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DVFA Officer's Meeting August 29, 2011 **Memorial Fire Company**

Welcome by President Tobin

LADVFA, President Janice Marvel: President Marvel thanked everyone for the support she received this year and stated "it was a pleasure to work with you, during my term."

DSFCA, Ron Marvel reported for President Butler and said all conference items are ready to go and Lloyd Ayres of the Philadelphia Fire Department with the guest speaker at the Chiefs Meeting.

DSFPA, President Ken Tull reported on the success from them working the state fair and the plans were going good for the upcoming 75th Anniversary. He looked forward to the Conference and thanked the DVFA for their support.

DSEMSA, President Robert Jones reported that all was ready for the upcoming conference. He also thanked everyone for their support during his recent stay in the hospital.

President: Bill Tobin covered the voting for the DVFA Secretary at the conference. He also appointed Richard Perillo as an Assistant to the Treasurer. He also discussed recent phone conversations with the company proposing Keno for the State of Delaware. President Tobin then personally thanked everyone in attendance for their support of the DVFA during his term. President Tobin also suggested the DVFA go back and look at the changes they made to the conference. He felt some items need to be reestablished.

1st Vice President: Charles Frampton, no report

2nd Vice President: Charles Boyer, no report



Treasurer: Allen Metheny discussed the DTI issues with relationship to credentialing and response management. He advised that each county has to select two fire officers to work with DTI, to test the system. He also commented that this was a good year communications wise and liked the more involvement from all the officers

Delaware State Fire Prevention Commission Chairman: Dave Roberts spoke about the recent Burn Camp and how a success it was. He also reported about the BLS protocol meeting and how some of the members distributed the protocols out to the EMS community before they had been finalized with OEMS. He then said they are still not finalized. He thanked the DVFA for the fine working relationship he has enjoyed during his term as Chairman.

Conference Chairman: Elmer Steele brought all the officers up to date on conference participation and upcoming conference events. He stated that because of poor attendance that they may have to cancel some of the training and educational classes. He echoed President Tobin's remarks on his feelings that some of the changes were not working. The officers also discussed with Elmer the items in the Opening Ceremony that need to be streamlined, most notably, the scholarships.

Director Ron Marvel also addressed his feeling on the changes to the conference and how things like Meet Your Host and the Dance need to be revisited.

Director Richard Toulson thank the offices and expressed how he has enjoyed working with everyone this year and looks forward to the next few years, as well.

Director Joe Zeroles thanked President Tobin for his open administration and his inclusion of the Directors on all issues.

Director Les McCourt also commented on the conference changes mainly the canceling of the Meet Your Host event. He also enjoyed working with the officers this year.

Director Robert Sutton stated that this year has been and enlightening experience, especially working with the Government Affairs Committee and the JFC and he has also enjoyed working with everyone.

SCVFA 1st VP Bill Buckaloo, sitting in for President Mitchell, thanked the President and the officers for his learning experience.

Executive Manager: Warren Jones reported on the plans for the upcoming 9/11 Memorial Service and Stair Climb. He next handed out a sample of the DVFA News Letter that will be started after the conference. He reported on a class at the Delaware Weekend at the National Fire Academy, "Politics and the White Helmet." He suggested it appears to be a good class and said if anyone was interested to contact him and he will make the reservations.

EM Jones next reported on the Insurance Committee and their meetings with the insurance office. He talked about Zip Plus 4 and how this may be the answer to our issues of identifying the proper location of a residence. He also spoke about the June 2010 change to Title 18 of the insurance code, how it effects every fire company and how there seems to be a difference between how the insurance department wants to compile the information and how the statute is written. This discussion led to a motion:

Motion by Director Sutton, Second by Director Marvel, that all data required in the Title 18 change be transmitted to the DVFA office and then the DVFA Office will forward it to the Insurance Office.

Motion passed, unanimously.

Next, EM Jones discussed the Opening Ceremony at the conference with reference to reserve seating and the general program. He also handed out the current attendance stats for the conference.

In attendance: President Tobin, Vice Presidents, Frampton and Boyer, Directors Marvel, Toulson, Sutton, Zeroles, and McCourt, SCVFA 1st VP Buckaloo, State Association Presidents Marvel, Jones, Tull, Commission Chairman Roberts, Richard Perillo, Elmer Steele and Ted Wallius

Meeting was adjourned at 2115 hours.