



DVFA OFFICER'S MEETING

August 28, 2006

President Kennard L. Pyle called the August DVFA Officer's Meeting to order at 1807 Hrs at the Social Hall of the Odessa Fire Co. and welcomed all who were present. DVFA Treasurer J. Allen Metheny, Sr. offered the invocation.

Attendance:

President Kennard L. Pyle
First Vice President Alan F. Robinson, Jr.
Second Vice President Ron Marvel
Treasurer J. Allen Metheny, Sr.
Executive Secretary James L. Cabbage, Jr.
Director Kevin L. Wilson
Director Warren F. Jones
Director Harold Barber
Director Walt Reynolds
Director Ed Welch
DVFA PP Stephen P. Austin

LADVFA President Barbara Rossister
LADVFA First Vice President Florence Legates
LADVFA Second Vice President Debbie Marvel
LADVFA Secretary Virginia Yeager
LADVFA Asst. Secretary Joanne Catilino
DSFPA First Vice President Joseph Zeroles
DSFCA President James Watson
DSAA President George Kerr
DVFA Director – Elect Charles Frampton
KCVFA First Vice President Charles Boyer
DVFA Sergeant at Arms Frank Gant

President Pyle then recessed the meeting for a delicious dinner served by the Odessa Fire Co. Ladies Auxiliary at 1809 Hrs.

Meeting was called back to order at 1900 Hrs and President Pyle thanked the men & women of the Odessa Fire Co and Ladies Auxiliary for a wonderful meal and for their support during his term as President.

President Pyle then called on the following members and guests for reports and remarks:

LADVFA President Barbara Rossister brought greetings from the LADVFA and introduced her Officers that were in attendance. She thanked everyone for their support and encouragement.

DSFCA President James Watson brought greetings from the DSFCA and briefly discussed the next meeting of the Delaware State Fire Chiefs Assoc. will be August 30, 2006 at the Delaware State Fire School in Dover to discuss & review EMS Protocols.

Thanked everyone for their support during his term of office.

DSFPA First Vice President Joe Zerles brought greetings from the DSFPA . He discussed the progress on the issuance of new Statewide Fire Police ID Cards, which will be issued through the Sussex County Sheriff's Office. He also advised that Chief Allen Baldwin would speak on Highway Safety at the DSFPA Meeting during the Conference.

DSAA President George Kerr also brought greetings for the DSAA and briefly discussed the registration for EMS continuing education classes at the Conference. He also thanked everyone for thier support during his year in office.

DVFA CRUISE President Pyle reported that the DVFA cruise is being planned for the Western Caribbean for February 4 – 11,2007. 38 cabins have been booked already, anyone interested please contact him.

CONFERENCE 2006 Chairman Warren F Jones reported that all plans have been finalized for the Dover Sheraton. All committees are doing a splendid job. However he is very disappointed in the attendance for the Hot Training at Conference. See everyone in Dover.

DVFA WEB PAGE First Vice President Alan F. Robinson reminded everyone if any materials needed to be updated or corrected please contact the DVFA in writing or by email with the changes, NOT the web master or the Chairman for 2006-2007 Ron Marvel.

TEXAS HOLD'EM POKER 1st Vice President Robinson reported that the DVFA would have representation at all Gaming Commission meetings next year to keep the members abreast of any proposed changes to Texas Hold'em.

VIRTUAL DRIVER TRAINING 1st Vice President Robinson advised that he has been talking to a vendor since seeing a unit at FDIC, however it does not appear that they will be able to attend the Conference with a portable unit.

WAKE UP DELAWARE/RISK WATCH 1st Vice President Robinson advised that the fall "Wake Up Delaware" would be on October 28th. He will be asking Fire Companies to check their supplies so he can place an order for detectors and batteries.

DVFA SUMMITT 1st Vice President Robinson reported that the dates for the DVFA Summit would be on November 10, 11, & 12th at the National Fire Academy in Emmittsburg, MD. The committee will be sending out materials to all companies with detailed information

NVFC Treasurer Metheny gave an update on several Federal Issues and the concern of the NVFC on the lack of funding for the USFA – AFG Grants. They along with all of the major fire service organizations are working to restore full funding of the AFG Grants program. Advised that they are watching HR #6027 which clarifies provisions of the IRS Tax Code as it relates to LOSAP programs. He also reported that the DVFA endorsed him for another term as Treasurer of the NVFC at their upcoming October Board Meeting in Bend, Oregon.

Motion by Treasurer Metheny, Seconded by Director Wilson that the DVFA prepare and endorse a Resolution supporting HR #6027. Motion Carried

FIRE CORPS Executive Secretary Cabbage gave PP Jim Monihan's report. He advised that he is going to again contact all Delaware Fire Companies encouraging their participation in the Fire Corps program. Only 7 of the 61 Departments have signed up to participate.

VOTER REGISTRATION Director Walt Reynolds advised that his committee is planning a major campaign to get all Delaware Fire Fighters and Ladies Auxiliary members registered to Vote.

FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE ISSUES PP Austin reported on the following items:

- Last year the AFG Fire Act Grant Program was funded for 550 Million, this year it is only funded for 293 Million but there is a move to increase it to 600 Million There has to be a lot of work done before mark up is completed.
- Advised that the First Round of AFG grants are ready to be distributed but are being held by OMB
- Reported that the DVFA is again waiting for results of the our SAFER grant application for 2006
- Senator Carper is encouraging more Delaware Fire Companies to apply for AFG Grants is requesting that DHS hold training sessions in Kent & Sussex Counties this Fall
- Discussed in detail the Voice Over Internet Issue, that has been addressed by the IAFC & APCO regarding E911 Calls.
- Advised that he will be attending the West Virginia State Firemen's Assoc. Meeting in Charles Town, WV on Sept 8 & 9th and invited anyone to join him

DVFA FOUNDATION Chairman Austin advised that the Foundation met on August 21, 2006 at the Kent County EOC. The Foundation's books have been audited and that they are planning to have a brochure outlining the Foundation activities in the Conference Packets.

ADVOCATES FOR FIRE BASED EMS PP Austin reported He and Jim Monihan had attended a meeting in June were the premier providers of EMS across the nation meet to discuss concerns regarding the National Association of EMT'S national agenda in regards to a National EMS Administrator similar to USFA Director, PSOB eligibility for private providers, thereby weakening Fire Based EMS. The group choose Denny Compton, Former Chief of Mesa, AZ as temporary Chair and will be meeting with national leaders to bring awareness of the EMS Community which is 75% Fire Based.

President Pyle called a brief recess at 1940 Hrs, meeting called back to order at 1946 Hrs.

NATIONAL FALLEN FIREFIGHTER RUN Director Wilson gave a brief update on a proposed half marathon race that would support the NFFF and DVFA would assist. More details to follow.

MISC ITEM Executive Secretary reported on the following items:

- Reported on August 23, 2006 that Margaret Reyes or the Governor's Advisory Committee on Hispanic Affairs discussed several of issues of their concern in regards to EMS recruiting and funding, both BLS & ALS at the monthly DEMSOC Meeting.
- Advised that final draft of the John Hopkins review of Fire Prevention Programs in Delaware has been completed and distributed to the participants of the project for their review and comments.
- Reported that the Revolving Loan Committee has been working hard over the summer. Applications have been received and awards will made at the Conference Luncheon.
- Reported that AD Hoc Committee has met with the Div. of Historical and Cultural Affairs to assist in preparing an Exhibit entitled "Fighting the Dragon" The have had several meetings and progress is being made, the exhibit will Open at the Delaware Visitors Center on September 11, 2006.
- Dates for Conference 2007 will be September 10th to 15th, 2007
- Gave a health update on Todd Hannah, Sales Rep for DPC

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS KCVFA 1st VP Charlie Boyer report that the State Archives in compiling old photos for display on their web page. Anyone that has any old fire fighting photos can submit them to his son at State Archives.

Second Vice President Ron Marvel, discussed a possible issue involving the Fire Fighters pension and the total disability payments. Will advise of further information.

CLOSING COMMENTS President Pyle thanked everyone for their attendance and their participation in the Delaware Fire Service and for their encouragement, assistance and dedication. Further he advised he was very happy about the distribution of One Million Dollars in the Revolving Loan Fund.

Motion by Director Wilson, seconded by Director Barber that we adjourn. Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 2022 Hrs.

Respectfully submitted,

James L. Cabbage, Jr.

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