



**DVFA Officers Meeting
Tuesday, December 3, 2024
18:30 hours – Hosted by Sta. 13, Claymont
Green Turtle in Dover**

DVFA ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

President Tom DiCristofaro	Kent Director Jim Woznicki
1 st Vice President Gerald Manley, Jr.	Kent Director Ken Frazier
2 nd Vice President Jim Arrington	Kent Director Kevin Hovis
Secretary Elmer Steele	Sussex Director Guy Hudson
Treasurer Terry Whitham	New Castle Director Brian Reeder
Assistant Treasurer John Wright	New Castle Director Eric Haley
Executive Manager Jay Jones	New Castle Director Sharonda Spencer
Administrative Assistant Warren Jones	Past President/Director Ken Ryder
Past Treasurer Ray Stevens	

LADVFA OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

President Mickey Decino	1 st Vice President Shirley Pennington
2 nd Vice President Ginni Tice	Past President Ann Marie Krystopolski

ASSOCIATIONS AND GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE

Fire Commission Chairman Ron Marvel	Foundation Chairman Lynn Rogers
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- Social and hors'd were available at 6:00 PM
- President DiCristofaro called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM
- Invocation by Guy Hudson
- Started the meeting while. Waitress took dinner orders

LADVFA President Mickey Decino:

- Greetings from the Ladies Auxiliary.

OFFICER REPORTS:

President Tom DiCristofaro: (talking points from e-mail report)

- September 25th took delivery of 3,000 smoke detectors from Lowe's in Wilmington
- October 5th attended unveiling of Laura Madara's name on the monument in Dover
- October 8th attended DVFA Past President Jasper Lakey funeral services
- October 29th was at the HB 271 signing at Mill Creek with the Governor

- October 30th attended Debbie Zeroles services in Harrington
- Late October, penned a letter to Attorney Kathy Jennings regarding the Fire Police serious incident and penalty
- Thanks to Ray Stevens for picking up the mistake on the Fire tax money for distribution
- 2025 souvenirs are out for sale

1st Vice President Gerald Manley, Jr.: (talking points)

- Discussed background checks
- Commission not communicating changes

2nd Vice President Jim Arrington: (talking points)

- Nothing at this time. Still a learning process for me

Secretary Elmer Steele: (talking points)

- Spent most of this quarter wrapping up the 2024 Conference, so Ray could close out the books
- Started the contract process for 2025. President DiCristofaro signed the contract tonight and Treasurer Wright wrote the deposit check. Will mail off both tomorrow
- The Hyatt rooms are sold out. Ashlee has added a few more to our block at the Coast
- My wife and I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Treasurer Terry Whitham: (talking points)

- Bumpers & Co. has been sold. Working with the new company
- Introduced the new Assistant Treasurer---- John Wright form Frankford
- Have received nothing for ticket sales for CFSI

Assistant Treasurer John Wright: (talking points)

- Have issued one (1) check so far to the Hyatt for 2025 Conference deposit

Past Treasurer Rat Stevens: (copied from written report)

OVERALL: HERE IS WHERE WE STAND ON CONFERENCE 2024

1. CONFERENCE REVENUES AND EXPENSES:

Actual 2024 Conference Revenues:	\$154,171
Actual 2024 Conference Expenses:	<u>\$135,099</u>
Surplus	\$ 19,072

2. CURRENT FUND BALANCES GOING INTO CONF. 2025

Conference Checking Account	\$ 11,331
Conference Money Market Account	<u>\$ 72,894</u>
Total Available Funds	\$ 84,225

Fund Balance Going into Conf. 2024 \$ 54,006

3. RECEIVABLES SHOWN AS OUTSTANDING TO DATE:

Partners-In-progress – Kent Cty. Levy Court	\$ 1,000
State Fire Chief’s Assoc. (lodging for speaker)	176
State EMS Assoc. (lodging for speaker)	<u>353</u>
Total	\$ 1,529

4. PREPAID CONFERENCE 2025 EXPENSES:	
Conference Souvenirs (3 invoices, totaling)	\$ 3,487
5. COST SAVINGS NOTES OF INTEREST:	SAVINGS:
a. No charge for Officers/Committee Breakfasts	\$ 7,134
b. No Continental Breakfast (Opening or Memorial Service)	14,083
c. No Flexible Notepads ordered this year	2,087
d. Welcome Reception (Hyatt & Harvey Hanna donated Most of the food costs)	6,057
e. The DVFA's VIP Reception (eliminated this year)	1,378
f. Bethany Blues (discounted their food bill for Chief's)	5,400
g. Audio & Visual cost savings this year	9,457
h. No security cost at the beach	1,100
i. Coty of Rehoboth (no charge for Conv. Center)	2,000
j. Tent Rental (the Hyatt paid the rental bill)	<u>5,000</u>
TOTAL SAVINGS	\$53,696

OVERALL:

We had a cash surplus of \$19,072 this year of Conference Revenues over Expenses. Everyone must work to keep costs under control and we will come out in the black on Conference 2025 also.

Fire Prevention Commission Chairman Ron Marvel: (talking points)

- Discussed background checks.
- No funding included in HB411
- Jay Jones chimed in on the discussion and stated that the Federal (FBI) folks were not included in the bill and knew nothing about our request or process.
- Need to identify a name with a fire company
- Cost is \$20 to get a password code

Broke for dinner at 7:20 PM

Reconvened the meeting at 7:45 PM

- Chairman Marvel stated that Dave Majewski, Sr. will be taking Richard T. Perillo's position on the Commission, due to some family issues

Conference Chairman Eric Haley:

- Working on meeting dates for the Conference
- Working with Frederica for the meeting place

DVFA Foundation Lynn Rogers:

- Held the last meeting on October 30th at Willis Chevy
- Working on some by-law changes
- Please keep Carol Walton in your prayers during her medical issues

Director Reports:

Kent County Director Jim Woznicky:

- Happy Holidays

Kent County Director Kevin Hovis:

- Talked about the monument at Leg. Hall

Sussex County Director Guy Hudson:

- Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

New Castle Director Brian Reeder:

- Raised a question regarding the extra smoke detectors. How do we get them??
- Raised a question regarding FDIC. Is the DVFA attending?? Are there rooms available??
- Surf tags. Is the new format working??

New Castle Director Sharonda Spencer:

- Happy Holidays
- Installation of Officers will be next Thursday at Sta. 30, Belvedere at 6:30 PM

New Castle Director Eric Haley:

- New Castle County Association and New Castle Fire Chief's Association have gone together and will be using a Post Office box for their mail

Executive Manager Jay Jones: (talking points)

- Several new folks in Leg. Hall this year
- New Governor and Lt. Governor
- CFSI Feb. 12&13 Need to participate since the DVFA is a sponsor to CFSI
- OSHA—discussed the comment period
- Delaware flags for funerals. No money in the bill to cover the cost. Each flag is \$205 and have given out 4 so far. You must request a flag through the DVFA office. Not an automatic give out.
- USFA – hired a new Deputy Director who will become acting Director when Dr. Lori steps down
- Surf Tags—Took first batch to Parks and Receptions Office on the 15th

Administrative Assistant Warren Jones: (talking points)

- Working on the web site issues
- State Officers are up, need County Officers
- Talked about SAFER grant. Jason McCabe has been added to the program
- Need up-dated President and Chief list

General discussion:

- President DiCristofaro talked about the FACETS report that has been completed in New Castle. The report is 484 pages long.
- Sussex report should be completed. Waiting on their report to come out.
- The next Revolving Loan meeting will be December 18th

There being no other business to come before the group, President DiCristofaro declared the meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM Thanks to President DiCristofaro and Claymont Fire Co. for hosting the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Elmer B. Steele

Elmer B. Steele, Secretary
Delaware Vol. Firefighter's Assoc.

Attest to:

Jay Jones, Executive Manager
Tom DiCristofaro, DVFA President