

DVFA EXECUTIVE MEETING

March 9, 2008

Delaware State Fire School

Called to order at 10:00 A.M. by President Ronald H. Marvel

Invocation offered by DVFA Treasurer, Allen Metheny

Pledge of Allegiance led by DVFA PP Michael H. Vincent

Roll Call of Officers – Administrative Assistant

- [X] Ronald H. Marvel, 87, President
- [X] Warren F. Jones, 16 1st Vice President
- [X] Kevin L. Wilson, 45, 2nd Vice President
- [] James L. Cabbage, Jr., 45, Executive Secretary
- [X] J. Allen Metheny, Jr., 51, Treasurer
- [X] Rick Clark, Sr., 26, New Castle County Director
- [X] Joseph Zeroles, 47, Kent County Director
- [X] William Tobin, 89, Sussex County Director
- [X] Alan F. Robinson, Jr., 44, Immediate Past President
- [X] Charles W. Frampton, 11, Director, New Castle County
- [X] Charles H. Boyer, 46, Director, Kent County
- [X] Harold Barber, 70, Director, Sussex County

All officers were present, with the exception of Executive Secretary James Cabbage, who was excused.

Guests

Bill Webb- CFSI

This is the 20th Anniversary this year. He met with the DVFA Leadership to discuss something different for the upcoming year. There will be an apparatus display on the Mall. President Marvel will be bringing a ladder truck to display the American Flag in front of the Capital. Michael Isreal will be doing a painting of a firefighter holding a child. We want to make the DVFA as welcome as possible. The DVFA will also be providing the Colors this year. This year the Presidents suite will be open for a party room after the Dinner.

Carolyn Courtney- Dover Civic Center Association.

Discussed the need for the civic center in Kent county and talked about how it would benefit the DVFA for conference week. They are trying to build it right next to Sam's Club. This building would seat 9,000 and would also be used for Ice hockey, indoor basketball. It would be 30,000 square feet. Please call your elected officials and lets try and get this done for DE!

Report of Officers

President Marvel

Members of the DVFA,

These months have been a very busy year for me and my family. The fire service has gotten a tremendous amount of my time. The learning curve is one of great patience and understanding. I hope that all the members feel that I have giver fair judgment and treatment to all situations.

I have enjoyed being the president of the DVFA and hope the next few months are as fruitful as the last few.

Since our last meeting I have attended all the functions requested of me by this association. I have traveled over 2,600 ground miles and attended over 25 events. If anyone has any questions or Concerns, feel free to contact me.

Sorry the Legislative priorities did not get finalized, before meeting with the governor. However the items were discussed, however there isn't any money anyway.

The priorities are as followed.

Grant In Aide Request an increase in funding of a minimum of 1-3% over last years appropriation

Revolving Loan Program Provides an additional \$2,000,000 funding for the fourth year of this successful program which has only been funded once

BLS Supplemental Funding Provide critical funding to support the increased requirements of the member companies in complying with HB #332

Cancer Presumption Legislation Passage of HB #166, a Fire Fighter Cancer Presumption Law which will protect firefighters from occupational diseases

Increase in Mutual Relief Benefits Passage of HB #192, which allows an increase in weekly and death benefits that the DVFA & LADVFA Mutual Relief Assoc., may pay

Scholarship Program Implementation and funding of a scholarship program for our members to assist with recruitment and retention

President Marvel also discussed how he would like to see a great turnout at the CFSI dinner. All county Presidents will be notifying and reminding companies to fill out registration. Please help support this function as they are always helping us.

Fraternally
 Ronald H. Marvel

First Vice President Jones

1st Vice president Jones appointed the new Life Safety Committee.

- Guy Hudson, 90 Chairman
- Ron Marvel, 87 Co - Chair
- Joseph Mullin, 18 NCCVFA
- Randall Lee, 81 SCVFA
- Patricia Carnavale, 2-21
- Frank Beebe, 49
- Shiela Scotten, 45
- Charles Boyer, 46
- Paul Eichler, 46
- Robert Yerkes, 52
- Dottie Barber, 70
- Dave Snell, 53
- Anthony Carnavale, 2-21
- Dave Voss, 4-24
- Ann Marie Kyrstopolski, 14
- Mike Lowe, DSFS

Legislative Night will be held May 6th on the green at Legislative Hall under a tent. Thanked everyone who attended the Presidents and Chiefs meeting, and will be a follow up meeting.

Date	Event	Hours	Miles
12/9/2007	DVFA Executive Meeting, Dover	9	98
12/11/2007	CFSI Christmas Party, Washington, D. C..	8	242
12/13/2007	NCCVFA Meeting, Townsend	8	130
12/15/2007	Clayton Installation Dinner	7	115
12/20/2007	SCFCA Meeting, Redden Forrest	6	44
1/2/2008	Rehoboth Meeting	3	20
1/3/2008	Carisle Fire Company Install Officers	4	50
1/5/2007	Delaware City Fire Company Banquet	7	163
1/6/2007	NCC Chiefs and Presidents Meeting, Townsend	6	130
1/6/2007	Rehoboth Fire Company Install Officers	2	20
1/7/2007	Elsmere Fire Company Meeting & Install Officers	6	184
1/8/2008	DVFA Legislative Night Meeting, Dover	6	94
1/9/2008	Rehoboth Long Range Planning	3	20

1/10/2008	NCCVFA Meeting, Minquas	7	178
1/12/2008	Townsend Fire Company Banquet	8	130
1/13/2008	Rehoboth Long Range Planning	3	20
1/16/2008	KCVFA Meeting, Harrington	6	70
1/19/2008	Lewes Fire Company Banquet, Rehoboth	5	20
1/22/2008	SCFVA Meeting, Lewes	5	19
1/23/2008	Rehoboth Long Range Planning	3	20
1/24/2008	DSFCA Meeting, Middletown	7	140
1/27/2008	State Leadership Meeting, Dover	10	98
1/29/2008	DVFA Web Page Committee Meeting, Dover	6	98
2/2/2008	Rehoboth Beach Fire Company Banquet	4	20
2/4/2008	Elsmere Fire Company Meeting	6	184
2/6/2008	Rehoboth Beach Fire Company Meeting	4	20
2/9/2008	Memorial Fire Company Banquet, Install Officers	4	48
2/14/2008	NCCVFA Meeting, Odessa	6	136
2/16/2008	Camden Wyoming Banquet	6	84
2/25/2008	DVFA Officers Meeting, Clayton	6	115
2/26/2008	SCVFA Meeting, Selbyville	5	50
3/4/2008	Meeting with Governor Minner, Dover	3	92
3/5/2008	Reboboth Meeting	4	20
34	Totals	183	2872

Respectfully Submitted by
Warren F. Jones

Second Vice President Wilson

WMD

Director Turner has advised that the Federal Homeland Security Funding for the next fiscal year may only be 3.5 million dollars for the entire state.

Survey

The employee committee met February 27, 2008 and it was decided to develop a new survey that will be taken to the companies directly by the committee members for updated information. The committee will also be working with the

state labor board and state personnel to assist in working with company issues and related information.

Please accept this as my officer's report for the period December 1, 2007 to March 1, 2008.

Date	Event	Location	Time	Miles
December 9, 2008	DVFA Exe Meeting	DSFS	3	20
December 15, 2008	NCC Meeting	Sta. 26	2	15
January 10, 2008	NCC Meeting	Sta. 23	3	70
January 16, 2008	Kent Cty Mt.	Sta. 50	3	50
January 22, 2008	Sussex Cty Mt.	Sta.82	4	120
January 24, 2008	State Chief's	Sta. 27	3	40
January 27, 2008	Leadership Mt.	Dover	9	20
February 9, 2008	Banquet	Sta. 17	3	80
February 13, 2008	JFC Hearing	Leg Hall	1	20
February 14, 2008	NCC Mt.	Sta. 24	2.5	30
February 16, 2008	Banquet	Sta. 47	3	80
February 18, 2008	Conf Mt.	Sheraton	2	20
February 19, 2008	HB 251 Mt.	Sheraton	1.5	20
February 20, 2008	Kent Cty Mt.	Sta. 51	2	20
February 23, 2008	Kent Cty Ladies	Sta. 48	3	65
February 25, 2008	DVFA Off Mt.	Sta. 45	3	5
February 26, 2008	DVFA Grant Sem	DSFS	1.5	20
February 27, 2008	Employment Comm	Sta. 45	2	5
February 28, 2008	Elections Comm	Sta. 45	2	5
19 Events			54.5	705

Respectfully Submitted

Kevin L. Wilson

Treasurer Metheny

Fellow Officers, Delegates, Alternates, Members, and Guests

It gives me great pleasure to present the attached Treasurer's report for the period December 7, 2007 through March 7, 2008. This report includes both the DVFA Operations and the Conference Accounts.

On March 3, 2008 I transferred \$1,240,750.02 to the Northern Trust Company for out Calendar year 2007DVFA Pension Program. This consisted of \$1,043,590.02 for the Employer's share of the program, \$148,200.00 to cover 2,470 fire company members and

\$48,960.00 to cover 816 ladies auxiliary members. This year, all companies did meet the filing deadline. As I reported last year, we again had only a few members enrolled in the Pension Program. The number of men and ladies both decreased this year.

I have also closed the books for Conference 2007. We took in \$ 233,202 and expended \$238,595 leaving a net loss of \$5,393.

If anyone has any questions, please seem me.

J. Allen Metheny, Sr.
Treasurer.

Executive Secretary Cabbage has prepared and carried out the required duties and functions of the office since the last Executive Committee Meeting.

Committee Reports

DVFA Public Relations- Dave Bonar

We are pleased to present the public relations report for the first quarter of 2008.

The past three months have been particularly challenging and somewhat sad for us as public servants.

Some 450 newspapers articles have been published regarding fire service, ambulance serviced and the incidents you all respond to. Numerous injuries and significant property damage took place due to fires, crashes and other emergency occurrences. In January, you'll recall we suffered a significant incident when a privately owned vehicle slammed into one of our ambulances in Sussex County, killing the driver of the SUV and injuring those in the ambulance.

Reviewed the door hangers and copy for Wake Up Delaware Campaign, which got underway in earnest on Friday. Great Job by Tom Mitten on the Radio.

Worked with Jim Cabbage to reschedule out Legislative Liaison gathering. Make a not of the Date May 6th at 6:00 pm ON legislative Mall. We though that date would be fine, even though it conflicts with a fundraiser for one of our senators.

Had personal telephone conversation with various elected and appointed State Officials about how the DVFA wished to proceed with any news releases planned that might reflect on the DVFA

1. Advisory to State Fire Marshal –Grover P. Ingle

Need planning Money, looking to expand office as facility is getting to be too small. Approx 2 years worth of planning.

2 Fire deaths for year to date.

Residential sprinklers still moving forward positively.

Still one position to fill, deputy Fire Marshal.

2. Advisory to DSFS –Robert P. Newman

- Repairs completed on the flammable liquids pad
- Highway visibility standards- Nov 24, 2008- vests- memo sent to Chiefs
- Currently 15 new DSFS instructors coming on board
- Video Conferencing equipment- Status(1.5 Million) (Current Server \$10,000)
- Fire Chiefs and Instructors Seminars
 - A. Survey sent to Chiefs on standards
- Status of Budget
 - A. Approve to have new instructors added
 - B. Instructor budget close- will not affect classes
 - C. Advised to plan for a 3% reduction for FY09
- Planning monies for Sussex division- Will need assistance.

3. Archives – Charles Emerson

Need pictures for Archives. Nomination for hall of fame is now open, until June 6th. Hall of fame plaque is full and in need of a new one. Will bring up for a motion at the June Committee meeting. Smoke eaters display will be open in June and close in Sept, At the Delaware History Museum in Wilmington. Three times more space as the exhibit in Dover.

4. Constitution & By Laws – Lou Amabili

Suggested Amendment: Article II, Section I,c.

Article II: Officers

Section 1. Officers, Terms, and Description:

c. The board of Directors, of this incorporated Association, shall be President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Executive Secretary, Treasurer, the Presidents of the three County Fire Service Associations, three Directors (one from Each County) and the immediate past President of the Association. UPON COMPLETION OF THE ONE YEAR TERM AS STATE FIRE PREVENTION COMMISSIONER. (capitalized words are the proposed additions to the By-Laws.)

Intent:

- To allow the immediate DVFA Past President to devote more time during the first year to the Fire Commission duties and then serve as DVFA Director during the second year.
- It will bring the experiences of the one-year term as Fire Commissioner to the DVFA Board of Directors.

- It will eliminate and perception of conflict of interest that may exist when serving both as Fire Commissioner and DVFA Board Member.

Action Required: Amend the by-laws at the June Executive meeting for implementation at the September Conference.

5. Critical Incident Stress – Lynn Truitt
 - Still in need of Kent County Team Coordinator
 - New Castle and Sussex County teams are covering CISM in Kent
 - Spring Training held, New Castle School site on March 8, 2008- Current best practices in Critical Incident Stress Management.
 - Fall CISM Training, Conference 2008 Sept 8,9 Dr. Durrell Tuberville.
6. DVFA Conference– Elmer Steele
 - Moving forward
 - All forms will be finalized and available on the DVFA Website May1st. And will be DUE AUGUST 8TH 2008. NO LATE FORMS WILL BE ACCEPTED PERIOD!.
 - 16 Free seminars this year. Need attendance!
 - HOTS will be Thurs and Friday of conference
 - Packet stuffing will be Monday 8th at 6:00 pm
7. FEMA Grant (Wake up De) – Tom Mitten
 - In attendance: Chmn. T. Mitten, Co-Chmn. J. Dennison, W. Jones, C. Stevenson, Mbrs. P. Carnevale, W. Hudson, P. Ingle, K. O’Malley, T. Riley, A. Robinson, DVFA PR Rep. D. Bonar.
 - Reviewed just-completed spring 2008 WUD event (3/8/08) and agreed that inclement weather played a role in lower attendance statewide. However, it is still estimated around 2,500 detectors were handed out on that day. Paid advertising was also less this time, due to budget considerations as we near the end of the current grant funding. “Free” advertising, through news releases and media interviews did help bring folks out. Inventory was adequate but virtually all was distributed.
 - Crossed milestone with 85,000 detectors and 52,000 batteries dispensed among state’s fire companies since beginning of WUD campaign in 2002.
 - Discussion regarding idea of moving to a single day each year, vs. two, for statewide firehouse distribution event...that being the Saturday of the weekend when clocks change in fall. Several reasons were explored including budgets for promotion, staffing, affectivity of one day vs. two, particularly since clock change now has created 4-month vs. 8-month time spans for changes to/from Daylight Saving Time, and other reasons. Fire Companies would be encouraged to conduct

district-level events throughout the year, as well as having detectors and batteries to give out all year long. Consensus was to recommend to DVFA that a single WUD day be established, as of fall 2008, tied to clock change.

- Along similar lines, discussion continued from previous meetings regarding thought of consolidating WUD committee within Life Safety committee, restructuring that committee to contain several sub-committees, all addressing life safety issues for Delawareans. Life Safety committee agrees that this is a worthwhile pursuit and WUD committee voted to present this to DVFA as recommended action.
- WUD door hanger/coupon has been redesigned to include space to overlay Fire Company ID information (via hand stamping by fire companies), as well as Spanish translation for two-sided printing of hangers going forward. Design was approved but we are asking that the size be reduced to enable mailing of hanger in a #10 business envelope, to allow inclusion in Fire Company fund drive mailings, etc. Next grant cycle has money to have hangers printed and appropriate stamps purchased for all Delaware Fire Companies/Departments.
- Carbon Monoxide detector pilot program is underway with two models in place: Fire Companies that perform installations of standard smoke detectors can receive free CO detectors to take to households and provide as a “bonus” to those residents. Also, working with NCCo libraries to schedule community presentations regarding CO detectors and attendees receive a free CO detector for coming to presentations (one per household). PowerPoint presentation is being developed for this initiative. Fire Companies with libraries in their districts are being encouraged to take part in presentations as part of this pilot program.
- Recordable “voice” smoke detectors that target teen/pre-teen children have been available for several years. However these are rather expensive, about \$40 each at retail. DE Rep. Short inquired about having fire companies explore incorporating these into its existing program. Committee has explored these in the past and is concerned that they could be difficult to get grant funding for (audience is limited) and could dilute the existing program to some degree. We are still trying to get every household to have at least one standard detector, in accordance with state law. Recommendation was made through Fire Prevention Commissioner Alan Robinson that the Commission explore this avenue and encourage Rep. Short to find funds in state government to create whatever program they wish to develop. WUD will encourage DVFA to support this path forward for these detectors.
- Discussion continued from previous meeting regarding partnering with Life Safety committee and Risk Watch DE to conduct Fire Prevention program workshop(s) for fire service personnel statewide. General topics would include programs in place, delivery of these, updates/revisions to consider, funding, getting schools to buy-in and similar subjects. Concerted effort is underway to

identify appropriate person(s) in each DE Fire Company that would attend (Fire Prevention officer, PIO, etc.). The follow-up action would be a statewide workshop(s) designed to bring teachers, school administrators, and parents together to learn more about Fire Prevention programs offered by Delaware Fire Service (think Law/Legislative event).

- Committee members agree that if/when FEMA grant funding expires or is not renewed for WUD, the program should be continued to whatever degree is possible. This may involve seeking private sector funding or government support but the success has been too great for this initiative not to be given every chance to continue.
 - During Executive meeting, the committee's report was delivered by Chmn. Mitten, who specifically asked DVFA table officers to review and approve a path forward regarding streamlining WUD to a single day each year, as well as consolidating WUD committee within Life Safety committee, in accordance with recommendations offered by both committees. DVFA table said changing to a single day was WUD committee's call and DVFA officers support whatever committee decides. DVFA officers advised that they would discuss consolidation of WUD and Life Safety committees in more detail.
8. Fireman of the Year – Carleton Carey
Applications are now open and applications must be post marked by June 30th. Please bring this back to your companies as every company should have someone to nominate.
9. Fire Corp & NVFC- Jim Monihan
5,000 Grant for advertising Fire Corp.
- President Marvel, I'm pleased to be able to make this report short and at the same time, it probably is the most important and encouraging that I've ever made. For over 50 years, that I know of and probably more, members of the volunteer fire service have talked about a federal tax deduction, not that it would "pay" them for their service, but that it would recognize them for their service.
 - Well we now have a deduction, starting next year on our 2008 Income Tax. It's not a large amount, but it is a start and we will continue to work for increases. At this time we have a deduction of \$360 worth of benefits that we receive. Exactly how this will work isn't known yet, but we will let you know as soon as possible. The deduction is currently for 3 years, and as I said we will continue to work to increase the amount and also to extend the deduction.
 - For heaven's sake, if you've never done it before, please go out of your way to thank our Congressional Delegation for their support.

- While we are talking about thanks, don't forget VOLUNTEER RESPONDERS' JOB PROTECTION ACT, which has passed the house and is winding its way through the Senate. This Bill originally authored and sponsored by Congressman MIKE CASTLE, on our behalf will protect your job if you are activated for an emergency for up to 14 days' absence in the same manner as the members of the National Guard. Don't forget SENATOR TOM CARPER is it's sponsoring it in the Senate.
- The Council has received a large Grant from the "Dunk'in Brands Foundation" to expand the Junior Firefighter program that we founded with the support of Spartan Motors. Allen Metheny is a member of the Steering Committee for this project, so he can report on its progress.
- Many other things are happening, most of which are good, making this both an interesting and exciting time in the fire service. NVFC will be at the FDIC with a large presentation of our HEALTHY HEARTS program and I look forward to seeing you there.
- REMEMBER TO THANK OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS FOR THEIR SUPPORT WHENEVER YOU GET A CHANCE. We can't thank them too much. We, the NVFC thank you for your support, since these things can only happen if you communicate to our officials when we call for HELP.
- Mr. President, I thank you for the opportunity to represent the firefighters of the first state on the Board of the National Volunteer Council. It is a humbling assignment that makes me very proud of our Service.

Heath & Safety – Mike Rush

Everyone is urged to get a colonoscopy. Very important for testing! This will be the next major concern among Firefighters. Most do not want to have this done. Don't be embarrassed. Be safe.

10. Law & Legislative – Dave Roberts

11 members in attendance today. Sen. Ennis, Title 17, 420 c clearing fire apparatus to clear tolls. EMTB'S are covered under DE & National Line Of Duty death Benefits. Look into efforts in NCC for fee's for ALS might take away from BLS fee's.

11. Life Safety – Guy Hudson

Thank you to Vice President Jones for re appointment. Matching funds using 100,000 this year. Looking into adding the whole Fire Prevention packet to website.

12. Out of State Coordinators – Steve Austin

- North American Branch of Fire Engineers, First weekend in May. NCC Companies vans will take guests and move them around. Should be about 50 members.
- Robert Cumberland Past President of the MSFA and the Current Out of State Coordinator. had a medical screening and ended up being rushed into surgery for a 5 way bypass. Make sure you have your Physical every year.
- Please visit www.respondersafety.com website. Lots of good information.
- Looking to bring more out of state companies to the parade. We have the trophies, we need more companies. Please ask and re-invite out of state companies to participate in the parade!

13. Recruitment & Retention – Rick Clark, Sr.

Guidelines to split committees. 2 awards will be given at Conference. Also there will be 2 seminars at the conference this year. Wed and Thursday 2-5 Cost will be 20.00 per class.

14. Volunteer FD Employee – Kevin Wilson

Junior Fire Fighter Programs. Juniors could get involved with efforts to make it more successful. They are offering \$5,000 scholarships. 10 total for college recipients, the company will also receive a 5,000 grant to use for Junior program. Visit www.nvfc.org/juniors. Applications are open until May 15th. Must be either a Senior in HS or a HS graduate within the past 3 years. You must register Junior members at NVFC.

15. Voter Registration – Charles Frampton

Committees are trained and can register anyone! September 9 is the Democratic Primary.

16. DVFA Cruise – Admiral Pyle

17. State Fire Prevention Commission – Chairman Marvin C. Sharp

Marvin Sharp introduced all Commissioners for recognition and so everyone would recognize them.

Marvin C. Sharp, **Chairman**
Bob Ricker, **Vice Chairman**
W. (Bill) Betts, Jr.
Douglas S. Murray, Sr.
David J. Roberts
Alan Robinson, Jr.
Kenneth H. McMahon

18. Recognition of Past Presidents – 1st Vice President Jones asked that all DVFA Past Presidents please stand and be recognized.

Affiliated Organizations/ Agency Representatives

Ladies' Auxiliary: Debbie Marvel, President
President Debbie Marvel presented a check to Raymond Stevens in the amount of \$1,500 for the DVFA Scholarship fund. She introduced her officers in attendance. Currently working on the pet oxygen mask project. All DVFA officers are invited to their Meeting on May 15th at Cheswold.

State Fire Chiefs: Charles Snyder, President

Next meeting March 27th Felton Fire Co. Station 48, Cocktails 18:00, Dinner 19:00 Meeting 20:00

State Fire Police: John E. Bare, President
Looking into Bylaw on handguns and disciplinary action.

State Ambulance Association: P.J. Gosch

- Thanked the DSFCA for allowing them to jointly meet in January. The attendance went very well.
- Next DSAA quarterly meeting is Sunday 3-16-08 at the DSFS.
- The following quarterly meeting is scheduled for May 4th at 10:am as a teleconference. Its to be broadcasted to New Castle and Sussex Fire School centers.
- We are hopeful that attendance at all 3 sites will continue to improve, as we look at the best solutions to increase attendance. We will also offer a FREE CEU topic.
- We are preparing for the DVFA and DSAA Conference with the speakers, schedules, ECT... We are reminding EMT'S of the deadlines and have been providing updates to the 3 county associations.
- Will provide NAEMT updates at the next quarterly meeting as some changes have been made lately.

National Volunteer Fire Council: E. James Monihan, Delegate

State Emergency Response Commission: Bruce C. Ennis, Delegate
2007 Annual Report is out.

DVFA Cruise Committee: Kennard L. Pyle

Unscientific Survey was held and they are keeping their current travel agent. Next cruise will leave Jan 23rd from NJ.

Communications

The following (9) nine communications were received and are summarized by the Executive Secretary:

- Letter from the Clayton Fire Company to the DVFA Foundation enclosing a check of \$100.00, in the name of Chief Jon Siarnicki, Executive Director of the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation
- Copy of a letter from the NVFC explaining the Heart-Healthy Firefighter Program
- Letter From Representative Hastings, regarding being contacted by Dagsboro Volunteer Fire Department requesting assistance in terms of grant monies
- Newsletter from the Burn Foundation, announcing the untimely passing of Cynthia Rauso, President and CEO
- Copy of a letter from the Delaware State Ambulance Association to the DSFS requesting a listing of the State of Delaware certified EMT'S
- Letter from Governor Ruth Ann Minner enclosing a copy of her State of the State Address as well as a summary of her fiscal year 2009 Recommended Budget
- Media Release from Senator John Still announcing his retirement from the Senate
- Letter from Denis McMahon requesting 2 corrections to the DVFA Events Calendar
- Letter from the Delaware Foundation Reaching Citizens requesting advertising for the 53rd Blue-Gold All-Star Football Game

Motion by Jasper Lakey to accept communications and spread upon the minuets, Seconded by Rich Perillo. Motion Carried.

OLD BUSINESS

None Reported

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Lou Amabilli to accept the bylaw amendment in above report, seconded by Jasper Lakey, motion carried.

Motion by Jasper Lakey to approve legislative priorities in the form of a motion. Seconded by Dave Snell

Motion by Rich Clark for Recruitment and Retention committee to take an ad out in the blue gold football game. Motion Seconded by Tom D'Alessandro Motion Carried.

Motion by Mayor Carey to look into getting Federal Reimbursement for Mileage off taxes. Seconded by Rich Perillo, Motion Carried

Tom Mitten request exploration of 2 issues present in above report.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Treasurer Metheny read bills.

DVFA BILLS TO BE AUTHORIZED
ON MARCH 9, 2008
PERIOD DECEMBER 7, 2007 THRU MARCH 7, 2008

PAY TO:	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
CHAMPION TROPHIES	STATE AWARDS-DEC 07	-\$1,562.00
CANNON FINANCIAL SERVICES	CONTRACT	-\$712.29
WILMINGTON TRUST	P/R TAXES NOV 07	-\$2,174.92
MELISSA KISER	P/R 11-26-07 - 12-9-07	-\$986.30
JAMES L. CUBBAGE, JR.	P/R NOVEMBER 2007	-\$3,053.48
NAT. VOL.FIRE COUN.	ANNUAL DUES	-\$500.00
GUY HUDSON	REIMB. FIRE PREVENTION EXP.	-\$52.35
AT & T	800 FIRE LINE	-\$23.59
WILMINGTON TRUST CO.	FEDERAL TAXES - DEC 07	-\$1,902.66
DIVISION OF REVENUE	P/R TAXES - OCT - DEC 07	-\$782.93
MELISSA KISER	P/R 12-10-07 - 12-21-07	-\$961.67
VERIZON	OFFICE PHONE	-\$210.00
AMERICAN ROD & GUN	RISK WATCH ITEMS	-\$4,398.72
WXCY	WAKE UP DELAWARE AD	-\$1,000.00

DELMARVA BROADCASTING CO.	WUD AD. INV # 6170-1 WYUS	-\$500.00
DOVER POST	ADVERTISING	-\$3,593.34
	AD - FIRE CORP	-\$1,435.00
JAMES L. CUBBAGE, JR.	MILEAGE	-\$270.60
	CELL PHONE	-\$32.77
	BLACKBERRY	-\$39.56
	POSTAGE	-\$2.65
MODERN MATURITY CENTER	LEADERSHIP MEETING DEPOSIT 1-27-08	-\$500.00
VERNON INGRAM	JAN, FEB, MAR 08 RENT	-\$1,275.00
WILMINGTON TRUST CO. VISA	PARKING CARPER MTG.	-\$11.00
	SUPPLIESW - AC MOORE	-\$20.98
	POSTAGE	-\$12.35
COMCAST CABLEVISION	JANUARY 08 SERVICE	-\$89.00
DAVID L. BONAR	SERVICES OCT, NOV, DEC 07	-\$1,500.00
MELISSA KISER	P/R 12-24-07 - 01-04-08	-\$956.57
AT & T	800 FIRE LINE	-\$23.04
CVVFA	AD IN BOOK	-\$100.00
JAMES L. CUBBAGE, JR.	P/R DECEMBER 2007	-\$3,053.48
MELLO SMELLO, LLC	RISK WATCH FIRE SAFETY HANDOUTS	-\$870.00
CANNON BUSINESS SOLUTIONS EAST, INC	SUPPLIES	-\$161.60
DUCK CREEK PRINTING	BUS. CARDS - 6 people	-\$468.00
COMCAST CABLEVISION	FEBRUARY 08 SERVICE	-\$89.00
VERIZON	OFFICE PHONE	-\$208.18
KEVIN L. WILSON	REIMB. - POSTAGE	-\$6.56
MELISSA KISER	P/R - 01-07-08 - 01-18-08	-\$966.78
WILMINGTON TRUST CO.	FEDERAL TAXES - JAN 08	-\$1,891.36
DOVER ELECTRIC SUPPLY	3018 SMOKE DETECTORS - INV. 1101785-01	-\$10,069.92
JOSTENS	RM RING INV. NO. 1	-\$451.95
WILMINGTON TRUST CO. VISA	BANK CHARGE	-\$40.00
	SUPPLIES	-\$165.49
DVFA FOUNDATION	HONORIUMS- CADE/SEE	-\$500.00
JAMES L. CUBBAGE, JR.	MILEAGE	-\$386.32
	CELL PHONE	-\$32.98
	BLACKBERRY	-\$39.56
	POSTAGE	-\$1.38
	SUPPLIES-OFFICE	-\$10.78
DJM CUSTODIAL SERVICES	OFFICE CLEANING -JAN - MAR 08	-\$300.00
ROGERS SIGNS	INV. 23541 LEADERSHIP SIGNS	-\$160.00
POSTMASTER	12 MO. BOX RENT - DOVER	-\$92.00
STATE OF DELAWARE	NOTARY-MELISSA	-\$53.00
MELISSA KISER	P/R - 01-21-08 - 02-01-08	-\$991.40
JAMES L. CUBBAGE, JR.	P/R JANUARY 2008	-\$3,057.48
AT & T	800 FIRE LINE	-\$23.04
KENNETH MCMAHON	MTG. EXPENSES	-\$890.40
MODERN MATURITY CENTER	LEADERSHIP MEETING BAL DUE 1-27-08	-\$3,474.00
VERIZON	OFFICE PHONE	-\$212.75
TRI-STATE BATTERY	BATTERIES FOR SMOKE DETECTORS	-\$1,545.00
GEIGER	INV. NOS. 1483382/1487344 - RISK WATCH	-\$2,353.47

MELISSA KISER	P/R - 02-21-08 - 02-01-08	-\$986.30
COMCAST CABLEVISION	MARCH 08 SERVICE	-\$89.00
DUCK CREEK PRINTING	INVOICES 80143/80051	-\$879.21
WILMINGTON TRUST CO. VISA	RM FDIC	-\$447.00
	SUPPLIES	-\$632.10
	JAM-POSTAGE/FRAN. TAX	-\$82.10
CHILD SAFETY SOLUTIONS, INC	RISK WATCH-MATERIALS INV. 5126	-\$5,445.00
NFPA	RISK WATCH MATERIAL	-\$4,131.00
KIMBERLY O'MALLEY	REIMB. RISK WATCH PURCHASES	-\$604.68
RON MARVEL	PARKING-WASHINGTON	-\$23.00
MELISSA KISER	P/R - 02-18-08 - 02-29-08	-\$986.30
TOTAL BILLS		-\$75,554.34

Motion by Tom D'Alessandro to pay the bills, Seconded by Rich Perillo, Motion Carried.

GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION

- Chiefs and Presidents meeting, working on a follow up and this was something good that has been needed for a long time!. Thanks Warren for making this finally happen.
- Tom Mitten brought up NCCFA Fire service day at the Blue Rocks Sat June 14th. 6:00 pm first pitch, Activities will start around noon. This is for every one of all ages. Picnic and Party will take place.
- TWO dollars of every ticket will be added for the Fire Fighters Relief fund.
- New Addition of Fire Service news is out.
- Carolyn Calhoun announced Chuck Snyder needs pictures of all officers that are not on the web page and Chuck Snyder will be taking pictures after the meeting.
- Jasper Lakey wanted to Congratulate Jim Cabbage for fireman of the year award.

ADJOURNMENT

It was regularly moved by Jasper Lakey and seconded by Rich Perillo that the March Executive Committee Meeting be adjourned. Motion Carried. Pastor Bob Hudson offered the Benediction. The meeting was adjourned at 12:36

Respectfully submitted,
Melissa R. Kiser
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Corresponding Secretary

I hereby attest that this a true copy of the proceedings of the Delaware Volunteer Firemen's Association Executive Committee Meeting held on March 9, 2008.

Attest: *James L. Cubbage, Jr.*
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Executive Secretary