**DVFA Executive Committee Meeting**

**Sunday, March 8, 2019, 10 AM**

**Delaware State Fire School**

**“Continuing Forward”**

**At this point I need to compile a report to cover where I have been and what has transpired since we were here in December. I’ve finished posting all my events and reviewed my report that covers meetings, miles and the hours. It appears I’ve been busy travelling and attended more events than last quarter. For the most part much of it has been travelling to and attending the many various meetings statewide that are part of what we do. These trips to meetings are in large part about delivering information, gathering thoughts and feelings about our volunteer fire service and what/how we are doing.**

**Recruitment and Retention in one way or another is still at the forefront of our activities. We have had 6 meetings of the R&R Task Force established by the Joint Resolution at Leg. Hall. Our next one is on March 16th at 9am back in Leg. Hall same location. We here in Delaware are focused on finding what is going to work for and help us. Some companies, groups and individuals have been in an ongoing process to identify their problems and determine the best path forward. The R&R Task Force has been fortunate to be given some information and reports that have already generated facts, thoughts and conclusions. At our last meeting Warren & Jay on behalf of the DVFA submitted and read into the record a summary of the thoughts and suggestions collected so far. Hopefully this next meeting will be a turning point to finalize the recommendations coming from the Task Force.**

 **This is going to take the cooperation of the volunteer fire service statewide, our associations and the State of Delaware Legislative process working in tandem to even begin to implement these possible solutions to our ongoing problem here in Delaware.**

**Again we must continue the discovery process and propose solutions because failure for the fire service is not an option!**

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**I’m going to add one more item that has moved into focus during our administration. That is the PROPOSED legislation sought and issued recently for the SFPC to be the agency of choice for oversight of the fire service in Delaware. This continues to be very controversial and difficult most times to get the point(s) across. I’ll leave the rest to be discussed in further detail by President Jones in his reporting.**

**In conclusion, last but not least….the DVFA Scholarship Fund. So far through January & February this has been mentioned consistently at all meetings that I’ve been able to attend. I’ve advised the attendees that the information has been distributed and should be given to their company members and their respective auxiliaries. Additionally it is available on the DVFA website. We need to keep this in focus and push this through March…..the deadline for submissions is March 31st.**

**I’ll summarize my report by the activity items noted….report my attendance for 33 events, travelled 1077 miles ….and 140 hours in-service. These are the ones recorded for this quarter…. who knows what lies ahead!**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Ken Ryder**

**2nd Vice President**

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