

ORDER OF BUSINESS  
MINUTES OF SEVENTIETH ANNUAL CONVENTION

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 1990

The Seventieth Annual Convention of the Delaware Volunteer Firemen's Association was called to order at 12:00 noon at the Bethany Beach Fire Hall, Bethany Beach, DE on Thursday, September 20, 1990 by President, Walton A. Johnson, Jr.

The invocation was offered by Reverend James B. Doughten, the advance of colors presented, followed by the flag salute and the National Anthem, which was sung by Edna Taylor.

President, Walton A. Johnson, Jr. announced the order of conduct during the Convention of delegates and alternates. He then appointed the following Committees:

CREDENTIALS:

Lynn Rogers (Milton)  
John Fox (Mill Creek)  
Sherman Stevenson (Carlisle)

SARGEANT-AT-ARMS:

John E. Bare, Sr. (Frankford)  
Harry Warner (Talleyville)  
James L. Cabbage, Jr. (Clayton)

FLOWERS:

Joseph Evans (Bridgeville)  
William G. Walton, Jr. (Cranston Heights)  
Wallace Hudson (Clayton)

President Walton A. Johnson announced that Nancy Hooper (Frankford), President, D.V.F.A. Ladies Auxiliary, requested that the following committee be appointed as liaison to the ladies: Leroy Hooper (Frankford), Robert Sweetman (Aetna), Robert Rentz (Christiana), Robert Taylor (Harrington). He then asked the above committee to visit the ladies at 9:45 a.m., on Saturday, September 22, 1990.

For the installation of officers of Saturday, September 22, 1990, President Johnson requested that everyone attempt to arrive by 9:00 a.m., at which time Congressman Curt Weldon (PA), founder of the Congressional Fire Service Caucus, will present the keynote address.

President Johnson announced that the 50-year member resolutions will be presented to the recipients at the luncheon on Thursday, September 21, 1990.

Lynn Rogers (Milton), President, Sussex County Volunteer Firemens Association, welcomed everyone to the 70th Annual Convention, praised the Convention Committee for their dedicated work, and hoped this would be a safe, happy, productive Convention. First Vice President Edwin S. Barlow (Holloway Terrace) and 2nd Vice President George Diamond (Magnolia) responded by thanking Sussex County for hosting the Convention, for their hospitality and best wishes for a productive meeting.

Dean Simpson (Mill Creek) moved, Robert Romig (Five Points) seconded to dispense with the reading of the minutes and accept as in printed form. Motion carried.

Steve Austin (Aetna) presented the following interim report of visiting delegations: Volunteer Fire Company of Halfway, MD; Berkley Springs West Virginia Fire Dept., Cumberland Valley Firemens Association; and the Maryland State Firemens Association. He then introduced the Vice President of the Keystone Firemens Assoc. and the Executive Director of the South Carolina State Firemens Assoc.

#### READING OF CORRESPONDENCE

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

1. Letters from Senators William V. Roth and Joseph R. Biden giving status report on H.R. 94, the Hotel and Motel Fire Safety Act of 1989.

2. Telegrams to Senators William V. Roth and John Glenn endorsing the confirmation of Olin Greene as U.S. Fire Administrator and Wally Stickney as Director of FEMA.
3. Letters from Senators William V. Roth and Joseph R. Biden thanking President Johnson for contacting their offices and also provided updates on these appointments. Also submitted was a copy of a letter which Senator Biden sent to Senator Hollings supporting the nomination of Olin Greene.
4. Letter from Senator John Glenn acknowledging receipt of President Johnson's telegram.
5. Letter from Congressman Tom Carper giving status report on H.R. 3587, the Fire Service Bill of Rights Act.
6. The following correspondence of the Kent County Volunteer Firemen's Association:
  - a. Letter to Senator William V. Roth supporting the New Castle County Volunteer Firemen's Association request for an administrative change to the Fair Labor Standards Act.
  - b. Memo to Kent County Levy Court requesting additional appropriations for the Hepatitis B vaccine for all volunteer fire company members who are emergency responders.
  - c. Letter to D.V.F.A. endorsing George Diamond for 1st Vice President; William R. Carrow for Secretary; J. Allen Metheny for Treasurer and James Cabbage for Trustee (3-year term) of the D.V.F.A.
7. The following correspondence of the New Castle County Volunteer Firemen's Association:
  - a. Letter to President Johnson nominating, endorsing and supporting Bruce Durante of Christiana as President of the

State Ambulance Assoc. for the year 1991.

- b. Letter to President Johnson requesting the D.V.F.A. write Governor Castle voicing displeasure with his veto of H.B. 95, which would have given an additional \$3,300 to each company with an ambulance or rescue.
- c. Letter to President Johnson endorsing and supporting Edwin S. Barlow for President of the D.V.F.A. for 1991.
- d. Letter to President Johnson requesting the D.V.F.A. purchase a new supply of tot finder stickers or authorize the Fire School to replenish their supply.
- e. Letter to L.G. McCoy requesting the Fire, Ambulance and Advisory Board (FAAB) look into seeking additional appropriations for each paid firefighter or ambulance attendant employed by a volunteer fire company and seek full County funding for all company members who are emergency responders for Hepatitis B vaccine.
- f. Letter to Peter LaVenia, Office of Telecommunications, wanting to know how the money, which has been appropriated for the 800MHZ radio system, will be spent and when he will implement a plan to begin this project.
- g. Letters to Senators William V. Roth and Joseph R. Biden, Representative Tom Carper, Congressman Curt Weldon and E. James Monihan, Chairman, National Volunteer Fire Council requesting an administrative change to the Fair Labor Standards Act so that a decision will not be held against volunteer fire companies, preventing them from hiring their own people.
- h. Letter from Peter LaVenia, Office of Telecommunications,

providing a brief project update for the "Statewide 800 MHZ Radio System".

8. Letter from Hartly Volunteer Fire Company, Inc. endorsing J. Allen Metheny for Treasurer of the D.V.F.A.
9. Note of thanks from Past President Ralph T. Hynson for dish garden and get well card while he was in the hospital.
10. Letter to Past President and State Representative Clifford F. Lee from Dr. Michael Sommer, Beebe Medical Center, regarding paramedics and implementation of a program for their training.
11. Letter to Past President and State Representative Clifford F. Lee from Dr. Robert O'Connor, State Paramedic Medical Director; Dr. Ross Megargel, New Castle County Medical Director; Dr. Daniel R. Wehner, Kent County Medical Director and Dr. Michael R. Gannon, Sussex County Medical Director stating their professional positions regarding the implementation of the statewide paramedic program, specifically the training program they recommend and the funding necessary for conducting the level and quality of training they recommend.
12. Letter from Magnolia Volunteer Fire Company, Inc. endorsing George Diamond for 1st Vice President of the D.V.F.A.
13. Letter from the Hartly Volunteer Fire Company, Inc. offering comments on the proposed Administrative Curriculum.
14. Letter from the Sussex County Firemen's Association supporting the nomination of Elmer Steele for 2nd Vice President of the D.V.F.A.
15. Letter from the Kent County Ambulance Association to State Senators and Representatives stating they are in agreement with President Johnson's letter of July 21, 1990, noting that it is vital that the curriculums and budgets submitted by each of the three county

subcommittees be adopted as written; they fully support the level and quality of instruction that the medical community is proposing and also that the \$13,000 for the statewide Critical Incident Stress Management Program be appropriated into the Fire Commission's budget.

16. H.R. 4785 which establishes a program of grants to provide preventive health services with respect to acquired immune deficiency syndrome, and for other purposes.

Curtis Clifton (Minquas) moved, James Romano (Holloway Terrace) seconded that the correspondence be acted upon accordingly. Motion carried.

#### REPORT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Lynn Rogers (Milton) reported that all Departments were accounted for prior to the convening of the Convention. Curtis Clifton (Minquas) moved, James Romano (Holloway Terrace) seconded that the Credentials Report be accepted and used as the roll call for all officers, directors, Past Presidents, delegates, alternates and trustees of mutual relief. Motion carried.

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#### REPORT OF OFFICERS

#### REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

Walton A. Johnson, Jr.  
1989-90

(Attachment *A*)

#### REPORT OF 1st VICE PRESIDENT

Edwin S. Barlow  
1989-90

(Attachment *B*)

#### REPORT OF 2nd VICE PRESIDENT

George Diamond  
1989-90

(Attachment *C*)

REPORT OF SECRETARY

William R. Carrow  
1989-90

(ATTACHMENT D)

REPORT OF TREASURER

J. Allen Metheny  
1989-90

(Attachment E)

~~REPORT OF CHAPLAIN~~

~~Rev. James B. Doughten~~  
~~1989-90~~

James L. Cabbage Jr  
DIRECTOR FOR Kent County  
Report "F"

J. Allen Metheny (Hartly) Treasurer, reported that all funds have been transmitted to the South Carolina Volunteer Firemens Association in the amount of \$19,390. He also reported that discussions have been held with the Board of Directors concerning the adoption of a Records Retention Schedule for financial records of the D.V.F.A. He recommended that the Association adopt the Financial Section of the State of Delaware Accounting General Records Retention Schedule, which was published in 1987. This Schedule has the support of the accounting firm of Raymond F. Book, CPA, the Association's accountant. In essence, this Schedule requires holding financial records for a period of at least 5 years after the completion of a successful audit.

Joseph W. Hojnicki, Sr. (Minquadale) moved, William Bell (Holloway Terrace) seconded that the President's Report be made a part of the Convention minutes. Motion carried.

William Stevenson, Sr. (Lewes) moved, David Foraker (Mill Creek) seconded that the Treasurer's Report be accepted. Motion carried.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Charles O. Smith (Felton), Memorial Committee, reported that flowers had been placed at the Firemens Memorial by the D.V.F.A., the Delaware State Fire

Chiefs Association and the Delaware State Fire Police Association.

George Pyott (Cheswold), Audit and Budget Committee, reported that the books have been audited by Raymond F. Book & Co., CPA and have been found to be in order. He then requested that the proposed budget be brought up under proper order of business.

#### NOMINATION OF OFFICERS

Nomination of President: William Bell (Holloway Terrace) placed the name of Edwin S. Barlow (Holloway Terrace) in nomination for President for the ensuing year, seconded by Philip Kempista (Holloway Terrace). Joseph W. Hojnicky, Sr. (Minquadale) moved, Harvey Smith (Wilmington Manor) seconded that nominations for the Office of President be closed. Motion carried.

Nomination of 1st Vice President: Donald Knight (Magnolia) placed the name of George Diamond (Magnolia) in nomination for 1st Vice President for the ensuing year, seconded by Larry Hollinger (Magnolia). Bruce Ennis (Citizens Hose) moved, Clarence R. O'Neal (Clayton) seconded that nominations for the Office of 1st Vice President be closed. Motion carried.

Nomination of 2nd Vice President: Lynn Rogers (Milton) placed the name of Elmer Steele (Laurel) in nomination for 2nd Vice President for the ensuing year, seconded by Jeff Hill (Laurel). Curtis Clifton (Minquas) moved, William Lowe (Lewes) seconded that nominations for the Office of 2nd Vice President be closed. Motion carried.

Nomination of Secretary: James L. Cabbage, 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). Sherman Stevenson (Carlisle) moved, John Cunningham (Minquas) seconded that nominations for the Office of Secretary be closed. Motion carried.

Nomination of Treasurer: Frank King (Hartly) placed the name of J. Allen Metheny (Hartly) in nomination for Treasurer for the ensuing year, seconded by



Clarence R. O'Neal (Clayton). Raymond Krett, Jr. (Goodwill) moved, David Foraker (Mill Creek) seconded that nominations for the Office of Treasurer be closed. Motion carried.

Nomination of Director, Kent County: Frank King (Hartly) placed the name of James L. Cabbage, Jr. <sup>(CLAYTON)</sup> in nomination for Director, Kent County for the ensuing year, seconded by Clarence R. O'Neal (Clayton). Elmer Steele (Laurel) moved, Sherman Stevenson (Carlisle) seconded that nominations for the Office of Director, Kent County be closed. Motion carried.

The following officers of the Ladies Auxiliary of the D.V.F.A. were escorted into the Convention: Nancy Hooper (Frankford) President; JoAnn Sweetman (Aetna) 1st Vice President; Frances Deneumoustier (Cheswold) 2nd Vice President; Julie Ann Rentz (Christiana) Secretary and Virginia Yeager (Brandywine Hundred) Assistant Secretary. President Nancy Hooper presented their report and offered their continued support to the fire service.

#### REPORTS OF THE ASSOCIATIONS

E. James Monihan (Lewes), National Fire Council, announced that, in addition to the report in the Convention packet, that Wallis Stickney's nomination as Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency has been confirmed by the Senate; Mr. Stickney has been requested to consider returning control of the National Fire Academy to the U.S. Administrator, as intended by Congress; he thanked the Association and its members for their participation at a meeting last November on the 1500 Standard; recommended for consideration the National Fire Academy's VIP Program, which is designed for volunteer firemen; no one from Delaware has taken advantage of it; there have been administrative changes in the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) and are currently working on a change in the law which says that an individual may not be a volunteer and be paid from the same organization in the same day; there is a new infectious disease notification law and regulations are now being

written -- the law refers to a designated officer in each organization. There will be a Critical Incident Distress de-briefing seminar for survivors of fallen firefighters at Mt. Saint Mary's College, Emmittsburg, MD on October 13. He has samples of the U.S. Fire Administration Public Education Campaign tips, residential sprinkler kits for sprinkler campaign. It was a humbling experience to attend the Congressional Fire Service Caucus where the demonstration of commitment by the D.V.F.A. was unparalleled by any in this country.

#### UNFINISHED OLD BUSINESS

President Walton Johnson explained that the Administrative Officers Curriculum is to endorse a concept so that the Fire School can proceed on a voluntary basis only. This is not a mandatory program. It is approximately \$100,000 short of reaching \$14,000,000. If this is not addressed, we may be forced. It would be advisable to develop an Administrative Officers Curriculum. The Fire School will assist in any way they can. He would like to present a mandate to the Fire School in December.

#### NEW BUSINESS

President Walton Johnson referred to correspondence dated July 7, 1990 from the New Castle County Firemens Association, whereby they requested the D.V.F.A. purchase a new supply of Tot Finders stickers and authorize the Fire School to replenish their supply. President Johnson reiterated that the Association did not originally purchase this supply. He then asked the Chief to research this and report at the December meeting.

John Fox (Mill Creek) moved, Joe Vattilana (Talleyville) seconded that the Association endorse the Delaware State Fire Police efforts to make a presentation at the 1992 National Fire Instructor's Conference. Motion carried.

John Fox (Mill Creek) moved, Raymond Krett (Goodwill) seconded that the Association present Resolutions honoring Senators Roth and Biden and Congressman Carper thanking them for their support at the National Fire Caucus. Motion carried.

Steve Austin (Aetna) moved, James L. Cabbage (Clayton) seconded that the Association honor Congressman Curt Weldon (PA) with honorary membership into the D.V.F.A. Motion carried.

Norman Armendt (Millville) urged everyone to take time to register to vote, as the Department of Elections had a booth at the Convention.

George Pyott (Cheswold) moved, George Kerr (Minquas) seconded that the Association adopt the proposed budget for FY '91. Motion carried.

Harry Warner (Talleville) moved, Frank King (Hartly) seconded to accept the recommendation of the Treasurer concerning the retention of records. After discussion, motion carried.

George Kerr (Minquas) moved, William Bell (Holloway Terrace) seconded that the Secretary cast the ballots for the officers, except that of the Secretary and that the Assistant Secretary cast the ballot for the Secretary. Motion carried.

Past President Reynolds Bradley (Citizens Hose) requested that a list of all honorary life members be made and that they be invited to the Convention.

Raymond Krett (Goodwill) Chairman, Resolutions Committee, presented the following Resolutions for action by the Association:

1. Thanking the host companies and County Association for the fine Convention this year. Raymond Krett moved, John Fox (Mill Creek) seconded that the foregoing Resolution be adopted. Motion carried.
2. Thanking the companies and distributors for their exhibits. Raymond Krett moved, Charles Calloway (Port Penn) seconded that the foregoing Resolution be adopted. Motion carried.

3. Recognizing the death of Past President Leroy Truitt. Raymond Krett moved, Reynolds Bradley seconded that the foregoing Resolution be adopted. Motion carried.
4. Honoring the contributions of State Chaplain Rev. James B. Doughten. Raymond Krett moved, John Fox (Mill Creek) seconded that the foregoing Resolution be adopted. Motion carried.
5. Honoring the 85th anniversary of Harrington Volunteer Fire Company. Raymond Krett moved William Steen (Mill Creek) seconded that the foregoing Resolution be adopted. Motion carried.
6. Honoring Harvey Ryan and C. Bryan Bennett as President Emeritus of the D.V.F.A. Raymond Krett moved, William Bell (Holloway Terrace) seconded that the foregoing Resolution be adopted. Motion carried.

Raymond Krett moved, James Romano (Holloway Terrace) seconded that the following Resolutions be adopted by the Association. Motion carried.

1. Honoring J. Benjamin Wood, Jr. on his re-election as President of the Fire Marshal's Association of America.
2. Honoring J. William Bell on his election as President of the National Emergency Numbers Association.
3. Honoring Steven J. Austin on receiving the William H. Parker Distinguished Service Award of the International Association of Arson Investigators.
4. Honoring 32 members of the Association whose names have been submitted for serving the volunteer fire service for 50 or more years.
5. Recognizing and thanking the 144 companies, auxiliaries, associations, organizations and individuals who participated in the Association's Hurricane Hugo Disaster Relief Fund.

Mark Strecker (Elsmere) moved, John Fox (Mill Creek) seconded that the Secretary write the State Budget Director, Scott R. Douglass, requesting the release of \$13,000 for the Critical Incident Stress Management Program. Motion carried.

Past President Arthur Guessford (Odessa) moved, John Fox (Mill Creek) seconded that the Convention recess until 8:55 a.m. on Saturday, September 22, 1990. Motion carried.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 1990

*Memorial Service  
Award G*

Following the Memorial Service at St. Ann's Catholic Church, cocktails and lunch were served at the Rusty Rudder, Dewey Beach, DE for officers, delegates, alternates and guests. Master of Ceremonies was Norman L. Tate. The National Anthem was sung by Sergeant Mark Whitten, Fairfax County, VA Fire Dept. Past President E. Reynolds Bradley was presented with an Honorary Life Membership into the Sussex County Volunteer Firemens Association, after which he led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Governor Michael N. Castle expressed his sincere appreciation to the volunteer firemen in protecting and providing security to the citizens of the State of Delaware. He mentioned that the controversy over the paramedics program is being ironed out, that legislation to help recruit firemen had passed the General Assembly. He then appointed President Walton Johnson to the State Fire Prevention Commission and presented a proclamation for Firefighter Recognition Day in the State of Delaware in hopes of enticing people to join the fire service.

Senator William V. Roth emphasized that he would like to insure the tradition of honoring the leadership and then presented the Congressional Fire Service Institute Award to President Walton Johnson for his leadership in the Boy Scouts, his church, his local fire company and as President of the

D.V.F.A. He also emphasized that no other state has done more to make the fire service a success than Delaware has. President Walton Johnson then presented him with a Resolution honoring him for his outstanding contributions to the fire service. Lynn Rogers, Sussex County President, presented him with an honorary life membership in the Sussex County Volunteer Firemens Association.

Senator Joseph R. Biden reminded the firemen that they take everybody's life seriously but do not take the time to take their own lives seriously. President Walton Johnson then presented him with a Resolution honoring him for his outstanding contributions to the fire service. Lynn Rogers, Sussex County President, presented him with an honorary life membership in the Sussex County Volunteer Firemens Association.

Congressman Thomas R. Carper emphasized the importance of families staying together, becoming part of organizations and helping others less fortunate. President Walton Johnson then presented him with a Resolution honoring him for his outstanding contributions to the fire service. Lynn Rogers, Sussex County President, presented him with an honorary life membership in the Sussex County Volunteer Firemens Association.

Norman Tate introduced the following honored guests: State Auditor, Tom Wagner; State Treasurer, Janet Rzewnicki; Attorney General, Charles Oberly; Insurance Commissioner, David Levinson; President, State Fire Chiefs Assoc., Clayton C. Yocum, Sr.; President, State Ambulance Assoc., Charles A. White; President, State Fire Police Assoc., F. Allen Knight; the following past and present Fire Prevention Commission<sup>v</sup> members: Harvey H. Ryan, Kline G. Kemp, Jr., Clyde J. Luton, Jr., M. Frank King, John C. Fannin, III, Jasper H. Lakey, C. Bryan Bennett. Bryan Bennett presented outgoing Past President Frank King with a Resolution thanking him for his contributions to the Commission and presented William Lowe with a Resolution for his 12 years of dedicated service

to the Commission. President Walton Johnson presented outgoing Chairman Bryan Bennett with a Resolution honoring him as President Emeritus of the D.V.F.A. 1st Vice President Edwin Barlow presented Harvey H. Ryan with a Resolution honoring him as President Emeritus of the D.V.F.A.

Robert Covin, Executive Director of the South Carolina State Firemens Assoc., explained the devastating damage caused by Hurricane Hugo. He emphasized that Delaware had gone beyond the call of duty with relief supplies and contributions. They are very grateful for everything. He then presented 1st Vice President Edwin Barlow and 2nd Vice President George Diamond and Dean Simpson (Mill Creek) with a token of appreciation for the Archives. The Vice President and Chief of Cheswold Volunteer Fire Company presented Mr. Colvin with keys to a 1953 Reo rescue truck for the Hugo Relief Fund.

The following Past Presidents were introduced: Granville T. White, Paul Neeman, John V. Ryan, Jr., William J. Himes, Sr., Clarence A. Schwatka, Jr., William T. Lowe, Roland Neeman, Arthur L. Jones, David B. Joseph, Arthur I. Guessford, William J. Paskey, Jr., Ralph T. Hynson, John E. Cunningham, Jr., Morris W. King, E. James Monihan, Jr., Raymond H. McCall, Jr., Richard W. Ennis, William G. Walton, Sr., Lawrence E. Mergenthaler, Thomas V. Baker, Jr., Clifford F. Lee, Richard Mitchell, Robert G. Sweetman, M. Frank King, Newlin E. Wood, Sr., William K. Smith, Sr., E. Reynolds Bradley, ~~and~~ Father Paul W. Burke, *AND WILLIAM R. CARROW.* *absent*

Tom Mattingly, President, Maryland Volunteer Firemens Assoc., introduced the Maryland delegation, congratulated President Walton Johnson and presented him with a lithographed copy of the Fallen Firefighters Memorial.

The following officers of the D.V.F.A. were introduced: Directors Harry E. Warner (Talleville), James L. Cabbage (Clayton), John P. Fox (Mill Creek), Sherman Stevenson (Carlisle) and Barry Beck, Public Information Officer.

The following invited guests were introduced: Chief Bill Mulholland, Keystone State Fire Chiefs Assoc.; Ray Cataldi, Director, International Association of Arson Investigators; Gary Easton, Past Chief, Berkley Springs, WVA; President Steve Hefner and Chief Jeff Ringer of the Volunteer Fire Co. of Halfway, MD; Director Robert Kefauver, Cumberland Valley Volunteer Firemens Assoc. and Past President Earl Moser, Firemens Assoc. of Pennsylvania; State Senators Ruth Ann Minner, Thurman Adams; State Representatives Charles West, Ben Ewing, Tina Fallon, George Carey, George Bunting, Clifford Lee; former Governors W. Sherman Tribbitt and David P. Buckson; Sussex County Council members William D. Stevenson, Sr., R. James Mariner, Dale Dukes, Ralph E. Benson and George B. Cole; Sussex County Administrator, Robert Stickles; Director of Emergency Operations, Sussex Co., E. Edward Carey, III; Sussex Co. Paramedic Director, William H. Stevenson, IV; Sussex Co. Fire Police Assoc. President, Dale Callaway; Ambulance Assoc. President, Janet Massey; the Fire Marshal's Office of Delaware County, PA; Allen Brenman, VA Volunteer Firemens Assoc.; William Higgins, Salisbury, MD Fire Dept; Kent County Volunteer Firemens Assoc. President Sherman Stevenson; Ambulance Assoc. President, Melvin Byler; Fire Police Assoc. President Leon Shahan; Fire Chiefs Assoc. President William Leslie, III; New Castle County Firemens Assoc., President, John Fox; Fire Police Assoc.; President James E. Lister; Fire Chiefs Assoc. President E. Michael Rush; Louis Amabili, Director State Fire School and staff and J. Benjamin Roy, State Fire Marshal and staff.

#### PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

By: President Walton Johnson

1. J. Benjamin Roy recognized by Resolution for being re-elected President of the Fire Marshal's Assoc. of North America.
2. J. William Bell recognized by Resolution for being installed as President of the National Emergency Numbers Assoc.



3. Steven P. Austin recognized by Resolution for receiving the William H. Parker Award of the International Association of Arson Investigators.

#### SCHOLARSHIPS

By: George Kerr and Ken McMahon

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| 1. Joseph Crossan Jones, Jr.    | 5. Dennis R. Hitchens      |
| 2. Cynthia Fay Smack VanArsdall | 6. William R. Dempsey, III |
| 3. Steven Bryan Vasey           | 7. E. Martin Ranck, II     |
| 4. William P. Goins, Jr.        |                            |

A special scholarship, sponsored by Angerstein's in memory of Christopher Jones, was presented by Warren Jones to Dennis Hitchens. Donations for these scholarships were received from the Ladies Auxiliary of the D.V.F.A., Volunteer Firemens Insurance Co., Star Enterprise, Angerstein's, James Truitt (South Bowers) and several memorial donations.

#### HEROIC FIREMAN OF THE YEAR

Presented By: Clayton Yocum

To: Wade Crouch (Georgetown)

#### FIRE POLICEMAN OF THE YEAR

Presented By: F. Allen Knight

To: Carl Richards (Claymont)

#### AMBULANCE ATTENDANT OF THE YEAR

Presented by: Charles A. White

To: John W. Johnson, Jr. (Millville)

#### FIREMAN OF THE YEAR

Presented by: Dave Chillas

To: J. Ralph Brittingham (Millsboro)

#### HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

Presented by: Robert Romig

To: Lawrence Mergenthaler (Mill Creek)  
J. Wallace Hudson (Clayton)  
Ann Marvel (Dagsboro)  
Johanna L. Yost (Smyrna American Legion)

RECOGNITION OF LENGTH OF SERVICE - 50 YEAR AWARDS

Presented by: Raymond Krett

Clayton:	Vaughn Griffin	Carlisle:	William Chandler
	Frederick Burke	Magnolia:	James McIlvaine
	James Griffin	Talleyville:	Leo J. Berger
	Lambert Argo		James Malloy
Lewes:	Edward Wyatt		M. Pete Davis
Hartly:	Newlin Wood	Ellendale:	Lawrence E. Sammons
	Morris King	Millville:	Will Ringler
Seaford:	Van Leer Stephany	Camden-Wyoming:	Ross Barteau
Odessa:	Fred Kielkopf		William Dawson
	Clarence Wheeler	Holloway Terrace:	John V. Ryan
Milton:	Linwood Rogers		Clarence Blair
	Earl Argo		Woodrow Stanley
Elsmere:	Ralph Talley	Brandywine Hundred:	Harvey Hobb Ryan
	Francis Jones		Charles Honey, Jr.
	Gordon Edwards		H. Bentz Hurst
Townsend:	Clarence Schwatka	Rehoboth:	Tom Calhoun
			Donald Palmer
			John Williams

Norman Tate thanked everyone for staying until the end of the program, noting the importance of the people being honored. Sergeant Mark Whitten closed the program by singing "God Bless America". The benediction was given by Rev. James B. Doughten.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 1990

President Walton Johnson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 22, 1990 at the Bethany Beach Fire Hall, Bethany Beach, DE. The invocation was offered by Rev. James Doughten. President Johnson then recognized all living Past Presidents.

Steve Austin (Aetna) introduced the Honorable Curt Weldon, Congressman from Pennsylvania and President of the Fire Service Caucus, who praised Delaware for setting the tone for America. Delaware had led the nation; there is no state in the nation which has been able to accomplish more in the fire service than in the State of Delaware.

A delegation from the Ladies Auxiliary was escorted into the Convention, at which time they congratulated the officers for a productive Convention,

wished the incoming officers every success in the coming year.

Steve Austin, Out-of-State Coordinatore, recognized President Allen Brennan, Virginia State Firemans Assoc., Past President Earl Moser of the Firemens Association of PA and a representative from the Delmarva Volunteer Firemens Association. He also reported there were guests from 13 organizations at the Convention.

Lynn Rogers (Milton) gave the following report of the Credentials Committee: everything is in order and all departments are present and accounted for.

*Start*  
Joseph W. Hojnicky, Sr. (Minquadale) moved, Joseph Romano (Holloway Terrace) seconded that the final report of the Credentials Committee be made a permanent part of the minutes. Motion carried.

The exhibitors and distributors were escorted into the Convention and presented with Resolutions of sincere appreciation for their participation at the Convention.

Joseph W. Hojnicky, Sr. (Minquadale) was concerned with the DOA Issue not being implemented by the medical profession; he felt the Association should take a firm stand in publicly denouncing their intolerable efforts to stonewall. Therefore, he moved, William Bell (Holloway Terrace) seconded that the Association go on record as showing displeasure in not implementing a law that has been passed by the State of Delaware. Motion carried.

Harry Warner (Talleville) asked that a letter from President Walton Johnson be read recommending that no action be taken on the 1500 Standard. Past President Arthur Guessford (Odessa) reported that this issue had been tabled and this is where it should stay. Raymond Krett (Goodwil) moved, James Monihan (Lewes) seconded to remove the issue of the 1500 Standard from the table. Motion defeated.

Joseph Hojnicky, Sr. (Minquadale) brought up the issue of the 800 MHZ Radio System. New Castle County desperately needs this service. Bruce Ennis (Citizens Hose) reported that there is \$2,400,000 in the bond bill to implement this system; 40 channels have been approved for Delaware; the total cost of this project is \$10,000,000. There is to be a meeting of the State Media Task Force in the near future. New Caslte County has an approved plan by the FCC and is ready to implement. The plan for a final request for proposal has been worked on for 18 months. Sudler Dill (Rehoboth Beach) asked who would have control of the money. Bruce Ennis advised that the State would and possibly later the County or individual companies. Past President Frank King (Hartly) reported that he had met with Mr. LaVenia of the Office of Telecommunications and he has indicated that he would not release the \$1,200,000. William Bell (Holloway Terrace) reported that New Castle County transported 24,000 people by ambulance last year, and received 450,000 911 calls. He stressed that something must be done; we have come close to losing lives, property has been lost. Therefore, Bruce Ennis (Citizens Hose) moved, Joseph W. Hojnicky, Sr. (Minquadale) seconded that the Association send a very strong letter to John Nold, Director of Telecommunications, indicating this Association's strong concern for consideration of releasing a portion of the \$2,400,000 towards the New Castle County portion of the infrastructure of the 800 MHZ radio system. After lengthy discussion, Joseph W. Hojnicky, Sr. (Minquadale) amended the motion, James Romano (Holloway Terrace) seconded that a copy of this letter also be sent to the Governor and the Bond Bill Committee. Amendment carried. Motion carried.

Past President Arthur Guessford (Odessa) moved, Past President William J. Himes, Jr. (Seaford) seconded that the Radio Committee pursue the possibility of obtaining a portion of the \$46,000,000 Federal funds to be used towards the radio system. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Raymond Krett (Goodwill) Chairman, Resolutions Committee, thanked everyone for their support during the past year and especially Secretary William R. Carrow, President Walton Johnson and special thanks to Past Chairman, Richard Ennis (Smyrna). He reported that so much takes place in each county that the other counties aren't aware of; that 199 Resolutions had been prepared, presented and adopted by the D.V.F.A.

J. Allen Metheny (Hartly) announced that he had been contacted by the Blood Bank of Delaware requesting that the D.V.F.A. support a group membership drive for member companies; no cost to be borne by the Assoc. Therefore, Allen Metheny (Hartly) moved, James Monihan (Lewes) seconded that the D.V.F.A. offer the sponsorship to the Blood Bank of Delaware for group membership. Motion carried.

President Walton Johnson read and Past President William J. Himes (Seaford) presented Reverend James B. Doughten with a Resolution and plaque for his 28 years of faithful service to the D.V.F.A. President Johnson also presented Rev. Doughten with a limited edition collectors helmet. Members of the Carlisle Fire Co. also make a presentation to Rev. Doughten.

Past President Arthur Guessford (Odessa) and Joseph W. Hojnicky, Sr. (Minquadale) publicly apologized for the misinterpretation regarding the Health and Safety Report.

Past President Arthur Guessford (Odessa) moved, Joseph W. Hojnicky, Sr. (Minquadale) seconded to return to old business. Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Harry Warner (Talleyville) reiterated that a Committee was appointed by President Johnson to study the 1500 Health Standard. A report was submitted to the Directors with recommendations and felt the Committee should be heard. Therefore, Harry Warner (Talleyville) moved, John Fox (Mill Creek) seconded

that the D.V.F.A. accept the proposal as presented by the Health and Safety Committee, i. e. that no action be taken this year. Motion carried.

**PAYMENT OF BILLS**

Treasurer J. Allen Metheny (Hartly) presented the following bills for approval:

*Account # J*

J. Allen Metheny (Hartly) moved, James Cubbage (Clayton) seconded to pay the bills of the Association. Motion carried.

**INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS**

J. William Bell, John Ryan, Harvey Ryan and Ken Sammons from Holloway Terrace installed the following officers for 1990-91 into their respective offices:

- President..... Edwin S. Barlow (Holloway Terrace)
- 1st Vice President..... George A. Diamond (Magnolia)
- 2nd Vice President..... Elmer Steele (Laurel)
- Secretary..... William R. Carrow (Clayton)
- Treasurer..... J. Allen Metheny (Hartly)
- Director, Kent County..... James L. Cubbage, Jr. (Clayton)

Former President Walton Johnson offered the following to President-elect Edwin Barlow: "Eddie, I have been asked on numerous occasions if I knew then what I know now, would I do it again? It is my sincere wish that this time next year, you can stand before the Seventy-first Convention and, like me, say without hesitation 'most definitely'".

President Edwin S. Barlow addressed the Association with the following message:

Attachment *EH*

Janet Johnson then pinned the Past President's pin on her husband, Walton A. Johnson, Jr.

1st Vice President George A. Diamond (Magnolia) thanked everyone for their help and support during the past year; 2nd Vice President Elmer Steele stated that it is a privilege and honor to serve the Association.

President Edwin S. Barlow made the following appointments:

Assistant Secretary..... Jon B. Cottrell (Townsend)

Chaplain..... David G. Paul (Dagsboro)

Assistant Chaplains..... Walt Lamont, Sr. ←  
Rodney L. Sweetman ←

Law and Legislative Committee..... John L. Mitchell, Sr.

National Volunteer Fire Council... E. James Monihan (Lewes)

Out-of-State Coordinator..... Steven Austin (Aetna)

Public Information Officer..... Barry Beck

Mutual Relief Association..... Walter Long (Delaware City)

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He then announced that he has formed a Past President's Committee who is charged with the following responsibilities:

1. Serve as advisory board to Association officers,
2. Assist in developing protocol,
3. Revise and review reimbursement for the officers,
4. Develop procedures and protocol for out-of-staters,
5. Develop procedural guidelines for desk officers.

He then appointed Past President Thomas V. Baker (South Bowers) as temporary Chairman of this Committee.

#### GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION

E. James Monihan (Lewes) introduced Earl Moser, Pennsylvania Firemens Association.

Charles Honey (Brandywine Hundred) presented Past President Walton Johnson with a copy of the history of the organization which was taken from the 6th Annual Convention, July 14, 1926.

Dean Simpson (Mill Creek) thanked the Sussex County Convention Committee for having a doctor attend the Convention, as he helped save the life of Past President Lawrence Mergenthaler. He then recommended that a doctor attend future Convention meetings.

George Greenley (Holloway Terrace) congratulated the Sussex County Convention Committee for their hospitality and for sponsoring a fine Convention.

Joseph W. Hojnicky, Sr. (Minquadale) moved, Raymond Krett (Goodwill) seconded that having completed all business, the Convention be adjourned. Motion carried.

The colors were retired; Reverend James B. Doughten offered the benediction; and the Convention adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Janice S. Yerkes  
Convention Secretary