



DVFA OFFICER'S MEETING November 23, 2009 Clayton Fire Company

President Kevin L. Wilson called the November DVFA Officer's Meeting to order at 1829 Hrs at the William R. Carrow Memorial Hall of the Clayton Fire Co., and welcomed all who were present. DVFA Public Relations Consultant David L. Bonar offered the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag led by DVFA PP Ronald H. Marvel.

Attendance:

President Kevin L. Wilson
First Vice President William F. Tobin, Jr
Second Vice President Charles W. Frampton, Jr.
Executive Secretary James L. Cabbage, Jr.
Director Ronald H. Marvel, PP
Director Les McCourt
Director Charles Boyer
Director Rich Toulson
Director David Snell
Director Biff Lee

LADVFA President Lorraine Madden
DSFCA President Mike Rains
DSAA President P.J. Gosch
DSFPA President Charles Walls
DVFA Public Relations David Bonar
DVFA R&R Coordinator Jill Graham

President Wilson then recessed the meeting for dinner at 1832 Hrs. After Dinner President Wilson thanked the Ladies of the Clayton Fire Co. Ladies Auxiliary for the delicious meal.

The Meeting was reconvened at 1855 Hrs.

President Wilson then called on the following members and guests for reports and remarks:

LADVFA: President Lorraine Madden brought greetings from the LADVFA and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

DSFCA President Mike Rains brought greetings from the State Fire Chief's Association and advised that the State Chiefs would be meeting with the DVFA Health & Safety Committee to look at possible programs and initiatives.

DSFPA President Charles Walls advised that they are still in the process of issuing new ID Cards for the State Fire Police.

DSAA President P.J. Gosch brought greetings from the State Ambulance Association and advised that two additional H1N1 Flu Clinics had been added to the schedule. The Association is looking to revise their by-laws. She advised that the planning for the 2010 Conference CEU Classes is progressing; they are looking at adding another weekend class and possibly two night classes. They are going to have a mock trial. She also discussed the linen policy changes for Kent General Hospital.

President Kevin L. Wilson reported on the following items:

Meeting with Governor Markell Advised that the Chair Officer's will be meeting with Governor Markell tomorrow morning to discuss financial and other issues of concerns To the Delaware Fire Service

Meeting with Director of Public Health Reported that on November 16, 2009 the Chair Officers meet with Dr. Karyl Rattay, Director of Public Health and discussed several issues with her and her staff including H1N1 Flu Shots, DIMES System Funding and the Beta testing and system roll out in the spring, and other Office of EMS Issues.

Governmental Affairs Stated that he has appointed 1st Vice President Tobin, Chairman Governmental Affairs Committee to review and recommend the current relationship with the DVFA, Member Companies and the Legislature. There are five members from each county along with the DVFA Chair Officers. Their first meeting of the committee was on Wednesday, August 26th at Little Creek, next meeting was on Monday, September 14th at 7:00 PM at the Dover Sheraton, with the President Jones making a preliminary report of the committee to the membership at the Annual Conference Meeting. The third meeting was held on Monday, October 26th at Little Creek.

Recruitment & Retention Advised that under the SAFER Grant that the DVFA hired a part-time Recruitment Coordinator, He then introduced Jill Graham; many are familiar with Jill as she is the ESC coordinator in New Castle County. He is confident that she will do a great job and welcomed her to the Fire Service Team

Fire Service Training for Legislators Complimented Chief Sean Christensen and the Members of the Dover Fire Department who held a training opportunity for members of the General Assembly on Saturday, November 7, 2009 to observe, participate if they choose in several training scenarios' at the DSFS to give them a better understanding Of the time commitment our members put into training.

H1N1 Flu Shots Thanked DSAA President PJ Gosch for taking the lead thru the Office of EMS for coordinating the scheduling and locations of clinics where the shots have

been or are going to be given. A great job to serve our EMS personnel and first responders.

Homeland Security Reminded everyone to be on alert during the upcoming Holiday Season for IED's and other related terror issues at mass gatherings, malls, shopping centers and transportation systems. Be aware of secondary devices after the initial incident which could be activated upon your arrival

Conference Re-organization Committee Stated that he had appointed a Conference Re-Organization Committee to look at all aspects of the Conference. The committee has meet once and is requesting your comments and input.

Pension Update The State Pension Office is implementing a new electronic way of submitting our annual billing information. Company contacts need to be submitted to the Pension Office before training can take place. Training dates have been scheduled.

Trauma System Update

The hospitals in the state are going through their three year review of the entire Trauma System. Delaware has received very high marks in the Aero Med and ALS/BLS systems. Since 1999 we have been able to reduce deaths from trauma by 3% per year which equates to over 70 additional lives saved because of the system. What we are doing in does make a difference. If you see Dr. Glen Tinkoff of Christiana Hospital, Chairman of the Statewide Trauma System, thank him for his support of the BLS service and one of our strongest advocates on the DEMSOC Committee.

Secretary Schilliro is looking for a funding source for the EMS System and the impact of further cuts of lack of funding to support the entire system. The DVFA will be working with Secretary Schilliro and the DEMSOC Committee.

911 System

The State is looking at the total 911 system and how that the system will look and perform in the future. 70% of all 911 calls are via cell and this has changed the way the centers operate.

DVFA Executive Committee Review Ad Hoc Committee President Wilson stated he is appointing the following committee you look at all aspects of the Executive Committee Meeting and make recommendations for changes, additions or deletions to the present meetings format:

DVFA PP Ronald H. Marvel, Chair, Sta. #87

DVFA PP Alan F. Robinson, Sta. #44

DVFA PP Kennard L. Pyle, Sta. # 4 & 24

DVFA Director Les McCourt, Sta. # 2 & 21

DVFA Director Charles Boyer, Sta. #46

DVFA Director Rich Toulson, Sta. #87

DVFA Executive Committee Registration Committee President Wilson advised that he is appointing a Registration Committee for each Executive Committee Meeting to register the voting members of each company. Thereby encouraging Member Companies to choose members that will represent them at the Executive Committee Meetings who can vote and carry back to their companies the important business of this Association.

DVFA Director Charles Boyer, Chairman, Sta. #46
DVFA Sgt. at Arms, Domenic Messina, Sta. #80
DVFA Sgt. at Arms, Tony Guzzo, Sta. #19

First Vice President William F. Tobin, Jr. Reported on the following items:

DVFA Web Page Advised he has not had a committee meeting, but one will be Scheduled for the first of the year. He advised if you see errors or something you Would like posted, to please contact him.

President's Handbook Reported that the preliminary draft of the President's Handbook is almost complete. He and PP Robinson are finalizing the last several sections and should be completed soon.

Governmental Affairs Stated that here are five members from each county along with the DVFA Chair Officers. There have been three meetings of the committee and the Committee is preparing guidelines for each company to utilize with "Talking Points" as you set up meeting with your elected officials. The Committee is requesting by December 1, 2009 a contact person in your company for each Member of the General Assembly and a proposed date of your meeting with your legislators. To date only 11 companies have responded.

Second Vice President Charles W. Frampton, Jr. Reported that he is still requesting the Fire Company contacts for the Voter Registration Committee. They have set three training dates:

January 13, 2010 – NCC – Minquas
January 20, 2010 – Sussex – Millsboro
January 27, 2010 – Kent – TBD

Treasurer J. Allen Metheny, Sr was excused. Executive Secretary Cubbage reported that the NVFC had worked along with the other major fire service groups for the re-authorization of AFG & SAFER Grant programs.

Federal Legislative Issues DVFA PP Stephen P. Austin was excused. Executive Secretary Cabbage reported that Congressman Mike Castle will be holding a Press Conference on Monday, November 30th at Christiana Hospital to discuss safe driving during the Holidays and his National Graduated Drivers License Bill. He has requested President Wilson and members of the Fire Service to attend. Further he stated we have been contacted by the Fire Equipment and Apparatus Manufactures Assoc to contact Vice President Biden and request his support in an effort to restore funds to the AFG grant. The grant was cut 70% or \$170 Million.

DVFA Foundation Executive Secretary Cabbage reported for Chairman Stephen P. Austin r that the Foundation met on Monday, October 19, 2009 at the Kent County EOC. The next meeting will be December 7, 2010. All are Welcome.

He was happy to announce that the DVFA Foundation has been advised that is a successful grant recipient from the Mid-Del Foundation (Harrington Raceway and Casino). We do not know the amount; we will be receiving the check on December 16th.

President Wilson also advised that the DVFA received a \$1,000 grant from the Wachovia Bank and it was presented the DVFA Foundation for Scholarship's

Recruitment & Retention Coordinator Jill Graham Thanked the DVFA for the opportunity to serve. She advised she has created at data base to track the 1-800-Fire Line calls, send them to the proper fire companies and check back on the status of the applicants. She has also created a data base of the fire company procedures and requirements for membership to give to perspective applicants. She is working on the first edition of a News Letter outlining R & R activities along with a tracking program for volunteer hours donated to the fire companies. She is also preparing Outreach Brochures and is collecting a volunteer survey that is being given to all Basic Fire Classes at the DSFS. And finally she is preparing the hand outs and materials that each company will be able to personalize. Hopes to have samples at the Executive Committee Meeting on December 13th.

Public Relations Consultant Dave Bonar commented on the excellent media coverage or the Wake Up Delaware program along with Change you Clock, Change your Battery. Advised that Fire Corp ads were again placed in 13 Weekly Newspaper throughout Delaware. And that he had prepared Press Releases on Halloween Fire Safety and is preparing a press Release on Holiday Fire Safety.

General Assembly Rep. Biff Lee stated that the House Minority Party was to meet with Governor Markell after the first of the year and that he saw the upcoming year as a very difficult financial year with the reports that have come from DEFAC and with closing of the Valero Refinery.

DVFA Office Executive Secretary Cabbage reported on the following:

NHSTA Review Advised the review of the Delaware EMS System which takes place Every 3 to 5 years is again being scheduled for early December. The committee from The EMS Office may be calling on specific persons to assist in presentations. The DVFA Representative on the planning committee is Allen Metheny.

Comm. To Study EMS/Rescue Billing: Reported that the Committee acting on behalf Of the State Insurance Commissioner have meet twice and the Sub Committees have met once. They are looking at the Legal, Coverage/Contractual, and Tax Trends across the Country and will prepare a white paper for the Insurance Commissioner. The fire service has at least two representatives from each county on the committee.

DVFA Name Change: Advised that the name change has been formally changed with The Secretary of State's Office, The Logo has been changed, as has the DVFA Letter-Head and the Web Page. Business Cards are being replaced as needed. Other Changes are being looked at and the prices of those changes are being evaluated.

Constant Contact E-mail System: Reported that the DVFA is exploring a new robust E-mail system that will be able to better keep our members informed on several types of Issues relating to the Delaware Fire Service. Sections may be General News, Breaking News, Legislative Updates and Call to Action Requests. This system, cost, easy of Use and other parameters are being analyzed and if approved should roll out by mid January 2010.

Color Copier Stated that the copier that we utilize at the Conference is color copier That is four years old and has not been working properly. We use color copies when We are preparing presentations for the Governor, Cabinet Secretaries, etc. Requested Permission to purchase new color copier with supplies for approx \$600.

Motion by 1st Vice President Tobin, seconded by Director Boyer to Purchase a new color copier. Motion Carried.

Comments by Officers or Visitors:

LADVFA President Madden again wished everyone a "Happy Thanksgiving" as did President Wilson.

CLOSING COMMENTS

President Wilson Thanked everyone for their attendance and their continued participation in the Delaware Fire Service.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business to claim the attention of the officers:

Motion by Director Snell, seconded by Director Toulson that we adjourn. Motion Carried.

Meeting Adjourned at 2019 Hrs.

Respectfully submitted,
James L. Cabbage, Jr.
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Executive Secretary