Executive Meeting of the D.V.F.A. was called to order at 1000 hours by President Elmer Steele at the Delaware State Fire Service Center, Dover, DE.

Invocation was given by Robbie Sweetman, Assistant DVFA Chaplain.

Pledge of Allegiance to Flag was lead by Past President Walton A. Johnson, Jr. (Frankford).

Moved by Teorge Kerr (Minquas), seconded by Robert Romig (Five Points) to accept the minutes since they will be in printed form in the Convention minute book - so carried.

ROLL CALL: Roll call showed the following members in attendance: Past Presidents - 14; President Emeritus - 2; Fire Commissioners - 5; Officers - 16; Committee members - 135: Guests - 4; Total attendance 176.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Charles Emerson (Claymont), Treasurer, stated the treasurer's report was in printed form and available for all concerned. Moved by Robert Romig (Five Points), seconded by George Pyott (Cheswold), to accept Treasurer's report - so carried.

REPORT OF OFFICERS: Officer's reports are in printed form and filed with the Secretary. Anyone having a question or wishing to see a report, please contact the officer concerned or the Secretary.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES: Sophie Dear (Camden-Wyoming) reporting. Contact is being made with various organization to extablish duties and services for DVFA Officers. DVFA Officers will also be contacted to ascertain various duties and responsibilities.

ADVISORY TO MUTUAL RELIEF: Joseph Hojnicki, Sr. (Minquadale) reporting. Committee would like a copy of both Workman's Compensation and Mutual Relief policy. Question as to how do we off-set cost of operation with the interest rate so low on our monies.

ADVISORY TO STATE FIRE MARSHAL: James Cubbage, Jr. (Clayton) reporting. Two vacancies announcements have been distributed - Juvenile Firesetters Intervention Coodinator with closing date of December 21, 199 Senior Fire Protection Specialist closing date - continuous. Announcements with all information was sent to all fire companies for dissemination.

ADVISORY TO SFPC FOR AMBULANCE SERVICE: John Handlin (Claymont) reporting, Under proper order of business a motion will be made to support the Defib Program and also to recommend that a paramedic be represented on ALS committee.

ADVISORY To STATE FIRE SCHOOL: Josep' Murabito (Assistant Director) reporting. Posliblity of obtaining land at New Castle Airport for Burn Center, however, land must be surveyed and a firm was contacted to do so, however, their bid for job was \$15,000. Efforts will be made to have state do the survey job, monies and survey must be gotten before starting construction. Additional Instructor slot has been asked for, in view of possible New Castle Burn Center and need to fill slot vacantêd by John Smith's retirement. No PCB was found in the soil test taken at DSFS. The 93-94 schedules will have a new listing of courses to meet the Fire Brigade's requirements under NFPA 600.

ARCHIVES: Robert Romig (Five Points) reporting. Committee recommend that James G. "Denny" Malloy (Talleyville) be inducted into Firefighter's Hall of Fame posthumously. Past Presidents - DVFA and DVFALA - President Emeritus pictures will be mounted on wall in hallway to Commission Room. New display board will be completed after first of the year and will be mounted before next Executive meeting. All frontal pieces have been obtained and will be displayed. Committee would like to have permission to form an organization "Delaware Firemen's Historical Archives Foundation" for the long range purpose of obtaining a facility to house our archives.

COMMUNICATIONS: L.G. McCoy (Talleyville) reporting. Statewife 800 MHZ program discussed. Fire service does not have reppresentation on committee - this is being pursued. New Castle County is unhappy with progress of said program. If at a time and point New Castle County will pursue on its own - Kent and Sussex Counties will be contacte and given the particulars on the situation.

CONVENTION LIMISON: J. William Bell (Holloway Terrace) reporting. Stated that the outing Chairman - Frances "Doc" Dougherty (Brandywine Hundred) had done an excellent job over several years and deserved a standing ovation - so given by members present. Frank King (Hartly) gave final financial report on Convention "92, letters from Five Points made some good points and will be taken under consideration. Convention '93 presented tentative agenda. Committee has been challenged to present a program or guidelines for future conventions. A finalized document will be presented at the Convention in Laurel in September, 1993 for approval. Committee has a very agressive plan for the year and ask that the Convention '93 adopt such a program - if not there is little need for a Convention Liaison Committee.

CISM: Kevin Wilson (Clayton) reporting. Discussion on funding of committee - John Mitchell, Law & Legislative Committee, will attempt to get funding for Committee and would like to meet with DVFA Officers and try to establish automatic funding for this committee, so each year does not have to be a hassle for money. Report will be made to all companies at the end of the year in June, 1993 and will be available in convention packets. A course is being offered in CISM at Delaware State Fire Service Center.

DVFA PENSION ADVISORY: Frank King (Hartly) reporting. Bills for 1992 have been sent out to all organizations on November 13, 1992, there was an overall decrease in cost of pension of 2.3%. All organizations were reminded to get the information to Charles L. Emerson, DVFA Treasurer, instead of J. Allen Metheny.

FIREFIGHTE.'S BENEFITS: Charles Emerson (Claymont) reporting. Committee will upgrade 1988 Mutual Relief publication and have it ready for June, 1993.

FIRE PREVENTION: Ron Marvel (Seaford) reporting. All are reminded that the State awards ceremony will be held this afternoon in the building beginning at 1400 hours. Committee needs name and address of fire prevention officer as well as President and Fire Chief of each department. Companies need to get the schools in their district more involved in program, need to make certain all schools in their district are reached. Request for matching funds should be sent to Ron Marvel not later than January 30, 1993

LAW & LEGISLATIVE: John Mitchell (Elsmere) reporting. Axle weights discussed, Bill will be introduced to exempt fire apparatus. Matching funds for pension discussed, delegates should go back to their respective companies to ascertain if they are willing to put up any more money for matching funds to increase pensions.

OUT-OF-STATE COORDINATOR: Steve Austin (Aetna HH&L) reporting. Delaware Night at FDIC in Cincinnati will be Monday, April 5, 1993 - fund for same will be brought up under proper order of business. CFSI will be Wednesday, April 28, 1993 at Washington Hilton - invitation will be forthcoming. Congressman-elect Castle has indicated he will join the CFSI - all Congressional delegates will be present at dinner, as will as Governor-elect Carper.

PERMANENT MEMORIAL: Charles O. Smith (Felton) reporting. City of Dover has planted more flowers st monument. Jen-Mor Florist has donated a wreath again - 5th year in a row.

RESOLUTIONS: Ray Krett (Goodwill) reporting. Two resoluations to be brought up under proper order of business for approval. Information on 50th year members resolutions passed out this date.

HEALTH & SAFETY: Raymond Blanchette (Harrington) reporting. Committee has had a very busy month working on guidelines. New document will be mailed this week to all Fire Chiefs and Presidents - a workshop will be held on Wednesday, January 27, 1993, 1900 hours, at Delaware State Fire Service Center. A wuestionaire was mailed to all Fire Chiefs with a deadline of December 31, 1992.

 $\tt SCHOLARSHIP: George Kerr (Minquas) reporting. Gave a report on schedule for 1993 applications.$

SUNSHINE & VISITATIONS: Walter Lamon (Clayton) reporting. Get well cards were mailed out to fellow members and there families. Visitations were also made to hospital and homes.

DVFA SUB-COMMITTEE FOR STANDARDS: Harry Warner (Talleyville) reporting. Standards were updated and a hearing was sent up for these. DVFA requested another hearing and it was to be held on Tuesday, December 15, 1992, 1930 hours, at Delaware State Fire Service Center.

LICENSE PL. I PROJECT: J. Allen Methe (Hartly) reporting. Tag numbers were assigned from random number bable on November 5, 1992. 58 companies out of a possible 64 were e;ogob;e as volunteer companies met the October 30, 1992 deadline for application submission. A letter will be going out advising members that they will be able to get tags through a normal process.

STATE LADIES AUXILLARIES: Eleanor Warrington, President, brought greetings for the ladies and introduced her guests.

STATE FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION: James King, President, reported on the next meeting to be held on January 28, 1993 at Townsend (Sta 26).

STATE FIRE POLICE ASSOCIATION: Walter Lamon, 2nd Vice President, reported on the next Fire Police meeting.

STATE AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION: Janet Massey, President, stated the next meeting will be in January, 1993.

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER FIRE COUNCIL: E. James Monihan (Lewes) reporting. HR6037 - Bill for Grant for Arson Research and Control - introduced into Congress. Weight limits on vehicles discussed - would like some guidance from DVFA on subject. A program is being developed on recruitment and retention. Definition of a volunteer firefighter being studied by NVFA. President Bush signed into law the Benjamin Franklin National Memorial Commenorative Medal and Fire Service Bill of Rights Act on October 12, 1992.

MUTUAL RELIEF ASSOCIATION: Sally Stevenson, Chairperson, reporting. Copies of By-Laws are completed. A copy of a resolution from Sussex for 60 years of service of Mutual Relief was presented to Bob Romig for the archives.

FIRE MARSHAL: No further report.

FIRE SCHOOL: No further report.

STATE FIRE PREVENTION COMMISSION: C. Bryan Bennett (Seaford), Chairman, reporting. Reported on Standards for Commission and Public Hearing to be held. No pressure from Commission to have DVFA finalize NFPA 1500 for state. Harry Warner (Talleyville) alluded to fact rumors exist that the Commission is pressing for NFPA 1500 completion, Bennett stated it is onTy a rumor and not a fact.

DEL-MAR-VA ASSOCIATION: Donald Knauer, President, recognized. He stated that next meeting of the association will be held in Delmar on Sunday, January 17, 1993 at 1300 hours.

COUNTY PRESIDENTS: County Presidents recognized - Kennard Pyle - New Castle County; Donald Knight - Kent County- Daniel Magee - Sussex County.

CORRESPONDENC⊾

Joh Cottrell (Townsend), Assistant Secretary, read the following correspondence; paranthesis indicate action taken:

State Fire Prev Com, 230ct92, re: Advisory boards	(Pres Steele)
State Fire Prev Com, 280ct92. re: Public Hearing	(File)
NCCVFA, 300ct92, re:92 Convention Judging	(Conv Liaison)
NCCVFA, 16NOV92, re: Decrease in Insurance Prem	(File)
NFPA, re: TIA for NFPA 1500	(File)
WILM MANOR FIRE CO, 3DEC92, re: Thank for Support	(File)
Ltr. Five Points, re: Parade Musical Prizes.	(Conv Lia)

Moved by Jasper Lakey (Delaware City), seconded by Raymond Blanchette (Harrington), to accept correspondence and bring them up under the proper order of business - so carried.

<u>OLD BUSINESS:</u> Frank King (Hartly), Chairman Convention '92, reported approximately \$122,000 was spent on convention and the remaining monies returned to the 7 companies who hosted. Moved by Bruce Ennis (Citizens Hose), seconded by Robert Romig (Five Points) to accept this as a final report on Convention '92 - so carried.

Bruce Ennis (Citizens Hose) alluded to the lack of communications between various state agencies, particularly in the area of 800 MHZ; he also commented on the weight limitation on highway situation.

Joseph Hojnicki, Sr. (Minquadale) addressed the NFPA 1500 problem. Raymond Blanchette (Harrington), Co-Chairman of Safety & Health Committee, responded to comments and also alluded to the deadline stated in the Commission letter to him. Much discussion between Bennett and Blanchette on subject of guidelines. Bennett stated guideline might be the best route taken at this time since we have nothing at all on the subject at the present time. Hojnicki stated he needed to know what he was voting for before he could vote to adopt anything. Bennett stated there is quite a bit of difference between a guideline and standards.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS!: Moved by Joe Vattaliano (Talleyville), seconded by Steve Austin (Aetna) htat James G. "Denny" Malloy (Talleyville) be placed in Firefighter's Hall of Fame posthumously - so carried.

Moved by Steve Austin (Aetna), seconded by Bruce Ennis (Citizens Hose to appropriate \$500 for FDIC and \$1500 CFIS, money previous approved in 1993 Budget - so carried.

Bruce Ennis (Citizens Hose) alluded to Hepitatis "B" statewide program funding, A need exists to pursue avenues for funding since we have not had any results from state. Suggestion that Mutual Relief Association be instructed to discuss same with their trustees - President Steele advised this will be taken under consideration.

Moved by Robert Romig (Five Points), seconded by Charles O. Smith (Felton), that the Archives Committee be authorized to organize a Delaware Firemen's Historical Archive Foundation - so carried.

Moved by James Monihan (Lewes), seconded by John Mitchell (Elsmere), to support HB 6037 (Grant for Arson Research and Control) and to inform our Congressional delegation by letter of this decision - so carried.

Moved by Raymond Krett (Goodwill), seconded by John Mitchell (Elsmere), to adopt the resolutions on Wolf and McArdle - so carried.

Moved by Jasper Lakey (Delaware City), seconded by Richard Ridgeway (Hockessin), to send a letter to Jen-Mor Florist and Agway for their support at the permanent memorial and the information be turned over to Resolution Committee for resolutions on same - so carried.

Moved by John Handlin (Claymont), seconded by Richard Ridgeway (Hockessin), to ask ALS to add a paramedic to their committee - so carried

Moved by John Handlin (Claymon-), seconded by John MItchell (Elsmere) to support in concept the Defib program and a letter to ALS to this effect be sent and to ask that they hold a meeting with State Fire Chiefs and State Ambulance Association to seek their support for the program. Several questions asked on subject. Allen Metheny (Hartly) stated no requirement for mandatory compliance with program - equipment costs approximately \$4,000. vote taken - so carried.

James Monihan (Lewes), asked for some guidance on weight limitations program by federal government. Apparatus Standards Committee will review and make a recommendation for NVFC representatives at March Executive Meeting.

Letter on Insurance rebate possible reduction from NCCVFA was discussed, DVFA in process of obtaining a meeting with the new Insurance Commissioner Donna Williams to discuss the problem.

Letter from Five Points Fire Company with a letter from Conrad Alumni Band reference to awarding of Convention parade prizes was turned over to the Convention Liaison Committee.

Moved by Robert Romig (Five Points), seconded by Charles Smith (Felton), to authorize the Archives Committee to organize the "Delaware Historical Fire Fighter Society" - so carried.

PAYMENT OF BILLS: Charles Emerson (Claymont), Treasurer, presented bills in amount of \$2,714.71. Moved by Robert Romig (Five Points), seconded by Charles Smith (Felton), to pay all bills - so carried.

GOOD OF ASSOCIATION: Robert Sutton (Five Points) read and presented a letter to DVFA on judging and awarding of Governor's Cup at Convention. President Steel noted the letter and it will be turned over to the Convention Liaison Committee.

James Lister (Mill Creek) spoke on firemen serving at Emmettsbury and the need for a new state flag, Pres Steele noted it is under consideration.

Gordon Day (Brandywine Hundred) spoke against the Defib Program and the monies involved. He feels that the BLS should not be involved wit the program. He also alluded to the fact we have not been successful in getting Hepitatis "B" innoculation monies - we need to spend some of the money already received and quite going to the "well" so much.

J. Allen Mehteny (Hartly), reported on the Statewide Paramedic Program. Plans are underway by the EMS office to implement HB 403 passed last session relating to notification of fire fighters, ambulance attendants, emergency medical technicians, etc. of exposure to contagious or infectious disease or virus.

The state EMS office has implemented some guidelines for ALS personnel which I felt are import to BLS personnel. Also, a couple of these guidlines deal with patient restraint and the parameters of paramedic practice. Dr. O'Connor is to discuss s means to get these guidlines and others that relate to BLS operations to us with the State Fire Prevention Commission.

The trainee appeals process that was recently implemented was discussed at length. The current two-level appeal process that was implemented will be revised to a one-level process. It was determined that the same matters were being discussed at both levels of appeal. All Trainees who were dropped from the program for evaluation reasons will have or have had the opportunity to appeal their dropping from the program.

The state now has 100% coverage by paramedics.

The Electronic Defibulator Project - the state EMS office is awaiting orders for the equipment. Any company who wants to get into this program should contact the local EMS office to get more information.

New BLS ambulance run sheets - ready to go. Seem to be waiting on action from the State Fire Prevention Commission to get the forms introduced to the ambulance companies and into the training program.

Priority Medical Dispatch Program - some confusion exists about a study that was done by a consulting firm. This report has not been accepted to be implemented by the state. In my review of the report the consultants were off base on many issues. The State of Delaware is developing its own priorty medical dispatch program, it is being developed by our own doctors, paramedics and emergency dispatch personnel. Ideas from the consultant's report are being used in some cases. A draft of Delaware's Program should be available for study later in the spring.

The D.V.F.A. is still short one representative on the council. the names have been submitted to the Governor's Office, but no one has been appointed to replace Grover Ingle for New Castle County.

Moved by A.I. Guessford (Odessa), seconded by Charles O. Smith (Felton), that we have the benediction and adjourn - so carried

Benediction by Walter Lamon (Clayton), Assistant DVFA Chaplain.

Adjournment at 1230 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

William R. Carrow

Secretary.

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