

**DELAWARE VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION**  
**15<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CONFERENCE**  
**Sheraton Hotel and Conference Center**  
**Dover, Delaware**  
**September 12-19, 2009**

**OPENING CEREMONIES**  
**September 17, 2009**

The Opening Ceremonies of the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference commenced at 8:30 a.m. with Thomas D'Alessandro serving as Master of Ceremonies. He welcomed everyone to the Conference. He then introduced the following Past Presidents of the DVFA: Clarence Schwatka, Roland Neeman, Ike Guessford, Raymond McCall, John Bare, William Walton, Lawrence Mergenthaler, Edwin Barlow, Robert Sweetman, Frank King, Elmer Steele, Harry Warner, Allen Metheny, Joseph Hojnicky, Michael Vincent, Steven Austin, James Cabbage, Jasper Lakey, Marvin Sharp, Ray Stevens, Ken Pyle and Alan Robinson. He also introduced the following Past Presidents of the LADVA: Dorothy Dill, Alberta Favinger, Catherine Jenkins, Elaine Jones, Jean Marvel, Joanne Tulowitzki, Marie Moore, Nancy Hooper, JoAnn Sweetman, Frances Denemoustier, Eleanor Raye Warrington, Alma Scarpitti, Sally Stevenson, Barbara Metheny, Eileen Doyle, Shirley Joseph, Pat McCall, Nancy Green, Joyce Figs, Barbara Rossiter and Debbie Marvel. He also introduced the following Presidents Emeritus: Louis Amabili, J. Benjamin Roy and Bruce Ennis..

Mr. D'Alessandro thanked all the Past Presidents for their service, dedication, love and support. He then introduced the current Presidents of the DVFA and LADVFA: Presidents: Warren F. Jones and Carol Walton; 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Presidents: Kevin L. Wilson and Lorraine Madden; 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Presidents: William F. Tobin, Jr. and Janice Marvel.

The Elsmere Fire Company Honor Guard presented the colors, followed by the pledge of allegiance, the National Anthem sung by Eileen Manlove O'Brien and the invocation being led by Rev. Robert Hudson.

DVFA President Warren Jones thanked everyone for their support, guidance and for the wonderful job done for the firefighters. He has learned a lot during the past 3 years. LADVFA President Carol Walton encouraged everyone to visit the exhibitors, attend as many meetings and seminars as possible and especially, the Memorial Service. She noted that education within our organization is truly the key to our future.

Carlton Carey, Mayor, City of Dover noted that it was a great pleasure to welcome everyone to the City of Dover. He hoped everyone would enjoy themselves and if there is anything the City could to make your stay as comfortable as possible to please contact him.

The following Presidents of the DVFA were introduced: John P. Fox, State Fire Chief's Assoc.; Robert G. Stineman, State Fire Police Assoc.; Charles Evans, Jr., State Ambulance Assoc.; Past President Marvin C. Sharp, Chariman, State Fire Prevention Commission; Robert P. Newman, Director, State Fire School; Grover P. Ingle, State Fire Marshal; and William Webb, CFSI.

Mr. D'Alessandro introduced Jeff Buckworth, PNC Bank, at which time he thanked PNC Bank for their financial support. Mr. Buckworth then presented a check in the amount of \$5,000 to

the Association. President Emeritus Bruce Ennis honored the following members who have achieved 50 years of dedicated service:

**Aetna Hose Hook and Ladder**

Frank Beers

**Bridgeville**

Ken McIlvain

Glenn Collins

**Cheswold**

Paul I. Nickerson

Thomas W. Nickerson, Jr.

J. Benjamin Roy, Jr.

Thomas M. Golder

James A. Johnson

**Christiana**

Raymond H. McCall, Jr.

**Clayton**

James E. Turne, Jr.

**Delaware City**

Robert C. Janiszewski, Sr.

**Dover**

Charles H. Boyer

**Elsmere**

John Rossiter

George R. Mills

**Felton**

Fred W. Castper, Jr.

Robert L. Biddle

Joseph R. Sherwood

**Five Points**

Richard DeWitt

Michael H. Mundy, Sr.

Donald G. Winnington

James L. Updyke

**Goodwill**

Charles Hitchens

Joseph Scarmozzi

William Thatcher, Jr.

James Worrall, Sr.

**Hockessin**

David P. Roser

Fred W. Long

Ronald M. McLucas

**Houston**

Ted Yerkes

**Marvdel**

John Shults

Joe Lepore

James Les States

Gray Hollis

Jack Lepore

**Memorial**

Richard H. Caldwell

**Mill Creek**

Frank Santak, Jr.

**Milton**

George Sherman

Richard Wright

**Seaford**

C. Bryan Bennett

Jehu Warrington

**Wilmington Manor**

John C. Wilson, Jr.

**Frankford**

John E. Bare, Sr.

The **Civilian Recognition Award** was presented to Joshua Schwartzentruber, for saving the life of his father by performing CPR after he suffered a heart attack. His father has now made a full recovery.

Charles Emerson inducted the following into the **Firefighters Hall of Fame**: Charles Bostick (Fireman of the Year); Anthony Consalo, Christopher Jones, Donnie Foraker, Jerry Wales, Brian Jackson and John Osika (Heroic Firemen of the Year); Mike Lowe (Ambulance Attendant of the Year); Chuck Snyder (Fire Chief's Assoc.); Charles Evans, Susan Willis (EMT's of the Year), James Cina (Philip S. Young Lifetime Achievement) and Ron Marvel (President 2006-2007).

President Carol Walton and Karen Gebhart honored the following members who have achieved 50 years of dedicated service:

**Aetna Hose Hook and Ladder**

Catherine Gregg  
Elizabeth Cameron

**Clayton**

Barbara Bilbrough  
Cora Conner  
Ruth Ogden  
Virginia Cubbage  
Nancy Scotton  
Alice Van Pelt  
Pat Wilson  
Francis Ziegler

**Elsmere**

Bea Stout

**Five Points**

Mary Ann Hogan

**Goodwill**

Lois Oneschuk

**Holloway Terrace**

Lauretta (Vickie) Ganora

**Minquadale**

Dorothy Eastridge

**Cheswold**

Francis Denemoustier

**Claymont**

Rose Kukick

**Harrington**

Virginia Shulties

**Magnolia**

Doris Semans

**Bridgeville**

Angie Custer  
Margaret Sipple

**Dagsboro**

Georgiana Ketterman

**Delmar**

Joyce Figgs

**Odessa**

Helen Coleman  
Jean Faries  
Virginia Guessford  
Catherine Hutchinson  
Mary O' Grady  
Elaine Shetzler  
Elisie Shockley  
Pauline Shickley  
Marge Shuppard  
Marcia Wheeler

Lynn Warner inducted the following ladies into the LADVFA **Hall of Recognition**:

New Castle County: Virginia Yeager, Brandywine Hundred

Kent County : Jerry Lynch, Cheswold

Sussex County: Janet Swain, Memorial  
Immediate Past President: Debbie Marvel, Seaford

Carleton Carey presented the **Fireman of the Year Award** to Past President M. Frank King.

A video was then presented on the “many faces of the fire service”. President Jones reinforced “family” in the fire service, reiterating that “we are all family”,

Mr. D’Alessandro thanked the members of the Conference Committee for all their help and support during the Conference. LADVFA Chaplain, June Wagner, offered the closing prayer. The opening ceremony concluded at 10:20 a.m.

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## **2009 DVFA CONFERENCE MEETING**

### **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**11:00 Hours**

**Thursday, September 17, 2009**

**Venetian Ballroom – Sheraton Dover Hotel**

**Dover, DE**

President Jones convened the business meeting of the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Delaware Volunteer Firemen’s Association at 11:00 a.m. in the Venetian Ballroom of the Sheraton Dover Hotel. Rev. Robert Hudson offered the invocation, followed by the pledge of allegiance, which was led by Past President William G. Walton, Sr.,

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Lorraine Madden and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Janice Marvel of the LADVFA welcomed everyone to Conference ’09 and extended best wishes for a successful conference. Past Presidents of the LADVFA, Catherine Jenkins, Barbara Metheny and Shirley Joseph extended greetings and wishes for a successful conference. They assured the DVFA of their support.

President Jones made the following Conference appointments:

- Credentials: Charles Frampton, 11-Chairman; Charles H. Boyer, 46, and Richard Toulson, 87
- Sergeant at Arms: John Smith, 16; William Walton, Jr., 14; Joseph Zeroles, 47; Rod O’Neal, 51; Mike Lowe, 81 and Doug Butler, 87
- Flowers & Cards: Edwin S. Barlow, 20; Marvin C. Sharp, 42; and John E. Bare, Sr., 76
- Committee to visit LADVFA Meeting: Marvin C. Sharp, 42; William G. Walton, Sr., 16; John E. Bare, Sr., 76 and Roland Neeman, 48
- Parliamentarians: Frank King, 51; Joseph W. Hojnicky, Sr., 22; and Norman Batchelor, 83.

## **CONFERENCE GROUND RULES AND CONDUCT**

No Hats, No Smoking in the Hall, and all Cell Phones and Pages to be turned off or placed in the silent mode. In order to speak, rise and be recognized by the Chair. Prior to addressing the Conference, state your name and the fire company you are representing.

### **READING OF COMMUNICATIONS**

Executive Secretary Cabbage read the following communications:

#### **2009 DVFA CONFERENCE COMMUNICATIONS**

**Since the last Executive Committee meeting I have received thirty eight (38) communications.**

- Letter from the Clayton Fire Company endorsing Kevin L. Wilson for President of the DVFA  
Letter from the Sussex County Firemen's Assoc endorsing William F. Tobin for First Vice President of the DVFA
- Letter from the Indian River Fire Company endorsing William F. Tobin For First Vice President of the DVFA
- Letter from the New Castle County Firefighters Association endorsing Charles W. Frampton for Second Vice President of the DVFA
- Letter from the Hartly Volunteer Fire Company endorsing J. Allen Metheny for Treasurer of the DVFA
- Letter from the New Castle County Firefighters Association endorsing Leslie McCourt for the Office of Director from New Castle County for the DVFA
- Thank you Letter from the E. James Monihan, Jr. family for our support after His passing
- Thank you letter from the Lewes Fire Department thank the DVFA for their Assistance with funeral arrangement for DVFA PP E. James Monihan, Jr.
- Two Thank you note from the family of LADVFA PP Julia Mast
- Letter from Citizens Bank donating \$10,000 to the DVFA for the Conference As a Partner in Progress
- Two Letters from the Seaford Volunteer Fire Dept, one support the Name Change and the other opposing the move to Dover Downs
- Letter from the Hartly Volunteer Fire opposing the move to Dover Downs

- Letter from Citizens Hose Company opposing the move to Dover Downs
- Copy of a Letter from the Georgetown Fire Company to Governor Markel Regarding the FY-2010 State Budget
- Two letters from Aetna Hose, Hook and Ladder Co. in regards to DVFA operations and the proposed DVFA budget
- Letter from Rep. Daniel B. Short in regards to the FY-2010 State Budget
- Letter from the Dover Fire Department in regards to the DVFA Budget
- Letter from the New Castle County Firefighters Assoc. in regards to Emergency Service Corp
- Letter from Volunteer Hose Company in regards to the Emergency Service Corp
- Letter from Minquadale Fire Company in regards to the Emergency Service Corp
- Letter from Rep. Earl G. Jaques, Jr. advising he cannot attend conference due To a previous engagement
- Letter from Rep. William J. Carson congratulating DVFA Exec Sec Cabbage for His appointment to the 800 MHz In-Building Communications Committee by Governor Markel
- Copy of a letter from Jacob E. Morente to George Kerr in regards to Scholarships
- Copy of a letter from DEMA to the Houston Fire Company in regards to Home Land Security sub grant
- Copy of a letter from DEMA to the Christiana Fire Company in regards to a FEMA grant application
- Invite from the Bridgeville Volunteer Fire Company announcing plans for their 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
- Copy of a letter from Dover Downs in regards to the Site Selection Comm. and A possible move for Conference in 2011, 2012 & 2103
- Thank you letter for the DVFA donation to the Thurman & Hilda McCabe Adams Family Fund at the Delaware Community Foundation
- Thank you notes from (Seven) members of the General Assembly
  - Sen. Bruce C. Ennis
  - Sen. Bethany Hall-Long
  - Rep. John L. Mitchell, Jr.

- Rep. Melanie George Marshal
- Rep. Earl G. Jaques, Jr.
- Rep. Gerald W. Hocker
- Rep. E. Brad Bennett

A motion was made by Secretary Cabbage, seconded by Joe Zerolles, that the communications be received and spread upon the minutes of this Conference. Motion carried.

President of the LADVFA, Carol Walton, reported a total membership of 2,587; cash and other donations to the fire departments, minus one company, of \$807,908.95.

### **REPORT OF OFFICERS**

**President Warren F. Jones:** He tried to communicate during this past year with each company with the goal of recruit and retention. There is now a grant committee in place. There is a committee working on a “*President’s Handbook*”. Past President Robinson reported that they are following “Robert’s Rule of Law”. They requested every fire company to submit information on “what they want”. The Committee needs your input. This is still a “work in progress”. They are hoping to have a book available by Conference 2010. He reiterated that the Committee needs to know “what you want as a final product”. A meeting was held with Delaware City concerning the murder trial surrounding the death of Michelle Smith - it is important to stay out of the court room. Letters were sent to the Governor and to members of the Legislature. They have been very positive. Bill Tobin will be the new Chairman of this Committee. The Government Affairs Committee has approved the following recommendations:

**First Vice President Kevin L. Wilson:** He re-emphasized voter registration; all members are encouraged to register and get out and vote. Recruitment and retention – need to get information of what will work in our own company. Communications – if you have people in your company who would like to be added to the list, please contact him.

**Second Vice President William F. Tobin:** He has learned that one person cannot accomplish everything. It is important that we stand united and work for the common goal. We need your ideas – please do not hesitate to contact him.

**Treasurer J. Allen Metheny, Sr.:**

He met with the Audit and Budget Committee and as of September 12, 2009, the balance in the Operating Account is \$425,591.26 and the balance in the Conference Account balance is \$334,294.63, respectively.

**Executive Secretary James L. Cabbage, Jr.:** Executive Secretary Cabbage has prepared and carried out the required duties and functions of the office since the last Executive Committee Meeting and have assisted the Conference Executive Committee in preparation for 2009 Conference.

I spent many hours at Legislative Hall for the last month of the session, attended numerous meetings with Governor Markell’s staff and other state agency officials, meeting of the DEMA-DHSTPWG, SIEC meetings, two SFPC meetings, five County Meetings, DVFA Conference

committee, DVFA Past Presidents meeting, two 800 MHz meetings, Homeland Security Meeting, NIMS Comm. Meeting, DEMSOC Meeting, DHSTPWG T&E subcommittee, SERC meeting, and meetings with, DEMA, Three DVFA Officers meetings, DVFA Budget, DVFA Foundation, SAFER Grants, and a NIMS Meeting.

I also attended and the viewing and funerals of LADVFA PP Julia Mast and DVFA PP E. James Monihan, Jr.

I attended the MSFA Officer's Banquet and Annual Convention in Ocean City, MD, the CVVFA Convention in Newark. During the months of June, July & August the position devoted 576.5 hours and traveled 2,685 miles to support the Association

A motion was made by Secretary Cabbage, seconded by Richard Perillo, that all reports of the officers be accepted and spread upon the minutes. Motion carried.

President Emeritus, Bruce Ennis, thanked President Warren Jones for his dedication during the past three years.

### **REPORTS OF AFFILIATED ASSOCIATIONS**

**Introduction of Guests by DVFA Past President Stephen P. Austin:** Past President Austin introduced the following out-of-state guests: President, Pennsylvania State Firemens Assoc., Jim Millane; President, Virginia State Firefighters Assoc, Ron Black; Delmarva Volunteer Firemen's Assoc. 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Ted Walius; and Cumberland Valley Volunteer Firemen's Assoc. President.

**DVFA Foundation, Chairman, Stephen P. Austin:** A meeting was held in April; books have been audited, results are in the packet. A scholarship application was submitted for two interested individuals.

**Delaware State Fire Prevention Commission, Chairman, Marvin C. Sharp:** He thanked the officers of the DVFA while they went through the Sunset Committee process. We don't tell people what we're doing – it's very, very obvious what we do! They have been working on Title 16 with the Standards Committee and hope to have a rough draft by the end of the year or early next year. He introduced Past Chairmen of the Commission: Roberts, McMahon and Betts. He offered the help of the Commission in any way possible.

**Delaware State Fire Marshal Grover P. Ingle:** They will be submitting electronically the International Code Council of Residential Sprinklers. They need your support at the Code meetings in October, which will be held in Baltimore, MD. One employee has retired (Chief of Technical Services) and a Deputy Fire Marshal has been hired in New Castle County.

**Delaware State Fire School Director Robert P. Newman:** They did not have a problem this year. He expressed a special thanks to the Fire School Advisory Committee, the DVFA Executive Secretary and the Delaware State Fire Prevention Commission. The Fire School will strive to provide new programs; they will be providing dual certification; classrooms have been upgraded; they are seeking funding for repairs to the building (will need \$230,000). They are continuing to upgrade the Certification Program. They are continuing the Certification Rescue



Programs for EMT's. There are 1,204 certified EMT's in Delaware; over 90% maintain the national registry. There are over 700 first responders in Delaware. They will be adding additional EMT Programs and EVO classes, vehicle rescue programs, HAZMAT response programs. They are trying to meet all requests. These are difficult economic times; however, they will continue to meet their mandate.

**Delaware Emergency Management Agency Director, Jamie Turner:** He thanked the members of the Association, Delaware State Fire Prevention Commission, Delaware State Fire School, Delaware State Fire Marshal. He reiterated that preparedness starts at the local level. A lot of procedures will be changing in the very near future.

**National Volunteer Fire Council Delegate, J. Allen Metheny:** One of their pet projects was the *Heart Healthy Program*, which is to help prevent heart disease. This program was funded last year; however, they would receive some private donations which keep it afloat. It is now being renewed. Re-authorization of the fire grant program – the 5 years is up. There is some controversy. The volunteer firefighters are due to lose millions of dollars from the Fire Grant. The Executive Secretary has secured grants from private organizations across the country. He feels they will survive.

**Delaware State Fire Chiefs Assoc. President, John P. Fox:** He introduced the officers of the Association and thanked the Association for its support.

**Delaware State Fire Police Assoc. President, Robert G. Stineman:** He thanked the Association for its support and complimented the officers for an excellent job.

**Delaware State Ambulance Association President, P.J. Gosch:** Looking forward to working with the Assoc. in the coming year.

**Mutual Relief Association Chairman, Wayne Fuller:** He announced the Conference meeting of the insurance program and mutual relief for the coming year.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Credentials Committee Chairman, Charles W. Frampton:** 100% represented from Kent and Sussex Counties; 21 of 22 represented from New Castle County.

**USFA SAFER Grant/Wake-Up Delaware Chairman, Tom Mitten:** Close to 100,000 smoke detectors have been distributed in this state; have continued to be funded during the past 8 years; have a large amount of detectors and batteries. He reported that the *Fire Safety Minute* has been very successful and will be continued for the time being. They are preparing a statewide TV Commercial on "Wake Up Delaware" and is scheduled to air October 31 and November 1, 2009. They will have a "Wake-Up Delaware" presence on DVFA's website.

**DVFA Web Page, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President & Web Master, Kevin Wilson:** He asked that everyone please keep your suggestions coming to the DVFA; they are now on Twitter and My Space and are directed toward young folks.

**Finance & Audit Chairman, George J. Pyott, Jr:** The books of the Assoc. have been audited by Book & Company and found to be in order. The proposed budget for 2010 has been

submitted. There is an almost \$28,000 reduction. The budget was presented at the County meetings and explained to them at that time. He requested that the proposed budget be brought up under the proper order of business.

**Life Safety Committee Chairman, Guy Hudson:** He announced that the packets are ready.

**Delaware Fire Service News Publisher, Warren F. Jones:** He has not had time to work on the *Fire Service News*.

**Site Selection Chairman, Ted Doyle:** Past President Jasper Lakey questioned the cost of moving the conference to Dover Downs. Mr. Doyle announced that there is a difference in the room rate from \$109 at the Sheraton to \$130 at Dover Downs. Dover Downs will hold the \$130 rate for the next three years.

**By-Laws Chairman, Louis Amabili:** He announced that the By-Laws Committee is asking for a vote of changing the “Delaware Volunteer Firemen’s Association” to “Delaware Volunteer Firefighters Association”.

Tom D’Alessandro acknowledged the members of the Conference Committee and thanked them for their service and dedication. He announced that a decision needs to be made at the Conference today about changing the name of the Association so that the Conference Committee can plan for the future.

### **NOMINATION OF OFFICERS**

**PRESIDENT:** Kevin L. Wilson, Clayton (letter received) Nominated by William R. Carrow, II, Fire Chief, Clayton, seconded by John M. Pridemore, President Clayton. A motion was made by Past President Jasper Lakey, seconded by Past President Ray Stevens, to close the nominations for President. Motion carried.

**FIRST VICE PRESIDENT:** William F. Tobin, Jr., Slaughter Beach (letter received) Nominated by Terry Jester, Fire Chief, Slaughter Beach, seconded by Robert Wechtenhiser, President, Slaughter Beach. A motion was made by John Townley, seconded by Clyde Luton, to close the nominations for First Vice President. Motion carried.

**SECOND VICE PRESIDENT:** Charles W. Frampton, Jr., Brandywine Hundred (letter received) Nominated by Richard T. Perillo, President, Brandywine Hundred, seconded by Thomas Finocchio, Fire Chief, Brandywine Hundred. A motion was made by Past President Joseph Hojnicky, seconded by Past President Jasper Lakey, to close the nominations for Second Vice President. Motion carried.

**TREASURER:** J. Allen Metheny, Sr., Hartly (letter received) Nominated by Clarence R. O’Neal, Jr. Hartly, seconded by Paul Bullen, Hartly. A motion was made by Past President Jasper Lakey, seconded by George Pyott, to close the nominations for Treasurer. Motion carried.

**DIRECTOR, New Castle County (3 years):** Leslie E. McCourt, Mill Creek (letter received) Nominated by Past President Lawrence E. Mergenthaler, seconded by Fred Mergenthaler, Mill

Creek. A motion was made by James Barlow, seconded by Wally Poppe, to close the nominations for Director, New Castle County. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Past President Lawrence Mergenthaler, seconded by Past President Joseph Hojnicky that the Secretary cast the ballot for all uncontested officers. Motion carried.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None on the Secretary's desk

### **NEW BUSINESS**

President Jones relinquished his Chair to First Vice President Wilson. President Jones noted that it has been a remarkable job and a remarkable year. Even during the low times, you have inspired him to do the best he can. He then submitted his following recommendations:

**Government Affairs:** Folks, the most important thing we can do is improve the relationships with the people who govern us. There are some among them who want to see the volunteer fire service go and a paid service take over. They are only a few. There are legislators who want to see us not be able to buy a fire truck or anything unless we do it under state purchasing by bid process. They again are a few. For the most part the legislators, I have talked to and heard about, want to see the Volunteer Fire Service remain. So I am making recommendations to improve that process.

1. Continue with the Government Affairs Committee and try to expand its base. Adopt and carry out all the recommendations from this committee.
2. Change the Association tax status from 501c3 to 501c4. This way is will be legal for the Executive Secretary, members of the Government Affairs Committee or legislative contacts to buy tickets to attend political events. If donations from Partners in Progress become a problem have them donate to the DVFA Foundation which should remain as 501c3.
3. More than ever, this year, I have heard things like "What does the DVFA do. I don't come to meetings because nothing gets accomplished. Why should I come to meetings? Then I listen to a friend who sincerely told me that his members just don't understand what the DVFA is for. If we don't find a way to change this or improve it, the DVFA will flounder and die. I am recommending that the President appoint a committee comprising of the past 3 Presidents of the DVFA and four present officers from each county to look into reorganizing the DVFA meetings structure and to Association itself to make it more attractive and cohesive for all Presidents and Fire Chiefs. After the presentation, Ron McLucas made a motion, seconded by Tony Guzzo, that the President's recommendations be brought up under the proper of business. Motion carried.

George Pyott made a motion, seconded by Past President Frank King, that the proposed budget for 2010, as submitted by the Audit & Finance Committee, be adopted. Motion carried.

Past President Ron Marvel made a motion, seconded by Jasper Lakey, to accept the Site Selection Committee's report, after which President Jones requested a roll call vote. The roll call vote revealed 70 yeas; 28 nays. Motion carried. Past President Ron Marvel made a motion, seconded by Charlie Boyer that the vote be effective at the September 2010 Conference. After the vote had been revealed, it was effective immediately.

Ted Doyle, Chairman, Site Selection Committee, recommended that the Conference be held at the Sheraton through 2013. Richard Wright made a motion, seconded by Charles Stevenson, to move the Conference to Dover Downs. Brian Shaw made a motion to table this motion and that a committee be formed to study this recommendation. At the request of New Castle County, a 10 minute recess was declared. After lengthy discussion, the motion was rescinded. Scott Bundeck made a motion, seconded by Brian Shaw, to stay at the Sheraton. Motion carried. Bonnie Maloney (Greenwood) noted that we are constantly talking about money. Scott Bundeck made a motion, seconded by Sean Christianson that a committee be established to understand what the Conference will consist of and then sign the contract for 2011. Motion carried.

President Emeritus Louis Amabili, Chairman, By-Laws Committee, reported that the By-Laws Committee supported the name change of the Delaware Volunteer *Firemen's* Association to the Delaware Volunteer *Firefighters* Association.

Treasurer J. Allen Metheny, Sr. submitted the following bills for payment:

### PAYMENT OF BILLS

DVFA BILLS TO BE AUTHORIZED  
ON SEPTEMBER 17, 2009  
PERIOD JUNE 12, 2009 THRU SEPTEMBER 12, 2009

PAY TO:	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
MELISSA KISER	P/R 05-25-09 - 06-05-09	-973.58
JAMES L. CUBBAGE, JR.	MAY REIMB.	-337.84
JAMES L. CUBBAGE JR.	P/R MAY	-3,195.91
VERIZON	AIR CARD	-47.41
	REIMBURSEMENT - LEGISLATIVE	
JAMES L. CUBBAGE, JR.	EXPENSES	-3,100.00
LLOYD MEMORIALS	ADD NAME TO MEMORIAL	-195.00
CANNON FINANCIAL SERVICES	COPIER SERVICE - INV. 9007010	-714.81
FOREMOST PROMOTIONS	RISK WATCH INV. 58571	-142.00
DISNEY EDUCATIONAL PRODUCTS	RISK WATCH DATE 4-15-09	-234.75
TRI-STATE BATTERY	BATTERIES	-2,472.00
DOVER ELECTRIC SUPPLY	3600 DETTECTORS INV. NO. 1130861	-11,988.00
CROWN TROPHY	PLAQUE - INV. NO. 14017	-713.00
GOODEN'S FLORAL SHOP	PLANTER	-87.95
WARREN JONES	OFFICER EXP. REIMB.	-3,500.00
KEVIN L. WILSON	OFFICER EXPENSE REIMB	-1,500.00
WILLIAM F. TOBIN, JR.	OFFICER EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT	-1,500.00
REV. BOB HUDSON	OFFICER EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT	-250.00
J. ALLEN METHENY	OFFICER EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT	-2,000.00
THERESE FLOWERS	REIMB. EXPENSES FOR FORUM	-117.14
CLAYTON FIRE CO., NO. 1	REIMB. CFSI EXPENSE	-125.86
KEVIN L. WILSON	REIMB. FOR EXPENSES CFSI	-90.00
GOODEN'S FLORAL SHOP	MAST/KEISER ARRANGEMENTS	-124.90
DELAWARE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	DUES-JAMES L. CUBBAGE, JR.	-319.00
WILMINGTON TRUST CO. VISA	VISA PAYMENT	-555.10
SIGNS & SHAPES INT.	BALANCE DUE- SHIPPING	-110.00

M & M TROPHIES	SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS	-713.43
M.R. KISER	JUNE CLEANING	-100.00
WILMINGTON TRUST CO. TAXES	TAXES JUNE	-1,868.71
DIVISION OF REVENUE	P/R TAXES APR - JUN 09	-814.43
MELISSA KISER	P/R 06-08-09 - 06-19-09	-1,044.42
THURMAN & HILDA ADAMS CHARITABLE FUND	IN MEMORIAL	-50.00
DAVID L. BONAR	SERVICES APR, MAY JUN 09	-1,500.00
COMCAST CABLEVISION	JULY SERVICE	-89.00
VERIZON	OFFICE PHONE	-199.94
MELISSA KISER	P/R 06-22-09 - 07-03-09	-1,011.88
VERIZON	AIR CARD	-47.41
VERNON INGRAM	JUL, AUG, SEPT 09 RENT	-1,425.00
DOMAIN RENEWAL GROUP	WEB NAME RENEWAL - 5 YRS	-95.00
DELMARVA BROADCASTING CO.	WUD AD. MAY 09	-4,250.00
FOREMOST PROMOTIONS	RISK WATCH INV. 60845/61924	-15,216.92
JAMES L. CUBBAGE, JR		-586.81
AT & T	JUNE/JULY BILL	-71.62
JAMES L. CUBBAGE, JR.	P/R JUNE 09	-3,195.91
MELISSA KISER	P/R 07-06-09 - -7-17-09	-1,017.65
CANNON BUSINESS SOLUTIONS EAST, INC	SUPPLIES	-178.16
CAROL WALTON	EXPENSES CISM TRNG	-192.17
VERIZON	OFFICE PHONE	-199.95
COMCAST CABLEVISION	AUGUST SERVICE	-89.00
WILMINGTON TRUST CO. VISA	VISA PAYMENT	-3,444.81
MELISSA KISER	P/R -7-20-09 - -7-31-09	-1,050.19
M.R. KISER	JULY CLEANING	-125.00
CONGRESSIONAL FIRE SERVICE INSTITUTE	HOME RUN PACKAGE	-800.00
ICISF	CISM CONF MATERIALS	-469.00
VERIZON	AIR CARD	-47.41
AT & T	AUGUST BILL	-24.78
CANNON BUSINESS SOLUTIONS, INC	INV. NO. 4002457188	-178.16
BULLDOG BANNER & SIGN CO.	INV. # 12177	-4,855.00
DRILQUID STUDIO, INC	INV. NO. 6879	-9,978.90
BRANDYWINE GRAPHICS	INV. NOS. 53002/3 MAILERS/BROCHURES	-16,757.00
DELMARVA BROADCASTING CO.	WUD AD. THRU JANUARY 2010	-31,000.00
HOLA DELAWARE LLC	WUD ADS INV. NO. 777	-2,500.00
CREATIVE MEDIA GROUP	WUD CAMPAIGN/CABLE AIRTIME	-15,300.00
STONEHOUSE MEDIA INC.	SAFE-T BEAR IN SPANISH	-10,240.50
DOVER ELECTRIC SUPPLY	14424 SMOKE DET/3174 CO DET	-98,022.42
WILMINGTON TRUST CO. TAXES	TAXES JULY	-1,889.62
JAMES L. CUBBAGE, JR.	REIMBURSEMENT - EXPENSES	-695.14
JAMES L. CUBBAGE, JR.	P/R JULY 09	-3,195.91
DVFA CONF. FUND	ASSESSMENT FOR 09 CONFERENCE	-61,500.00
MELISSA KISER	P/R -08-03-09 - 08-14-09	-1,017.65
SUSSEX PRINTING CORP.	PACKETS	-2,700.15
TRI-STATE BATTERY	BATTERIES	-7,694.10
DVFA FOUNDATION		-4,000.00
WILMINGTON TRUST CO. VISA	VISA PAYMENT	-1,315.74
COMCAST CABLEVISION	SEPT. SERVICE	-89.00
VERIZON	OFFICE PHONE	-210.09
CANNON FINANCIAL SERVICES	COPIER SERVICE - INV. 9186545	-259.51

ROGERS GRAPHICS, INC.	INV. 26511	-145.00
M.R. KISER	AUGUST CLEANING	-100.00
CANNON FINANCIAL SERVICES	COPIER SERVICE - INV. 9186545	-259.51
MELISSA KISER	P/R 08-17-09 - 08-28-09	-1,037.42
WILMINGTON TRUST CO. TAXES	TAXES AUGUST	-1,887.35
JAMES L. CUBBAGE, JR.	REIMBURSEMENT - EXPENSES	-369.17
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Rich Ridgeway made a motion, seconded by Charles Stevenson, to pay the bills of the Association. Motion carried.

**GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION**

Past President Lawrence Mergenthaler, Chairman, Firemens Memorial reported that nine (9) names will be added to the memorial. First Vice President Wilson reported that the names have been submitted to the engraver.

David Bonar, Consultant for Public Relations, congratulated President Jones and the Conference Committee for an outstanding conference. There is a collection of T-shirts, sweat shirts, sweat undergarments, etc. for wounded warriors that he would like to see the fire stations participate in also. Past President Lakey thanked Mr. Bonar for publicizing this Conference and also for the great job he is doing for the fire service in Delaware.

Robert Sutton, asked that the Government Affairs Committee be acknowledged for their work, that everyone get involved and support this committee.

There being no further business, Past President Ike Guessford made a motion, seconded by Past President Roland Neeman, that this Conference be in recess until 0830 hours, September 18 for the Memorial Service. Motion carried. Pastor Robert Hudson offered the benediction. The business meeting recessed at 2:00 p.m.

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**The 89<sup>th</sup> Annual**

**DELAWARE VOLUNTEER  
FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION**

**MEMORIAL SERVICE**

**Friday, September 18 2009  
8:30 a.m.**

**The Sheraton Conference Center  
Dover, Delaware**

**IN MEMORY OF OUR  
FIREFIGHTERS  
AND LADIES AUXILIARY MEMBERS**

**OPENING REMARKS  
Grover P. Ingle, *Master of Ceremonies***

**INVOCATION  
Pastor Robert Hudson, *Chaplain, DVFA***

**CHORAL ARRANGEMENT  
DVFA & LADVFA Choir  
O Lord I Pray (Arranged by Brett Michaels)**

**WORDS OF COMFORT  
June Wagner, *Chaplain, Ladies Luxiliary DVFA*  
Pastor Robert Hudson, *Chaplain, DVFA***

**UNVEILING OF THE CROSSES  
Warren Jones, *President, DVFA*  
Carol Walton, *President, Ladies Auxiliary DVFA*  
John P. Fox, *President, State Fire Chiefs Association*  
Robert G. Stineman, *President, State Fire Police Association*  
Charles Evans, Jr., *President, State Ambulance Association***

**CHORAL ARRANGEMENT  
God of Grace (Arranged by Tom Fettke)**

**READINGS BY  
THE LADIES AUXILIARY PRESIDENTS  
Carol Walton, *President, Ladies Auxiliary DVFA*  
Jackie Guzzo, *President, Ladies Auxiliary New Castle County*  
Diane Severson, *President, Ladies Auxiliary Kent County*  
Karen Workman, *President, Ladies Auxiliary Sussex County***

**CHORAL ARRANGEMENT**  
**Go in Peace** (Arranged by Sarah Hart)

**INTRODUCTION OF THE MEMORAIL  
PRESENTATION**  
Virginia Yeager, *Secretary*, Ladies Auxiliary DVFA  
James L. Cabbage, Jr., *Executive Secretary*, DVFA

**THE MEMORIAL PANORAMA**  
Edited and Produced by:  
Delaware State Fire School

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

**TAPS**

**BENEDICTION**  
June Wagner, *Chaplain*, Ladies Auxiliary DVFA

**MUSICAL SELECTION**  
Multi-jurisdictional Pipe and Drum

**RECESSIONAL**

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**DVFA LUNCHEON**  
**Friday, September 18, 2009**  
**Champagne Ballroom – Sheraton Dover Hotel**  
**Dover, DE**



Past President and Master of Ceremonies Stephen P. Austin welcomed all in attendance to the 2009 Annual DVFA luncheon. Mr. Austin announced that this luncheon was dedicated to the memory of E. Reynolds Bradley and Norman Tate. The invocation was offered by Rev. Robert Hudson, followed by the pledge of allegiance, which was led by Past President Clarence Schwatka. Jeff Buckworth, Citizens Bank, presented a check to the Association in the amount of \$10,000. Tom D'Allessandro announced that the LADVFA has challenged the DVFA to meet their donation. At that time, baskets were circulated to each table, the results of which will be donated to the *International Fallen Firefighters Association* and the *DVFA Foundation*.

Distinguished guests in attendance: Senators Bonini, Bushweller, Cook, Ennis, Hall-Long; Representatives Bennett, Carson, Gilligan, Lee, Mitchell, Outten, Scott, Short, Walls; Kent County Levy Court members, Angel, Banta, Brode, Ennis; Sussex County Council members, Phillips, Rogers, Vincent; Col. Coupe, Delaware State Police; Mayor, City of Dover, Carlton Carey; and Chris Coons, New Castle County Executive.

Governor Markell wanted to express how grateful he is for keeping Delaware safe. He recently signed HB 204, known as the "Michelle Smith Law". This is about a real person with a real family. He wants to help the fire service. State tax on insurance premiums has been reduced. The other support to the fire service was the Grant-in-Aid. These decisions were not easy to make. He stopped programs, relied on stimulus money; he will continue discussions with the fire service within the next couple of weeks. He is doing everything he can to get things moving again. It has been overwhelming with grieving and despair in the loss of Chad Spicer, the Georgetown police officer who recently lost his life in the line of duty. He paid homage to the first responders.

Senator Carper: The job of the paramedics, police officers, and firefighters is to help people. The support that the families receive is nothing short of remarkable. People throughout the world reach out to the families who have lost loved ones. He feels that we are starting to come back. And, in the words of Satchell Paige: "How old would you be if you didn't know how old you were". Live each day as if it is your last!

Congressman Castle stated that "we simply cannot thank you enough for all that you do"! Without your courage, we would not have the great safety that we have in Delaware. Thank you for your perseverance in tough times, as well as good times. You have meant so much to the State of Delaware. He then presented President Warren Jones with a copy of the Congressional Record in which Mr. Jones was praised for his outstanding work and dedication to the fire service. He also thanked 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Wilson for the great work he has done in previous years and know that he will continue to do so during the coming year.

President Wally Poppe, Delaware City Volunteer Fire Co. and Past President, DVFA, Jasper Lakey announced that Motorola has donated four (4) tickets to the Nascar race and four (4) tickets to the family of Michelle Smith.

Mr. Austin then recognized the members and staff of the Delaware State Fire Prevention Commission, the State Fire Marshal's Office, the State Fire School, DEMA Director, Jamie Turner; officers of NSFA and delegations from Cumberland Valley Fire Co., and the Pennsylvania State Firemen's Assoc.

Senator Kauffman stated that one of the things that is second to none is the Delaware fire service. What you do is so incredibly important. It is impossible to tell you how much he appreciates what you have done. Our troops in Iraq and Afghanistan are so incredibly competent. They are there for our country. The fact that they are involved in public service is a great, great feeling. When he talked to the Spicer family, there is no worse thing that can happen than to lose one's own. He will do whatever he can to help you do what you do.

Lt. Gov. Matt Denn stated that he can't remember a time in our history when we have had so many tragedies in a such a short period of time. We owe our thanks to you. His goal is to come back in 365 days, and publicly honor the two people who lost their lives so tragically.

Bill Webb, CSFI Director, noted that they will be working to get funding out to the fire service. That is their job in Washington and to make our job easier to provide you with the equipment that you need. He then presented President Warren Jones with a token of their appreciation and also presented an award to the Association in memory of Past President E. James Monihan. He also made a small presentation of a plaque his son had prepared for the Delaware fire service.

A delegation from the Maryland State Firemen's Assoc. stated that they have a wonderful relationship with the State of Delaware. They share common ground and common goals. They then presented President Jones with a copy of the "History of the Maryland Fire Service" and several mementos of the State of Maryland.

Mr. D'Alessandro announced that \$1,535 had been raised for the *National Fallen Firefighters Memorial* and for the *DVFA Foundation*. He also noted that all t-shirts, sweat shirts, etc. that are leftover from the Conference will be donated to the wounded soldiers overseas.

Robert Stineman, Past President, Delaware State Fire Police, presented Past President, DVFA with a plaque thanking him for his outstanding work and dedication in securing funding for improving highway safety to all first responders.

President Warren Jones thanked everyone for their support during the past year. He feels this coming year will be a very positive year if we all work together. It has been a pleasure serving the DVFA.

There being no further business, Treasurer, J. Allen Metheny offered the benediction. The luncheon was concluded at 2:00 p.m.

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**JOINT INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS**

**DVFA and LADVFA**

5:30 P.M.

Friday, September 18, 2009  
Sheraton Inn, Dover, Delaware

**Master of Ceremonies**

Edward "Mike" Rush, Jr.

Stair Guards: Ashley Wilson

Alex Carrow

**Processional and Introduction of Officers**

**DVFA**

**Escorted by**

President, Warren Jones  
President-elect, Kevin Wilson  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President-elect, William Tobin  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President-elect, Charles Frampton  
Treasurer, J. Allen Metheny  
Director, New Castle County, Les McCourt  
Director, Sussex County, Past President Ron Marvel

Wife, Rosemary  
Wife, Pam  
Wife, Elaine  
Wife, Ann  
Wife, Barbara  
Jackie Guzzo  
Wife, Joan

**LADVFA**

**Escorted by**

President, Carol Walton  
President-elect, Lorraine Madden  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President-elect, Janice Marvel  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President-elect, Ann Marie Kristopolski  
Secretary, Jane Williams  
Assistant Secretary, Karen Gebhart  
Treasurer, Kim Figgs  
Assistant Treasurer, Lois Pierson  
Installing Marshal  
Installing Chaplain

Husband, Bill  
Son, Richard  
Mother, Ursula Hudson  
Joanne Catalino  
Husband, Ray  
Louis Amabili  
Mother, Joyce  
Husband, Donald  
Past President, Barbara Metheny  
June Wagner

Presidents Jones and Walton called their respective associations back to order. The pledge of allegiance was led by Ashley Wilson. The invocation was offered by Rev. Robert Hudson. Mr. Rush then recognized all Past Presidents of the DVFA and LADVFA.

President Walton offered the following closing remarks: It has been an exciting year and it was a pleasure serving the LADVFA. She thanked all the fire companies and their auxiliaries for their hospitality and support during this past year. She also thanked Elsmere Volunteer Fire Co., their Ladies Auxiliary, New Castle County Firemen's Assoc., her family and especially her mother.

President Jones congratulated President Walton for a great year. He then thanked his family. He would not have been able to pursue this without the support of them. He thanked the DVFA officers for their assistance. The highlight of this past year was the inaugural parade, the pride it made him feel and seeing history being made. It has been the best experience in his life, with the exception of the birth of his two children.

LADVFA Past President Nancy Green installed the following officers for 2010: President, Lorraine Madden , who was pinned by her son, Richard; 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Janice Marvel, who was pinned by her mother, Ursula Hudson; 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Ann Marie Kristopolski, who was pinned by Joanne Catalino; Secretary, Jane Williams, who was pinned by her husband Ray; Assistant Secretary, Karen Gebhart, who was pinned by Lou Amabili; Treasurer, Kim Figgs, who was pinned by her mother, Joyce; and Assistant Treasurer, Lois Pierson, who was pinned by her husband, Donald.

Past President Walton was then inducted into the Past Presidents' Club. Her husband, Bill presented her with her *Past President's* charm. Past President Walton then passed the gavel to President Lorraine Madden.

James Everett Turner, III installed the following newly elected officers of the Delaware Volunteer *Firefighters* Association: President, Kevin Wilson, who was pinned by his wife, Pam; 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, William Tobin, who was pinned by his wife, Elaine; 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Charles Frampton, who was pinned by his wife, Ann; Treasurer, J. Allen Metheny, who was pinned by his wife and Past President, LADVFA Barbara; Director, New Castle County, Leslie McCourt, who was pinned by Jackie Guzzo; Director, Sussex County, Ron Marvel, who was pinned by his wife, Joan.

The Past Presidents received their Past President's pin in honor of the year they served.

### **Closing Remarks**

President Lorraine Madden thanked her auxiliary, her fire company and her family for their support. Her parents instilled the fire service in her. A motion was made and seconded to adjourn Conference '09. Motion carried.

President Wilson thanked everyone for attending the installation ceremony. He is dedicating his year to Past President and DVFA Secretary William R. (Ace) Carrow. He knows that he has big shoes to fill. He noted that he has two families: his personal family and his fire company family. Being Chief of fire company was the highlight of his career until tonight. The financial crises in the State was a low point. We will make sure we are stronger. The message to the public is "if not us, then who"! He then thanked Clayton Fire Co. and its auxiliary for their leadership and support, all the Past Presidents, his family his mother, Executive Secretary Cubbage and Jamie Turner for their guidance and leadership, his daughters, granddaughter and especially, his wife, Pam, for her guidance, support and permission. He could not have done this without her. She is the rock. He then thanked everyone for being here and together we can accomplish many goals.

Mr. Rush then introduced Senator Dave McBride and Senator Bruce Ennis and thanked them for attending the installation ceremony.

President Wilson entertained a motion to close Conference '09. A motion was made and seconded. Motion carried.

Rev. Hudson and June Wagner offered the benediction.

There being no further business Conference '09 was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

## **Dover Delaware Volunteer Firemen's Association Parade Results**

Sat. September 19, 2009

### **Fire Company With Musical Unit Fire Company Without Musical Unit**

Best Appearing – Citizens Hose Best Appearing – Clayton  
2nd Best Appearing - Odessa 2nd Best Appearing – Delaware City  
3rd Best Appearing – Seaford 3rd Best Appearing - Harrington  
4th Best Appearing – Elsmere 4th Best Appearing – Cheswold  
5th Best Appearing – Five Point 5th Best Appearing - Hartly  
6th Best Appearing – Wilmington Manor 6th Best Appearing – Atena  
7th Best Appearing – Robbins Hose 7th Best Appearing – Bowers  
8th Best Appearing – none 8th Best Appearing - Minquindale

### **Ladies Auxillary Marching Unit**

Best Appearing – Minquindale **Fire Company Color Guard**  
2nd Best Appearing – Little Creek Best Appearing – Citizens Hose  
3rd Best Appearing – Bridgeville 2nd Best Appearing – Delaware City  
4th Best Appearing – Elsmere 3rd Best Appearing – Odessa  
5th Best Appearing – Seaford  
6th Best Appearing – Delaware City  
7th Best Appearing – Cheswold **Non School Bands**

8th Best Appearing - Bowers Best Appearing – Citizens Hose  
2nd best Appearing – Delaware Pipes & Drums  
3rd Best Appearing – J.F. Nicoll Fife & Drum

### **Antique Pumper (pre 1951)**

Best Appearing – Bridgeville  
2nd Best Appearing – Frederica **School Bands**  
3rd Best Appearing – Citizens Hose Best Appearing – Dover High School  
4th Best Appearing – Dover 2nd Best Appearing – Delaware Pipes & Drum  
5th Best Appearing – Odessa 3rd Best Appearing – none  
6th Best Appearing – Hochessin

### **Best Drum Major**

Delaware Pipes & Drums

### **Pumpers (1951-1980)**

Best Appearing – Hartly  
2nd Best Appearing – none **Best Drum Majorette**  
3rd Best Appearing – none Delaware Military Academy

### **Best Delaware Fire Apparatus ( any category)**

**Pumpers (1981 – Present)** Citizens Hose - Aerial

Best Appearing – Delaware City  
2nd Best Appearing – Hartly **Best Hand Drawn Antique (Pulled)**  
3rd Best Appearing – Harrington none  
4th Best Appearing – Leipsic  
5th Best Appearing – Milton  
6th Best Appearing – Brandywine

### **Rescue Pumper/Rescue**

Best Appearing – Citizens Hose Best Appearing – Clayton  
2nd Best Appearing – Odessa 2nd Best Appearing – Citizens Hose  
3rd Best Appearing – Hartly 3rd Best Appearing – Elsmere  
4th Best Appearing – Frederica

5<sup>th</sup> Best Appearing - none

**Tanker Aerial Device**

Best Appearing – Citizens Hose Best Appearing – Volunteer Hose

2<sup>nd</sup> Best Appearing – Odessa 2<sup>nd</sup> Best Appearing – Seaford

3<sup>rd</sup> Best Appearing – Roxana 3<sup>rd</sup> Best Appearing – Frederica

4<sup>th</sup> Best Appearing – Brandywine

**Best Appearing Special Unit**

Belvedere **Best Appearing Marine Rescue Vessel**

none

**Brush/Field Unit**

Best Appearing – Citizens Hose

2<sup>nd</sup> Best Appearing – Volunteer Hose **Best Chief /Command Vehicle**

3<sup>rd</sup> Best Appearing – Cheswold

4<sup>th</sup> Best Appearing – Goodwill

5<sup>th</sup> Best Appearing – So. Bowers

**Fire Prevention Queens**

**Ambulance** Best Appearing:

Best Appearing – Delaware City Little Miss Fire Prevention – Delmar

2<sup>nd</sup> Best Appearing – Cheswold Pre Teen Miss Fire Prevention – Citizens Hose

3<sup>rd</sup> Best Appearing – Odessa Junior Miss Fire Prevention – Clayton

4<sup>th</sup> Best Appearing – Wilmington Manor Miss Fire Prevention – Hartly

**Fire Prevention Floats**

Best Appearing – Elsmere

2<sup>nd</sup> Best Appearing – Delaware City

3<sup>rd</sup> Best Appearing - none

**Out Of State**

Best Overall – none

2<sup>nd</sup> Best Appearing – none

3<sup>rd</sup> Best Appearing – none

Traveling Longest Distance - none

Respectfully submitted,

Janice S. Yerkes  
Recording Secretary