

DVFA Officers' Meeting

December 30, 2024

Citizens Hose

LADVFA President Stacy Northam Smith: Thank everyone for the invitation and wished all a good meeting

DCFCA Vice President Mike Edwards: President Jones wanted to pass along, conference plans are moving along, June 27 at Station 26 is the State Chiefs Expo.

President Ron O'Neal: Thank everyone for attending this evening. We are missing some of our normal attendees due to other commitments, mainly graduation ceremonies that are taking place tonight.

The OSHA modifications to the 1910.156 standard is still large on our radar. Greatly appreciate the information that Bill Betts and Jay Jones have been able to forward as part of the NVFC taskforce on these changes. Fortunately, as previously reported the public comment period has been extended to June 12th. The DVFA and the State Chiefs have already drafted letters in opposition to the changes, and the DVFA Office has drafted a form letter that will be sent to all companies, that can be modified with their own company titles and information, and then forwarded to OSHA during the open comment period. We can't stress enough of the importance of getting as many comments submitted as possible.

The National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC) is calling for a "Day of Action" to take place on June 12, asking that all fire and EMS personnel share the resources and information needed to understand the potential impact of the changes. There are also a number of webinars and events taking place that day, all of which can be viewed on the NVFC website.

We also want to urge everyone to complete the NVFC's survey on the OSHA proposed changes. The survey can be found at <https://ncsfa.com/take-the-nvfcs-survey-on-oshas-proposed-emergency-response-standard>. We will also be sending out this link to all companies. At last count, less than 20 Delaware companies had participated in the survey.

If you remember, we had put together The Fallen Firefighter Memorial Committee, which was tasked with putting together a "footprint" of how the future memorial services will be held in order help standardize the process. The Committee had originally scheduled the service for Laura Madara for Saturday, April 27, but due to scheduling conflicts with both the family and Laura's fire company, the ceremony had to be postponed and has not yet been rescheduled. We are still holding out hope that we can get that event rescheduled for later this summer or early fall. Also need to schedule ceremonies for John Pridemore of Clayton and Phil Young of Dover. (Deb, what about the gentleman from Milton, has that been determined to be a LODD at this point?)

The Finance & Budget Committee will be having a meeting on June 5th at the DVFA office, to discuss the proposed budget for the upcoming year. I appreciate Treasurer Whitham's work on putting the proposed budget together. At this time, we are looking at a possible deficit of approximately \$3200 that we need to review.

Still want to make sure everyone is completing the National Firefighter Cancer Registry form. Information has been sent to the State Chiefs, all three County Associations as well as the County Chiefs. Please make sure this information is passed along to the Presidents/Chiefs in your respective Counties.

Jay, Tom and Myself met with the Delaware Chamber of Commerce reference to HB127. They had some objections to the bill.

1st VP Tom DiCristofaro: Fire Insurance Tax, as long as 371 gets passed, starting next calendar year we will be getting the insurance money one time in July. I have spent some time in Legislative Hall this year and it has been an experience. I give Jay more credit that he deserves but he does and good job and knows all the people there on a first named basis. I have a question on the conference budget, questioning how we can finalize figures without having a budget.

2nd VP Gerald Manley: You guys covered everything.

Treasurer Terry Whitham: Her viewed the accounts. I am working with and IT company to give us a quote on handling our account. Pablo will still be the IT administrator. Spoke on the web page.

Commissioner Ron Marvel: There has been 132 overdoses in the State of Delaware which puts a lot of pressure on our EMS system. The protocols are put in place. Approved 710 with a couple of small modifications. The commission attorney has written the federal background check bill and it has been passed along to Jay.

Conference Chair Jay Jones: All the committees are working. The forms are on the website. Seeking corporate sponsor money.

DVFA Foundation Lynn Rogers: Reported on the scholarship this year. We had 12 people who qualified this year and each will be receiving more money.

Director Jim Arrington: No report

Director Reeder: No report

Executive Manager Jay Jones: Reviewed the bills in Legislative Hall and the raffle legislation.

Administrative Assistant Warren Jones: Thanked everyone for their concerns on his health.