



Southwest Virginia Firefighters Association 1st Convention Business Meeting June 20, 2014

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The 1st Convention Business meeting of the Southwest Virginia Firefighters Association was held on Friday, 20 June, 2014 at the Meadowview Conference Resort and Convention Center in Kingsport, TN. with 102 members present, representing 15 member organizations.

The business meeting was called to order at 1402 hours by President Potsie Smith. The invocation was given by Mr. Kenny Hancock of the Draper Volunteer Fire Department. President Potsie Smith of the Christiansburg Fire Department welcomed everyone in attendance.

Reports:

President:

President Potsie Smith offered the following report:

- Thanked everyone for attending the 2014 Convention
- Introduced Mr. Larry Logan, President of the Virginia State Firefighters Association
 - President Logan presented the following:
 - He thanked everyone for their support of the Virginia State Firefighters Association
 - The Virginia State Firefighters Association (VSFA) is working to better the fire service in Virginia
 - The VSFA dues are \$5.00 per person and the VSFA has a \$10,000 line of duty death insurance on all of its members
 - The VSFA website has been redesigned and is at www.vsfa.org
 - The VSFA annual conference will be in Hampton, VA 13 – 17 of August, 2014
 - There will be approximately 30 classes to choose from at the VSFA Conference this year
- President Smith also introduced Division Chief Tim Estes of the Virginia Department of Fire Programs
 - Chief Estes presented the following:
 - The Virginia Department of Fire Programs (VDFP) has a new Executive Director, Mr. Melvin D. Carter and a new Executive Director, Ms. Brook M. Pittinger
 - The VDFP will be granting reciprocity for some training from other states. More information about this change can be found at the following link: http://www.vafire.com/fire_chat/pdf/2014-07-10-Reciprocity_in_Virginia_is_changing.pdf
 - In July VDFP will be teaming up with the Virginia Fire Chiefs Association to present a safety program called “Close the Door”
 - The is new online training call “5 Minutes to Save a Life”, this is “Coffee Break” style training

1st Vice President:

1st Vice President Morgan O'Quinn offered the following report:

- The Bristol Fire Department will be hosting training on 31 July, 2014 in Bristol, VA. the Sprint Communications Team will be conducting this training.
- He introduced his brother Delegate Israel O'Quinn
 - Delegate O'Quinn addressed the members and thanked them for their work providing the services to the citizens of Southwest Virginia.
 - Delegate O'Quinn advised that he is proud to be a volunteer firefighter
 - He advised that if you want to see changes or have ideas for the state legislature to contact your local delegates
 - He spoke about the Virginia Public Safety Memorial in Richmond, VA. at this time there are 802 names for this memorial

2nd Vice President:

2nd Vice President Bill Nunley offered the following report.

- No report

Treasurer:

Treasure Billy Cook submitted the following report.

- Submitted the Treasure's report
- Motion made by Leon Reed and seconded by Bill Nunley to approve the Treasure's Report
- **Motion voted and passed.**

Asst. Treasurer:

Asst. Treasurer Chris Lloyd offered the following report:

- Gave a report on the Convention Committee account.
- Motion to accept by Steve Hall and seconded by David Akers to accept.
- **Motion voted and passed.**

Secretary:

Secretary Curtis Whitt offered the following report:

- No Report

Asst. Secretary:

Secretary Mark Smith offered the following report:

- Advised that registrations for convention were better this year and thanked everyone for trying to get them in on time
- Thanked Ms. Lori Stevens for her help with the name badges

Chaplin / Welfare:

Chaplin Kenny Hancock offered the following report:

- 1 death in the association that was reported to him this past quarter, Ms. Joyce Jones of Newport Fire Department
- Kenny asked the members to keep the following in their thoughts and prayers
 - Mr. Jimmy Blount – Christiansburg
 - Mr. Jimmy Epperly – Christiansburg
 - Mr. Paul Herrell – Elliston
 - Jeff McCoy – Longshop McCoy

- Joe Pack – Riner
- Ron Baldwin – Riner
- Robbie Cecil - Dublin

Sgt. At Arms:

Mavin Ogle offered the following report:

- No Report

Executive Committee:

Jeff Saunders offered the following report:

- No Report

Legislative Committee:

Mr. Mike Moles offered the following report:

- Has deferred his report to the Saturday meeting

Membership Committee:

Mr. Steve Hall offered the following report:

- Advised that the association has 5 new member departments this year
 - Big Stone Gap, Selma, Sharron, Mt. Pleasant and Dunlap fire departments

Training Committee:

Mr. Tim Estes offered the following report for Mr. Roy Redd:

- The fiscal year is coming to a end
- There have been a lot of classes that were cancelled this year due to lack of participation
- The NFA Weekend will 20- 21 of September in Emmitsburg, MD
- If you need a T-T-T you can now get it thru the Division Offices
- Firefighter I & II T-T-T updates are available on line
- Many classes are getting ready to be revised

By-laws Committee:

Mr. Page Brockenbrough offered the following report:

- No Report

Rules and Contest Committee:

Mr. Danny Yopp offered the following report:

- Captains meeting will be after the 2nd business meeting
- Competition will be held on the golf course driving range at 1300 hours

Ways and Means Committee:

Mr. Chris Loan offered the following report:

- 50/50 drawing
- Reminder of the \$1,500 Carnival Cruise gift card raffle tickets are still for sale

Scholarship Committee:

Mr. Billy Hanks offered the following report:

- We currently have 5 applications for the scholarship at this time
- Motion was made to give out 5 scholarships by Gary Francis and seconded by Kenny Hancock

➤ **Motion voted and passed**

Convention Committee:

Mr. Barry Simmons and Mr. David Akers offered the following report:

- Thanked everyone for attending
- Discussed ways to make the registration easier in the future
- Advised that this was the largest number registered in memory, 335 registered not including the vendors
- The Cooking Demo was cancelled, 17 registered and only 9 paid to attend
- Commented about how the Marriott and its staff have bent over backwards and have been awesome to work with so please thank them when see the staff around

Old Business

President Smith and 3 others from the association went to the Fallen Firefighters Memorail program. The Southwest Virginia Firefighters Association was represented in the event program book

New Business

David Akers asked the association to support the Virginia State Firefighters Association by purchasing a advertisement on the VSFA website. The cost of this add will be \$600.00 and will be placed as a banner ad on the VSFA site.

The Motion was made by David Akers and seconded by Leon Reed

Motion voted and passed

The meeting was adjourned at 1450 hours with Mr. Kenny Hancock offering the closing prayer.

The next meeting will be Saturday, June 21, 2014 at the MeadowView Conference Resort & Convention Center in Kingsport, TN. at 9:00 am

Respectfully Submitted,
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