

MEMORANDUM

To: Delaware Volunteer Fire Fighters Association

From: Jay Jones, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, DVFA

Date: August 28, 2019

RE: 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2019 – 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Report

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In the 4th quarter of 2019, I traveled to 3,544 miles, attended 59 events with over 137 hours of service. This brings my yearly totals to 14,928 miles traveled, 503 hours of service, and 176 events attended.

It has been an extremely busy quarter. I was working along with Executive Manager Warren Jones to wrap up our legislative items and securing funding for the fire service at the state level for this physical year. I have also been doing some traveling to several states representing the Delaware Fire Service. Those States include West Virginia, Virginia and Maryland States/Commonwealth conferences along with the Cumberland Valley conference.

I have also been working along with the Delaware conference committee to help make this year’s conference a success and hope that we all can enjoy and benefit from the conference that we have planned. We have a lot of great seminars this year. I am hopeful that next year I will be able to continue providing more of these great seminars when I begin my term as President.

As you aware, we were not successful in getting the cancer presumption legislation passed through the legislature before the end of session. I have appointed a working group to iron out all the kinks on any new and current legislation concerning cancer in the 2020 term. I hope their work can move cancer legislation through the chambers more rapidly with a successful outcome.

In our last quarterly meeting the DVFA, I was charged to help facilitate a way to address the staffing issues throughout the state. To begin my task, I have reached out to every county association and county chiefs association asking them for an appointee from their bodies to come together with our three elected DVFA directors and appointees of the State Fire Chiefs Association, to put together a working group, to start the conversation of this statewide issue. I hope good things will come from this and we will be able find a path forward.

The 2020 DVFA committees have been assigned by the 2020 Presidents and will be distributed at the conference. We decided to change some committees by adding a few and separating the technology and website committees, along with forming a Junior member/cadet

committee. We also reinstated the DVFA cruise by request. We are also changing the name of the Health and Safety committee to Health and Wellness. We hope this will eliminate any confusion between the Life Safety Committee (fire prevention) versus this committee and gives a more clear description of the intent. I am eager to see great accomplishments from these committees and working groups.

Lastly, I would to thank all my fellow officers, whom have showed their support and friendship. I have been lucky to serve with these individuals to create a common bond and work toward a common goal. I also want to thank all my family and friends that have supported me these past few years, with an understanding of my absence. Surely, I will be remiss if I did not thank you, the members of this great association for allowing me to serve you as your 1st Vice President. I look forward to serving you in the role of DVFA President going into 2020. This is a great honor that I do not take lightly. I guarantee, I will always put forth my best effort for the good of the association. I hope you all have wonderful conference.

Thank you for giving me this opportunity to serve you.

Norman "Jay" Jones Jr.