



## **DVFA OFFICER'S SPECIAL MEETING**

### **April 7, 2010**

### **Clayton Fire Company**

President Kevin L. Wilson called a Special DVFA Officer's Meeting to order at 1914 Hrs at the William R. "Ace" Carrow Memorial Hall of the Clayton Fire Co., No. 1, Inc and welcomed all who were present. DVFA Treasurer J. Allen Metheny, Sr. offered the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag led by DVFA President Wilson.

#### **Attendance:**

President Kevin L. Wilson  
First Vice President William F. Tobin, Jr  
Second Vice President Charles W. Frampton, Jr.  
Treasurer J. Allen Metheny, Sr.  
Executive Secretary James L. Cabbage, Jr.  
Director Ronald H. Marvel, PP  
Director Les McCourt  
Director Charles Boyer  
Director Richard Toulson  
Director Biff Lee  
NCCVFA 1<sup>st</sup> VP Bob Sutton

President Wilson advised this meeting was called to discuss the reductions in the Calendar Year Insurance Premium Taxes both Fire and Health Care for Ambulance Service. He advised that even though we had been advised last year that there could be a reduction he was devastated at the total amount.

Executive Cabbage advised that we received that following figures from the State Treasurer's Office on Monday, April 5, 2010. He has prepared the following to show the reduction in premiums:

**Fire Company Insurance Premiums**  
**Calendar Year 2009 Distributions**

WILMINGTON (Pension Fund)	3,788,095.49	Increase	16,546.00	0.44%
New Castle (Per Company)	418,311.68	Decrease	39,893.68	-9.54%
Kent (Per Company)	204,536.65	Decrease	10,223.71	-5.00%
Sussex (Per Company)	259,762.33	Decrease	3,070.15	-1.18%

**Ambulance Insurance Premiums**  
**Calendar Year 2009 Distributions**

Statewide (Per Company)	41,450.77	Decrease	13,157.37	-24.09%
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New Castle	1,114,073.30	Total Loss	Loss per company	53,051.11
Kent	420,859.44	Total Loss	Loss per company	23,381.08
Sussex	340,777.92	Total Loss	Loss per company	16,227.52

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**Total Statewide Loss \$1,875,710.60**

Many issues and possible solutions were discussed by the DVFA Officers, after a lengthy discussion the following Action Plan was approved.

**Insurance Premium Action Plan**

- Establish a meeting with Governor Markell & Lt. Governor Denn to discuss the reduction of Premium Taxes and possible supplemental funding

- Letter to Insurance Commissioner Stewart concerning our extreme displeasure and lack of confidence in not being notified of the Insurance Premiums prior to distribution as was agreed with her in our previous meeting on July 8, 2009
- Set up a meeting with Insurance Commissioner Stewart & her staff to discuss the status of the Audits of the selected Insurance Companies and an explanation of what trends caused the reduction of premiums
- Letter to the State/County Fire Services Affairs Committee advising of the issue and requesting a meeting to discuss possible funding solutions
- Set up a meeting with State Auditor Wagner to review and assist in his Annual Report on the cost to replace the Volunteer Fire & Ambulance Service in Delaware. Cost estimate in 2009 was \$205,289,575
- Continue an aggressive DVFA Governmental Affairs Comm. campaign to meet with the Legislators and share the power point presentation & educate them in regards to our financial concerns
- Imperative to have the DVFA Governmental Affairs Comm. coordinate trips to Leg Hall from member companies to visit with their Legislators from April 20<sup>th</sup> till June 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Aggressively continue to work with the Governor & Legislature to explore dedicated funding sources for the Fire Service, not just a supplemental appropriation, but a long term dedicated source of funds.
- Look at re-establishing a Task Force to explore the rising cost of providing EMS Service including the fire service, county and state elected officials, and other interested parties

**CLOSING COMMENTS:**

President Wilson thanked everyone for their attendance on short notice and requested that all of the Officers help share the Action Plan to the members of the Delaware Fire Service.

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

***Motion by Director Toulson, seconded by Director Boyer that we adjourn. Motion Carried.***

Benediction offered by Treasurer Metheny.

Meeting Adjourned at 2031 Hrs.

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