

**Delaware Volunteer Firemen's Association
Officers Meeting**

July 7, 1998

A Special Officers meeting of the DVFA was convened at 7:36 P.M. in the Social Hall of the Magnolia Fire Company on the above date. All DVFA Officers were present with the exception of Director Kenneth Clendaniel, President Kent County Volunteer Firemen's Association. President Knight stated that this meeting was called to specifically discuss and further deliberate the Emergency Medical Service issues subsequent to the report, action and approval at the last Executive Committee meeting held on Sunday, June 14, 1998.

President Knight reported that a meeting has been scheduled with the State Fire Commission at the Fire School on Tuesday, July 14, 1998 at 7:00 P. M.

After much discussion, it was unanimously agreed by the Officers to fully support the motion as presented and adopted at the June Executive meeting. It was further agreed that concerning Continuing Education issues, the teaching objectives should be drawn from the National requirements.

Additional concerns were voiced concerning the firefighters, Ambulance Attendants and Emergency Care Technicians achieving the EMT-B standard. It was agreed that training to address these issues should be designed to meet this standard based on the individuals certified training, i. e., 36, 45 or 60 Hour Emergency Care program and the Emergency Care Technician training program. These upgrade programs should be delivered on a local basis versus a regional basis. It was felt that the delivery of these programs on a local basis would provide the most advantageous methods to allow for our current Ambulance Attendants and Emergency Care Technicians to achieve EMT-B certification.

Following additional discussion on certified, long term Ambulance Attendants, it was unanimously agreed that the Draft of Certificate of Compliance be presented to the State Fire Prevention Commission for discussion and the designation of the title for these individuals be left open for discussion between the Commission, Department of Public Health and the DVFA.

The Secretary with direction from the President will develop a position paper for presentation to the Commission. Copies will be distributed to the Officers with Email. Copies will be provided to all Officers at the Commission meeting.

No Delaware Fire Service personnel have been requested to support the fire fighting efforts in Florida.

There were comments on DEMA's response and interactions in Florida, Public Health's Multi-Casualty Incident plan and the billing controversy during the spring storms in Sussex County. It was suggested that a DVFA representative be appointed as a contact with DEMA for these types of issues. It was further pointed out that in the State Emergency Operation Plan; a Fire Service Coordinator is delegated, with the approval of the Delaware Fire Service. The Coordinator is the Director of the Delaware State Fire School. It was reported that Director Murabito had been in contact with DEMA concerning the Florida fire. It was then suggested that a meeting date be established to open dialog with the new Secretary of Public Safety, Brian Bushweller to discuss these issues.


The Officers next meeting will be the third Tuesday in August at Station 55. Meeting will commence at 6:30 P. M. with dinner provided.

It was regularly moved by Vice President Austin, seconded by Director Lakey that a resolution be drafted for Chief Ron Siarnicki, Prince George's County Fire Department thanking him and his fire fighters for allowing members of the Delaware Fire Service to participate in their high rise training in Oxon Hill, Maryland. Motion carried. It was suggested that the resolution be presented during the lunch. It was further suggested that Battalion Chief Mark Baashor be also invited to attend the Conference Luncheon, as he was the Coordinator of this program.

President Knight reported that as of this date, there was no request of support from Maryland for Louis Goldstien's funeral. It was regularly moved by Vice President Austin, seconded by Director Lakey that \$50.00 is donated to the Maryland State Firemen's Association Scholarship fund and \$50.00 is donated to the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Foundation in memory of Comptroller Goldstien. Motion carried.

It was regularly moved by the Secretary and seconded by Director Callaway that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,


**James E. Turner, III
Secretary**

Attachment: DVFA EMS position paper