

Executive meeting of DVFA was called to order by President George A. Diamond at 1000 hours on December 8, 1991 at the Delaware State Fire Service Center, Dover, DE.

President Diamond appointed Donald Knight (Magnolia) as SGT-AT-ARMS.

Invocation was given by Assistant DVFA Chaplain Walter Lamon.

Pledge of Allengiance to Flag was lead by Morris W. King (Hartly), Past President, DVFA.

President made the following appointments:

Jon Cottrell (Townsend) Assistant Secretary  
Morris W. King (Hartly) Parliamantarian  
Joseph Hojnicky, Sr. (Minquadale) Parliamantarian  
Ralph Jefferson (Milton) Parliamantarian

Moved by Robert Romig (Five Points), seconded by George Kerr (Minquas) to accept the minutes of previous meeting since they will be in printed form - so carried.

ROLL CALL: Roll Call showed following present: 104 Committee members, 19 Past Presidents, 3 President Emeritus, 3 Fire Commissioners and 14 DVFA Officers.

TREASURER'S REPORT: J. Allen Metheny (Hartly), Treasurer, presented the report in printed form for all concerned. He further reported that credit cards had been obtained for certain designated DVFA personnel. Net worth of organization as of today \$60,138.91, Certificate of Deposit is due in February 1992 and will be reinvested, if feasible, at that time.

Moved by George Kerr (Minquas), seconded by Robert Romig (Five Points) to accept the Treasurer's Report - so carried.

REPORT OF OFFICERS: Reports of Officers are in printed form and available to all concerned, they are made a part of these minutes.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

ADVISORY TO STATE FIRE MARSHAL: Daniel Kiley, State Fire Marshal, reporting. Much emphasis has been placed on the reduction in state funding. Personnel problems will result due to lack of people. Georgetown office is operative and in good shape in the new location. Discussed engineering fees and the possibility of exempting fire service, will require legislative action.

ADVISORY TO STATE FIRE SCHOOL: Lou Amabili, Director of State Fire School, reporting. Lou alluded to the budget restrictions and the need to cut back on some services. Georgetown Burn Center is in good shape and should be functioning by February. New Castle Burn Center will be at Glasgow site and funding has been requested. Some problems with roof at Georgetown, however, it has been resolved. Robert Newman (Citizens Hose-Smyrna) has been hired as new Senior Instructor. Discussed the use of the buildig for small group meetings - to help defray expenses, requested that a local fire station be utilized.

ADVISORY TO MUTUAL RELIEF: Carlton Dill (Robbins Hose-Dover) reporting. New administrative manual for mutual relief reviewed and should be ready for distribution after first of year.

ARCHIVES: Robert Romig (Five Points) reporting. Need a new display board at a cost of approximately \$800. Still need helmet shields from Claymont, Delaware City, Elsmere, Goodwill, Talleyville and Marydel. All pictures of Past Presidents have been received and will be framed by next meeting. Several items have been received for the Archives.

CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS: Dean Simpson reporting. Updated copies are available, contact Dean for further information on same.

COMMUNICATIONS: L.G. McCoy reporting. Updated meeting on 800 MHZ statewide systems.

CONVENTION LIAISON: Frances Dougherty reporting. Several letters received on Convention '91, action is being formulated with committee from DVFA.

CRITICAL INCIDENT STRESS MANAGEMENT: Kevin Wilson reporting. 1991 has been a most productive year, but we would still like to see this committee utilized more by fire companies. A seminar was held in Wilmington, DE. in October and it was quite successful, Cost of Seminar \$3300, Received \$1800, Cost to State \$1500. A request will be made for \$10,000 for 1992.

DVFA PENSION ADVISORY: Frank King (Hartly) reporting. Increase will be noted in pension contributions. All pension monies and reports due to Pension Office by February 15, 1992.

FIRE PREVENTION: William Matthews (Aetna) reporting. Awards will be given out at 1400 hours this afternoon. Many Thanks to all who participated. Request for matching funds for fire service must be received by this committee not later than January 31, 1992, need receipts for all expenditures.

MEMORIAL SERVICE: Walter Lamon (Clayton) reporting. Many favorable comments on memorial service at convention. Photos sent to DVFA for program should have return addresses in order that the photos can be returned to proper individuals.

OUT-OF-STATE COORDINATORS: Steve Austin (Aetna) reporting. Thanked Jim Lister for his help last year. Under proper order of business funds for FDIC Delaware Night (\$500) and for CFSI Dinner Reception (\$1500) will be introduced. Information on Caucus Dinner will be distributed around first of year. Committee will be working on a Delaware combined marching unit to participate in 100th Anniversary Celebration in Frederick, MD on Memorial Day weekend.

PERMANENT MEMORIAL: C.O. Smith (Felton) reporting, Updated on condition of memorial - things are in excellent shape. Jen-Mor Florist will again donate a Christmas wreath to be placed on the monument.

RESOLUTIONS: Ray Krett (Goodwill) reporting. Distributed resolutions from the convention - William Walton, E. James Monihan, Marydel Fire Co, Claymont Fire Co.

HEALTH & SAFETY: Charles Frampton (Brandywine Hundred) reporting. Committee would like to request a meeting with Fire Commission and the Attorney General concerning the following:

1. Each Company does nothing in regards to NFPA 1500 - where does responsibility lie.
2. Each Company is a third party where does responsibility lie.

Request for meeting will be introduced under the proper order of business to have meeting with above before February 14, 1992.

SCHOLARSHIP: George Kerr (Minquas) reporting. Information will be out between January 15 - 31 and will be due in March 31, 1992. Application through fire school, applicants must indicate in application how his acceptance will benefit either the fire service or ambulance service.

SUNSHINE & VISITATION: Walter Lamon (Clayton) reporting. DVFA get well cards sent out to members and families that were ill in the hospital on at home. Attended viewings and funerals of deceased members and/or families followed by sympathy cards.

FIREFIGHTER BENEFITS: Walter Long (Delaware City) reporting. A booklet is being prepared on benefits to be used statewide. Participation of companies in Blood Bank of Delaware was discussed. Next meeting of committee will be held at Robbins Hose, Dover on January 13, 1992 at 1900 hours.

FIRE PREVENTION COMMISSION: C. Bryan Bennett (Seaford), Chairman, reporting. Alluded to statements by Fire School Director and Fire Marshal relative to Budget cuts, if fire service can relate to any suggestions that need not to further cut funding it appears now is a good time to do so.

LAW & LEGISLATIVE: John Mitchell (Elsmere) reporting. Stated several things will be working on this year, listed previous priorities stated by DVFA and also stated they will be meeting with Gov Castle on December 11, 1991.

MUTUAL RELIEF: Sally Stevenson, Chairperson, reporting. Mutual Relief bills for 1992 have been sent out. Complete policy for year will be \$660.00, increase in sports activity. Instructions manual should be ready for distribution statewide after first of year.

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER FIRE COUNCIL: Jim Monihan (Lewes) reporting. NVFC will institute a Fireman of the Year award to begin in 1992. NVFC does not support NFPA 1500, it does support the amendments thereto. Updated on various programs, Firefighter Bill of Rights is being amended greatly. Sen Biden & Roth offices have been opposing several changes thereto. NVFC is instrumental in exempting fire service apparatus operators from the commercial driver's licensing requirements.

COMMUNICATIONS

Jon Cottrell (Townsend), Assistant Secretary, read the following correspondence, action to various committees shown in parenthesis:

Ltr, 18Sep91, Sen Roth, Re: Bill of Rights Legislative (File)  
Ltr, 8Oct91, Clayton Fire Co, Re: Bingo Legislatiion (File)  
Ltr, 12Oct91, Sussex County Assoc, Re: Loss of Fire Marshal Slots (File)  
Ltr, 26Oct91, NCCVFA; Re: DOA Issue (Copy to Rep. Ennis)  
Ltr, 18Aug91, NCCVFA, Re: Firefighter Medal (Rec & Ret Comm).  
Ltr, 15Sep91, NCCVFA, Re: Bumper Sticker (Rec & Ret Comm)  
Ltr, 26Sep91, Caesar Rodney HS Band, Re: Conv Parade Fac (Conv Lia)  
Ltr, 4Oct91, Seaford & Laurel FD, Re: Parade Trophies (Conv Lia)  
Ltr, 17Oct91, SCVFA, Re; Parade Trophies (Conv Lia)  
Ltr, 17Oct91, Hartly Fire Co, Re: Parade Trophies (Conv Lia)  
Ltr, 17Oct91, Mill Creek Fire Co, Re: Request '94 Conv (NCCVFA)  
Ltr, 18Nov91, Convention '91, Re: Parade Trophies (Conv Lia)  
Ltr, 6Dec91, KCVFA, Re: Gaming Commission (File)  
Ltr, 16Dec91, KCVFA, Re: Awarding of Prizes (Conv Lia)  
Cards of Thanks, Walton Family.  
Cards of Thanks, Ralph H. Talley (Elsmere)  
Cards of Thanks, "Sock" Smith

Moved by Jasper Lakey (Delaware City), seconded by Bruce Ennis (Citizens Hose), to accept the correspondence and that those requiring action be brought up under the proper order of business - so carried.

OLD BUSINESS: George Greenly (Holloway Terrace), Chairman of Convention '91 report on the convention and mentioned several recommendations that will be turned over to the Convention Liaison Committee for these study.

Letter from Convention '91 Committee read by Jon Cottrell (Townsend) in regards to the awarding of prizes at the parade, recommendations presented for solution of prizes in question, which was accepted by the DVFA Officers earlier this morning in a special meeting.

Ron Marvel (Seaford) spoke at great length on the awarding of trophies - the first three places must go to seperate counties. He stated that Laurel and Seaford Fire Companies both feel they were unjustly omitted from parade listing.

Moved by Ron Marvel (Seaford), seconded by Randy Lee (Laurel), that DVFA go on record to instruct proper personnel that the trophies be distributed as it has been done in prior years so we may go forward.

Questioned by Dean Simpson (Mill Creek) as to letter to DVFA from Convention '91, both pro and cons on subject were discussed at great length.

Norman Tate (Seaford) spoke at great length on previous conventions parades and awarding of prizes. John Ryan (Holloway Terrace) also voiced his opinion on situation. A.I. Guessford (Odessa) presented his opinion on the trophy situation and voiced his support for the Convention '91 Committee recommendations for solutions. Voice vote taken - chair could not call the vote either way, roll call vote called for. Counties called for a caucus, chair granted a recess until 1045 hours, meeting reconvened at that time.

Ron Marvel (Seaboard) stated his motion - That trophies and documentation from 1991 Convention will go to the remaining counties not awarded a trophy. Questions as to change in original motion some discussion on motion. Ron Marvel stated his motion was that trophies for 1 thru 3 place be awarded as in the past.

Roll Call vote taken, only delegates/alternates at 1991 Convention eligible unless Secretary has so been notified in writing, prior to this meeting. George Greenly (Holloway Terrace), expressed his concern over the motion and the effect of it on the unification of the DVFA.

Roll Call voted taken and motion passed 68 Yeas, 36 Nays - motion so carried. (Copy of Roll Call tally sheet attached herewith).

Dean Simpson (Mill Creek) alluded to By-Laws changes over the past 2 years and need for more clearly defined instructions.

NEW BUSINESS: Letter from NCCVFA re: Medal for Heroic Firefighter of Year to be worn on uniform. Moved by Ray Krett (Goodwill), seconded by Richard Winchell (Camden-Wyoming) that the letter be turned over to the Recruitment and Retention Committee for action - so carried.

Letter from NCCVFA re: Bumper Sticker be designed, moved by Ray Krett (Goodwill), seconded by Bob Romig (Five Points), to refer letter to Recruitment and Retention Committee for action - so carried.

Letter from Mill Creek Fire Co, re: Hosting of Convention '94, moved by "Ike" Guessford (Odessa), seconded by George Kerr (Minquas), that the letter be referred to NCCVFA for necessary action - so carried.

Letter from KCVFA re: Nomination of Roland Neeman to fill vacancy on Gaming Commission (Morris King), moved by Harry Warner (Talleyville), seconded by C.O. Smith (Felton), to accept the nomination - so carried.

Moved by John Mitchell (Elsmere), seconded by Jim Monihan (Lewes), that DVFA support the exemption of Fire Service from user fees for Engineering services of State Fire Marshal Office - so carried.

Moved by Steve Austin (Aetna), seconded by Jim Monihan (Lewes), that DVFA appropriate \$500 for FDIC and \$1500 for CFSI Dinner - so carried.

Moved by Charles Frampton (Brandywine Hundred), seconded by James Roy (Cheswold), that DVFA write a letter to Fire Commission requesting a meeting on ramifications of NFPA 1500, meeting to entail Health & Safety Committee, Fire Commission and Attorney General's Office - so carried.

Kevin Wilson (Clayton) requested \$10,000 for CISM. John Mitchell stated that a letter should be written to all legislators on this funding. Moved by Kevin Wilson (Clayton), seconded by Walter Lamon (Clayton) that a letter be sent to all legislators asking their support for \$10,000 in CISM funds - so carried.

George Greenly (Holloway Terrace), Chairman Convention '91, stated that the convention committee would not be involved in any redistribution of parade trophies - it was now a DVFA problem.

Moved by John Mitchell (Elsmere), seconded by Steve Austin (Aetna), that letters be sent to Sen Biden & Roth for their staff assistance and support of the Firefighter Bill of Rights legislation - so carried.

Moved by "Ike" Guessford (Odessa), seconded by Robert Quillen (Hartly), that the Out-of-State Coordinator be given the authority to plan for the 100th Anniversary Parade of the Maryland State Firemen Association be held in Frederick, Md. on May 30, 1992 - so carried.

Ray Krett (Goodwill) gave a brief preliminary financial report of the 1991 Convention, approximately \$292,000.00.

Larry Mergenthaler (Mill Creek) addressed the problem of Walter Lamon, Assistant DVFA Chaplain, travelling without receiving any reimbursement for his expenses. Moved by Larry Mergenthaler (Mill Creek), seconded by Kevin Wilson (Clayton), that the DVFA Officers address this problem of reimbursing Lamon for travel performed in official duties - so carried.

Jack Northam (Laurel) informed the meeting that the dates for 1993 Convention has been set - September 22, 23, 24 & 25, 1993, to be held in Laurel, DE.

PAYMENT OF BILLS: J. Allen Metheny, Treasurer, presented bills in amount of \$8,556.39 for payment. Moved by Harold Brode (Harrington), seconded by C.O. Smith (Felton) to pay all bills - so carried.

GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION:

Charles Mitten (Elsmere) stated that the entire parade had been video taped and were for sale, he had necessary forms for purchase of same.

Ray Blanchette, President State Fire Chief Association, stated the first meeting will be held in Odessa on December 11, a good speaker has been obtained by Steve Austin and refreshments will follow the meeting, he thanked Odessa for hosting the state meeting.

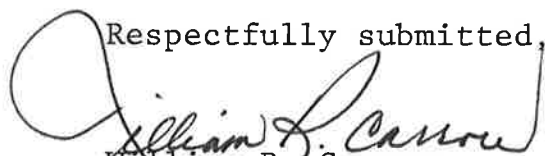
Francis Deneumoustier, President State Ladies Auxillaries, was recognized and thanked the DVFA for the invitation to the Executive Meeting.

Charles Mitten (Elsmere) invited everyone to Five Points on December 12th for the installation of NCCVFA officers and dinner meeting.

Moved by Jon Townley (Aetna), seconded by George Kerr (Minquas), to adjourn - so carried.

Benediction was given by Walter Lamon, Assistant DVFA Chaplain.

Adjournment at 1245 hours.

Respectfully submitted,  
  
William R. Carrow  
Secretary.

D.V.F.A. BILLS TO BE PAID  
10/15/91 Through 12/ 7/91

FA CHECKING A  
12/ 7/91

Date	Num	Payee	Memo	Category	Clr Amount
10/16	1617	JEN-MOR FLORIST	FLOWERS PERM.	200	-35.00
10/16	1618	RON EASTBURN'S FLOW	FLOWERS FROM C	130	-164.00
10/16	1619	SHANE QUALITY PRESS	LETTERHEADS	140	-78.45
10/16	1620	J. ALLEN METHENY	EXPENSES NVFC	152	-440.67
10/16	1621	E. JAMES MONIHAN	EXPENSES NVFC	152	-521.67
10/29	1622	FIRST STATE PAGE	SUSSEX CISM PA	330	-142.20
11/ 4	1623	SUSSEX CISM ACCT.	REIMB. TO ACCT	330	-511.59
11/ 4	1624	KENT CTY CISM ACCT.	REIMB. TO ACCT	330	-399.94
11/18	1625	COMMERCIAL EMBLEM C	OFFICERS BADGE	180	-60.47
11/22	1626	WILLIAM B. MATHEWS	POSTAGE - FIRE	220	-63.80
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TOTAL 10/15/91 - 12/ 7/91					-2,417.79
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TOTAL INFLOWS					0.00
TOTAL OUTFLOWS					-2,417.79
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NET TOTAL					-2,417.79

new Castle County CISM -	N.E. Region Conference	\$1,000.00
George Kerr -	mailing F492 Scholarship Packets	125.00
Robert Romig -	frames for Hall of Fame / Archives	89.70
Ronald Mammel -	Fine Pres. Awards	975.00
John L. Mitchell -	Legislature Liaison Exp	1,500.00
D-S.F.S. -	Printing	84.00
Communicographics -	Invitations - F.A. Awards Program	90.00
Ed. F. Lewis & Sons -	Flowers - E. Walton	42.50
N.U.F.C. -	Annual dues	300.00
Floral Occasions & Gifts -	Flowers - Ed Wyatt	36.00
Records / Leubhart Ins. Planing -	Officers Bond	295.00
John's Four Seasons Florist -	Flowers - Ed McClain	31.50
C.T.H., Inc. -	Awards - Fine Presentation	1589.90

TOTAL BILLS

\$ 8,556.39

DELAWARE VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION - ROLL CALL VOTE:

COMPANY	COUNTY	FOR	AGAINST
Aetna Hose, Hook & Ladder Co, Newark	New Castle		2
Belvedere	New Castle		0
Brandywine Hundred	New Castle		2
Christiana	New Castle		1
Claymont	New Castle		
Cranston Heights	New Castle		2
Delaware City	New Castle		2
Elsmere	New Castle		
Five Points	New Castle		2
Goodwill, New Castle	New Castle		2
Hockessin	New Castle		2
Holloway Terrace	New Castle		2
Mill Creek	New Castle		2
Minquadale	New Castle		
Minquas, Newport	New Castle		
Odessa	New Castle		1
Port Penn	New Castle		
Salleyville	New Castle		2
Townsend	New Castle		2
Volunteer Hose, Middletown	New Castle		2
Wilmington Manor	New Castle		
Bowers	Kent	2	
Camden-Wyoming	Kent	2	
Carlisle, Milford	Kent	0	
Cheswold	Kent	2	
Citizens Hose, Smyrna	Kent	2	
Clayton	Kent	2	
Farmington	Kent	2	
Felton	Kent	2	
Frederica	Kent	1	
Harrington	Kent	2	
Hartly	Kent	2	
Houston	Kent	2	
	SUB TOTAL	21	



COMPANY	COUNTY	FOR	AGAINST
Carried forward		21	
Leipsic	Kent	0	
Little Creek	Kent	0	
Magnolia	Kent	2	
Marydel	Kent	1	
Robbins Hose, Dover	Kent	2	
South Bowers	Kent	2	
Bethany Beach	Sussex	2	
Blades	Sussex	0	
Bridgeville	Sussex	2	
Dagsboro	Sussex	0	
Delmar	Sussex	1	
Ellendale	Sussex	2	
Frankford	Sussex	0	
Georgetown	Sussex	2	
Greenwood	Sussex	2	
Gumboro	Sussex	1	
Indian River	Sussex	2	
Laurel	Sussex	2	
Lewes	Sussex	2	
Memorial, Slaughter Beach	Sussex	0	
Millsboro	Sussex	2 2	
Millville	Sussex	2	
Milton	Sussex	2	
Rehoboth Beach	Sussex	0	
Roxanna	Sussex		
Seaford	Sussex	2	
Selbyville	Sussex	2	
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