



DVFA EXECUTIVE MEETING
Delaware State Fire School
March 13, 2022

The March 13, 2022 DVFA Executive meeting was called to order at 10:10 AM by President Dan Carrier at the Delaware State Fire School complex in Dover.

Pledge of Allegiance led by President Carrier

Invocation offered by Pastor Bob Hudson

Roll Call of Officers by Secretary Steele
All Officers are either present or accounted for.

Report of Officers

President Carrier: (copied and pasted from written report)

I have been attending meeting up and down the state
Had a zoom call with the Governor Warren to give more details
CFSI is April 7, 2022 in Washington DC would like to see a good turnout as this is our voice in
Washington Bill Webb Apologize for not being able to attend today as he is out of town but is asking
for our support.
Thank you to Senator Ennis as he has announced his retirement in November thank you for all your
hard work you have done for the fire service it is greatly appreciate it and you will be missed.
If any company would like any information sent out please send it to the DVFA office and we will be
more than happy to forward it to everyone on our email list we do not just automatically send out
funeral announcements the company with the announcement should send it to the DVFA office and we
will pass it along
We had a meeting of the revolving line fine we are looking at changing the amount that a company is
allowed to borrow more to come
Thank you for all you do.

First Vice President Ryder: (copied and pasted from written report)

This will be to cover some of my thoughts about current and upcoming events since our February officers
meeting in Felton. I've finished posting my events, hours and miles travelled on my activity report. It seems like
travelling has been sporadic this past quarter. This is understandable since the Omicron variant has given us
reason to proceed with caution. Many meetings were cancelled due to the surge of cases throughout the state.
However here we are beginning March and it appears that things are calming down. Since this is the 2nd Sunday
in March we will have our change to DST...hence we will "spring forward" and lose an hours sleep.

R&R....Continues to be an item of importance during this year. The change in our tax credit has been presented in the budget and hopefully will pass through and be approved. Warren Jones will be working with Jeff Brown to get the program up and running at Fire School. This is only the beginning we must continue to seek out and identify thoughts, ideas and other means that may help reverse the societal changes that our system of volunteerism has become a victim of. We must continue looking for solutions because failure for the volunteer fire service is not an option!

As we approach the DVFA Exec. Meeting in Dover this Sunday the biggest item on the agenda will continue to be HB#193 and Reg. 709 as currently amended. The committee has reviewed, remolded, and rewritten Reg. 709 to be the document that all can support going forward. This committee has worked in person, over the phone and by zoom meetings to get to this point. They have a document ALL can agree on that is in the best interest of the fire service. I cannot express my thanks and gratitude enough for all their time & efforts in this endeavor.

President Carrier's committee for Warren's replacement has been and continues to work in the background. Our decision based on our 501 (c) 3 status is not to hire a full time lobbyist as many of us thought we should. Instead we will split the job functions into two different areas. Warren will come back inside to do the admin functions and the committee will look for a "legislative person".

Our February meeting with the Governor went real well. It looks like we are going to get a review of the grant-in-aid process along with an overall increase in funding.

The Surf Tag snafu has been resolved and has moved forward thanks to Warren's intervention and working with DNREC to develop a process to include the volunteer fire service members that were shut out of the original sale date on March 1st.

The DVFA Scholarship Committee will meet this Sunday to determine how we are doing with applications and monies to support this program for 2022.

I'll summarize my report by my activity items noted....for events attended 30, travelled 369 miles...70 hours in-service. These are the ones recorded for this quarter.... but I know many other miles and hours get lost in the shuffle.

Second Vice President O'Neal: (copied and pasted from written report)

Over the past month or so, there has been a tremendous amount of work done preparing modifications to Regulation 709 as it relates to HB193. There has been a great deal of input from across the State towards this effort. Whether or not you support the Regulations' modifications being presented or support HB193 as it stands, I think we can all appreciate the passion that's been displayed from the fire service as a whole towards this piece of Legislation, as well as the amount of work that's been put forth in crafting the changes we've seen. I don't believe there's anyone in this room that can deny the requirement for some type of oversight. No one piece of Legislation can or will cover every single aspect or will suit everyone involved, but hopefully we can all come to an agreement we can all work with. There are a number of issues and projects this body needs to work on, hopefully we can put 709/HB193 behind us and move forward.

On February 8, Presidents Carrier, Ryder, State Chief's President Reeder, Executive Manager Jones and I held a conference call with Governor Carney to discuss an itinerary of issues involving the fire service. One issue discussed was a possible modification to Grant in Aid funding, not only in the amount of funding across the board but a change in how the funds are distributed to each company, as on a per-piece of apparatus allocation, along with a call volume proponent. Thankfully, Governor Carney was receptive to these ideas and suggested the DVFA move forward with putting together a proposal for discussion.

In the past few months, Wilmington Manor Fire Company Director Michael Shaw has been working with Insurance Commissioner Trinidad Navarro to establish standardization for rescue billing across the State. I know Rescue Billing was mentioned a number of years ago but was unsuccessful due to inconsistencies in the monies being charged for each incident and services rendered by different organizations. The New Castle, Kent and Sussex County Associations have all agreed to move forward with the negotiation process with the goal of having a standardized format to charge for Rescue Billing. I will be working with Mr. Shaw to bring information on the progress to the Sussex organizations.

The SCVFA Resources Committee is also meeting and working on ideal proposals to present to the Sussex County Council, involving both short and long term, sustainable funding opportunities. There are other funding discussions going on within the County that have not been presented to the County Association as of yet but will be hopefully within the next few months.

Whether it be State-wide Grant in Aid, Rescue Billing or discussions internal to each County, it's exciting to see all the funding avenues being explored. Accomplishing these small steps will not automatically solve the fire service funding issue, but they are the building blocks in achieving sustainable funding as a whole.

For the record, since our last Executive meeting on December 12, 2021, I have attended 22 events, for a total of 652 miles and 56 hours.

Secretary Steele: (copied and pasted from written report)

- Travel report: 8 events, 520 miles, 28 hours
- Spent most of this quarter working on Conference 2022 issues with the Westin, Homewood Suites and the Chase Center. Trying to get things organized so contracts could be written for each venue.
- As a heads up. We had 118 rooms at the Westin. As of Friday, 78 rooms have been booked, only leaves 40 rooms in that block. Did not receive an up-date from Homewood Suites.

Treasurer Whitham: (copied from written report) (report was given by Asst. Treasurer Stevens)

As of the end of February, we record the following balances:

Operations checking- \$ 92,049.23

M&T Money Market- \$ 263,096.29

Kestra Financial Investment Account- \$259,784.70

1. Expenses since July 1st to date have totaled \$ 107,490.99. This does not include the pension payment. We had to do some slight adjustments to the budget. This is in part of a short fall in revenue of \$3,000.00 (Georgetown not paying dues) and an additional FDIC Conference falling within this budget cycle.
2. All our IRS forms along with Delaware's franchise taxes have been filed or paid.
3. We wired \$2,024,299.97 for last year's pension. It was due by March 1st. We did have a few late payments. Those companies will be assessed for the late fees.
4. I'm sure Chairman Burriss will be mentioning the Finance & Budget committee will be soon working on next year's budget for adoption at our June meeting. A personal thanks to the members of that committee.
5. Lastly, please accept my apology for not being here today. I'm in Nashville teaching Nascar Safety training at the track. Hopefully, Ray is standing in for me. Be safe and see everyone in June.

Motion by Richard T. Perillo and second by Ed Barlow to accept the Officer reports and spread them upon the minutes. Motion carried

Executive Manager Jones

SB189 is the Income Tax bill increasing the fire service tax deduction for active members to \$1,000. The bill is out of committee and on the ready list in the Senate. There was an amendment placed with the bill last week which makes the effective date on January 1, 2023. So it not be available until the 2023 tax year.

SAFER Grant: We applied for a SAFER Grant for Recruitment and Retention. The grant total is 2.1 million dollars. If we are successful there is a lot on nice parts to this grant. I will be happy to cover all the parts if we are awarded the grant.

Grant in Aid: During our meeting with the Governor we addressed Grant in Aid and ways to increase it with him. The DVFA Officers voted for me to develop a plan to dramatically increase our Grant in Aid money received. I have put a plan together to increase each apparatus and equipment category and also added a section based on call volume. I have contacted the Governor's Office to arrange a meeting to present the plan. I also contacted the chairs of the JFC.

I told you at the December meeting I would be completing my position at this meeting. The committee has completed their work is how ready to move forward. I imagine soon you will receive an announcement. So you have me as executive manager for a little while longer. Since Leg. Hall is back to public access I look forward to training the new person.

Committee Reports

State Fire Prevention Commission – Ron Marvel:

- ALS/BLS protocols are being reviewed
- Scratch rate is at 9%
- Biff Newnam retired as Fire School Director. Craig Stevens was appointed as Interim Director
- DSFCA requested \$52,000.00 to be put in the Commission budget for training, physics and speakers
- Still have companies submitting late audits. Fine money goes into the State treasury

Advisory to State Fire Marshal – Grover Ingle: (copied and pasted from written report)

- Fire Fatalities – There are nine fire fatalities for 2022. Working smoke alarms were present in four incidents and five incidents had no working smoke alarms. No fire sprinklers were present in any of these incidents nor were they required by code to be installed at the time of construction.
- Deputy Fire Marshal I New Castle County – Eric Comley has been hired as a Deputy Fire Marshal I in New Castle County. Eric began employment on February 28, 2022, and begins the New Castle County Police Academy on March 16, 2022.
- Office Manager Kent County – Lisa Berry began employment as the Office Manager in Kent County on January 18, 2022.
- Administrative Specialist I Kent County – Currently in the process of filling two vacant Administrative Specialist I positions in Kent County and one in New Castle County. Expected to have the positions filled by the end of March.
- DFIRS – Continue to work with each Fire Company/Department on current data submissions to DFIRS. Significant Improvements have been made by the Fire Companies/Departments in submitting the data on time.
- Joint Finance Committee (JFC) hearing for the FY 2023 Budget was held on February 15, 2022, and was well received by the JFC. The Capitol Bond Bill hearing is scheduled for March 28, 2022, at 12:30 PM.

- Town of Milton – The Town of Milton has passed an ordinance amending their Building Code restoring the requirement to install residential sprinklers in a new one and two family dwellings being built after April 1, 2022. Our office has met with the Town Manger and Milton Code Enforcement to discuss our assistance with plan reviews and inspections.
- City of Milford – Currently working on updating their current Codes and Ordinances and have been discussing requiring the installation of residential sprinklers in one-two-family dwellings. Office of the State Fire Marshal has attended and participated in two public hearing /workshops on this subject.

Advisory to DSFS – Craig Stephens: (copied and pasted from written report)

- Interim Director Stevens introduced Jeff Brown as the new R&R Coordinator
- Applying to ProBoard to add NFPA 1002 2017 Edition
 - Chapter 7 Apparatus Equipped with a Tiller For Wilmington FD
 - Chapter 10 Mobile Water Supply Apparatus For Driver/Operator class
- We will be housing New Mobile Sprinkler Prop trailer thru Sprinkler Coalition
- Capital Budget hearing on 28th - presentation is ready
 - Inspection of KCD Structural building
 - Concrete repairs on drillground
 - Rescue Tool replacement
- AFG funded Drager Mobile Training Prop almost ready for review
 - Staff will be making a trip to Canada for inspection– Dempsey, Ingram
- Instructor Seminar rescheduled for 10am June 4, meeting, lifetime awards and BBQ picnic
- Reviewed Maintenance Assignments with M. Ingram – **attached**
- Student Injury – one minor incident NCC Academy class

Staff Activities

- NFA Weekend April 2,3 – is a GO – Miller
- CSFI Conference in Washington DC – O'Malley, Ingram
- Recruitment and Retention Coordinators Certification Course for Jeff Brown – cancelled, next available is in September, looking for alternatives.

Programs/Courses

- *Current Month*
 - Brigade Leadership Skills – AdvanSix, three 3-day classes 30 students
 - Crew Leader – 38 students (52)
 - Engine Company Ops – 12 (29)
 - Vehicle Rescue 25 students (38)
 - Drone Part 107 Initial license – 20 students (6)
 - EVO Sussex 7 students (3), Kent 5 students
 - New Castle Recruit Class – began 2/01/21 – 22 students (25)
 - Basic Brigade Skills – 20 students, still registering
 - Basic Firefighting Skills – 88 students, still registering
 - SFEMS Instructor 1 blended – starting
 - Aerial Apparatus Ops – Wilmington FD - developing
- *Divisions Usage – March 1st Drillgrounds opened for classes.*
 - New Castle 13 classes, Kent 7 classes, Sussex 2 classes scheduled
- *In-Service at FD's and agencies off site throughout state – 48 programs*

EMS

- *Current Month*
 - CEU programs – 5 programs in March all in-service

- Currently running 3 EMT classes that began in January – NCD 26, KCD 23, SCD 11
- Those students will test last weekend in April
- EMR Refresher held for FMC at NCD
- Full EMR class last week of February held at DANG with 5 students
- Full EMR class for Mill Creek currently being held
- EMR Refresher at KCD with only 3 students (may have to cancel)
- In service EMT Refreshers – 1 at Talleyville, 1 at Minquas
- EMT Refreshers at KCD – 26 students and 12 students
- Reciprocity the last Tuesday of March with 16 students

Public Education and Injury Prevention Programs

- *Current Month*
 - Fire Safety Programs –
 - Homeless Camps in Georgetown - Lowe

Maintenance – Building and Grounds - see attached for full listing

- New store window and counter is completed
- High Tension Cable Barrier – Vehicle area – installation by DelDOT contractors - progress
- Investigating upgrading of Liquids and Gas props at KCD
- Investigating upgrading primers on main water supply training pumps
- Still waiting on New truck and Kubota Tractors – supply delays

Personnel Issues – none

Executive Session – none

Fire Marshal/Fire School - none

Action Items - none

Scheduled Activities – none

Health & Safety – Jack Wilson

- Discussed safety & health issues and concerns
- Several seminars available with lots of good information
- Pushing physicals, especially Cardio-Kinetics

Life Safety – Guy Hudson: (copied from hand written notes)

- We reviewed the matching funds request for 2021. We had 30 fire companies and associations submit for funds. Total request was \$100,791.70
- The 2021 awards program will be April 3, 2022 at Cheswold at 2:00 PM
- We also reviewed the changes to the 2022 Fire Prevention Program

Recruitment & Retention – Warren Jones

Jeff Brown from Camden Wyoming has been hired at the fire school to be the state Recruitment and Retention Coordinator. We have held two meeting of the R & R committee this year. We are working on a list of probable places where we can set up displays for our recruitment and retention members to work at. Jeff will be developing a recruitment and retention training class for all the fire companies. The Tuition reimbursement committee has met and is developing the criteria for the plan.

Revolving Loan – Ray Stevens

- Meeting held, Wednesday, March 2, 2022
- Status of the Fund, Beginning of meeting \$6.2 million
- Loan applications considered and approved
 - 3 Pumpers
 - 1 ladder
- Total funds approved \$885,000
- Remaining balance of funds \$5,315,000 @ 1% interest until May 15, 2022

Scholarship – Ron O’Neal:

- March 31st deadline for applications
- Only received 2 applications as of today

Sprinklers – Paul Eichler

- Working on residential sprinklers
- Home sprinkler week, May 15-21

1st Vice President Ryder recognized the Past Presidents and President Emeritus in attendance.
15 Past Presidents and 1 President Emeritus

Affiliated Organizations/Agency Representatives

Ladies Auxiliary: President Pam Ingle

- Brought greetings from the ladies Association
- All LADVFA Officers were present, along with several Past Presidents and County Officers

State Fire Chiefs: President Brian Reeder (copied and pasted from written report)
(Report given by Vice President Andy Jones)

- Since the last DVFA Executive meeting the State Chiefs Association has been pretty busy making attempts to raise funding for training as we move into the new year.
 - We gained a few more sponsors and continued with good partnerships with sponsors we already had.
- The Officers of the State Fire Chiefs have met 3 times virtually to continue to communicate and review the State Fire Chiefs budget.
 - We also, during these meetings, were able to agree on obtaining a credit card and developing a procedure on credit card use. I want to publicly thank Treasurer O’Bier and Chief Townley for their support and guidance.
- I have been in discussions with our By-laws committee and have asked that they develop policies within the By-laws on credit card use, guidance for Association matters if we shall come up against another pandemic / catastrophic type situation and to include the Delaware State Ambulance Association as a committee within the State Fire Chiefs Association.
 - As you are aware at the last DVFA Executive meeting it was voted on and passed that the Delaware State Ambulance Association be abolished after the Conference in 2022.
- The Leadership has also been going to companies who are celebrating their 100 Anniversary this year and presenting them with a plaque on behalf of the State Fire Chiefs.
 - We are also delivering a few of the wooden plaques that were made for Past Presidents who were not able to attend our Past Presidents dinner.

- Our January meeting was cancelled due to high cases of COVID. I apologize but after discussions with various officials we thought it was best.
- The Fire Department Training Network Committee posted the training opportunity in November that expired in January. The Committee worked hard to create a posting, application and then sat down to select members from all three Counties. I want to thank the Committee members for their time and effort in making this special training committee a success. We are hoping next year will garner even more applications to attend.
- Regarding training, The Hands-on Training Committee has been working to deliver a “half way to Conference training”. It is tentatively scheduled for April 2nd and 3rd 2022 at Dover Downs. The topic will be Tactical Extrication put on by Tactical Advantage Training LLC. So far, a lot of members off the Delaware Fire service have applied to attend. The committee will be meeting to chose 46 as that is the cutoff. Thank you to the H.O.T. Committee for their work so far.
- We have 2 raffles currently going on, the first is for a leather fire helmet, tickets are \$20 each. The second is the annual gun raffle they are \$5 each or 5 for \$20. Please see any State Chiefs Officers to purchase. We need all your help to promote the raffles, all proceeds go towards training hosted by the State Chiefs.
- We are scheduled for our second State Chiefs Barbeque April 30th at Station 14 Cranston Heights. We would like anyone who is heling to be there by 7am.
- I want to acknowledge all Past Presidents in the room, please stand. Thank you all for your support and guidance.
- Our next meeting will be Thursday March 24th hosted by Station 86 Rehoboth Fire Company. The meeting will be at the Rehoboth Conference Center 6pm, Meeting at 7pm. Our speaker for the night will be Mike Scotto his topic will be “Everyday is a training day”. We hope you all can attend.

State Fire Police: President Ron Deptula

- Reviewing “Move Over Law” from Pennsylvania.
- Stiffer fines if they can get this to work in Delaware

State Ambulance: President Albert Schrack (copied and pasted from written report)

The Delaware State EMS Association executives have met several times over the past several months.

We’d like to remind everyone that the National EMS week is scheduled for May 15-21

During our first meeting in December, a comprehensive review of our current systems, procedures, and policies was undertaken. With that review, a decision was made to implement a broad reaching marketing campaign directed at increasing awareness of the association and to generate interest in joining the association. Plans were placed to improve our Facebook presence, create a web site, and to better promote our meetings by allowing combination in-person/virtual options for attending. Additionally, plans were in place to acknowledge ALL PROVIDERS (fire and EMS) that responded during the COVID-19 pandemic State Of Emergency with unit citation pins.

Unfortunately, following that meeting, the DVFA had voted and passed a resolution to dissolve the association at the end of this current cycle. That decision, unfortunately, has undermined any attempts to achieve the goals we had set forth for this year. Public knowledge of that decision has made it difficult for the association to generate any interest to support the organization as it currently exists.

The leadership of the organization understands some of the reasons behind the decision of the DVFA. Unfortunately, the problems facing this association are not unique to this association, nor to Delaware. What is currently happening here is a microcosm of what is transpiring nation-wide. There exists a silent pandemic that has long been unaddressed. A shortage of dedicated EMS practitioners has crippled EMS agencies across the country. These shortages have reduced the numbers of “active” providers, those of whom we need involvement and participation from. These shortages, which force practitioners to work an inordinate number of hours, leave EMS practitioners with very little “free time” to participate in any extra-curricular organizations.

The demographics of the average EMS practitioner has also changed over the years. Many of the “active” practitioners are younger, college-aged students, or those seeking to advance in the medical field, working around their schooling schedules. This allows them little to no time to get involved in extra-curricular activities or organizations.

There is an ever increasing amount of EMS practitioners that have NO AFFILIATION with a fire company. The current system, which restricts members from participating on the ambulance crews from their “home station,” forces them to seek employment opportunities at other stations / companies across the state. Many “EMS only” members, as a result, cannot (and don’t feel as if they can) represent the company for which they belong, and as employees cannot represent their “employer.” This has hampered individuals from getting any support from their “home company.” The fire service has become an industry devoted to bringing in “volunteers” and training them to become “professionals,” who then move on to “work” someplace else.

A vast majority of EMS practitioners are also firefighters. Many of these individuals are heavily interested in the firefighting aspect of their service, only obtaining their EMS credentials so that they can obtain gainful employment as a full-time firefighter. While their service to EMS is highly recognized and appreciated, their personal preference is towards the advancement of firefighting.

The average career span of an EMT is anywhere from 2.5 to 5 years. Burnout, stress, fatigue, physical toll, low pay, and career advancement lead to such staggering numbers. With such a small window, it leaves little interest in joining an organization devoted to the advancement of the service. EMS pay rates are among the lowest paid job classifications, leading to overtime and working at multiple companies / services.

Over the past several years, the individual county fire associations have systematically dismantled the county EMS organizations, further hampering any statewide participation.

Changes to the required number of continuing education hours for recertification directly impacted the NEED for practitioners to attend the conference, in order to get their CEUs. Online courses allow the practitioners to obtain their CEUs at their leisure, rather than miss work to attend a conference. Additionally, many providers cannot attend conference due to the need to staff the ambulances.

Noting the above mentioned issues, one can understand why it has been difficult for this current association to garner interest from current practitioners to participate. These issues are the same issues I will be addressing at this year’s EMS On The Hill Summit when we will be meeting with our state legislators.

EMS service in Delaware has been in existence for nearly 50 years. During that time a forward thinking, progressive model has evolved into the current system we have today.

For the past several years, I have been touting that while EMS service in Delaware is progressive in some ways, it is lagging in many others. It is a model that was developed and put in place in the late 70's and early 80's. The model is based on legislation, policies and procedures, and decisions made during that time, with needs that were apparent at that time. Fifty years have passed, and we continue to work within a model that hasn't changed, even though the dynamics of what EMS performs have evolved dramatically. EMS is much more than a bunch of firefighters performing first aid, and transporting to the hospital. While EMS has struggled to stay current with fact-based research, and trends to improve on-site care before transport, the overall model has not changed.

As many who know me, I have repeatedly stated, it's like we're still driving a 1970's Chevelle. Yes, we've made improvements ... better wheels, better lights, even a faster engine ... but it's still a Chevelle. How many of you are still driving the same car you had in the 70's? Three years ago I attended a seminar, "EMS Agenda 2050", which laid the groundwork for EMS service "practitioners" and systems to move towards for the next 30 years. It included a lot of forward-thinking, without the constraints of current systems or limitations. Each state was encouraged to embrace the concept and begin "the process of change," rather than "sit back and allow change to affect the process."

Unfortunately, effecting any change over the past several years has been hampered by the COVID outbreak. Despite shutdowns and lockdowns, EMS services continued to operate, providing the care needed to our communities. During that timeframe, EMS services/organizations faced numerous challenges, forcing a reevaluation of policies and procedures to ensure continued care to our communities, while providing for the safety of the practitioners. Changes came quickly, along with implementation that was constantly adapting to the changing environment.

All this proves that changes CAN be made. But once again, rather than being REACTIVE, an organization has to be PROACTIVE.

There are much broader issues that need to be addressed, that for whatever reason, are currently being overlooked.

Delaware has the second lowest, first time NREMT passing rate in the nation. Many new EMTs are ill-prepared when they hit the streets, with an inconsistent FTO process that varies from one fire company to the next. This results with many new EMTs becoming heavily ALS dependent, putting an additional strain on the ALS service.

There is an increasing number of incidents involving violence against EMS. These incidents often go unreported, or very little is done legally. Many perpetrators are plea bargained down with little consideration given to the victims and the impact it has on EMS service in general.

Increases in population, increases in the median age of residents, increases in tourists/vacationers, and increases in the homeless population all equate to an increase in EMS call volume. The current system of EMS coverage built/based on cross-staffing, rather than the growing need for dedicated EMS systems puts an added strain on neighboring companies when there is a large or extended fire scene. Putting ambulances in bypass to avoid "scratch" rates negates any attempt to effectively evaluate how the EMS service is performing.

While the fire service has taken on EMS responsibility at a BLS level, the scope of EMS extends well beyond the fire service nowadays. While the DVFA recognizes all fire companies, it fails to embrace, by its nature, all the other aspects of EMS, including the hospital based EMS systems (St. Francis / Christiana Care), Transport companies (GEM, Ambulanz, Keystone, etc.), ALS, and aviation units, yet all these agencies work in unison providing medical care to those in need. There are a great number of practitioners that work in these other agencies, yet have no affiliation with the fire service otherwise, and as a result, no voice in EMS matters.

While the current leadership of the State EMS Association is deeply saddened by the actions of the DVFA, it remains steadfast in its beliefs and goals of promoting and representing the EMS community through advocacy, education and research. Mirroring with the National Association of EMT (NAEMT), this organization believes EMS practitioners should be represented by a professional association committed to advancing their profession, representing their professional interests and serving their professional and educational needs. With that goal in mind, this organization intends to reorganize to encompass all EMS practitioners across ALL the various agencies. This organization intends to continue to work with the DVFA, the State Chiefs Association and the County Chiefs Associations, providing input and participation in committees as deemed appropriate. This organization intends to continue to work with Delaware State Fire School, the Delaware State Fire Commission, the Division of OEMS, and the Delaware EMS Oversight Committee (DEMSOC) in achieving its goals.

It is the hope of this organization that the DVFA will give its support during this transition and to continue the goodwill between EMS and the fire service.

DVFA Foundation: Chairman Lynn Rogers

- Thanked Ron O'Neal for his work and support of the foundation
- President Carrier called Lynn and Ken Ryder to the front, so the ladies could make their presentations to the foundation for scholarships.
- LADVFA President Ingle presented a check for \$1,500.00, President Ingle also presented a check for \$1,000.00 from the New Castle ladies and a \$500.00 from the New Castle Ladies Past Presidents. Sussex County Ladies President Isabel Stevenson presented a check for \$1,000.00. Deb Lawhead presented a check for \$1,500.00 from the Kent County Ladies. A round of applause was given for the presentations.

Mutual Relief Association: Steve White

- Next meeting is March 22 at Stat. 49

National Vol. Fire Council: Bill Betts

- Next meeting will be conjunction with the CFSI event on April 7-9

Del-Mar-Va Firemen's Assoc.: Director Ted Walius

- On Feb. 3, President Dixon resigned. Past President Robert Quillen was installed to finish his term
- Convention will be May 5,6,7 at Hartly
- Past President Calvin Stack passed away on Feb. 18th

100th Anniversary: Ed Barlow and Bill Tobin

- Passed out a flyer with the basic information
- Full day of events on the Dover Mall on July 9, 2022
- Parade at 1:00 PM. No trophies for competition
- More info will be going to the companies soon

National Fallen Firefighter Foundation: Ed Rush

- Talked about the foundation
- Talked about the “Everyone Goes Home” program

Workman’s Comp: Deb Lawhead

- Discussed concerns with workman’s comp and the pay out of wages
- Discussed Title 19 2312 and Title 19 2302
- Discussed what Mutual Relief covers around wages
- Deb covered the cancer coverage and left flyers for review. This is being over-seen by VFIS

Communications:

The following communications were received and were summarized by Secretary Steele

- Delegate and Alternate changes from the following companies: Minquadale Fire Co, Elsmere Fire Co, Clayton Fire Co, Little Creek Fire Co, Delaware City Fire Co, South Bowers Fire Co, Minqua Fire Co, Citozen’s Hose Fire Co, Claymont Fire Co.
- Letter from VA State Firefighter’s Association reference to creating stronger ties with other fire associations
- Copy of a letter from Bowers Fire Co. to the Commission and Kent County Fire Chief’s Association reference to an EMS call

Motion by Dave Ruff and second by Guy Hudson to accept communications and spread upon the minutes
Motion carried

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

- ***Motion by Nick Baronie and second by Tom DiCristofaro to extend the table on HB193.*** Voice vote was too close to call. A roll call vote was taken. Vote was 46 YES votes to extend the table and 21 NO votes not to extend. **Motion passed to extend the table**
- Questions were raised regarding smoke detectors. Fire Marshal Ingle discussed this issue
- Request was made that the DVFA Officers investigate the land use program through-out the State
- John Hopkins made a brief presentation on where the committee was regarding Resolution 709
- Question was raised regarding why revolving loans were not available for the “full” cost of the loan request, instead of a percentage of the cost. Ray Stevens stated that this is being looked at, since they have extra funding now
- ***Motion by Nick Baronie and second by Anthony Carnavale to have the President’s 709 research committee meet with the Fire Commission*** **Motion carried**

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Assistant Treasurer Ray Stevens highlighted the bills to be paid.

	Delaware Volunteer Firefighter's Association Expenses by Vendor Summary December, 2021 through February, 2022	
3/6/22 Accrual Basis		<u>Dec '21 – Feb 22</u>
	A+ Conferencing LTD	66.40
	Amtrust North America	58.00
	AT&T Mobility	149.21
	Bumpers & Company	355.00
	Canon	542.64
	Champion Trophies	1,453.50
	Chief Technologies, LLC	480.00
	Comcast	885.62
	DMV Administrative Office	10.00
	Dolly Ingram	2,055.00
	DVFA Conference	3,000.00
	Firehouse Grants, LLC	7,000.00
	Goldfein & Joseph, P.C.	822.50
	M&T	3,268.11
	Mike Lowe	84.71
	Northern Trust Company	2,024,419.97
	Ron Marvel	24.32
	Steve Austin	129.64
	U.S. Postal Service	<u>232.00</u>
	TOTAL	2,046,811.62

Motion by Guy Hudson and second by Steve White to pay the bills as presented.

Motion carried

GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION

- CVVFA Convention will be August 3-5 in Williamsport, MD
- Eastern Division I-Chief's Convention will be May 12,13,14 in Rehoboth
- ***Motion to revert back to new business*** **Motion carried**
- See last motion under new business

ADJOURNMENT

It was regularly moved by Guy Hudson and seconded by Steve White that the March Executive Meeting be adjourned. **Motion carried.**

Pastor Bob Hudson offered the Benediction
The meeting was adjourned at 12:08 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Elmer B. Steele
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Corporate Secretary

I hereby attest that this a true copy of the proceedings of the Delaware Volunteer Firefighter's Association Executive Meeting held on Sunday, March 13, 2022.

Attest: Warren F. Jones
Executive Manager

Dan Carrier
President