

DVFA OFFICER'S MEETING

JUNE 02, 2003

President Jasper H. Lakey called the June DVFA Officer's Meeting to order at 1832 Hrs. at the Social Hall of the Delaware City Fire Company, DSFCA President Mike Rush offered the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag led by President Lakey

Attendance:

President Jasper H. Lakey
First Vice President Marvin C. Sharp
Second Vice President Raymond T. Stevens, Jr.
Executive Secretary James L. Cabbage, Jr.
Director Curt Gray
Director Clarence R. O'Neal, Jr.
Director James W. King
Director Richard F. Weaver
Director Charles H. Snyder
Chairman Warren F. Jones
Chairman Alan F. Robinson, Jr.

LADVFA President Patricia McCall
LADVFA First Vice President Nancy Green
LADVFA Second Vice President Joyce Figgs
LADVFA Secretary Jackie Guzzo
LADVFA Treasurer Saralee Stevens
DSFCA President Michael Rush
DSAA President Mike McMichael
DSFPA President Harold Ennis
DVFA PP Stephen P. Austin
Parade Chairman Grover P. Ingle
Chairman Lynn Truitt

President Lakey then recessed the meeting for a delicious dinner served by the Delaware City Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary at 1834 Hrs.

Meeting was called back to order at 1913 Hrs. President Lakey then called on the following members and guests for reports and remarks:

LADVFA President McCall brought greeting and introduced her officers that were present. She requested that the LADVFA be again funded for Fire Prevention and was advised by President Lakey that they would need to submit a budget request for FY-04 to Chairman George Pyott. She then discussed the need for a safe, secure place to hold the records of the LADVFA. The Executive Secretary was charged to look into the situation.

DSFCA President Rush brought greeting and discussed the following issues:

- Reported on the meeting with the Maryland State Fire Chief's Assoc Officers where many common issues were discussed and a strong relationship was formed
- On July 19th the five states fire chief's associations that make up the Eastern Division of IAFC will meet in Evsham, NJ to discuss issues and form relationships
- The next meeting of the DSFCA will be at Rehoboth-Lewes Sta #3 on June 26th, Greg Noll, Nationally known Haz Mat instructor will be guest speaker
- Advised that the entire state fire service is now 100% on the DFIRS System

DSAA President McMichael brought greeting and discussed the following issues:

- Reported on the Ride Along Program with Lt Governor Carney
- Advised that State Treasurer Jack Markell has also ridden along and is interested in funding a special training program to assist in the Spanish speaking community
- Reported that all conference speakers and details are in order
- Advised that July 14th is the cut off date for EMT of the Year endorsements
- Advised that there will be an EMS class in the fall at the National Fire Academy

DSFPA President Ennis brought greeting and discussed the following issues:

- Advised that the seminar that they held on Traffic Control was a success
- Thanked the DVFA for their support in the passage of the recent Light Bill Legislation
- Advised that the DSFPA is attempting to meet with the New Jersey Fire Police Assoc.

LEGISLATIVE NIGHT Director O'Neal gave the final report on the Statewide Legislative Night that was held at Sheraton in Dover on March 29th. Total Cost was \$6,825.00, approx \$1,900 less than last years event. ***Motion by Executive Secretary Cubbage, seconded by Second Vice President Stevens that each hosting association be assessed \$1,365.04. Motion Carried.***

CONFERENCE 2003 Chairman Jones reported on the following items:

- Advised that the packets are ready to be printed and will be distributed at the Exec Comm Meeting on Sunday, June 8th
- Reported that they are finalizing all menu's for events during the conference
- Advised that the souvenirs are selling very well
- Reported that a possible room problems still exists and that each company check on their rooms at their respective hotel
- Discussed the educational seminars
- Reported on the HOTS Firefighter Training at the DSFS

PARADE PRIZE LIST Chairman King in detail discussed the proposed changes to the Conference parade prize list. ***Motion by Director King, Seconded by Director O'Neal that the Report be accepted, and the presented to the membership at the June Executive Committee Meeting with the intention of voting on the changes at the December Executive Committee Meeting. Motion Carried***

PARADE 2003 Chairman Ingle discussed the short time frame for the proposed parade prize list. He advised he has had some problems but solutions were found and most details are being finalized.

CISM Chairman Truitt discussed the following items:

- Advised of the problem with contacting the Kent & Sussex Teams. Reported that Phil Young is the new Kent County Coordinator and that Charlie Arnold is Sussex County Coordinator
- Reported on the Advanced Training Seminar that the held last weekend
- Next meeting will be June 26th at Reboboth-Lewes Sta. #3

WAKE UP DELAWARE Chairman Robinson discussed the following items:

- Advised that several committee members met with the USFA in Emmitsburg to discuss the 2002 Fire Prevention Grant. The Grant is being processed and we should here the results in approx One week
- Committee met at the DSFS –Northern Division to review the New Hazard House that the committee is considering purchasing with grant funds
- Reported that the committee has smoke detectors that are stored at the DSFS, if you need additional please contact the chairman

DVFA CRUISE Admiral Stevens reported that another informational meeting was held at Clayton, Sta #45 and at present, the DVFA has 49 rooms booked.

MID-SUSSEX RESCUE Second Vice President Stevens briefly discussed the Financial problems that Mid-Sussex Rescue is having, the cooperative working relationship the DVFA has had with the SFPC, SCVFA local & state elected officials. Reported that the State Auditor's Office is conducting an audit at the request of the SFPC. When completed it may have some possible solutions.

DVFA WEB PAGE Executive Secretary discussed the problems with the web page and some of the changes that have taken place in the last week, it is still not satisfactory. Second Vice President Sharp advised he would submit a line item request to hire a web master in the FY-04 budget if the problem is not completely resolved in the next month.

FIRE PREVENTION COMMISSION Second Vice President Sharp stated that he was very critical of the SFPC at the March Officer's meeting in regards to the Rehoboth Radio Problem. However, since the letter we sent to the SFPC, he is very happily surprised by the **excellent** working relationship the DVFA has had with SFPC in regards to the Mid-Sussex Rescue problem. ***Motion by Second Vice President Sharp, seconded by Director O'Neal that a letter be sent to the SFPC Thanking them for their efforts & their continued working relationship. Motion Carried.***

FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE ISSUES PP Austin reported on the following issues.

- Gave an update on the SAFER Legislation from the Delaware perspective as a benefit for volunteers
- Discussed the Sprinkler Bill, HR 1824, which presented after the tragic fire in Rhode Island. ***Motion by Second Vice President Sharp, seconded by Director King that the DVFA support HR 1824 and that a letter of endorsement be sent to Rep Castle, Motion Carried.***
- Reported on the AMBER ALERT recommendation, supported and recommend that it be forwarded to the DSFCA for possible action
- Updated on the Volunteer Rights issue and the IAFF
- Advised that Rep Curt Weldon will be having a tribute at Sta #13 in the Fall, will keep everyone advised of the date & time

CONFERENCE AND CONVENTIONS PP Austin gave the following dates:

- Maryland State Firemen's Assoc – Ocean City, MD June 14-18
- Cumberland Valley Vol Firemen's Assoc. – Taneytown, MD July 30-Aug 01
- CVVFA President's Council Meeting – Taneytown, Md July 31
- West Virginia State Firemen's Assoc – Vienna, WV Aug 6-9
- Virginia State Firemen's Assoc – Roanoke, VA Aug 6-9
- Pennsylvania State Firemen's Assoc – Delaware County, PA Sept 22-27

DVFA FOUNDATION Chairman Austin reported that all paperwork has been completed, accounts have been opened, organizational meeting held and officer's elected. Fund raising committee is preparing for fund raising events. Next meeting will be September 15th.

WILMINGTON FIRE DEPARTMENT PP Austin reported that he has had several in depth meetings with Chief Jim Ford of the Wilmington Fire Department and that WFD is very interested in becoming a full voting member of the DVFA. They are aware of the increased dues and the need for a By-Law Change. After a short discussion, President Lakey advised that he would turn this over to the By-Laws committee to research and make a possible recommendation.

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP PP Austin discussed the possibility of making CFSI Executive Director Bill Webb an Honorary Member of the DVFA. ***Motion by Director O'Neal, seconded by Director Weaver that the DVFA honor Bill Webb with an Honorary Membership to be presented at the Conference Luncheon. Motion Carried.***

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY Cabbage reported on the following items:

- Provided a Legislative Report for everyone's review
- Advised that the 1-800-Fire Line phone number as of May 13th is now working and calls are being received at the DVFA Office
- Reported on a request from the Blue-Gold Football game for Fire Departments to advertise the event to be held on June 28th
- Advised that there is openings at the NFA for a one day "Taking Care of Our Own" Seminar on Saturday, June 21st
- Advised that we received a request for an ad in the CVVFA Convention Book. ***Motion by Director O'Neal, seconded by Director Gray to purchase a full-page ad in the Cumberland Valley Volunteer Firemen's Association Convention Book for the price of \$100. Motion Carried. Negative vote cast by First Vice President Sharp***

DVFA OFFICE COMPUTER SYSTEM Executive Secretary Cabbage reported on the current and ongoing problems with the office computer system. ***After a short discussion a motion was made by Director Gray, seconded by Director Weaver to authorize an Ad Hoc Committee to research, recommend, purchase and install a new computer system in the office with the capacity of having at least two work stations, a new lap top for the Executive Secretary not to exceed \$10,000 for all items. Motion Carried.***

AD HOC DVFA COMPUTER SYSTEM COMMITTEE President Lakey appointed the following Ad Hoc Committee:

Director Clarence R. O'Neal, Jr., 51 – Chairman
Russ Pickett, 43
Executive Secretary Cabbage

COMMENTS DSFCA President Rush Thanked Chairman Robinson for the donation of a pencil drawing for the JD Howell Auction. The drawing is of the American Flag and a Mill Creek Fire Helmet done by Tonya Robinson, Robi's daughter.

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

Motion by Director King, seconded by Director O'Neal that we adjourn. Motion Carried.

Meeting Adjourned at 2124 Hrs.

Respectfully submitted,

James L. Cabbage, Jr.

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Executive Secretary