



New Castle County Volunteer Firefighter Association  
Paul J. Sweeney Public Safety Building  
3601 N. DuPont Highway  
New Castle, Delaware 19720

987<sup>th</sup> Meeting held April 12, 2012  
At Aetna Hose, Hook & Ladder Fire Company, Station 8  
County Meeting

President Charlie Sheridan called the meeting to order at 1840.

A moment of silence was observed for the 2 LODD in Philadelphia.

Past Chief Ken Farrell led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Past Chief/Vice President Larry Thompson welcomed all to the meeting.

The meeting recessed at 1843 for dinner. The meeting reconvened at 1915 and a vote of thanks was given to the Aetna Hose, Hook & Ladder Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary for the delicious meal.

Recognition of Deceased members by Secretary Watson: There was 2 members: Marvin Albert of Station 15 and Paul Coxe of Station 29. A prayer for the deceased was given by Chaplain Wilms.

Roll Call of Member Companies by Assistant Secretary Ferrante. Signature logbook indicated 127 in attendance. Roll call of Companies showed 142 in attendance. Roll Call of NCCVFA shows all Officers present.

Recognition of Past Presidents:

New Castle County Volunteer Firemen's Association: 11

Delaware Volunteer Firemen's Association: 8

Current New Castle County Presidents: 11

A motion was made by Jim Watson (15) to accept the minutes from March 2012 in printed form. Motion seconded by Charlie Neel (15). Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report was in printed form in packets. A motion to accept the report was made by Jim Watson (15) and seconded by Charlie Neel (15). Motion carried.

President's Report:

President Sheridan- reported that Joe Hojnicki is home again and would appreciate a visit or a card. Sympathy cards can be sent to the Philadelphia Fire Department whose address is in your packets. The Renewal of the Contract with NCC is coming up under New Business. Thank you for all the help with the 5K race. A report will be given at the next meeting. He has spoken with County Executive Clark's Secretary and set up a meeting for the Alternative Funding committee but that will need to be changed. Please sign up to attend the CFSI dinner on 4/26. We only have 9 so far.



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1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Carrier-He has the bus ready for the CFSI trip on 4/26 with pick up at Station 14 at 1030. Please see him for a seat. Thank you to all who helped with the 5K race, especially the Fire Police. There are left over 5 K t-shirts for \$5 apiece. The National EMS Memorial Bike Ride will be in May. They will honor Ellsworth Lynn and Steve Chillas. There are several riders from Delaware and they need to have our support.

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Burris-No report.

Committee Reports called for by 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Carrier:

**DVFA Conference**, Mike McMichael announced that the contracts have been sent to the Companies for the Sheraton rooms. These need to be returned by 4/30. The next meeting will be on 4/30 at 7 pm. They are finalizing the forms and they will be on the website in May. He has Co-Chairman Elmer Steele with him tonight.

Association Reports called for by 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Carrier:

**DVFA**, President Frampton reminded everyone that the Executive Manager, Warren Jones is available to attend Company meetings just call the office. The presentations are going very well. The Newsletter was sent out by e-mail. The Insurance premium monies (about \$8000) should be deposited in everyone's account by now. He will be attending the CVVFA meeting this weekend. We lost \$16,000 in ambulance money but gained \$24,000 in Insurance monies. Please send people to the CFSI dinner. Those traveling with him tonight are: Rich Toulson, Bob Sutton, Richard Perillo, Les McCourt, Ted Walius, Steve White, Warren Jones and Charlie Sheridan.

**DSFCA**, Les Warrick reported that their next meeting will be 6/21 at Station 89, Slaughter Beach at 2 pm for the Expo and BBQ with the meeting at 6 pm. There will be a golf tournament at 11 am, see Charlie Neel for details.

**EDIAFC**, Les Warrick reported that their Conference will be 5/31-6/2 in Trevose, PA. All the information is on the website including registration.

**DSEMS**, Mike McMichael reported that their next meeting is with the DSFCA on 6/21 at Slaughter Beach. This will be the nomination and election meeting.

**NCCF&AAB**, Chairman Frank Gant reports that the next meeting will be 4/19 at Station 22 at 7 pm. They did not have a meeting in March as they did not have a quorum. There was a public hearing for Christiana in March and they will get their money.

Agency Reports called for by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Burris:

**SFPC**, Chairman Roberts reported that the EMS Protocols have been signed and he wants to meet with the Doctors soon. They are working on the ambulance regulations and if you have any input please see a Commissioner. Tom DiCristofaro is here tonight, also. On 4/17 there will be a meeting at 9 am. He also reported that we have received more funds from Homeland Security to help with the pager project and that all the paperwork is pretty much done for this program.

**NCCPD**, Scott McLaren reported that he will be standing in for Paul Clark and as of tomorrow we will get \$8791.62 from building permits. Thank you to Five Pints Fire Company for their help with the barricaded subject.



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**DSFMO**, Grover Ingle reported that in the past 6 weeks they have had 4 smoke detector saves, 2 in Kent and 2 in NCC. All 4 incidents without any injuries. The Fire Companies hard work is paying off. It is a very dry situation out there but he will not impose a burning ban at this point. However, on 5/1 until 9/30 there will be a burning ban on by DNREC.

**Special Olympics**, Rich Perillo reported on a few items: The dodge ball fundraiser netted \$14,000. They are up 15 teams from 2011. There is an ad campaign for the summer games book. Cost is \$50. There is a Yearbook which will have ads and all events, games and fundraisers in it. It will be web based and can be used as a recruitment and retention tool. The website is listed a link. There will be a larger amount of people seeing it. They are also doing an Ipad raffle with Station 12.

Communications, Secretary Debbie Watson read the following:

The Secretary read the following: A letter from the DFRC Blue/Gold All Star game for an ad for the game yearbook. A letter confirming that the audit for Stations 1/ 27 is complete. A letter from the Explorer Post for the City of Wilmington requesting donations to send some members to a Conference. A letter from Hockessin Fire Company supporting Anthony Guzzo for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President for DVFA. A letter regarding a fundraiser for Ninja Systems, a pocket breathalyzer.

Payment of Bills by Treasurer Smith: John Smith reported that we owe \$542.50 to Frontline/Susan Uniforms for the t-shirts. A motion was made by Jim Watson (15) and seconded by Mike Perrone (19) to pay the bills. Motion carried. He also mentioned that he has smoke detectors for multiple Companies to pick up with him tonight.

Unfinished Business

Bob Sutton updated everyone on the meeting held recently regarding the residential sprinklers portion of the 2012 code. Representatives from all involved parties were at the meeting. People that could answer questions were in attendance. Bob will keep us updated. He may need people to come out and support the initiative when it gets closer to voting time.

New Business

A motion was made by Ed Kuzepski and seconded by Mike McMichael to sponsor the NEMS Bike Ride and match the NCCFCA donation of \$300. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Bob Sutton and seconded by Jim Watson to sponsor an ad for the Blue Gold All Star game booklet, same size as last year. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Richard Perillo and seconded by Mike McMichael to sponsor a Special Olympic website ad for \$250. Motion carried.

Mike Rush announced the Blue Mass which will be held on Friday May 4<sup>th</sup> at St. John The Beloved at 11 am. There will be lunch afterwards. Please wear your Class A uniforms.

The Contracts with NCC has only had the date changed. A motion was made by Frank Gant and seconded by Richard Perillo to accept with the changes that were made. Motion carried.



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Discussion ensued regarding supporting the Explorer Post in the City of Wilmington. A motion was made by Mike Perrone and seconded by Richard Perillo to support 2 attendees for the Conference at a cost of \$900 total. Roll call vote revealed 9 yes, 9 no, 2 no vote and 2 not present. Motion defeated. Trustee Jim Watson asked if we have the funds to support this effort. A motion was then made by Ed Barlow and seconded by Mike Rush to sponsor one person for the Conference at a cost of \$450. Roll call vote was 8 yes, 9 no and 5 not voting. Motion defeated.

A motion was made by Lou Amabili and seconded by Ron McLucas to support Anthony Guzzo for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President for DVFA. Motion carried.

Good of the Association:

Frank Gant asked for everyone to use their e-mail addresses while their building is being redone.

Jim Watson announced that Delaware City will be holding their 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Cocktail Party Social on 4/13 from at 7 pm. All Association Officers, Chiefs and Presidents were invited to attend. Then on 4/21 we will have a Memorial Service, Open House and Company Banquet that night. On 5/6 we will hold a Muster, Firematic Flea Market and dedicate the fire boat starting at 9 am on the Governor Bacon grounds.

Jim Watson also mentioned that Mansion Farms Paintball will do a fund raiser for your group. The owner will give \$5 per person back to the organization.

Phil Young reported on the situation with Rand and JoAnne Townley. She has stage 3 breast cancer and the bills are mounting. There will be a Beef and Beer on Saturday May 12<sup>th</sup> at Station 8. Cost is \$30 per person or \$50 per couple. Flyers will be out soon. Any and all donations accepted.

Richard Perillo announced the IPAD raffle tickets are \$5 each or 6 for \$25. He also thanked us for the ad from NCCVFA.

Rich Perillo was concerned over a firefighter being fired from his job due to an injury at a fire. A letter was sent to DVFA for help drafting legislation to protect us from this type of thing happening.

The next meeting will be at Station 11 on 5/10 with dinner at 6:30 pm. All three Associations will meet that night.

50/50 was won by Frank Gant for \$105.00.

The Benediction was given by Rev. Wilms.

Rising vote of Thanks given to Host Company.

Meeting adjourned at 2033 hours.

Minutes recorded by:

Debbie Watson  
Secretary