

# **DVFA EXECUTIVE MEETING**

**Delaware State Fire School**

***December 14, 2008***

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 Ronald H. Marvel

Roll Call of Officers – Executive Secretary

- [X] Warren F. Jones, 16, President
- [X] Kevin L. Wilson, 45, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President
- [X] William F. Tobin, 89, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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
- [X] 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.

## **Guests**

President Jones introduced JoAnn Hutchinson of the Burn Foundation.

She stated the purpose of the meeting today with the DVFA membership is to inform and involve this group. As a representative body of the Fire Service in the State of Delaware, in the development of the Delaware Burn Camp and to seek their support as we solicit for financial assistance through the various Fire Departments and other organizations within Delaware. Their goal is to provide a safe and natural environment for the promotion of physical and emotional healing to young victims and their families. More information will be sent out to each fire company.

## **Report of Officers**

President Jones report is in written form below.

### **Recruitment & Retention**

Bringing new people into our service and keeping the ones we have is my priority for this year. I have two completely new committees, one Recruitment and one Retention. They are made up mostly of members of the LADVFA because no one else volunteered. When we sent out the committee request we had 12 companies out of 61 who sent them back and one of those was the City of Wilmington. So I asked Carol for some ladies to serve on these committees. She gave them to me and I thank her and them. But, they need help. I am challenging all of you to find people to support these committees and work with these ladies.

State Health Care: One of the things I have spoken to Senator Ennis about is having legislation drawn up so our members could be eligible to join the State Health Care System if they so desire.

ROTC: I had a meeting this week with Dr. Stone of the Cape Henlopen School District and with Col. Eraley of their JROTC. I got started on this because of an article I read in the newspaper about them changing their high school from one school to series of academies. One of the academies is geared to public safety. Their goal is to offer career paths to the students who are not going to college. I have expressed the idea of a partnership between the fire companies whose districts Cape serves, which would be Lewes, Milton and Rehoboth. My goal is to entice those students to join our fire companies. Once I have more information I will speak in more detail to those companies but I wanted to give you a heads up.

If this can be successful in Cape we could use it as a benchmark to get young people interested in our fire companies throughout our state.

### **Legislators**

We have a lot of new legislators. I have asked the County Presidents to arrange breakfast or lunch with these new folks so we can meet them and explain to them our system and our priorities. If any of you know these new legislators please pass that information on to Vice President Bill Tobin.

**Communications:** We have started our communication program to keep you up to date on our happenings. If you are a leader of your fire department, a table officer of any association, or a past president of this association and you have not been receiving our emails please contact Vice President Kevin Wilson and give him your email address.

**Association Name Change:** At the conference it was recommended by President Marvel to change the association name from Delaware Volunteer Firemen's Association to Delaware Volunteer Firefighter's Association. I have appointed a committee to look at this and report back for a vote at the March Exe. Meeting. The committee is. Chairman Jim Monihan, Lewes – Frank King, Hartly – Jim Barlow – Wilm. Manor

**Parade:** We have applied and have been accepted to march in the Inaugural Parade. George Giles is the State Coordinator, Bob Sutton is the NCC Coordinator, Frank King is the Kent County Coordinator, and Patrick Miller is the Sussex County Coordinator. Let me say that this is a once in a life time event and to have Joe Biden go in a Vice President of the United States of America is certainly an honor for the DVFA.

Since **George** has to leave to attend Elsmere's Christmas Parade I am going to ask him to give his report now.

### **News Journal Article**

I have read the article as you all have and I found it to be very misleading to say the least. We intend to answer the article through a Delaware Voice column in the very short future, as soon as I have some information to address some parts of the article. I am asking the fire service of the State of Delaware to let us do the answering.

Now let me explain why. It was the recommendation of our public relations person. His thought was that since this was a global issue involving the whole state it would be better to have one voice. Then to have 60 fire companies sending in letters to the News Journal. We are not here to tell you what you can and cannot do. We are here to recommend and to help you and we are here to be your voice to government.

Speaking of Government, some of you may have received calls from your legislators. If you want us to help you with those calls please let us know.

Initially I was upset and started to put together a response based on my emotions and not my reasoning. I was lashing out because he was attacking us. I was up to 1000 words and wasn't half way through. I took a look and what I was typing and realized that I sounded just like them. I am very familiar with column inches and I knew no newspaper would print all those words. My thoughts were do I stoop to their level or am I better than that.

But I wanted the people and the politicians of Delaware to know that their facts were wrong and that they didn't tell the whole story. They didn't say that on the Snuff Mill Road fire that Hockessin's first truck was on the road in 2 minutes and that because of our response plans that a Talleyville Engine was actually on the scene first. They didn't say that on the Christiana Fire it was in the middle of a snow storm and that a Engine 82 from Aetna was on the scene two minutes before the article said. And that Millville was dispatched for a smoke investigation in the snow as well.

That the fire service is not like any other non-profit. That when it comes to money we are frugal, we do make good business decisions, we do invest and we do save. They didn't talk about our debt or our liabilities. That when a set of firefighter's gear cost \$3000.00 and should be replaced every 10 years, or a breathing apparatus is \$4000.00, and ambulance is 150,000.00, a pumper is 500,000, a rescue 800,000 and a ladder truck 900,000, a million dollars in our business is not a lot of money to have in the bank.

The problem is that I can't say all of that and keep it to a reasonable length to have it printed.

Here is my idea. I am going to put together all that data, once I have it, and put the full report on our website.

And then I would like to type a personal column to the people of Delaware. In that column I am going to reassure them that if their house is on fire or if they need an ambulance we will be there.

I am going to tell them that the people of the Delaware Volunteer Fire Service are their friends and neighbors. They are good people who live, work and raise their kids in their communities. That we do the best job with the people we have. That we have accounted with our shortages of people with special response plans and that more time than not the closest ambulance or fire truck will be there.

I am going to tell them that the News Journal article was wrong. Their numbers just don't add up. I am going to tell them it is good business practice to invest and save money. That a million dollars is not a lot of money when you have the expenses we have. I am going to ask them to please continue to support your fire companies we are the best investment they have.

I am going to say right now in New Castle County that the taxes paid to support the volunteer fire service cost every citizen \$29.00 but if we went to a system like Montgomery County as the News Journal suggested it would cost every citizen \$204.00 based on the figures in the story.

I am going to tell them to go to our website and see the correct information and to contact me via email. I will answer their questions

I am going to say that yes we have problems but that we face these problems every day and we are working to solve the problems.

I am going to tell them the good things that we do for our communities, the fact that child injuries and deaths from fire have dramatically decreased, that our poster and essay programs have contributed to that fact, that we handed out thousands of free smoke detectors through Wake up Delaware, that the Risk Watch program is in hundreds of class rooms and it is not just to save our children from fire but for other child hood injuries as well.

Then I am going to talk about today's economy and how our country is in hard times and that we as American's need to pull up our boot straps and work together to solve these problems and

Then I am going to ask them to join us. To become a part of the greatest institution known to mankind. That we don't care your race, your creed, your gender, your age, or your religion. We don't care if you are a laborer who digs ditches or weather you wear \$300.00 suits to work. We will take you all!

That is the kind of column I want to write and I want to put together some type of communications either a personal contact or written communications with our legislators.

The bottom line is, now more than ever, we need to work together and show a united front. We need to control our egos and our emotions. While our first thought is to strike out at the New Journal that printed this, we need to remember there are 60 of us in this boat together.

After this blows over, if this blows over, we need to get together to improve our service. We owe it to the citizens we protect to make our service better and to answer the questions that these

article raised. How do we make our response times better? How do we get more people in our service?

The decisions we make in the next few months will dramatically affect the autonomy and viability of the volunteer fire service we all love so much. It will take change. It will take compromise. It will take commitment. I am asking for your support.

The DVFA, the commission, and all the leaders of all the associations were already planning on having a summit on January 25 to try to do some strategic planning. We put this together in September, long before we read these articles.

When we are done with our summit, I am sure we will have a lot better feel of the fallout from these articles.

Once we do, we will call for a meeting of the Chiefs and Presidents. We will talk about our thoughts, our ideas, and our future.

There was one last thing that the News Journal didn't say and I think needs to be said.

Thank you. Thank you for getting out of bed at 2:00 in the morning, to help someone in need. Thank you for getting your fire apparatus and ambulances on the street to serve the citizens of Delaware. Thank you, ladies, for running the chicken dinners, breakfasts, and craft shows. Thank you for supporting your fire companies. Thank you all for being who you are and what you do!

Warren received applause. Lynn Rogers made a comment that the public appears to be behind the fire service even after the article.

A motion will be made under the proper order of business about a response to the News Journal.

**First Vice President Wilson** reported his meeting attendance and mileage was submitted to the Executive Secretary. He then stated the webpage is still a work in progress. He is currently looking into adding an Antique section. It was discussed at the last webpage meeting about adding a "Hot Shots" section, however after much discussion it will not be able to be done. He asked that everyone take a look at the webpage and if you happen to notice any errors to please let a committee member know.

He then wished everyone a very happy and safe Holiday. Thank you again for all of your support.

**Second Vice President Tobin** stated his report was submitted in written form to the Executive Secretary.

**Treasurer Metheny's report** is in written form below.

Fellow Officers' Delegates, Alternates, Members, and Guests, It gives me great pleasure to present the attached Treasurer's Report for the period September 1, 2008 through December 9,

2008. This report includes both the DVFA Operations and the Conference Accounts. You will not the reports look different than in the past. This is due to me using new software program for our accounting records. This change was based on a recommendation from out CPA firm.

All of you should have received your pension packets now. Remember all of your paperwork and money is due to me by February 15, 2009 or face a \$100.00 per day penalty if it is late. If anyone has any questions please see me. On behalf of Barbara and myself, Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Safe New Year.

J. Allen Metheny, Sr.  
Treasurer

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

I have attended a Meeting with Governor Minner's Staff and numerous meetings with other state agency officials and Elected Officials, DEMA, three DHSTPWG meetings, two SFPC meetings, two DVFA Officer's meetings, three 800 MHz meetings, Homeland Security Meeting, DEMSOC Meeting, MISC meeting, two SIEC Meetings, NIMS meeting, DIAC Governance Meeting, two RMAT meetings, Railway Meeting, Web Page Comm. Meeting, Five County Fireman's Assoc Meetings, and two Conference Comm. Meetings.

I also attended , the HJR #23 Bill Signing, CFIS – Nationals Game, Washington, DC, VCOS Seminar – Clearwater Beach, FL, Delaware Chapter IAAI meeting, and viewings of Mary Jane Sharp and John L. Mitchell, Sr.

During the months of September, October and November the position devoted 492.0 hours and traveled 1756 miles to support the Association.

Executive Secretary's Misc. Items:

- Congratulations to the Odessa Fire Co on being awarded \$73,308 for operations and safety in round 12 of the USFA AFG FY-08 program.

**Delaware Fire Service News – Tom Mitten** reported the publications of the Fire Service news should be out in a week or so. Thank you again for your support of the paper and we are always looking for different opinions, and ideas. Please e-mail fireservicenews@comcast.net

**Motion by Rich Perillo to accept the Officers Reports and spread them upon the minutes  
Seconded by Jasper Lakey. Motion Carried**

DVFA Public Relations David L. Bonar

## Committee Reports

1. State Fire Prevention Commission – Chairman Marvin C. Sharp (Report Coming.)

- 2. Advisory to State Fire Marshal –Grover P. Ingle (Asked for report)**

Reported that the ICC in September voted to make it a requirement in the 2009 IBC code to have residential sprinklers installed in all one and two family dwellings. It will become effective in the year 2011 provided that the local jurisdictions adopt the 2009 IBC. The Homebuilder's Association is opposed and has filed an appeal with the ICC appeals board. A hearing was held on Thursday, December 11, 2008 by the appeals board and they upheld the decision of the ICC code council from September. The ICC board of Director's will now hear the appeal on Friday, December 19, 2008. It will be an uphill battle with the Homebuilder's as they are not opposed to sprinkler's just opposed to making residential sprinkler's mandatory. The Homebuilders have already used the data in an NFPA report to build their case. I will advise the Commission and the Fire Service as this issue progresses as the main issue is fire fighter safety.

3. Advisory to DSFS –Robert P. Newman-

- Status Trainer/ Educator III Position- position posted, waiting on list from personnel.
- Kent County Fire Chiefs Meeting- Certification presentation- if adopted will change delivery of programs and expect an increase in program requests.
- Year End Progress report-2008 class numbers overall are down.
- Recommendations forwarded to OMB on 7% and 15% reductions-could impact service.
- Structural review of the Structural Building Scheduled –Baker Ingram & Associates-\$13,000.00
- New NFA program January 10-11, “Promoting Fire Prevention within Your Community”
- Conducted the Brigade Certification Program (1081)- good evaluations-31 students
- Protocols for 2009- presentation and tests are completed –January 2009 all EMT-B's are required to complete the new protocols by June 30, 2009. Protocols are included in the 24 hour refresher and EMT-B course, for in-service class contact Jerry Brennan.
- New pump house – Construction in progress.

4. Archives – Charles Emerson – There is currently a problem with the Plate making for the hallway. The company has seemed to lose the list 2 times, and another company is coming on board. The Fire museum in Wilmington will close in February and all items

borrowed will be returned. A motion will be made under the proper order of business to order a new plaque for the hallway with money already in the budget.

5. DVFA Conference– Tom D’Alessandro – reported the Conference dates for 2009 are September 12-19. There have been revisions to the Alcohol policy as well as the vendor lease agreements. The scholarships will no longer be recognized at the conference, however will be recognized after the March Exec. Comm. Mtg. This change was made do to the students and their families not being able to make it on a weekday. The committee is also working on different seminars this year and hope to have a few town hall meetings during the conference. Bids are currently being sent out for the parade judges and mens golf. The next committee meeting will be February 23 at 7pm at the Sheraton Hotel in Dover, all are welcome. Thank you to the Conference Committee they make the conference possible.
6. FEMA Grant (Wake up De) – Tom Mitten- 10 members in attendance, including 1 new, Dave Voss, 4/24 (also on Life Safety).

We recapped the Fall 2008 distribution event and discussed inventory issues for winter season. Also reported on Fire Prevention Week event held in Rodney Square on October 9th...very successful.

"Fire Safety Minute" has been airing statewide since October. New message each month:  
October - Home Escape Plan;  
November - Kitchen Fire Safety;  
December - Holiday Lights & Candles;  
January - Home heating / CO detectors.  
Other topics in development, keeping them seasonal whenever possible. We welcome topic suggestions and/or writeups, along with additional "voices," and invite them to contact us to express interest.

Safe-T-Bear DVD translation to Spanish - getting underway. Need to get translation service, also include Hispanic fire service folks to assure message is correct and in proper context.

CO detector pilot program - has fallen behind but will ramp up in early 2009, to coincide with heating season and January FSM message. NCC program to partner with county libraries. Other pilot ideas discussed and encouraged.

Purchase Order procedure implemented and working well.

Approaching 100,000 smoke detector milestone, sometime in 2009. Plan to create an event around this accomplishment. Expect support from BRK/First Alert for event.

Targeting "value added" item for next grant application - looking at proper numbering of homes and promoting residential sprinklers as two causes we could get behind and support.

7. Life Safety – Guy Hudson – the poster and essay winners are being presented after the meeting today. Everyone is invited to stay. The Fire prevention packet is currently available on the webpage. All information is due to Guy Hudson on January 31<sup>st</sup>, to his address on the bottom of the form.
8. Out of State Coordinators – Steve Austin- Reported 10 out of 11 committee members were present. 2 day CFSI Dinner and Seminars April 1, 2 with Dinner held April 2nd. Working on room block for DVFA at Hilton Washington Delaware Night at the FDIC Friday April 3rd. The Fire Caucus has asked President – Elect Obama Vice President Elect Biden will also be invited. Sen. Biden’s seat will open up and the caucus is looking for a replacement. Sen. McCain will attain his seat also. Steve, also reported on the Foundation thanking everyone for their contributions at conference as well as individual donations. Men raised approx 1,800 and ladies raised about 1,000.
9. Sunshine & Visitation – Bob Powell reported Ed Barlow couldn’t make it today as he has feeling ill.

Recognition of Past Presidents – 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Wilson

- Clarence Schwatka, 26, 1964
- Emanuel J. Harkins, 14, 1967
- Roland Neeman, 48, 1968
- Arthur I. Guessford, 24, 1973
- E. James Monihan, 82, 1978
- Raymond H. McCall, 3, 6 & 12, 1979
- Richard E. Ennis, 44, 1980
- John E. Bare, Sr., 76, 1981
- William G. Walton, Sr. 16, 1982
- Lawrence Mergenthaler, 21, 1985
- Thomas V. Baker, Sr., 57, 1986
- Robert Sweetman, 7, 8 & 9, 1988
- M. Frank King, 51, 1989
- Walton A. Johnson, Jr., 76, 1990
- Edwin S. Barlow, 20, 1991
- Elmer B. Steele, 81, 1993
- Harry E. Warner, Jr., 25, 1994
- J. Allen Metheny, 51, 1995
- Lynn J. Rogers, 85, 1996
- Joseph W. Hojnicky, Sr., 22, 1997
- Michael H. Vincent, 87, 1999
- Stephen P. Austin, 7, 8 & 9, 2000
- James L. Cabbage, Jr., 45, 2001
- Dale A. Callaway, 85, 2002
- Jasper H. Lakey, 15, 2003
- Marvin C. Sharp, 42, 2004
- Raymond T. Stevens, 88, 2005

- [X] Kennard L. Pyle, 4 & 24, 2006
- [X] Alan F. Robinson, Jr., 44, 2007
- [X] Ronald H. Marvel, 87, 2008

**President Emeritus**

- [X] Louis J. Amabili, 19
- [ ] C. Bryan Bennett, 87
- [ ] J. Benjamin Roy, Jr., 43
- [X] Bruce C. Ennis, 44
- [ ] Joseph R. Biden, Jr. – US Senator

**Affiliated Organizations/ Agency Representatives**

Ladies’ Auxiliary: Carol Walton, President  
 Brought greetings from the LADVFA and introduced the Ladies Officers present. Lorriane Madden 1VP, Janice Marvel 2<sup>nd</sup> Virginia Yeager Sec, JoAnne Catalino, Asst. Sec. Past Presidents Pat McCall and JoAnne Tulowitski. 3 County Presidents, Jackie Guzzo NC, Diane Severson KC, Karen Workman SC. She wished everyone a very happy Holiday.

State Fire Chiefs: John P. Fox, President  
 Discussed the SB 24 and PP Marvel will make a motion under the proper order of business.

State Fire Police: Robert G. Stineman, President  
 Stated their next meeting will be help February 10<sup>th</sup> at South Bowers. Also stated for the past 2 years they have been asking for standardized ID cards. They have received the supplies and will make them themselves, and should be put to bed in the next few months. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

State Ambulance Association: Charles Evans, Jr., President

**Communications**

The following (13) thirteen communications were received and are summarized by the Executive Secretary:

- Letter from Dr. Ross Megargel in regards to a previous email.
- Letter from Dr. Jamie Rivera, Director of Public Health in regards to The Public Health Medical Emergency Plan

- Letter from Glenn H. Luedtke, Director, Sussex County EMS thanking the DVFA including Paramedic Stephanie Callaway in the annual Memorial Service
- Letter from the LADVFA inviting the Officers to their Executive Meeting on November 3, 2008 at Cheswold
- Letter from Sec. Vincent P. Meconi, Delaware Health and Social Services in regards to a vacant in the Office of EMS
- Thank you letter from Sen. John Still thanking everyone for his Twenty years in the Delaware State Senate
- Thank You letter from the Family of John L. Mitchell, Sr.
- Letter from the DVFA Apparatus Standards Committee advising that had inspected and approved the new Tower 49, a 104ft 2006 Alexis ladder
- Five Christmas Cards have been received

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None to report.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Motion by Ron Marvel to accept Senator Bruce Ennis's Proposal to allow the following emergency services officers in Delaware to use blue lights, in the performance of their duties, in their personal vehicles. The Chief, Deputy Chief, Assistant Chief, the Chief Engineer, and Duly Sworn Fire Policemen, and to allow all Delaware Volunteer Emergency service personal to have Wig Wag headlights. Seconded by Rich Perillo, Motion Carried**

**Motion by Tom DiCristofaroto take out a full page article in the News Journal response. Seconded by Bob Stineman. Motion Carried.**

Mike Rush Stated his support for Warren however with the fire service hurting financially he thinks anything would be better than taking out the full page article.

Steve Austin Recommended taking out the DE Voice column in addition to the full page article.

**Motion by Charlie Frampton for the DVFA go on record to support the Burn Camp, Seconded by Tom DiCristofaroto, Motion carried.**

**Motion by Charlie Emerson to purchase a new plaque for the Heroic fireman of the year**

*for the amount of approx \$510.00 with money already in budget . Seconded by Jasper Lakey, Motion Carried.*

Lynn Rogers wanted to make a note about the name change of the Association that was discussed at the EXEC Meeting at the Conference. There was a yearlong research that took place years ago and if we could obtain that information it would be helpful. He also wanted to thank all the Senators and Rep for all they do.

Talked about Pro Board and how it needs to be voted on to see If it's what the fire Companies want to do. 1 year and a half ago 70% had no desire to have pro board testing.

Lou Amabili was appointed to discuss this in the early 90's and is available for an extra step. The pro board is a Delaware Standard (not a done deal).

Bruce Ennis stated that he feels the Provisions of Firefighter 1 certification and EMS are open for public discussion however feels we over regulate ourselves with legislation. President Jones stated this is currently a draft and Commission Issue.

Lynn Rogers stated Legislatures will be tough this year and has a monumental task they have to do. Congratulate them for their help and don't hate them for doing what they have to do.

## **PAYMENT OF BILLS**

Treasurer Metheny read bills.

MELISSA KISER	P/R 08-18-08 - 08-30-08	-996.50
JAMES L. CUBBAGE, JR.	EXPENSE REIMB.	-423.64
DELAWARE STATE FIRE SCHOOL	ENVELOPES INV. 09-1143	-70.20
CANNON FINANCIAL SERVICES	CONTRACT	-712.29
AT & T	800 FIRE LINE	-23.71
JAMES L. CUBBAGE, JR.	P/R AUG 2008	-3,139.15
JEN MOR FLORIST	WREATH @ MONUMENT-CONFERENCE	-52.99
AT & T	800 FIRE LINE	-23.73
MELISSA KISER	P/R 09-01-08 - 09-13-08	-1,157.44
WILMINGTON TRUST	P/R TAXES SEPTEMBER 08	-2,029.74
DIVISION OF REVENUE	P/R TAXES - JUL - SEPT '08	-780.68
VERIZON	OFFICE PHONE	-220.52
VERNON INGRAM	OCT, NOV, DEC. 08 RENT	-1,275.00
WILMINGTON TRUST CO. VISA	VISA BILL	-4,543.75
MELISSA KISER	P/R 09-15-08 - 09-26-08	-987.19
DUCK CREEK PRINTING	INVOICES 80645 - BUS. -CARDS	-390.00
COMCAST CABLEVISION	OCTOBER 08 SERVICE	-89.00
DAVID L. BONAR	SERVICES JUL,AUG, SEPT '08	-1,500.00
STEVE AUSTIN	POSTAGE	-28.52
M & M TROPHIES	AWARDS	-951.00
E. JAMES MONIHAN	REIMB.EXP. FALL MTG.	-100.31
JOSTENS	W JONES RING	-483.95
JAMES L. CUBBAGE, JR.	EXPENSE REIMB.	-376.90
JAMES L. CUBBAGE, JR.	P/R SEPT 2008	-3,139.15

M&M TROPHIES	PP BADGE & OFFICER POCKET BADGE	-133.00	
RAYMOND F. BOOK & ASSOCIATES	ANNUAL AUDIT	-4,332.00	
AT & T	800 FIRE LINE	-23.51	
DOVER ELECTRIC SUPPLY	4200 SMOKE DETECTORS - INV. 1117382-01		13,986.00
TRI-STATE BATTERY	BATTERIES FOR SMOKE DETECTORS	-2,373.12	
TRI-STATE BATTERY	BATTERIES FOR SMOKE DETECTORS	-2,274.24	
MELISSA KISER	P/R 09-29-08 - 10-10-08	-961.87	
COMCAST CABLEVISION	NOVEMBER 08 SERVICE	-89.00	
VERIZON	OFFICE PHONE	-196.65	
KISER CUSTODIAL SERVICE	OCT. CUSTODIALSERVICE	-75.00	
WILMINGTON TRUST CO. VISA	VISA BILL	-2,124.89	
SELECTIVE INSURANCE	SURETY BOND	-297.00	
MELISSA KISER	P/R 10-13-08 - 10-24-08	-716.78	
STATE OF DELAWARE	SUBSCRIPTION SERVICES	-275.00	
KENNETH MCMAHON	COMMITTEE MEETING	-889.56	
JAMES L. CUBBAGE JR.	EXPENSE REIMB.	-422.43	
MELISSA KISER	P/R 10-27-08 - 11-07-08	-950.38	
JAMES L. CUBBAGE JR.	P/R OCTOBER 08	-3,139.15	
AT & T	NOV. BILL	-23.62	
CANNON BUSINESS SOLUTIONS, INC	INV. NO 4001462483	-42.18	
CANNON BUSINESS SOLUTIONS, INC	INV. NO 4001335007	-169.68	
HILL DESIGN GROUP	DOOR HANGERS WUD	-4,338.00	
CHAMPION ADVERTISING	INV. NO. 27650	-1,924.43	
DOVER POST	WUD ADS ACCT. 152321	-4,639.00	
HOLA DELAWARE LLC	WUD ADS INV. NO. 635	-678.00	
THE NEWS JOURNAL	WUD ADS	-3,500.00	
DOVER ELECTRIC SUPPLY	2400 DETTECTORS INV. NO. 1119710	-7,992.00	
TRI-STATE BATTERY	BATTERIES INV NO. 239739	-416.12	
M.R. KISER	NOVEMBER CLEANING	-100.00	
MELISSA KISER	P/R 11-10-08 - 11-21-08	-1,030.19	
GUY HUDSON	CASH PRIZES	-2,350.00	
COMCAST CABLEVISION	DECEMBER SERVICE	-89.00	
VERIZON	OFFICE PHONE	-190.52	
KEVIN ZEIGLER	RING-PP W. JOHNSON	-483.95	
WILMINGTON TRUST CO. VISA	VISA BILL	-3,834.03	
JAMES L. CUBBAGE JR.	EXPENSE REIMB.	-323.50	
WILMINGTON TRUST	P/R TAXES-OCTOBER	-1,957.52	
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**Motion by Tom D'Alessandro to pay the bills seconded by Jeff Dennison, Motion Carried**

## **GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION**

Pastor Bob Hudson made a comment and apologized for not being as involved recently as he used to be. On October 15 his son had a stroke, Millsboro Fire Company and Paramedics were able to respond quickly and save his life. Today he has no paralysis, no speech defect, and has since received open heart surgery and should be back out running in about 3 months. Thank you so much for your understanding and there are a good group of people here.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

It was regularly moved by Jasper Lakey and seconded by Lawrence Mergenthaler that the December Executive Committee Meeting be adjourned. Motion Carried. Pastor Bob Hudson offered the Benediction. The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 am

**Respectfully submitted,**  
*Melissa R. Kiser*  
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**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 December 14, 2008.

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