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ORDER OF BUSINESS
MINUTES OF SEVENTY-THIRD ANNUAL CONVENTION

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 1993

The Seventy-third Annual Convention of the Delaware Volunteer Firemen's Association was called to order at 12:10 p.m. at the Laurel Fire Hall, Laurel, DE on Thursday, September 23, 1993 by President Elmer B. Steele. The meeting was preceded by a press conference at 10:30 a.m. and joint opening ceremonies, which were led by the U.S. Marine Corps Band, New Orleans, LA. Reverend David G. Paul delivered the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The following visiting delegation from the Ladies Auxiliary were welcomed to the podium: President, Eleanor Raye Warrington; 1st Vice President, Alma Scarpitti; 2nd Vice President, Annabelle Boone; Secretary, Virginia Yeager and Assistant Secretary, Norma Schuyler. President Warrington submitted the Ladies Auxiliary annual report.

President, Elmer B. Steele made the following Convention Committee appointments:

CREDENTIALS

Daniel W. Magee (Roxana)
Ken Pyle (Odessa)
Donald Knight (Magnolia)

SARGEANT-AT-ARMS

John E Bare, Sr. (Frankford)
Steve Austin (Aetna)
James L. Cabbage (Clayton)

FLOWERS/TELEGRAMS

Joseph Evans (Bridgeville)
~~William Walton~~ (Cranston Heights)
Walter Lamon (Clayton)

VISITATION DELEGATION TO
LADIES AUXILIARY

William Walton (Frankford) (FELSMERE)
~~William Walton~~ (Cranston Heights)
Roland Neeman (Felton)

PARLIAMENTARIANS

Norman Batchler (Millsboro)
Arthur Guessford (Odessa)
Morris King (Hartly)

Addresses of Welcome were presented by Daniel W. Magee, President, Sussex County Volunteer Firemens Association and W. Jack Northam, Convention Chairman. First Vice President, Harry E. Warner (Talleyville) and 2nd Vice President, J.

Allen Metheny (Hartly), who both praised the Committee for the outstanding President's Dinner.

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e-35 — Richard Ennis (Citizens Hose) moved, Ken Pyle (Odessa) seconded to dispense with the reading of the minutes and to accept them in printed form. Motion carried.

Steve Austin (Aetna) recognized the following individuals and presented the following interim report of visiting delegations: Assistant Chief, Jeff Mullaly, Upper Gwynedd, PA, representing the Volunteer Firemens Assurance; speakers at Fire Police and Fire Chiefs Assoc. meetings Assistant Chief, J.J. Brown, Metro-Dade Fire Dept. FL; Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms Special Agent, John Goetz who will speak on the World Trade Disaster; Ted Doyle, International Assoc. of Fire Chiefs; Pat Patterson, Executive Director, Congressional Fire Service Institute; Mike McNulty, Vice President, Wilmington Firefighters Assoc.; Robert Cosgrove, Nassau County, NY Fire Dept.; Bill Ackenstedt, Chief, East Windsor, NJ Fire Co.; John Beatty, II, President, WVA Firemens Assoc. and wife. Naomi; Steve Heffner, Cumberland Valley Firemens Assoc.

READING OF CORRESPONDENCE

Jon B. Cottrell (Townsend) Assistant Secretary, read the following correspondence:

1. Card of appreciation from Bob Faries.
2. Letter from State Fire Marshal, Daniel R. Kiley, requesting that the Association endorse a resolution to encourage all member companies to participate in informing their communities of the smoke detector requirements.
3. Letter from William T. Spencer, Member of the Delaware Gaming Control Board, commending Past President, Morris King, for the fine job he did serving on that Board for a period of 5 years.

4. Letters from Sophie Dear, Secretary, Kent County Volunteer Firemen's Assoc. and Jon B. Cottrell, Secretary, New Castle County Volunteer Firemen's Assoc. to Governor Thomas R. Carper soliciting his signature on HS 1 for House Bill with HA 1 (smoke detector).
5. Letter from Sophie Dear, Secretary, Kent County Volunteer Firemen's Assoc., supporting J. Allen Metheny for the office of 1st Vice President, William R. Carrow for the office of Secretary and James Cabbage for the office of DVFA Director.
6. Letter from Harvey W. Scott, III, Secretary, Clayton Fire Co., endorsing Walter Lamon, Jr. as the representative for Mutual Relief of the Kent County Volunteer Firemen's Assoc.

Ken Pyle (Odessa) moved, Donald Knight (Magnolia) seconded to accept the correspondence and that it be brought up under the proper order of business. Motion carried.

REPORT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Daniel Magee (Roxana) presented the following temporary report of the Credentials Committee: New Castle County - 21; Kent County - 16; Sussex County - 21; 26 Past Presidents and 15 officers and directors. Joseph Hojnicky, Sr. (Minquadale) moved, Donald Knight (Magnolia) seconded that this temporary report remain open until Saturday morning to allow others to register. Motion carried.

Joseph Hojnicky, Sr. (Minquadale) moved, George Kerr (Minquas) seconded that the Credentials Report be used as the roll call for all Officers, Directors, Past Presidents, Delegates, Alternates and Trustee of Mutual Relief. Motion carried.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

REPORT OF THE 1ST VICE PRESIDENT

Harry E. Warner
1992-93

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REPORT OF THE 1ST VICE PRESIDENT

Harry E. Warner, Jr.

1992 - 1993

President Steele, Fellow Officers, Past Presidents, Delegates, Alternates, and Guests of the 73rd Annual Convention of the Delaware Volunteer Firemen's Association:

During the past year, as 1st Vice President of the Delaware Volunteer Firemen's Association, I have had the pleasure of representing this association at 112 affairs and functions, traveling a total of 9,060 miles in the performance of my duties.

I would like to thank the many Fire Companies and Ladies Auxiliaries who have made the travel of my wife, Lynn, and myself throughout the State such a pleasure.

It has been an honor to represent my home company, Talleyville, both men and women. It is the extra understanding and support from both the men and the ladies that make the job even possible to achieve.

I would like to especially thank my wife, Lynn, and my two sons, Brian and Troy, for their understanding and support, for without this help I may not have achieved the honor of this office.

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I am looking forward to the honor of serving as the President of the Delaware Volunteer Firemen's Association in the up coming year, and the pleasure of being the representative of the Volunteer Fire Service from the great state of Delaware.

Respectfully submitted,

Harry E. Warner, Jr.
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REPORT OF THE SECOND VICE PRESIDENT
FOR THE PERIOD
JUNE 13, 1993 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 22, 1993
AND
FOR THE YEAR AS SECOND VICE PRESIDENT

President Steele. Vice President Warner, Fellow Officers, Members, and Guests to this Convention Meeting

It gives me great pleasure to submit this report of my activities since our last meeting. I have attended 35 various meetings, functions, dinners, etc. representing this association. I have travelled 2,103 miles carrying out these activities. Sharing information at the Maryland and Virginia State Conventions and the Cumberland Valley Convention with the Five States Officer's meeting was a learning experience for me. The volunteer fire service across the nation will benefit greatly through the sharing of information at such gatherings as these three conventions.

Reflecting back on the last year, it is hard to believe that my year as Second Vice President is over. This past year has been a busy one. In addition to the many activities and meetings that I have attended, I, along with the other officers, have worked very closely with the Life and Safety Committee and the Convention Liaison Committee. Both of these committees should be congratulated for the work that they have done during the past year. The Convention Liaison Committee is a long way from being finished, but great progress is being made to have a State Association sponsored convention in the very near future.

During the past year, I have represented this Association at 126 meetings, functions, and/or social events travelling a total of 6,697 miles.

Barbara and I would like to thank everyone for all your kindnesses and invitations during the past year. I am looking forward to the coming year as your First Vice President.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Allen Metheny
J. Allen Metheny
Second Vice President

TO OFFICERS, DELEGATES, ALTERNATES, MEMBERS AND GUESTS
OF 73RD ANNUAL DVFA CONVENTION

Once again it has been my privilege to serve you as the Secretary of this organization. as always I have experienced good rapport with all concerned.

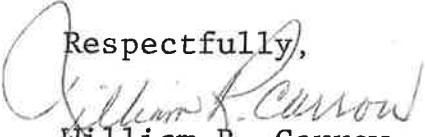
All correspondence and required reports were done in a timely manner and dispatched as required. All necessary material and reports required for the Convention Packets were received and distributed as required by our By-Laws.

I attended all 3 county meetings, all executive meetings, all officer's meetings and the Convention. In addition I represented the DVFA on several occasions as requested by the State President.

I would certainly be remiss if I did not thank the State Fire School for its continued support and assistance in the performance of my office - without their tremendous support and assistance the Office of DVFA Secretary would be extremely ~~not~~ ^{MORE} difficult than it is.

I must also extend my thanks to my family for their support and to the Clayton Fire Co for their unfailing support and assistance to me.

Respectfully,


William R. Carrow
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DELAWARE VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION

AUDITORS REPORT

FELLOW OFFICERS, DELIGATES, ALTERNATES, GUESTS:

THIS HAS BEEN A ^{VERY} ~~VERY~~ LEARNED, SHORT, FASCINATING YEAR. THE AUDIT REPORT IS IN YOUR PACKETS. ON PAGE 7 LISTS ALL INCOME, DISBURSEMENTS AGINST UNAUDITED BUDGET AND OVER UNDER VERIANCE. THE BOTTOM LINE IS WE HAD TO TRANSFER \$12495. FROM SAVINGS ACCOUNT.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THE AUDIT PLEASE SEE ME AFTER THE MEETING AND WE WILL DISCUSS THE PROBLEM.

THANK YOU FOR GIVING ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE AS YOUR TREASURER.

SUBMITTED BY
Charles L. Emerson
CHARLES L. EMERSON
TREASURER D.V.F.A.



REPORT OF 2nd VICE PRESIDENT

J. Allen Metheny
1992-93
(Attachment **B**)

REPORT OF SECRETARY

William R. Carrow
1992-93
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REPORT OF TREASURER

Charles L. Emerson
1992-92
(Attachment **D**)

~~REPORT OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY~~

~~Joe B. Cottrell~~
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~~REPORT OF CHAPLAIN~~

~~Rev. David G. Paul~~
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REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

COMMUNICATIONS

1st Vice President, Harry E. Warner, Jr. (Talleyville) submitted the following update on the 800 MHZ: he has been in touch with Jack Noll (Telecommunications); there is much concern in New Castle County about the delays; on September 29, all issues are to be resolved, a date for the signing of the contract is to be set, Motorola was the sole vendor.

CONVENTION LIAISON

Chairman, J. William Bell (Holloway Terrace), reported that a vote was taken by the Committee not to adopt the report of the Committee at the Convention, but possibly at the Executive Committee meeting in December.

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Accomplishments:

- Committee representation was statewide.
- Direct input from the Ladies Auxiliary was incorporated into the Report.
- Finalized financial report, audited and found to be in order.
- Approval given to request from Odessa Vol. Fire Co. to sponsor the third place trophy in the antique fire apparatus category in honor/memory of Past Chief, Clarence Wheeler.
- Provided Liaison Committee with representation at all Convention '93 meetings.

Requests Pending Further Committee Action:

- Five Points Vol. Fire Co request to pursue a more equitable way to award the Governors Cup and other related awards.
- Robert Romig (Five Points) concern with some of current D.V.F.A. Convention agenda, along with the manner in which the award is presented to the fire company and bands at the Annual Convention.
- New Castle County Volunteer Firemens Assoc. request to explore the possibility of standardizing future Convention protocol, possibly changing the name of "Convention" to "Conference".
- Kent County Volunteer Firemens Assoc. going on record in support for Lewes Fire Co.'s request to consider the possibility of co-sponsoring the '96 Convention on the Lewes Fire Co.'s 200th anniversary with the parade being held in Lewes.

Proposed Agenda to Streamline the Convention:

- Local businesses/vendors become "partners in progress" in sponsoring activities related to the Convention, i.e. this year Mellon Bank provided the Continental Breakfast.

- Combine several activities on Wednesday, jointly with the Ladies Auxiliary.
- Eliminate entertainment, dances, gifts costing the Assoc., etc.
- Combine a "Presidential" cocktail reception into a "Meet Your Host" night, which can, in turn, be tied into including sponsors who have assisted the Assoc.
- Eliminate the Saturday meeting - Parade only.

FINANCE AND AUDITING

Chairman, George Pyott (Cheswold) reported that the Association has been audited by Joe Raymond, C.P.A. of Raymond F. Book and Co. There were minor recommendations for the Kent County Association records. The proposed budget was drawn up in August; \$7,750 was withdrawn from the Savings Account to meet expenses of the Association.

FIREFIGHTER BENEFITS

Chairman, Charles L. Emerson (Claymont) reported that the Committee was formed over 3 years ago at which time it was discovered that most of the documents had been printed by the Mutual Relief Assoc. in 1988. Information was obtained from the Delaware Code and the report is included in the Convention packet. It is recommended this Committee be dissolved and re-activated in 3-4 years.

PAST PRESIDENTS

Past President Edwin S. Barlow (Holloway Terrace) reported that the Committee had met this past year and has worked out details for officer expenses. They requested to meet with the new officers in the near future.

PERMANENT MEMORIAL

Chairman, Charles O. Smith (Felton) reported that the controversy with the City of Dover of making the Permanent Memorial handicap accessible has been dropped.

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RESOLUTIONS

Chairman, Raymond M. Krett, Jr. (Goodwill) submitted the following interim report of Resolutions prepared: thanking the host companies and County Assoc.; thanking the distributors and exhibitors; 4 members will be honored for 50 years of service; recognizing 6 people for Civilian Awards; thanking the U.S. Marine Corps Aircraft Band; recognizing 2 members of the fire service who are also members of the Delaware State Police who were recognized by Delaware Crimestoppers as Detective of the Year; thanking those who have helped with the flood in Missouri.

LICENSE TAGS

2nd Vice President J. Allen Metheny (Hartly) reported that 2,100 Volunteer Firefighter and 400+ Ladies Auxiliary tags have been issued; the Division of Motor Vehicles reported that everything is going well.

NOMINATION OF OFFICERS

Nomination of President: Daniel Kiley (Talleville) placed the name of Harry E. Warner, Jr. (Talleville) in nomination for President for the ensuing year, seconded by Joseph Vattilana (Talleville). Joseph Hojnicky, Sr. (Minquadale) moved, Ken Pyle (Odessa) seconded that nominations for the office of President be closed. Motion carried.

Nomination of 1st Vice President: John Tigner (Hartly) placed the name of J. Allen Metheny (Hartly) in nomination for 1st Vice President for the ensuing year, seconded by Donald Knight (Magnolia). Donald Knight (Magnolia) moved, Kenneth Clendaniel (Cheswold) second that nominations for the office of 1st Vice President be closed. Motion carried.

Nomination of 2nd Vice President: Daniel W. Magee (Roxana) placed the name of Lynn Rogers (Milton) in nomination for 2nd Vice President for the ensuing year, seconded by Ralph Jefferson (Milton). Daniel Magee (Roxana) moved, Kenneth

Clendaniel (Cheswold) seconded that nominations for the office of 2nd Vice President be closed. Motion carried.

Nomination of Secretary: James L. Cubbage, Jr. (Clayton) placed the name of William R. Carrow (Clayton) in nomination for Secretary for the ensuing year, seconded by William R. Carrow, II (Clayton). Daniel Magee (Roxana) moved, Charles O. Smith, (Felton) seconded that nominations for the office of Secretary be closed. Motion carried.

Nomination of Treasurer: Thomas DiCristofaro (Claymont) placed the name of Charles L. Emerson (Claymont) in nomination for Treasurer for the ensuing year, seconded by Ken Pyle (Odessa). Daniel Magee (Roxana) moved, Ken Pyle (Odessa) seconded that nominations for the office of Treasurer be closed. Motion carried.

Nomination of Director, 3 Years (Kent County): William R. Carrow (Clayton) placed the name of James L. Cubbage, Jr. (Clayton) in nomination for Director, Kent County, for a period of three years, seconded by Rodney Whalen (Clayton). Donald Knight (Magnolia) moved, Kenneth Clendaniel (Cheswold) seconded that nominations for Director, Kent County be closed. Motion carried.

REPORTS OF ASSOCIATIONS

NATIONAL FIRE COUNCIL

Past President, E. James Monihan, Jr. (Lewes) reported the following: (1) there is still a problem with the interpretation/application of the National Fair Labor Standards Act. (2) Proposed reorganization of the Federal Emergency Management Agency is now on a back burner. (3) Supporting the Arson] Prevention Control Research Act. (4) Directly affecting the fire service is the Federal application of OSHA to all public employees. The Fire Council is working to exempt the fire service from this. (5) Public Service Officers Benefit Program is being expanded, taking in FEMA and Civil Defense Directors, which would bankrupt the program. (6) The National Disaster Mitigation Act which provides funding for

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disaster mitigation is in the infantile stage. (7) Opposes the any change in the charter to the Board of Visitors, which has oversight and advisory power to the Fire Academy and Fire Administration. (8) This Association voted "no" on the National Fire Prevention Assoc. Standard 1500 request for temporary interim amendment on minimum staffing; the Standards Council turned it down. (9) Pressing to have Delaware the first 100% member state in the union in the National Volunteer Fire Council, having all the companies as associate members.

STATE FIRE PREVENTION COMMISSION

Commissioner, Casper Lakey thanked members of the D.V.F.A. and the three county associations for filling up Legislative Hall when they met with the Sunset Commission and for responding to the Minner Commission in retaining the status quo of the Commission.

STATE FIRE MARSHAL

State Fire Marshal, Daniel Kiley stated that the Fire Marshal's report was in the Convention packet and that at Convention '94, he would like to have 100% of the member companies participating in the Public Awareness Program on the smoke detector law.

NEW BUSINESS

Asst. Chaplain, Walt Lamon (Clayton) reported that flowers had been sent to the following: Russell Warrington, Granville White, Bob Faries, Kevin Jacobs, E. Reynolds Bradley, Leroy Dear and Betty McIntosh.

Daniel Kiley, State Fire Marshal, reported that his office is faced with a bureaucratic process with the ATF (Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms) in the analysis of evidence. There is a move under way to combine the AFT, the DEA, the FBI. If this move comes about, it will further delay the analysis process. He asked D.V.F.A.'s assistance in contacting Vice President Gore, Senators Roth and Biden and Congressman Castle in seeking their support for retaining the AFT as a

separate agency. Steve Austin (Director) moved, Charles Wallaston (Aetna) seconded that the D.V.F.A. adopt Mr. Kiley's request in opposing the merger of the AFT with the DEA and FBI. Motion carried.

Joseph Vattilana (Talleyville) stated that many young children are dying from playing with cigarette lighters and would like legislation on child-proof lighters as soon as possible. Mr. Kiley reported that there is a move under way, on the Federal level, to mandate that these lighters be child-proof. E. James Monihan (Lewes) reported that the Consumer Product Safety Commission is working on this through regulation. Joseph Vattilana (Talleyville) moved, William Walton, Jr. (Cranston Heights) seconded that a letter be sent from the D.V.F.A. State officials and to the Congressional delegation requesting that legislation be enacted as soon as possible making child-proof lighters mandatory. Motion carried.

George Pyott (Cheswold) moved, George L. Kerr, Jr. (Minquas) seconded that the proposed budget for 1994 be adopted. Motion carried.

Past President E. James Monihan (Lewes) asked if the officers had given any thought to balancing the budget, other than drawing from the Savings Account. George Pyott (Cheswold) replied that the Finance and Auditing Committee is waiting for additional information and once received, alternative means will be taken into consideration.

Harvey Ryan (Holloway Terrace) feels the Paramedic system should be under the State Fire Prevention Commission and should look into having a doctor on the Commission. It's a problem that should be handled now. Bruce Ennis (Citizens Hose) gave a brief history of the establishment of the Paramedics; realizes that there have been problems with the present system, especially the attrition rate. The Paramedics are advanced life support; he fully supports the basic life support remaining under the Fire Commission.

Past President, Arthur Guessford (Odessa) addressed the issue of utilizing the Savings Account and the mechanism for changing the dues structure. This would necessitate an amendment to the Constitution and must be accomplished at the Annual Convention, which requires 30 days notice prior to the next Convention.

President Steele announced that Past President Jack Ryan (Holloway Terrace) is celebrating his 81st birthday and congratulated him on this milestone.

There being no further business, Arthur Guessford (Odessa) moved, Jeffrey Eisenbrey (Cheswold) seconded to recess the Convention until 9:00 a.m., Saturday, September 25, 1993. Reverend David Paul delivered the benediction.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 1993

Following the Memorial Service at Seaford Senior High School cocktails and lunch were served at Laurel Fire Hall for officers, delegates, alternates and guests. Master of Ceremonies was Norman Tate. A patriotic opening was performed by the United States Marine Corps Band from New Orleans, LA.; the Pledge of Allegiance led by President, Elmer B. Steele; the invocation delivered by Rev. David G. Paul, Chaplain; and "God Bless America" sung by Jerry Naylis, Director, International Association of Arson Investigators.

Distinguished guests at the head table were Senator William V. Roth, Jr.; Senator Joseph R. Biden, Jr.; Congressman Michael N. Castle; Governor Thomas R. Carper; Lt. Governor, Ruth Ann Minner; State Auditor, R. Thomas Wagner; State Treasurer, Janet Rzewnicki and Sussex County Administrator, Robert L. Stickels. Other distinguished guests in attendance were State Representatives George Carey, Bruce Ennis, Tina Fallon, Clifford Lee, and Charles West; State Senators Robert L. Venables, Sr., Robert J. Voshell and Nancy Cook; Sussex County Councilmen William Stevenson and George Collins; Deputy State Insurance Commissioner, Scott Harrison and visiting delegations from the states of Maryland, Virginia and West Virginia.

Governor Thomas R. Carper reviewed legislation concerning the installation of smoke detectors, stressed the need for better communications between State agencies, presented President, Elmer Steele with an appointment to the State Fire Prevention Commission; signed a proclamation in observance of Fire Prevention Week and presented it to President Elmer Steele, Bryan Bennett, Daniel Kiley and Louis Amabili. President Steele presented Governor Carper with a special State of Delaware Firemen's helmet, a Convention hat and mug.

Lt. Governor Minner thanked the firemen for all the lives they save and the good they do for their communities.

Congressman Castle reiterated that the volunteer firemen of Delaware have done an extraordinary job in protecting the citizens of Delaware; the volunteer firemen have made all the difference in the world and there is no way the citizens can thank you enough.

Senator Roth remarked that he is very, very proud of Delaware's participation in the Fire Service Caucus, it being the largest caucus in Congress. Delaware is always "No. 1" at the annual meeting. He recognized President, Elmer Steele, for his outstanding service during the past year, honored Chief, Joseph Cochran and members of the Port Penn and Holloway Terrace Volunteer Fire Companies for aiding the flood victims in Missouri and recognized President, Elmer Steele for his dedicated service.

Senator Biden praised Delaware's firemen, presented a framed copy of the Congressional Record to Past President, William J. Himes, Sr. (Seaford) for 50 years of dedicated service to the fire service.

Pat Patterson, Executive Director, Congressional Fire Services Institute, presented President Elmer Steele with a signed picture of the Annual Dinner, which was held in Washington, D.C.

Bill Castelli, staff member Congressman Steny Hoyer's office, remarked that Delaware is legendary in its support of the Congressional Fire Service Caucus.

Steve Austin (Out-of-state Coordinator) recognized the following visiting delegations: Volunteer Fire Co. of Halfway, MD; Berkeley Springs, WVA Volunteer Fire Dept.; Nassau County, NY Firemens Assoc.; West Virginia State Firements Assoc.; Virginia State Firemens Assoc.; Delmarva Volunteer Firemens Assoc.; Burn Foundation of Delaware Valley; Delaware Valley Fire Chiefs Assoc.; Wilmington Firefighters Assoc.; Firemens Assoc., State of Pennsylvania; Bureau of AFT, Philadelphia, PA; Metro-Dade Fire Dept. FL; Congressional Fire Services Institute; International Assoc. of Arson Investigators; staff member, Congressman Steny Hoyer's office; East Windsor, NJ Fire Co.; Asst. Chief, Upper Gwynedd, PA; President VFIS; West Grove, PA Fire Co.; Maryland State Firemens Assoc.; Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute; International Director, IAFC.

Richard Powell, Vice Chairman, Board of Trustees of MD State Firemens Assoc., presented President, Elmer Steele with a framed copy of the Firemen's Memorial and a copy of the history of fire companies in the State of Maryland. President Elmer Steele presented a resolution to Charles Burton for his many years of service as Secretary of the MD State Firemens Association.

C. Bryan Bennett, Chairman, State Fire Prevention Commission presented proclamations to outgoing Commissioners George Diamond and Clyde Luton for the dedicated service to the Commission.

AWARDS PRESENTATION

SCHOLARSHIP

Presented by: George L. Kerr, Jr. and Kenneth McMahon

To: Donna Brooks (Claymont)
David Chen (Christiana)
Jeffrey Greenfield (Aetna)
David Kempista (Holloway Terrace)
James Queen, Sr. (Camden-Wyoming)
Augusta Thomas (Millville)

CHRIS JONES MEMORIAL AWARD
Presented by: Patrick Giles

To: Kimberly M. Kerr (Minquas)

CATHERINE DERRICKSON MEMORIAL AWARD
Presented by: Raymond Blanchette

To: Diane Jefferson (Milton)

A check in the amount \$1,500 was presented by Tom Green of the Volunteer Firemens Insurance to President, Elmer Steele. Scholarships awarded this year totaled \$7,250.

HEROIC FIREMAN OF THE YEAR
Presented by: James King (Georgetown)

To: James Queen (Camden Wyoming)

FIRE POLICEMAN OF THE YEAR
Presented by: Dale A. Callaway (Milton)

To: Walter Lamon (Clayton)

AMBULANCE ATTENDANT OF THE YEAR
Presented by: Janet Massey (Blades)

To: Maxine Bennett (Roxana)

FIREMAN OF THE YEAR
Presented by: Jeffrey L. Eisenbrey

To: Clarence A. Schwatka (Townsend)

HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES
Presented by: Robert Romig (Five Points)

To: William Walton, Jr. (Cranston Heights)
Keith Stockman (Elsmere)
John Bolin, II (Elsmere)
Carroll Jester (Houston)
Gary R. Walls (Blades)
Terry Lind (Georgetown)
Janet Massey (Blades)
David Ruff (Blades)
Dale Calloway (Milton)
William R. Carrow (Clayton)
George Diamond (Magnolia)

CIVILIAN RECOGNITION
Presented by: Ken Pyle (Odessa)

To: John Tilley
Robbie Silcox

Louis Amabili, Director, Delaware State Fire School, presented Senator Biden the "Bronze Bucket" Award from the International Society of Fire Instructors for his efforts in persevering for the passage of the Ben Franklin coins.

There being no further business, the luncheon adjourned with Rev. David G. Paul delivering the benediction.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 1993

President, Elmer B. Steele, called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. on Saturday, September 25, 1993 at the Laurel Fire Hall, Laurel, DE. The invocation was delivered by Rev. David G. Paul and the Pledge of Allegiance led by President, Elmer Steele.

Steve Austin, Out-of-State Coordinator, announced that Past President, Arthur Guessford (Odessa) represented Delaware on Friday, September 24, 1993 at its Convention, at which time Mr. Guessford gave a report of the meeting and introduced Past President of the Firemens Assoc. of PA, Earl Moser. Steve Austin then introduced the following out-of-state guests: John Blosser, President, Virginia State Firemens Assoc.; Pat Patterson, Executive Director, Congressional Fire Service Institute, who stated that Delaware's State leadership is the most active in the Fire Caucus and has the strongest reputation nationwide. He then gave a brief legislative update, i.e. sales from the Ben Franklin coins have exceeded all projections; arson legislation that would provide \$11,000,000 for grants for education and training on arson issues has passed the House and is now in the Senate; reform of FEMA has drawn some controversy; the annual dinner will be held on May 10, 1994.

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Steve reported that the balance of the report is in written form and that no monies from the Association were used for travel for the out-of-state coordinators.

The following Past Presidents of the Ladies Auxiliary were escorted to the podium, at which time they thanked the officers and host companies for a successful convention and extended best wishes to the incoming officers: Nancy Hooper (Frankford), Charlotte Bush (Christiana), and Janet Fisher (Felton).

President Elmer Steele recognized the Past Presidents of the Association: Paul Neeman; John V. Ryan, Jr.; William J. Himes, Sr.; Clarence A. Schwatka; William T. Lowe; Emanuel J. Harkins; Roland Neeman; Arthur L. Jones; David B. Joseph; Arthur I. Guessford; Willim J. Paskey, Jr.; Ralph T. Hynson; Morris W. King; E. James Monihan, Jr.; Raymond J. McCall, Jr.; Richard E. Ennis; John E. Bare, Sr.; William G. Walton, Sr.; William R. Carrow; Richard C. Mitchell, Sr.; Lawrence E. Mergenthaler; Thomas V. Baker, Sr.; Robert G. Sweetman; M. Frank King; Walton A. Johnson; Edwin S. Barlow and George A. Diamond. He also recognized Presidents Emeritus: Rev. J. B. Doughten; Fr. Paul E. Burke, Louis Amabili, C. Bryan Bennett, Harvey Ryan, J. Benjamin Roy, Jr. and Bruce Ennis.

Daniel Magee (Roxana) presented following the final report of the Credentials Committee: New Castle County - 21; Kent County - 18; Sussex County - 21; 26 Past Presidents; 15 officers and directors. Ken Pyle (Odessa) moved, David Dixon (Gumboro) seconded to accept the final report of the Credentials Committee. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Past President, Arthur Guessford (Odessa) felt that some action should be taken on the recommendations of the Convention Committee Report. After discussion, Arthur Guessford (Odessa) moved, Ken Pyle (Odessa) seconded that the Convention Liaison Committee appointed for the coming year, in conjunction with

the Convention '94 Committee, develop the recommendations which can be implemented for Convention '94, prepare a report for the Executive Committee Meeting and be placed on the agenda for possible adoption/rejection of these items. Motion carried.

Patrick Giles (Elsmere) moved, Past President William Walton, Sr. (Elsmere) seconded that Hall of Fame inductees be sent an official invitation to the Convention luncheon. Motion carried.

Walter A. Lamon (Clayton) presented the following final report of the Flowers/Telegrams Committee: 12 flower arrangements were sent to shut-ins during the Convention.

Raymond Krett (Goodwill) presented the following final report of the Resolutions Committee: 50 years service to William R. Gregg (Aetna), Charles Bostick, Jr. and Lawrence Kates (Felton), Wright C. White (Holloway Terrace); recognized the host companies and the host County Association for a most successful convention; recognized the exhibitors and distributors; civilian recognition; recognized the 4th United States Marine Aircraft Band from New Orleans, LA. under the direction of Staff Sgt. Swain; recognized two Delaware State Police officers, who are also members of the fire service, who were recognized by Delaware Crimestoppers; recognized the volunteers who aided the victims in St. Charles, LA. Ray announced that approximately 50 resolutions had been prepared and presented during this past year. Raymond Krett (Goodwill) moved, Daniel Magee (Roxana) seconded to accept these resolutions and that they be spread upon the minutes. Motion carried.

Joseph Vattilana (Talleyville) asked if there was a time frame in which the volunteer fire companies had to comply with the new OSHA requirement; and if so, the Association needs to go record opposing these regulations. Past President, James Monihan, replied that there are OSHA hearings being conducted in the House

at the present time; the National Fire Council has been leading an effort to secure specific exemption for volunteer firefighters under this legislation; it would be helpful if the Association would go on record supporting this effort. Jerry Naylis, Director, International Assoc. of Arson Investigators, related the problems New Jersey is experiencing with this matter, i.e. the State Dept. of Labor now requires mandatory medical physicals, must maintain medical physical records given on a periodic basis, must have self-contained breathing apparatus overhauled every year. As a deputy fire chief in his home town, he sees their budget skyrocketing to a point where they are unable to afford, even as volunteers, to provide services to their communities; they are scraping for every dollar they can get; it is literally going to bankrupt them; it is a horror trying to live under these regulations. Joseph Vattilana (Talleyville) moved, Donald Knight (Magnolia) seconded that the Association go on record to obtain exempt status from the OSHA regulations. Motion carried.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

M & M Trophies (Past President pin and Civilian Recognition)	\$	199.81
Visa card (travel)		192.94
Shane Quality Printing (Convention copy)		309.05
Raymond F. Book, & Co. (Annual Audit)		1,845.00
Delaware Children's Fire Safety		384.00
Delaware State Fire School (Printing)		858.40
Daniel J. Glah (Hall of Fame)		54.00
Robert Romig (Hall of Fame)		36.00
John Mitchell (Professional Services)		1,500.00
George Pyott (Copy Budget)		24.00
Janice Yerkes (Convention Secretary)		<u>300.00</u>

TOTAL.....\$ 5,704.80

Robert Shinn (Rehoboth Beach) moved, Ken Pyle (Odessa) seconded that the bills presented by Treasurer, Charles Emerson, be paid. Motion carried.

President Elmer Steele submitted the following Final Report to the Association:

(INSERT REPORT)

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Final Report
of
President Elmer B. Steele

Fellow Officers, Delegates, Alternates and Guests of the Delaware Volunteer Firemen's Association.

It is a pleasure for me to submit my final report to you, as your President. I have truly enjoyed the past year, as I have tried my very best to fulfill the duties, obligations and responsibilities of my Office.

As I said last year when I took Office, I want my Officers by my side, not behind me. I think this idea has worked very well. It keeps everyone much better informed and more versed on the many issues that we deal with from day to day.

This has, without a doubt, been a year to remember, not only for the many issues that have affected the fire service, but also the many changes that we have seen in the political field. We have had the opportunity to meet with most all the political people and been able to discuss our needs and wants. I feel confident that we have left our mark, so to speak, on these folks.

As I have said several times, no one person can expect to do all that needs to be done to keep this Association moving forward. I have had a lot of help from my fellow Officers, various committee people and especially from the experience of the Past Presidents. A special THANKS to each and everyone of you for your support, your dedication and your commitment to go that extra mile.

I would like to take a few minutes to highlight some issues that we have been involved with this past year and recognize the people that made some of these things possible.

.... a shared vision

The first issue was the completion of the Special Firefighter license tags. This project was started last year, under the direction of George Diamond. The ground work was in place and with a lot of help from Allen Metheny and the folks at Motor Vehicle, this project became a reality. I THANK everyone for their cooperation, in what turned out to be a very good and worthwhile project for the men and the ladies.

Our second big issue was the Safety and Health guidelines, which has also been an on going issue for the past several years. There have been several drafts prepared over the years, but none that the fire service could totally agree on. This year, under the direction of Ray Blanchette and Ray Stevens, a set of voluntary guidelines were put together and adopted at our March Executive meeting. I THANK these 2 guys for their hard work and commitment to complete this set of guidelines for the Fire service in Delaware. I feel this is a big step in the right direction.

Another big issue this year has been the possibility of a DVFA sponsored and operated Convention/Conference. The DVFA Convention liaison committee, under the direction of Bill Bell, has put in numerous hours of hard work on this issue. There seems to be a constant problem each year as to who will host our Convention, where will the meetings and various social events be held, how many people will be allowed in a certain area, etc. The Liaison committee has addressed many of these issues and concerns and if all goes according to plan, we will see a DVFA Convention/Conference in the near future.

Travel and public appearances are major issues that the State Officers must address from day to day. As President this year, I have attended more than 200 various functions, which include meetings, banquets, social affairs, housings, dedications, viewings, funerals, conventions, etc, while traveling in excess of 20,000 mile. Each year the duties, obligations and responsibilities seem to become more demanding, which has a tendency to take its toll on a persons family and private life. With that in mind I would like to THANK some very important people for allowing me the time to fullfill my duties this past year.

First off, a special THANKS to the Officers and members of the Laurel Fire Department and the Laurel Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary. Your support and understanding has been greatly appreciated over the past years. I know I haven't been around much this year to pull my share of the work load, but somehow my part always gets done.

I would like to THANK the Convention 93' committee and the co-hosting companies of Delmar, Laurel, Blades, Seaford and Bridgeville for their time and hard work in preparing for this Convention. As usual, you folks have gone beyond your call of duty to make this the best Convention possible.

A special THANKS to Steve Austin and his out-of-State committee for their commitment in making the necessary travel arrangements for us, as we have traveled this year. No matter where we go, the arrangements are made so we get to meet all the right people, in all the right places. I have met a lot of people and hopefully made a lot of friends.

Another big THANK YOU to my slate of Officers. These 16 guys have really gone beyond the call of duty to keep me and this Association moving forward. No matter what the issue might be they are always there to try to help resolve the problem. I THANK each of you for your commitment and dedication.

In closing I would like to especially THANK my wife, Sandy and our 3 daughters, Arlene, Denise and Karen. I'm sure this has been a tough year on all of them, due to the amount of time that I have spent away from home. They have supported me very well and I THANK each of you for your support, your encouragement and your love.

Once again, I would like to THANK each and everyone for your support, your faith and your trust, because without you folks, this year would not have been possible. I have truly enjoyed serving as your President.

Thank You,

Elmer B. Steele
Elmer B. Steele
President, DVFA

Joseph Hojnicky, Sr. (Minquadale) moved, E. James Monihan (Lewes) seconded that the President's Report be accepted and spread upon the minutes. Motion carried.

President Steele asked the Secretary to cast the ballot for all offices, except that of Secretary, and that the Treasurer cast the ballot for the Secretary.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS
BY: Past President Edwin S. Barlow

- President.....Harry E. Warner (Talleyville)
- 1st Vice President.....J. Allen Metheny (Hartly)
- 2nd Vice President.....Lynn J. Rogers (Milton)
- Secretary.....William R. Carrow (Clayton)
- Treasurer.....Charles L. Emerson (Claymont)
- Director, Kent County.....James L. Cabbage, Jr. (Clayton)

Past President, Elmer Steele presented the gavel to President, Harry E. Warner; 1st Vice President J. Allen Metheny wished his wife a happy anniversary; members of Talleyville, Hartly and Milton fire companies and ladies auxiliaries and family members presented the officers for 1994 with various gifts and expressed best wishes for a successful year. Sandi Steele pinned the Past President's pin on her husband, Elmer B. Steele.

President, Harry E. Warner announced the following appointments:

- Chaplain.....Walt Lamon (Clayton)
- Assistant Chaplains.....Rev. David G. Paul (Frederica)
- Robbie Sweetman (Aetna)
- Assistant Secretary.....Jon Cottrell (Townsend)
- National Volunteer Fire Council.....E. James Monihan (Lewes)
- J. Allen Metheny (Hartly)

Out-of-State Coordinators.....Steve Austin (Aetna)
James L. Cabbage, Jr. (Clayton)
DVFA Lobbyist.....John Mitchell (Elsmere)
Parliamentarians.....Norman Batchler (Millsboro)
Arthur Guessford (Odessa)
Morris King (Hartly)

GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION

Past President E. James Monihan (Lewes) reported the NFPA 1500 (temporary interim amendment) was turned down by the 1500 Committee; but was approved by the Standards Council, which added the definition of "when an interior attack could be made with less than four people", i.e. no support if an attack was made. There was no support for the survivors as to why the decision was made. He also reported that the child-safe cigarette lighter regulations have been passed by the Consumer Product Safety Commission. He will take this matter to the NVFA, representing this Association.

Carlton Carey (Dover) would like the Association to continue to work with the City of Dover and the ADA Group in reference to the Firemens Memorial. He is concerned about the possibility of the Greenway Project going through and the ADA Group then asking the Association to install a handicap ramp. President Warner assigned this matter to the Permanent Memorial Committee.

Ken Pyle (Odessa) confirmed the dates of September 14, 15, 16 and 17, 1994 as the dates for Convention '94.

2nd Vice President J. Allen Metheny thanked everyone for their support; hopes he has fulfilled expectations of the office; thanked the Kent County Association and Hartly Fire Co. and the Sussex County Association for their support. One of his personal goals was to meet with 60 fire companies at one of their regularly

stated meetings; but he has realized that he will be unable to meet this goal. He plans to have the DVFA newsletter under way this year.

There being no further business, Joseph Hojnicky, Sr. (Minquadale) moved, Ken Pyle (Odessa) seconded that Convention '93 be adjourned. Rev. David G. Paul delivered the Benediction.

Respectfully submitted,



Janice S. Yerkes
Convention Secretary