

MEMORANDUM

To: Delaware Volunteer Fire Fighters Association

From: Jay Jones, 1st Vice President, DVFA

Date: May 29, 2019

RE: 3rd Quarter 2019 – 1st Vice President Report

For the 3rd quarter of 2019, I have been quite busy attending 42 events, over 123 hours of service and traveling 5,872 miles.

I had the opportunity to attend the FDIC Conference in Indianapolis, Indiana and CFSI Conference in Washington, DC. Both events had wonderful seminars and classes that I was able to attend.

The bulk of my time and travel this quarter has been to Legislative Hall in Dover. I have been working on trying to secure funding and find additional funding for the fire service. I have also been working with the legislature on bills such as Cancer Presumption Legislation, which will be covering not only Cancer, but PTSD and cardiac issues as well. We also look forward to a resolution being put forth by the House of Representatives and the Senate for a Task Force for recruitment and retention of the volunteer fire service.

I've also been in close contact with the State EMS Association in their endeavors to lobby for the current optional drug list for BLS ambulances to be moved to a mandatory list. Which would ensure a standardize care statewide to the citizens of our state. A lot of work has been put into this. Especially with the information of how Safe Harbor affects us.

I'm still working with the State of Maryland Fire Service. It looks like there has been great progress for them joining the BLS states compact in 2020, and to my understanding the state of Pennsylvania as well.

I've lined up wonderful seminars for this year's conference in September. Along with our normal Pension and Financial Seminars. We are adding topics with a panel discussion on combination fire departments. A seminar on equality versus equity and PTSD. Along with hearing from our State Auditor. I'm still working to line up seminars for Cancer in the fire service and an Active Shooter class. I look forward to a wonderful conference this year.

Lastly, the 2020 Officers and I will be assigning committees in August. I encourage everyone to sign up to work on a committee this year. We, as a whole, make up this great association. We are only as strong as our working members. I need your help and input to make this association stronger and take us to a new level. When it comes down to where the rubber meets the road, we are neighbors helping neighbors, just ordinary people doing extraordinary things to meet our community's needs.

Thank you for giving me this opportunity to serve you.

Norman "Jay" Jones Jr.