

2012 DVFA CONFERENCE

Executive Meeting

***Thursday, September 13, 2012
Dover Sheraton Conference Center***

Call the Conference Business Session to order – President Charles Frampton Jr.

Invocation offered by Pastor Bob Hudson

Pledge of Allegiance led by Ed Barlow

Conference Appointments by President Frampton

- Credentials: Charles Sheridan, 20, Steve White, 49, and Bill Henry Buckaloo, 82
- Sergeant at Arms Joseph Zeroles, 47; John Pridemore, 45; Dominic Messina, 80; Edward Schaffer, 82; Jack Clendaniel, 11
- Committee to visit LADVFA Meeting: Marvin C. Sharp, 42, Ken Pyle, 24 and Ray Stevens, 88.
- Parliamentarians: Frank King, 51, Joseph W. Hojnicky, Sr., 22; Ed Barlow, 20, Norman Batchelor, 83

CONFERENCE GROUND RULES AND CONDUCT

No Hats, all Cell Phones and Pagers to be turned off or placed in the silent mode. In order to speak, rise and be recognized by the Chair. Prior to addressing the Conference, state your name and the fire company you are representing.

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS

Secretary, Robert Sutton, read the following communications:

Letter from Mutual Relief requesting an appointment letter for Richard Perillo

Letter from Laurel requesting their new Sub-Station be included in Grant in Aids

Letter from Greenwood Fire Company thanking the DVFA for their help during the funeral of Robert Lee Collins.

Letter from W. L. Gore, declining our request for Partners in Progress

Letter from the Kent County Volunteer Firefighter's Association supporting Elmer Steele for Secretary of the DVFA.

Letter from Kent County Volunteer Firefighter's Association supporting Lynn Truitt for Director of the DVFA.

Letter from Laurel Fire Department supporting Elmer Steele for Secretary of the DVFA

Letter from NCCVFA supporting Lynn Truitt for Director of the DVFA

REPORT OF OFFICERS

President: Charles Frampton: Thanked everyone for a great year. Thanked them for their support. Spoke about the experiences he gained from traveling to other states and seeing how they run their associations. He especially wanted to thank the Brandywine Hundred Fire Company for their support all during his journey through the chairs. President Frampton then reported that instead of buying gifts this year, he was donating \$1000.00 to the Burn Camp and \$1000.00 to the DVFA Foundation for scholarships.

First Vice President: Charles Boyer: Thanked all for their support, especially the Dover Fire Department, his home company. He said he was looking forward to this year.

Second Vice President: Richard Toulson: Said his activity report was in electronic form. He spoke about learning from the other associations he visited. He talked about the fire company meetings that he and the DVFA Officers have visited this year presenting the DVFA story. He looked forward to getting to all the companies remaining. He then spoke about the CFSI's annual dinner and how this was a special year commemorating their 25th dinner. He was looking forward to all companies in the state attending this year and making it a special event to celebrate the 25th dinner.

Secretary: Robert Sutton's report: I would like to thank all of you for the opportunity to be your Secretary. This year as secretary and last year as NCC Director have been very informative for me. I've had the pleasure of serving with some extremely dedicated people, the opportunity to meet fire service members throughout the state and visit fire stations that I had never been to before. During this time I have met many very dedicated, exceptional people associated with the Delaware Fire Service. Many of them are right here in this room.

Normally I do not like to mention names because I'm always afraid I will leave someone out by there are a couple I must mention, Lou Amabili for making the phone call to ask me to run for NCCVFA President, Bill Lee for educating me on Politics 101, so I would not embarrass myself, Bill Tobin for the friendship and guidance we have had and all the members of the GAC. The GAC is one of the best committees that I have ever served on. The success of this committee, with our presentations to the JFC belongs to everyone on that committee and everyone that showed up on the day of our presentation. The show of support and camaraderie does not go un-noticed by our legislators. To me, one of the best phrases we used in our first JFC presentation was from Selbyville to Claymont we all have the same concerns; funding and finances.

While we may have different opinions on how to accomplish our goal, we are focused on that goal, "Protecting our communities." I do not know what drives some to start as young as 15 or 16 and still have us involved at 65 or 75. However, without all of us there would not be a Delaware Fire Service. I am proud to be associated with you. Keep up the great work!

Secretary Sutton next, spoke about the decision by the DVFA Officers at their recent meeting to support the POW/MIA flag day and the Wounded Warriors program. He asked that the DVFA go on record supporting these two initiatives.

Treasurer: J. Allen Metheny. Reported on this year's financial statements and about the development of the budget. He thanked everyone for their support and looked forward to another good year.

Executive Manager: Warren Jones: Spoke about the Anniversary date of the association and how it had gotten off by one year. This year is the 91st Anniversary. He next spoke about the last two SAFER Grants and how difficult it is to obtain these grants unless you were applying for career staff. He offered to put a SAFER

grant together for any companies who would like to increase their career staff. He next spoke about the Firefighter Job Protection Bill and his conversation with Rep. Heffernan. Rep. Heffernan had passed the bill off to the Chamber of Commerce for their thoughts. When she hears the results from that she will let us know before our December meeting. He next spoke about the Company meetings and how he would like to get to all the company meetings as soon a practical.

He along with Dan Burris reported on the September 5, 2012, meeting with the Insurance Office as follows: The committee was started by President Bill Tobin and originally it was Dan Burris, chairman, Ken Ryder, Felton, Gordon Davis, Lewes and myself. This year we added some expertise in Ed Kalinowski for D. C. and Dave Roberts. Ed and Ken are both insurance agents. Ed had the NCC expertise and Ken the Kent and Sussex. Gordon had the post office background for the zip code issue. The last part to the puzzle was mapping and GIS. Dave Roberts came through big time with that information. It was a great team.

We had a meeting on September 5th. At the meeting were all the people I mentioned plus Vice President Richard Toulson, 4 insurance company representatives, Insurance Commissioner Karen Weldin Stewart, Dep. Comm. Gene Reed, Chief of Staff Paul Ryan and 4 other members of the insurance department, plus 2 other insurance reps on conference call.

After an hour discussion on how the insurance companies can meet the requirements of the statue with our experts, it was decided that the insurance department would send out the following:

1. A bulletin will be issued by the Delaware Department of Insurance regarding the statutory mandates as reflected within Title 18 Chapter 7 §705 on or before October 1, 2012.
2. The Department of Insurance will request what data source(s) will be utilized by Insurance Companies when reporting information required within the statute.
3. The Delaware Department of Insurance will monitor data submitted by Insurance Companies for compliance.
4. Failure to comply may result in sanctions including significant fines.

Lastly he reported on the Round Table seminar and how we would like to have 1 person from each company to join this coalition to improve our political picture.

REPORTS OF AFFILIATED ASSOCIATIONS

Introduction of Guests by DVFA PP Stephen P. Austin: Steve introduced all the guests from the neighboring Associations in attendance.

DVFA Foundation Chairman Stephen P. Austin: Steve reported on the foundation and thanked President Frampton for his generous gift.

Delaware State Fire Prevention Commission Chairman Dave Roberts: Commissioner Roberts thanked President Frampton and the officers for a good year. He spoke about the BLS Protocols and New Fire Regulations.

Delaware State Fire Marshal Grover P. Ingle reported on the success of the Burn Camp and thanked everyone who made that happen. He talked about the Annual Report of the Fire Marshal's Office. He spoke about the Fire Marshal who was involved in an automobile crash and how he and his K-9 are doing well. He spoke about the challenges ahead and thanked President Frampton for his support during the year.

Delaware State Fire School Director Robert P. Newman thanked Charlie, Warren and Dave for their support this year in obtaining the new tower and air systems. He reported on the Firefighter I program and that there are 1417 EMTs in the State with 1363 remaining National Registered. There are also 1103 EMRs. He said there should be a ground breaking at the Sussex Division in two weeks. He also thanked the DVFA for their support for the Risk Watch Coordinator, which is Kim O'Malley. Lastly, he thanked Rep. Biff Lee for his help on the bond bill committee.

National Volunteer Firemen's Association Delegate: J. Allen Metheny, reported on the recent NVFC in Alaska, that the NVFC was successful in obtaining a \$840,000.00 Health and Safety Grant. He spoke about Fire Corps program and about FASNY's recruitment program. He also talked about the AFG and SAFER reauthorization.

Delaware State Fire Chief's Association President Les Warrick reported about the annual Chief's meeting tonight and said it was a pleasure to serve as the President of the Chief's Association and work with the other association's during the year.

Delaware State Fire Police Association President Jerry Daniels, congratulated President Frampton on his year and reported on the new officers for this year. Dave Snell is the new President, John Hall is 1st Vice President and Charles Morgan is 2nd Vice President.

Delaware State Ambulance Association President Ed Agwine reported on the Protocols and looked forward to the coming year.

Mutual Relief Association Chairman Joe Zeroles reminded everyone on the Mutual Relief Meeting today at 1500 and how this is a very important meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Credentials Committee – Charles Sheridan, Chairman, Holloway Terrace, reported that there were 58 companies present with 178 Delegates and Alternates.

Finance & Audit – George J. Pyott, Jr., Cheswold, Chairman, gave the budget report.

Life Safety Committee – Guy Hudson, Roxana, Chairman, reported the packets are out to the companies and also on the DVFA Website.

NOMINATION OF OFFICERS

PRESIDENT —. Charles Boyer, Dover (letter received) Dover Nominated by Carlton Carey, Jr. Carey, Second by Carlton Carey Sr.

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT— Richard Toulson, Seaford (letter Received) Nominated by PP Ronald Marvel, Second by Chief Mark O'Bier

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT: Anthony Guzzo, Hockessin (Letter Received) Nominated by Retired Fire School Director, Lou Amabili and Second by Dan Carrier, Hockessin

SECRETARY Elmer Steele, Laurel – (letter received) Nominated by Pres. William Hearn, Laurel and Second by Chief Jeff Hill

TREASURER – J. Allen Metheny, Sr., Hartly – (letter received) Nominated by Clarence Rod O'Neill, seconded by Frank Ballek Sr., Hartly

DIRECTOR, New Castle County (3 Years) – Lynn Truitt, Cranston Heights (letter received) Nominated by President Les Warrick, Cranston Heights second by Michael Truitt, Cranston Heights.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

President Frampton requests a motion that the Secretary cast a ballot for all uncontested offices. Motion by Director Buckaloo, Lewes, Second by Richard Perillo, Brandywine Hundred, that the Secretary cast the ballot for all uncontested offices. Motion passed.

President Frampton calls on George J. Pyott, Jr., Cheswold, of the Finance & Budget Committee for a motion to adopt the FY-2013 Budget. Motion by Past President Jasper Lakey, Delaware City second by Mike Rush, Christiana, that the budget be approved. Motion Passed.

Motion by Bob Sutton, Five Points Second by Mark Gott, Holloway Terrace that we support the Wounded Warriors and the POW flags, Motion passed.

Motion by Ted Doyle, Rehoboth Beach second by Tom DiCristofaro, Claymont, that we look into legislation to have the Commission fine money either used for the Burn Camp or Fire Prevention, motion passed.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Treasurer J. Allen Metheny, Sr. submitted the following bills for payment. Motion by Ted Doyle, second by Joe Hojnicky to pay the bills, motion passed.

GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION

Richard Perillo, Brandywine Hundred discussed that Five Points Fire Company received \$25,000.00 from the Bond Bill Committee that didn't have to come before the DVFA while the Firefighter job protection bill did. Bob Sutton, Five Points, answered by saying the Job Protections Bill was legislation while the money Five Points received was not.

Lou Amabili, Hockessin reported that this will be the 25th Annual CFSI dinner and that they would like to see 250 people from Delaware attend the dinner.

Jasper Lakey, Delaware City, talked about the Firemen of the year and how there were very few applications this year.

There being no further business to claim the attention of the members, the meeting was recessed until 0830 Hrs. September 14, 2012 for the Memorial Service. Pastor Bob Hudson offered the benediction.

Minutes approved by: