

Meeting of Officers, Directors and Guests by President Edwin Barlow at Delaware State Fire Service Center, Dover, DE. at 1930 hours.

Present were Ed Barlow, George Diamond, Elmer Steele, Joann Sweetman, William Carrow, Allen Metheny, Jon Cottrell, Robert Faries, Steve Austin, John Mitchell, James Cabbage, Harry Warner, Frank King, Hal Barber, Jon Townley, Walter Lamon, Walton Johnson, Fred Jester, Rev. David Paul and Norman Amendt.

Pres Barlow reported on the meeting on December 8, 1990 with Governor Castle, this was a breakfast meeting involving the Governor, Barlow, Diamond, Steele and Mitchell. Governor Castle indorses the 800 Mhz statewide system and stated that if he will release the previous allotted funds for the program. The Governor also stated that if state revenue drops to a certain point (didn't indicate what the point was) that all agencies will have to accept a cut in state funds. The 800 Mhz program was discussed at great length, apparently there is some misunderstanding as to who will fund the individual units, each county needs to be assessed of the situation and appraised of the statewide program. John Mitchell express that he felt that the fire service might be jumping the gun and getting "excited" at this point - additional monies can be always requested in the annual Bond Bill. The 800 Mhz project was discussed in depth and a meeting and workshop will be step up with Peter LaVenia or Mr Reynolds to be held with the various county committees and other individuals as deemed necessary to actually find out the direction the state is going to take on complete funding of the system.

President Barlow states that Gov Castle now indorses the Burn Center for New Castle County. The procurement of a site is the big draw back - naturally the state would prefer one that is obtained without cost to the state.

Governor Castle has also shown interest in the Hepitatis B innoculation program for emergency services personnel - the amount needed for the program will be addressed by the DVFA and reported to the Governor. Moved by Walton Johnson (Frankford), seconded by Norman Amendt (Millville) that the DVFA request funding for an average of 35 members per company (to include Ambulance Companies a total of 64 companies) - so carried. President Barlow will get with Secretary to write a letter to Governor on the cost of an innoculation program and also thank him for the opportunity to meet with him and his staff.

President also advised there would be several new committees and some changes made on committees previously appointed. New committees to be instituted are Firefighter Benefits, Recruitment and Retention, Administrative Services, and Public Relations. Voters registration was discussed at great lenth, it was decided to leave this item on an individual company basis.

James Cabbage stated that Kent County Legislative Night will be held on March 21, 1991; Harry Warner stated that the New Castle County Legislative Night will be held on March 11, 1991 at Buena Vista; The DVFA Legislative Night will be held on January 24, 1991 at the DAFB Officer Club, Mitchell and Carrow will go to base on Monday, December 3, 1990 to make arrangements.

President Barlow stated that committees required by law to the Fire Prevention Commission have been sent to the Chairman of the Commission, C. Bryan Bennett.

A change to the By-Laws in regards to Executive Meetings was discussed and President Barlow has discussed this with the Chairman of the By-Laws & Constitution Committee - Dean Simpson - he stated that this change will be presented at the March meeting.

Blood Bank and American Life Insurance correspondence referred to the Firemen's Benefits Committee for reporting their recommendations to the association.

Volunteer Loan Assistance Program of state of Penna. referred to the Law & Legislative Committee for their recommendations.

Ben Roy, State Fire Marshal, tentative has secured a speaker to conduct a workshop for the Delaware Fire Service on the process of obtaining NFPA Codes and Standards. Moved by James Cabbage (Clayton) seconded by Harry Warner (Talleville) that Marty Henry address this Association on January 31, 1991 - so carried.

Hugo Resolutions will be gotten to all counties - Project has been finalized.

Faulty fire alarms systems will be addressed at the meeting on December 9, 1990 by the State Chief's Association.

Moved by Walton Johnson (Frankford), seconded by Harry Warner (Talleville) to purchase Chaplain uniforms and badges - so carried.

Hal Barber reported on Mutual Relief - no increase in yearly premium for 1991.

HB 640 will be reviewed by DVFA Pension Advisory Committee to ascertain if it feasible or economical for DVFA to pursue this item and report same to DVFA.

Frank King reported that the Pension reports will be going out to each individual company and the fund contribution shows a drop of approximately 7% in overall premiums.

The February 18th meeting will stand, even though it is a state Holiday, the meeting place will be forthcoming.

Steve Austin reported on Out-of-State Coordinator's activities. Information on Congressional Cacus will be handed out at the December 9th meeting.

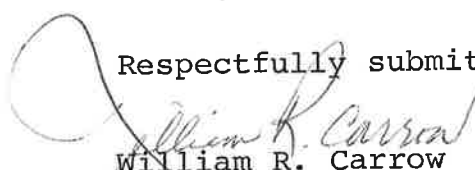
DVFA Directors to obtain list of members and family who are in Desert Shield and have to spend the Holidays away from their families, list needed by December 9, 1991.

President Barlow updated the meeting on the Paramedic Program.

Moved by James Cabbage (Clayton), seconded by Fred Jester (Camden-Wyoming) to adjourn - so carried.

Adjournment at 2130 hours.

Respectfully submitted,



William R. Carrow
Secretary.