



## **DVFA OFFICER'S MEETING May 24, 2010 Brandywine Hundred Fire Company**

President Kevin L. Wilson called the May DVFA Officer's Meeting to order at 1828 Hrs at the H. Bentz Hurst Memorial Hall of the Brandywine Hundred Fire Company, and welcomed all who were present. President Wilson then offered the DVFA's sincere sympathies to Vice President Frampton on the loss of his son. DVFA Treasurer J. Allen Metheny, Sr. offered the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag led by DVFA Director Richard T. Perillo.

### **Attendance:**

President Kevin L. Wilson  
Second Vice President Charles W. Frampton, Jr.  
Treasurer J. Allen Metheny, Sr.  
Executive Secretary James L. Cabbage, Jr.  
Director Les McCourt  
Director Charles Boyer  
Director Rich Toulson  
Director Richard Perillo  
Director David Snell

LADVFA President Lorraine Madden  
DSFCA President Mike Rains  
DSAA President P.J. Gosch  
DSFPA President Charles Walls  
LADVFA 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Pres. Ann Marie Krystoplolski  
SFPC Vice Chairman David J. Roberts

President Wilson then recessed the meeting for dinner at 1830 Hrs. After Dinner President Wilson thanked the Ladies of the Brandywine Hundred Fire Co. Ladies Auxiliary for a delicious meal.

The Meeting was reconvened at 1902 Hrs.

President Wilson then called on the following members and guests for reports and remarks:

**LADVFA:** President Lorraine Madden brought greetings from the LADVFA.

**DSFCA:** President Mike Rains brought greetings from the State Fire Chief's Association and advised that the State Chiefs would be meeting on Saturday, June 19, 2010 at 1330 Hrs at Sta. #89, Slaughters Beach for their annual expo. Vendors should be set up by 1000 Hrs.

**DSFPA:** President Charles Walls brought greetings advised that they have had their elections and the new Officers will be installed at the Conference.

**DSAA :**President P.J. Gosch brought greetings from the State Ambulance Association and advised that they will be again meeting along with the State Chiefs on June 19, 2010. Stated that the Protocols and Ambulance Regulations are under review. She then commented on her activities when she attended EMS on the Hill in Washington, DC on May 3 & 4.

**SFPC:** Vice Chairman David J. Roberts advised that the SFPC is working on the rewrite of Title 16 of the Delaware Code. It has been distributed to the SFPC Members and after their review will be forwarded to the DVFA Officers within the week. He then briefly discussed the revoking of an EMT's certification by Dr. Megargel and the actions of the SFPC.

**President Kevin L. Wilson** reported on the following items:

**Pass Through Funds** Advised that the Chair Officer's have been attempting to have The Fire Prevention Matching Funds and the Immunization Funds returned to the Budget for the Delaware Fire Service

**Meeting with Governor Markell** Reported that on May 6, 2010 the DVFA Officers meet with Governor Jack A. Markell and discussed several issues with the Governor and his staff including funding for pass through funds, no further reductions in Grant in Aid with the possibility of returning funds reduced in previous years, additional funding for the Revolving Loan Program and a dedicated funding source to assist with the rising cost of providing EMS service to the Citizens of Delaware

**Meeting with the Insurance Commissioner** Advised that we have a meeting scheduled with Insurance Commissioner Karen Weldin Stewart for May 26, 2010 to discuss the loss of funds from the Insurance Premium Rebate Tax and future trends.

**Meeting with the State Auditor** Reported that the Chair Officers had meet with State Auditor R. Thomas Wagner to discuss funding trends and to discuss preparing a report on the "Costs of EMS in Delaware".

**Meeting with State/County Fire Service Affairs Committee** Advised that the DVFA Chair Officer's meet with the elected members of the Fire Service who serve in the General Assembly or County Councils on May 5, 2010. Reviewed several legislative issues and discussed possible funding issues.

**Meeting with Del Dot** Advised that the DVFA Officers are attempting to schedule a meeting with Secretary Wicks of Del Dot to discuss issues that arose during the Snow Storm and to ensure that they do not reoccur in future weather events.

**Governmental Affairs** Stated that 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Tobin, Chairman Governmental Affairs Committee and the Sussex County Fire Chiefs held a very successful meeting with the Sussex County Legislators at the Indian River Fire Company on May 17<sup>th</sup>.

**DVFA Monument** Advised that on Sunday, June 13<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM a ceremony will be held to honor the nine names being added from the Wilmington Fire Department.

**Long Range Planning** Reported that he and 1<sup>st</sup> VP Tobin have been in discussion of forming a Five and Ten year Long Range Planning Committee to assist in planning the mission and objective of the DVFA in the future.

**DVFA Executive Committee Review Ad Hoc Committee** Reported that Chairman Marvel is still receiving additional comments before they review all aspects of the Executive Committee Meeting and make recommendations for changes, additions or deletions to the present meetings format.

**Conference Re-organization Committee** Stated that he take action at the June Executive Committee Meeting on the recommendations of the Conference Re-Organization Committee. A discussion was held on many of the aspects of the Conference.

**First Vice President William F. Tobin, Jr.** was excused to a conflicting business meeting

**Second Vice President Charles W. Frampton, Jr.** Reported that the training for the Voter Registration Committee has been completed and they will visit any fire company to assist with registration of their members.

**Treasurer J. Allen Metheny, Sr** Advised that the Fire Prevention Matching funds totaling \$79,499.82 have been received from the State Fire Prevention Commission and will be distributed in the near future.

**NVFC** Director Metheny advised that the Spring Meeting of the Council was held in Alexandria, VA at the end of April. The Council established an EMS/Rescue section at that meeting to deal with EMS issues. Also the reauthorization of the AFG/Safer Grants are a priority along with the Rebanding issue.

**Federal Legislative Issues** DVFA PP Stephen P. Austin was excused. Executive Secretary Cabbage reported that the NFPA is in the process of considering a committee to prepare a Roadway Incident Standard. Also the CVVFA has issued their Reputational Management White Paper for the Fire Service and encouraged everyone to join President Wilson and the Official DVFA Delegation at the Opening Ceremonies of the Maryland State Firemen's Association Convention in Ocean City on Monday, June 14<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 AM.

**DVFA Foundation** Executive Secretary Cabbage reported for Chairman Stephen P. Austin that the Foundation met on Monday, May 10, 2010 at the Kent County EOC. The next meeting will be August 16, 2010. All are Welcome.

**Recruitment & Retention Coordinator** President Wilson advised that Kim Willson the R & R Coordinator has prepared Outreach Brochures that can be utilized by each fire department in their R & R Efforts. Also the Sub Grants are about to be awarded to individual fire departments for their Retention efforts. Also an R & R Video has been prepared along with radio messages to be used in a Public Awareness campaign.

**DVFA Office** Executive Secretary Cabbage reported on the following:

**Comm. To Study EMS/Rescue Billing:** Reported that the Committee acting on behalf of the State Insurance Commissioner has held several meetings along with the Sub Committees. They are looking at the Legal, Coverage/Contractual, and Tax Trends across the Country and are preparing a white paper for the Insurance Commissioner. The fire service has at least two representatives from each county on the committee.

**Faith Mackenzie Kiser** Advised that Faith Mackenzie Kiser was born on May 11, 2010 At 11:38 PM, weighing 7 lbs 4 oz's and 20.5 inches long. Her parents Walt & Melissa Kiser are doing well and thank everyone for well wishes.

**DVFA Part Time Assistant** Stated that with Melissa being out on maternity for a minimum of six weeks, requested authority to hire a part time person to assist with the office duties in preparation for the Executive Committee Meeting and the end of the Legislative Year.

***Motion by Director Boyer, seconded by Director Snell that the Executive Secretary be given the authority to hire a part time person to assist during Melissa's maternity leave.  
Motion Carried***

**Comments by Officers or Visitors:**

President Wilson discussed the formation of the National Fire Heritage Center in Emmitsburg, MD.

**CLOSING COMMENTS:**

President Wilson Thanked everyone for their attendance and their continued participation in the Delaware Fire Service.

**ADJOURNMENT:** With no further business to claim the attention of the officers:

***Motion by Director McCourt, seconded by Director Boyer that we adjourn. Motion Carried.***

Meeting Adjourned at 2033 Hrs.

Respectfully submitted,  
***James L. Cabbage, Jr.***  
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Executive Secretary