Meeting of officers called to order at 8:00 A.M. at Delaware State Fire School by President King.

Officers present - King, Barlow, Carrow, Metheny, Austin, Sweetman, Bare, Cubbage, Warner, Blades, Tate and Cottrell; also in attendance John Mitchell, lobbyist. Lou Amabili was in attendance to make a presentation to officers.

Lou Amabili spoke on 25th Anniversary in October and the prospect of a celebration of the Fire School's anniversary, he would like to have a joint effort with the Association - this will be presented to the Executive meeting this morning.

Al Metheny discussed the transfer of \$26,000 to a Cert of Deposit with the State Credit Union and receiving  $8\frac{1}{2}\%$  interest, he further stated the association needs to look into possibility of moving our money around to obtain more interest.

It was moved to give Treasurer authority to move DVFA monies around to obtain better rates of interests (Cubbage/Warner), item to be present at Executive meeting - so carried.

Moved that the County Presidents meet with Fire Prevention Committee (DVFA) on rules of refund for Fire Prevention and to report back at June Executive meeting (Cubbage/Sweetman) - so carried.

Discussion held on aspect of holding a meeting on Law & Legislative priorities before first Executive meeting.

Jim Cubbage also mentioned that it might be more feasible to hold the officer's meeting prior to the Executive meeting day - since there seems to be so much business to transact.

Discussion held on obtaining low interest loans for Fire Companies, Al Metheny states that there will be a person to speak on this subject at the Executive meeting.

Moved that the State Treasurer be contacted to help obtain tax exempt status for the association under 501c(30 section (Sweetman/Tate0 so carried.

President King discussed the problems surfacing with 911 Enhanced and 800 meg. communication systems - fire service appears to be losing control of both.

Steve Austin reported on out of state visitations.

Maryland State Firemen Association Convention to be held in Ocean City, Md. on June 18 & 19, 1989.

Jim Cubbage reported the trip to Washington to meet with our Congressional delegation will be on Wednesday, April 5, 1989 and will be by invitation only. Currently scheduled to meet with Sens Roth, Biden, Rep Carper and Kurt Weldin.

Norman Tate discussed the problem in Sussex of new substations and the proper order to handle situation. He also mentioned the raising cost to officers of this association in the performance of their duties.

Bob Sweetman once again mentioned the idea of purchasing a vehicle for the use of the State President.

Adjournment at 9:45 A.M.

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William R. Carrow

Secretary.