

Delaware Volunteer Firefighter's Association

Conference 2014

Dover Downs Hotel and Casino

Thursday, September 11, 2014

OPENING CEREMONIES

8:30

- Introduction of Past Presidents
- Introduction the current Presidents of our organizations:

DVFA President, Richard Toulson
LADVFA President, Sara Lee Stevens

DVFA 1st Vice President, Anthony Guzzo
LADVFA 1st Vice President, Karen Majewski

DVFA 2nd Vice President, Joseph Zeroles
LADVFA 2nd Vice President, Mary Frances Eisenbrey

- **Introduction of New Color Guard to present colors**
- Invocation by Reverend Robert Hudson
- DVFA/LADVFA Choir will sing our National Anthem
- Pledge to the flag by DVFA and LADVFA Presidents
- President Richard Toulson welcoming remarks and introduction of other officers
- LADVFA President SaraLee Stevens welcoming remarks and introduction of other officers
- Introduce the Mayor of the City of Dover: Robin Christiansen
- Introduce the General Manager of Dover Downs: George Fortelli
- Introduce other guest
 - President of State Fire Chief's Association Joseph Morris
 - President of the State EMS Association Sean Humphreys
 - President of the State Fire Police Association John Hall
 - Chairman State Fire Prevention Commission David Roberts
 - Director of the State Fire School Robert Newnam
 - Fire Marshall of the State of Delaware Grover Ingle

- Introduce the conference executive committee:
 - DVFA Chairman John Stevenson
 - LADVFA Chairperson Stacy Northam-Smith
 - DVFA Co-Chairmen John McKenzie & George Lamborn
 - LADVFA Co-Chairpersons Lorraine Madden and Pam Ingle
 - Conference Secretary Virginia Yeager
 - Conference Treasurer Allen Metheny
 - DVFA Office Manager Melissa Kiser
 - Conference Advisor Elmer Steele

Over the next few days you will undoubtedly come in contact with many friends and associates in the fire service and most notably our sponsors. Please take a moment to personally thank them for their support.

I also hope you plan to spend some time with our exhibitors. Like our sponsors these folks contribute to the success of our conference.

- Introduction of Bruce Colburn and Jeff Buckworth, of PNC Bank.

September 11, Reflection
 Story of Wells Crowther
 Introduce video, song "Somewhere"

- DVFA/LADVFA Choir sing the "Song for the Unsung Hero"
- Introduction of Bobbi Albright who will announce the 50 year LADVFA members.
 - Barbara Triglia- Delmar
 - Edith West- Millville
 - Shirley Collins- Roxana
 - Norma Knox- Aetna
 - Nancy Hudson- Claymont
 - Doris Hedrick- Mill Creek
 - Phyllis Fox-Minquadale
 - Patricia Lockwood- Minquadale
 - Ruth Taylor- Minquadale
 - Helen George- Odessa
 - Carlene Foraker- Odessa

- Joan Owens- Talleyville
 - Norma Hurst- Talleyville
 - Connie Fox- Carlisle
 - Maude Smith- Carlisle
 - Lois Walters- Felton
 - Mabel Woikoski- Felton
 - Delores Collins- Harrington
 - Dorothy Collins- Harrington
 - Irene Dean- Harrington
 - Geraldine Outten- Harrington
 - Betty Taylor- Harrington
 - Mary Ann Wilson- Harrington
 - Juanita Rentz- Magnolia
- Introduction of Kim Figgs for the Ladies Auxiliary Hall of Recognition presentations.
 - Mary Hughes- Milton
 - Sara (Dotty) Vandenbraak- Talleyville
 - Connie Fox- Carlisle
 - Penny Rodimak- Hartly

M/C: Introduce President Emeritus Bruce Ennis, who will announce the 50 year members. (39)

Bruce Ennis read civilian recognitions

The Delaware Volunteer Firefighter's Association meets a minimum of quarterly at the facilities of the Delaware State Fire Service center and whereas during the business session of each Executive Committee meeting, the Association takes time to pay tribute to individuals, businesses, organizations and associations who have rendered outstanding and dedicated service to their community, their state, their county, and the Volunteer Fire Service, AND whereas on May 25, 2014 at 5:27 pm, Howard Houseknecht, Paul Shirk and their wives were just leaving the beach in Howards 12 foot aluminum boat when they saw a burning vessel in the water AND, Howard and Paul quickly returned to the beach, dropped off their wives and headed their boat towards the burning vessel and upon arrival of the burning vessel they found 2 adults and 4 children in the water, They immediately got the children in their boat, but the boat on fire was burning rapidly and the heat was intense so Howard had the other victims hold on to his boat as he backed it away from the burning boat and after Howard had moved to a safe distance from the burning vessel, Howard and Paul got the rest of the victims in their boat and took them to shore. The Bowers Fire Company responded and extinguished the boat fire and now therefore be it resolved that the Officers and Members of the Delaware Volunteer Firefighter's Association take time to recognize Howard Houseknecht and Paul Shirk with the Civilian Recognition Award for their actions in saving the lives of six people. Be it further resolved that this Resolution should be approved and presented to Howard Houseknecht and Paul Shirk at the 2014 DVFA Conference on this Eleventh Day of September 2014.

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and associations who have rendered outstanding and dedicated service to their community, their state, their county, and the Volunteer Fire Service, AND whereas on May 20, 2014 Mr. Kenneth Smith was driving when he witnessed a motor vehicle collision involving a dump truck and an automobile, on Cedar Creek Road near Lincoln, and as Mr. Smith parked his car and approached the crash scene he saw an overturned dump truck and a flattened car. The driver of the car was deceased. The driver of the dump truck was still in the truck and the truck was on fire and, Mr. Smith then went directly to the truck, pulled open the door and helped the driver out of the truck as the flames started climbing up the seat and now therefore be it resolved that the Officers and Members of the Delaware Volunteer Firefighter's Association take time to recognize Kenneth Smith with the Civilian Recognition Award for his actions in saving the life of the truck driver. Be it further resolved that this Resolution should be approved and presented to Kenneth Smith at the 2014 DVFA Conference on this Eleventh Day of September 2014.

- Introduction of Ed Barlow who will announce this year's additions to our Hall of Fame.
 - Chairman of Archives- Charles Emerson- Claymont
 - EMS Lifetime Achievement Ed Lewis- Hartly
 - From a member Company Robert Sutton- Five Points
 - Heroic EMS Person of the Year Michael O'Connor- Dover
 - Heroic Firefighters- Eric "Caeser" Haley- Claymont
 - Heroic Firefighters- Robert Lynch – Talleyville
 - Heroic Firefighters- Tim Laird- Talleyville
 - Heroic Firefighters- Jason Stieble- Talleyville
 - Heroic Firefighters- Thomas Looney- Talleyville
 - Firefighter of the Year- Mike Rush- Christiana
 - Instructor of the Year- Denise Dill- Dagsboro
 - Meritorious Award John Barkley- Clayton
 - Past President DVFA Charles H. Boyer- Dover
 - Past President Fire Police- David J. Snell- Marydel
 - Past President Chiefs- Glenn Gillespie- Carlisle
 - Past President EMS Edward L. Angwin- Little Creek

Introduce George Kerr who will announce the scholarship winners.

- Emily Albright
- Devon Bradley
- Leah Burge
- Ashley Carrow
- Kevin Cowperthwait
- Casey Daisey
- Sarah Davis
- Rancel Evans
- Daniel Fox
- Drew Fox
- Jenna Fox

- Stephen Fox
 - Zachary Frail
 - Joshua Giles
 - Paul Hassel
 - Benjamin Hearn
 - Jamie lee Jaquette
 - Amber Johnson
 - Brittney Jones
 - Laura Justice
 - Brian Lee
 - Allison Lowe
 - Alyssa Lucas- Forsman
 - Emily Majewski
 - David Joseph Majewski
 - Kelly McNemar- Johnson
 - Jacob Miller
 - Rochelle Moretti
 - Joshua- Coy Parsons
 - Katherine Poppe
 - Brian Rasmussen
 - David Roberts, Jr.
 - Steven Rozell
 - Gregory Schulties
 - Amber Shaffer
 - Jessie Simpson- Walker
 - Tyler Sipple
 - Emily Smith
 - Laurie Smith
 - Laura Snyder
 - Kaitlyn Sweetman
 - Brandon Thompson
 - Ashley Toomey
 - Robert Webster
 - Megan Young
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- Introduction of Carleton Carey who will present the Non-Heroic Fire Fighter of the Year- This year's Fireman of the year has been a member of his department for 47 years. He has held the office of President, Trustee, Board of Directors, Vice President of which he holds now, Engineer and Fire Police. In 2009 he was selected as State Fire Policeman of the Year. He helped write the First Fire Police course for the Delaware State Fire School and was the first instructor of the course. He also wrote the First 30 hour Advanced Fire Police Course. He was an instructor for the Delaware State Fire School for over 20 years and also taught an EVO

Course. He was one of the first ambulance drivers when his department took over the EMS Service in 2000. He is Chairman of his Departments EMS committee, which handles daily operations of their paid EMS staff and volunteer people. He also serves on the pension and bylaws committees for his department. In his professional life he was a Delaware State Policeman for 20 years, retiring as Captain. He was Director of Training for the Division of State Police, Administrator for Council of State Police Training and Troop Commander of the Criminal Investigative Division of the Delaware State police for Sussex County. He attended the FBI academy. During this time he also was a licensed funeral director for 30 years. He taught defensive driving for the Delaware Safety Council for 10 years. He was an Emergency Planner for Sussex County for 16 years. He has served his community on Town Council for 9 years, acting as Mayor for 8 years. In the Little League Organization he was a manager, coach, umpire, for his Home League and also served on Delaware District III. He is active on the Local Cemetery Board. He is a 52 year member of Grace United Methodist Church and serves as a member of the Board of Trustees. One of his hobbies is teaching his grandchildren to play golf. He has been married for over 40 years and they have 3 children. The Fireman of the Year for 2014 goes to Lynn Bullock of the Millsboro Fire Company.

Thank Opening Ceremony Committee and helpers.

Carol Walton

Pam Ingle

George Lamborn

Dan Carrier

Bill Tobin

Stacy Northam-Smith

Presented Movie "Delaware Year in Review"

Introduce LADVFA Chaplain Virginia Yeager for the benediction.

**2014 DVFA CONFERENCE
Executive Meeting
Thursday, September 11, 2014
Rollins Center @ Dover Downs Hotel**

Call the business session to order by President Richard Toulson at 11:30 AM

Invocation offered by Pastor Bob Hudson

Pledge to the flag led by Norman Batchelor

Conference appointments by President Toulson

- Credentials: Jay Jones, Sta. 75, Dan Burris, Sta. 1-27, Harold Brode, Sta. 50
- Sergeant at Arms: Dan Carrier, Sta. 19, Ducky Reed, Sta. 20, Steve White, Sta. 49, Harold Brode, Sta. 50, Dominic Messina, Sta. 80, Ed Schaffer, Sta. 82, Wayne Ferrante, Sta. 19
- Committee to visit the ladies: Ron Marvel, Sta. 87, Ray Stevens, Sta. 88 Charles Stevenson, Sta. 77

- Parliamentarians: Bill Betts, Sta. 49, Joseph Hojnicky, Sr, Sta. 22, Ed Barlow, Sta. 20, Norman Batchelor, Sta. 83

CONFERENCE GROUND RULES AND CONDUCT

No hats, all cell phones and pagers are to be turned off or placed in the silent mode. In order to speak, rise to be recognized by the Chair, proceed to the nearest microphone, state your name and the fire company that you are representing.

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS

Secretary Elmer Steele read the communications:

- Letter from Perdue reference to Partners in Progress
- Letter from Barclays reference to Partners in Progress
- Letter from KCVFA supporting Allen Metheny for Treasurer of the DVFA
- Letter from KCVFA supporting Joe Zeroles for 1st Vice President of the DVFA
- Letter from the Delaware Department of Health and Social Services ref. to the food code
- Letter from SCVFA supporting Elmer Steele for Secretary of the DVFA
- Letter from SCVFA supporting Ted Walius for 2nd Vice President of the DVFA
- Letter from NCVFA supporting Anthony Guzzo for President of the DVFA
- Letter from SCVFA supporting Clayton Yocum, Sr. for Sussex County 3 year Director

REPORT OF THE OFFICERS

President Richard Toulson: The President stated that he, along with several others, had spent a lot of time in Legislative Hall this year. We worked on 4 bills this year and were able to get all 4 passed. The actual signing will take place on Wednesday, September 24th at Station 43 Cheswold at 2:00 PM. Would like to see a good turn-out for the signing. President Toulson stated that he, along with several of the other table officers, has done a lot of traveling this year. We have gathered and shared lots of valuable information. He thanked the R&R committee for their special efforts this year, especially for getting the rodeo at the State Fair.

Thanked everyone for a great year. Thanked Seaford Fire Department for their support during his term of office. A special thanks to the 2014 Conference committee for a great job.

1st Vice President Anthony Guzzo: Stated that his report was in electronic form and filed with the office. He stated that he had also attended many meetings and events, while representing this Association. Thanked Hockessin Fire Company for their support this past year

2nd Vice President Joe Zeroles: Stated that his report was in electronic form and filed with the office. He stated that he had also attended most of the same functions and events that 1st Vice President Guzzo just spoke about.

Secretary Elmer Steele: Stated that his report was also in electronic form and filed with the office. If I can be of any assistance to any of you, please do not hesitate to call.

Treasurer J. Allen Metheny: Thanked the officers for another great year and look forward to the coming year with the new officers. He gave the financial report for the Association and for the conference accounts. This info is in your packets for your review. Books have been audited by our CPA firm and all is well. Look forward to serving another year as the Treasurer of the Association.

Executive Manager Warren Jones: Warren gave a report on the legislative session for the past year. He apologized to the membership, stating that there was a page missing from the committee list. Will have the correct copies at the December meeting or you can go to the web site and download the complete committee list. He thanked everyone for their support to the office this past year.

Introduction of Out-of-State Guest: Steve Austin introduced the Out of State guests that were in attendance this morning;

- Maryland State Firemen's Association (MSFA) Past President Dave Lewis brought greetings from the State of Maryland on behalf of President David Keller who will be here tomorrow.
- Pennsylvania Firemen's Association, President Sandra Cullen brought greetings from the State of Pennsylvania. Her husband, Past President Thomas Cullen presented President Toulson with a challenge coin from Pennsylvania.
- Cumberland Valley Volunteer Firemen's Association (CVVFA) 1st Vice President Hoby Howell brought greetings from their Association on behalf of President Walter Robinson. CVVFA just completed their Convention in August and Hoby thanked the group from Delaware that attended in Chambersburg, PA. The 2015 CVVFA Convention will be in Delaware City.
- Delmarva Firemen's Association President Pastor Bob Hudson thanked this Association for their support. He stated that there were several officers from the Delmarva in the room today.
- Virginia State Firefighter's Association (VSFA) President Larry Logan brought greetings from the Commonwealth of Virginia.

DVFA Foundation: Steve Austin stated that a full report of the foundation activities is in the packets. They are seeking grants again this year.

Delaware State Fire Prevention Commission: Chairman Dave Roberts introduced the commissioners that were in attendance. He discussed the new ambulance protocols which will take effect on April 1, 2015. He thanked President Toulson on a great year and welcomed him as a new commissioner.

Delaware State Fire Marshal: Fire Marshal Grover Ingle reported that there have been 5 fire deaths so far this year and 3 of those did not have working smoke alarms. He stated that his office is working with the various companies with their DEFERS reports. Their annual report is available. They will be reviewing regulations for 2015.

Delaware State Fire School: Director Robert Newnam thanked the DVFA table officers, the Advisory committee, the 1st responders and the office staff for their support to the school this past year. Thanked Warren Jones for his help with the various legislative issues and the fire Commission for their support on EMS issues.

The fire school is approaching its 50th anniversary. There will be an official ceremony held at the school on November 8, 2014. More info will be forth coming on this event.

National Volunteer Fire Council: J. Allen Metheny stated that the Council is working on several issues that affect the fire service. Their next meeting will be in Louisiana next month. A full report of their activities will be published in the next edition of the Fire Service News.

Delaware State Fire Chief's Association: 1st Vice President Stephen "Redman" Maichle brought greetings on behalf of President Joe Morris. Lenny Carmichael will be the guest speaker tonight at the Conference meeting in Cheswold.

Delaware State Fire Police Association: President John Hall brought greeting from the Fire Police Association. He thanked the DVFA for supporting the Fire Police Association and keeping them in the "loop" this year.

Delaware State Emergency Medical Services Association: Past President P.J. Gosch brought greetings from the State EMS Association.

Mutual Relief Association: Chairman Ken Ryder stated that there will be a vote taken today to re-new the Mutual Relief insurance policy and to accept or reject the AD&D policy. Please have your delegates/alternates at the meeting. Thanked the DVFA for their support this year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Credentials Committee: Jay Jones gave the following report;

• New Castle County	22 Companies	41 Delegates	36 Alternates
• Kent County	18 Companies	31 Delegates	27 Alternates
• Sussex County	21 Companies	40 Delegates	35 Alternates

Finance & Audit Committee: Chairman George Pyott stated that the Association books have been audited and found to be in good order. Budget for FY 15' has been prepared and will need to be voted on under the proper order of business.

Life Safety Committee: Chairman Guy Hudson stated that fire prevention is in October. Packets are out. If you have any questions, contact your County representative. Please fill out your paperwork properly for the matching funds.

Homeland Security Committee: J. Allen Metheny reported that each company will receive one (1) 800 mhz radio using WMD money from previous years. The radios will be delivered to State Communications for programing and then distribution. The only stipulation is that in order to get a new radio, you must turn in an old radio. The three (3) ambulance companies will also get one (1) radio under this program.

NOMINATION OF OFFICERS

President: Anthony Guzzo nominated by Lou Amabili and seconded by Dan Carrier

1st Vice President: Joe Zeroles nominated by Ronald Vincent and seconded by Jack Bradley

2nd Vice President: Ted Walius nominated by Bill Tobin and seconded by Andy Jones

Secretary: Elmer Steele nominated by Bill Hearn and seconded by Ron Scott

Treasurer: J. Allen Metheny nominated by Rod O'Neal and seconded by Steve Connors

Director, Sussex County (3 Years): Clayton Yocum, Sr. nominated by Frank DeFord and seconded by Donald Pierson

Past President Director: Charles Boyer This is an automatic appointment and does not need to be nominated

Motion by Jack Morris, Sr. Delmar and seconded by Rick Perillo Brandywine Hundred to close all nominations. Motion carried

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None pending and none from the floor

NEW BUSINESS

- A motion was made by Charles Frampton, Brandywine Hundred and seconded by Jasper Lakey, Delaware City to have the Secretary cast a favorable ballot for all uncontested offices and that the Treasurer cast a favorable ballot for the uncontested office of Secretary. Motion carried Ballots were cast
- A motion was made by George Pyott, Cheswold and seconded by Dan Carrier, Hockessin to adopt the FY 15' budget. Motion carried
- Jim Watson and John Porter reported on the concept of moving our permanent Memorial from its present location to the North side of Legislative Mall. There were a lot of questions, comments and concerns regarding this issue. There were several motions made and withdrawn. A final motion was made by Dan Burriss, Volunteer Hose and seconded by Harold Brode, Harrington to allow the committee to spent up to \$10,000 for plans and drawings on the conception of placing our monument on the North Side of Legislative Mall and that the committee is to come to the December Executive meeting with a final cost and a budget for this project. Motion carried

At this time the ladies delegation came and brought greetings from ladies President Saralee Stevens. President Stevens will come later to give their annual report on the number of members that are in the auxiliaries and the amount of monies that have been donated to the men.

- President Toulson appointed Ed Barlow, Bill Tobin, Tom DiCristofaro and Dan Burriss to seek funding for the monument project. Past President Steve Austin made a donation of \$300 to start the fund. Tom DiCristofaro challenged every fire company in the State to donate \$1,000 to this fund.
- President Toulson appointed Bill Tobin as a Mutual Relief Trustee to replace Norman Amendt who has served the maximum allowable term.

- Wally Poppe discussed the recommendations that were made by the parade committee. After addressing the questions, comments and concerns from the membership,
 1. A motion was made by Wally Poppe, Delaware City and seconded by Stephen "Redman" Maichle, Wilmington Manor to; *Continue judging but eliminate the County rule for the top three marching awards for Music, Non Music and Ladies Auxiliaries. (3 County rule)* A voice vote was taken and the motion was passed, thus eliminating the 3 county rule. This will take affect at the 2015 Conference.
 2. A motion was made by Wally Poppe, Delaware City and seconded by Rich Perillo, Brandywine Hundred to; *Set a 1 to 3 year limit of 1st place awards for Music, Non Music and Ladies Auxiliaries. If a company/Auxiliary wins 1st place successfully 3 years they will be ineligible for 1 year. (3 year limit)* A roll call vote was requested. By a vote of 94 NO and 28 YES, the motion was defeated.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Treasurer J. Allen Metheny presented bills totaling \$244,003.10 for payment. Motion by Jasper Lakey, Delaware City and seconded by Ike Guessford, Odessa to pay the bills. Motion carried

GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION

Motion by Rich Perillo, Brandywine Hundred and seconded by Bill Betts, Frederica to revert back to new business. Motion carried

NEW BUSINESS

President Toulson requested a motion to adopt a special resolution for Norman Batchelor to honor him for his forty (40) years as parliamentarian for the DVFA. Motion made by Jasper Lakey, Delaware City and seconded by Steve White, Frederica to adopt the resolution and make the presentation to Mr. Batchelor. Motion carried

BACK TO GOOD OF ASSOCIATION

- Delaware City will be hosting the Cumberland Valley Firemen's Convention (CVVFA) from July 29 through August 1, 2015 in Delaware City.
- Delaware State Fire School will be holding their open house for their 50th Anniversary on November 8, 2014 from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM.
- Pre-judging of apparatus will be held at the "old" Dover High School on Saturday.

Ladies President Saralee Stevens and her officers came with their yearly report.

There being no further business to claim the attention of the members, the meeting was recessed until 08:30 hours on September 12, 2014 for the Memorial Service. DVFA Chaplain Bob Hudson was called on for the benediction.

Adjourned at 1:50 PM

Friday, September 12, 2014

Memorial Service was held at 8:30 AM, remembering the passing of 93 men and 62 ladies from the past year. Of those, there was 1 Past President in these numbers.

LADVFA Past President Catherine Jenkins

The men's luncheon was held at 12:00 PM. There were many politicians, guest and dignitaries present. Numerous awards and presentations were made. A special presentation (white fire helmet) was made to Senator Chris Coons for his help this past year. Vince Jacono made a donation of \$300 to start the annual fund drive for the DVFA Foundation.

93rd DVFA Luncheon

Call to Order

S. Austin

Welcome to the Nation's Second Most Influential Banquet where Elected and Appointed Governmental Officials break bread with the Fire Service.

I know each of the speakers today will help make our event more meaningful and less lengthily by keeping their remarks short and to the point.

I'll count on each of you in the audience to help also by giving your full respect and attention to our guests.

Invocation led by Pastor Bob Hudson

Leading us in the Pledge to our Flag is our senior Past President who presided over this Association in 1973, Past President Ike Guessford

Acknowledgement of Convention Luncheon Committee

Ron Marvel

Warren Jones

Bill Tobin

Steve Austin

Challenge for Fallen Firefighters and DVFA Foundations-Ray Stevens and Vince Jacono and members of the DVFA Foundation

- Words of Welcome from the State of Delaware Lt Governor Matt Denn
- Remarks from DVFA President Richard Toulson
- Special Presentation from Representative Dan Short
- Introduction of Head Table
- Remarks by Senator Tom Carper
- Remarks by Senator Chris Coons
- Remarks by Congressman John Carney
- Introduction of Fire Service Groups
- Introduction of Delaware Elected and Appointed Officials by Executive Manager Warren Jones
- Remarks by Auditor Tom Wagner

- Remarks by Insurance Commissioner Karen Weldin Stewart
- Remarks from Bill Webb CFSI
- Remarks and presentation from President David Keller, MD State Firemen's Association

Introduction of Special Fire Service Guests

- Past Presidents DVFA
- Col McQueen and the command staff of DSP
- Chairman Dave Roberts and the members of the DE State Fire Commission and Sherry Lambertson
- Fire Marshal Grover Ingle and staff
- Fire School Director Biff Newnam and staff
- DVFA Firemen of the Year Lynn Bullock of Millsboro VFC
- DVFA Radio Consultant Jim Goldstein from the IAFC
- Melissa Kiser DVFA Office Manager
- Cumberland Valley Firemen's Association, 1st VP Hoby Howell
- Delmarva Firemen's Association, President Bob Hudson
- Firemen's Association State of PA, President Sandra Cullen
- Maryland State Firemen's Association, President David Keller
- Virginia State Firefighter's Association, President Larry Logan

DVFA Partners in Progress

- President's Level
 - Delmarva Power
 - Motorola
- Deputy Chief's Level
 - PNC Bank
 - Atlantic Emergency Solutions
 - Provident Insurance
 - Office of EMS, State of Delaware
- Assistant Chief's Level
 - M & T Bank
- Captain's Level
 - Kent County Levy Court
 - Delaware State Fire Chiefs Association
 - DVFA Mutual Relief
 - Delaware Electric Co-Op
 - Blood Bank of Delmarva
- Lieutenant's Level
 - Advantage Healthcare Solutions
 - Magnum Electronics
 - 1-800-Board Up

- Firefighter's Level

Graves Uniforms
Del-One Federal Credit Union

DVFA/LADVFA Installation

Friday, September 12, 2014

Post Stair Guards from Seaford Fire Department: Armore Rice and John Stevenson.

Please turn off or mute all cell phones and pagers.

Following officers, chaplains and escorts were introduced:

DVFA Chaplain – Rev. Bob Hudson

LADVFA Chaplain – Virginia Yeager

DVFA Installing Officer: President Emeritus, Lou Amabili

LADVFA Installing Officer: Past LADVFA President, Carol Walton

LADVFA Installing Marshall: Past LADVFA President, Janice Marvel

DVFA President – Rich Toulson escorted by his wife, Janice

LADVFA President – Saralee Stevens escorted by her husband, Past DVFA President, Ray

DVFA President elect – Anthony Guzzo escorted by his wife, Jackie

LADVFA President elect – Karen Majewski escorted by her husband, David

DVFA First Vice-President elect – Joseph Zeroles escorted by his wife, Debbie

LADVFA First Vice-President elect – Mary Frances Eisenbrey escorted by her husband, Jeff.

DVFA Second Vice-President elect – Ted Walius escorted by his daughter, Rachel Walius

LADVFA Second Vice-President elect – Lois Pearson escorted by her husband, Donald

DVFA Secretary – Past DVFA President Elmer Steele escorted by his wife, Sandy

LADVFA Secretary – Jane Williams escorted by her husband, Ray

LADVFA Assistant Secretary – Karen Gebhart escorted by DVFA President Emeritus, Lou Amabili

DVFA Treasurer – Past DVFA President, Allen Metheny escorted by his wife, Barbara

LADVFA Treasurer – Kim Figgs escorted by her mother, Joyce

LADVFA Assistant Treasurer – Regina Headley-Marvel escorted by Karen Workman

DVFA Director – Clay Yocum escorted by his wife, Maureen

Past President Director – Charles Boyer escorted by his sons, Chris Boyer and Jeff Boyer

Invocation given by LADVFA Chaplain, Virginia Yeager

Pledge to flag led by M/C, Edward "Mike" Rush

LADVFA President, Saralee Stevens gave her final remarks and thanks

DVFA President, Rich Toulson gave his final remarks and thanks

LADVFA Past President, Carol Walton, installed the following LADVFA officers and was assisted by

Past LADVFA President Janice Marvel, for the year 2014-2015, as follows:

President – Karen Majewski from Good Will Ladies Auxiliary

1st Vice-President – Mary Frances Eisenbrey from Cheswold Ladies Auxiliary

2nd Vice-President – Lois Pearson from Greenwood Ladies Auxiliary

Secretary – Jane Williams from Minquadale Ladies Auxiliary

Assistant Secretary – Karen Gebhart from Hockessin Ladies Auxiliary

Treasurer – Kim Figgs from Delmar Ladies Auxiliary

Assistant Treasurer – Regina Headley-Marvel from Georgetown Ladies Auxiliary

LADVFA officers were presented with their officers' pins.

Past President, Saralee Stevens, was presented with her past president's pin.

DVFA President Emeritus, Lou Amabili, assisted by Hockessin Fire Co. President, Dan Carrier, installed the incoming DVFA officers for the year 2014-2015:

President – Anthony Guzzo from Hockessin Fire Co.

1st Vice-President – Joseph Zeroles from Farmington Fire Co.

2nd Vice-President – Ted Walius from Ellendale Fire Co.

Secretary – Elmer Steele from Laurel Fire Co.

Treasurer – Allen Metheny from Hartly Fire Co.

Director – Clay Yocum from Greenwood Fire Co.

Past President Director – Charles Boyer from Dover Fire Co.

DVFA officers installed were presented with their officers' pins individually by their respective spouses/escorts.

Past President, Rich Toulson, was presented with his past president's pin and a plaque with gavel.

LADVFA President, Karen Majewski, gave her remarks and appreciation

DVFA President, Anthony Guzzo, gave his remarks and appreciation

Chairman of Installation, Mike Rush, recognized DVFA Executive Manager, Warren Jones, and DVFA Office Manager, Melissa Kiser, and thanked them for their continued hard work.

LADVFA Past President Saralee Stevens and DVFA President Anthony Guzzo entertained motions to close the conference for 2014.

MOTIONS were made from both Associations and unanimously carried that the 2014 conference be adjourned.

Stair guards were requested to post their position.

Benediction was given by DVFA Chaplain, Bob Hudson.

There was a reception immediately following in Ballroom A

Respectfully submitted,

Elmer B. Steele, Secretary
Delaware Vol. Firefighter's Assoc.

Attest to; Warren Jones
Executive Manager

Melissa Kiser
Office Manager