADVFA OPENING CEREMONIES
Thursday, September 16, 1999**

The opening ceremonies of the 5th Annual Conference were called to order by William Bell. All Past Presidents of the DVFA and LADVFA and Presidents Emeritus were escorted into the Conference Room, followed by a musical salute to America and the National Anthem by the U.S. Marine Corps band, New Orleans, LA. ; the presentation and posting of our colors by the Seaford Volunteer Fire Co. color guard; the pledge of allegiance led by 2nd Vice President Cabbage and the invocation by Past President Metheny.

Mr. Bell in reflecting back upon this past year, noted that most will remember it as a year in which the volunteer fire service once again excelled in our primary mission of protecting the lives and property of the citizens of Delaware. But if you were to ask our President and other DVFA and LADVFA officers, they would tell you that this past year was a very sensitive and very trying year. It was a year of many new and difficult challenges to the fire service. The last year of the 19th Century will long be remembered as a year in which we were studied; we were tested; we were scrutinized like never before; we were publicly criticized and challenged on several occasions by the press, and the technology we had long-awaited for to enhance our ability to communicate became a serious problem in itself.

We, in our fire service, should be extremely proud of our DVFA officers. On every issue, on every problem, our President and our Association officers truly represented the best of the best. The leadership stepped to the podium time and time again, representing and maintaining our Association's integrity, our credibility and our unparalleled delivery of emergency services. This morning, it is my sincere honor to call upon two of our very best of the best. They are truly exceptional leaders and should be recognized for a job well done ! At this time, President Vincent and President Workman were welcomed to the podium. They, in turn, called Conference '99 to order. They thanked everyone for attending the Conference and for their support. President Vincent announced that at 8:30 a.m., a decision was made to cancel all evening meetings because of the impending hurricane. The Conference will reconvene at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, September 17 for the Memorial Service. He then presented President Workman with a bouquet of flowers.

Mike Harkins, Delaware River & Bay Authority, was unable to attend the opening ceremonies; however a "*Chief's*" helmet and plaque for his continued

support of the volunteer fire service will be presented to him at a later date. Norman Tate, Conference Chairman, introduced the Conference co-chairs, Executive Committee, Sheraton staff and asked Committee members to stand and be recognized.

City of Dover Mayor, James Hutchinson, welcomed everyone to the City of Dover; he was honored to be there; and that he would like to showcase the volunteer fire service; this State could never say thanks enough; we have been blessed. He has had the opportunity first-hand to see you firemen at work; you truly represent the best of the best. This State will always be indebted to you. He gave thanks for what you do and hoped and prayed that the hurricane will go out to sea. Whatever the case may be, he knows that you will be there.

President Vincent presented the "***Fireman of the Year***" Award to: **Carleton Carey, Sr.**

1st Vice President Austin introduced the Keynote Speaker, Merri Kay Abby, Vice President of Public Education at the National Fire Protection Assoc., from Quincy, MA, who spoke on the importance of "Fire Prevention Week", participation and being involved in the "Great Escape"; and on the "Wrist Watch" Program, which is a program for tackling fires and burns. It involves talking to schools, keeping kids safe from automobile crashes, poisonings, drownings, bike accidents, unintentional injuries, i.e. things that kill kids. Classroom teachers can be hooked up to teach these lessons and have safety agents support the schools. This has the potential to save kids lives; however, the curriculum is not free. Information on this will be forthcoming.

Mr. Bell announced that this year we have continued to grow and excel in the area of corporate sponsorships. While we have acknowledged each of our Conference '99 sponsors, we ask that everyone take the time to read over them and possibly the sponsors you may come in contact with either during the conference, or in your daily travels, please thank them on behalf of the DFVA and our Ladies Auxiliary for their continued support and community partnership. It should also be mentioned that we have numerous other sponsors who have continued to assist the DVFA each year by donating prizes and sponsoring golf holes at our annual golf tournaments. Please thank them also ! We encourage everyone to visit with and support our many exhibitors. We sincerely appreciate their continued support.

Barry Beck, Chairman, Civilian Recognition Awards Committee, presented awards to the following individuals for their acts of heroism: Paul Ennis, Laurel; Maria Norman, Newark; and Chatrina Knotts.

Bruce Ennis, Chairman, Resolutions Committee, presented resolutions to the following members of the volunteer fire service for 50 years of service:

Aetna:	Edward Hawthorne John W. Hitchens, Jr. Eric G. Mayer	Christiana:	Edward Murphy
Minquadale:	Arthur Carello Edward Hojnicky, Sr.	Delaware City:	James E. Maden, III
Odessa:	Arthur I. Guessford	Hockessin:	Louis J. Amabili
Cheswold:	Phillip Cirrigione	Minquas:	Albert Fleischut Orindo Dibud
Hartly:	James A. Gunter William McFarland	Belvedere:	Thomas Bulah William F. Carroll
Magnolia:	Dawson Hollinger	Frederica:	Willard R. Betts, Sr. William G. Schmick Bradford Holiday Frank Beebe Wallace Wootten
Bethany Beach:	Willis H. Matthews	Bridgeville:	C. Walton Smith Robert J. Bennett
Dagsboro:	Ellison Rickards, Sr.		
Greenwood:	Arthur Jones William E. Jones, Sr. Ralph H. Moore		

Charles Emerson, Chairman, Firefighters Hall of Fame, inducted the following into the Hall of Fame: Eric Haley (Claymont); James Lynch (Odessa), James McMahan (Five Points), Jamie Rossel (Delaware City); Karl Walters (Christiana); J. Allen Metheny (Hartly); and Donald Knight (Magnolia).

George Kerr, Chairman, Scholarship Committee, announced the following winners of scholarships, totaling over \$19,000:

Chris Jones Memorial Award: William Anderson
 CIBA Award: William and Christopher Braxton
 LADVFA Award: Jolene Cross
 Sussex County LADVFA Award: Mark Morris
 Kent County LADVFA Award: Tara Metheny
 New Castle County LADVFA Award: Ann Nelson
 Joseph Hojnicky, Sr. Award: Ronald King
 John/Vicky Pruitt, Sr. Award: Kenneth Wilson
 Past Chiefs Club & Bonnie Shetzler Memorial Award: George Wallace

President Vincent made a special presentation of a clock to the Magnolia Volunteer Fire Co. for hosting the Executive Committee over the last four years.

Lynne Warner, Chairperson, LADVFA Hall of Recognition, inducted the following into the Hall of Recognition:

- New Castle County: Claire Hurst (Brandywine Hundred)
68 years of service

- Kent County: Debbie Zeroles (Farmington)
21 years of service
- Sussex County: Gwendolyn Layton (Ellendale)
: (in memory)
- 1998 LADVFA President: Barbara Metheny (Hartly)

President Vincent announced that Past President Jack Ryan would be celebrating his 87th birthday during the Conference and that he has over 70 consecutive years of service to the fire service.

There being no further business, President Vincent recessed the Conference until noon on Friday, September 17, 1999. Rev. David Paul offered the benediction.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1999 DVFA CONFERENCE
5TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

CALL TO ORDER

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 1999

President Vincent convened the Business meeting of Fifth Annual Conference of the Delaware Volunteer Firemen's Association at 12:30 p.m. Rev. David G. Paul, DVFA Chaplain, offered the Invocation. Salute to the Flag of our Country was led by 1st Vice President Austin.

It was reported that the minutes of the June Executive Committee meeting had been distributed to all Companies and Officers. The Secretary reported that there was one correction: the substitution of Bonnie Workman for Barbara Metheny as a representative of the Conference Site Selection Committee. It was regularly moved by Hal Barber and seconded by Glenn Neese to accept the minutes as corrected and printed. Motion carried.

Convention Appointments by the President:

1. *Credentials:* Tilio A. Suppe, 3, 6 & 12, Marvin L. Sharp, 42 and Ronald E. Marvel, 87
2. *Sergeant at Arms:* Leon Wegman, 7,8 & 8, J. Wallace Hudson, 45, Ira Huffman, 50 and Willis Matthews, 70.

3. *Flowers & Telegrams: Edwin S. Barlow, 20, Roland Neeman, 48 and John E. Bare, Sr., 76.*
4. *Committee to visit Ladies Auxiliary Association Meeting: William Walton, Sr., 25, George A. Diamond, 55, and Roland Neeman, 48.*
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6. *The Parliamentarians are: Arthur I. Guessford, 24, Norman Batchelor, 83 and Morris W. King, 51,*

Convention Ground Rules and Conduct

No Hats and No Smoking in the Hall. *****In order to speak, rise, approach the microphone and be recognized by the Chair. Before addressing the Conference, state your name and the fire company you represent. *** Jamie: The sentences in "bold": are NEVER, EVER adhered to.....**

Roll Call of Officers, Delegates, Alternates and Past Presidents.

Ron Marvel reported that 20 of 21 companies from New Castle County; 17 of 18 companies from Kent County; and 20 of 21 companies from Sussex County were registered for the Conference. A motion by 1st Vice President Austin, seconded by Ron Marvel, to accept Credentials Report as the Roll Call. Motion carried.

Delegates and Alternates

New Castle County

Company	Delegate	Alternate
Aetna	Mike Cook Charles Wollaston	Joseph Bukowski Edward Klima
Brandywine Hundred	Charles Frampton Thomas Finnoccharo	Walter Hurst Michael DiMauro, Jr.
Christiana	Karl M. Walters Willis Hitchens	Tom Berry Tom D'Alessandro
Claymont	Tom DiCristofaro John Perry	Patrick McCarthy, Sr. Patrick McCarthy, Jr.
Cranston Heights	Lynn Truitt	Paul Perrone

	William G. Walton, Jr.	Les Warrick
Delaware City	Jasper H. Lakey Waldemar W Poppe, Jr.	Charles Neel Dennis Havens
Elsmere	Warren F. Jones George B. Giles	Jack Parisi John Bolin
Five Points	Francis E. Williams, III Michael Williams, Sr.	Chuck Hayes Paul Shavack
Good-will	Daniel A. Young J. David Majewski	Curtis Gray Grover P Ingle
Hockessin	Anthony Guzzo Richard Ridgeway	Barry I. Beck Wayne J. Ferrante
Holloway Terrace	Thomas M. Gott William J. Maxwell, Sr.	Melissa Mahoney Paul H. Maxwell
Mill Creek	Leslie McCourt John P. Fox	Francis J. Cahoon W. Dean Simpson
Minquadale	Phil Tielleman Charles Taylor	Joseph W. Hojnicky, Sr. Donna Smallwood
Minquas	David Haines Philip Young	Curtis Clifton Rich Thompson
Odessa	Timothy Lynch David Riddell, Jr.	Charles Johnston David Harwell
Talleyville	Joseph Vattilana Harry E. Warner	Daniel L. Kiley Tom Looney
Townsend	R. Charles Murray Keith Knotts	Keith B. Shoemaker Leonard Wallace
Volunteer Hose	Daniel P. Burris, Sr. Kevin Reinke	David D. Chillas Robert Shetzler
Wilmington Manor	Jeffrey D. Tillinghast James A. Watson	James Johnson James Barlow
Port Penn	Glenn A. Taylor	Dale A. Bendler

	Sean Johnston	Amy Trowbridge
Belvedere	Leroy Landon Linda Marks	Webster Trotter, Jr. Marvin Trotter
<u>Kent County</u>		
North Bowers	Jeffery L. Dennison Leon Shahan	John Moyer, Jr. William Trowbridge
Camden-Wyoming	H. Glenn Neese Richard G. Winchell	Kenneth Reuben Al Thomas
Carlisle	Kevin Twilley William Baker	William B. Chandler Steve Ellingsworth
Cheswold	Manny Carrar Jeffery Eisenbrey	William R. Dempsey, III Josh Dempsey
Citizen's Hose	Arthur Ricker Alan F. Robinson, Jr.	B. Franklin Morris, III Donald Uhlendorff
Clayton	Robert L. Lightcap Robert J. Lightcap	Stephen W. Hudson Thomas G. Rupert
Robbins Hose	Paul Eichler Roger Wolfgang	Kevin McSweeney Robert Bradley
Farmington	Ronald Vincent Joe Zeroles	Jack Bradley Carl Legates
Felton	Charles O. Smith Herman Wagner	William Sipple William Chandler
Frederica	Alvin L. Schmick Ernest Creed	John Johnson Scott White
Harrington	Robert Outten Leroy Calhoun	Ira H. Huffman Harold Fry
Hartly	Clinton Morris Denise Fox	Rich Casson Joe Moran
Houston	Carroll B. Jester Robert H. Yerkes, Jr.	Harry K. Lindale Robert J. Scott

Leipsic	James F. Sipple Anthony Campagnini	Michael J. Greco Martha Wilkinson
Little Creek	Michael Bundek Edward Angwin	Richard Hand, Sr. Donald Opdyke
Magnolia	Robert Lane Ed Semans	Ralph Satterfield Ronald Semans
Marydel	Albert V. Lane Gary Madden	Harry Legates David Snell
South Bowers	William Webb, Jr. Joe Yonker	Dennis Dean, Jr. Chris Clough
<u>Sussex County</u>		
Bethany Beach	Wilbert Powell, Jr. Chad Hickman	Willis Matthews Tom Moore
Blades	Bryan Calloway Wayne Thompson	Ron Kemp Randy Walls
Bridgeville	Douglas C. Jones John Tomeski	Jonathan R. Hastings, Joseph H. Evans
Dagsboro	Mike Hough Gary Cox	Ronn Carey Lin Hudson
Delmar	John I. Morris, Sr. Robert F. Jones	Joseph C. Morris Robert F. Webster
Ellendale	Elmer Ennis Ted Walius	Norman Jones, Sr. Tim Coverdale
Frankford	Leroy Hooper Lloyd Bare	Robert Tribbitt David Tawes
Georgetown	James W. King Robert Ricker	Rodney Marvel Ira Hitchens
Greenwood	Donald E. Donovan, Jr. Roy L. Peterman	Finley B. Jones, Jr. Nelson S. Millman, Jr.

Gumboro	Fred Bare David Dixon	Chester Downes John Downes
Indian River	Alice M. Bruce Steven C. Deery, Jr.	Donald C. Faulkner, Sr. Wilson R. Merchant
Laurel	Ron Scott Clifford "Biff" Lee	Elmer B. Steele Jeff Hill
Lewes	A. Wallace Evans William H. Stevenson, III	Louis A. Rickards Walton A. Reynolds, Jr.
Millsboro	P. Michael Mitchell Richard R. Ward, Sr.	Norman F. Batchelor Chris Cordrey
Millville	Guy Rickards Walter Johnson	Robert Magee Garbriela Evans
Milton	Ray H. Burton John F. Bushey	Dennis J. Hughes John Hopkins
Rehoboth Beach	Dawn M. Lynch Charles H. Snyder	John A. Futchter Sudler Dill
Seaford	James Mitchell Tony DiCarlo	Richard Toulson Steven Mayer
Selbyville	Raymond T. Stevens, Jr. Richard Duncan	Brasure Lynch Howard Pepper, Jr.
Slaughter Beach	Norman Rust Richard Caldwell	Greg Beideman Chris Mills
Roxana	Guy C. Hudson Wayne Bennett	Jeff Lynch Robert Grover

Officers

- [x] Michael H. Vincent, 87,, President
- [x] Stephen P. Austin, 7, 8, & 9, 1st Vice President
- [x] James L. Cabbage, Jr., 45 2nd Vice President
- [x] James E. Turner, III, 45, Secretary
- [x] J. Allen Metheny, P. P., 51, Treasurer
- [x] Tilio Suppe, 3, 6 & 12, New Castle County Dir.

- [x] Marvin L. Sharp, 42, Kent County Director
- [x] Ronald E. Marvel, 87, Sussex County Director
- [x] Donald W. Knight, 55., Immediate Past St President
- [x] Jasper H. Lakey, 15, Director, New Castle
- [x] Clarence R. O'Neal, Jr., 51, Director, Kent
- [x] Dale A. Callaway, 85, Director, Sussex
- [x] Russ Pickett, 43, Assistant Secretary

Past Presidents

- [x] John V. Ryan, 20, 1961
- [x] Clarence Schwatka, 26, 1964
- [] William T. Lowe, 82, 1966
- [] Emanuel J. Harkins, 14, 1967
- [x] Roland Neeman, 48, 1968
- [] Arthur L. Jones, 78, 1969
- [x] Arthur I. Guessford, 24, 1973
- [x] William Paskey, Jr., 48, 1974
- [x] Morris W. King, 51, 1977
- [x] E. James Monihan, 82, 1978
- [x] Raymond H. McCall, 3, 6 & 12, 1979
- [x] Richard E. Ennis, 44, 1980
- [] John E. Bare, Sr., 76, 1981
- [x] William G. Walton, Sr., 16, 1982
- [] Richard C. Mitchell, 86, 1984
- [x] Lawrence Mergenthaler, 21, 1985
- [] Thomas V Baker, Sr., 57, 1986
- [] Robert G. Sweetman, 7 8 & 9, 1988
- [x] M. Frank King, 51, 1989
- [] Walton A. Johnson, Jr., 76, 1990
- [x] Edwin S. Barlow, 20, 1991
- [x] George A. Diamond, 55, 1992
- [x] Elmer B. Steele, 81, 1993
- [x] Harry E. Warner, Jr., 25, 1994
- [x] J. Allen Metheny, 51, 1995
- [x] Lynn J. Rogers, 85, 1996
- [x] Joseph W. Hojnicky, Sr., 1997
- [x] Donald W. Knight, 55, 1998

President Emeritus:

- [x] Louis J. Amabili, 19
- [] Fr. Paul E. Burke, 20
- [] C. Bryan Bennett, 87
- [] Rev. James B. Doughten, 78

- [x] Bruce C. Ennis, 44
- [x] J. Benjamin Roy, Jr., 43
- [] Harvey H. Ryan, 20
- [x] Norman L. Tate, 87

Introduction Of Visitors with brief remarks

Out-of-State Coordinators Report - Stephen P. Austin introduced the following:

Past Chief Gary "Happy Jack" Easton	Berkeley Springs WV Fire Dept.
Executive Director Bill Webb	CFSI
Vice President Tony O'Neill	NFPA
Past President Wayne Baker	Cumberland Valley VFA
Vice President Steve Heefner	Cumberland Valley VFA
Financial Secretary Jim Wharry	Cumberland Valley VFA
Attorney Howard "Scanner" Cohen	Cumberland Valley VFA
Past President/MD Director Wayne Baker	Cumberland Valley VFA
Executive Director P/P John Beaty	WV State Firemen's Association
Vice President Tom Wolford	WV State Firemen's Association
Past President J. Allen Brennan	VA State Firefighters Association
Past President Sharon Brennan	LA VA State Firefighters Assoc.
President Carl Edelin	MSFA
1st VP Roger Steger	MSFA
2 nd VP Jenks Mattingly	MSFA
Sect/ Past President Leonard King	MSFA
Chair Ex. Committee Danny Carpenter	MSFA
Trustee/Past President Clarence Carpenter	MSFA
Trustee/Past President Charlie Riley	MSFA
Trustee Donald Knauer	MSFA
Past President Fred Cross	MSFA
Past President Charles Burton	MSFA
Past President Phil Hurlock	MSFA
Past President Bob Dempsey	MSFA
Past President T.L. Reynolds	MSFA
Past President Bernard Smith	MSFA
Past President Bob Cumberland	MSFA
Past President Joe Robison	MSFA
Danny Carpenter	MSFA Special Events Committee
Lester Downes Jr.	MSFA Executive Committee
Chaplain Harvey Dixon	MSFA
Paul Sterling	MSFA Executive Committee
Past President Joan Cumberland	LA MSFA
President Betty Grabenstein	LA MSFA
Firefighter Richard Grabenstein	District 16 Fire CO. MD
Past Chief Jeff Ringer	Vol. Fire Co. of Halfway MD

President Jim Kimble
 Director Kevin Greenlee
 George Greenlee
 Kenneth Farrall
 Past President Ray Truax
 Assc. Past President Bill Crystle
 Assc. Vice President Merri-K-Appy
 Chief Michael Harshbarger
 Captain Ed St. Louis
 Officer Dave Verkler
 Fire Administrator Jim Burns
 C.E.O. Bob Flemming

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 Chairman Convention "1991"
 Fire Marshal City of Newark
 Delaware Valley Fire Chiefs
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 NFPA
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 State of New York
 ISFSI

Reading of Communications:

The following Communications have been received:

- Rehoboth Beach Fire Company - 6/12/99 - commenting on the Delaware EMS Improvement Committee Report outlining their concerns and suggestions
- Recruitment & Retention meeting minutes of 5/24/99 received on 6/14/99
- Ellendale Fire Company - 6/15/99 - endorsing Dale A. Callaway for 2nd Vice President
- Greenwood Fire Company - 6/15/99 - outlining their concerns on the Delaware EMS Improvement Committee Report and outlining their fire company's recommendations.
- Hartly Fire Company - 6/20/99 - offering comments on HB 332, the Delaware EMS Improvements Legislation.
- Cheswold Fire Company - 6/21/99 - outlining concerns and suggestions on the Delaware EMS Improvement report.
- Recruitment & Retention meeting minutes of 6/13/99 meeting - 6/21/99.
- Sussex County Fire Police Association - 6/22/99 - copy of letter to Sussex County Association advising the Association of their opposition to HB 308, Purple Light Bill.
- Metten & Associates - 6/28/99 - copy of letter to Ken Clendaniel with photographs of the Dedication of the Firemen's Memorial Rededication ceremony held on 6/13/99.

- DVFA Mutual Relief Association - 6/30/99 - requesting a letter of appointment for a member who resigned representing the New Castle County Fire Service.
- Minutes of the DVFA Mutual Relief Association - 6/28/99
- Recruitment & Retention Committee meeting minutes - 6/28/99
- Annual Report received from the DVFA Recruitment & Retention Committee dated 6/30/99.
- Metten & Associates - 7/12/99 - Media Advisory for the Firemen's Memorial Rededication Ceremony, editorial & photograph submitted to Delaware Fire Service News concerning the Memorial rededication and photos, news articles and captions of Sen. Roth's Press Conference held in Dover on 7/6/99
- Cheswold Fire Company - 7/14/99 - informing the Association of a change in their Ambulance Officers
- Metten Associates - 7/19/99 - copy of DVFA response to Ron Williams - News Journal editorial, draft letters to the editor submitted by friends of the DVFA and recommended strategies for meeting the News Journal editorial board.
- LADVFA - 7/23/99 - list of Association deceased members.
- Camden Wyoming Fire Company - 7/24/99 - Questions and comments on the Delaware Emergency Medical Services Improvement Act.
- Treasurer Metheny via email - 7/28/99 commenting on concerns on EMS legislation.
- Kent County 911 Center - 7/28/99 - Comments on EMS legislation.
- Director Suppe - 7/29/99 - Comments on EMS legislation
- President Warren Jones, Elsmere Fire Company - 7/29/99 - comments on EMS Improvement legislation.
- Metten Associates - 8/12/99 - Copies of news articles affecting Delaware Fire Service for the period of 7/15/99 through 8/15/99
- Recruitment & Retention Meeting minutes - 8/2/99 received 8/20/99

- Clayton Fire Company - 8/14/99 - copies of letters to Kent County endorsing James L. Cabbage, Jr. and James E. Turner, III for 1st Vice President & Secretary respectively for the ensuing year.
- Smithfield, VA Fire Department - 8/23/99 - inviting Officers to attend their 60th Anniversary and subsequent response.
- Letter from Mutual Relief - 8/23/99 - soliciting an appointment representing the New Castle Fire Service for a three year term.
- Letter from Kent County Volunteer Firemen's Association - 9/1/99 - endorsing James L. Cabbage, Jr., James E. Turner, III, J. Allen Metheny and Clarence R. O'Neal, Jr., for the offices of First Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and three year Director respectively.
- Letter from Hartly Fire Company - 9/7/99 - endorsing J. Allen Metheny and Clarence R. O'Neal, Jr. for Treasurer and three-year Director respectively.
- Letter from Five Points Fire Company - 9/10/99 - deleting a Delegate, changing a Delegate to an Alternate and appointing Michael Williams, Sr., as the second Delegate.
- Minutes from Recruitment & Retention Committee meeting minutes of 8/30/99 - 9/13/99
- Copy of letter addressed to President Vincent with attachment listing media releases distributed during the year dated 9/12/99 from William M. Metten, Metten Associates, outlining public relations activities accomplished during the year - 9/13/99

The following Communications were disbursed:

- All Fire Company Presidents with the Association's response to News Journal Editorial, copy of letter sent to the Journal by Ben Corballis, MD and Association Dues and Assessments bill - 6/24/99.
- Memo to all Fire Company Presidents - 7/7/99 - report on Legislative activities during the last session of the Delaware General Assembly.
- Letter to Chairman Emerson, Mutual Relief, dated 7/9/99, informing her of the appointment of Dan Burris, Sta. 27, to fill the unexpired term on Mutual Relief representing New Castle County.
- Letter to all Officers concerning the joint informational meeting between the Fire Prevention Commission and Officers concerning the EMS Improvements

legislation on 7/29/99.

- Memo to Treasurer Metheny - 8/2/99 - outlining current inventory of items in the possession of the Secretary and at the State Fire School.
- Memo and copy of EMS Improvement Legislation distributed to all Presidents imploring them to review and offer comments on the EMS legislation - 8/4/99.
- Memo to all Fire Company Presidents informing them of proposed changes to the Association Constitution & By-Laws, informing them of the intention to vote on these changes at the Conference meeting - sent on 8/11/99
- Memo to all Committee Chairs informing them of their responsibility to submit annual reports no later than September 1, 1999 and to submit any Budget requests or requirements to the Finance Committee - sent on 8/11/99.
- Letter to Mutual Relief appointing Daniel Burriss, Volunteer Hose, to the Mutual Relief for a three-year term, dated 8/23/99.
- Letter to State Fire Prevention Commission appointing E. David Bailey, MD, Nicholas Sawyer and Patsy Bennett-Brown to interact with the Commission on behalf of this Association to address Emergency Medical Service issues delegated to the Commission with the passing of HB 332, the EMS Improvement Bill.
- Memo to Fire Company Presidents, with an attached memorandum, announcing the job announcement for the Association's Executive Secretary dated 9/1/99.

A motion was made by James Turner, seconded by James Sipple, that the communications be received and be made a part of the minutes. Motion carried.

Report Of Officers:

President Vincent: thanked Russ Pickett for establishing the DVFA web page and the Conference Committee. He stressed that the average firefighters in the individual fire companies need to be more involved. Everybody needs to feel a part of the DVFA. They don't even know what the DVFA does, or how, or why; where their money comes from, how it gets there and how things work in Dover. It is very important and a challenge to take this information back to the companies. He has been working with the State Chief's Assoc. in sponsoring live, burn training.

09/23/1998	Dover	DVFA Conference	86	10
09/24/1998	Dover	DVFA Conference	8	10.5

09/25/1998	Dover	DVFA Conference	8	11
09/26/1998	Dover	DVFA Conference		12.5
10/02/1998	Dover	Fire Safety Conference	86	5
10/03/1998	Selbyville	Station 88 Anniversary	48	5
10/04/1998	Emmittsburg, MD.	Fallen Firefighters Service	330	8
10/06/1998	Georgetown	Sussex County Council	385	
10/07/1998	Seaford	Station Training	3	3
10/08/1998	New Castle	NCCVFA Meeting	163	5.5
10/13/1998	Workshop	Newark	164	6.5
10/14/1998	Seaford	Station 87 Meeting	3	3
10/17/1998	Delmar	Station 74 Banquet	30	6
10/20/1998	Dover	Commission Meeting	80	8
10/24/1998	Georgetown	Station 77 Banquet	28	5.5
10/27/1998	Millville	SCVFA Meeting	68	6.5
11/07/1998	Roxana	Station 70 Banquet	69	5
11/16/1998	Dover	Commission Workshop	80	5
11/17/1998	Magnolia	DVFA Officer's	68	6.5
11/18/1998	Hartly	KCVFA Meeting	94	5.5
11/24/1998	Dover	Commission Meeting	80	10.5
11/24/1998	Seaford	SCVFA Meeting	3	4
11/30/1998	Dover	DVFA Workshop	80	4.5
12/03/1998	Seaford	HRT Training	3	3.5
12/05/1998	Seaford	HRT Training	3	4
12/05/1998	Seaford	Serve Dinner	3	4.5
12/07/1998	Frankford	AED Re-Cert	73	4
12/07/1998	Dover	Public Safety Meeting Y2K	84	5
12/08/1998	Newark	DVFA Officer's	164	9
12/09/1998	Seaford	Station 87 Meeting	3	3
12/12/1998	Bowers	Station 40 Banquet	78	6

****MV “promised” to submit speech on disk !!!!!!!**

A motion was made by Past President Frank King, seconded by C.O. Smith, to accept the report of the President. Motion carried.

Past President Lawrence Mergenthaler reported that the death benefit legislation is halfway through the Legislature; but feels the fire service should received the same benefits as State employees.

Before 1st Vice President Austin submitted his report, he introduced John Baty, Executive Director, and Tom Wolford, Vice President of the West Virginia Firemens Assoc., who presented a certificate of appreciation to Reed Jones (nephew of Past President Roland Neeman) for his help in making the WVA Firemens Convention a success.

1st Vice President Austin reported the following: It is my distinct pleasure to submit my annual report for the 1999 DVFA year. The Secretary has a detailed listing. Suffice to say, since the June Executive Committee Meeting, I attended 56 events, traveling 4877 miles. Over the year, I attended 158 functions with a total of 20,978 miles traveled.

Under the capable leadership of President Vincent, we enjoyed an outstanding year notwithstanding many troublesome issues that faced us. It is always difficult to pursue an agenda when there is internal change taking place inside an Association.

Your officers and key leaders spoke firmly about the need to change, the need to provide our member companies with increased services, including NFPA committee representation and full-time public relations resources. You recognized the need to become even a bigger player in the fire service world. You approved an Executive Secretary position.

You stepped up to the plate with your dollars in the form of increased dues. You trusted us to do the right thing when it came to the explosive issue of Emergency Medical Services. You supported our objectives in Dover and Washington and trusted us to provide leadership in the 800 MHz crisis.

Most importantly, you allowed us to speak as one fire service. Arguably, we are the best-organized fire service in the United States. But as proud as we are, we must never become complacent. We cannot rest on our past achievements. We must look and act as leaders always setting the agenda rather than reacting to someone else's timetable.

I want to offer special thanks to the Aetna Hose, Hook and Ladder Company for their support and to my Sergeant at Arms, Leon Wegman who has been a faithful friend and brother fireman. I congratulate our Immediate Past President Donald Knight who, as a member of the Fire Prevention Commission, voted 100% in your favor on every vote affecting the fire service. It is a record others should follow that serve on the Commission representing your interests.

Lastly, I cannot heap enough praise on President Mike Vincent. Some of us are fortunate enough to receive support from our employers to do this job. Mike is self-employed. He and Elaine made major sacrifices that will take years to recover in lost income. My personal admiration goes out to the Vincent family for this unselfish dedication.

It has been a singular honor and personal privilege to serve you. Thank you for your friendship and support. A copy of my travel report follows:

Date	Event	City	State	Miles
9/26/98	DVFA Parade	Dover	DE	43
10/1/98	NCC Chiefs	Middletown	DE	34
10/2/98	Governor's Fire Safety Conference	Dover	DE	86
10/3/98	Fallen Firefighters Luminary Service	Emmitsburg	MD	218
10/4/98	Fallen Firefighter Memorial Service	Emmitsburg	MD	46

10/5/98	Congressman Weldon Fire Prevention Press	Media	PA	50
10/12/98	NCC Fire Police	Elsmere	DE	16
10/15/98	Delaware Valley Chiefs	Wilmington	DE	10
10/19/98	Dedication Practice	Westminster	MD	174
10/21/98	Kent County VFA	Milford	DE	124
10/22/98	Burn Foundation F/F Night	Delran	NJ	90
10/22/98	Burn Foundation Board of Directors	Chester	PA	50
10/24/98	Station Dedication	Westminster	MD	147
10/25/98	CVVFA Booster Meeting	Waynesboro	PA	260
10/28/98	State Chiefs	Laurel	DE	174
11/2/98	LADVFA Executive Committee	Dover	DE	86
11/4/98	Vargas Mapping/Secret Service Tour	Washington	DC	200
11/5/98	NC Fire Chiefs	Wilmington	DE	12
11/6/98	NE Fire Expo	Atlantic City	NJ	110
11/9/98	NCC Fire Police	Minquadale	DE	15
11/12/98	NCC Firemen's Association	Marshallton	DE	7
11/13/98	NFPA Fall Meeting	Atlanta	GA	1320
11/18/98	KC Volunteer Firemen's Association	Hartly	DE	86
11/20/98	Keystone Chiefs Directors	Collingdale	PA	60
11/21/98	Gratz Viewing	Rockville	MD	208
11/21/98	Keystone Chiefs Banquet	Collingdale	PA	60
11/22/98	MD Fire Chiefs	Westminster	MD	174
11/23/98	PA Fire Service Institute	Harrisburg	PA	172
11/24/98	Sussex County VFA	Seaford	DE	162
12/5/98	Banquet Aetna H.H.&L	Newark	DE	4
12/8/98	Officers Meeting	Newark	DE	4
12/9/98	CFSI Christmas Party	Washington	DC	204
12/10/98	NC Installation Banquet	Christiana	DE	8
12/11/98	Company Meeting	Newark	De	4
12/13/98	DVFA Executive Meeting	Dover	DE	86
12/13/98	Fire Prevention Awards Ceremony	Dover	DE	0
12/19/98	Clayton Fire Co. Banquet	Clayton	DE	66
1/7/99	Press Conference Terry Spence	Laurel	DE	174
1/7/99	Press Conference Terry Spence	Christiana	DE	10
1/8/99	Company Meeting	Newark	DE	4
1/9/99	Installation Banquet VFC Halfway	Halfway	MD	280
1/11/99	NCC Fire Police	Hockessin	DE	16
1/14/99	Meeting w/President Vincent	Wilmington	DE	0
1/16/99	CSFI Stuffing	Seaford	DE	196
1/16/99	Hockessin VFC Banquet	Hockessin	DE	16
1/20/99	Kent County Meeting	Leipsic	DE	82
1/23/99	Banquet Robbins Hose Co.	Dover	DE	86
1/24/99	Fire Police 50th Planning	Millcreek	DE	12
1/25/99	DVFA R&R Meeting	Leipsic	DE	82
1/26/99	Sussex County Firemen Association	Georgetown	DE	158
1/28/99	Burn Foundation Board of Directors	Philadelphia	PA	70
2/3/99	Meeting Congressman Castle/s Staff	Wilmington	DE	20

2/4/99	NCC Officers	Christiana	DE	10
2/23/99	Sussex County Firemen	Georgetown	DE	158
2/26/99	Georgetown Oyster Eat	Georgetown	DE	158
2/28/99	NCC Fire Police Planning	Hockessin	DE	10
3/1/99	DVFA Officers	Magnolia	DE	100
3/4/99	NJ Chapter IAAI	Atlantic	DE	120
3/5/99	Fire Police Summit	Halfway	MD	280
3/8/99	NCC Fire Police	Holloway	DE	24
3/11/99	NCC Firemen	Odessa	DE	36
3/12/99	Company Meeting	Newark	DE	4
3/14/99	DVFA Executive Committee	Dover	DE	86
3/14/99	Fire Service Summit	Dulles Airport	VA	200
3/16/99	Fire Safe Cigarette Press Conference	Washington	DC	200
3/17/99	FDIC	Indianapolis	IN	1000
3/23/99	Sussex County Meeting	Gumboro	DE	184
3/24/99	DVFA L&L Night	Dover	DE	86
3/25/99	State Chiefs	Wilmington	DE	22
3/28/99	NC Fire Police Planning	Hockessin	DE	10
4/8/99	NCC County Meeting	Talleyville	DE	30
4/9/99	Company Meeting	Newark	DE	3
4/10/99	5 States Presidents	Seaford	DE	196
4/12/99	NCC Fire Police	Millcreek	DE	14
4/13/99	NC EMS Press Conference	Elsmere	DE	2
4/14/99	Senator Roth	Washington	DC	100
4/14/99	Kent County Firemen	Marydel	DE	100
4/21/99	CFSI Dinner	Washington	DE	100
4/25/99	NC Fire Police Planning	Millcreek	DE	14
4/27/99	Sussex County Firemen	Greenwood	DE	138
4/28/99	Burn Foundation Board	Chester	PA	35
5/3/99	Y2K &LADVFA	Dover	DE	86
5/4/99	Firefighters Appreciation Set Up	Dover	DE	86
5/5/99	Firefighter Appreciation Day	Dover	DE	86
5/6/99	NVFC	Jekyell Island	GA	1400
5/10/99	NCC Fire Police	New Castle	DE	36
5/13/99	Electrical Safety Week Award Luncheon	Wilmington	DE	10
5/13/99	NCC Meeting	Townsend	DE	42
5/14/99	IAAI Annual Seminar	Las Vegas	NV	4526
5/14/99	Company Meeting	Newark	DE	3
5/14/99	Gov.'s EMS Task Force	Dover	DE	86
6/1/99	DVFA Officers	Magnolia	DE	100
6/7/99	Lahey Retirement	Delaware City	DE	30
6/7/99	Legislative Hall	Dover	DE	86
6/7/99	Roth Reelection Announcement	Wilmington	DE	10
6/8/99	NCC Officers	Christiana	DE	10
6/8/99	Legislative Hall	Dover	DE	86
6/11/99	Company Meeting	Newark	DE	4
6/13/99	DVFA Executive Committee	Dover	DE	43

6/13/99	Monument Rededication	Dover	DE	2
6/13/99	MSFA Banquet	Ocean City	MD	70
6/14/99	MSFA Convention	Ocean City	MD	5
6/15/99	MSFA Convention	Ocean City	MD	5
6/15/99	Legislative Hall	Dover	DE	140
6/16/99	Meeting w/ Governor Carper	Dover	DE	140
6/16/99	Eastern Chiefs Conference	Ocean City	MD	50
6/17/99	Eastern Chiefs Conference	Ocean City	MD	5
6/18/99	Eastern Chiefs	Ocean City	MD	113
6/21/99	DVFA Officers	Dover	DE	86
6/22/99	Sussex Ct. Firemen	Bridgeville	DE	146
6/23/99	Legislative Hall	Dover	DE	86
6/24/99	Legislative Hall	Dover	DE	43
6/24/99	State Chiefs	Cheswold	DE	44
6/25/99	Gordon Fund Raiser	Wilmington	DE	20
6/27/99	NCC Muster	New Castle	DE	15
6/28/99	NCC Fire Police Planning	Minquadale	DE	22
6/29/99	Legislative Hall	Dover	DE	86
6/30/99	Legislative Hall	Dover	DE	86
7/12/99	NC Fire Police	Odessa	DE	40
7/21/99	Kent County Firemen	Bowers	DE	106
7/22/99	Fire House Expo	Baltimore	MD	112
7/22/99	Fire House Expo	Baltimore	MD	112
7/23/99	Belevdere 50th Anniversary	Belevdere	DE	10
7/23/99	Catilino Funeral	Wilmington	DE	10
7/25/99	NCC Fire Police 50th Planning	Christinia	DE	10
7/27/99	Sussex County Firemen	Blades	DE	164
7/28/99	Burn Foundation	Philadelphia	PA	90
7/29/99	DVFA Officers/Commission	Dover	DE	86
7/31/99	Klima Wedding	Rockville	MD	100
8/1/99	DVFA Officers	Magnolia	DE	100
8/5/99	CVVFA	Newark	DE	3
8/6/99	CVVFA 5 States Presidents	Newark	DE	3
8/7/99	CVVFA Parade	Newark	DE	3
8/8/99	TV Show Planning	Christinia	DE	10
8/10/99	NCC Fire Police	Talleyville	DE	30
8/12/99	NCC Firemen	Port Penn	DE	30
8/13/99	Company Meeting	Newark	DE	3
8/15/99	TV Show	New Castle	DE	22
8/17/99	DVFA Committee Appointments	Clayton	DE	66
8/19/99	Del. Valley Chiefs	Delaware City	DE	20
8/21/99	Company Picnic	Glasgow	DE	12
8/22/99	NCC Fire Police 50th Planning	Millcreek	DE	12
8/23/99	Senator Biden Meeting	New Castle	DE	20
8/24/99	Sussex County Firemen	Indian River	DE	186
8/25/99	WV State Firemen	Canaan	WV	265
8/26/99	WV State Firemen	Canaan	WV	0

8/27/99	IAFC	Kansas City	MO	2172
8/28/99	IAFC	Kansas City	MO	0
8/29/99	IAFC	Kansas City	MO	0
8/30/99	IAFC	Kansas City	MO	0
9/9/99	NCC Firemen	Belvedere	DE	14
9/10/99	Company Meeting	Newark	DE	3
9/12/99	Fire Marshal's Office Dedication	New Castle	DE	22
9/13/99	NCC Fire Police	Five Points	DE	18
9/14/99	DVFA Past Presidents	Dover	DE	43
9/15/99	DVFA Conference	Dover	DE	0
9/16/99	DVFA Conference	Dover	DE	0
9/17/99	DVFA Conference	Dover	DE	0

2nd Vice President Cabbage reported to President Vincent, fellow officers, and members of the Delaware Volunteer Firemen's Association that he submits for your review, his report for the 4th quarter as the 2nd Vice President of the DVFA. I have attended 46 functions, 209.5 hours, and traveled 1608 miles representing the DVFA. My itinerary is as follows:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>MILES</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
9/26/98	DVFA Convention Parade	24	5.0
10/2/98	Governor's Fire Safety Conference	24	5.0
10/5/98	Rep. Curt Weldon FPW Activities Media, PA	115	6.0
10/5/98	FPW Open House (Station 45)	1	1.0
10/6/98	Board Meeting (Station 45)	1	1.0
10/8/98	NCCVFA Meeting (Station 18)	50	3.5
10/21/98	KCVFA Meeting (Station 42)	62	4.0
10/24/98	Fire Station Dedication, Westminster, MD	250	7.5
10/27/98	SCVFA Meeting (Station 84)	142	5.0
11/1/98	Del-Mar-Va Assoc. (Station 51)	18	2.0
11/2/98	DVFA Ladies Aux. Meeting (DSFS)	24	1.5
11/24/98	SCVFA Meeting (Station 86)	120	5.5
11/30/98	DVFA Workshop (DSFS)	25	3.5
12/8/98	DVFA Officer's Meeting (Station 8)	60	5.0
12/10/98	NCCVFA Meeting (Station 12)	64	5.0
12/11/98	Cheswold Banquet (Station 43)	18	3.5
12/13/98	DVFA Executive Committee Meeting (DSFS)	25	4.5
12/13/98	DVFA Fire Prevention Awards	0	1.0
12/16/98	KCVFA Meeting (Station 52)	68	3.5
12/17/98	Fitch Report Review	10	3.0
12/18/98	DVFA Review of Fitch Report	0	6.0
12/19/98	Dedication of Carrow Memorial Hall (Station 45)	1	1.0
12/19/98	Clayton Banquet (Station 45)	1	5.0
1/4/99	Install Citizen's Hose Officers	4	1.0

1/7/99	Speaker Spence Press Conference (Sta 81)	120	3.0
1/7/99	Speaker Spence Press Conference (Sta12)	70	1.5
1/8/99	Bob Romig Reception	70	5.0
1/9/99	MC Hartly Banquet (Station 51)	22	5.0
1/11/99	Install Cheswold Officers	18	1.5
1/12/99	Opening of 140 th General Assembly	24	30.0
1//16/99	CFSI Packet Stuffing (Station 87)	104	5.5
1/16/99	Minquadale Banquet (Station 22)	70	5.0
1/20/99	KCVFA Meeting (Station 53)	20	3.5
1/23/99	Robbins Hose Co. Banquet	26	4.0
1/25/99	DVFA Recruitment Meeting (Station 53)	20	2.5
1/26/99	SCVFA Meeting (Georgetown)	100	5.0
1/28/99	State Fire Chief's Meeting (Station 81)	120	4.0
2/6/99	Five Points Banquet (Station 14)	70	5.5
2/10/99	Joint Finance Hearing (Dover)	12	2.0
2/11/99	NCCVFA Meeting (Station 30)	66	4.0
2/16/99	Funeral/J. Ralph Jefferson (Milton)	62	3.0
3/1/99	DVFA Officer's Meeting (Station 55)	42	3.5
3/5/99	CVVFA Fire Police Summit - Hagerstown	328	17.5
3/12/99	Stevenson Retirement Party (Station 89)	80	5.0
3/14/99	DVFA Executive Committee Meeting (DSFS)	25	5.0
3/17/99	Legislative Hall/HB #64 (Dover)	8	3.0
3/17/99	KCVFA Meeting (Station 55)	42	3.0
3/18/99	FDIC (Indianapolis, IN)	1,194	15.0
3/20/99	Delaware Night at FDIC	0	4.0
3/23/99	SCVFA (Station 79)	134	6.0
3/24/99	Legislative Hall/HB #64 (Dover)	5	4.0
3/24/99	DVFA Legislative Night (Dover)	18	4.0
3/25/99	DSFCA Meeting (Station 32)	58	5.0
4/9/99	Concord Fire Station #3 Dedication	1,620	21.5
4/14/99	Lunch Meeting with Senator William V. Roth	200	7.5
4/14/99	KCVFA Meeting (Station 56)	24	3.5
4/18/99	CFSI Planning Meeting (Wilmington)	72	5.5
4/20/99	IAAI Dinner (Washington, DC)	108	3.0
4/21/99	11 th Annual CFSI Dinner (Washington, DC)	0	10.0
4/22/99	EMS Oversight Committee Public Hearing	52	3.0
4/25/99	DVFA Y2K Meeting (DSFS)	25	2.0
4/27/99	SCVFA Meeting (Station 78)	80	4.0
5/3/99	DVFA Officer's Meeting (DSFS)	24	3.0
5/3/99	Ladies Aux. of DVFA Meeting (DSFS)	0	.5
5/4/99	Bond Bill Hearing (Dover)	10	2.0
5/4/99	Meeting with NIST (Dover)	24	2.0
5/5/99	Legislative Appreciation Day (Dover)	24	3.0
5/5/99	Meeting with Motorola/800 MHz (Dover)	0	1.0
5/8/99	Install Officer's of Del-Mar-VA Assoc.	68	4.0

5/13/99	NCCVFA Meeting (Station 26)	22	3.5
5/15/99	IAAI 50 th Annual Seminar (Las Vegas, NV)	4,846	5.0
5/22/99	Sussex County Legislative Night (Indian River)	125	4.0
5/23/99	Sgt.-at-Arms Wally Hudson's 50 th Anniversary	1	3.0
5/25/99	SCVFA Meeting (Station 77)	100	4.5
6/1/99	Legislative Hall (Dover)	18	5.5
6/1/99	DVFA Officer Meeting (Station 55)	42	3.5
6/3/99	Legislative Hall (Dover)	18	6.5
6/7/99	Senator Roth's Re-Election Announcement	45	2.5
6/7/99	Jasper Lakey Retirement Dinner (Station 15)	25	4.0
6/8/99	Legislative Hall (Dover)	18	2.5
6/8/99	Meeting with speaker Terry Spence (Dover)	0	1.0
6/9/99	Legislative Hall (Dover)	18	5.0
6/10/99	Legislative Hall (Dover)	18	7.5
6/11/99	Pilots Association Boat Trip (Lewes)	110	8.0
6/13/99	DVFA Executive Committee Meeting (Dover)	25	4.0
6/13/99	Re-Dedication of DVFA Monument (Dover)	1	1.5
6/13/99	MSFA Officer's Banquet (Ocean City)	154	9.0
6/14/99	MSFA 107 th Conference (Ocean City)	160	9.0
6/15/99	Legislative Hall (Dover)	15	5.0
6/16/99	Legislative Hall (Dover)	15	4.0
6/16/99	Meeting with Governor Tom Carper (Dover)	0	1.0
6/18/99	Meeting with Rep. Chuck Welch – HB #333	10	1.0
6/21/99	DVFA Officers Meeting – EMS Legis (Dover)	18	5.0
6/22/99	Meeting with speaker Terry Spence (Dover)	18	9.0
6/23/99	Legislative Hall – HB #400 (Dover)	18	5.0
6/23/99	Meeting with Secretary Brian Bushweller	0	3.0
6/24/99	Legislative Hall – HB #332 (Dover)	18	9.5
6/29/99	Legislative Hall (Dover)	18	10.0
6/30/99	Legislative Hall (Dover)	18	15.0
7/3/99	DRBA Boat Trip (Lewes)	109	9.0
7/6/99	Senator Roth's Press Conference	12	1.5
7/8/99	NCCVFA Meeting (Station 32)	60	3.5
7/21/99	KCVFA Meeting (Station 40)	52	4.0
7/28/99	SCVFA Meeting (Station 71)	106	4.0
7/29/99	DVFA Officer's Meeting (Dover)	0	3.0
7/29/99	DVFA Officers and SFPC Meeting – EMS I	12	2.0
8/3/99	Legislative Hall – Special Session (Dover)	12	5.0
8/6/99	CVVFA – 5 States Meeting (Station 9)	66	4.0
8/12/99	NCCVFA Meeting (Station 29)	50	3.5
8/17/99	DVFA Officer's Meeting (Station 45)	1	3.5
8/18/99	KCVFA Meeting (Station 41)	36	4.0
8/23/99	Senator Biden's Reception (New Castle)	60	4.0
8/24/99	SCVFA Meeting (Station 80)	130	5.0
8/25/99	DVFA Conference Reception (Dover)	25	3.0

9/1/99	DVFA Budget Committee (Station 55)	21	1.5
9/1/99	DVFA Officers Meeting (Station 55)	21	3.0
9/8/99	KCVFA Meeting (Station 42)	60	3.5
9/9/99	NCCVFA Meeting (Station 30)	62	3.5

2nd Vice President Cabbage submitted the following annual report: President Vincent, fellow Officers, Delegates, Alternates and Distinguished Guests of the "Fifth Annual Conference" on the 79th Anniversary of the Delaware Volunteer Firemen's Association.

It has been an honor and pleasure to serve with President Vincent, Vice President Austin and my fellow Officers. This past year has been very busy with many major issues affecting the Fire Service in Delaware. The leadership provided by President Vincent has been a beacon for his fellow Officers to follow.

Annual Report

I hereby submit for your review, my report as 2nd Vice President of the DVFA for 1998 – 1999. I attended 120 functions representing the DVFA, traveling a total of 13,068 miles and spent 532.0 hours in the performance of these duties. A complete itinerary is provided to the Officers. I extend sincere appreciation to the Clayton Fire Company; No. 1, Inc., and the Kent County Volunteer Firemen's Association for their support and assistance.

Treasurer, Metheny reported the following balances in DVFA accounts:

DVFA Checking	57,177.15
DVFA Credit	4,159.32
DVFA Pension	162.88
DVFA Savings	35,431.88
Merrill Lynch	77.12
Conference 96 Surplus	47,703.00
Conference Investment	76,500.00
Conference Checking	88,953.19
Money Market Account	785.36

A motion was made by Ray Stevens, seconded by James Watson, to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion carried.

Secretary Turner reported that all Delegates and Alternates had been submitted, along with a current list of Officers and Past Presidents, which was submitted to the Conference Credentials Committee for their use. The Companies have forwarded the names of their Deceased Members that have been referred to the Conference Memorial Program Committee. All Secretary

duties outlined in the Constitution & By-laws had been complied with, including the notification of proposed Constitution & By-Laws changes, which are to be acted upon later in this meeting.

The members will note that they received their '98 Conference proceedings in their Conference packets. In order to curtail costs, the Minute Book was printed and not distributed at County meetings. A copy of the book will be provided to each Company at the next County meeting.

In addition, you will note that approximately 60 pages have been removed from the book. These pages consisted of the Officers travel reports and Auditor report. These reports are on file and available for inspection. All of the meetings chaired by Past President Knight are incorporated within the minute book. The Corresponding Secretary or yours truly typed every page. The benefit of this endeavor cost this Association one half of the previous year's printing cost for the '97 Conference Book., which is approximately \$3,500.00. The printer has graciously provided the Secretary with a completed format including all lists, at no charge. This will insure that future printing costs will be curtailed and or reduced.

A request for Committee reports to respective Committee Chairs was mailed. Reports will be accepted and incorporated into the minutes until October 15.

I would like to sincerely and personally offer my heartfelt thanks to the Clayton Fire Company and the Kent County Volunteer Firemen's Association for their support and endorsement. Last year, due to circumstances beyond our control, I failed to thank Clayton for what occurred one year ago. A special note of thanks must be directed to my Fire Service Family in Clayton for the very caring and professional manner in which they handled the unfortunate loss of "Ace."

I welcome and thank Russ Pickett, Assistant Secretary, for jumping in and supporting this Association since March. His expertise and demeanor in fulfilling the Assistant Secretary's duties are extremely appreciated. As he learns the system, additional duties will be delegated to him.

I would be remiss by not thanking Janice Yerkes, Corresponding Secretary, for her professional and competent endeavors during the past year and especially jumping in feet first to support the Secretary's Office during this trying time.

To the elected Officers I sincerely thank you for their help, aid and assistance during the past year. Also, to my fellow Secretaries of the Fire & EMS

Associations at the State and County levels for their continued professional and timely support, when called upon.

Finally, when you assume the position of this nature, your family suffers to a limited extent. I must acknowledge with love and gratitude to my wife and children for their help and allowing me to devote time to this endeavor. In closing, I congratulate President Vincent on a very busy and fruitful year.

It was regularly moved by the Secretary and seconded by Dale Callaway to accept all reports as written, and that any recommendations requiring action be brought up under the proper Order of Business. Motion carried.

Reports Of Affiliated Associations

***(supposed to submit disk)** NVFC - E. James Monihan: Speaker of the House of Representatives has been asked to hold a hearing on the fire bill; 800 FIRELINE is up and running in 26 states; Health and Human Services announced the development of safe harbor regulations; Senate passed legislation making 911 the emergency number (it is now in the President's office); children's sleepwear legislation – still has a long way to go; the Consumer Product Safety Commission just does not get it; Senator Roth has introduced legislation to instruct them do it; the President has signed legislation that will delay putting hazardous material sites on the internet.

State Fire Chiefs – Elmer B. Steele: The Chief's meeting was cancelled due to Hurricane Floyd and will not be re-scheduled; installation of officers will be held jointly with the Association officers.

State Fire Police – Joseph Brugleria: The Fire Police meeting was cancelled due to Hurricane Floyd and will not be re-scheduled; installation of officers will be held jointly with the Association officers.

NFPA-1720 Committee – Ken McMahon: Committee met on two occasions and are ready to submit the proposal for comments, which should be released at, or about, November 1, along with NVPA-1710 document. There is a 60-day public comment period and then it goes to the office to prepare for the next meeting, which will be in March. The proposal focused mainly on deployment. The other concerns that were on the table are already covered by existing NFPA standards and require few, if any, changes.

Committee Reports

Any Committee desiring to make a further report will be recognized at the microphone.

1. Archives - Charles Emerson: The Committee has contacted Winterthur Museum and the Historical Society of Delaware to determine what could be accomplished to preserve pictures, news clippings, old flags, badges, and banners, etc. Comments are expected in October or November. The Committee has initiated a complete inventory that is taking a considerable amount of time. A new Display case has been ordered and installed in the hallway at the Fire School. The Committee anticipates ordering an identical cabinet this coming year.
2. Civilian Recognition - Barry Beck reported that the Committee recognized three individuals as follows:

Mrs. Chatrina Knotts (Magnolia Fire Co.) On December 1, 1998, the Magnolia Fire Co. responded to an alarm of a mobile home fire on Cypress Branch Road. Arriving firefighters found the dwelling engulfed in flames. Mrs. Chatrina Knotts, without regard for her personal safety, carried her 4-year-old son from the burning mobile home. She returned to the inferno, found her daughter in the master bedroom and ran from the home with the 2 year old child in her arms. Both children were saved from the blaze by the valiant efforts of their mother, Mrs. Knotts. Chatrina Knotts sustained smoke inhalation, and first and second degree burns to her body during this life-saving effort.

Mrs. Maria Norman (Aetna Hose, Hook & Ladder Co.) On May 14, 1999, the Aetna Fire Company responded to a fire at the Chestnut Crossing Apartments. Arriving firefighters found flames shooting from Building 103. Mrs. Maria Norman, driving by on Route 4, saw flames coming from a third floor window. She parked her car, ran to the burning building and began banging on apartment doors to tell residents of the fire. She pushed open the door of the burning apartment, heard crying from the back of the apartment and located a 4 year old child. She took her in her arms and started for the door, then noticed a woman holding a small child, burned and standing motionless in the apartment. Mrs. Norman moved the woman and two children onto a landing where the woman collapsed. The 18-month-old child and his mother suffered first and second degree burns, and 21 apartment units were damaged by fire. Undoubtedly Mrs. Norman saved the lives of 3 fire victims, and others from injury due to her courageous actions.

Mr. Paul Ennis (Laurel Fire Dept.) On June 2, 1999, Mr. Paul Ennis was working in his yard when he heard cries for help at the Laurel Mill Dam in Laurel. Mr. Ennis ran to the edge of the pond and learned that a woman's

4-year-old son had fallen into the water and could not be seen. He jumped into the water, located the child and carried him to safety. He placed the boy on his back and began to check for breathing and a pulse, but none was found. Mr. Ennis began CPR until relieved by ambulance personnel. The child was transported to the Nanticoke Hospital, admitted and later released after a brief recuperation period. The immediate actions of Mr. Ennis and his previous life-saving training saved the child's life.

3. Delaware Emergency Operations Plan - Jamie Turner reported that the Committee has met once during the year. The Committee is currently waiting for a compact disk with all of the Emergency Response Plans. When the disk is received, the Committee will review the plans and offer recommendations to the Association, following meetings with local and County fire service leaders.
4. Finance & Auditing - George J. Pyott, Jr. reported the Proposed Operating Budget of the DVFA for Fiscal Year 2000. We attempted to honor all the requests that we received. The Committee would like to thank J. Allen Metheny, Sr., DVFA Treasurer, and the rest of the DVFA Officers for their assistance in the preparation of the FY-2000 Budget. The proposed Budget is as follows:

Revenue

General Operating Receipts:		\$240,000
General Operations 60 @ \$1,000.	\$60,000	
Annual Conference Fees 60 @ \$1,000	\$60,000	
Executive Secretary 60 @\$1,675.	\$100,500	
Del. Fire Service News 60 @ \$125.	\$7,500	
Public Relations Firm 60 @ \$100.	\$6,000	
NFPA Committee Participation. 60 @ \$100.	\$6,000	
Donations: Fire Prevention		\$100
" Other		\$0
DVFA Match - Fire Prevention Funds		\$3,500
Interest		\$2,000
Legislative Night		\$5,600
Partners in Progress - Corporate Sponsors		\$2,000
Sale - DVFA Souvenirs		\$200
Transferred from Savings		<u>\$0</u>
Total Operating Receipts		<u><u>\$253,400</u></u>
SPECIAL PROGRAM RECEIPTS		
CISM Reimbursements from State		\$5,000
Fire Caucus Dinner - Association Members		\$42,500

Pension Fund - Association Members	\$900,000
Scholarship Program - Corporate Donations	\$10,000
Fire Prevention Program - State Matching	\$96,500
Total Special Program Receipts	<u>\$1,054,000</u>

Grand Total: All Receipts \$1,307,400

Disbursements

General Operating Disbursements:

Administrative Supplies and Printing	\$11,000
Clerical Support	\$300
Archives/Hall of Fame	\$4,000
Audit and Legal Fees	\$2,700
Civilian Recognition	\$100
DVFA Souvenirs	\$500
Fire Caucus Dinner - DVFA Expenses	\$1,000
Fire Prevention	\$7,000
Fireman of the Year	\$200
Flowers	\$500
Gifts and Badges	\$1,500
Legislative Expenses	----
Legislative Night	\$7,000
Professional Services	\$2,000
Meeting Expenses	-----
Executive Meeting Luncheons	\$300
National Volunteer Fire Council	\$3,000
Officers Conference/Meeting Expenses	\$4,000
Out of State Coordinator	\$2,500
National Dues	\$800
Officers Expenses	\$7,850
Partners in Progress	\$250
Permanent Memorial	\$500
Recruitment and Retention	\$5,000
Scholarship Program- DVFA Funding	\$4,500
Annual Conferences Expenses	\$60,000
Executive Secretary	\$100,500
Delaware Fire Service News	\$7,500
Public Relations Firm	\$6,000
NFPA Committee Participation	\$6,000
Miscellaneous	\$0
Transfer to Savings	\$6,900
Total Operating Disbursements	<u>\$253,400</u>

Special Programs Disbursements:

CISM Expenses	\$5,000
Fire Caucus Dinner - Association Members	\$42,500
Pension Fund - Association Members	\$900,000
Scholarship Program Reserve	\$10,000
Fire Prevention - State Matching Funds	\$96,500
Total Special Programs Disbursements	<u>\$1,054,000</u>

Grand Total - Operating Disbursements

And Special Programs Disbursements \$1,307,400

The Committee respectfully requests your support in the adoption of the Proposed Operating Budget. George J. Pyott, Jr., Chairman, Raymond T Stevens, Jr., and Clarence A. Schwatka, Jr. unanimously submitted the report.

5. Out of State Coordinator - Steve Austin reported the report of Committee Activities before the 1999 Conference. The Committee is responsible for coordination of travel and events for the DVFA outside of the borders of Delaware, as well as invitation and reception of invited out-of-state guests at the Annual Conference. A final, full conference report will be provided listing those who attended in their official fire service capacity.

During the 1999 DVFA year, we sent delegations to the following events:

Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service, Maryland State Fire Chiefs Association, Fire Department Instructors Conference, CFSI National Fire and Emergency Services Dinner, Maryland State Firemen's Convention, Eastern Division IAFC, Delmarva Volunteer Firemen's Association, Cumberland Valley Volunteer Firemen's Association, WV State Firemen's Association, and Fire and Rescue International

Special thanks go out to Provident Agency, a DVFA Partner-in-Progress, who provide funds in support of our receptions in Indianapolis and Washington. On behalf of the Committee, we thank those who traveled with us. We recognized the members who assisted in working these events in June by providing them with special DVFA logo shirts. We invite all members of the Delaware Fire Service to join us for future out of state travel.

6. Partners In Progress - J. Allen Metheny reported during the past year, the members of the "Partners-In-Progress" Committee has worked to retain

our continuing partners and to acquire new ones. We wish to report on our success during your term as President of the Delaware Volunteer Firemen's Association.

The following presents our "Partners" for 1999. They have supported us by sponsoring out-of state receptions, by enhancing our scholarship program, and by supporting various events for this Conference or providing goods or services for your Conference enjoyment. Without their support, we would not enjoy many of our events during the year or be able to award all of the scholarships that are awarded each year.

During this year, we have received over \$45,000 in revenue towards the Conference, over \$23,000 in donated services or goods, and over \$14,000 in scholarship and other donations. This represents over \$82,000 that our "Partners-In-Progress" have contributed to us. I just ask that we, the Delaware Volunteer Fire Service, return the favor by supporting those businesses.

I want to thank all of the Committee members for their support during the year. I want to also thank Norman Tate and Bill Bell for all of their help with Conference supporters. Without everyone's help, we would not have a successful program.

The following businesses have supported the Delaware Volunteer Firemen's Association and our Ladies Auxiliaries through our "Partners-In-Progress" program during 1999. We ask that you give these businesses your consideration by supporting them for your needs. These companies are helping us; so please help them!!

The President's Club - Mellon Bank and Delaware River and Bay Authority

The Chief's Club - Allsafe Fire Equipment Company

The Deputy Chief's Club - Wilmington Trust Company, Motorola Communications, and Kent County Tourism/City Of Dover, Mayor & Administration

The Assistant's Chief's Club - VFIS, Provident Insurance Company, and PNC Bank

The Captain's Club - Wilmington Professional Associates, New Castle County Government, Kent County Levy Court, Sussex County Council, Doctors For Emergency Services, Artisans Bank, Comcast Cellular Communications, Motiva, Dover Downs, Standard Distributors, Dover

Sheraton Conference Center, Bell Atlantic Mobile. Angersteins, CIBA-GEIGY, Chemical Council Of Delaware, and Minquadale Fire Company

The Lieutenant's Club - Spicer-Millikin Funeral Homes - Harvey C. Smith, Jr., Drager Safety, Inc., RWM Specialties, Pepsi Cola, Capitol School District, D.P. Fire & Safety Equipment Co., Guardian Fire Equipment Co., and Christiana Fire Company

THE FIREFIGHTER'S CLUB - Commerce National Insurance, Macdermid, Inc., MBNA Bank, Robbins Hose Company, Print Shack of Seaford, Harley Davidson of Seaford

We thank our "Partners" and ask that you support them with your business!

7. Recruitment & Retention – Ken Pyle/Steve Ellingsworth reported on the Committee's accomplishments during the past year. These included the development of a sample Fire Company and Ladies Auxiliary questionnaire, development of a Retention program, presentations of the Retention Program at New Castle County President's meeting of the LANCCVFA, LADVFA Executive Committee meeting, Hockessin and Tallleyville Auxiliary and the DelMarVa Association meetings, and the Annual Conference. The Committee has completed an inventory of the Trailer. Follow-up letters to ladies auxiliaries has been completed. The Committee presented a recruitment program at Glasgow High School. They have surveyed the Kent and New Castle County Companies concerning their Junior Member programs, as well as, Recruitment & Retention programs used by Companies in New Castle County. The Committee participated in the following events: Blue Rocks, State Fair, Apple Scrapple Festival, Punkin' Chunkin', Delaware City Day and our Conference. All Companies and Auxiliaries are invited to attend Committee meetings in Leipsic on the last Monday of the month and have been informed by letter of our meeting schedule.
8. Resolutions - Bruce C. Ennis reported that the following resolutions have been drafted and presented during the Conference:

Resolution #1

WHEREAS: The Delaware Volunteer Firemen's Association meets in Conference once during the calendar year. And

WHEREAS: The 79th Annual Conference of this Association is being held in Dover on September 16, 17, and 18, 1999 with the Delaware Volunteer Firemen's and Ladies Auxiliary Associations serving as hosts. And

WHEREAS: It is the practice of this Association to pay tribute to individuals who have rendered outstanding and dedicated service to their community, County, the State of Delaware and the volunteer fire service. And

WHEREAS: The Association, in an effort to recognize outstanding actions of community members, created a Civilian Recognition Committee to review and recommend to the Association civilians worthy of recognition for their actions. And

WHEREAS: This individual, on December 1, 1998, without regard for her personal safety, carried her 4-year-old son from the heavily engulfed mobile home. She returned to the burning trailer, found her daughter in the master bedroom and ran from the home with the 2 year old child in her arms. And

WHEREAS: Chartrina Knotts, sustained smoke inhalation, and first and second-degree burns to her body during this life-saving effort.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the attendees of the 79th Annual Delaware Volunteer Firemen's Association Conference take great pride in honoring the actions of Chartrina Knotts in the rescue of her children, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That this Resolution be spread upon the minutes of this Conference and the original be presented to Chartrina Knotts during the Opening Ceremonies of the 78th Annual DVFA Conference.

Resolution #2

WHEREAS: the Delaware Volunteer Firemen's Association meets in Conference once during the calendar year. And

WHEREAS: the 79th Annual Conference of this Association is being held in Dover on September 16, 17, and 18, 1999 with the Delaware Volunteer Firemen's and Ladies Auxiliary Associations serving as hosts. And

WHEREAS: it is the practice of this Association to pay tribute to individuals who have rendered outstanding and dedicated service to their community, County, the State of Delaware and the volunteer fire service. And

WHEREAS: the Association, in an effort to recognize outstanding actions of community members, created a Civilian Recognition Committee to review and recommend to the Association civilians worthy of recognition for their actions. And

WHEREAS: this individual, on May 14, 1999, without regard for her personal safety, driving by on Route 4, saw flames coming from a third floor window. She parked her car, ran to the burning building, and began banging on apartment doors to tell residents of the fire. She pushed open the door of the burning apartment, heard crying from the back of the apartment, and located a 4-year-old child. She took her in her arms and started for the door, then noticed a woman holding a small child, burned and standing motionless in the apartment. She moved the woman and two children onto a landing where the woman collapsed. The 18-month-old child and his mother suffered first and second degree burns, and 21 apartment units were damaged by fire. And

WHEREAS: Mrs. Maria Norman, saved the lives of 3 fire victims, and others from injury due to her courageous actions.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the attendees of the 79th Annual Delaware Volunteer Firemen's Association Conference take great pride in honoring the actions of Maria Norman in effecting the notification and rescue of the residents at Building 103 Chestnut Crossing Apartments. And

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That this Resolution be spread upon the minutes of this Conference and the original be presented to Maria Norman during the Opening Ceremonies of the 78th Annual DVFA Conference.

Resolution #3

WHEREAS: the Delaware Volunteer Firemen's Association meets in Conference once during the calendar year. And

WHEREAS: the 79th Annual Conference of this Association is being held in Dover on September 16, 17, and 18, 1999 with the Delaware Volunteer Firemen's and Ladies Auxiliary Associations serving as hosts. And

WHEREAS: it is the practice of this Association to pay tribute to individuals who have rendered outstanding and dedicated service to their community, County, the State of Delaware and the volunteer fire service. And

WHEREAS: the Association, in an effort to recognize outstanding actions of community members, created a Civilian Recognition Committee to review and recommend to the Association civilians worthy of recognition for their actions. And

WHEREAS: this individual, on June 2, 1999, was working in his yard when he heard cries for help at the Laurel Mill Dam in Laurel, Delaware. He ran to the edge of the pond and learned that a woman's 4-year-old son had fallen into the water and could not be found. He jumped into the water, located the child, and carried him to safety. He placed the boy on his back and began to check for breathing and pulse, but none was found. The individual began CPR until relieved by ambulance personnel. The child was transported to the Nanticoke Hospital, admitted, and later released after a brief recuperation period. And

WHEREAS: The immediate actions taken and his previous life-saving training saved the child's life.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the attendees of the 79th Annual Delaware Volunteer Firemen's Association Conference take great pride in honoring the actions of Paul Ennis in effecting the rescue and life saving efforts. And

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That this Resolution be spread upon the minutes of this Conference and the original be presented to Paul Ennis during the Opening Ceremonies of the 78th Annual DVFA Conference.

Resolution #4

WHEREAS: the Delaware Volunteer Firemen's Association meets in Conference once during the calendar year, And

WHEREAS: the 79th Convention and 5th Annual Conference of this Association is being held in Dover on September 16, 17, and 18, 1999 with the Delaware Volunteer Firemen's and Ladies Auxiliary Associations serving as hosts, And:

WHEREAS: the 5th Annual Conference Committee has planned and executed in every detail of the Annual Conference including the display of equipment and related items of the fire, rescue, and emergency medical services by various manufacturers and distributors. And:

WHEREAS: the displays allow the attendees of the Conference the opportunity to view and become familiar with the ever-changing technology and advances in the fire, rescue, and emergency service profession.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the attendees of the 79th Annual Delaware Volunteer Firemen's Association Conference hereby take great pride in extending the sincere appreciation and thanks to the Companies which have participated in providing the displays and exhibits for contributing to the success of the 5th Annual Conference Committee. And:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That this Resolution be spread upon the minutes of this Conference and the original be provided to the individuals, Companies, and Distributors present at the 79th Annual DVFA Convention and 5th Annual Conference.

Resolution # 5

WHEREAS: the Delaware Volunteer Firemen's Association meets in Conference once during the calendar year, And

WHEREAS: the 79th Convention and 5th Annual Conference of this Association is being held in Dover on September 16, 17, and 18, 1999 with the Delaware Volunteer Firemen's and Ladies Auxiliary Associations serving as hosts, And:

WHEREAS: one of the integral parts of the Annual Convention and Conference is the opportunity to pay our respects to our deceased members at the Association Memorial Service. And:

WHEREAS: Philip S. Young, Senior Instructor, Delaware State Fire School has played an integral part in planning, developing and presenting the Annual Memorial Panorama for the last ten years. The development of which demands numerous hours and intense concentration. AND:

WHEREAS: Philip S. Young has voluntarily relinquished this responsibility for coordinating this program to other staff members at the Fire School.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the attendees of the 79th Annual Delaware Volunteer Firemen's Association Convention and 5th Annual Conference hereby

take great pride in extending sincere, heart-felt thanks and appreciation and thanks to Philip S. Young for his personal commitment in developing and presenting the Annual Memorial Panorama for the last ten years. And:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That this Resolution be spread upon the minutes of this 5th Annual Conference and the original be provided to Philip S. Young, Senior Instructor, Delaware State Fire School during an appropriate time at the 79th Annual DVFA Convention and 5th Annual Conference.

Resolution # 6

WHEREAS: the Delaware Volunteer Firemen's Association meets in Conference once during the calendar year, And

WHEREAS: the 79th Convention and 5th Annual Conference of this Association is being held in Dover on September 16, 17, and 18, 1999 with the Delaware Volunteer Firemen's and Ladies Auxiliary Associations serving as hosts, And:

WHEREAS: the 5th Annual Conference Committee has planned and executed in every detail of the Annual Conference in such a manner as to reflect great credit to their officers and members, and have made every effort to assure for the convenience and pleasure of all delegates, alternates, members, firefighters, ladies and guests of this Conference. And:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the attendees of the 79th Annual Delaware Volunteer Firemen's Association Conference hereby take great pride in extending the sincere appreciation and thanks to the members of the 5th Annual Conference Committee for arranging and conducting a most successful Conference. And:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That this Resolution be spread upon the minutes of this Conference and the original be presented to the Conference Committee during the Opening Ceremonies of the 79th Annual DVFA Convention and 5th Annual Conference.

9. Voter Registration - Harold Barber reported that the Committee's main goal is to register new members of fire companies and ladies auxiliaries to vote; have current members file any name, address, or party affiliation changes; or any errors on their current voting form. The Voter Registration Booth is available for assistance to the members during our Conference.

NOMINATION OF OFFICERS

President – Stephen P. Austin - (letter received) Nominated by: Charles Wollaston, and seconded by Past President Raymond McCall. There being no further nominations, it was regularly moved by Past President Roland Neeman and seconded by Doug Jones, that the nominations be closed. Motion carried.

1st Vice President – James L. Cabbage, Jr. - (letter received) nominated by: Wallace Hudson and seconded by Steve Hudson . There being no further

nominations, it was regularly moved by Past President Roland Neeman and seconded by Glenn Neese that the nominations be closed. Motion carried.

2nd Vice President –Dale A. Callaway. - (letter received) nominated by: Past President Lynn Rogers and seconded by John Bushey. There being no further nominations, it was regularly moved by Past President James Monihan and seconded by Past President Elmer Steele that the nominations be closed. Motion carried.

Secretary - James E. Turner, III - (letter received) nominated by: Wallace Hudson and seconded by Steve Hudson. There being no further nominations, it was regularly moved by William Bell and seconded by Past President Elmer Steele that the nominations be closed. Motion carried.

Treasurer: J. Allen Metheny - (letter received) nominated by: C. Rod O'Neal and seconded by Past President Morris King. There being no further nominations, it was regularly moved by Jasper Lakey and seconded by Past President Lynn Rogers that the nominations be closed. Motion carried.

Director (Kent County For 3 Years) – Clarence R. O'Neal, Jr. – (letter received) nominated by Past President J. Allen Metheny and seconded by James Cabbage. There being no further nominations, it was regularly moved by Past President Roland Neeman and seconded by Glenn Neese that the nominations be closed. Motion carried.

Director (Sussex County) filling unexpired term of Director Callaway: James W. King (letter received) nominated by Ray Stevens and seconded by Clay Yocum. There being no further nominations, it was regularly moved by Past President Elmer Steele and seconded by President Emeritus Lou Amabili that the nominations be closed. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Warren Jones, Chairman, Constitution & By-laws Committee, submitted constitutional changes to Article 5, Section 1 to read as follows: "The Constitution may be amended, or revised, at any Executive Committee meeting or annual Conference by a vote of two-thirds of the delegates and voting providing the proposed amendment or revision has been submitted to the Executive Committee meeting at least 30 days prior. The Secretary will mail the copies to all companies 15 days previous to the meeting." This revision to the Constitution makes it possible for changes to the Constitution to be made at Executive Committee meetings, as well as at the annual Conference. A motion was made by Ron Marvel, seconded by Guy Hudson, to accept the change Article 5, Section 1 of the constitution as submitted by Warren Jones. Motion carried.

Warren Jones submitted a change in the Constitution which updates the dues structure, which increases the annual dues to \$4,000. Hal Barber was concerned that it would create a problem under the First Amendment. There being no further discussion, a motion was made by Ron Marvel, seconded by Glenn Neese, to adopt the increase in dues. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by George Pyott, seconded by Ray Stevens that the FY 2000 Budget be adopted as presented. Motion carried.

1st Vice President Austin announced the new structure of the Legislative Committee, which will consist of a chair from each county and a person in charge, who is Mike Vincent. The co-chairs are: Donald Knight and John Mitchell, who will remain the registered lobbyist for the DVFA until the Executive Secretary is appointed. Other members are: Clarence Schwatka, Richard Winchell, Lawrence Mergenthaler, Finley Jones, Lynn Rogers, Bruce Ennis and Biff Lee.

It was regularly moved by Bruce Ennis and seconded by Glenn Neese to adopt the resolutions as submitted and make them a part of the minutes of the proceedings of this Conference. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Past President Lynn Rogers and seconded by Jasper Lakey to have President Vincent cast unanimous ballots for the Offices of President, 1st & 2nd Vice Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, Director for Kent County for 3 years and Director for Sussex County for fill the unexpired term of Director Callaway. Motion carried.

Payment of Bills

The Treasurer submitted the following bills for approval:

Jackie Guzzo	Supplies	\$(74.17)
John's Woodworking	Cabinets	\$(1,050.00)
Rogers Signs	Lakey/Kippenburg	\$(215.00)
Visa Card	Postage	\$(835.61)
Del. Fire Service News	Adv. Jun/Jul Issue	\$(1,200.00)
Jen Mor Florist	Bushweller	\$(42.50)
Steve Ellingsworth	Pens	\$(588.20)
Kent Co CISD	Reimbursement	\$(648.56)
James E. Turner, III	Postage	\$(15.84)
Del. State Fire School	Printing	\$(188.80)

Ed. Klima	Raceway Mtg.	\$(406.50)
Mastercraft Welding	Railings	\$(680.00)
Bill Metten & Assoc.	Pr Services	\$(3,095.65)
Kenneth McMahon	Mtg. Exp.	\$(666.94)
DVFA Conference Acct.	Repay Loan	\$(20,000.00)
DTCC	Scholarships	\$(7,800.00)
Jefferson Medical College	1 Scholarship	\$(2,500.00)
Wilmington College Scholarship	Scholarship	\$(2,500.00)
University Of Delaware	1 Scholarship	\$(2,500.00)
DTCC	Scholarships	\$(3,300.00)
Transfer Money		\$(35,000.00)
Visa Card	Postage	\$(705.73)
Jen Mor Florist	Biden Family	\$(33.50)
Bobola Farms Florist	Crosses	\$(130.00)
M & M Trophies	Plaques	\$(668.18)
M & M Trophies	Plaques	\$(31.88)
Bennett's Action Glass	Glass Doors	\$(1,310.00)
Delaware State Fire School	Postage	\$(18.81)
DVFA Conference Acct.	Assessment	\$(60,000.00)
Records Gebhart Agency	Bond Ins.	\$(278.00)
Delaware State Fire School	Postage	\$(95.59)
Delaware Fire Service News	Aug/Sept Issue	\$(1,200.00)
Denton Fire Co.	Trophy Sponsor	\$(25.00)
Visa Card	Postage	\$(378.38)
M & M Trophies	Chap. Hardware	\$(100.60)
Shane Quality Press	98 Conf Min Books	\$(3460.00)
Janice Yerkes	Conference Fee	\$(300.00)
Delaware State Fire School	Printing	\$(559.60)
James E. Turner, III	Supply Reimb	\$(348.88)
		\$(152,951.92)

It was regularly moved by Mike Mitchell and seconded by Richard Ward that the bills be allowed and paid. Motion carried.

Recognition of Exhibitors: It was announced that resolutions of appreciation will be presented to the exhibitors at their respective booths.

Good Of the Association

Past President Mergenthaler expressed his gratitude to Representatives Ennis and Lee for all their assistance in the Legislature. President Vincent echoed these sentiments and also for their daily support.

A delegation from the LADVFA was welcomed to the Conference, at which time they extended greetings and expressed best wishes for a successful conference. Charles O. Smith announced that flowers were placed at the Firemens Memorial.

There being no further business, Rev. David Paul, DVFA Chaplain, offered the Benediction.

President Vincent declared that the Conference would be in recess until 4:00 p.m., Friday, September 17, 1999 for Installation of Officers. He further reminded the Delegates, Alternates, Past Presidents and Officers of the next day's events, with the Memorial Service commencing at 8:30 a.m., followed by the Annual Conference Luncheon, at 12:00 p.m.. The business meeting was recessed at 2:00 p.m.

DVFA LUNCHEON

September 17, 1999 - 12:00 p.m.
Sheraton Hotel - Dover, DE

Master of Ceremonies, Lou Amabili called the luncheon to order at 12:00 in the Champagne Ballroom of the Sheraton Hotel, followed by the Invocation by Rev. David Paul.

Distinguished guests in attendance were: U.S. Senators William Roth, Joe Biden; Congressman Mike Castle, Governor Tom Carper, Lt. Governor Ruth Ann Minner, Attorney General Jane Brady, State Auditor Tom Wagner, Speaker of the House Terry Spence; State Senators: Dori Connor, Nancy Cook, Gary Simpson, and John Still. State Representatives: George Carey, Richard Cathcard, Bruce Ennis, Tina Fallon, Biff Lee, Roger Roy, Donna Stone, Nancy Wagner, Chuck Welch, and Charles West; New Castle County Executive Tom Gordon, Kent County Levy Court Commissioners: President, Jack Peterman, Paul Davis, David Burris; Sussex County Council: Lynn Rogers, Finley Jones, Administrator, Bob Stickles; Rob Book and Marlene Elliott (Sen. Roth's office); Kevin Smith (Sen. Biden's office); Dr. Gregg Sylvester, Secretary, DH&SS; Tom Cook, State Election Commissioner; State Fire Prevention Commissioners; Bill Webb, Executive Director, CFIS; John Baty, Executive Director, WVA Firemens Assoc.; and Sal DiSalvio(?sp), Fire Service News.

Past Presidents in attendance were: Clarence Schwatka; Edwin Barlow; William Walton, Sr.; Donald Knight; Joseph Hojnicky, Sr.; William Paskey; Richard Ennis; James Monihan; Roland Neeman; Arthur Guessford; Frank King; Elmer Steele; George Diamond; Morris King; Allen Metheny; Harry Warner; Lynn Rogers; Lawrence Mergenthaler; and John Ryan.

Following lunch, the officers of the LADVFA extended greetings and reported that the Ladies Auxiliaries made cash donations of \$519,421.57 to the fire companies throughout the state. Mr. Amabili introduced Andy Klinger of Mellon Bank, who are sponsors of the luncheon. Mr. Klinger welcomed everyone, thanked the fire service for the support given Mellon Bank and then presented a check in the amount of \$10,000 to the DVFA. Mr. Amabili then introduced Kevin Greenley of Allsafe Fire and Equipment, and a *Partners-in-Progress* sponsor, who presented a check in the amount of \$6,500 to the DVFA.

Governor Carper thanked all of you who work tirelessly and for saving lives. Everyone did a terrific job during Hurricane Floyd. He attended the dedication of the training center in New Castle County; now every county in this State has a training facility. Delaware was the first state to have a public safety radio system in 1992.

Lt. Gov. Minner wanted to apologize for addressing the firemen of the state as "men", when women now serve as firefighters also. Thank you for all you do; the ladies auxiliaries and all the help that they give. She is looking at 911 and how we respond; we do not know how the handicapped people are living; looking at working with the telephone companies and the committees, DHSS, as well as the medical profession. Anyone who wants that information, it will allow them to sign a form and give it to the fire department. If we can help one person who is handicapped, you can be better prepared when you respond.

Senator Roth thanked everyone for all they have done to make this state safer. He is very proud to be the Chairman of the Congressional Fire Institute Caucus. He extended his thanks for the cooperation and support given to him. In times like these, we know who the heroes are; protecting individuals/families from national disasters, protection from manmade catastrophies; responding to serious accidents. You are promoting a sense of community, a sense of safety; your service is second to none. It is important that you have the best training possible. You must be prepared to protect yourself. He has secured Federal funding to help get the necessary training to the Justice Dept. through the First Responder National Program. Legislation has been introduced to implement tougher standards on sleepwear for children. He was upset that they relaxed the safety standards; his legislation will overturn this requirement. He then presented President Vincent with a certification of appreciation for his leadership and hard work during the past year.

Senator Biden stated that the firemen take a lot of heat; it is important to make the public aware of the lives you save. You work hard and don't expect anything in return; it took something like the hurricane to make you proud; people don't have any notion of what you do; you have all kinds of reasons to be proud; you are the proudest organization in this state.

Congressman Castle stated that Delaware is the most represented state at the CFSI caucus dinner. You do make a difference; you do exceptional work. He will do all he can in Washington for the fire service. President Vincent has done an exceptional job and commended him for his leadership. He presented 1st Vice President Austin with a signed poster of wrestler "Stone Cold Steve Austin". He thanked everyone for getting everyone through Hurricane Floyd.

State Auditor Wagner commended everyone on their absolute dedication to saving lives, which results in a \$96,000,000 savings to the citizens of Delaware.

Attorney General Brady stressed the importance in the role the firefighters play in our daily lives.

Speaker of the House Spence reiterated that you are the ones who are the heroes; you are the ones who make it happen. A lot of good things have happened over the years. We have built a partnership; we are one fortunate state; we share the good times, as well as the bad times. Legislation will be re-introduced granting a college tuition reimbursement for firefighters; the tax credit was increased this year; you save this State millions of dollars with your volunteer services. He will be honoring Mike Vincent and Steve Austin with a special tribute in January. You are the heroes and we appreciate everything you do.

President, Kent County Levy Court Jack Peterman emphasized how much the fire service is appreciated and needed. He is proud to be associated with an organization like this.

Convention Chairman, Norman Tate recognized and thanked Mellon Bank; Kent County Tourism; the Sheraton Inn; Delaware River Basin Authority; Past Presidents Arthur Guessford, Frank King and Allen Metheny and President, Vincent. President Vincent presented a resolution for 50 years of service to Past President Arthur Guessford.

President, Delaware Fire Chief's Association Elmer Steele presented Frances Deneumoustier and Jeff Eisenbrey, President, Cheswold Fire Co., with a resolution and plaque for their continued help and support during the past year.

PRESENTATION of AWARDS

HEROIC FIREMAN OF THE YEAR

to

STEVEN R. HAWKINS (Indian River)

STATE FIRE POLICEMAN OF THE YEAR

to

ROBERT H. YERKES, JR. (Houston)

AMBULANCE ATTENDANT OF THE YEAR

to

DREW BOWERS (Aetna)

JAMES ROSSEL (Delaware City) *Jamie: is this correct? He was the winner in 1998.

Carleton Carey, Chairman, State Fire Prevention Commission, presented Past President Donald Knight with a resolution for his contributions and dedication to the SFPC.

Lou Amabili introduced members of the Fire Marshal's office and the State Fire School. He also recognized Craig Stevens, Mike Lowe and Phil Young for their outstanding work with the Memorial Service. President Vincent presented Election Commissioner, Thomas Cook and Debbie Grier with a plaque for their assistance with the voter registration.

Resolutions were presented to the following:

- Belvedere Volunteer Fire Co. for 50 years of service.
- Conference Committee for their work with Conference '99.
- Phil Young for his work with the Memorial Service.
- Representatives Lee and Ennis for their work in the Legislature

Bill Webb, Executive Director, CFIS, thanked Presidents Vincent and Workman and Senator Roth for their work with the CFIS. He then presented President Vincent with a commemorative crystal dish for his support during the past year.

William Walton, Jr., Red Knights, presented a framed copy of the club's colors to Phil Young and requested that it be displayed at the Fire School.

1st Vice President Steve Austin introduced members of the Maryland State Fire Firemens Assoc., who, in turn, presented President Vincent with a hat of their State seal, a mug and a framed picture of the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial.

There being no further business, the luncheon was adjourned at 3:15 p.m. with Rev. David Paul offering the Benediction.

JOINT INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

DVFA & LADVFA
STATE FIRE CHIEF'S
STATE FIRE POLICE

Friday, September 17, 1999
Sauvignon Ballroom – Sheraton Hotel

Master of Ceremonies
Past President Frank King

Processional

Introduction of Officers
Delaware Volunteer Firemen's Association
Ladies Auxiliary Delaware Volunteer Firemen's Association

Invocation
Shirley Joseph, Chaplain

Pledge to the Flag
President Michael Vincent

Past President Frank King recognized the Past Presidents of all organizations within the DVFA and thanked them for their support.

Remarks

President Bonnie Workman thanked all who supported her during the year. They are working diligently to increase membership in the auxiliaries. She dedicated her year to Bev Evans, who passed away in 1994. President Michael Vincent thanked everyone for their support.

Installation of Officers
Ladies Auxiliary Delaware Volunteer Firemen's Association
Installing Officer: Barbara Lewis
Marshal: Dorothy Morris

Delaware Volunteer Firemen's Association
Installing Officer: Jim McCall

1999-2000 OFFICERS

DVFA

President: Stephen P. Austin
1st Vice President: James L. Cubbage, Jr.
2nd Vice President: Dale A. Callaway
Secretary: James E. Turner, III
Treasurer; J. Allen Metheny, P.P.
Director, Kent County: Clarence R. O'Neal
Director, Sussex County: James W. King

LADVFA

President: Eileen Doyle
1st Vice President: Julia Mast
2nd Vice President: Shirley Joseph
Secretary: Jackie Guzzo
Assistant Secretary: Pam Engle
Treasurer: Saralee Stevens
Assistant Treasurer: Suzie Morris

President Steve Austin presented the *Past President's* pin to Michael Vincent, at which time his wife, Elaine, pinned him.

LADVFA President Eileen Doyle announced in her remarks that she was dedicating her term of office to the "men". It is very important to support the individual fire companies and county associations, fire education, fire prevention, scholarship funding fundraising and recruitment and retention and governmental legislation. Morale and support and also important.

DVFA President Steve Austin summarized his experiences within the volunteer fire service from his childhood until the present time in Virginia, West Virginia and Delaware.

LADVFA Past President Barbara Lewis presented the *Past President's* necklace to Bonnie Workman, at which time her husband, Brent, pinned it on her.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

DELAWARE STATE FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION

President Elmer Steele reconvened the Delaware State Fire Chief's Association meeting for the purpose of installing the following officers, with George Greenley serving as the Installing Officer:

President: Grover Engle

1st Vice President: Jeff Eisenbrey
2nd Vice President: Joe Evans
Secretary: Williard "Bill" Betts
Treasurer: Ron Marvel
New Castle County Director: James Watson
Kent County Director: Kevin Wilson
Sussex County Director: Richard Ward

President Engle presented Past President Steele with the *Past President's* pin, at which time his wife, Sandy, pinned him. The State Fire Chief's Assoc. presented him with a plaque for his outstanding service for a job well done.

DELAWARE STATE FIRE POLICE ASSOCIATION

Past President Lynn Rogers installed the following officers for 1999-2000:

President: Joe Bukowski
1st Vice President: Robert H. Yerkes, Jr.
2nd Vice President: Fred Bare
Secretary: John Bare
Treasurer: Norman Jones
Chaplain: Arthur Titus

President Bukowski presented Past President Brugliera with the retired Colonel's badge and gold eagles.

Greg Moore, State Farm Insurance, who is the inventor of the *911 Simulator*, reported that Delaware has more 911 simulators per capita than any 5 states combined. He then presented a new 911 simulator in President Austin's honor to Jon Townley and Larry Thompson of Aetna Hook, Hose and Ladder.

There being no further business to come before Conference '99, President Doyle entertained a motion by Kay Peterson, seconded by Dawn _____ (?) that the LADVFA Conference be adjourned. Motion carried. President Austin entertained a motion by Charles Wollaston, seconded by Past President Joe Hojnicky, that Conference '99 be adjourned. Motion carried.

Seaford Volunteer Fire Co. color guard retired the colors; benediction was offered by Rev. David Paul. Conference adjourned at 5:50 p.m.