

## **Delaware Volunteer Firemen's Association Officer's Meeting**

**June 1, 1999**

**President Vincent convened the meeting at 6:40 P. M. The Secretary offered the invocation. The meeting was recessed for dinner.**

**The following officers were present: President, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Presidents, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, P. P. Knight, Directors, Lakey, O'Neal, Callaway, Suppe, Sharp and Marvel. Anne Emerson, Chair, Mutual Relief, Norman Tate, Conference 99 Chair, Carrolton Carey, Chair, State Fire Prevention Commission, Eileen Doyle, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice LADVFA and Ted Doyle were also in attendance. Treasurer Metheny, President Workman and 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Mast, LADVFA were not present.**

**President Vincent first recognized the LADVFA representative Eileen Doyle, reconvened the meeting at 7:25 P.M. Mrs. Doyle thanked the DVFA on behalf of LADVFA for their continued support.**

**Mutual Relief Chair Anne Emerson, reported on the extended coverage provided by Provident Insurance. The rider to the policy declaration is to be provided later. The separate Life Insurance policy addressed by Harry Warner, Mutual Relief Advisory Committee appears to have been dealt with on an individual Fire Company basis. Mutual Relief before the Mutual Relief Conference meeting will host a short workshop.**

**Director Suppe reported on the Insurance rebate issue. They are waiting for potential meeting dates from the Insurance Commissioner. The County Presidents and President Vincent will attend the meeting.**

**Norman Tate, Conference 99 Chair, reported that all forms and packets have been distributed. These forms are due back by July 15, 1999. The tee-off time at Maple Dale Country Club has been changed to 9:00 A. M. All tickets are to be distributed at County meetings. These include four tickets each for men and women for the boat trip. Ten buses have been secured for transportation to the Ferry. Parade registration forms are likewise due on July 15<sup>with</sup> demerits being awarded beginning July 16. Late registrations will be placed after the out of state units with no exceptions. Souvenirs are now on sale. He explained the division of tickets for the Ferry trip.**

**Director Marvel inquired as to the status of the 800mHz-radio system, coverage issues and recommendations. The State and Motorola have met. The State has hired a contractor to review contract and coverage.**

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**The Association's position is and remains that the radio system needs to be fixed with no blame being attributed to any of the parties involved.**

**Past President Knight reported on the monument dedication scheduled for 1:00 P. M., Sunday, June 13, 1999. Chairman Clendaniel is checking on the railings. Balance of the invitations is to be mailed tomorrow. There will be two floral memorial presentations. One from the LADVFA and the latter from this Association.**

**Director Callaway suggested that the Association purchase golf shirts with the DVFA logo to be provided to the volunteers that supported the CFSI Dinner and Delaware night at FDIC. It was regularly moved by Director O'Neal and seconded by Director Sharp that the DVFA purchase these shirts and presentations to the volunteers be made at an appropriate time. Motion carried.**

**Fire Prevention Commission Chairman Carey thanked the DVFA for their support of the EMS improvement report and periods.**

**Past President Rogers reported on the Executive Secretary job description and announcement. Salaries, benefits, travel options, office space, clerical support were discussed. In the event the information is accepted, a two-year contract should be developed with an annual update should be signed by the employee and Association. When the document is completed, the information will be provided to the Secretary.**

**Discussion ensued on the payment of the Special Assessment with no action taken.**

**It was reported that Mellon Bank will be present at the Executive Committee meeting. The purpose for this attendance will be to present to the President a \$10,000.00 check for use by the Conference Committee.**

**The Secretary reported that he had received a copy of the Association Charter. Copies provided to the Parliamentarians and Officers. Warren Jones, Chair of the Constitution and By-Laws committee has received a copy. Dues and Assessments will be mailed to the Fire Company Presidents on July 1. An invitation has been received for the elected table Officers to attend the State Fire Chiefs Conference meeting.**

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**Vice President Cabbage reported on the following:**

- **trip to Alabama for the dedication of the rebuilt Concord Fire Station;**
- **a relief fund for the Oklahoma Fire Service devastated by the Tornado by DVFA and members should support this effort;**
- **Firefighter recognition day at Legislation Hall was a success; he thanked Vice President Austin for coordinating the NIST demonstration;**
- **Requested that someone replace as one of the judges for the MSVFA Fire Prevention pageant, Jasper Lakey agreed to assume this responsibility;**
- **Commented on the funds being distributed for Fire Prevention and training and offered a recommendation that the DVFA consider the establishment of a Foundation to include Fire Prevention and educational scholarships; The Association attorney should research this endeavor and provide a report to the Officers at a later date.**
- **There are currently thirteen days left in the current legislative session. Discussion was held as to whom would be in Legislative Hall for the balance of the session.**

**Vice President Austin commented on the following:**

- **Establishment of a reciprocity of non-billing for Firefighters, Auxiliary members and their families for Ambulance Service use; this concept has been referred to the Ambulance Service Committee with a recommendation for a specific code be established to identify the aforementioned members.**
- **The DVFA is receiving pressure to support the current Seat Belt Bill, H. B. 88. It is currently in the Senate Judiciary Committee. It was regularly moved by Director Suppe and seconded by Director O'Neal that the DVFA support this legislation. Motion carried.**
- **Maryland Conference convenes at 0830 Hrs., Monday June 14, 1999. The Officers should be present for the recognition of guests and the Memorial service.**

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- **NFPA Standards Council appointed the following members to Committees**

**Volunteer Deployment Committee - Ken McMahon**

**Motor Racing - Ed Klima**

**EMS Committee - Mike Vincent - recommended**

**There is currently an opening on the Training Committee**

**President Vincent has been elected to the Fire Service Section for a two-year term.**

- **He appointed the following Conference Site Study Committee: Mike Vincent, Chair, Norman Tate, A. I. Guessford, J. William Bell, Marvin Sharp and Frank King. LADVFA to provide three representatives to this Committee.**
- **He met with Senators Roth and Biden concerning anti-terrorism. The grant is currently on hold at Department of Justice due to concerns over members in Congress determining if their jurisdictions are in the program. There will be an opportunity to train at the military's Chem/Bio Training Center at Fort McClellan, AI.**

**Vice-President Cabbage suggested that miniature monuments be developed and offered for sale to defray the costs of preserving the monument and support the educational foundation as previously discussed.**

**President Vincent reported on the following issues:**

- **The DVFA is actively supporting and working with the bill sponsor on the education bill; there may be additional amendments or a new bill could be introduced.**
- **The Tax credit bill is still in Committee; the Association is supporting the \$1,000.00 tax credit.**

**Y2K - Mike Hojnicki and the 3 County Chiefs Association are currently working on this. Each Company received information, checklists and a recommended local FD policy/guidelines. It was recommended that Business owners be available to respond to their occupancies over the New Years holiday weekend.**

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- **The Oklahoma relief effort will be emphasized at the next Executive Committee meeting.**
- **The Association is encouraging County Association and Companies to purchase a brick at the Fallen Fire fighter memorial. The concept is to have all Delaware bricks located together.**
- **EMS training issues: The Commission is considering grandfathering all Ambulance Attendants who do not upgrade to EMT-B as First Responders. The First Responder will have to have twelve hours of training every two years.**
- **EMS Service Improvement Report has been completed and submitted to the Governor. The full report has been duplicated and distributed to Fire Company presidents for their review and submittal of comments and concerns to DVFA no later than June 13, 1999. The Governor intends to introduce and actively work to see the legislation pass as presented.**

**There was discussion on response periods and definition of urban, suburban and rural areas. It was suggested that a retention program be developed and implemented for EMT-B's.**

**There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:12 P. M.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**James E. Turner, III  
Secretary**