

DVFA EXECUTIVE MEETING

Delaware State Fire School

June 9, 2014

Call to order at 10:02 A.M. by President Richard Toulson

Invocation offered by DVFA Chaplain, Pastor Bob Hudson

Pledge of Allegiance led by PP Ike Guessford

Roll Call of Officers – by Secretary Elmer Steele

- [X] Richard Toulson, 87, President
 - [X] Anthony Guzzo, 19, 1st Vice President
 - [X] Joe Zeroles, 47, 2nd Vice President
 - [X] Elmer Steele 81, Corporate Secretary
 - [X] J. Allen Metheny, Jr., 51, Treasurer
 - [X] George Pyott, 43, Asst. Treasurer
 - [X] Dan Burris, 1, 27, New Castle County Director
 - [] Harold Brode, 50, Kent County Director
 - [X] Jay Jones, 75, Sussex County Director
 - [X] Charles Frampton, 11, Past President - Director
 - [] Lynn Truitt, 14, Director, New Castle County
 - [X] Glenn Gillespie, 42, Director, Kent County
 - [X] Ted Walius, 75, Director, Sussex County
- DVFA Staff**
- [X] Warren Jones, 16/86 Executive Manager
 - [X] Melissa Kiser

All officers and staff members were present with the exception of Harold Brode who was excused and Lynn Truitt who was not excused.

Report of Officers

President: Toulson- To the officers, members and guests, it has been an honor serving as your President of the Delaware Volunteer Firefighters Association. It has been a very busy time since our last quarterly meeting in March. I have attended 43 events, traveled 8,722 miles and spending 206 hours.

I would like to thank Earl Dempsey and Warren Jones and all of you who assisted with and or attended the Firefighters appreciation day April 8th at legislative hall. I also want to thank all who opened their stations on Sunday April 13th in an attempt to attract people to join our service. Please contact Mr. Dempsey or any member of the Recruitment and Retention Committee on the number of applications your department handed out and how many new members have been recruited from that one day.

I want to thank Bill Tobin, Ron Marvel and the committee for their efforts organizing the ticket sales for the Congressional Fire Service Institute dinner in Washington. I would like to thank all of you that attended the dinner once again. We had a great showing with 196 members attending.

I attended the Delmarva Volunteer Firemen's Association Convention at Pocomoke City, Maryland. Congratulations to Lynn Bullock from Millsboro and Warren Jones from Elsmere as they were inducted into the Hall of Fame. Bill Tobin was the presiding officer and swore in this year's officers. I would like to congratulate and wish President Pastor Bob Hudson and Secretary Elmer Steele a successful year.

I would like to thank all of you that attended the press conference on April 30th at Legislative Hall announcing four bills that are being introduced to address the EMS financial stability problem. I'm adding a brief synopsis of each of the four bills.

House Bill 315:

This bill would implement one of the Task Force's recommendations to improve the funding of basic life support ambulance services in Delaware by establishing a \$10 assessment on all violations of Title 21 and creating a Volunteer Ambulance Company Fund. The monies collected would be earmarked for volunteer ambulance companies and distributed on a pro rata basis by the State Fire Prevention Commission.

House Bill 316:

This bill would implement one of the Task Force's recommendations to improve the funding of basic life support ambulance services in Delaware by requiring each county to contribute a minimum of 15% of the total countywide cost of basic life support services provided by volunteer ambulance companies within each county. The bill allows the counties the leeway to determine the best way to provide these funds; however the bill grants a county the power to support its volunteer ambulance companies through additional funding mechanisms designed solely for the support of volunteer ambulance companies, should it choose to do so. These additional powers are (1) to assess an additional tax rate, assessment, or fee on real property or (2) to adopt a user fee.

House Bill 317:

This bill would implement two of the Task Force's recommendations to improve the funding of basic life support ambulance services in Delaware by (1) specifying that certain types of health insurers are subject to the insurance premium tax assessment for ambulance service and (2) increasing the amount of the money placed in the fund to forty five one hundredths of 1 percent. The bill also adds definitions for volunteer ambulance companies and other related terms. While the bill adds the new definition for volunteer ambulance companies, it retains the prior reference to volunteer rescue services to ensure those entities continue to receive funding from the special fund.

Senate Bill 207:

This bill would implement one of the Task Force's recommendations to improve the funding of basic life support ambulance services in Delaware by ensuring that health insurers, health service corporations, health maintenance organizations, or managed care organizations do not set their allowable charges below the costs incurred by the volunteer ambulance companies in providing an ambulance run and basic life support services.

Senate Amendment 1:

This amendment clarifies that the bill does not apply to certain policies covering limited services and to managed care organizations servicing Medicaid and Delaware Health Children Program

policies on behalf of the State. This amendment also creates a new Section 3 of the bill that clarifies that health services corporations are subject to the provisions of the bill. Note House Bill 316 has been tabled and should be reintroduced in January 2015. House Bill 315 passed the House with the vote 40 to 0 and goes to Senate. Senate Bill 207 with Amendment 1 passed the Senate 20 to 1 and goes to the House. House Bill 317 should be introduced soon. There are three other bills that affect fire service that will be acted on by the end of June

House Bill 372: "The Delaware Hometown Heroes Act"

This Bill expands line of duty death benefits to include individuals who die from a heart attack, stroke, or vascular rupture within 24 hours on duty from strenuous physical activity. This Bill further removes the statute of limitations on submitting a claim for benefits. The Act shall be applied retroactively to include all claims for benefits for a death occurring on or after July 1, 2005. This Act shall be known as the Delaware Hometown Heroes Act.

Senate Bill 240: THE VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S PENSION PLAN.

This bill clarifies that a participating volunteer fire company or ladies auxiliary in the Delaware Volunteer Firemen's Pension Plan has the ability to withdraw from the plan. As part of that withdrawal process the company or auxiliary would pay a withdrawal liability payment that would be used to pay the retirement benefits of their member's accrued benefits and ensure the actuarial soundness of the Fund for the remaining Employers.

Senate Bill 239: AMEND SECTION 6607 OF TITLE 16 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO FIRE PREVENTION

This legislation establishes that the determination of fire company boundaries by the Fire Prevention Commission shall prevail over any other provision of the Code, state law, any county or municipal ordinance or any rules or regulations to the contrary.

I would like to thank all of our legislators for their support with the many fire and EMS bills that have come before them this year; I ask that when you see one of your legislators please thank them.

The revolving loan fund available balance is **\$500,000.00**; this money has an interest rate of 2.0%. If you are getting ready to make a purchase or do a rehab you may want to investigate this option first.

I would like to thank everyone for the invitations and the hospitality shown to my wife and me.

If you are not receiving our communications, please contact any of the officers or contact the office to verify your email address. Good communications does make a difference.

Respectfully

Richard W. Toulson President

First Vice President Guzzo, thanked President Toulson for covering everything. He stated his report has been turned over in electronic format.

Second Vice President Zeroles also thanked President Toulson for his report. His report has also been turned over in electronic format.

Secretary Steele also reported his report has been submitted and turned into the office in electronic format.

Treasurer: Metheny gave the following report.

Fellow Officers, Delegates, Alternates, Members and Guests; It gives me great pleasure to present the attached Treasurer's report for the period March 7, 2014 through June 9, 2014. This report includes both the DVFA Operations and the Conference Account Balances
Between now and Conference, I will prepare the financial records for the annual audit and work with the Officers and budget committee to develop the Annual Operating Budget for Fiscal 2015. Dues Notices will be mailed out on July 1st.
I wish everyone a safe and fun filled summer. If anyone has any questions, please see me.

J. Allen Metheny, Sr.

Motion by Charlie Frampton and Seconded by Steve Maichle to Accept Officers reports and spread them upon the minuets Motion Carried

Executive Manager Warren Jones provided the following report

Legislative Items: EMS Funding Legislation.

SB207: It should be in the House Public Safety Committee Hearing this Wednesday.

HB315: it is scheduled for a committee hearing in the Senate on Wednesday.

HB317: This bill had a \$4+ million fiscal note on it. This bill is going to be tough to get through as it is because of the state budget. One is the state's income projections are bad. They were millions short in the May DEFAC report. That was the first time in years that the May DEFAC numbers were down. We are hoping that next week's DEFAC report is better than May's report. Our goal is to salvage something out of this bill and then go back next year for additional funding.

Other Legislation: **HB372:** Hometown Heroes should be voted on Tuesday in the house.

Pension Legislation: **SB240:** Copies of the proposed Pension Legislation are up front. Ray Stevens will explain it to you.

Commission Legislation: **SB239** Commissioner Dave Roberts will explain that to you.

We have been doing a lot of work on this EMS legislation trying to get extra funding and we will have a lot to do before July 1st. Because of the News Journal article, we have been fielding a lot of questions about accountability and responsibility and needs. We have to keep our houses in order, we have to keep our books in order and we have to file reports when they are due. Case in point, we are required by statute to file an equipment inventory with the insurance office. We sent a request out to all fire chiefs' months ago for this report. To date we still do not have all of those reports back.

Opening Ceremony: The last two years we have been doing a video at the end of the opening ceremony recapping the year. If you have any pictures you would like us to consider for the show, please send them to me electronically. The folks from Delaware Fire Service News have sent us all the pictures from the paper so we have them already but in case you have others please get them to me by July 1st.

Lastly, have a great 4th of July and a great summer. Now, if you are coming to the Fireworks in Rehoboth come early and plan on staying late because the traffic will be a terrible. The Funsters will be playing at the bandstand afterwards.

Committee Reports

1. State Fire Prevention Commission – Chairman Dave Roberts reported

From the BLS Medical Director:

The Print Time Reports are no longer being used -- now use a Data Quality Report as a measurement device.

From the DAG:

Our DAG has drafted legislation to give the Commission the final decision power in boundary disputes, where a municipality is involved; for example a municipality annexing into another fire district, as has happened in the past.

David Truax has been hired as our investigator and is coming up to speed.

There was a question on Regulation 710, Sec. referring to QA/QI. We are going to be sure that fire companies are following the regulations on this.

Next meeting is June 17, 2014, at the Fire School in Dover, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

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

- Deputy Fire Marshal I- Sussex County, in the process of interviewing candidates.
- Retirements- James Hargett, Data Systems Administrator and Linda Tosh, Administrative Officer are both retiring from state service effective June 30, 2014. Jim has 20 years with the state and Linda has served for over 26 years. We wish them well in their retirement.
- Staff Reassignments/ Promotions- Deputy Fire Marshal III Brent Billings has been reassigned to New Castle County, Deputy Fire Marshal 1 Tate Coulbourne has been promoted to DFM II Effective April 14, 2014 and Deputy Fire Marshal ii James Hedrick has been promoted to a DFM iii effective April 23, 2014 having obtained his Certified Fire Investigator Certification from IAAI. Deputy Fire Marshal III Jon Galaska has completed his training as a K-9 Handler effective May 9, 2014 and he and his partner Tanya are now in service. K-9 Sparks has retired after seven dedicated years of Service.
- DFIRS/ False Fire Alarm Reports- Reminder to the Fire Chiefs to have your officers and members complete the DFIRS and False Alarm Reports in a timely manner

3. Advisory to DSFS – Robert P. Newman

- Class attendance for the spring is normal- in service above normal
- Fall Fire (Red) Schedule will be posted and delivered this month.
- Annual Planning and Evaluation Staff Meeting- June 23-26
 - To Review the operation of the school
- Status of Budget
- Weekday EMT- Program updated to new curriculum package
- Delaware Weekend is scheduled for August 1-3
- Firefighter and Fire Officer Certification Testing
 - Test Conducted – (7) FF1-(5) FFII- (0) FO1- (4)FO 11
- Open Positions- Filling Unknown
 - Duties will be divided between staff members
- EMT National Registry transition program, On-line with DSFS (250 remaining)
- New Rope Rescue tower is completed

- Reminder to current and former instructors- 50th Celebration picnic June 28th 11-3 at the Fire School.
 - The DSFS grant application has been approved. The total amount is \$276,000.00. The grant will be used for Tables (27) Projectors (13) Radios (8) Instructor Gear (50 Sets) and Software for Officer Programs.
4. **Advisory to SFPC for EMS – Mike McMichael**- On behalf of DSEMSA President Sean Humphreys,
- The next DSEMSA meeting will be held at the Harrington VFC Sta # 50 once again in conjunction with the DE State Fire Chiefs on Thursday June 26 at 6:30pm. The Chief's Expo begins at 2pm that afternoon.
 - This will also be our nominations and election meeting. All letters for office must be rec'd prior to meeting 6/26/14. Letters of support from Fire Co etc... must be on company letterhead and signed off by a superior officer/supervisor, as well as a support letter from each County Ambulance Association.
 - Annual DSEMSA awards: Nomination letters need to be generated and rec'd by July 31, 2014 to the Secretary's attention. Must be on Company letterhead and for the following categories:
 1. Michelle Newton Smith Heroic EMS Award
 2. Phil Young EMS Lifetime Achievement Award
 3. Stephanie Callaway, Excellence in Para-medicine Award
 4. EMS Instructor Award
 - HB 219 in support of Narcan for BLS, pilot programs have showed positive results, concerns of possible EMT/providers injuries by the patients
 - DMOST (DNR) & Standing orders being revised again
 - Recent Sussex County EMS "Phoenix Awards" recognized 23 CPR survivors
 - Conference speakers for EMS have been set as well as the EMS agenda for Conference at Dover Down H & C. President Humphreys is scheduling an DSEMSA officers & directors meeting in early August for a final pre-conference review of duties, expectations, and award selections etc.....Actual date is TBA.
 - Next DEMSOC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday September 24, 2014

As for DCFC as its 1st VP, I stated in the G of A, that we are cooperating with the Coast Guard, Insurance Investigators and we have formed our own investigation committee in regards to our recent boating accident.

5. **Civilian Recognition – Carleton Carey** reported there haven't been any names submitted for this award. If there are any civilian heroic acts please honor them with this recognition. In the media there was recently a story about a civilian around Bowers who

came to the rescue of a sinking vessel and was able to save all members. Please submit them for this recognition.

6. **DVFA Conference– John Stevenson** stated that the Agenda is currently online. Most of the registration forms are also online but there are still a couple of seminars we are waiting on for information. The deadline for all forms is August 8th. The next meeting will be on June 23rd.
7. **DVFA Pension Advisory – Ray Stevens** reported the returned pension statements have come in at the pension office. He picked up 191 for NCC, 189 from Kent County, 224 for Sussex County. That's total of 604 that have been returned for incorrect address. The DVFA is responsible for the postage. This can be avoided with the completion of a P1 Form. These will be distributed at the county meetings
 - 1986 Firemen's Pension Plan created (2016- 30 years old)
 - It is known as a Multi- Employer Plan , consisting of:
 - 60 Volunteer Fire Companies
 - 56 Ladies Aux
 - 3 Ambulance Companies
 - 119 Total Employers
 - March 4, 2014- Pension Administrator, Dave Craik received a letter from a fire company asking whether they could "Opt Out of the Pension Program".
 - April 14, 2014 – Mtg Held with Dave Craik, (Toulson, Stevens, Stevens, and Dave) to discuss issues. Talked about the "unfunded liability" of their members, (firemen and ladies aux.) and, who would foot that bill. Unfunded Liability represents the pension payments already going to their members age 60, and those who are vested (10 + years) that are entitled to a pension at age 60.
 - During that meeting we discussed the possibility of a "withdraw liability payment" to the pension fund to cover their unfunded liability. We all agreed and Dave Craik was to draft proposed legislation on such.
 - April 16, 2014, Dave Craik sent a response letter to the fire company stating that, "there was not any discussion around the topic of allowing the companies to opt out of the DVFP. If a company were to withdraw, there would be a financial implications to the members and the other companies that remain in the DVFP.
 - 1st Draft of Proposed Legislation- I reviewed it and sent it back asking Dave to better clarify the wording on "active and inactive members".
 - 2nd Draft of Proposed Legislation- I presented it to the DVFA Pension Advisory Committee at our meeting on May 13th at Magnolia. The Committee reviewed it and decided that another paragraph was needed in the proposed legislation to address, "when a fire company decides/ elects to disband its ladies Auxiliary". This would cover the unfunded liability of their auxiliary members. DAVE FULLY CONCURRED WITH OUR RECOMMENDATION.
 - Monday May 19th- RTS met with Dave Craik to review the 3rd draft of the proposed legislation which contains the following.
 - The Bill contains 4 paragraphs as follows.
 - Paragraph (a) states:
 - ❖ A participating Employer may withdraw by providing a resolution from their governing body to the Pension Board.

- ❖ The withdrawing Employer shall be ineligible to rejoin the Fund at a future date.
- ❖ The withdrawing Employer shall be required to make a “Withdrawal liability payment” to the fund
- Paragraph (b) states
 - ❖ All vested members shall be eligible for the benefits with the fund up to the “withdrawal date”
 - ❖ All non-vested members will be eligible for a withdrawal benefit as provided by the plan.
- Paragraph (c) States
 - ❖ The Employer will remain liable to the Fund for the Employer’s share of “ANY UNFUNDED ACTUARIAL LIABILITY’ which is attributable to the members of the Employer who have either retired “or” will retire from the fund.
 - ❖ The unfunded liability will be calculated via an “actuarial study” to determine the cost.
- Paragraph (d) States
 - ❖ Should a fire company take formal action to disband their auxiliary organization, the withdrawal liability payment shall be paid by the volunteer fire company
 - ❖ As Chairman of the DVFA Pension Advisory Committee, I presented the above information at the DVFA Officers meeting held in Farmington on May 22nd.
- The pension Advisory committee’s recommendation to the DVFA Officers on May 22nd was.
 - “That the DVFA Officers approve the proposed legislation and see someone to introduce it for Legislative approval to Title 16. Chapter 66a, Delaware Code, “Delaware Volunteer Firemen’s Pension Plan”.
 - The DVFA Officers voted to approve the proposed legislation; SB 240

8. Wake up Delaware – Jeff Dennison

The Wake Up Delaware committee met today at the DVFA meeting in Dover. We discussed several aspects of our efforts, largely concerning the lack of funding at this time through Grant programs. Jeff Dennison led an excellent conversation, with Joe Mullen's support, about money being either available now or available to be appropriated by Kent and New Castle County governments for WUD efforts.

This conversation also led us into a concern from Randy Wood of Felton regarding installation liability concerns. We currently have a disclaimer/ disclosure available online through the DVFA website for fire companies to use when distributing smoke alarms obtained directly through Wake Up Delaware efforts. While each individual company/ department should review their position on installation of alarms, we have once again run into problems where alarms have been found at fire scenes uninstalled. Unfortunately this was the case apparently at the recent Cheswold fire where one person was critically injured.

All the forms associated with Wake Up Delaware, as well as the web site article

describing the founding of WUD, are being reviewed right now for updates. Most likely, time references will be updated, and contact information will be changed to reflect the current leadership. Joe Mullen will be listed as the contact person for New Castle County, Jeff Dennison will be the contact for Kent County and Todd Reilly will be the Sussex County contact. I will add my contact information also, and will be happy to assist or coordinate efforts in any area.

Finally, Jeff proposed the idea of a Power Point program describing the Wake Up Delaware program be developed for presentation at company and association meetings. This presentation would be produced with the hope of developing more local support for the program, and hopefully reaching other civic groups who might be interested in supporting the program. I will be putting together a rough draft version to hopefully have to you for review and comment by the end of the month. If you have any ideas or suggestions for this Power Point program, please let me know.

We are still in search of the "Detecta" suit. We have actively requested companies and departments to look for the suit for over a year now without any results. The latest thought was that it might be in Wilmington. I have placed a request to Deputy Chief McKim of WFD to see if the suit is at any of the Wilmington stations. He will be following up, but does not recall the suit ever being used in Wilmington. If anyone has any further ideas, please let me know. I am ready to recommend to the DVFA leadership that the suit be declared lost, and see if any insurance money can be recouped.

That's all for now. Any questions or concerns, please let me know. Thanks for your continued interest and support of Wake Up Delaware.

9. **Finance & Auditing – George Pyott** They will be reviewing the FY Budget for FY 15. Please submit proposals to him if there is something that needs to be added to the budget.
10. **Fireman of the Year – Carleton Carey** stated only 1 nomination has been received for the Firefighter of the year. Every company should have 1 member nominated for this award. The form is available on the DVFA Website. It must be postmarked by June 30th.
11. **Out of State Coordinators – Steve Austin** thanked all the companies that participated in CFSI. Next Monday the delegation will be meeting at 8 am for the MSFA Convention. Please gather in the Lobby. The ceremony starts at 8:30 am. The fire house expo will be July 14-19. There is a discount for this event.
12. **Permanent Memorial – Jim Watson** reported a proposal of the new Delaware Fallen Firefighters Memorial. The presentation included pictures of the existing monument. Also pictured was the back side of the new location looking from the front of the Police Memorial. The new location would be between Legislative Ave and Federal St. on M.L.K. St. The old monument would be moved to the new location and a new monument would also include beautiful landscaping, lighted flag poles and benches. The new monument would also include DVFA, LADVFA, NCC, SC and KC PAST Presidents. At this time there isn't an estimate for the new proposal. There are some sponsors that are willing to donate their services.

13. **Recruitment & Retention – Warren Jones** Reported on behalf of Earle Dempsey who was home sick. The R& R Committee this morning and main discussion was about the upcoming Fair. The fair will be 10 days starting July 17-26th. Booth Coverage assignments will be by county. We are looking for Volunteers from Fire and Auxiliary. All age groups. The Rodeo will be on Thursday July 17th at 7pm. The hours the booths will need coverage is from 12-9 on Thursday and 9-9 the rest of the week. They are currently working on getting parking and tickets to the workers who will be working the booths. During the rodeo there will be 6 5-10 min breaks and we are looking for fellow DVFA members to show the public who we are. May have someone in their gear, doing demo's etc. With becoming a sponsor we are going to be given 400 tickets and those will be distributed by company and Auxiliary's after workers and participants.
14. **Scholarship – George Kerr** stated there were 48 applications received however 3 were eliminated for not being complete. 45 Scholarships were awarded.
- 1st Vice President Anthony Guzzo recognized all Past Presidents in attendance. There were a total of 18 Past Presidents and President Emeritus in attendance.

Affiliated Organizations/ Agency Representatives

Ladies' Auxiliary President, Saralee Stevens, brought greetings from the LADVFA and introduced all officers and members in attendance.

State Fire Chiefs President Joe Morris, reported he attended CFSI, FDIC, IAFC, and will be meeting with TMZ to discuss issues with Sign Boards instead of having members on the streets for 4-5 hours. He also stated he voted no against the pension law for a number of reasons. Please see him if you would like to discuss them. Also the next meeting will be June 26th for the Expo at Harrington.

State Fire Police President John Hall, reported that 4 fire police members have been accepted to a FEMA Class in Emmitsburg. There were 20 + Fire Police members and Past Presidents in attendance.

State Ambulance Association Mike McMichael reported that the next meeting will be at the same date, time and location as the Chiefs meeting. This meeting will be the nominations and elections night. Letters and nominations for all EMS Awards need to be sent to Mike McMichael no later than July 31st.

DVFA Mutual Relief Association Chair Kenneth Ryder, stated the renewal for the pricing policy for AD&D is being evaluated. We will be asking companies to absorb that cost at approx. \$300-\$350 per company.

National Volunteer Fire Council Delegate J. Allen Metheny, Jr., reported he will be attending the July NFPA 1900 meeting.

Communications

The following communications were received and are summarized by Secretary Elmer Steele
Letter from Buccini/Polin Group ref declining our Partners in Progress request
Letter from Hartly Fire Co. supporting Allen Metheny for DVFA Treasurer

Copy of a letter from Goldfein and Joseph Attorneys, Bill Preston to Michael Arrington, Attorney ref. Sheraton hotel issue.

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

Letter for Beebe Health care declining our Partners in Progress request

Letter from Hockessin Fire Co. supporting Anthony Guzzo for DVFA President

Letter from Greenwood Fire Co. supporting Clayton Yocum, Sr. for DVFA Director

Letter form Farmington Fire Co. supporting Joe Zeroles for DVFA 1st Vice President

Motion to accept communications by Glen Gillespie and seconded by Charlie Boyer Motion Carried

OLD BUSINESS

The Wake up Delaware Detecta Suit still missing. Last seen in Wilmington. Cost of this suit is approximately \$10,000.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Jim Watson to allow him to move forward with the proposed new monument at legislative mall. Seconded by Jeff Dennison. Motion Carried

Motion by Ed Barlow to support 239 & 240. It was decided to vote separately.

Motion by Ed Barlow to Support 239 Seconded by Lawrence Mergenthaler Motion Carried

Motion by Ed Barlow to Support 240. Seconded by Lawrence Mergenthaler.

Motion by Tom DiCristafaro to table 240. Seconded by Carleton Carey. Motion Carried.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Memo</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Operating			
DVFA CHECKING			
	U.S. TREASURY	TAX PERIOD- 1ST QTR 2013	-1,576.86
	VERIZON	WARREN/MELISSA PHONES 2 MOS.	-260.46
	MELISSA KISER	P/R 02-24-14 - 03-09-14	-1,228.53
	ADSTRATEGIES	ACCT. DVF - MEDIA ADS	-18,226.36
	DFRC	FULL PAGE DISPLAY AD	-395.00
	AT & T	MARCH 14 BILL	-12.61
	ELSMERE LADIES AUXILIARY	R & R GRANT	-2,000.00
	MAGNOLIA LADIES AUX.		-2,375.00
	GREENWOOD FIRE CO	R & R gGRANT	-1,543.80
	CLAYMONT FIRE CO.	SAFER R & R GRANT	-3,500.00
	GEORGETOWN AUXILIARY	SAFER R & R GRANT	-1,000.00
	MINQUADALE FIRE CO.	SAFER R & R GRANT	-3,500.00
	AETNA HOSE HOOK	SAFER R & R GRANT	-3,500.00
	MAGNOLIA VOL FIRE C	R & R GRANT	-2,994.00
	CLAYTON FIRE CO.	SAFER R & R GRANT	-2,160.00
	REHOBOTH BEACH FIRE CO	SAFER R & R GRANT	-3,000.00
	HARRINGTON FIRE COMPANY	SAFER R & R GRANT	-3,500.00
	VOLUNTEER HOSE CO.	SAFER R & R GRANT	-3,500.00

ELLENDALE FIRE CO.	SAFER R & R GRANT	-3,500.00
HARTLY VOL FIRE CO.	SAFER R & R GRANT	-3,500.00
BOWERS LADIES AUX.	SAFER R & R GRANT	-427.20
GOLDFEIN & JOSEPH, P.C.	SHERATON ISSUE/DD CONTRACT	-367.50
BOBOLA FARMS FLORIST	CARSON/FRAMPTON	-91.00
CANNON FINANCIAL SERVICES	COPIER SERVICES	-228.83
VERIZON	OFFICE PHONES	-227.33
POCOMOKE CITY FIRE CO.	5 BANQUET TICKETS- DELMARVA	-125.00
COMCAST CABLEVISION	FEBRUARY INTERNET SERVICE	-100.11
M&T BANK	VISA ACCOUNT	-671.82
MELISSA KISER	P/R 03-10-14 - 03-21-14	-1,193.93
WARREN F. JONES	P/R MARCH, 2014 SHERATON ISSUE/DD	-2,718.45
GOLDFEIN & JOSEPH, P.C.	CONTRACT	-770.00
U.S. TREASURY	TAX PERIOD- 1ST QTR 2013	-1,592.22
MELISSA KISER	P/R 03-24-14 - 04-04-14	-1,200.69
DIVISION OF REVENUE	P/R TAXES JUL '12	-745.57
COMCAST CABLEVISION	MARCH INTERNET SERVICE	-100.11
BOBOLA FARMS FLORIST	LEWIS	-48.00
VERIZON	WARREN/MELISSA PHONES	-130.23
AT & T	APRIL 14 BILL	-15.91
THE CONFERENCE GROUP, LLC	INV. # E726-0000-105	-52.71
CHIEF TECHNOLOGIES, LLC	ANNUAL CONTRACT	-1,648.00
EARL DEMPSEY	SERVICES- JAN - MAR 2014	-8,275.00
STEVE AUSTIN	POSTAGE	-60.80
M&T BANK	VISA ACCOUNT	-5,244.27
CANNON FINANCIAL SERVICES	COPIER SERVICES	-228.83
VERIZON	OFFICE PHONES	-231.82
NFPA	MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL	-300.00
ADSTRATEGIES	ACCT. DVF - MEDIA ADS	-27,924.36
MELISSA KISER	P/R 04-07-14 - 04-18-14	-1,217.99
WARREN F. JONES	P/R APRIL, 2014	-2,718.45
CFSI	DINNER TICKETS	-48,100.00
DVFA CONF. ACCT.	P-I-P PROVIDENT INSURANCE	-3,000.00
DVFA FOUNDATION	SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS 2014	-19,000.00
VERIZON	WARREN'S PHONE	-73.42
VERNON INGRAM	APR - JUN 2014 RENT	-1,755.00
MELISSA KISER	P/R 04-21-14 - 05-02-14	-1,217.99
U.S. TREASURY	TAX PERIOD- 1ST QTR 2013	-1,588.04
COMCAST CABLEVISION	APRIL INTERNET SERVICE	-100.11
AT & T	MAY 14 BILL	-12.51
DVFA FOUNDATION	SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS 2014	-2,000.00
MELISSA KISER	P/R 05-05-14 - 05-16-14	-1,187.16
THE CONFERENCE GROUP, LLC	INV. # E726-0000-106	-20.02
SELECTIVE INSURANCE	POLICY PAYMENT RENEWAL	-3,849.00

	GOLDFEIN & JOSEPH, P.C.	SHERATON ISSUE	-52.50
	VERIZON	OFFICE PHONES	-232.95
	CANNON FINANCIAL SERVICES	COPIER SERVICES	-228.83
	WARREN F. JONES	P/R MAY, 2014	-2,718.45
	MURRAY AND ASSOCIATES, LLC	STRUCTURAL COLLAPSE TRAINING	-24,900.00
	VERIZON	WARREN'S PHONE	-74.78
	STEVE AUSTIN	POSTAGE & ENVELOPES	-110.26
	KENNETH MCMAHON	TRAVEL EXPENSE-NVFC MTG,	-109.44
	M & T BANK	VISA BILL	-8,648.55
	U.S. TREASURY	TAX PERIOD- 2ND QTR 2014	-1,585.70
	MELISSA KISER	P/R 05-19-14 - 05-30-14	-1,173.63
	ADSTRATEGIES	ACCT. DVF - MEDIA ADS	<u>-31,421.11</u>
Total DVFA CHECKING			<u>-273,088.20</u>
Total Operating			<u>-273,088.20</u>
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Motion to pay bills by Ken McMahon and seconded by Dan Burris. Motion Carried.

GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION

Pastor Hudson wanted to thank everyone for their support of the Del-Mar-Va Firemen's Association. He also wanted to thank the DVFA Officers and members that attended the swearing in ceremony. He expressed a special Thank You to Bill Tobin who swore him and the other Officers in at the awards banquet on Friday night in Pocomoke City, MD.. The next meeting of the Del-Mar-Va Association will be Sunday, August 3rd at Magnolia Fire Hall at 1:00 PM.

Wally Poppe reported on the findings of the DVFA Parade committee. They received 24 responses back from the questioner. After processing the responses the committee made the following 9 recommendations;

DVFA Parade Committee Recommendations

In no particular order of urgency:

- Expand the Parade Guidelines to include what judges look for in marching units and apparatus. This information can be provided by Judging Credentials used for each category. Guidelines should be reviewed as to level the playing ground for each Company / Auxiliary in all categories.
- 2. Keep the judging but rotate Judges that are used. Establish a list of Judging Groups and rotate them either annually or every 2 years.
- 3. In regards to the location of the Conference, most responses were in favor of moving to the Beach but realistically unless moving the time of year the

Conference is held we don't see this happening. An idea of a Firefighters Appreciation Parade held separately when the Conference is held was discussed. Possibly a one day event in any of the three counties so overnight lodging would not be needed. Adding other competitions to the agenda. Setting up some type of activities / competition for Junior Memberships / Cadet Programs.

- Involving the public by advertising, advertising and advertising more. Adding more family / children activities. Adding more vendors.
- Continuing judging but eliminate the County rule for the top three marching awards for Music, Non Music and Ladies Auxiliary. Establish a minimum of apparatus awards allowed to win each year. As having a Best Overall Fire Apparatus from any Category, establish a Best Overall Company by score from any category Music or Non Music.
- Setting a 1 to 3 year limit of 1st place awards for Music, Non Music and Ladies Auxiliary. If a Company / Auxiliary wins 1st Place successfully [3] years they will be ineligible for 1 year. Further discussion would warrant if they would be eligible for any other awards [2nd, 3rd, 4th, etc.].
- Eliminating alcohol at the parade.
- Make sure DVFA Parade Committee oversees the Judging to make sure all requirements are followed as in required numbers of members are accounted for in marching units.
- All scores for each Company / Auxiliary that are judged are made available to all Companies / Auxiliaries.

Review these proposals at your company meetings. These will be discussed again at the Conference meeting in September.

ADJOURNMENT

It was regularly moved by Jeff Dennison and seconded by Ken McMahon that the June Executive Committee Meeting be adjourned. Motion Carried. Pastor Bob Hudson asked that Assistant DVFA Chaplain Blake Bowers give the Benediction. The meeting was adjourned at 11:52 AM

Respectfully submitted,
Melissa R. Kiser
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Corresponding Secretary

I hereby attest that this is a true copy of the proceedings of the Delaware Volunteer Firefighter's Association Executive Committee meeting held on June 08, 2014.

Attest: Elmer Steele
Secretary