

DELAWARE STATE FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION
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268th Delaware State Fire Chief's meeting minutes
March 26, 2026
Milton Fire Company Station 85

- The meeting was called to order by 2nd VP Terry Clark 18:30 pm.
- Pledge was led DVFA President Gerald Manley. Invocation was given by Andy Hall.
- Address of welcome was given by Host Company Chief Brian Reynolds President Station 85 welcoming everyone to Milton Fire Company and hope to have a very productive meeting.

Motion Andy Hall 2nd Terry Jester recess for dinner

Meeting called back to order 19:26 by 1st VP Jack Wilson who thanked the ladies for a wonderful meal.

Introduction of Air Rescue Aiden Garsi from Air Rescue and Deputy 18

Roll Call:

President: Jeff Brown No
1st VP: Jack Wilson yes
2nd VP: Terry Clark yes
Treasurer: Mark O'Bier yes
Asst Treas Jon Townley Yes
Secretary: Stephen Maichle yes
Asst Secty: Joe Morris yes

Past Pres: Michael Edwards No

Directors: NCC Gordy Edwards No
Keith Stockman no

KC Duane Fox, Pres yes
Rob Brode yes
Quint Boots no

SC Ken Swarts Pres no
Richard Ward no
Ted Walius yes

Advisors: A.J.Shaw yes
Chad Ingram no

Recognition of Past President, 14 Current Fire Chiefs, 17 past Fire Chiefs all three counties 26

Motion Andy Hall 2nd Jimmy Watson to accept previous minutes in written form

Officers report

1st VP Jack Wilson: Jack Wilson made a policy due to a few instances in Delaware working on Fire and EMS Training

2nd VP Terry Clark: working with Jack Wilson to get training for conference. Anyone who wishes to be on the training committee please see me after the meeting.

Secretary Stephen Maichle 23 events 320 miles 52 hours

FYI nomination letters must be received by expo meeting June 26, 2026

Treasurer report Mark O'Bier in printed form

\$7,844.04 PNC

\$4,432.16 PNC Money market

\$15,548.49 CD's DSFC

\$15,294.25 PNC EMS

\$10,000 MA DSFC

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Directors Report:

NCC: Mike Perrone next mtg April 2 Claymont

KC: April 8 dover AFB Federal ID required to get on base

SC: None

NCC Firefighters Association Debbie Watson April 19 Station 23

Kent County Duane Fox April 15 Station 44

Sussex County John Hopkins April 28 Station 89 Slaughter Beach

Communications: 3 letters read by Secretary Maichles
2 Letters from President Scott Little for support to the Eastern Division IAFC
1 letter Jeff Brown Training and education specialist thank you to the Delaware State Fire School for hosting Junior Fire Academy on June 22-June 25 for cadets 13-17

Committees: Joe Morris reported on Gun Raffle – tickets to be available soon

Jim Watson Heroic firefighters deadline July 21, 2026
Hobb Ryan Dinner April 11, 2026

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: Motion Jim Watson 2nd Ron Marvel \$500 to Milton Ladies

Motion to accept the treasure report John Hopkins 2nd Mike Emmell
To accept the treasurers report

Application for new membership

Chad Richards Belvedere Fire Company
Jerry Furt Belvedere Fire Company Chief Engineer
Harkless/Bud Smith Belvedere Fire Company Deputy Chief

Motion Andy Hall to accept applications

Motion Andy Jones 2nd Jim Watson \$500 full page ad for the EDIAFC conference book carried

Reminder Duane from Townsend station 26 Spring Fling June 13 and he has tickets

NCC Fire Chiefs Gordy Edwards meeting Feb 5, 2026 Belvedere

Kent County President Duane Fox Meeting Feb 11 South Bowers

Sussex County: Jack Wilson Feb 19, Gumboro

Association reports:

Fire Commision:

Ron Marvel Dashbord set up All injuries reported to the Commision
Thanked City of New castle for implementing the sprinkler ordanance
Red light Money should be in your account next week

Delmarva: No report

DVFA : Gerald Manley turned it over to Jim Arrington 1st VP is working with several legislatures on particular bills that we will cover in Jays Report

Conference: will be held in Dewey Beach Dates Sept. 14-17

Revolving loan: next meeting March 25

CSFI March 19, 2026

FDIC April 21-25 trying to get more rooms

Surf tags- new process this year any questions see Jay after the meeting

DSFP: No report

DEMA AJ Schall Thanked everyone for the snow storm and big mar
Fire Marshall Office John Rudd turned over to Scott Bullock

Sad to report Bob put down Deputy K9 dog
Two working fires in Sussex County anyone need help with open
house we are available
3 Fire Deaths
Review house bill 53 for fire works

Fire School Tucker Dempsey All 3 county fire officers classes are
done contractors on buildings in Dover start May 11 Sussex April
27 Expanded EMS Class available

IAFC Stephen Maichle Eden Garden Resort Lancaster PA

Jay Jones gave a lengthy report on Legislative hall. Federal Background
checks

Good of the Association:

Time and place next meeting : June 25, 2026 Harrington Fire Co Expo
Expo runs from 3-6 meeting at 7

Benediction: Richard Walton

Adjournment: 19:46 Motion to adjourn Andy Hall 2nd Jimmy Watson

50/50 Chuck Blake \$110.00

Respectfully submitted,
Stephen Maichle,
Secretary