



**DVFA Officers Meeting
Thursday, August 28, 2025
18:00 hours – Social 18:30 hours – Dinner
Green Turtle Restaurant - Dover**

DVFA ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

President Tom DiCristofaro
1st Vice President Gerald Manley, Jr.
2nd Vice President Jim Arrington
Secretary Elmer Steele
Treasurer Terry Whitham
Assistant Treasurer John Wright (absent)
Executive Manager Jay Jones

New Castle Director Brian Reeder
New Castle Director Sharonda Spencer
Kent Director Jim Woznicki
Kent Director Kevin Hovis (absent)
Sussex Director Guy Hudson (absent)
Sussex Director Greg Hocker (absent)

LADVFA OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

President Mickey Decino
2nd Vice President Ginni Tice

1st Vice President Shirley Pennington

ASSOCIATIONS AND GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE

Fire Commission Chairman Ron Marvel
State Chief's President Mike Edwards
Conference Chairman Mark Harris
Past President/Commissioner Ron O'Neal

Foundation Chairman Lynn Rogers
Fire Police 1st Vice President Jeff Dennison
Incoming New Castle Director Richard J. Perillo

- Social and hors'd were available at 6:00 PM
- President DiCristofaro called the meeting to order at 6:40 PM
- Started the meeting while the waitress took dinner orders

LADVFA President Mickey Decino:

- Conference is looking good
- Tom has the table clothes for the ladies to be used at the Convention Center

State Fire Chief's President Mike Edwards:

- Conference is looking good. Still working of numbers for the classes
- Working on some various awards for Conference
- Thanked President DiCristofaro for involving the Chief's Association in meetings this past year

State Fire Police 1st Vice President Jeff Dennison:

- Conference is looking good
- Jerry Daniels had a fall and is not doing good

OFFICER REPORTS:

President Tom DiCristofaro:

- 28 days and counting
- Kent County FACETS report is due to be released on Sept. 17
- Ask the FACETS committee to summarize each County report at the Conference Executive meeting

1st Vice President Gerald Manley, Jr.:

- Attended a meeting with the Fire Commissioners
- Looking forward to Conference
- Thanks to everyone for their support this past year

2nd Vice President Jim Arrington:

- Stated that Sussex County Council Steve McCarron gave a detailed report of the FACETS report at the Sussex County Chief's meeting in Millsboro

Secretary Elmer Steele:

- Busy with Conference preparation
- Spending most of my time caring for my wife

Treasurer Terry Whitham:

- As of today, we have the following balances:
 - a. Checking- \$175,214.68
 - b. Money Market- \$318,484.03
 - c. Brinker Financial Account- \$281,379.65 (May)
- As of today, I have not received Millville & Memorial dues. I have spoken with both and they assured me payment was being processed. I will keep everyone posted
- The FY24-25 Budget has been closed. I received the Conference paperwork. I will arrange pickup with Doug Kook so the audit can take place.
- I will miss the DVFA business meeting as I will be traveling back from New Hampshire. I will be attending the rest of the conference.

Assistant Treasurer John Wright:

- (absent)

Fire Prevention Commission Chairman Ron Marvel:

- Marijuana issues. State of Delaware has a policy, but Commission does not. State has a "0" tolerance
- Fire Marshal's office is working on a new NERIS program. Presentation at Conference
- Cancer presumption program. 73 claims so far this year, 70 have been completed and closed
- 94 OD cases so far this year. That is up 32% from last year
- Still openings in Fire Officer classes at the Fire School. Get your people registered
- 100% pass rate on the last EMT class. First time ever

Recess for dinner at 7:15 PM

Reconvened at 7:40 PM

Conference Chairman Mark Harris:

- Working on certificates for the various awards
- Big discussion on the Mutual Relief registration.
- Have the companies with award winners been notified, so they can attend?
- **Sept. 1 is the FINAL date for numbers, so the meal counts can be given to the Hyatt**

DVFA Foundation Lynn Rogers:

- Next meeting is October 5th at Willis Chevy
- Ladies will be doing their basket raffle during Conference with ½ of the proceeds going to the foundation. The men will be passing baskets at the luncheon for donations

Director Reports:

Past President Director Ron O'Neal:

- Currently have 76 for the Past Presidents dinner
- NVFC is pushing the National Cancer Registry program. Please sign up for this

New Castle Director Brian Reeder:

- Nothing to add
- Introduced the incoming New Castle Director Richard J. Perillo

New Castle Director Sharonda Spencer:

- Nothing to add

Kent County Director Jim Woznicki:

- FACETS report will be presented to Levy Court on Sept. 23th

Kent County Director Kevin Hovis:

- (absent)

Sussex County Director Guy Hudson:

- (absent)

Sussex County Director Greg Hocker:

- (absent)

Executive Manager Jay Jones:

- Working on Conference
- Need dates and places for the coming year Officer meetings, so the calendar can be prepared
- Pleasure working with everyone this past year
- Presidents' handbook has been given to the incoming President
- 709 committee has been meeting

General discussion:

- None

There being no other business to come before the group, President DiCristofaro declared the meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Elmer B. Steele

Elmer B. Steele, Secretary
Delaware Vol. Firefighter's Assoc.

Attest to:

Jay Jones, Executive Manager
Tom DiCristofaro, DVFA President