



## **DVFA OFFICER'S MEETING November 29, 2010 Memorial Fire Company**

President William F. Tobin called the November DVFA Officer's Meeting to order at 1830 Hrs at the Social Hall of the Memorial Fire Company of Slaughter Beach., and welcomed all who were present and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag. LADVFA President Janice Marvel offered the invocation.

### **Attendance:**

President William F. Tobin  
First Vice President Charles Frampton  
Second Vice President Charles Boyer  
Director Rich Toulson  
Director Les McCourt  
LADVFA President Janice Marvel  
DVFA PP Ronald H. Marvel  
DVFA PP Warren Jones  
DVFA PP Marvin Sharp  
EMSA President Robert Jones  
SFPC Chairman Bob Ricker  
DSFPA President Ken Tull  
DSFCA Doug Butler  
KCVFA President Glen Gillespie  
DVFA Office Manager Melissa Kiser

President Tobin then recessed the meeting for dinner at 1833 Hrs. After Dinner President Tobin thanked the Ladies of the Memorial Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary for the delicious dinner.

The Meeting was reconvened at 1900 Hrs.

President Tobin started by asking if anyone had seen the CBS article regarding Emmetsburg, National Fallen Firefighters. It was briefly discussed and President Tobin thought it would be nice to be able to Post the story on the DVFA Webpage. Melissa Kiser stated she would contact Brooks, the webmaster to see if this would be possible.

President Tobin stated Director Zeroles wouldn't be able to attend due to his family being ill, and called on the following members and guests for reports and remarks:

**LADVFA:** President Janice Yerkes brought greetings from the LADVFA. She mentioned their last meeting was in November and the Ladies agreed to make the same changes to their conference banner at the DVFA will be making

**DSFCA** President Doug Butler brought greetings from the State Fire Chiefs Association. He advised their next meeting will be next week at Cranston Heights.

**EMSA** President Bob Jones brought greetings from the Emergency Medical Services Associations. He indicated their next meeting will also take place at the same meeting with the State Chiefs. It was advised the next meeting might need to be changed to the 5<sup>th</sup> Thursday.

**SFPC Chairman Bob Ricker** stated that on November 22 title 16 committee met to discuss and draft legislation for the first draft. Marvin Sharp spoke and reported that there were 21 questions that came up regarding the draft and all 21 questions have been answered if we can control our own destiny- we will be working in the right direction. The meeting on the 7<sup>th</sup> went well, 2 members met from each county to form the committee. The questions were as followed.

1. ICS for all involved, not just the EMS Officer
2. Active Service- what constitutes this?
3. Apparatus Operator- look at incorporating basic requirement for general knowledge purposes
4. What standards are being proposed for Review Panel?
5. What standards are being proposed for State Fire Prevention Commission appointees
6. What are the standards for the past and current (state and county) presidents- the ones who will recommend the review panel committee members
7. Administration Officer- will outside community residence that serve on Board of Directors be required to meet the same standards?
8. Corporation- how do we enforce standards for corporations.
9. Final financial decisions- when entire company floor has the final say, do all members have to meet the standard?
10. Certificate of Application process- submit to the company to be able to cut down time and logistics
11. Any changes- does it come back to the Presidents and Chief's prior to being submitted to State Fire Prevention Commission?
12. What and who will be the enforcement and penalty for non compliance.
13. Administration Officers- classes not fitting the desired out come and what will be the accepting outside courses
14. 18 yrs old- need to re-evaluate with backed up reasons
15. Fire Police- Law enforcement officer waiver
16. FTO-for EMS- Why?
17. ICS need to be certified in accordance due to receiving Federal Monies.

18. Reciprocity
19. Service Equivalency- FO I&II, not there.
20. Lateral moves within the organization- need to re-apply on lateral moves?
21. Apparatus Operator- Re-Evaluate with the ambulances, utility vehicles and marine units.

This will be presented to the Commission on December 16<sup>th</sup> Any changes will need to go before the public.

This will need to be a 3 year phase in period. Commissioner Ricker stated the commission can see down the road, something is coming. The Fitz Report is not in the best interest of the Fire Service. With the EMS Service- if something happens to a member company and the standards are not adopted. This will not go forward with out all members seeing this legislation. Going to enhance the fire school. It will bring 85 % of classes to the fire school and 75% that can be done at the fire companies.

### **Sally Stevenson**

Working on the bidding process for souvenirs, planning to use 2011 conference logo on one wearable item and the conference mug. The vendors are having trouble with the size and detail. There is a problem with cost. Universal logo on all other wearable items. A lot of souvenirs left over and sold at other conferences. 4 vendors looking to bid.. There are 8 new seminars for a total of 15.

### **President Tobin**

Executive Manager

We currently have 15 applicants for the Executive manager and 4 applicants for the R & R Coordinator. The committee will be reviewing the resumes.

700 Mhz

There have been new radios purchased but those are going to Del Dot and Department of Corrections. The DVFA currently has 18,000 radio's and are hoping to make 800mhz work 200 million to do all centers and put radio's in trucks. Hopefully we will not need to by new radio's. Hoping to make contact with Div Comm with directors, to reband all 800mhz.

Wake Up Delaware

Need to be able to fund ourselves, Kent and Sussex are going to be purchasing together and New Castle will be purchasing their own. Keep in mind money this year is a onetime deal.

### **First Vice President Charlie Frampton-**

Next Gov Affairs committee meeting will be on Sat. This committee is far from being dead. There are 2 presentations this year; there will be a short marketing presentation with the joint finance and the general public and legislatures. The target date will be the end of Feb 280 million dollars we won't be getting this year.

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Charles Boyer-**

Vice President Boyer will be meeting with VP Frampton regarding voter Registration. He recommends dropping this committee. There isn't any interest. He believes there needs to be a few members in each county that still know how to do it. Still need to make sure all members are registered.

## **Director Toulson**

By Laws Change- Rich reported Lou Amabili, Charles Frampton, and Charlie Boyer and the bylaws committee have met and made the changes to the Executive Sec position. They have separated the Executive Manager and Secretary position as well as the duties. These changes will be presented on December 12<sup>th</sup> executive meeting. Vote to take place at the meeting in March. Lou has done an outstanding job.

## **PP Ron Marvel**

Out of State Coordinator-

Need to make a push to get attendance with CFSI. This is an important event where they assist with getting grant money. Bill Webb will be here on the 12<sup>th</sup> to inform the membership. He would like each company to be able to send at least 3 members, if not four. This is the only fundraiser where your participation helps you get money, as it lets you reach out to the legislatures.

President Tobin then read a letter from Steve Austin- NFPA 1091 Highway Incident Responders Professional Qualifications Committee-NFPA has selected me a Chairmen of this new committee that will develop standards for response personnel controlling traffic at roadway incidents. Director Rich Toulson, a transportation professional in his own right would be an extremely important asset to this committee. I am proposing that Rich be nominated as a DVFA representative to this committee and that we support his participation. The number of MVC responses in DE continues to increase. We need a voice in setting national standards. Rich has an excellent working relationship with the State Chiefs and Fire Police Associations. He would be a first-rate representative.

Motion by Ron Marvel and seconded by Charlie Boyer to select Richard Toulson as DVFA Representative. Motion unanimously carried.

**Director Glenn Gillespie-** Stated December 11th is Kent County Fire Prevention banquet at Carlisle Fire Company. Jan 16<sup>th</sup> is State fire prevention banquet at Hartly FC at 2pm.

## **Director Les McCourt-**

Mentioned packets will be passed out at check in on the 12<sup>th</sup> regarding standards- need to make sure there are enough copies.

There will be a special meeting on Jan 9<sup>th</sup> to either support or not support the proposed standards.

A letter will need to be sent out to each company on December 13<sup>th</sup> letting them know that their delegates and alternated will need to vote and only two votes per company will be accepted.

Next Officer's meeting will be on February 28<sup>th</sup> at Brandywine Hundred.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

***Motion by Ron Marvel, seconded by Charlie Boyer that we adjourn. Motion Carried.***

Meeting Adjourned at 2030 Hrs.

Respectfully submitted,

***Melissa R. Kiser***

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