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2011 DVFA CONFERENCE
17TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE
91TH ANNUAL CONVENTION
1100 Hrs Thursday, September 15, 2011
Dover Sheraton Hotel

ORDER OF BUSINESS

President William F. Tobin, Jr. Called the Conference Business Session to order at 11:10 am.

Invocation offered by Pastor Bob Hudson

Pledge of Allegiance led by Clarence Schwatka PP

Conference Appointments by President Tobin

- **Credentials:** Robert Sutton, 17, Glen Gillespie, 42, and Dan Mitchell, 86
- **Sergeant at Arms:** Joseph Zeroles, 47; John Pridemore, 45; Dominic Messina, 80; Edward Schaffer, 82; Anthony Guzzo, 19; Jack Clendaniel, 11
- **Committee to visit LADVFA Meeting:** Marvin C. Sharp, 42; New Castle County and John E. Bare, Sr., 76
- **Parliamentarians:** Frank King, 51; Joseph W. Hojnicky, Sr., 22; Norman Batchelor, 83

CONFERENCE GROUND RULES AND CONDUCT

No Hats, all Cell Phones and Pagers to be turned off or placed in the silent mode. In order to speak, rise and be recognized by the Chair. Prior to addressing the Conference, state your name and the fire company you are representing.

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS

Executive Manager Warren Jones read the following communications:

*Letter supporting Robert Sutton for Secretary from Five Points Fire Company
Letter supporting Richard Toulson for 2nd Vice Pres. From the Seaford Fire Company
Letter supporting Charles Frampton as President from the Brandywine Hundred Fire Co.
Letter supporting Charles Boyer as 1st Vice President from the Dover Fire Dept.
Letter supporting Allen Metheny for Treasurer from the Hartly Fire Company
Letter from Dewitt Pererkin II asking to help us with our fund raising
Letter from the Mutual Relief Assoc. advising the Joe Zeroles term will be expiring
Letter from the KCVFA supporting Allen Metheny for Treasurer
Letter from Chief Patrick of the Wilmington Fire Department with ref. to his NCCVFA dues
Letter from NCCVFA with reference to the Wilmington Fire Department dues
Letter from the NFFF with reference of the "Taking care of our Own" program
Letter from Volunteer Hose Company asking to add their boat to the list for Grant in Aid funding.
Letter from the Cranston Heights Fire Company support Robert Sutton for Secretary
Card from LADVFA President Janice Marvel, thanking everyone for the support during the loss of her father
Letter from Wilmington Manor Fire Company with reference to a change of alternate
Letter from LADVFA PPS Shirley Joseph for the flowers*

REPORT OF OFFICERS

President William F. Tobin: *reported his report was submitted in electric form. He stated he tried to be open and inform all officers and directors and keep everyone in the loop. He felt it was his fiscal responsibility to make an adjustment, and he recommends to reduce the dues by 500.00 per company. President Tobin then appointed Richard Perillo as Assistant Treasurer for the next 3 years as a trial and if proved to be successful, then it would become an elected position and would be reflected by the bylaws. He also discussed the insurance committee has been working with the insurance office.*

First Vice President Charles Frampton: *Submitted his report in written form. He then appointed Ken McMahon as Alternate for the NVFC.*

Second Vice President Charles Boyer: *Submitted his report in written form.*

Treasurer: J. Allen Metheny, Sr.: *Fellow Officers, Delegates, Alternates, Members and Guests, It gives me great pleasure to present the attached Treasurer's Report for the period June 9, 2011 through September 9, 2011. This report includes both the DVFA Operations and Conference Accounts. Since the last meeting, I prepared the financial records of the Association for audit by our CPA firm. Everything went well with the audit. The Chairman of the Audit Committee will give his report later in the meeting. I also met with the DVFA Board of Directors and Budget Committee to develop the operating budget for fiscal year 2012, which will be presented for approval today. If anyone has any questions, please see me. I look forward to serving as your Treasurer for the coming year. Thanks for your support in the past and I trust I can count on your support for the future.*

Executive Manager Warren Jones: *introduced the new owners of the Delaware Fire Service News, Frank Grotta and Tim Edwards. Reported on the new DVFA Office Newsletter to improve communications, which would be coming out soon, and reminded everyone to forward their email addresses. He then stated he and the DVFA Officers will be holding meetings with the individual companies. He reviewed the National Fire Academy Class, "Politics and the White Helmet".*

Warren then stated he has been asked repeatedly for a copy of the video presented during the opening ceremonies; however he is unable to provide one due to copy write laws. He then thanked Tom Mitten for all his help with compiling the DVD.

Motion: to accept officer's reports by Larry Mergenthaler, seconded by Jasper Lakey, Motion passed.

REPORTS OF AFFILIATED ASSOCIATIONS

Introduction of Guests by DVFA PP Stephen P. Austin

Gary Allred President VA State Firefighters Association
Steve Heefner Home Office Manager Cumberland Valley Volunteer Firemen's Association
Rich Toulson 3rd VP Cumberland Valley Volunteer Firemen's Association
Ted Walius President DELMARVA Volunteer Firemen's Association
David Lewis President MD State Firemen's Association (Luncheon)
Glen Thomas President Firemen's Association State of PA (Chiefs Meeting)

DVFA Foundation Stephen Austin - Scholarship thanked everyone who makes donations for scholarships. Meetings are held twice a year next meeting will be October 24, at the DVFA Office.

Delaware State Fire Prevention Commission Chairman Dave Roberts: recognized the Commissioner's that were present. He thanked Kevin Wilson for his service. Thanked companies who provided audits on time. Some extensions have been denied. He also thanked the companies that support the Delaware Burn Camp and camp Barnes. 13 Children participated this year. He then congratulated Bill on his year.

Delaware State Fire Marshal Grover P. Ingle:

- Participated in the 3rd annual Burn Camp at Camp Barnes during the week of August 15-20, 2011.
- In the process of filling the vacant Assistant State Fire Marshal and Administrative Specialist I position.
- The OSFM continues to follow the Residential Sprinkler adoption process by the Building Official's and the Home Builders Association action on the same. New Castle county Council has passed a resolution asking this to be a statewide imitative handled through the Office of the State Fire Marshal.
- FY 2013 Budget – The Office of the State Fire Marshal is preparing the FY 2013 budget and will be seeking to maintain our current level of funding with a minimal increase. The public budget hearing is scheduled for November 14, 2011 at 13:00 in the Tatnall Building.
- Annual Report is completed and has been distributed to the Commission, President's, Fire Chief's, Governor, the legislature and other associations, as well as being on our website.
- The State Fire Marshal continues to work with DNREC on the open burning regulation.
- Congratulations to you President Tobin on successful year and we look forward to working with Incoming President Frampton and his Officer's in the upcoming year.
- Congratulations to President Butler from the State Fire Chief's Association for a successful year and we also look forward to working with President Warrick and his Officer's in the upcoming year.

Respectfully submitted,
Grover P. Ingle, CFPS, CFI-II



State Fire Marshal

Delaware State Fire School Director Robert P. Newnan:

- Thanks to President of the DVFA and the table officers. Have enjoyed the working relationship over the past year and look forward to continuing this relationship.
- Thanks to the Fire School Advisory Committee for their support and input.
- Thanked the Executive Manager for his support and guidance.
- Thanked the State Fire Prevention Commission
- Thanked the Officers of the Emergency Services Providers who have supported and provided positive recommendations to staff and myself.
- Thanked the Staff of the Delaware State Fire School for their dedication and hard work, these employees are dedicated to providing the best possible training possible.

- *The past year has been continued improvements; however, it is important to continue to focus on the future and not the past. In the next year the Delaware State Fire School will make improvements to current programs, enhance out delivery of programs, and provide support and assistance to Emergency Services.*
- *Repairs to the Structural Building at the Dover Center are completed and the building should serve the fire service for 15 more years.*
- *The construction of the Sussex Division expansion*
- *Improvements to the Control Tower at Dover- Air System and windows*
- *New monitors at Dover to improve building directory*
- *Continue to update our Certification programs to the most current NFPA Standard.*
- *EMT's in Delaware continue to increase, currently 1391 certified with 1324 maintaining National Registry (67) EMR'S- Currently 1144*
- *Continue to update all programs and class offerings for 2012, added additional opportunities for Pro Board Certification- Driver Operator, Safety Officer and FO III, use of forms for online in-service training requests and registrations for classes.*
- *Online training for 8 hours of the EMT 24 Hour refresher- first day of program. (will be a fee)*
- *Add EMT CEU online training programs (will be a fee)*
- *By spring Firefighter test prep review program on-line (will be a fee)*
- *Accountability Boards at the props to reinforce the importance of fire-ground accountability*
- *Adding additional props for the Truck Company course- cutting and forcing props.*
- *Updating the SCBA repair shop at the Dover Center*
- *Fire Safety Trailers at the Divisions*
- *These continue to be difficult economic times, both for your company and the DSFS. The DSFS will continue to provide professional instruction and training at a minimum cost to emergency service personnel and their employers. Daily the staff takes the necessary steps to meet that requirement. At a time when businesses and governments are cutting services the DSFS is increasing program availability, adding new props and programs. I ask that when you are reviewing your budgets at training remains a high priority within your department and that you continue to support the DSFS.*

National Volunteer Firemen's Association Delegate: J. Allen Metheny, Sr.:

Fall board meeting later this month, some distressing news that two federal programs had been cut. The National Fire Corp program and the Cooperative Agreement program.

National Volunteer Firemen's Association Alternate: Ken McMahon: *thank you for the appointment*

Delaware State Fire Chief's Association President Doug Butler: *stated there will be a meeting tonight at Cheswold.*

Delaware State Fire Police Association Second Vice President John Hall: *is looking forward to a good year.*

Delaware State Ambulance Association President Bob Jones: *He thanked Mike McMichael John Adams and PJ for all their help and support.*

Mutual Relief Association Chairman Karl Walters: *It has been a pleasure this year- the next meeting will be today at 3pm.*

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Credentials Committee – Dan Mitchell, Chairman *reported there were 17 companies present from Sussex, 17 from Kent, and 20 from New Castle.*

Finance & Audit – George J. Pyott, Jr., Chairman *reported the committee met to prepare the budget for FY2012. General Operating would be 1.7 Million. Will need to be approved under new business.*

Life Safety Committee – Guy Hudson, Chairman thanked to table officers for their help in getting funding. We need to rebuild that amount back up. A packet went out to all counties and is also on the DVFA Website.

Insurance – Dan Burris stated we need to figure out how the insurance companies determine the location of the insurance written in each county. They are presently using zip codes. We are looking to mandate insurance carriers to use addresses.

Government Affairs Committee – Bob Sutton stated the members of the committee accomplished some of the goals the set out to do. They did a presentation to the JFC. He would like to acknowledge President Tobin, Biff Lee, Dennis P. Williams, Nancy Cook and Grover Ingle for their assistance, and Chief Bundeck for allowing the use of their halls for meetings.

Wake Up Delaware – Tom Mitten reported that this program was started 10 years ago in Jan, when we found out that we were awarded grant money. Each county has stepped up to the plate to keep this program going without depending on grant money.

Keno – Ron Marvel reported that the fire service were the ones that wanted Keno to stay in the state casino's because it could hurt Bingo. He discussed the new Keno issues and looked forward to future discussion concerning Keno and how it could affect the fire service.

NOMINATION OF OFFICERS

PRESIDENT – Charles Frampton: Nominated by President Richard Perillo Brandywine Hundred, seconded by Chief Thomas Finocchiaro.

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT – Charles Boyer: Nominated by David Carey, Second by Carlton Carey

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT – Richard Toulson: Nominated by PP Ronald Marvel, Second by Chief Mark O'Bier

SECRETARY – Robert Sutton: Nominated by Pres. Ed Kupetski, Seconded by; Chief Charles Hayes

TREASURER – J. Allen Metheny, Sr.: Nominated by PP Frank King, Hartly, seconded by Clarence Rod O'Neill, Hartly

DIRECTOR – Sussex County (3 Years): Ted Walius Nominated by President Pres. Jay Jones, 2nd by Chief Andy Jones

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None Pending

NEW BUSINESS

President Tobin requests a motion that the Acting Secretary (Executive Manager Jones) cast a ballot for all uncontested offices. Motion was passed and the Executive Manager cast a ballot for the offices.

President Tobin calls on George J. Pyott, Jr. of the Finance & Budget Committee for a motion to adopt the FY-2010 Budget.

Motion by George Pyott to accept the proposed FY 2012 Budget Seconded by Ray Stevens. Motion Carried

President Tobin appoints Joe Zeroles as the Mutual Relief Delegate from Kent County

President Tobin requests a motion from the floor to support the new dues structure he had mention in his report.

Motion by Jim Barlow to reduce the dues by 500.00 per company seconded by Brian Shaw, Motion carried

President Tobin called for any other new business from the floor.

Lou Amabili spoke on the changes to the conference and how he didn't find some of those changes in the best interest of the people who attend the conference. He specifically spoke about the Past President's Dinner, the Meet Your Host affair and the Dance. He felt we have cut out the affairs that mean a lot to the members and our younger members as well. He suggested that the cuts in the conference be revisited.

Motion by Ike Guessford to appoint a committee to revisit the changes for the conference, seconded by Bob Sweetman. Motion carried.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Treasurer J. Allen Metheny, Sr. submitted the following bills for payment.

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Memo</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
|-----------------------------------|---|---------------|
| U.S.TREASURY | MAY 11 PR TAXES | -1,456.41 |
| MELISSA KISER | O5-23-11 - 06-04-11 P/R | -1,195.97 |
| DVFA FOUNDATION | SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS 2011 | -19,000.00 |
| PASTOR BOB HUDSON-GAS CARD | GAS CARD | -503.95 |
| WILLIAM F. TOBIN, JR. | OFFICER EXP. REIMB | -3,000.00 |
| CHARLES FRAMPTON | OFFICER EXP. REIMB. | -1,500.00 |
| CHARLES BOYER | OFFICER EXP. REIMB. REIMB. FOR OFFICER | -1,500.00 |
| J. ALLEN METHENY | EXPENSES | -2,000.00 |
| HOUSTON FIRE CO. | R & R GRANT | -3,000.00 |
| LEWES FIRE DEPT. | R & R GRANT | -1,200.00 |
| MINQUADALE FIRE CO. | SAFER R & R GRANT | -4,000.00 |
| CLAYMONT FIRE CO. | SAFER R & R GRANT | -4,000.00 |
| CRANSTON HEIGHTS FIRE CO | R & R GRANT | -4,000.00 |
| BRANDYWINE FIRE CO. | R & R GRANT | -4,000.00 |
| LAUREL FIRE CO. | R & R GRANT | -4,000.00 |
| LITTLE CREEK FIRE CO. | R & R GRANT | -1,500.00 |
| ELLENDALE FIRE CO. | R & R GRANT | -1,479.00 |
| BOWERS FIRE CO. | R & R GRANT | -3,380.00 |
| CARLISLE FIRE CO. | R & R REIMB. | -2,625.00 |
| FIVE POINTS FIRE CO. | SAFER R & R GRANT | -1,208.00 |
| HOCKESSIN FIRE CO. | R & R GRANT | -608.00 |
| AT & T | JUNE '11 BILL | -24.50 |
| WILMINGTON TRUST CO. VISA | VISA PAYMENT | -1,768.22 |
| VERIZON | OFFICE PHONE COPIER SERVICE - INV. | -220.37 |
| CANNON FINANCIAL SERVICES | 11049561 | -259.51 |
| VERIZON | WARREN'S PHONE | -127.33 |
| M.R. KISER | CLEANING | -100.00 |
| MELISSA KISER | 06-06-11 - 06-17-11 P/R | -1,227.67 |
| CK. NO. 4097 THRU 4139 ALL VOIDED | VOIDED | |
| DAVID L. BONAR | SERVICE - APR - JUN 2011 | -1,500.00 |
| DIVISION OF REVENUE | P/R TAXES APR - JUN '11 | -735.36 |
| AETNA HOSE HOOK | FIRE PREV. REIMB. | -1,407.92 |
| BETHANY BEACH FIRE CO. | FIRE PREV. REIMB. | -1,107.05 |
| BRANDYWINE FIRE CO. | FIRE PREV. REIMB. | -1,043.54 |
| BRIDGEVILLE FIRE CO. | FIRE PREV. REIMB. | -3,425.33 |
| CARLISLE FIRE CO. | FIRE PREV. REIMB. | -1,885.45 |
| CHRISTIANA FIRE CO. | FIRE PREV. REIMB. | -4,898.79 |
| CITIZEN'S HOSE CO. | FIRE PREV. REIMB. | -1,234.53 |

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| CLAYMONT FIRE CO., INC. | FIRE PREV. REIMB. | -858.77 | |
| CRANSTON HEIGHTS FIRE CO | FIRE PREV. REIMB. | -559.72 | |
| DAGSBORO VOL. FIRE CO. | FIRE PREV. REIMB. | -385.28 | |
| DELAWARE CITY FIRE CO. | FIRE PREV. REIMB. | -1,921.64 | |
| DOVER FIRE DEPT. | FIRE PREV. REIMB. | -290.88 | |
| ELSMERE FIRE CO#1 | FIRE PREV. REIMB. | -1,152.66 | |
| FELTON COMMUNITY FIRE CO. | FIRE PREV. REIMB. | -1,095.30 | |
| FRANKFORD FIRE CO. | FIRE PREV. REIMB. | -847.24 | |
| GOODWILL FIRE CO | FIRE PREV. REIMB. | -4,883.10 | |
| HARTLY VOL FIRE CO. | FIRE PREV. REIMB. | -1,932.51 | |
| HOCKESSIN FIRE CO. | FIRE PREV. REIMB. | -1,015.89 | |
| HOLLOWAY TERRACE FIRE CO. | FIRE PREV. REIMB. | -295.06 | |
| HOUSTON FIRE CO. | | -913.59 | |
| KENT COUNTY FIREFIGHTER'S ASSN | FIRE PREV. REIMB. | -410.76 | |
| LAUREL FIRE CO. | FIRE PREV. REIMB. | -986.57 | |
| LEWES FIRE DEPT. | FIRE PREV. REIMB. | -3,348.16 | |
| LITTLE CREEK FIRE CO. | FIRE PREV. REIMB. | -2,276.11 | |
| MAGNOLIA VOL FIRE C | FIRE PREV. REIMB. | -585.80 | |
| MILLCREEK FIRE CO. | FIRE PREV. REIMB. | -2,069.46 | |
| MILLSBORO FIRE CO. | FIRE PREV. REIMB. | -1,314.80 | |
| MILLVILLE VOL. FIRE CO | FIRE PREV. REIMB. | -1,298.52 | |
| MILTON FIRE DEPT. | FIRE PREV. REIMB. | -939.58 | |
| MINQUADALE FIRE CO. | FIRE PREV. REIMB. | -1,052.18 | |
| MINQUAS FIRE CO. | FIRE PREV. REIMB. | -317.06 | |
| NEW CASTLE FIRE CHIEF'S ASSN. | FIRE PREV. REIMB. | -42.93 | |
| NEW CASTLE VOL. FIREFIGHTER'S ASSN | FIRE PREV. REIMB. | -938.09 | |
| NEW CASTLE LADIES AUX. | FIRE PREV. REIMB. | -129.38 | |
| ODESSA FIRE CO. | FIRE PREV. REIMB. | -2,256.64 | |
| REHOBOTH BEACH FIRE CO | FIRE PREV. REIMB. | -6,244.34 | |
| ROXANA VOL FIRE CO. | FIRE PREV. REIMB. | -2,127.12 | |
| SEAFORD VOL FIRE CO | FIRE PREV. REIMB. | -1,305.87 | |
| SUSSEX CO. FIRE CHIEFS | FIRE PREV. REIMB. | -276.04 | |
| SUSSEX CO. VOL. FIREFIGHTERS ASOC. | FIRE PREV. REIMB. | -1,827.80 | |
| TALLEYVILLE FIRE CO. | FIRE PREV. REIMB. | -6,849.91 | |
| WILMINGTON MANOR VOL FIRE CO | FIRE PREV. REIMB. | -909.15 | |
| TOWNSEND FIRE CO. | FIRE PREV. REIMB. | -1,467.01 | |
| CHECK NO. 4183 CANCELLED | | 0.00 | |
| U.S. TREASURY | P/R TAXES-JUN 11 PR | -1,433.38 | |
| ICISF | CISM CONF MATERIALS INV. 21105050 LESS CREDIT | - | 253.00 |
| ROGERS GRAPHICS, INC. | INV. 29471 | -85.00 | |
| VERNON INGRAM | JUL - SEPT 2011 RENT | -1,755.00 | |
| VERIZON | MELISSA'S PHONE | -107.57 | |
| VERIZON | AIR CARD | -40.01 | |
| MELISSA KISER | 06-20-11 - 07-01-11 P/R | -1,180.18 | |
| WARREN F. JONES | P/R - JUNE | -2,738.30 | |
| WARREN JONES | TRAVEL EXPENSES - JUNE | -245.96 | |
| KENNETH MCMAHON | COMMITTEE MEETING | -338.90 | |
| AT & T | JUNE '11 BILL | -25.02 | |
| COMCAST CABLEVISION | JUL INTERNET SERVICE | -30.63 | |
| JOSTENS | W TOBIN RING I/O NO. 50521 | -545.99 | |
| CANNON FINANCIAL SERVICES | COPIER SERVICES JULY | -259.51 | |
| VERIZON | WARREN'S PHONE | -127.32 | |
| ADSTRATEGIES | ACCT. DVF - MEDIA ADS | -13,929.26 | |
| MELISSA KISER | 07-04-11 - 07-15-11 P/R | -1,182.40 | |
| M.R. KISER | CLEANING | -100.00 | |
| VERIZON | OFFICE PHONE | -211.58 | |
| WILMINGTON TRUST CO. VISA | VISA PAYMENT | -911.48 | |

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| ROGERS GRAPHICS, INC. | INV. 29622 | -175.00 |
| MELISSA KISER | 07-18-11 - 07-29-11 P/R | -1,182.40 |
| DVFA CONF. ACCT. | DVFA CONF. ASSESSMENT | -60,500.00 |
| WARREN F. JONES | P/R - JULY | -2,738.30 |
| WARREN JONES | TRAVEL EXPENSES - JULY | -337.48 |
| ROGERS GRAPHICS, INC. | INV. 29633 | -450.00 |
| VERIZON | AIR CARD | -40.01 |
| VERIZON | MELISSA'S PHONE | -105.82 |
| AT & T | JULY '11 BILL | -24.39 |
| U.S. TREASURY | P/R TAXES-JUN 11 PR | -1,424.41 |
| GOODEN'S FLORAL SHOP | MARVEL ARRANGEMENT | -64.95 |
| WALTER KISER | COMPUTER UPGRADES | -88.98 |
| VERIZON | WARREN'S PHONE | -126.77 |
| COMCAST CABLEVISION | AUG. INTERNET SERVICE | -95.06 |
| ADSTRATEGIES | ACCT. DVF - MEDIA ADS | -5,442.78 |
| DUCK CREEK PRINTING | BUS. CARDS - INV. 11574 | -75.00 |
| MELISSA KISER | 07-29-11 - 08-12-11 P/R | -1,182.40 |
| M.R. KISER | CLEANING | -100.00 |
| VERIZON | OFFICE PHONE | -210.72 |
| CANNON FINANCIAL SERVICES | COPIER SERVICES | -259.51 |
| VERIZON | AIR CARD | -40.01 |
| BOBOLA FARMS FLORIST | FLOWERS - MELISSA | -47.00 |
| WILMINGTON TRUST CO. VISA | VISA PAYMENT | -1,101.58 |
| MELISSA KISER | 08-15-11 - 08-26-11 P/R | -1,195.97 |
| VERIZON | MELISSA'S PHONE | -105.41 |
| WARREN F. JONES | P/R - AUGUST | -2,738.30 |
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Motion to pay bills by Ted Doyle Seconded by Lawrence Mergenthaler. Motion Carried.

GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION

President Tobin thanked everyone for allowing to be President, It's been a pleasure. He thanked his fire company for allowing him to use their vehicle as without it he could not hat traveled the miles that he has.

Bob Sutton President NCC- Stated Wilmington Fire Department would be paying their county dues; they are now a member of good standing.

Motion to Adjourn by John Fox, Seconded by Bob Jones.

There being no further business to claim the attention of the members, the meeting was recessed until 0830 Hrs, September 16, 2011 for the Memorial Service. Pastor Bob Hudson offered the benediction.

**The 91st Annual
DELAWARE VOLUNTEER
FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION
MEMORIAL SERVICE**



**Friday, September 16, 2011
8:30 a.m.**

**The Sheraton Conference Center
Dover, Delaware**

**IN MEMORY OF OUR
FIREFIGHTERS
AND
LADIES AUXILIARY MEMBERS**

OPENING REMARKS

Grover P. Ingle, *Master of Ceremonies*

INVOCATION

Pastor Robert Hudson, *Chaplain*, DVFA

CHORAL ARRANGEMENT

DVFA & LADVFA Choir

You Raise Me Up (Arranged by Teena Chinn)

WORDS OF COMFORT

Ursula Hudson, *Chaplain*, Ladies Auxiliary DVFA

Pastor Robert Hudson, *Chaplain*, DVFA

UNVEILING OF THE CROSSES

William Tobin, *President*, DVFA

Janice Marvel, *President*, Ladies Auxiliary DVFA

Doug Butler, *President*, State Fire Chiefs Association

Kenneth Tull, Sr., *President*, State Fire Police Association

Robert Jones, *President*, State Emergency Medical Services
Association

CHORAL ARRANGEMENT

Total Praise (Arranged by Keith Christopher)

READINGS BY
THE LADIES AUXILIARY PRESIDENTS

Janice Marvel, *President*, Ladies Auxiliary DVFA
Lois Pearson, *President*, Ladies Auxiliary Sussex County
Virginia Yeager, *President*, Ladies Auxiliary New Castle County
Pat Paolini, *President*, Ladies Auxiliary Kent County

CHORAL ARRANGEMENT

I Do Not Sleep (Arranged by Gene Grier & David Lantz III)

INTRODUCTION OF THE MEMORIAL PRESENTATION

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Paul Eichler, Robbins Hose Co., No. 1, *Trumpet*

Multi-Jurisdictional Pipe and Drum

**Thank you to all the participants in the Memorial Service.
Thank you to those companies and Organizations who contributed to the Memorial Service.**

DELAWARE VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION
17TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE
91ST MEN'S LUNCHEON
SEPTEMBER 17, 2011

The Sixteenth Annual Conference Men's Luncheon of the Delaware Volunteer Firefighter's Association was held Friday, September 17, 2011 in the Champagne Ballroom of the Sheraton (Dover) Hotel.

Seated VIP Guests, at the head table, for the Luncheon included; Bill Webb (Congressional Fire Service Institute); Mike Castle, Senator Tom Carper, Senator Chris Coons, Congressman John Carney, Governor Jack Markell; Lt. Governor, Matt Denn, Attorney General Joseph R. (Beau) Biden, III, Treasurer Chip Flowers, Insurance Commissioner Karen Weldin- Stewart; State Auditor, Tom Wagner; DVFA President Bill Tobin; DVFA 1st VP, Charlie Frampton; 2nd VP, Charlie Boyer; DSFCA Chaplain, Charles Arnold; Executive Manager Warren Jones, Treasurer, J. Allen Metheny; and Past President of the DVFA, Steven Austin, who was the Master of Ceremonies.

Additional VIP'S and Guests included were;

Vice President Biden (via telephone)
Members of the Delaware General Assembly
New Castle County Council
Kent County Levy Court
Sussex County Council
Mayor Carlton Carey
Councilman David Bonar
State Director of Communications: Mark Grubb

PP Steve Austin brought the luncheon to order at 12:00 PM with the Invocation by DVFA Chaplin, Charlie Arnold.

Pledge of allegiance led by Clarence Schwatka, 39th DVFA Past President.

Acknowledge the Luncheon Committee, Frank King, Elmer Steele.

PP Austin recognized and welcomed Sr. Vice President of Citizen's Bank. He presented a check to the DVFA for \$10,000.00. He further reported Citizen's Bank has supported this Conference for the past sixteen (17) years. He praised this Organization for their "good citizenship" and recognized all for being "strong community leaders". They would be proud to sponsor this event again next year.

Bill Tobin addressed all present and stated we voted to have an educational luncheon, and consider this a time to be educated and with that in mind, he introduced and made a special presentation to Jim Goldstein, who retired from Motorola was appointed as Public Safety Radio Consultant.

President Tobin then spoke about a phone call on a Sunday to be in Washington on Tuesday to attend a Senate hearing to discuss the D- Block and to support Governor Markell who was testifying at the hearing. 5 from Delaware went over to attend the hearing. They met and spoke with Jim and he put Delaware back on the map. He supports the fire, police and EMS. We are lucky to have someone with the knowledge to be able to represent and advise us.

Steve introduced Governor Markell, Thanked Bill for his comments. He support the d- block and stated it should be only for the fire service. The respect that was given was incredible. We are very fortunate to be represented by our fellow legislatures. He also thanked all members of the general assembly to be able to put all their differences aside to be able to get things accomplished here in Delaware. Thank you to all of you for the work you do every single day is amazing. In the last month we had a hurricane, tornado and unbelievable flooding. The amazing job you did in Seaford and all over the state to prevent a horrible situation. When we go to the CFSI dinner, 10% of the participation is from Delaware. We prove everyday that we are a state of neighbors. No one proves that more then all of you. You volunteer your time in the middle of the night, leaving your families to go and help others. This is what America is all about. We are fortunate to have you. He then congratulated Charlie Frampton on his incoming role. Last Sunday at the Stair climb was a great demonstration to show the brotherhood and fraternity that we have. Charlie has the full support of the legislatures this coming year. He thanked Bill for all hard work and gave him the paperwork to serve on the Fire Commission.

President Tobin presented a shirt to Governor Markell

Past President Ken Pyle was called forward and explained the history of the Past President's ring. He then presented Mike Castle, the newest Past Presidents Emeritus, his ring.

Beau Biden had to leave to go to Wilmington because the death of the NCC police officer.

Kevin Wilson announced the LADVFA raised \$1,094.00 for the National Fallen Firefighters. Citizens and Delmarva Power will match the amount donated.

PP Austin reported a deviation from the regular order of business to allow the Luncheon to be served at 12:35 PM.

PP Austin then resumed the meeting at 1:45 pm, recognizing Executive Manager Warren Jones, Public Relations Consultant Dave Bonar and DVFA Office Manager, Melissa Kiser, Kevin Smith, honorary member, Chairman Roberts Fire Prevention Commission, Fire Marshal Grover Ingle and his Staff, Biff Newnam and the fire School Staff.

Kevin Wilson Report the amount raised was \$2,040.00 all together we have raised almost \$5,000.00. DVFA Attorney John Brady was recognized.

Today was a tough day for law enforcement, and we are pleased to have Lt. Col. Jim Page and his staff of the Delaware State Police. Thank you for your continued support.

He also asked the County Councilman and Levy Court Commissioners stand and be recognized. Members of the General Assembly who are active members of the Fire Service, as part of the educational outreach the legislatures do not have a table this year. Each legislature is seating with the folks you represent, thank you for that. Bill Carson, Bruce Ennis, Biff Lee, Bobby Outten, Dan Short, Larry Mitchell stand and be recognized.

Also the following members of the General Assembly who are also present please stand and be recognized. Brad Bennett, Brian Bushweller, Bobby Gilligan, Gerald Hocker, Earl Jaques, Michael Katz, Harvey Kenton, Ruth Briggs King, Dave Lawson, Dave McBride, Harold Peterman, Pete Schwartzkopf, Gary Simpson, Lincoln Willis, Dave Wilson, and Rebecca Walker. He also asked all legislatures who participated in the 911 events to also be recognized.

Steve then introduced Tom Carper who thanked Steve for all he does and then spoke the luncheon attendees.

Senator Chris Coons was introduced and he spoke to the group.

Vice President Joe Biden then joined in via Conference Call.

Flag that was flown over the United States Capital presented to Bill Tobin.

John Carney said a few words and talked about his predecessor Mike Castle.

State Auditor Tom Wagner, said it was an honor to be there and sharing the podium with Mike Castle.

Three Presidents of the United States have stood at this podium.

State Treasurer Chip Flowers spoke a few words. Donate \$500.00 personally to the best Fire Company. He will also be awarding \$500.000 to the Best Ladies Aux.

Honorary Member Bill Webb, CFSI, came forward to talk about the new podium. Thanked the association for inviting him. CFSI received a new podium and donated theirs to the DVFA. There have been 3 U. S. Presidents, 4 vice presidents speak behind it, members of the cabinet, and senators and congressmen, also. It is their pleasure to donate it to the DVFA. Congressman Castle was asked to come forward for a presentation as well as Bill Tobin, presented with a Firemen's Helmet.

President Tobin made a presentation to Bill Webb for all of his assistance to the State of Delaware.

Rep. Ruth Briggs King and Sen. Gary Simpson came forward for a presentation to President Tobin.

President Tobin said he enjoyed the year, enjoyed the relationships and enjoyed the challenges, but the most importantly he has enjoyed watching the fire companies come together to make a difference. He thanked his wife and his fire companies

PP Austin asked Chaplin Arnold to give the Benediction

The Meeting adjourned at 2:43 PM.

***The 91st Annual
DELAWARE VOLUNTEER
FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION INSTALLATION***

The following were introduced by Installation chair, Mike Rush:

Stair guards are Joseph and Kyle Schiavoni, twin sons of LADVFA Conference Co-chair, Kellie Schiavoni from Cranston Heights Fire Co.

DVFA Installing Officer, PSP Edwin Barlow

DVFA Chaplain, Charlie Arnold

LADVFA Installing Officer, PSP Eileen Doyle

LADVFA Chaplain, Ursula and Clement Hudson, parents of Janice Marvel

DVFA President, William Tobin escorted by his wife, Elaine

LADVFA President, Janice Marvel escorted by her husband, Dennis
DVFA President-elect, Charles W. Frampton, Jr, escorted by his sons, Steven and Richard Frampton
LADVFA President-elect, Ann Marie Krystopolski escorted by her husband, Gene
DVFA First Vice-President elect, Charles Boyer escorted by his sons, Jeff and Chris
LADVFA First Vice-President elect, Penny Rodimak escorted by Hartly member, Pete Morris
DVFA Second Vice-President elect, Richard Toulson escorted by his wife, Janice
LADVFA Second Vice-President elect, Saralee Stevens escorted by her husband, PSP Ray
DVFA Secretary, Bob Sutton escorted by PSP Barbara Lewis
LADVFA Secretary, Jane Williams escorted by her husband, Ray
DVFA Treasurer, J. Allen Metheny escorted by his wife, PSP Barbara
LADVFA Treasurer, Kim Figgs escorted by her mother, PSP Joyce
LADVFA Asst. Treasurer, Mary Ann Warrington escorted by her husband, Jim
DVFA Trustee, Ted Walius escorted by Ellendale past chief, Elmer Ennis
DVFA Past President Director Kevin Wilson escorted by his wife, Pam

Chaplain, Charlie Arnold, opened the installation with the invocation
Pledge to the flag was led by Brandywine Hundred Chief, Thomas Finocchiaro
Mike asked Presidents Tobin and Marvel to call the meeting back to order. Closing remarks were given
by both President Tobin and President Marvel
The LADVFA officers were installed by PSP Eileen Doyle assisted by PSP Barbara Lewis, Marshall
The DVFA officers were installed by PSP Edwin Barlow
Remarks were given by Presidents Frampton and Krystopolski
DVFA and LADVFA Past Presidents pins/charm were presented to Bill Tobin by his wife, Elaine, and
Janice Marvel by her husband, Dennis
Mike introduced some members of the DVFA present in the audience
LADVFA Chaplain, Ursula Hudson, offered the benediction
Gifts were given to several officers by their fire companies, auxiliaries and families

Respectfully Submitted,

Melissa R. Kiser