



DVFA EXECUTIVE MEETING
Delaware State Fire School
June 12, 2022

The June 12, 2022 DVFA Executive meeting was called to order at 10:03 AM by President Dan Carrier at the Delaware State Fire School complex in Dover.

Invocation offered by Past President Jay Jones

Pledge of Allegiance led by Past President Warren Jones

Roll Call of Officers by Secretary Steele
All Officers present except for Kent Director Gerald Manley

Report of Officers

President Carrier: (copied and pasted from electronic report)

I have been attending meeting up and down the state.
Thank you to everyone that attended CFSI for the 15 th year Delaware had 10% of the attendance at the dinner .
Just shows Delaware fire service is still a leader in the nation .
Working on a replacement for the executive manager.
Thank you to the LADVFA for thinking outside the box and still coming up with fundraisers to be able to support the fire service in Delaware.

First Vice President Ryder: (copied and pasted from electronic report)

This will cover some of my thoughts about current and upcoming events since our May officers meeting in Millsboro. I've finished posting my events, hours and miles travelled on my activity report. It seems like travelling has increased and we have been very busy this past quarter. This is understandable since the meeting and event schedule has increased now that the 19 variants have begun to slow down considerably. However, we still have to be very cautious. Since this is the 2nd Sunday in June, we have recovered somewhat from having to adjust to DST and losing an hour of sleep.

R&R...Continues to be an item of importance during this year. SB#189 was approved in both the House & Senate...and is waiting for the Governor's signature. This is another success for this committee...from \$500.00 per year....to \$1,000.00 per year! As an old saying goes from a while back ..." that ain't half bad!" Additionally, Warren Jones will continue working with Jeff Brown and others to get and keep our programs running at Fire School. Things are progressing and falling into place. We must continue to seek out and identify thoughts, ideas and other means that may help reverse the societal changes that our system of volunteerism suffers from. Sometimes it seems like one step forward but ever so slowly. However, we must continue looking for solutions because failure for the volunteer fire service is not an option!

As we approach the DVFA Exec. Meeting in Dover this Sunday one of the items on the agenda will continue to be HB#193 as amended. Passed in the House & is now in the Senate. The special committee has reviewed, rewritten Reg. 709 and submitted to the FPC legal counsel for their review. They have a draft the committee agrees on that is in the best interest of the fire service. My thanks & gratitude for all their time & efforts in this endeavor. Seems to me I've said this before but it's well worth repeating. With the end of the Legislative session approaching, we will soon know the outcome.

President Carrier's committee for Warren's replacement has been and continues to work in the background. Their decision based on our 501 (c) 3 status was not to hire a full-time lobbyist as many of us thought we should consider. Instead, we will probably split the job functions into two different areas. Warren has told the committee is willing to stay on and do the admin functions for a short period of time. His willingness to do this would provide the continuity needed in the short term. Leaving the committee to look for and hire a "part time legislative person" now.

Our earlier meeting with the Governor went really well. As mentioned, before he is in agreement with a revamping of the grant-in-aid process. Warren has met with members of the JFC since our meeting with the Governor to discuss changes to the system and various possible funding increases and options for the fire service. Operational funding is an issue with association discussions going on in all 3 counties. We are all feeling the budget pinch at our home companies. The need is acute and that sense hasn't hit home in many ways with county governments.

The DVFA Scholarship Committee will meet this Sunday prior to the Executive meeting to review the applications and make our selections. We should know the monies available to make the awards for this program at this meeting.

I'll summarize my report by my activity items noted....for events attended 49, travelled 2234 miles...131.5 hours in-service. These are the ones recorded for this quarter.... but I know some events, hours spent on calls and time spent on my computer don't get recorded and are lost in the shuffle.

Second Vice President O'Neal: (copied and pasted from electronic report)

As you are all aware, the DVFA 100th Anniversary Parade is scheduled for Saturday, July 9 in Dover. This has been a couple of years in the making but the Parade Committee has done a tremendous amount of work on this project and they have put together a great event with a modest investment. I'm especially impressed at the enthusiasm and the level of involvement from Mayor Christiansen and the City of Dover, they are supporting this event 110% which is fantastic to see. We appreciate all those who have registered to attend to this point but also encourage those who have yet to register to please do so. I'm sure we'll hear more under that Committee's report.

I want to give a shout out to the SCVFA Resources Committee who worked with the Sussex County Council in the past few months and was able to secure an additional \$800k in funding for "EMT salaries" in the 2023 fiscal budget. Some will disagree that this is not enough and is nothing more than a drop in the bucket as to what is needed, but it is definitely a start towards gaining sustainable funding and shows what can be done when working together. Other funding ideas are in the talks and will be proposed to the County Council in the months prior to next year's budget formation. Hopefully funding of this nature can be copied and be a catalyst throughout the State.

We are still keeping an eye on Rescue Billing, the Grant in Aid modification, plus a Senate bill that was filed this past week that would add appropriations to the DVFA Pension Fund. Executive Manager Jones I'm sure will have further info on that issue.

I'm sure you all are aware that HB193 w/HA3 has moved thru the House and has come out of Committee on onto the ready list as of this past Thursday. I don't know the schedule so I'm not sure when this will come to the

Senate for a vote, but I think it's time for this body to make a decision. The passion for this Bill both positive and negative is evident, unfortunately to the point where it has turned into vitriol, and we can not allow that to happen. In-fighting and accusations gain and/or prove nothing and is frankly embarrassing, we are above that. Our focus from here on out needs be on the path forward, independent upon the Legislative vote that will probably take place next week. Whether this Bill passes or fails in Dover, my hope is that this body can use this process as a learning tool and ask ourselves, "what can we do better to serve the citizens of Delaware?"

For the record, since our last Executive meeting on March 13, 2022, I have attended 28 events, for a total of 1569 miles and 92 hours.

Secretary Steele: (copied and pasted from electronic report)

- Travel report: 20 events, 1,550 miles, 117.5 hours
- Spending a lot of time on issues at the Chase Center, regarding menus and prices
- Food prices have taken a big jump and will affect our cost this year
- Continuing to work on BEO's
- Room block at the Westin is sold out
- Still have 5 rooms in the Homewood Suite block
- Attended the Eastern Division I-Chief's Conference in Rehoboth on May 13 and 14. Nice event with great speakers. Lots of networking time with people from all over the US and Canada. Most everyone's concern is staffing and funding

Treasurer Whitham: (copied from electronic report)

As of the beginning of June, we record the following balances:

OPERATIONS checking- \$ 63,995.39

M&T MONEY Market- \$ 263,098.31

KESTRA FINANCIAL INVESTMENT Account- \$249,852.56

1. Expenses since our last meeting in March have totaled \$ 63,405.77. Major expenditures were office rent, Fire Prevention expenses, the Foundation Scholarship, CFSI, NVFC and FDIC conferences.
2. Our intuit payroll expenses have increased a little. We have made adjustments for next year's Operational budget.
3. The Kestra Financial Investment account has taken a decrease of \$7,811.52 as of the end of April.
4. Pablo and I have been working on updating the computer hardware. The laptops are in. We are currently awaiting the new server. This is all budgeted and has been in need of replacing. The server crashed multiple times over the Memorial Day weekend.
5. May everyone stay safe and have an enjoyable 4th of July.

Motion by Stephen Maichle and second by Mike Edwards to accept the Officer reports and spread them upon the minutes. Motion carried

Executive Manager Jones (copies and pasted from electronic report)

Conference: Most of the forms are on the website. I received all the seminars yesterday and will make up the forms and put them up this week.

Surf Fishing: I have been appointed by the DNREC Secretary to the working group for the surf fishing permits. We had our first meeting last month and our next meeting is next week. Most of the members of the group agreed to make recommendations to do away with the cap.

Legislative Hall: HB413 is the Rescue Billing Bill. It is currently being held by the lead sponsor Ruth Briggs King. I was in Legislative Hall for the committee hearing but the bill was withdrawn from the committee meeting. When I spoke to her about it. She told me the Trial Lawyers said we do not need the bill. The reason we do not get paid is because we do not get our bills in on time before the PIP money is used up. Maybe Mike Shaw has more information.

SB251. SB251 is the Supplemental Appropriations Bill. It was decided on last week and introduced this week. In SB251 is \$38.1 Million for Volunteer Fire Service Pension. This will double our pension payments. Senator Bruce Ennis spearheaded this bill so please make sure you thank him for it.

Grant in Aid: When we met with the Governor in January, we asked for an increase in Grant Aid. At the next DVFA Officer's meeting, after that meeting, the officers voted to present a doubling of Grant in Aid. After that decision, I wrote a plan which would double every category plus pay you the doubling amount by the number of units you had in each category.

When I finished that spreadsheet, I added a call volume number which would pay \$10.00 for every fire and EMS call we responded to. We presented the plan first to the Governor's Office and then to JFC Co-Chair Bill Carson. Representative Carson already had a plan in place for adding a large one-time, equal distribution amount to our Grant in Aid. His plan would be about the same about as our plan. That appears to be the plan that will be in Grant in Aid.

I spoke with the gentlemen in the Controllor General's Office who handles Grant in Aid and our plan is going to be considered for implementation in FY24 Grant in Aid. If DEFAC comes in this month with another major increase. I'm going to ask, with the President's approval, for the call volume part of our plan to be added for this year.

Committee Reports

Advisory to State Fire Marshal – Grover Ingle: (copied and pasted from electronic report)

- Fire Fatalities – There are 15 fire fatalities for 2022. Working smoke alarms were present in six incidents and nine incidents had no working smoke alarms. No fire sprinklers were present in any of these incidents nor were they required by code to be installed at the time of construction.
- Deputy Fire Marshal I New Castle County – Vacancy due to retirement of Deputy Fire Marshal III James Hedrick. Posting for this position will be in the next two weeks.
- Administrative Specialist I Kent County – Brittany Salzano & Mariah Carey were hired as an Administrative Specialist I in Kent County and Jill Horner in New Castle County.
- K9 Accelerant Team – Deputy Fire Marshal III Michael Pfaffenhauser & K9 PJ went in service May 1, 2022, having completed the necessary training and certification from Maine Specialty Dogs & Maine State Police as a K9 Accelerant Team. K9 Tanya retired from active service on June 1, 2022, after spending eight years as part of the K9 accelerant team.
- Fireworks Sales – Consumer fireworks are permitted to be sold between June 4 – July 4, 2022. The Office of the State Fire Marshal is requiring those vendors selling in parking lots at different locations to obtain a permit from us during that period. The Chief Deputies are to notify the district Fire Chief of those permits issued in their respective district. Additionally, there will be different stores, i.e., Walmart, Redner's and

others that are permitted to sell these products in the stores. Any complaints or concerns can be addressed to the appropriate Division office and will be handled as a complaint.

- DFIRS – Continue to work with each Fire Company/Department on current data submissions to DFIRS. Significant Improvements have been made by the Fire Companies/Departments in submitting the data on time.

State Fire Prevention Commission – Ron Marvel:

- Overdose deaths are very high
- Matching Fire Prevention funds are out. Should be in your account by now.
- Commission is addressing mental health issues
- Tucker Dempsey has been appointed as the new Fire School Director
- Commission has signed the EMS protocols, waiting for the Doctor's signature.

Advisory to DSFS – Tucker Dempsey:

- Jr. Fire Camp is being planned. 25 registered
- Planning meeting for the staff is set for the end of June
- Driver Operator class going on today. 38 registered
- Deputy Director position is open. Hope to fill it soon.
- Concrete work needed at the sites.

Life Safety – Guy Hudson: (copied from hand written notes)

- Thanks to everyone who Participated in the awards program in Cheswold in April
- Matching funds were approved and everyone should have received their money
- At today's meeting we went over the changes to the 2022 program

Out-of-State Coordinator – Steve Austin

- NVFC Legislative Director Dave Finger passed away.
- MSFA Convention is next week in Ocean City. Will be looking to change their name.
- Some major changes in the Convention Center
- President's delegation will meet in the main lobby on Monday, June 20 at 8:00 am
- CVVFA Convention is August 4 & 5 in Williamsport, MD

Recruitment & Retention – Warren Jones (copied and pasted from electronic report)

Quick update on where we stand. Jeff Brown, Tucker Dempsey, Jason Hudson and I met with Dr. Mark Holodick, Secretary of Education. To discuss how the Department of Ed can help us with recruiting volunteer firefighters. It was a very good meetings and we will be doing a follow up meeting in August. We are looking to move the GEMS program in all the public schools in Delaware and open up firefighter training in the high schools as well. We have a very interesting program that should improve the volunteer ranks as well as training for the career positions as well. We hope to have more details at the Conference DVFA Round Table in September.

Revolving Loan – Ray Stevens - (copied from written report)

- Current loan balance is \$5,729,931.29
- Revised some loan figures based on cost of living with the Dept. of Finance
- Two (2) loan applications were received. Only one (1) was accepted per loan guidelines
- Committee asked the Dept. of Finance to draft guidelines that might meet the unaccepted application

Scholarship – Ron O’Neal:

- Thanked Kim O’Malley and Ginni Tice for their work with the scholarships
- Received 24 applications. 22 of those were accepted
- 12 from New Castle, 2 from Kent and 8 from Sussex
- Total funds available this year is \$22,718, so each scholarship will be about \$1,000

Sprinklers – Paul Eichler

- Small inventory of smoke detectors still available
- Need Sussex County Council support for residential sprinklers

100th Anniversary – Ed Barlow

- Have 26 companies registered thus far
- Date is July 9 in Downtown Dover. Parade at 1:00 PM

HB193 – Johnny Hopkins

- Made a detailed report from start to present time
- Will submit a written report
- Will make a motion under new business

1st Vice President Ryder recognized the Past Presidents and President Emeritus in attendance.
18 Past Presidents and 0 President Emeritus

Affiliated Organizations/Agency Representatives

Ladies Auxiliary: President Pam Ingle

- Introduced the LADVFA Officers, Past Presidents and County Officers that were in attendance today

State Fire Chief’s: President Brian Reeder (**copied and pasted from electronic report**)

- The State Chief Association HOT training committee continues to work to bring in one or two good training classes the week of the conference.
- Our April half way to conference training was a huge success, thank you to Dover Downs and every involved.
- We held another Barbeque in April, Cranston Heights hosted, thank you to Sokira and his members and staff for their assistance.
- We want to continue to remind members of the Fire Service that Cardio Kinetics physical assessment is available, please pass this along to all members.
- Our September State Chiefs Dinner meeting will be held at Millcreek Fire Company again this year.
- The State Chiefs continues to be a huge supporter of training Statewide, not only trying to explore new classes by national instructors but also supporting the Delaware State Fire School. Please take a look at our Facebook sight as we continue to share and support within our State.
- At our March meeting in Rehoboth the State Chiefs Association supported the proposal from the Delaware State Fire Police Association in regards to the newly proposed move over law.
- Our next meeting will be at the Harrington Fire Company June 23rd. This will be our annual Expo meeting.

State Fire Police: President Ron Deptula

- Thanks for the recognition

State EMS Association: President Albert Schrack

- No one in attendance

DVFA Foundation: Chairman Lynn Rogers

- Last meeting was on May 11
- Brochure has been printed with the Foundation information
- Next meeting will be in October at Willis Chev.

National Vol. Fire Council: Bill Betts

- Sara Lee is the new CEO
- Candance McDonald is the new Deputy CEO
- Jay and I attended the spring meeting in Arlington, VA on April 8 and 9
- 65 Directors in attendance at the spring meeting
- Membership is \$21 per year and includes a \$10,000 AD&D insurance policy from Provident
- NVFC Legislative Director Dave Finger passed away

Del-Mar-Va Firemen's Assoc.: Director Ted Walius

- Just had our annual Convention on May 5 & 6 in Hartly
- Next meeting will be August 7 in Parksley, VA

Communications:

The following communications were received and were summarized by Secretary Steele

- Thank you card in memory of Chief John Pridemore from the Clayton Fire Company
- Letter from Felton Fire Company supporting Ken Ryder for DVFA President
- Letter from Laurel Fire Department supporting Elmer Steele for DVFA Secretary
- Letter from Claymont Fire Company supporting Tom DiCristofaro for DVFA 2nd Vice President
- Letter from NCCVFA supporting Tom DiCristofaro for DVFA 2nd Vice President
- Letter from NCCVFA supporting Brian Reeder for DVFA Director
- Letter from Millsboro Fire Company supporting Ron O'Neal for DVFA 1st Vice President
- Delegate and Alternate changes from the following companies: Memorial Fire Company
- Letter from Christiana Fire Company supporting Brian Reeder for New Castle 3-Year Director
- Letter from Sussex County Firefighter's Assoc. supporting Elmer Steele for DVFA Secretary
- Letter from Sussex County Firefighter's Assoc. supporting Ron O'Neal for DVFA 1st Vice President
- Letter from Sussex County Firefighter's Assoc. not supporting HB193 with HA3

***Motion by Richard T. Perillo and second by Jay Jones to accept communications and spread upon the minutes
Motion carried***

NOMINATION OF OFFICERS

President - Ken Ryder, Felton Fire Co. (letter received)
Nominated by Johnny Hopkins and second by Marvin Sharp

1st Vice President - Ron O'Neal, Millsboro Fire Co. (letter received)
Nominated by Ray Stevens and second by Dick Ward

2nd Vice President - Tom DiCristofaro, Claymont Fire Co. (letter received)
Nominated by Eric Haley and second by Jim Woznicki

Secretary - Elmer Steele, Laurel Fire Dept. (letter received)
Nominated by Mike Lowe and second by Guy Hudson

Treasurer - Terry Whitham, Dover Fire Co. (letter received)
Nominated by Charlie Boyer and second by Jim Woznicki

New Castle Director - Brian Reeder, Christiana Fire Co. (letter received)
Nominated by Kevin Cowperthwait and second by Johnny Hopkins

Any other nominations from the floor, Any other nominations from the floor, any other nominations.
Installation will take place at the Annual Conference in September

OLD BUSINESS

- Past President Ted Walius questioned the status of the pension that was discussed some time ago, regarding changing the present format. President Carrier stated that the Officers would research this and report back at the next meeting.
- Question was raised regarding tuition reimbursement. Lots of discussion. Will research this issue
- Question was raised regarding the cancer presumption legislation. Per Deb Lawhead, the bill passed and went into effect on January 1, 2022
- *Motion by Nick Baronie and second by Johnny Hopkins to take HB193 off the table.* After much discussion and debate, the motion and the second were rescinded.

NEW BUSINESS

- *Motion by Johnny Hopkins and second by Guy Rickards to accept the proposal that was presented under committee reports and send a letter to all Senators, all Bill Sponsors, the Senate Corrections & Public safety members and any other officials or agencies deemed necessary pertaining to HB193 and the current HA3 amendment.* Motion carried
(Executive Manager Jones will make contact and send the necessary letters where needed)
COPY OF THE ENTIRE MOTION IS ATTACHED TO THE BOTTOM OF THESE MINUTES.
- John Hall requested support for the Fire Police MOVE OVER LAW. President Carrier stated that there was already a committee in place to address this issue.
- Eric Haley discussed the issue of EVO license in the State of Delaware. After discussion *a motion was made by Eric Haley and second by Mark Harris to pursue a legislative change to make EVOC an acceptable equivalent to Delaware EVO.* Motion carried
(Executive Manager Jones will make contact and send the necessary letters where needed)

- Dan Burris presented the budget for 2022-2023. *Motion by Richard T. Perillo and second by Mike Edwards to accept the budget as presented.* **Motion carried**
- Question was raised as to why HB413 (Rescue billing) was pulled. Warren explained why the sponsor had pulled the bill. Lots of discussion from the floor. President Carrier stated that he would contact Mike Shaw and see what can be done to re-instate the bill.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Treasurer Terry Whitham highlighted the bills to be paid.

6/1/22 Accrual Basis	Delaware Volunteer Firefighter’s Association Expenses by Vendor Summary March 1, 2022 to June 1, 2022	EXPENSE
	VENDOR	
	A+ Conferencing LTD	77.57
	AT&T Mobility	149.05
	Bumpers & Company	400.00
	Canon	361.76
	Chief Technologies, LLC	1,152.00
	Clayton Fire Company	200.00
	Comcast	876.19
	CFSI	29,575.00
	D-Jay’s Music for Occasions	275.00
	Dolly Ingram	2,055.00
	DVFA Conference	4,600.00
	DVFA Foundation	8,100.00
	Guy Hudson	2,300.00
	M&T Bank	11,406.06
	Paul Eichler	75.01
	Ron Marvel	131.23
	RWM Embroidery & More	1,601.50
	Steve Austin	<u>70.40</u>
	TOTAL	63,405.77

Motion by Bill Betts and second by Stephen Maichle to pay the bills as presented. **Motion carried**

GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION

This is the last time I will speak to you, as the Executive Manager. It has been a fulfilling 11 plus years for me. I have been a part of the DVFA for 25 years and in those 25 years I have had the pleasure to work with a number of Icons of the Delaware Fire Service. The Jack Ryans, Morris Kings, Norman Tates and Lou Amabili of the fire service set the benchmark for me to follow. I have done what I do because of them and you.

My goal when I started this job was to make the DVFA Office your office. I wanted to be there for you whenever you had a question or a problem. It didn't matter to me whether it was 10 am on a Monday morning or 10 pm on a Sunday night. If I didn't answer my phone or your email, I always got back to you. You are the Delaware Fire Service and I always considered it my responsibility to help you.

The DVFA wasn't new to me but Legislative Hall and all the halls of State Government were. I started in March in the middle of Legislative Session. I had no mentor, no one to show me around expect for Biff Lee. He brought me into the house chambers on my first day and introduced me to all the representatives. Another Biff, Biff Newnam gave me my first issue. The Fire School was trying to get funds for the addition to the Sussex Fire School and had not been successful. I made an appointment with Senator Venables, who chaired the Bond Bill Committee. By the time I finished explaining to him how important this was to his county, Sussex County, he told me to go to Biff Lee, who was on Bond Bill, and have him bring it up. He would make sure it got through. I did and it did.

Over all the years in Leg Hall, I have been the Sheppard and promoter of a lot of legislation and our funding. Most were successful. I am only going to talk about one bill. It was my very first piece of legislation which I wrote in 2012. It eventually became HB401 the Surf Fishing Bill. How ironic is it that my first bill is also that last thing I am working on today? I took it to Biff Lee. I remember Biff and DNREC Assistant Secretary David Small and I sitting in the cafeteria ironing out the final details.

Legislative Hall or any part of State Government is where in order to be successful you have to build relationships and be able to work with the legislators. When June 30th of 2012 came around HB401 had passed the house and at 1:00 am it still wasn't on the ready list in the Senate. When the Senate took a break, I ran into Senator Patty Blevins in the hall and I said Patty I need your help. I said I have bill I would like to get voted on tonight. She took a piece of paper out of her pocket and wrote down the bill number. 30 minutes after they went back in, Senator Dave McBride came out of chambers looking for me. He had a seat for me in chambers. I went in, sat down and a couple bills later 401 came up.

Senator Simpson or Senator Connor were the Senate Leads. I don't remember who but I do remember Senator Bushweller standing up and speaking about the bill stating that while he appreciates all the things the volunteer firefighters do, the State Parks depend on permit fees for their operations. The bill passed and even Senator Bushweller voted for it. That was my first bill almost 10 years ago.

There are a lot of people in this room I need to thank for your support and guidance over the years but I am sure I would miss someone. So, in general I need to thank all of you. I would be remiss if I didn't mention the LADVA. You ladies are the cement that holds us together, especially the conference. I don't know where I would be without your kindness and support. While I would like to name you all please know I appreciate you all. I do want to mention Carol and Pam who have stood by me and have been my friends for many years.

As I close this chapter in my book of life I look back at the pages and think about how I did. When I do that, I think about one thing Norman Tate told me. He said, "Warren sometimes I know you feel like a lost ball in high wheat and in those times, you have to depend on self-satisfaction." I have guided my life on those words.

Two things happened to me in the last 3 months which I need to mention. First, I was testifying at the Bond Bill hearing for the addition to the fire school and the other things they wanted and I also asked for more funding for first responder radios. Anyway, when I was done testifying. Representative Andrea Bennett said, "I hear you are retiring." I said that is correct, June 30th will be my last day. She stood up and said thank you for your

service and started clapping. The next thing I know everyone in the room is clapping, the legislators, the Controller General and her staff, OMB and their staff. I was overwhelmed. I ran into Representative Bennett again in the hall after JFC break and she gave me a hug and thanked me again. You know, if I worked with Andrea more the 3 time over the 11 years that would be a surprise. But I guess that is the impact I made on her. They all knew when a fire service bill was coming up that I would be in chambers.

I thought that was it until May 14 when I received a card from of all Senators, Senator Bushweller. "I want to read this to you. He said "I read with great interest the State News story of your impending retirement. Congratulations! I wish for your nothing but the absolute best in the next phase of your life.

In all my years in public service, I don't think I have worked with a person who was more committed to doing good for the communities and for the state than you. You were always focused in doing the right thing and doing it well. You were honest, sincere, straight forward and highly competent. Delaware is a better place because of your efforts. Good luck in all your future endeavors. Bryan."

Again, thank you. I am truly sincere in saying It has been my pleasure to work for you! God Bless.

A rising round of applause was given to Warren for his service

ADJOURNMENT

It was regularly moved by Guy Hudson and seconded by Ray Stevens that the June Executive Meeting be adjourned. **Motion carried.**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:59 AM

Respectfully submitted,
Elmer B. Steele
Elmer B. Steele
Corporate Secretary

I hereby attest that this a true copy of the proceedings of the Delaware Volunteer Firefighter's Association Executive Meeting held on Sunday, June 12, 2022.

Attest: Warren F. Jones
Executive Manager

Dan Carrier
President

HB 193/HA3 MOTION

Delaware Volunteer Firefighters Association
June 12, 2022 Meeting
John A. Hopkins III
HB 193 Approved Motion

A motion was made and seconded and passed overwhelmingly by a majority of the Delaware Volunteer Firefighters Association (DVFA) Fire Departments in attendance to send a letter of correspondence on DVFA letterhead to all Senators; and in particular Senator Ennis; all Bill Sponsors, the Senate Corrections & Public Safety Committee Members or any other officials or agencies deemed necessary pertaining to HB 193 and the most current amendment (HA 3) based on the merits identified in this approved motion herein.

The motion:

Whereas the Delaware Volunteer Firefighters Association had tabled HB 193 along with House Amendments identified as HA1 & HA2 and were not aware of House Amendment #3 (HA3) that was added on the day that the Bill was voted on in the House of Representatives without any knowledge provided to the DVFA Table Officers and DVFA Membership, or supporting State & County Associations,

and whereas the Bill is currently held in the Senate Corrections & Public Safety Committee,

and whereas, the DVFA had tabled HB 193 along with the House Amendments identified as HA1 & HA2 on March 13, 2022 and supported the duly appointed DVFA Committee working with the Delaware State Fire Prevention Commission to develop appropriate regulations for consideration by the DVFA for the Delaware State Fire Prevention Commission oversight,

and whereas the DVFA Table Officers and DVFA Membership, or supporting State & County Associations had no knowledge of HB 193 Amendment #3 (HA3),

and whereas the result is that this Association (DVFA) will not support HB 193 with Amendment #3 (HA3) as it is written without further consideration of a more pointed amendment with language to be included in the amendment and not just identified in the synopsis. The language to be considered should clearly identify that a requirement exists for a majority roll call vote of the DVFA to be obtained and this requirement should include, but should not be limited to any Bills, Regulations, or any proposed amendments/revisions thereof that involve the Delaware State Fire Prevention Commission's oversight of the State of Delaware Fire Service.

Respectfully Submitted,

John A. Hopkins III
Fire Chief - SCVFA HB 193 Committee Chairman & DVFA HB 193 Committee
Milton Fire Department, Inc.