

DVFA OFFICER'S MEETING

DECEMBER 2, 2002

President Jasper H. Lakey called the December DVFA Officer's Meeting to order at 1840 Hrs. at the Social Hall of the Delaware City Fire Company. Treasurer J. Allen Metheny offered the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by President Lakey.

Attendance:

President Jasper H. Lakey
First Vice President Marvin C. Sharp
Second Vice President Raymond T. Stevens, Jr.
Treasurer J. Allen Metheny, Sr.
Executive Secretary James L. Cabbage, Jr.
Director Curt Gray
Director Clarence R. O'Neal, Jr.
Director Charles Frampton
Director H. Glenn Neese, III

DSFCA President Michael Rush
DSFPA President Harold Ennis
DSAA President Mike McMichael
LADVFA President Patricia McCall
LADVFA 1st Vice President Nancy Green
LADVFA 2nd Vice President Joyce Figgs
LADVFA Treasurer Saralee Stevens
LADVFA Secretary Jackie Guzzo

President Lakey then recessed for a delicious dinner served by the Delaware City Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary at 1842 Hrs.

Meeting was called back to order at 1925 Hrs. President Lakey then called on the Association Presidents for remarks:

LADVFA President McCall brought greetings and introduced her officers that were present. President McCall stated that they had spent \$1,750 for children's fire prevention at the Delaware State Fair and they requested \$2,800 that was left from the NVFC grant. President thanked everyone for the hospitality and wished them a joyous holiday season.

DSFCA President Rush brought greetings and discussed the following issues:

- Blue Light Legislation for the Fire Police
- Discussed the revised DSFCA Meeting schedule
- Discussed the IAFF anti Volunteer position
- Discussed the need for 100% participation in DFIRS
- Reported on the Draft False Fire Alarm Legislation

DSAA President McMichael also brought greetings and discussed the following issues:

- Conflict with the Spring meeting and the CFSI Dinner
- Problem with EDIN reports being left at the Hospital
- Reported that Lt. Gov. Carey will again be riding along after the Holidays
- Advised that the DSAA By-Laws are being revised

- Discussed proposed Conference plans
- Reported that the Sussex Ambulance Association is live and well

DSFPA President Ennis brought greetings and reported on the following:

- DSFPA will utilize local speakers only, speakers from other states can not relate to our issues, and the additional cost
- Discussed other conference details

NCCVFA President Frampton reported on the following items:

- NCC Government has allocated \$300,000 for lap tops and GPS Tracking in all NCC ambulances, pilot program to begin after the first of the year
- Reported that the BLS Study is ongoing in NCC

KCVFA President Neese brought greetings and wished everyone a joyous holiday season.

President Lakey thanked everyone for the continued participation, dedication, and hard work on behalf of the Delaware Fire Service.

President Lakey then reviewed the Legislative Priorities:

DVFA Priorities

- Grant in Aide
- Thermal Imager Program
- BLS Supplemental Funding
- Revolving Loan Program

DVFA Supported Issues

- EMT Training Funding
- Filling Vacant Positions at OSFM & DSFS
- Draft False Fire Alarm Legislation
- 800 MHz Radio Upgrades
- Delaware State Police Helicopter 24/7

Will be meeting with Governor Ruth Ann Minner to discuss our priorities on Tuesday, December 03, 2002 at 1000 Hrs.

Statewide Legislative Night Director O'Neal reported that he has looked for an alternative to the Sheraton in an attempt to cut costs but no viable location has been found for the March 26, 2003 event.

Conference 2003 Chairman Jones submitted a written report of planning activities that have been established.

Wake Up Delaware Vice Chairman Jones written report gave a brief update of activities

WMD/Haz Mat Treasurer Metheny advised that President Lakey has called a meeting to meet with DEMA Director Turner to discuss funding & training issues with the committee, DSFCA and the DVFA.

NVFC Grant Treasurer Metheny reported that funds for Smoke Detectors for the hard of hearing were being used in Wake Up Delaware Campaign from the NVFC Grant. After a short discussion, ***Motion by 1st Vice President Sharp, seconded by Director Gray that up to \$3,000 be authorized for the LADVFA in the Children's fire prevention program. Motion Carried***

Executive Committee Meeting Executive Secretary Cabbage reported on Photo's and correspondence for the meeting on December 8th.

Crawford, TX President Lakey reported on activates with the apparatus being donated to Crawford Volunteer Fire Company and the DVFA trip to Crawford on December 13 –15.

WEB Site First Vice President Sharp discussed the slow start up of the Web Site but also charged the DVFA officers and the Association Presidents to get materials into the Executive Secretary for submission. In addition, that President Lakey has charged the County Presidents to appoint a person to the WEBSITE Oversight Committee to date NCC has appointed Tony Guzzo.

DVFA Cruise Second Vice President Stevens reported on the DVFA Cruise and the meetings he has held. The date for the cruise is February 15 – 22, 2004.

Valor Commission Executive Secretary Cabbage reported on the recent activities on the Valor Commission and the vacant position when an IAFF Affiliate President was removed. After a short discussion. ***Motion by 1st Vice President Sharp, seconded by Director O'Neal that the DVFA endorse President Ray Sneed of the DC IAFF to fill the vacant position on the Valor Commission. Motion Carried.***

Federal Legislation Executive Secretary Cabbage reported on Federal Legislation whereby funds for recruitment and retention of Volunteer Firefighters were removed. Senator Carper has advised that he will support funding for Volunteer Firefighters. ***Motion by Treasurer Metheny, seconded by Director Frampton to request support from Sen Carper for funding for recruitment and retention of volunteer firefighters. Motion carried.***

First Vice President Sharp thanked the Executive Secretary and all who were involved in making the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Weekend a success.

President Lakey advised that the DVFA is sponsoring the Name the DSFS Blowup Balloon Character. The Children of Delaware schools will be asked to name this training aid.

President Lakey again thanked everyone for their support and assistance and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Motion by Director Gray, seconded by Director Neese that we adjourn. Motion Carried.

Benediction by Treasurer Metheny.

Meeting Adjourned at 2106 Hrs.

Respectfully submitted,

James L. Cabbage, Jr.

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