

Cumberland Valley Volunteer Firemen's Association
Fall Booster Meeting
September 24, 2021

The meeting was opened at 9:03 am by President Joe Kroboth.

The welcome prayer was given by Chaplain Charlie Barnhart.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call of Officers by PP Gene Worthington: Joe Kroboth, President; Candice McDonald, 1st VP; Doug DeHaven, 2nd VP; Jerry Daniels, Treasurer; Jim Watson, Financial Secretary; Deb Watson, Secretary; Charlie Barnhart, Chaplain; Steve Austin, PP/Director; Bob Cumberland, Home Office Manager; Allen Baldwin, PP/Director; Tony Correia, PP/Director; Hoby Howell, PP/Director; Walter Robertson, PP/Director; Donna Welsh, Director. Correspondence read by PP Gene Worthington:

A letter from the National Heritage Center thanking us for our donation and support.

A letter from the Hutchinson Hose Company and FASNY PP Mike Wutz thanking us for the program book. He sent a \$25 donation, \$20 to the Fallen Firefighter fund and \$5 for the book.

A thank you for funding the Kid's Project.

A thank you for our donation of \$5000 to the Casey Feldman Foundation Kindergarten book project. She was killed by a distracted driver and is greatly missed.

Remarks were made by President Joe Kroboth.

Presentation: Treasurer Jerry Daniels presented the Chicken Headers with a check for \$500 to thank them for their help & support by supplying use with their meeting room and serving attendees' lunch.

Special guests were introduced: Mike Kurz, 1st VP MSFA; Eric Smothers, 2nd VP MSFA; Jay Jones, PP DVFA; Ted Walius, PPDVFA; Bill Betts, PP DVFA; Barry Boettlin, Treasurer of Chicken Headers.

Guest Speaker: Doug DeHaven introduced Deb Laudenslager who spoke about the impact of the distracted driver that killed her son Tyler. Of note, in 2021 there were 48 struck by losses and countless near misses. Tyler was a tow truck driver and a volunteer firefighter for the Halifax VFD. He left behind his wife Holly and 10-month-old daughter Riley. Once again if the person had slowed down and moved over this story would not have to be told. The hat was passed for a donation for Tyler's family. There is a Memorial Bike ride for Tyler that you can donate through their Venmo page. Membership for Deb and Holly to CVVFA was paid for by Shelby DeHaven. There are yard signs for them, too.

Keynote Speaker Bill Jenaway spoke on capturing the data for struck by incidents in King of Prussia, Montgomery County. The data is needed to be able to get changes made. The following are the websites: [Vanityurl.struckbys.com](http://vanityurl.struckbys.com) and <http://responder.safety.com/struck-by-near->

miss/report-a-struck-by-incident.review/. He reports that it is easy to report and only takes 3-4 minutes to complete the form with as much information as possible. He reviewed the report, and it is very clean and concise. The system will go live after 10/11 (Beta test mode). We need to motivate people to enter the data so the research will reflect what is happening out there.

Presentation by Todd Leiss regarding the Move Over Law. We need to get the information out to everyone. At Manheim PR event there were 170 vehicles with 300+ responders. They did a behind the scenes video shoot to raise awareness. He played the video which was very well done. He sent the link to Steve Austin for the PSA for our website.

Officer Reports: They will be posted online.

President Joe Kroboth reported that he sent a letter of appreciation to PP Walter Robertson for his donation of \$25,000 to our scholarship fund. This was a tremendous gift and will be put to good use for our youth and continuing education. There was a gift of \$2500 to the Fallen Firefighter Benefit Fund.

1st VP Candice McDonald remarked the focus needs to be on distracted drivers.

Treasurer Jerry Daniels-submitted electronically.

Publicity Chairman Bob Romig-He reported on the Convention book expenses and said we lost money this year. He appreciates all that donated/participated. We need to get more for the next year. Everyone complimented him on the book.

Financial Secretary Jim Watson reported he received 36 of the Convention books back with bad addresses. Of those 6 were deceased and he found 3 new addresses. He continues to work on the other ones. We need a better method to collect the funds online, someone who is tech savvy may have an idea. He needs his address changed on the website, so they come to our new home. He said they continue to arrive daily. He has the forms ready to send out to the member Departments. He continues to update information from the forms he receives back. He is working on the individual memberships to send out their notices.

Secretary Deb Watson thanked everyone for their cards, texts, etc on the recent loss of her sister. The kindness was greatly appreciated.

Home Office Manager Bob Cumberland reports he has some XXL T-shirts available for only \$5. He, Doug and Shelby are working on a new design for the next batch of T-shirts.

He called on Steve Heefner who had received dues from 13 new members and gave the \$105 to Jerry Daniels.

On behalf of MSFA Joel McCrea, 1st VP and Eric Smothers, 2nd VP a plaque was presented to PP Allen Baldwin in appreciation for his hard work the past two years. President Joe Kroboth accepted it for him as President Baldwin could not attend.

Bob also mentioned that his home fire company is celebrating their 200th Anniversary and they are selling commemorative items on their website.

Jim Watson thanked Shelby, Doug, and Bob for all their hard work on getting the merchandise organized and making the pick-up of the needed items/booth an easy process. Bob gave kudos to Doug and Shelby.

Bob announced the MSFA Ladies Auxiliary is selling \$5 tickets for their annual raffle/lottery. Bob Romig reported he needs more ads and all state Association support for next year. Chaplain Charlie Barnhart and Assistant Chaplain Jim Wharry held a Memorial Service honoring those we have lost over the last two years. They have a resolution and a rose for each of these deceased members families/fire departments. Chaplain Barnhart mentioned he is sad that his Assistant Chaplain Wharry is retiring, so he needs a new Assistant if anyone is interested. Director Steve Austin reported about the grants and thanked all the help over the last years. He thanked Rod Ammon for the PSA video on struck by & near misses. This is very influential when lobbying for more funding. Rod Ammon read the statistics and said we are approaching 100,000 users with 3000 hours of training a week. Doug and Shelby DeHaven reported on Community Risk Reduction. He has several punch cards with him for people to take. They will attend the Vision 2020 Conference in Nashville. He has materials ready to ship out to requests. Bob Romig invited everyone to attend Daytona Fire & Rescue event 1/19-21. Bob Cumberland said the Westminster MD Mall Kiosk is doing well. Director and 1st VP of NJSFCA Tony Correia said they will be having a virtual Convention. He reports to both organizations. He said Responder Safety and Bucks County Traffic Incident.com are linking to our information and TIM. We can work together to reach more people. He said their Recruitment & Retention group is looking for younger members as this is a big issue. Director Hoby Howell reports they are giving out three Scholarships this year but have had no applicants. They did work on updating the information on the website so that it says that we have 3 available and they are up to \$1000 each. Director Allen Baldwin is unable to attend as he is at VA State Firefighters Convention. Director Bill Mortimer- No report. Director Donna Welsh- Her report was submitted electronically. She did thank Doug for sanitizing the booths after their use. Steve Heefner announced the winners of the Joe Bukowski award this year is Jim and jimmy Kimble for their many years of support and the gracious storage space they give us. Steve reported on the 140th FASNY Convention which was held from 8/5-7 in White Plains. There were numerous vendors, and it was a very nice event. Next year it is in Tarrytown. The upcoming CVVFA Conventions and locations are as follows: 2022-Williamsport, MD; 2023-open still; 2024-Halfway, MD; 2025-Newport, Pa (free to attendees); 2026-open. Jim Watson reminded people to send dues to our new home address. Gene Worthington announced the budget has been approved and is in the Convention book. Audit-No report. Constitution/By-Laws-No report. Reputation Management-No report. President Council-They will meet at next years Convention, per Steve Austin.

Firefighter Benefit Fund- We sent condolences to Wilmington Manor, De and Heartland, NY for their LODD. The fund is still accepting donations and is over \$6000 now.

Booth/Show-The equipment is available per Bob Cumberland. Just let them know what you need and when you need it and if you need help at your event.

Legislative-Bob Cumberland reports it is in the book but he wanted to highlight a few things. HR3728 support this bill for fire station renovation help. Tell Congress to pass the Heroes Act Bill, either HR1480 or SB2700.

Home Office address is on the website.

Jerry Daniels-Resolutions none but he explained what is required to get one done.

Jim Watson-Gary Easton "Happy Jack" Youth Award was presented to Evan Still of Newport, PA. He went to his Company meeting and did it there with his Uncle Steve Flickinger a PP of CVVFA in attendance. Please get letters in for the youth in your states to be considered for this award. Archives/Historian- No report.

Old Business:

The minutes from the Convention meeting will be sent to Steve Austin to be posted on the website as soon as possible.

A motion was made by Bob Cumberland and seconded by Jim Watson to approve the minutes from the Spring Booster meeting and they are posted on the website. Motion carried.

Steve Heefner announced the E. Wayne Thomas Memorial Award for the Member of the Year winner is Past President Allen Baldwin.

New Business:

Bob Cumberland, Home Office Manager mentioned that Provident Insurance may possibly provide a \$10,000 death benefit program. He needs to determine the number of members and see what the cost to start the program will be and he will present this information at the next meeting. A motion was made by Hoby Howell and seconded by Bob Romig to investigate the details of this program. Motion carried.

Good of the Association:

Dr. Harry Carter is still dealing with health issues. Please keep him in your prayers. He looks forward to calls.

The Benediction was offered by Chaplain Barnhart.

The next meeting will be the Spring Booster in Greencastle, PA on 5/14-15.

The meeting ended at 12:04 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debbie Watson
Secretary

Attendees Fall Booster Meeting, Limerick, PA September 24, 2021

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2nd VP Doug DeHaven

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Hoby Howell

Donna Welsh

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Kathleen Carter for Harry Carter

Jack Sullivan

Bob Cumberland

Richard Bower

Wayne Powell

Gene Worthington

Bill Jenaway

Tony Correia

Ernie Rohan

Mike Wutz

Eric Smothers

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Ted Walius

Bill Betts

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