

DVFA EXECUTIVE MEETING

Delaware State Fire School

March 8, 2009

Called to order at 10:00 A.M. by President Warren F. Jones

Invocation offered by DVFA Chaplain, Pastor Bob Hudson

Pledge of Allegiance led by DVFA PP Clarence Schwatka

Roll Call of Officers – Executive Secretary

- [X] Warren F. Jones, 16, President
- [X] Kevin L. Wilson, 45, 1st Vice President
- [X] William F. Tobin, 89, 2nd Vice President
- [X] James L. Cabbage, Jr., 45, Executive Secretary
- [X] J. Allen Metheny, Jr., 51, Treasurer
- [X] Lynn Truitt, 14, New Castle County Director
- [] Mike Rains, 48, Kent County Director
- [X] Roland Walker, 80, Sussex County Director
- [X] Alan F. Robinson, Jr., 44, Past President
- [X] Charles W. Frampton, 11, Director, New Castle County
- [X] Charles H. Boyer, 46, Director, Kent County
- [X] Richard Toulson, 87, Director, Sussex County

All officers were present with the exception of Mike Rains who was excused.

Guests

CFSI Executive Director William H. Webb

- CFSI is making final preparations for the National Fire and Emergency Services Dinner. He extended his support to DVFA for their continued support and provided details on the event.
- CFSI's biggest legislative priority is the reauthorization of the Fire Act And SAFER. The two programs combined have provided over \$5 Billion in direct aid to local fire departments.
- CFSI worked with the Fire Caucus leadership in filling the void created when Senator Biden became Vice President Biden. The type of criteria we looked for in a co-chairman was
 - Committee assignments
 - Bipartisanship – is the member respected by his peers for being able to work in the spirit of bipartisanship
 - Knowledge- does the member have a firm grasp of our issues

- Relationship- does the member enjoy strong working relationships with state and national organizations.
- The list of candidates narrowed based on criteria.
- My pleasure to introduce the newest co-chairman of the Congressional Fire Service Caucus, Senator Tom Carper. United States Senator Thomas R. Carper Spoke.
- Following remarks, Bill Webb asked CFSI Board of Director Lou Amabili to present a CFSC helmet to Senator Carper.

Brian Burge of Emily's Heart Foundation was then introduced

The purpose of Emily's Heart is to provide a support network to the families of individuals who lose their lives in the line of duty. The foundation's support network will be available to families of those who served and gave their lives in the United States Military or as paid or volunteer personnel in Emergency Services.

Services that will be offered will be a wide range network of support that will include help with documentation, gathering information, counseling and financial aid where warranted.

The official kick-off for Emily's Heart is being targeted for the end of the summer of 2009.

It is our goal to address all the fire companies in the State of Delaware to inform them of Emily's Heart and the mission for the foundation. We would like to compile a list of contact persons for each Department so that we can reach out to schedule time during their company meetings to provide information and educate the departments on our cause.

Our commitment is "To Serve Those Who Have Served Us".

We appreciate your time and ask that all questions and/or suggestions be directed to me at the information below. Either I or one of our Board Members will get in contact with you.

Brian L. Burge, Jr. President – Emily's Heart, Phone (302) 250-1061 Email: bburgejr@vzw.blackberry.net

Joanne Hutchinson of the Delaware Burn Camp discussed the following updates:

- Bill through the House of Representatives on January 29th, 2009
- Bill passed through the Senate tentatively the week of March 17
- Logo being finalized
- Mailing address being finalized
- Certificate of Incorporation being finalized and readied for submission once Bill is through the Senate
- 501(c) (3) application (allows for exempt status – nonprofit eligibility) being completed and readied for submission once Bill is through the Senate
- Sub-committees developed with chair persons assigned

The Delaware burn Camp has received two donations of \$1,000 each thus far- a good start to the estimated \$17,000 needed for the first years season. Numerous people have already volunteered their time and activities (horses for horseback riding, etc..) to our group and are awaiting our finalization of the schedules for them to join at the camp.

Next on the list:

- Solicitation letters being completed and prepared for mailing
- Account for banking purposes to be completed once COI completed
- Distribution of flyers
- Solicitation for campers
- Subcommittees progressing with assigned tasks

Contact information Joanne Hutchinson (h) 302-734-4582 Bonnie Cahall (h) 302-854-9422

Report of Officers

President Jones

- CFSI Annual dinner - is very important to the caucus and to us. Vice President Biden will most likely be the key note speaker, and we need to have a lot of Delaware Representation. Thank you to Tom DiCristafaro, Tom Mitten, Dave Bonar for all their help on the response to the News Journal Article.
- Inaugural Parade- Thank you to all who attended and a short video was presented of the Delaware participation. Bills have been sent out to those who signed up, and need to be paid.
- DEMSOC- Has been dedicated to Michelle Smith and Stephanie Calloway. It is extremely important that these reports be received. There are currently 31 reports that are still missing. Thank you to those companies that have turned them in since the e-mail has been sent out. BLS reports are due at the end of the Calendar year. Financial reports are due 60 days after Fiscal year.

Date	Event	Hours	Miles
12/14/2009	DVFA Executive Meeting, Dover	6	98
12/18/2009	CFSI Christmas Party, Washington D. C.	8	240
12/20/2009	Elsmere Christmas Party	6	184
12/20/2009	Memorial Fire Company Christmas Party	4	38
12/22/2009	Michelle Smith, Delaware City	9	122
12/23/2009	Michelle Smith, Delaware City	12	46
1/4/2009	Michelle Smith Viewing, Delaware City	4	46
1/5/2009	Michelle Smith, Funeral, Delaware City	8	46
1/5/2009	Elsmere Meeting	4	100
1/7/2009	Rehoboth Meeting	5	20
1/11/2009	Inaugural Parade Practice, Dover	4	98
1/17/2009	Lewes Banquet, Rehoboth	6	20
1/18/2009	Inaugural Parade Practice, Dover	4	98
1/19/2009	Inaugural Parade Briefing, Washington, DC	8	240
1/20/2009	Inaugural Parade, Washington, DC	16	240

1/21/2009	KCVFA Meeting, Bowers	6	79
1/22/2009	DSFCA Meeting, Mill Creek	5	192
1/24/2009	Rehoboth Training	4	22
1/24/2009	Claymont Banquet	6	206
1/25/2009	Fire Service Workshop, Clayton	7	121
1/27/2009	Drive to Survive Class, Five Points	6	192
1/31/2009	Rehoboth Banquet	6	22
2/2/2009	Elsmere Meeting	5	184
2/4/2009	Rehoboth Meeting	5	20
2/6/2009	Sussex Awards Ceremony, Cripple Creek CC	5	70
2/7/2009	Seaford Banquet	6	71
2/9/2009	Rehoboth Operations Meeting	4	21
2/10/2009	Elmsere Operations Meeting	6	184
2/12/2009	JFC Hearing, Dover	3	92
2/12/2009	NCCVFA Meeting, Elsmere	6	184
2/14/2009	Memorial Fire Company Banquet	5	38
2/16/2009	DVFA Officers Meeting, Clayton	6	121
2/17/2009	Rehoboth City Commissioners Meeting	2	24
2/18/2009	KCVFA Meeting, Smyrna	5	118
2/22/2009	DSFS, Instructor's Workshop	5	98
2/22/2009	Rehoboth Meeting	3	20
2/23/2009	Memorial Service Committee, Dover	1	98
2/23/2009	Conference Committee Meeting, Dover	4	
2/24/2009	SCVFA,, Gumboro	6	56
2/25/2009	DEMSOC Meeting, Dover	4	92
2/28/2009	KCVFA Awards Night, Felton	5	80
3/4/2009	Rehoboth Special	4	20
3/5/2009	CFSI Meeting, Washington D. C.	7	240
3/6/2009	Dickie Dempsey Retirement Dinner	6	106
Totals			

Events 43

247

4407

First Vice President Wilson- Attended 29 events, traveled 1486 miles and spent 186 hours on DVFA official business during the above time period

Discussed at the State of Delaware Training Exercise Meeting the possibility of using funds to develop an internet based training program for all responders. This would include pod cast and similar items. This was received well and will be looked at.

The names of Wayne Steen and Michelle Smith will be engraved on the Firemen's Memorial and the unveiling will be after the next meeting on June 14th at 1400 hours. More information to follow. I need to see the Chief and president for Stations 21 and 15 to discuss this.

Web page continues to be a work in progress, we are going to use the events sections to feature equipment the first will be the antique project of station 16. If you get new equipment please send me photo's and information on the equipment so we can feature it.

The various state officers did meet on January 25, 2009 in Clayton to discuss the future of the fire service. The officers will be using this as a guide to the future.

If you wish to be placed on the E-mail list please contact me.

I want to thank President Jones on his handling of the Inauguration Parade. It was a once in a lifetime event and I mean once in a lifetime event. At least on January 20, 2009 the Delaware Fire Service marched in the same direction as one.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kevin L. Wilson

Second Vice President Tobin-

12/11/08 NCCVFA
12/18/08 State Fire Chief's Mtg – Georgetown

January 2009

01/08/09 NCCVFA Mtg – Claymont
01/11/09 DE State Fire School Dover – Parade Practice
01/15/09 SCVF Chief's Mtg – Lewes
01/18/09 DE State Fire School Dover – Parade Practice
01/20/09 Washington DC, Inaugural Parade
01/21/09 KCVFA Mtg – Cheswold
01/24/09 Ladies Night – Bridgeville
01/27/09 SCVFA Mtg – Mid-Sussex

February 2009

02/07/09 Ladies Night - Selbyville
02/12/09 NCCVFA Mtg – Elsmere
02/14/09 Ladies Night – Memorial
02/16/09 DVFA Executive Mtg – Clayton

02/18/09 KCVFA Mtg – Smyrna
02/19/09 SCVFA Mtg – Selbyville
02/20/09 Thank you Night – Millsboro
02/21/09 Ladies Night – Camden-Wyoming
02/23/09 2009 Conference Mtg – Dover
02/24/09 SCVFA – Gumboro
02/28/09 Ladies Night – KCVFA Felton

March 2009

03/05/09 DVFA Committee Mtg Paid Personnel w/ Past President Alan Robinson
Respectfully Submitted
William Tobin

Treasurer Metheny –Fellow Officers, Delegates, Alternates, Members and Guests, It gives me great pleasure to present the Attached Treasurer’s Report for the Period December 7, 2008 through March 7, 2009. This report includes both the DVFA Operations and the Conference Accounts.

On March 3, 2009, I transferred \$1,290,964.22 to the Northern Trust Company for our Calander Year 2008 DVFA Pension Program. This consisted of &1,106,544.22 for the employers share of the program, \$400.00 on late fees, \$136,920.00 to cover 2,282 fire company members, and \$47,100.00 to cover 785 ladies auxiliary members. As I reported last year, we again had only a few new members enrolled in the Pension Program. The number of men and ladies both decreased this year.

If anyone has any questions please see me.

J. Allen Metheny, Sr.

Executive Secretary Cabbage - has prepared and carried out the required duties and functions of the office since the last Executive Committee Meeting.

I have attended numerous meetings with state agency officials and Elected Officials, DEMA, three DHSTPWG meetings, two SFPC meetings, DVFA Officer’s meeting, two 800 MHz meetings, three Homeland Security Meeting, DEMSOC Meeting, Three HSAC meetings, two NIMS meeting, Railway Meeting, Del Tech Meeting, Conference Comm. Meetings, DSFCA Meeting and Five County Fireman’s Assoc Meetings.

I also attended, the JFC Hearing for the SFPC, DSFS& OSFM,, CFIS – Christmas Reception, Washington, DC, Burn Foundation Christmas Reception – Philadelphia, CVVFA Reputational Management Seminar – Emmitsburg, MD, Presidential Inauguration Parade, Washington, DC, DVFA Strategic Planning Meeting, Georgetown Fire Co. Oyster Eat, KCVFA Ladies Night and viewings of Mary Jones, Gwendolyn Dempsey, Michelle Smith, Bruce Dadswell, and the Funeral of Michelle Smith.

During the months of December, January and February the position devoted 484.0 hours and traveled 2084 miles to support the Association.

Executive Secretary's Misc. Items:

- Congratulations to the Leipsic Volunteer Fire Company for being awarded \$55,243 and the Delaware City Fire Company for being awarded \$39,900 in round 27 of the 2008 USFA Assistance to Fire Fighter Grants. Both grants were for operations and safety.

Motion by Jim Cubbage to accept all officers reports and spread upon the minutes. Seconded by Jasper Lakey Motion Carried.

Delaware Fire Service News – Tom Mitten stated the next issue should be sent out in mid March.

DVFA Public Relations David L. Bonar- Needless to say, we have had a very busy few months with the Delaware Volunteer Fireman's Association. Among our most noted accomplishments, the DVFA was proud to participate in the Inaugural Parade for President Obama and Vice President Joe Biden

Thanks to the initiative of President Warren Jones and the hard work of dozens of members of our association, Delaware was magnificently represented in our nation's capital on one of the coldest days of the year.

Media coverage of the event, including video, newspaper, radio and television was extensive and Delaware's volunteer fire service was given special notice for being one of the biggest participants in the parade by having more than 350 participants in our marching unit, as well as representation for nearly everyone of our volunteer fire departments. The fire service of Delaware and its citizens will mark January 20th 2009 forever in our local and national Archives because of all your efforts.

Media coverage of the DVFA and its member organizations has been extensive over the last several months. An accounting of articles and news stories gave us a total of more than 325 individual pieces. Each of these articles and accountings has been noteworthy, as they remind every Delaware resident of the proud service the volunteer fire and emergency services of Delaware protects them every day.

We tried something a little different this year in our recruitment and retention efforts through the Fire Corps program. With the leadership of Jim Monihan of Lewes, we have utilized a portion of our Fire Corps grant (\$5,000 again this year), to remind people they don't have to be firefighters or ride an ambulance to serve their community in the volunteer fire service.

These Fire Corps ads ran in 13 publications throughout the state and we have enough funding left over to do some additional radio advertising, which will take place over the next couple of months.

This quarter was not without sadness, as the DVFA lost Michelle Smith, in a tragic crash that claimed her life in late December and resulted in murder charges against the driver of the vehicle who struck her while she performed her duties at an accident scene in New Castle County. We paid our respects and gave Michelle a regionally recognized funeral that was attended by hundreds of members of the fire and emergency services community on January 5th. It was another reminder of how dedicated our membership is in performing our duties, and reminded everyone that the volunteer fire service works hand-in-hand with paid professionals daily to protect them.

As always, I stand ready to assist any one of our volunteer fire departments at any hour of the day or night, seven days a week, should you need assistance of guidance with your dealings with the media, general public or any of our government officials.

Submitted with Regards,
Dave Bonar

Committee Reports

1. **State Fire Prevention Commission – Chairman Marvin C. Sharp** stated the next joint sunset committee will meet on Tuesday at 5pm

2. **Advisory to State Fire Marshal –Grover P. Ingle**

Since the last Executive meeting the reduced ignition propensity cigarette law became effective on January 1, 2009. Over 775 different brand styles of cigarettes have been certified as fire safe complaint and can be sold in Delaware. There is a sell through period for the retailers and the Office of the State Fire Marshal will be having staff completing periodic inspections within the next two months.

Carolyn Bell has resigned her position as a Juvenile Fire Setter Intervention Coordinator to take a position with the University of Delaware Police Department effective December 8, 2008. The other Juvenile Fire Setter Intervention Coordinator Rebekah Legar is off on maternity leave and should be returning in the near future. As a result John Lattomus Senior Fire Setter Intervention Coordinator has been handling the juvenile referrals for the entire State in addition to his regular duties.

The Office of the State Fire Marshal is still in the hiring process to fill the vacant Deputy Fire Marshal I position and should be completed within the next two months.

The National Association of State Fire Marshal's conducted a survey comparing fire deaths in the month of January for the years 2008 and 2009. There has been a 32 % increase between the two years. In January of 2008 there were 131 fire deaths compared to January 2009 with 173. Common causes were smoking materials, alternative heating devices, electrical overloads/malfunctions and unattended cooking. A common denominator is the lack of working

smoke alarms. Delaware has one fire death for 2009 compared to two in January 2008. Keep up the good work with your fire prevention efforts. (NASFM Report attached).

On February 20, 2009 Director Newnam and I along with Facilities Management interviewed Architectural firms interested in providing a needs and cost assessment for the additional classroom space at the Georgetown facility. In the near future, once Facilities notifies the successful firm we will meet with them to discuss our plans for the addition.

3. Advisory to DSFS –Robert P. Newman

- Leadership programs are being well attended
- A. Leadership I- 54 51-2008 105
- B. Leadership II- 53 43-2008 96
- C. Leadership III-36 35-2008 71
- Part one of the repair/ replacement of water system complete, includes valves for isolating sections on the drill ground.
- New Pump house is near completion- allows for fixed secondary water supply.
- Fire Officer programs at the Divisions (evenings) went well
- New EMT-B format (weekends and Saturdays) well received
- REMINDER – EMT-B certifications due March 31, 2009, Reminders have been sent out.

4. Critical Incident Stress – Lynn Truitt

CISM team was extremely active during LODD Michelle Smith (Delaware City) during December and January. Continue to provide support to Delaware City

5. DVFA Conference– Tom D’Alessandro

Looking to have EMS Classes for 5 days instead of 3. HOTS training will be on Thursday and Friday of Conference. Contracts are due now. Next DVFA Conference meeting will be May 18th at the Dover Sheraton all are welcome.

6. FEMA Grant (Wake up De) – Tom Mitten

Ten committee members attended the meeting. The just-submitted 2008-09 AFG grant application totaling \$260,000 was reviewed. Committee members agreed on all elements of application. Significant elements are shift in emphasis toward battery replacement and detector maintenance; inclusion of Delaware Children’s Fire Safety Foundation as beneficiary/partner with WUD, much like Risk Watch DE has been; and printing of new/revised WUD banners, including Spanish language versions, for fire companies.

There was also discussion regarding concerns over the prospect of having to secure funding if the grant application was not renewed. The committee identified the insurance industry as one to explore as possible “partner” for private sector assistance for WUD as needed going forward.

The committee is planning a significant media event to recognize the distribution of 100,000 smoke detectors. Tentative location is site of 11 fire fatalities in 2001 in Oak Orchard. Preliminary timetable is June, to attract transient Sussex County residents. We are asking fire companies to contribute any “saves” or other important milestones tied to WUD program. Jeff Dennison will coordinate this for the committee, along with Dave Bonar and Tom Mitten.

“Detecta” walk-around character is going to seek out parades and other public venues at which to appear during the coming year. Patti Carnevale is the primary contact for Detecta costume/bookings. The committee may explore new artwork for the mobile billboard that includes Detecta as part of the message.

Fire Safety Minute series continues to meet with broad public recognition and approval. An anecdotal story about a 5-year-old boy who recounted the primary message from a Fire Safety Minute, verbatim, was shared with the committee, and the general meeting attendees.

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Mitten, Chairman
DVFA FEMA/WUD Committee

7. Fireman of the Year – Carleton Carey

No applications have been received for the Fireman of the year. Information can be found on the DVFA website. Deadline is June 30th.

8. Life Safety – Guy Hudson

There were 43 submitted for matching funds. Don’t forget the Poster and Essay contest Today after this meeting all are welcome. Proposals are now required for budgets over \$5,000. Please submit a budget to be approved. Looking to partner with the LADVFA – to change the date from Dec meeting to Jan 10th to allow for more participation for the poster and essay contest, and to also change to a fire company in KC instead of the fire school.

9. Out of State Coordinators – Steve Austin

June 15th MSFA starts their convention hall in Ocean City. Please get your CFSI tickets for the 1st and 2nd. Senator Carper would not have been Co-Chair if he had not have persevered. CFSI Money goes to grants. It’s important that we support CFSI when they hold their fundraiser once a year.

Delaware night had been nixed this year. It is a night to get together to talk about things that were learned all week and get together in one place as it is a very busy week. A lot of business is done and taken back after the event.

10. Recruitment – Donna Bennett

The recruitment committee has held monthly meetings since September and our primary goal over the first six months has been to assure that every recruitment and membership chairperson be provided with the proper tools for informing new volunteers what will be

expected of them and what their return benefits will be should they choose to join a Delaware Volunteer Fire Department or company. We feel that our prospect guide will be a publication that can be given to the prospect to take home and share with family members, so that all concerned will be aware of the commitment and be given the support that is needed from home. The Prospect Guide will be presented at a State meeting to be scheduled in the near future. The committee also feels that each department should have a proper application packet, to include all paperwork such as criminal history affidavit, and the member actuarial form, as well as any other requirements needed by each department. The sample application packet will also be shared with committee members during our state meeting. Having the proper tools in place and the use of a department mentor sets the tone for a new recruit to realize the importance of his membership. With these tools in place the committee feels as though we can move forward to our next goal of marketing the DVFA. We shall be looking at a three part plan to include Public Information, Public Education, and Public Relations

Respectfully Submitted,
Donna Bennett

11. Retention – Therese Flowers

Will be having an open forum, looking for best practices, worst practices, and lessons learned by March 25th.

12. Scholarship – Bob Powell

There will be a meeting on April 19th to select winners. On June 14th after Executive Committee meeting, they will be presenting winners.

13. WMD/Hazmat – Dave Mick

WMD Conference April 3-4th. Also noted Roland Neeman is still at home recovering.

Recognition of Past Presidents – 1st Vice President Wilson
All present were asked to stand and be acknowledged.

Affiliated Organizations/ Agency Representatives

Carol Walton, President Ladies' Auxiliary:

Congratulations for you and your committee on organizing the Inaugural Parade, it was an amazing opportunity. In attendance today, 2nd VP Janice Marvel, Sec Virginia Yeager, Asst. Sec, Joanne Catalino, Treasure Kim Figgs. County Presidents, New Castle Jackie Guzzo, Kent Diane Severson, Sussex Karen Workman Past Presidents Pat McCall, JoAnne Tulowitzski, Barbara Metheny. On behalf of the LADVFA a check was presented to the Scholarship committee.

Robert G. Stineman, President State Fire Police:

Statewide Id cards are a problem at this time.

Charles Evans, Jr., President State Ambulance Association:

Recognized all past Presidents of all the State Ambulance Assn. Thanked Bob Jones and Mike McMichael's. They have changed the name of the Heroic EMT of the year award.

E. James Monihan, Delegate National Volunteer Fire Council:

Dear President Jones:

First, my personal congratulations to you for the successful planning and execution of Delaware's participation in the inaugural parade, it was an honor and a once in a lifetime experience. DVFA again stood out representing the 800,000+ Volunteer Firefighters of America.

The Council has also been busy at the national level.

The Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program is up for reauthorization in the fall and we need everybody's support.

President Obama's Stimulus legislation includes \$210 million for construction/renovation of fire stations, the maximum Grant is \$15 million and only one Grant can go to any organization. This will be administered through the AFG program. This is good news since it includes PEER REVIEW.

Fred Bower from ISO attended our meeting to note some changes in their program.

- A minimum response on a structural fire is now six people as opposed to four HOWEVER the six includes AUTOMATIC MUTUAL AID staff.
- They are emphasizing AUTOMATIC Mutual Aid including the fact that additional credit is given for its use.
- Training Records must be complete for the department to get credit for training, following NFPA 1401.
- PPE is required for all personnel to receive credit.
- They are recognizing the effect of residential sprinklers by reducing the required fire flow from two hours to only one hour.
- Their criteria are increasingly referencing NFPA Standards.

The National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC) is partners with the Baskin Robbins Company to sponsor their annual "31 cent scoop night" on Wednesday, April 29, 2009 from 5 PM till 10 PM. Baskin Robbins Stores will reduce their ice cream price to 31cents per scoop to honor firefighters and give us the opportunity to do fundraising, fire prevention education or just raising the visibility of the department in the community. CONTACT THE OWNER OF THE BASKIN ROBBINS IN YOUR DISTRICT TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS.

Speaking of Baskin Robbins, we are sponsoring the Junior Firefighter Scholarship competition again this year. A total of ten scholarships will be awarded; HOWEVER, there will be ten Grants of \$5,000 each to Departments to enhance their junior organizations INDEPENDENT of the Scholarship Program. Watch for more information.

The next NVFC Meeting will be March 31-April 5 in Alexandria, Virginia at the Crown Plaza Hotel. This is during the CFSI Dinner and, if you are able, please visit the meeting.

NVFC will exhibit at FDIC in Indianapolis, stop and see us.

Remember to sign up for Fire Corps.
Visit our web site www.NVFC.org.
Join the NVFC, 100% individual members gives the department its membership free.

Respectfully submitted,
D. James Monihan

Bruce C. Ennis, Delegate State Emergency Response Commission:

Indicated there will be a 15% cut this year. \$70,000 has been cut in the recertification of paramedics. 330 thousand cut for background check.

Jackie Guzzo presented a check from the NCC Ladies for 1,000 for scholarship
Diane Severson from the KC Ladies presented a check for 1,000 for scholarship
And Karen Workman from the SC Ladies presented a check for 500 for scholarship

All checks were handed over to Ray Stevens, DVFA Foundation Treasurer

Communications

The following (19) nineteen communications were received and are summarized by the Executive Secretary:

- Letter from Smart Drive in regards to their training program for teen drivers
- Letter from Doherty & Assoc. in regards to providing accounting services to Delaware Fire Companies
- Copy of the CFSI newsletter – Dec 2008
- Letter from Southwest Emblem Company stating they provide Emblem & Pins for participants in the 2009 Presidential Inaugural Parade
- Flyer from the UD Men’s Basketball program in reference to group sales for their games
- Copy of a letter from Provident to Robert Brode in regards to his recent claim
- Letter from the Kent County Amb. Assoc. in regards to procesucating Joseph Taye to the fullest extent of the law in the LODD of Michelle Smith
- Letter from the DSAA advising that they are changing the name of the awards that the present to the “Philip S. Young Memorial Award” – Lifetime Achievement and “Michele Smith Memorial Award” – Heroic Achievement

- Letter from the NFFF thanking DVFA for our donation of \$2,300
- Letter from KCVFA endorsing the KCAA letter in regards to Prosecuting Joseph Taye in the LODD of Michelle Smith
- Letter from NAAC discussing their ambulance billing training
- Letter from US Homeland Security in regards to a seminar in Bellevue, WA
- Letter from Delaware City Fire Co. requesting the name of the First Place Fire Prevention Float be named in the Honor of Michelle Smith
- Letter from Delaware City Fire Co. encouraging the development of video dealing with highway scene safety
- Letter from NCCVFA endorsing Delaware City's efforts in developing a highway scene safety video
- Copy of a letter from NCCVFA to SFPC Chairman Sharp appointing Chief Mark Harris of Claymont to the Task Force looking into standardizing training standards
- Letter from the NCCVFA supporting the SFPC as the governing body of the Delaware Fire Service and supporting the DSFS and OSFM as they appear before the Joint Sunset Committee
- Letter from the KCVFA supporting the SFPC as the governing body of the Delaware Fire Service as they appear before the JSC.
- Letter from the CFSI advising of the 21st Annual Dinner on April 2, 2009 at the Washington Hilton

Motion by Jim Cabbage to accept communications and spread them upon the minutes. Seconded by Tom D'Alessandro. Motion carried

OLD BUSINESS

None Reported

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Guy Hudson that the DVFA change the Fire Prevention Budget approval from 2,000 to 5,000. If you do not have a budget, no money over 5,000 will be refunded unless approved. Seconded by Anthony Carvelle. Motion Carried

Motion by Guy Hudson to move the presentation for 2009 Poster and Essay contest from December to January 10th, 2010 in Kent County. Seconded by Jeff Dennison. Motion Carried

Raymond Stevens thanked Rich Perillo for giving a 200.00 check to go towards scholarships.

Motion by Tom Mitten to appoint a committee to study the viability of changing the Fireman of the year award for those who go above and beyond all year, and a lifetime achievement award to honor lifetime achievement. Seconded by Jasper Lakey. Motion Carried.

First Vice President Wilson announces the 2009 Life Safety Committee:

Guy Hudson, 90, Chairman
Ron Marvel, 87, Co-Chairman
Joe Mullen, 18, NCCVFA
Dave Snell, 56, KCVFA
Randall Lee, 81, SCVFA
Edward Sawicki, 3,6,12
Patricia Carnavale, 2, 21
Frank Beebe, 49
Shiela Scotten, 45
Charles Boyer, 46
Paul Eichler, 46
Robert Yerkes, 52
Dottie Barber, 70
Ann Marie Krystopolski, LADVFA
Mike Lowe, DSFS

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Treasurer Metheny read bills totaling \$ \$15,430.05

Motion by Tom D'Alessandro to pay the bills, seconded by Jim Monihan, Motion Carried

GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION

Bruce Ennis also stated the Fire Department Immunizations is also going to be affected by the cuts as \$20,000 has been cut in overtime pay for nurses to administer them.

Jasper Lakey thanked all those that helped out Delaware City during the 6 days they were unable to operate. He then thanked Pastor Hudson for everything he helped with. National EMS Memorial bike ride will start in New Castle County and go to Georgetown, will also stop in Dover. Anyone who wants to participate, form is on the DVFA Webpage.

Pastor Hudson wanted to remind everyone that people are watching you. Please set an example in the communities..

ADJOURNMENT

It was regularly moved by Jasper Lakey and seconded by Doug Butler that the March Executive Committee Meeting be adjourned. Motion Carried. Pastor Bob Hudson offered the Benediction. The meeting was adjourned at 12:30

Respectfully submitted,
Melissa R. Kiser
Melissa R. Kiser
Corresponding Secretary

I hereby attest that this a true copy of the proceedings of the Delaware Volunteer Firemen's Association Executive Committee Meeting held on March 8, 2009.

Attest: *James L. Cabbage, Jr.*
James L. Cabbage, Jr.
Executive Secretary