

Cumberland Valley Volunteer Firemen's Association  
 Booster Meeting October 17, 2010  
 Fairview Township Fire Dept PA

President Yost called the group together for lunch early as everyone seemed to be in attendance and lunch was ready. Lunch was served by the host company folks. Greg called the meeting to order at 12:35 hours. He asked Ray Mowen to give the invocation and lead the group into the pledge. Greg asked Bob Timko to give the welcome on behalf of the Township. Bob made some brief remarks. Greg thanked the company for hosting the meeting, thanked the ladies for serving lunch and presented the complimentary \$100 check for expenses.

**Introduction of Guests –**

Mike Jacoby, he spoke on federal problem of hazmat locations and the lack of information being provided to the emergency services. Mike will be testifying at a conference on this matter shortly. He is asking for any input into this problem.

President Yost then asked for PP Austin to give the oath of office to WV Director Brett Bittle who was absent from the convention ceremony. Brett introduced himself and gave some background info about him. Steve gave the oath of office which was followed by applause and welcome as Director.

Secretary Worthington took roll call with 76 representatives and delegates being recorded in attendance.

President	Greg Yost	1
1st Vice President	Michael Sullivan	
2nd Vice President	Steven Haines	1
3rd Vice President	Rich Toulson	
4th Vice President	Walter Robertson	1
Treasurer	George Dove	1
Financial Secretary	Stephen McBee	
Recording Secretary	Gene Worthington	1
Home Office Manager	Stephen Heefner	1
Publicity Manager	Robert Timko	1
Chaplain	Charles Barnhart	
Assistant Chaplain	James Wharry	
Attorney	Howard Cohen	
Pennsylvania Delegate	Charlie Myers	1
Director, Pennsylvania (2011)	Rich Bruner	1
Director, Pennsylvania (2012)	Curtis Alleman	
Director, Maryland (2011)	Wayne Baker	
Director, Maryland (2012)	Robert Cumberland	
Director, West Virginia (2011)	Bill Keller	1
Director, West Virginia (2012)	Brett Bittle	1
Director, Delaware (2011)	Harry Balthis	1
Director, Delaware (2012)	Steve Austin	1
Director, Virginia (2011)	Kevin Wilkes	
Director, Virginia (2012)	Allen Brennan	1
Past President	Walter Robertson	1
	Totals	15

Past Presidents	10
Maryland Fire Depts	7
Delaware Fire Depts	8
Virginia Fire Depts	8
West Virginia Fire Depts	3
Pennsylvania Fire Depts	25

**Communications** – None

**Motion** to accept the convention minutes of 2010 with corrections as distributed and published on the web site by George Dove, seconded by Walter Robertson, no further discussion, voice vote taken, motion passed.

**Officers reports:**

President Yost brought greetings to the group and continued by stating Officers, members and guests, I would like to welcome everyone and thank you for attending today’s meeting here at Fairview Township Fire Department. Thanks to the fine folks here who prepared the meal and allowed us to use their facilities. Well, I am here. What do I do now????? Whatever you all want, whatever you all need. That’s what I do! So if you need me in anyway during this year, please do not hesitate to call. If at all possible, I will be there for you and your fire department. Also, do not hesitate to offer me suggestions to do things better. Since the convention in August, (By the way, I have some leftover souvenirs for sale at half price), I have been busy with activities for my home company, county association and CVVFA. For Hancock, I have ongoing meetings with Pennsylvania Townships to try and make common sense prevail. It seems we have some territorial issues with our neighbors in Pennsylvania. I have been chairing our county chiefs committee (which I have already notified Wash. Co. that I am resigning that position at the end of the year. We have been working on a Fire Plan to present to the county commissioners of what the fire depts. need to continue to do the job. For CVVFA, I have attended the Delaware State Firefighters Conference in Dover; the NUG Summit in Baltimore and the Peer Review for Responder Safety Institute in Baltimore. I also represented CVVFA as a judge at the Miss Carroll County Fire Prevention contest to help Erin out (By the way, Erin would have been here but she had a previous commitment with her employer.) I had a great time at all these events. I have also spent a lot of time working on updating the committees, their missions and their members. I am passing around this list, please add your name to any committee you would like to help with. These committees are open to all members. Speaking of committees, I know it is very hard for committees to do their work because of our geographical locations. Phone, email and mail will have to do to get the work done between meetings. I would like at future meetings, the committees get together at 11 am and work to our noon mealtime. This way, you can set down, face to face and get a lot of work done. Hopefully that will get some of our committees active which have not been so in the past. Again, thanks for coming, looking forward to a productive meeting and everyone have a safe trip home.

First Vice President Sullivan was absent.

Second Vice President Haines presented his written report and spoke from it. President Greg Yost, fellow Officers, members and guests, welcome to today’s booster meeting. I would like to thank the Fairview Township FD for hosting today’s meeting. Since our convention in August, I have attended my own company meetings, my own company training sessions, also I have attended my county association annual meeting. I had the honor of representing this organization at the PA State Firemen’s convention that was held in Wilkes-Barre hosted by the Hanover Township FD. Good seeing Steve Austin, Bob Cumberland, Vivian and Charlie Myers. Thank you for the generous hospitality. Looking forward to another successful year for this organization and congratulations Greg on becoming President and to all the Officers for the coming year. Good seeing everyone. May you all have a safe and happy holiday season. Take care and have a safe trip home.

Third Vice President Toulson was absent, however submitted a written report. Fellow Officers, members and guests, good afternoon I apologize that I’m unable to attend the today’s booster meeting.

Since the Convention at Hancock MD, I have attended my departments meetings, training nights, and attended training at our State Fire School, County and, County and State Chief Association meetings, I also attended Delaware Volunteer Firefighters Association State conference, I understand that the traffic control training class that was held for the conference at the State Fire School was successful, although the attendees were unable to receive the complete class due to weather. The attendees have requested we return on November 21, 2010, allowing them to complete the training. I would like to thank Bob Cumberland for teaching this class. I attended a two day NTIMC's meeting, and a two day instructor's workshop that was held by Responder Safety at the Maritime Institute Baltimore.

Fourth Vice President Robertson stated from his written report. President Yost, Fellow Officers members and guests, I want to thank the Fairview Township Fire Department for hosting this booster meeting. Since convention I have attended all of my fire companies meetings, training sessions and fund raising activities. I have also attended all of my county and state meetings. Again I want to thank Fairview for hosting this meeting and I hope that everyone has a safe trip home.

Treasurer Dove thanked the Fairview Township for hosting the meeting today. I also attended my meetings and fire company functions and then presented his written report. Account balances are as follows:

CVVFA #4100840 death	500.00
General Account	11474.92
CVVFA HH bonds	2000.00
CVVFA #236	82219.02
Net Worth	96193.94

We still have 3 outstanding checks from last year and that concludes my report.

Financial Secretary McBee was absent due to the wedding of his daughter, congratulations. He submitted the following report which was read by the Secretary. Greetings and Salutations! I am sorry I can't be there for the Booster Meeting, but my daughter's wedding came first. I am still getting some dues in from both individuals and member companies. There are still quite a few members that haven't paid yet and I listed the member companies that haven't been received below. I would request the State Directors contact the companies about their dues. I will get a request to Steve Austin to put a notice on the web page and possibly send an e-mail as a reminder.

Dues Outstanding for Member Companies:

Five Points Fire Co Wilmington, DE.	Vol. Fire Co of Halfway Hagerstown, MD	Goshen FD West Chester, PA
Elsmere Fire Co Wilmington, DE	Verona VFD Verona, VA	CT Fire Police Pawcatuck, CT
Orleans Vol Fire Co Little Orleans, MD	Mechanics S.F.E. & Hose Co Waynesboro, PA	
Myersville Vol Fire Co Myersville, MD	Wilmington Fire Dept. Wilmington, DE	John H Enders Berryville, VA
Circleville VFD Circleville, WV	Westminster Fire Eng. Westminster, MD	Wilson VFC Lyndhurst, VA
Cumberland Valley Hose #2 Shippensburg, PA		American Traffic & Safety Serv. Assn Fredricksburg, VA
Middletown Fireman's Relief Middletown, PA	Bristol Borough Traffic Bristol, PA	

MIEMSS Baltimore, MD	MD Emergency Mgt Reisterstown, MD	NFPA Quincy, MA
West Shore Bureau Of Fire Lemoyne, PA		Highland Co VFC Monterey, VA
Cumberland Co VFA Carlisle, PA	Pioneer Hook & Ladder Hagerstown, MD	Hancock Rescue Hancock, MD
Fireman's Assn of PA Franklin, PA	D.E. Gemmill, Inc Red Lion, PA	Clear Spring VFC Clear Spring, MD
Delaware Fireman's Assn Dover, DE	Longmeadow VFC Hagerstown, MD	Stickney FD Stickney, IL
Townsend FC Townsend, MD	Elsmere Fire Dist Delmar, NY	Newport Ambulance League Newport, PA
PA Fire & Emerg Serv Inst Harrisburg, PA	Always There Hook & Ladder Waynesboro, PA	Bakerton VFD Harpers Ferry, WV

All the Directors in attendance were provided a copy of the above listing for their actions.

Recording Secretary Worthington stated, first I want to say thanks to Bob and our host company here today for hosting the meeting. The minutes from the convention were transcribed and sent out electronically for any corrections, some were received back. Copies were mailed to those desiring hard copies. Also the final copy was sent to the webmaster for posting on the site. I have been in communication with the President to assist with the business of the Association, also provided him with an agenda for today's meeting. I have attended all of my company, county and state meetings. The Office stands ready to support the Association as the Secretary's office.

Home Office Manager Heefner presented a written report. Officers, Members, and Guests, welcome to the October booster meeting hosted by the Fairview Township FD. Thanks to Bob Timko and his department for hosting today's event. It's been a long hot record breaking summer for most of us. Everyone is looking forward to fall, with cooler temperatures and falling leaves. After a great convention in Hancock, MD, I attended the DVFA conference in Dover. I printed and mailed approximately 1,000 postcards to CVVFA members with date of upcoming events for the year. I have distributed all correspondence sent to me either by phone or email. I have received requests for future booster meetings and conventions. Thanks to everyone for your help.

Publicity Manager Timko responded to an emergency call, therefore not able to give his report at this time.

Chaplain Barnhart was absent.

Assistant Chaplain Wharry was absent.

Attorney Howard Cohen was absent, however submitted some comments. I'll be unable to attend the CVVFA booster meeting this Sunday as I'll be attending a family friend's wedding. Please extend my greetings and hope for a productive meeting.

Pennsylvania Delegate Charlie Myers reported on the PA convention. The PA Fire & Emergency Services dinner will be held on Monday before Thanksgiving in Harrisburg. Bob Timko will be speaking further on the sprinkler legislation.

**Directors' reports** – Pennsylvania Director Rich Brunner read from his written report. Good afternoon President Yost and members of CVVFA. I would like to first thank and the Fairview Township Fire

Company for hosting the October Booster Meeting. Again, thanks for a great job. Since the last meeting I have again been traveling extensively. Since the convention I have been involved in attending my fire company meetings, training and fund raisers. In addition I have been spearheading the effort to locate a company in need of air packs. We were fortunate to obtain a grant and have received new air packs and thought it would be nice to extend that fortune to a company or companies in need of equipment. I placed an email ad for free air packs on our State Commissioner's website and have had numerous inquiries. The hard part now will be to decide who gets the packs. We have actually been distributing some of them to individuals within the company, local businesses and to our County Animal Rescue Team. In addition I attended a training session on vehicle rescue. This gentleman is one of the leading experts on vehicle rescue and new car technology. I would encourage you to see his presentation if you get the opportunity. I will continue to work on making our fire company and the CVVFA the best organizations possible and one's that are responsive to today's needs. To President Yost, I wish you a great year and the board and members of the CVVFA thanks for your tireless efforts for the CVVFA. Have a safe trip home.

Pennsylvania Director Alleman was absent, however he sent the following report. Good afternoon members, officers and guest of CVVFA. I apologize for not being able to be in attendance with you today at Fairview Township Sta. 68 for your booster meeting but due to my work schedule I was unable to attend. Since being elected at the August Convention in Hancock MD I have been busy learning the duties of my position along with working with President Yost along with Bob Cumberland, Bob Timko, Steve Austin and Steve Heffner on several projects. Along with being active in my fire company as we continue to prepare for our consolidation between the Citizens Fire Company of Enola and Summerdale Fire Company. On January 1, 2011 these two companies will be consolidating into one company and will be known as Northeast Fire and Rescue Co. 20. I've attended my monthly fire company meetings along with the Cumberland County Vol. Firefighters Convention and Fireman's Association State of PA Convention both that were held in September. I've worked very close with PFESI on several legislative issues that have come to the floor for votes over the past few weeks. In PA we have been working very hard on Cancer Presumption and also on Sprinklers for all new construction SFD. The PBA has applied a lot of pressure on the sprinkler issue and have attempted both in court and in the legislature to have the code removed. On Thursday Oct 14 the PA Senate approved a 1 year extension to HB 1196 which would not implement sprinkler requirements in all new construction homes till January 1, 2012. This bill has now been sent to the House Rules committee where we as emergency responders are hoping it will stay until the session ends at the end of November. If this doesn't come back out of committee Sprinklers will be added to the code and be required for all new SFD construction homes effective Jan 1, 2011. I participated in the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial weekend in Emmitsburg MD the weekend of October 1-3 where I assisted as a family escort for a fallen firefighter from Arizona. Bob Timko, Bob Cumberland and I all attended a fire and traffic safety event at the Greencastle Welcome Center on Interstate 81 on Friday, October 8, 2010, where we had information on the move over law and also of traffic safety for our emergency responders. I've also been working with members of my company and also some of the officers of CVVFA on a few plans that we in East Pennsboro have for the CVVFA booster meeting that we will be hosting in March 2011. We plan to have a training session on Saturday followed by a social event that evening. If you're a hockey fan the Cumberland County Vol. Firefighters Association is also hosting a fundraiser event with the Hershey Bears Hockey Club which is an AHL affiliate of the Washington Capitals and is the two-time defending Calder cup champions. This should be a great event and we would love to have some of the members and officers of CVVFA attend if you are coming to town early.

Maryland Director Wayne Baker was absent.

Maryland Director Bob Cumberland was absent, however he submitted his written report. President Yost, Officers, Directors, and Guest, I want to thank the Fairview Township Fire Department for hosting this meeting and the hospitality they showed the association members this weekend. President Yost I want to congratulate you on being elected to the President of the CVVFA and will help you in any way I can to promote the Association and ResponderSafety Institute. Since the Convention I attended all

my fire department meetings, and Carroll County Volunteer Emergency Services Association meetings. I also attended the following State Conventions; Virginia, West Virginia, Fireman's Association State of New York, the Delaware Volunteer Firefighters Association Conference and the State of Pennsylvania Firemen's Association Convention. As a member of the Maryland Fire Rescue Education Training Commission I attended the commission's quarterly meetings. I attended the I-95 Corridor coalition summit on the National Unified Goals in Baltimore, Md. As a Board member to the Board of Visitors to the National Fire Academy I attended the Boards annual meeting and also attended the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial weekend programs. I assisted Vice President Toulson in teaching the ResponderSafety class "We Have Your Back" at the Delaware fire school for the Delaware State Fire Police Association. There are plans for us to return in November to provide them with the table top exercise and outside roadway operations. In September I worked on the Assistance to Firefighter Grants and SAFER grant at Towson, Md. I was able to attend a workshop with ERSI Instructors along with President Yost and other members of the CVVFA/ERSI looking at up dating the training materials for highway safety and protecting our own. This was conducted at the Conference Center at the Maritime Institute Linthicum Heights, Maryland. I will be leaving on Monday October 18, 2010 to attend the Minnesota Fire Chiefs Convention in Rochester, Minnesota to represent ResponderSafety with our booth and discussion on the NUG. I continue to work on getting more items along with the 5.11 shirts on the association store at Emergency Training Associates in Taneytown, Md. I am still having problems getting the 5.11 representatives and Lou Jordan together to make this happen. I will continue to work on this and improve the items we have for sale. I still need to ask that the officers and directors continue to promote the association web page and the store to increase our sales and the funding coming into the association.

West Virginia Director Keller brought greetings, thanked our host company and spoke on his activities. After convention I delivered the proclamations to PP Diehl and Alt families. I have attended all of my fire company activities that my job will allow. He also attended some other functions within the state for fire instructors. He also attended the CVVFA workshop held.

West Virginia Director Bittle thanked all for the opportunity to serve the Association and looking forward to the year. Thanks to our host company today.

Virginia Director Allen Brennan submitted a written report. He spoke from it saying, thanks to the Fairview Township FD for hosting the booster meeting. I attended the CVVFA convention in Hancock and all activities of the VA State Fire Firefighters convention held in Hampton, VA. I attended the NVFC fall meeting in Bloomington, MN, participated in Open House of Fredericksburg FD for fire prevention week, attended the installation banquet for Spotsylvania VRS and presented the Karen Brennan Spirit Award to the winner. I also attended all of my fire department meetings. We are looking forward to a great year for the Association.

Virginia Director Kevin Piatt was absent.

Delaware Director Steve Austin spoke about his attendance at 19 events including some state conventions.

Delaware Director Harry Balthis spoke from his written report. I would like to thank Fairview Township FD for hosting the booster meeting. It has been a quiet time for me since the convention in August. I attended the Delaware Conference in Dover, DE and my home fire company meetings.

Past President Robertson had no other report than what he previously stated.

#### **Committees –**

Archives – no report

Auditing – PP Daniels reported that the Treasurer turned over the financial records for the past year. They will be given to the auditor for review.

Budget & Finance – no report

Business & Ops Plan – Greg commented on some changes to the plan.

Constitution & By-Laws – no report

Convention – Steve Flickinger reported on some issues leftover from convention. All of the parade prize sponsors have been paid. We will be making a trip to McConnellsburg to meet with them.

Steve talked about the vendor who does our trophies, stated she could do our plaques also. Steve then spoke on some safety issues, specifically vests not being worn by our police agencies. We look forward to the coming convention.

Credentials – no report

Emergency Responder Safety Institute – Steve Austin spoke about the instructor's conference held at Maritime Institute and showed the power point presentation that was presented at that meeting. As it was being shown, Steve made comments from some of the slides. Folks were brought in from all across the country. The agenda included introductions, program updates, peer review and the future. An organizational chart was shown along with requirements of the positions. Several slides were shown reference the current programs and initiatives underway. We have a brand new project on driver behavior as they pass by an accident scene. This will be done by simulators with 4 different PHD's providing direction and guidance. These simulators will record every movement by the driver. We have \$40K reserved for this and hopefully will be underway very soon, unfortunately Bob Fleming has been ill delaying the start. We are wrapping up our FEMA fire prevention and safety grant from 2008. Steve talked about the upcoming webinar hosted by Jack Sullivan. We will be submitting for a new grant in 2010 for the distance learning program. He then gave an update on the I81 initiative training classes. Steve spoke about the NUG program and a PSA for MOVE IT. We are working with the NFFF on a grant partnership video with several fire departments for early warning signs. Our flagging course will be renamed Traffic Control for Highway Incident Responders.

Fire Person of the Year – no report

Fire Prevention – A new committee has been created with a new direction.

Grants – Steve Austin reported on the grants under his previous report.

Legislative – Bob Cumberland was absent.

Memorial – Chaplain Barnhart was not present.

Parliamentarian – no report

Public Relations – no report

Publicity – no report

Recruitment & Retention – no report

Resolutions – no report

Scholarship – Harry Balthis and Rich Bruner reported on the new guidelines being proposed.

Sergeant at Arms – Wayne Baker was absent.

Training – A new committee has been appointed with new guidelines given.

Topics – Chairman Steve Austin stated nothing further to report at this time.

Web Page – Steve Austin gave a review on all the web pages. He asked if you are not getting the CVVFA express, you need to get signed up or give us your email address and we will do it for you. The date of April 15 was announced for the next Presidents Council meeting hosted by the West Virginia Firemen's Association at Wheeling Island. More info will be forthcoming. He showed the web pages on the screen. The 30 second PSA on MoveOver was shown and is being played in several locations across the country. He then showed our FaceBook and Twitter pages followed by the Firefighter Behavior page.

A concern was raised again about the PA fire police LODD problems by Gerald Holtry. Steve answered the concern by giving some suggested legislative language written by Commissioner Mann to address the problem. We need to get the definition of firefighter tasks expanded to include traffic control.

Youth Leadership – A new committee has been formalized under the chair of Erin Drumheller.

President Yost asked if there were any other committees that needed to report. PP Flickinger reported on the Joe Bukowski Memorial Award. The guidelines are being presented today for approval by the floor. **Motion** to accept the recommended guidelines presented by the committee for approval by Bill Keller, seconded by Walter Robertson, no further discussion, voice vote taken, motion passed.

## **Unfinished business**

Scholarship brochures – Rich Bruner stated no action until the guidelines are accepted by the committee.

Charitable tax status – Steve Austin stated we have an attorney Kim Houser who will be doing the work for us. He is in the process of revising the charter that needs an additional clause put in called the dissolution clause. This clause clarifies that if the CVVFA goes out of business for whatever reasons our assets have to be sent to another 501c3 organization. Our second part is to fill out a very intensive narrative as to why we are requesting the change and this will be based on the fact that we believe we were misclassified originally, however we do not have any of the records to proof this. Somewhere along the line our original request was for a 501c4 which allows for a minimal amount of lobbying. Hopefully we will get this fixed, however no timeline was established. A question was asked if the c4 protects our name as this was told by an attorney in a similar manner.

Promotional package and agreement with booster meeting partners – Steve Heefner stated still progressing. Steve spoke about the mailing concerns addressed to him from the recent mailing of the meeting dates postcard. Our next regularly scheduled meeting will be the Board meeting on January 9, 2011 hosted by the Volunteer FC of Halfway. The next booster meeting will be held in Enola, hosted by our PA Director on March 20, 2011. There will be special entertainment that weekend, stay tuned. On May 1, 2011 we will be hosted by the Joppa Magnolia VFC in MD. The 110<sup>th</sup> annual convention will be hosted by the McConnellsburg VFD on August 3-6, 2011, the host hotel will be announced later.

Background investigations – Steve Austin reported on the lack of response by this vendor.

PP Robertson passed out some resolutions left over from convention and asked for assistance in presenting them to their respective individuals. Walter also presented past Director Gerald Holtry with a resolution for his many years as Director of CVVFA.

## **New business –**

Steve Austin reviewed a NIOSH report on a fire police person who was struck and killed. Steve has been asked to comment about the scene safety. He showed some slides of the scene and drawings.

The Secretary read a letter signed by President Yost assigning PP Steve Austin as our organizational representative to the NFPA Traffic Control Incident Management Professional Qualifications committee.

President Yost announced he was working on a CVVFA family event, possibly an Oriole game. He also spoke about a recruitment incentive, anyone recruiting over 10 members, the highest one will get a recruitment incentive award at convention. Greg asked Bob Timko for some remarks as he was on an emergency call most of the meeting.

Bob talked about the convention book for next year. He read a thank you card received from Linda Hoover thanking the CVVFA for sponsoring a highway booth during Fire Prevention week. Bob spoke on a PA fundraiser inviting anyone to attend a Hershey Bear hockey game.

## **Good of the Association -**

Jerry Daniels gave an update on Assistant Chaplain who is expected to have surgery in November.

Bob Timko announced please help yourself to the leftover convention books.

Steve Heefner stated good to see Guy Flory and Bob Trace at the meeting today after missing convention.

Meeting was adjourned by motion at 2:40pm.

Respectfully submitted

Gene Worthington  
Recording Secretary