

Cumberland Valley Volunteer Firemen's Association  
 Booster Meeting May 2, 2010  
 Manchester VFD MD

President Robertson called the group together for lunch. Walter asked Assistant Chaplain Jim Wharry to give the blessing for the food. Lunch was served by our Fire Prevention Queen Erin and her mom. Walter called the meeting back to order at 12:50 hours. He asked Jim to give the invocation and lead the group into the pledge. Walter introduced Erin to give the welcome on behalf of Manchester. She made some brief remarks. Walter thanked the company for hosting the meeting and presented the complimentary \$100 check for expenses.

**Introduction of Guests –**

Andrew Cohen, age 9 weeks

Secretary Worthington took roll call with 72 representatives and delegates being recorded in attendance.

TITLE	NAME	OCT	BOARD	MARCH	MAY
President	Walter Robertson	1		1	1
1st Vice President	Greg Yost	1	1	1	1
2nd Vice President	Michael Sullivan		1		
3rd Vice President	Steven Haines	1	1	1	1
4th Vice President	Rich Toulson	1	1	1	1
Treasurer	George Dove	1	1	1	1
Financial Secretary	Stephen McBee	1	1	1	1
Recording Secretary	Gene Worthington	1	1	1	1
Home Office Manager	Stephen Heefner	1	1	1	1
Publicity Manager	Robert Timko	1	1	1	
Chaplain	Charles Barnhart	1			
Assistant Chaplain	James Wharry	1		1	1
Attorney	Howard Cohen				1
Pennsylvania Delegate	Charlie Myers	1	1	1	1
Director, Pennsylvania (2011)	Rich Bruner	1			
Director, Pennsylvania (2010)	Gerald Holtry	1	1	1	1
Director, Maryland (2011)	Wayne Baker	1	1	1	1
Director, Maryland (2010)	Robert Cumberland		1	1	1
Director, West Virginia (2011)	Bill Keller				
Director, West Virginia (2010)	Harry Alt				
Director, Delaware (2011)	Harry Balthis		1		1
Director, Delaware (2010)	Steve Austin	1	1		1
Director, Virginia (2011)	Kevin Piatt	1			
Director, Virginia (2010)	Allen Brennan	1		1	1
Past President	Jerry Daniels	1	1		1
	Totals	19	16	15	18
Past Presidents		11	10	10	11
Maryland Fire Depts		5	0	8	9
Delaware Fire Depts		10	0	6	10
Virginia Fire Depts		4	0	6	5
West Virginia Fire Depts		1	0	3	1
Pennsylvania Fire Depts		30	0	39	18

**Communications** – None

**Motion** to accept the booster meeting minutes of March 21 with any corrections as distributed and published on the web site by Steven Haines, seconded by James Wharry, no further discussion, voice vote taken, motion passed.

**Officers reports** – President Robertson brought greetings to the group and continued by stating Officers, members and guests, I would like to thank Manchester VFD for hosting this booster meeting, and we appreciate your support in letting us use your facilities. Since our last meeting, I have been very busy with my county, local meetings going through the budget just approved last week. Many headaches in the process, however we got it done and did not lose anything. I have attended all my state meetings that I could, attended the Presidents Council meeting in DE and attended the luau for PP Joe Bukowski. I have taught many EVOC classes and Friday did the Apple Blossom parade in Winchester, VA.

First Vice President Yost presented his written report and commented from it. Welcome everyone to the Manchester Fire Engine and Hook and Ladder Company. Thanks to the folks here for hosting today's meeting. Since our last meeting, I have attended all my company meetings and functions. I have also attended my county association and chiefs committee meetings. My fire company hosted two Delaware firefighters two weekends ago who were biking the C & O Canal Towpath. We have been working hard to finalize plans for this year's convention which I will report on at the appropriate time. This past week, I had the pleasure of representing CVVFA at the CFSI dinner. It was a good time. I attended a seminar on "So Everybody Goes Home." There was a New York Fire Chief there by the name of Eddie who was in a traumatic accident responding to a call. I had not heard his story before. It can be downloaded and viewed at [EveryoneGoesHome.com](http://EveryoneGoesHome.com). I will be showing that video tomorrow night at our company meeting. Thanks again to everybody and we will see you in Hancock at convention.

Second Vice President Sullivan was absent. Mike sent the following report. I am not able to make the meeting in Manchester due to my work schedule. I am submitting this as my report. I would like to thank Manchester VFD for sponsoring this meeting. Since the last meeting I have been extremely busy with my station and have attended all my company's regular scheduled meetings. I also attended the celebration of life for PP Joe Bukowski in DE. Joe was a good friend of mine and will be missed greatly. Other than that, I wish you guys a very productive meeting, Thanks.

Third Vice President Haines presented his written report and spoke from it. President Walter Robertson, fellow Officers, members and guests, good afternoon and welcome to today's booster meeting. I would like to thank the Manchester VFD for hosting today's booster meeting. Since our last meeting, I have attended my company meetings and in-house training sessions. I have attended my county association meetings. Also, I attended my own company's banquet. I attended the Presidents Council meeting that was held in Clayton, DE on April 3. I attended a gathering to celebrate the life of PP Joe Bukowski in Aetna. He will surely be missed by everyone. Good seeing everyone and hope to see you all at the convention in Hancock. Thanks again to Hancock for hosting this year's convention in place of Harrisburg. Everyone have a safe trip home and take care.

Fourth Vice President Toulson stated from his written report. Fellow Officers, members and guests, good afternoon and welcome to the booster meeting. I would like to thank the Manchester Volunteer Fire Engine and Hook and Ladder Company No. 1 for hosting today's booster meeting. Since our last booster meeting, I have attended my company meetings, training nights and attended training at our state fire school. Also, I have attended my county association meetings. I attended the NTIMC's summit, FDIC Indy. I attempted to help in the booth there. To my dismay I met a number of responders

that are still unaware of the final rule and best practices for Responders protection. I attended the CFSI dinner in DC.

Treasurer Dove presented his written report. Account balances are as follows:

CVVFA #4100840 death	839.67
General Account	13255.54
CVVFA HH bonds	2000.00
CVVFA #236	82219.02
Net Worth	98314.23

Financial Secretary McBee stated that dues notices will go out next month.

Recording Secretary Worthington stated, the minutes from the March booster meeting 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 certainly thank our host company, Erin and her mom for their hospitality. 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 May booster meeting. Special thanks to Erin, the two time winner of MSFA Fire Prevention Queen and the un-official queen of the CVVFA and her home company the Manchester VFC for hosting today's meeting. Since our last regular scheduled meeting, I have attended the Presidents Council meeting held in Clayton, DE, the celebration of life of PP Joe Bukowski in Newark, DE. Over 250 people attended. Thanks to all the Officers and members of the CVVFA who showed their support to Karen, Amanda and their family. I also attended the pre parade activities at the Winchester Apple Blossom firemen's parade. I received dues money and fire service reputation management white paper pamphlets, which are ready for distribution. The Franklin County convention committee has re-organized, led by Richard Hershey. That committee is planning a 2014 convention in Chambersburg, PA. All 2011 booster meeting dates are available, sign up early. Have a fire safe summer and I hope to see everyone at the 2010 convention this August in Hancock, MD hosted by First VP Greg Yost.

Publicity Manager Timko sent an electronic file of the spreadsheet for convention book ad sponsorships. Bob encourages all to support the ads, please sell.

Chaplain Barnhart was absent.

Assistant Chaplain Wharry presented a written report, read the following from it. Thank you to the Manchester VFD for hosting this booster meeting. Since the last meeting, I have sent cards when requested. I attended the Memorial Party for PP Joe Bukowski.

Attorney Howard Cohen commented by thanking the host company. Howard reported on some specific incidents that occurred last week. He reported on the MD Move Over bill that was passed during the last legislative session becoming the 49<sup>th</sup> state to do so.

Pennsylvania Delegate Charlie Myers reported on the state budget. There still seems to be some problems with LODD for fire police. Some of these cases have been denied. Our next quarterly meeting will be in Hanover Township on July 9 and 10. Reminder that the convention is coming up in September, I will be working with the coordinators.

**Directors' reports** – Pennsylvania Director Rich Brunner was absent; however he sent the following report. Good afternoon President Robertson and members of the Cumberland Valley Volunteer Fireman's Association. I regret that I am unable to attend the May Booster meeting but my work requires that I be in Kentucky at the same time. Since the last meeting I have again been traveling extensively for my work and have not had the opportunity to be very involved in CVVFA and/or my own fire company events. Since last meeting I have been involved in attending my fire company meetings, training and

fundraisers. 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 are purchasing 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 add for free air packs on our State Commissioner's website and have had numerous inquiries. The hard part will be to decide who gets the packs. In addition I have been working with the Scholarship committee to select this year's recipients. Since I have been on this committee this is by far the largest number of applicants. Harry Balthas will be presenting at the meeting and I have devised a selection criteria which we will present at the Convention as we believe it should be approved by the members. 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. Again, I my apologies and I am sure that you are having a productive meeting and some great time together. To President Robertson and the board and members of the CVVFA thanks for your tireless efforts for the CVVFA. Have a safe trip home.

Pennsylvania Director Holtry presented his written report, which stated Mr. President, fellow Officers and members and guests, welcome to the May booster meeting. Here we are at the Manchester, MD FD, another first. Thank you to the Manchester FD and Queen Erin for hosting this weekend's training and booster meeting. Thank you for the lunch. It's pleasing to see how these young ladies are so interested in the fire service. I hope they continue to be active in our organization. I wasn't very active the last 6 weeks. I got my cast off my foot March 22<sup>nd</sup>, but couldn't wear a shoe until April 1<sup>st</sup>. I only had the cast on for 37 days. For being a diabetic, I healed quickly. Some of my activities: I worked the funeral for Travis Henry, a Shippensburg University police officer. On April 22<sup>nd</sup> we had an accident on West King Street that was a double fatality. They drove into and knocked down half a 200 year old stone store that closed King Street for 7 hours. Ruth and I attended the Apple Blossom Fireman's parade. I attended my local company meetings. Hope to see you in Hancock.

Maryland Director Wayne Baker stated that he has been keeping up with all his meetings and attended the Apple Blossom parade.

Maryland Director Bob Cumberland presented his written report. President Robertson, Officers, Directors, and Guests I want to thank the Manchester Volunteer Fire Department for hosting this weekend Booster meeting and ResponderSafety Class on Saturday. Since the March Board of Directors meeting I have attended or participated in the following meetings or events. I attended my County Association meetings, presided over my fire department and Board of Directors meetings, the Westminster City Council meetings, the Westminster City Police Department Awards Ceremony. I also attended the President's Council meeting in Clayton, DE. and FDIC in Indianapolis working the ResponderSafety Booth. I represented the association at the Board of Advisor to the National Fire Academy spring meeting on the campus at Emmitsburg and also attended the CFSI dinner in Washington, DC. I continue to work with Emergency Training Associates and the association store in looking for new items to put on the store. Since the March meeting we have received from them \$57.60 in sale of merchandise and new membership dues. This is easy money and no one has to work hard to make it for the association other than get out and promote the web page and the store off of the web page. Please I am asking each State Director and Officers to promote the store and items on our web page. At the meeting with the BOV I passed out copies of the white paper on the Reputation Management project and it was received very well. Yesterday here at Manchester we had 14 members from the Manchester and Westminster Fire Departments attend the training class We've Got Your Back. I want to thank Allen Baldwin and the Officers of the Manchester Fire Department for working with us to make this class go and I want to thank Erin Drumheller for her assistance in getting the class room set up and also making sure the class would go. If we are going to continue to hold these classes before the booths meeting the association or ResponderSafety committee needs to do a better job of communicating with the host department to make sure the facility is ready and we have at least 20 people in attendance for the class. If we cannot do this I would recommend that we discontinue holding the class as it is not cost effective? Bob continued with

some comments reference the major fire in Emmitsburg, which closed the main access road through the town.

West Virginia Directors Harry Alt and Bill Keller were not in attendance.

Virginia Director Allen Brennan submitted a written report. He spoke on his itinerary over the past two months to include the Presidents Council, NVFC, Virginia State Firefighters meetings, and the CFSI dinner in DC. I have also attended my company meetings. Thanks to the Manchester VFD for hosting this booster meeting.

Virginia Director Kevin Piatt was absent.

Delaware Director Harry Balthis spoke from his written report. I would like to thank Manchester VFD for hosting the May booster meeting. Since the last meeting, I attended the Presidents Council meeting in Clayton and am serving on the Scholarship committee. I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the convention in Hancock.

Delaware Director Steve Austin stated he would give his comments under the committee reports.

Past President Daniels thanked the Manchester VFD for hosting the meeting. Also, thanks to VP Yost and Hancock for sponsoring the convention and am looking forward to having a great time. I will comment further under the proper order of business.

### **Committees –**

Archives – no report

Auditing – nothing to report at this time

Budget & Finance – no report

Business & Ops Plan – no report

Constitution & By-Laws – no report

Convention – Steve Flickinger reported that the sponsorships for the parade have gone out. We have 30 of them with half of them back. Steve then passed the envelope to gather funding for the Louise Dell Memorial trophy. We should be ready for the Home Office Manager to send out the mailing in a couple of weeks that will include all the activities along with the schedule. He then asked Greg to further report. Greg reported the following:

Wed: Golf Tournament at White Tail Golf Resort  
Check in at Best Western, Berkeley Springs  
Board Meeting at Hancock Fire Hall with Pizza Reception

Thurs: Meeting at Hancock High School Auditorium  
Memorial Service at Catholic Church, near Fire Hall  
Lunch – AYCE Spaghetti, Salad, Apple Sauce, Salad, rolls, drink - \$6  
Change clothes facility  
Afternoon Meeting – Hancock High School Auditorium  
That evening we welcome you to the CVVFA Hoot N Any!!! Wear your cowboy boots, six shooters (toy) and western apparel as this year's theme will be The Wild West. Meal will be BBQ Chicken, Campfire Beans, Potato, rolls and drinks. - \$7. There will be a campfire to warm the hot August evening and to roast marshmallows and make Smores. The atmosphere will be completed with a small western town and a U. S. Marshall who may come and take you to the stockade if someone charges you.

Fri: Presidents Council Meeting – Hancock High School Auditorium  
Training Class – Hancock Fire Station (Need to know class – 20 registered  
Free Lunch at both locations – Pulled pork BBQ, cole slaw, rolls, chips, cookies,  
Rolls, and drinks.

Banquet – Park N Dine Restaurant - \$12.95 AYCE full buffet – ham, turkey, pork pork chops, chicken wings, shrimp, veggies, salads, dessert.

It Will Be Crowded. Some seats may be behind columns but the food will be worth it. Reminder, based on last meeting, this will be a non-alcoholic banquet. It will not be served and it may not be brought into the restaurant.

Sat. Prayer Breakfast – Park N Dine or Weavers Restaurant

Parade – Noon – Park N Dine to Widmeyer Park just like last time.

After parade – free hot dogs and drinks for participants.

Special treat – Verbal commitment the regionally and probably nationally recognized Montgomery County MD Pipes and Drums will be in the parade and put on a short concert sometime that afternoon. I am trying to get written commitment before really advertising it. Now, we are going to provide them a separate lunch in another pavilion unless those that provide the chicken and drink want us to provide additional quantities of the same and have them have lunch with us. Let me know.

We are also working on a Junior Firefighter/ Explorers competition that afternoon. Last time, it was too hot and those in the parade didn't really want to participate. We know of several fire companies in our area who probably will participate. We urge any companies here who have young firefighters to bring them along for the day. Bob Cumberland, I have been told there are several of these groups in Carroll County so please help us pass the work.

That will conclude the 2010 CVVFA Convention. We hope you have a time.

For all meals, if you pre-register, we will give you a \$1.00 off each meal ticket. This is our way of helping you since we did not have time to put any money back for this.

Also, if you want to do a payment, pay half your order when you mail it back to us and half at the convention, we will do that also to help you.

Souvenirs - Hats – Normal graphics – Blue, Red, Grey, Tan, - \$9.00

Mugs – Plastic \$ TBD

T Shirts – We worked hard on design and are very pleased.

L & XL \$10

2X \$12

3X \$13

4X \$14

Grey and Blue

Convention dates are August 4, 5, 6, and 7. Several questions and comments were made about some of the specifics. These will be clearly spelled out in the newsletter coming in about 2 weeks.

Credentials – no report

Emergency Responder Safety Institute – Steve Austin presented his update on the activities of the Institute by stating they have been extremely busy these past two months. Thanks to Jack and Crawford for covering most of these events. We started with the I81 corridor coalition meeting in Shippensburg. We have worked with the I95 coalition over the years and they approached us with helping to get the I81 group started. Charlie Myers spoke on some of the agenda items from the meeting held. Crawford flew in from Minnesota and coordinated the fire service effort. Steve continued with commenting about the lack of up front coordination by the government officials. He then spoke on the FDIC. Steve asked for assistance with the Harrisburg show for someone to take ownership of overseeing our participation. We have several who have volunteered to man the booth during the event. Bob Cumberland will be in charge of the display at the MSFA convention; however we still need some volunteers to man the booth. Our next event will be the Fire Rescue International in Chicago, unfortunately we are not on the program, however we will have a booth. Steve then showed some slides from the LCD depicting some specifics on the web page, specifically the FaceBook page. These pages are kept up daily. Thanks to all those who make this happen.

Fire Person of the Year – George reported that we have a nominee and the proper format is underway to make the award at convention.

Grants – Steve Austin gave an update on the money. We finished our cooperative agreement with the USFA. We have one part of that project remaining, the PSA being done currently. Our web sites and other agreements are funded until the end of the year. We will be submitting a submission for a new cooperative agreement grant thru 2012 for \$115,000. He talked about the FEMA grant we currently have. Unfortunately, we were not funded for our distance learning program. We have talked to some private business groups about funding. The NFFF presented us with two awards recently, which were shown to the group. Closing, we were devastated with the loss of Joe as he maintained our financial records. With the help of several, we reviewed all the records and found them to be perfect. John Tanlin will be taking over these duties in the future. John has outstanding credentials and a wealth of experience within the fire service.

Fire Prevention – no report

Legislative – Bob Cumberland spoke about the Move Over Law recently passed in MD. He then spoke about the cell phone ban while driving also passed in MD. On the federal level, the AFG opened last Monday and will run through May 28. This is Arson Awareness week, please check the USFA web page for additional information.

Memorial – Chaplain Barnhart was not present.

Parliamentarian – no report

Public Relations – no report

Publicity – Bob Timko was absent.

Recruitment & Retention – no report

Resolutions – Jerry Daniels reminded all that we are currently soliciting resolutions for somebody for presentation at convention. I need to have this information to me by July 1, look forward to your participation and cooperation.

Scholarship – CVVFA had 12 students apply for the JR Haines Memorial Scholarship and 10 apply for the Kenneth E Butts Memorial Scholarship. The committee selected William Ball of Williamsport, MD to receive the JR Haines Memorial Scholarship. He is a member of Williamsport Fire Company. He plans to attend Hagerstown Community College and major in Fire Science. The committee selected Lindsay Carns of Newport, PA to receive the Kenneth E Butts Memorial Scholarship. She is a member of the Newport VFC and the Newport Ambulance League. She plans to attend Harrisburg Area Community College and major in Nursing. This needs voting for approval in the proper order of business. Each of these scholarships is for \$1,000.

Sergeant at Arms – no report

Training – no report

Topics – Chairman Steve Austin stated he will be working with Greg to gather the speakers for convention.

Web Page – Steve Austin stated the web page report was given within other comments previously made.

President Robertson asked if there were any other committees that needed to report.

### **Unfinished business**

Reputational Management Seminar update - Steve Austin showed the web page in progress. We still have much work to do firefighterbehavior.com. Copies of the white page were passed out to the group. Steve called attention to inside the front cover showing an endorsement by the USFA. Much press has been seen on this document. He asked Allen Brennan to speak about the NVFC meeting and their participation with this project. Copies were distributed to all the NVFC Directors at their recent meeting. Steve continued with the importance of such a program and invites our partners to take up the challenge to promote. We the CVVFA do not have the money for printing and promotion for this document as it has become a national program. A suggestion was made to put the web address on the next printing. We had a thousand copies and are going fast all over the country.

Scholarship brochures – Rich Bruner was absent.

Charitable tax status – Steve Austin stated we need a PA attorney to complete this work. We cannot move forward until this individual comes forward pro bono.

Promotional package and agreement with booster meeting partners – Steve Heefner stated still progressing, hope to have final at convention.

### **New business**

President Robertson named the Bukowski Award committee as chair, Steve Flickinger, Steve McBee, Steve Heefner and Steve Austin, the Brothers Steve.

Motion was made to accept the recommendation of the Scholarship Committee for the two annual awards given under the scholarship committee report by Chairman Balthis by Bob Cumberland, seconded by Jerry Daniels, no further discussion, voice vote taken, passed.

A memorial contribution was received in honor of PP Joe Bukowski, check was given to the Treasurer.

### **Good of the Association -**

A question was asked about the health of Director Harry Alt. George reported that Harry has been out and down to the mall doing some shopping. We send our prayers along to Harry as we miss him at the meetings.

Assistant Chaplain Wharry gave the benediction, meeting adjourned at 2:40pm.

Respectfully submitted

Gene Worthington  
Recording Secretary