**Pennsylvania and Cumberland Valley Conferences**

**Limerick, PA September 23 &24, 2021**

**Past Presidents Jay Jones, Ted Walius, and Bill Betts traveled to Limerick, PA to attend the above Conferences representing the DVFA.**

**On Thursday morning, we attended the Firefighter’s Association of the State of Pennsylvania meeting at the Landis Creek Golf Course Club House. We registered and had a conversation with Reds Flegal of the West Grove Fire Company. Reds is very familiar with the Delaware Fire Service as he worked many years in Middletown.**

**President Kenneth Beam called the meeting to order with the presentation of colors and the invocation followed by the recognition of the out of state dignitaries by Steve Austin. Immediate Past President Jay Jones thanked President Beam for attending our Conference in Wilmington and presented him with a framed picture of the new Firefighter’s Memorial at Legislative Mall. There was also a presentation by the Maryland 1st VP Ben Kurtz, as President Joel McCrea was attending the Virginia Conference in Virginia Beach.**

**Dr. Bill Jenaway gave a presentation on the R & R Monies in Pennsylvania and stated that there was plenty of money available. He stated that it was frustrating as many of the companies would not go through the effort to obtain the monies.**

**Treasurer Duckworth gave out the financial report and it stated that they had a cash balance of $2,076.255.20 in their Treasury.**

**A bit of excitement happened when Financial Secretary Kimberly Castillo passed out at the dais after stated that she didn’t want to bore us with her report. It apparently was a case of low sugar, and she returned later with some Gatorade.**

**After the meeting, was a luncheon for the out of State dignitaries downstairs. We sat with the Maryland delegation of Ben Kurtz, 2nd VP Eric Smothers, Past Presidents Gene Worthing and Paul Sterling. Ben Kurtz reported that they received a $2.63 million dollar grant for R & R, and they were looking into hiring two people to administrate it.**

**The day was a washout with heavy rain all afternoon.**

**On Friday morning, Cumberland Valley hosted their fall Conference at the Holiday Inn Express in Limerick. Seating was very cramped as it was in a hospitality room.**

**The meeting was called to order by President Kroboth, followed by a presentation by Dr. Bill Jenaway on a new program they have developed to track deaths on the highways and near misses due to careless and drunken drivers. The program is scheduled to go live on October 11, 2021. There was also a presentation by the mother of a 29-year-old firefighter and tow operator that got killed by a drunken driver in PA. It was very moving as she described how it has affected their families. He was at an incident with his tow truck when he was struck and killed and left behind his wife and 7-month-old daughter.**

**The rest of the meeting was filled with mainly committee reports and ended around 12:30 pm.**

**Submitted by Past President Bill Betts**