

**Cumberland Valley Volunteer Firemen's Association**  
**Convention August 3 – 6, 2011**  
**McConnellsburg Volunteer Fire Company, McConnellsburg, PA**  
**Proceedings and Minutes**

President Greg Yost called the 110<sup>th</sup> annual convention to order at 9am bringing greetings. He asked for the invocation from Chaplain Barnhart. The Chaplain offered the prayer giving thanks to those in attendance and for the Officers of the Association for a successful year. The Fulton County Honor Guard presented the colors followed by Deb Welsh leading the group in the pledge. Deb continued by singing the national anthem. The colors were retired. President Yost called upon McConnellsburg President Jeff Harr to give the host company welcome. Mr. Harr offered greetings, welcomed all and to enjoy your weekend. Greg then asked David Hoover as the Fulton County commissioner to bring greetings. Dave spoke on behalf of the other commissioners who gave the welcome. Dave then introduced Mike Chilcoat, Mayor of the City for some remarks. The Mayor also welcomed all and gave some background on himself within the fire service. I feel like you all are family to me. Convention chairman Dave Hoover returned to the podium and gave some comments about the logistics in preparing for the convention. He showed the t-shirt designed for convention, which depicts a remembrance of 9-11. The design captures the twin towers, flight 93 all in a pentagon shape, which was locally designed. Two things today the church service is just 3 blocks up Third Street and the second is the picnic tonight 2 miles up 522. The theme will be the 50's, so come dressed for the affair. Friday night we will be at the American Legion for the banquet and awards ceremony. Dave continued his talks speaking about the new fire station building constructed 4 years ago. He also commented on the responses of the apparatus. We want you know that all the food this week is courtesy of the fire company.

President Yost asked Director Alleman to introduce some special guests with us today. Curtis introduced Frank Splane of Municipal Marketing Services gave a presentation on energy cost reduction Veridian. The programs runs like this, an Association such as CVVFA comes on board as an associate, no money involved, a non-profit group can share in the profits. He continued to speak in detail about the program.

Curtis then introduced John Sentiff and Amanda Whitman representing the Can Am games coming to York County in 2014. Both spoke about the event and being the host for them. Amanda showed a slide show and spoke from it. We are looking for sponsorships and volunteers to work the event along with participation. This led to a Q&A period. Mr. Sentiff made some additional comments.

Michelle James from California Casualty was introduced and spoke to the group reference auto and home insurance sold to specific clients and now firefighters.

President Yost gave his welcome and thanked all for coming. I know we are in for a good time. Enjoy yourselves and have fun and we will get our work done also.

Greg then appointed the following special committees for convention.

Sergeants-at-Arms -

Wayne Baker - chair

Jeff Ringer

Gerald Holtry

Election Committee -

Bob Cumberland– Judge

Bob Timko - Teller

Bob Trace - Teller

Installing Officer – Steve Austin

Recording secretary Gene Worthington took roll call as follows:

TITLE	NAME	OCT	BOARD	MARCH	MAY	BOARD	CONV
President	Greg Yost	1	1	1	1	1	1
1st Vice President	Michael Sullivan		1	1		1	1
2nd Vice President	Steven Haines	1	1	1	1	1	1
3rd Vice President	Rich Toulson		1	1	1		1
4th Vice President	Walter Robertson	1	1	1	1		1
Treasurer	George Dove	1	1	1		1	1
Financial Secretary	Stephen McBee		1	1	1	1	1
Recording Secretary	Gene Worthington	1	1	1	1	1	1
Home Office Manager	Stephen Heefner	1	1	1	1	1	1
Publicity Manager	Robert Timko	1	1	1		1	1
Chaplain	Charles Barnhart					1	1
Assistant Chaplain	James Wharry			1	1		
Attorney	Howard Cohen				1		1
Pennsylvania Delegate	Charlie Myers	1		1			1
Director, Pennsylvania (2011)	Rich Bruner	1	1	1	1	1	1
Director, Pennsylvania (2012)	Curtis Alleman		1	1	1	1	1
Director, Maryland (2011)	Wayne Baker		1		1	1	1
Director, Maryland (2012)	Robert Cumberland		1	1	1	1	1
Director, West Virginia (2011)	Bill Keller	1	1	1		1	1
Director, West Virginia (2012)	Brett Bittle	1					
Director, Delaware (2011)	Harry Balthis	1	1	1	1	1	1
Director, Delaware (2012)	Steve Austin	1	1	1		1	1
Director, Virginia (2011)	Kevin Wilkes		1		1		
Director, Virginia (2012)	Allen Brennan	1	1	1	1	1	1
Past President	Walter Robertson	1	1	1	1		1
	Totals	15	20	20	17	17	22
Past Presidents		10	11	11	9	10	14
Maryland Fire Depts		7		11	15		15
Delaware Fire Depts		8		10	10		12
Virginia Fire Depts		8		5	5		5
West Virginia Fire Depts		3		5	1		6
Pennsylvania Fire Depts		25		34	14		34
	Grand Totals	76	31	96	71	27	108

Recording Secretary Worthington then read the minutes from the Board of Directors meeting held August 3, 2011. *“President Yost called the meeting to order at 7:20pm. Opening*

prayer was given by Chaplain Barnhart followed by the pledge to the flag. The welcome was given by David Hoover from the host company. Dave spoke on some of the logistics for convention and was honored to be the host. Roll call was taken with 17 Officers and 10 Past Presidents in attendance. President Yost asked if any Directors needed to report.

Curtis Alleman reported on canceling the Friday training class due to lack of registration, only 11 were registered. Additional comments were made concerning pre-registration. MOTION was made to require pre-registration at all booster meeting training classes with a minimum of 15 students or the class would be cancelled by Bob Cumberland, seconded by Bill Keller, discussion, verbal vote taken, motion passed.

Bob Cumberland talked about a new store item coffee mug, coming up with different ideas. The last 3 months paying dues only from the store. We need to better promote, received \$24 from the vendor.

Director Austin asked the Directors for a vote to recognize Graydon Moir for his service to CVVFA. MOTION to honor Graydon as Director of Information Technology by Austin, seconded by Daniels, verbal vote taken, motion passed.

Director Austin asked permission to dispose of an association laptop that is currently non usable. MOTION to dispose of same and remove from the inventory by Austin, seconded by Cumberland, no discussion, verbal vote taken, motion passed.

Austin reported on some unfinished business reference the tax status. He has gotten word from the Attorney that he is moving forward with the 501c3 application, there will be a fee of \$850 and that we will need a check ready for that amount. There will also be a fee of \$1500 from the accountant that will be reimbursed by Provident Insurance, however we may need to pay upfront. MOTION that the Treasurer issue a check for \$850 for the IRS fee and a check for \$1500 in the event we are required to pay the accountant firm with the understanding to get that money back by Austin, seconded by Keller, verbal vote taken, motion passed.

Steve then spoke on the presenters at convention and the Presidents Council meetings. Steve continued to speak about a wildland fire prevention program and our endorsement of such. A motion will be made during convention to endorse.

Chairman Steve Flickinger commented on the convention activities. You have heard from the host company with the logistics. He has received money for the trophy sponsorships for the parade, only 2 remain outstanding. We will be presenting plaques for the Bukowski award, Youth leadership award and the FF of the Year award. These plaques have been prepared and ready for presentation Friday during the banquet. Steve recommended that we change the date on the Bukowski award for submission by the May booster meeting. The convention sponsor rotation plaque needs updating, he will do and give to McConnellsburg for display this year.

Chaplain Barnhart reported on the memorial service, ready.

Bob Timko reported on the convention book, completed and here.

Steven Haines reported the audit committee finds the Treasurer books in order.

MOTION was made to pay the convention expenses by Curtis Alleman, seconded by Bill Keller, verbal vote taken, motion passed.

Steve Heefner commented on the Officers badges and pocket inserts, we should have all of them currently.

A question was asked about the shuttle bus, need to let Greg know if needed. Greg reminded all of the happy hour discussion after the meeting tomorrow to be followed by the picnic at 6:30pm.

*Steve Austin continued to talk about the folks planning on attending the convention from the USFA. Steve spoke about the FIREVAC demo and the INTEL Corp who do background checks on fire service personnel.*

*Steve Heefner gave an update on future convention dates: 2012-Berkeley Springs, 2013-Shippensburg, 2014-Chambersburg, 2015-Delaware City, 2021-McConnellsburg. Booster meeting dates are full for the coming year beginning with Berryville in October, the Board meeting at Halfway, March in Irishtown and May in Keyser. The Presidents Council will be hosted by the MSFA and held in Cordova on April 14, 2012. These dates will be posted on the web with additional information.”*

*Meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

President Yost asked for a motion to accept the Board of Directors minutes, **MOTION** to accept by Hugh Harris, seconded by Harry Balthis, no further discussion, verbal vote taken, carried.

President Yost asked for a motion to approve the May booster meeting minutes that have already been distributed. **MOTION** to accept as printed by Bob Cumberland, seconded by Curtis Alleman, no further discussion, verbal vote taken, carried.

Secretary Worthington reported on the communications received. He read a letter from Mike Weider reference the NFPA 1091 committee meeting, Citizens Fire Company of Newport event on September 11, and the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation recognizing the CVVFA as a bronze sponsor with a plaque.

## **OFFICERS REPORTS:**

### **President’s Report** – Greg Yost

Fellow Officers, members and guests, this train that I started on a few years back has turned into an Amtrak express. I can’t believe it has been a year since taking over. I have enjoyed it immensely and with all you good people working for Cumberland Valley it has been a breeze. Recently, I attended the Fire Show in Harrisburg, Baltimore and Ocean City, MD. I also planned and coordinated the first CVVFA family outing to Camden Yards. Thanks to all who attended, it was somewhat warm, however everyone had a good time. Thanks again to all and everyone who helped during the year with special thanks to McConnellsburg for hosting the convention. I am looking forward to a good time by all.

### **First Vice President’s Report** – Michael Sullivan

Mr. President, Fellow Officers, Members and Guests, I would like to thank McConnellsburg for hosting this convention and all the activities. Since the last booster meeting, I have attended most of my company regularly scheduled meetings. I hope everyone has a great time this week and everyone be safe traveling.

### **Second Vice President’s Report** – Steven Haines

President Greg Yost, fellow Officers, members and guests, welcome to the 110<sup>th</sup> annual convention here in McConnellsburg. Special thanks to McConnellsburg VFC for hosting this year’s convention, also Dave Hoover and his committee for putting together the events for this week. Since our last booster meeting, I have attended my own company meetings as well as our own in house training. Congratulations Greg on having a successful year with this organization. Take care everyone, have fun and enjoy the festivities the rest of the week. Good seeing everyone and have a safe trip home.

**Third Vice President’s Report – Rich Toulson**

President Yost, fellow Officers, members, and guests, welcome to McConnellsburg Volunteer Fire Company and the 110<sup>th</sup> annual convention. Very special thanks go to the Officers and members of the McConnellsburg VFC for hosting this year’s convention. Since our last booster meeting, I have attended my own fire company meetings and training classes. Also, I have attended my state and county association meetings. I attended the South Carolina Fire Rescue Conference held in Myrtle Beach and the NFPA conference held in Boston. I participated by telephone with the NFPA 1091 committee meeting. I have taught a Highway Safety class for our state fire school. I have been working with Montgomery County Maryland Fire and Rescue on advanced warning safety classes at Montgomery County, they did a great job. President Yost, congratulations on a very successful year as President of this Association. Mike, I’m looking forward to this coming year. I’m looking forward to the rest of the convention. I hope that all of you have an enjoyable time at this year’s convention.

**Fourth Vice President’s Report – Walter Robertson**

Hello everyone, I am doing my physical therapy on my knee, and cannot be with you all right now. I want to thank McConnellsburg for hosting this year’s convention. Since my fall in Harrisburg I have not been able to do anything. For the first six weeks after surgery I had an IV in my arm and the better half gave meds thru there. The IV took about 45 minutes a day, and I was not allowed to drive for that time period. That really took me down, now I am driving to therapy 4 days a week. I have therapy Friday morning, and I plan on making the banquet that night. This will be my first trip away since Harrisburg, so everyone have a good convention. (See You Friday)

**Treasurer’s Report – George J. Dove**

George provided the following account balances:

**ENDING BALANCES**

General Account	14284.85
Death Benefit Account	900.00
CD	85877.77
<b>NET WORTH</b>	<b>101062.62</b>

**Financial Secretary’s Report – Stephen C. McBee**

Thank you to McConnellsburg Fire Department for hosting the CVVFA convention. Also thank you to the membership of the CVVFA for allowing me to serve as your Financial Secretary. Dues notices have gone out for 2012 to individual members. Member Company dues notices will go out next week. I have already received some dues back along with corrected mailing addresses and updated e-mail addresses. It would be helpful if there were a contact person with each member company to assist in reminding individuals of dues and recruiting new members. Much like it was done years ago, a CVVFA member would recruit new members each year and would get a list of members that owed dues. Please keep notifying Chaplain Barnhart, Asst. Chaplain Wharry, and me on the death of a member. Also please notify me of any change in address.

**Recording Secretary’s Report – Gene Worthington**

Mr. President, all minutes from the meetings were transcribed, mailed and posted on the web by the webmaster. The agendas were prepared for the booster meetings and convention and forwarded to President Yost for his actions. Resolutions requested for the convention have been prepared and ready for presentation. Thanks to McConnellsburg for hosting the convention. We

still have copies of the proceedings book from last convention, this is the last time you will see them. The Office assisted with the IRS tax status change request. The Office remains ready to assist the Association. As always, I am requesting to further update the mailing lists, if you are not receiving mail from me, either by postage or e-mail, please add your name to the list or if there are any corrections from the printing in the convention book, please let me know. Congratulations to President Yost on his year and we look forward to assisting Michael in the coming year.

**Home Office Manager's Report** – Stephen E. Heefner

Mr. President, Officers, members and guests, welcome to McConnellsburg Fire Department and the 110<sup>th</sup> annual convention. I would like to thank McConnellsburg FD and the entire convention committee for their many hours of hard work in preparing for this event. Since our last meeting, I have been kept busy by preparing and mailing almost 900 convention newsletters, corresponding with the host hotel, updating addresses with the Financial Secretary, arranging future booster meeting locations and working closely with President Yost and other Officers. I attended the MSFA convention in Ocean City MD, a convention committee meeting in Chambersburg PA with Chairman Dick Hershey of the Franklins and Chief Bill Fitzgerald, city of Chambersburg (2014) and the Baltimore Fire Expo. The highlight of the year was braving the temperatures with President Yost and a small group of 16 in the first annual Baltimore Orioles baseball game against the Angels. Greg, you picked the hottest day of the year as it was only 101 degrees at game time. At the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> inning, the CVVFA did scroll across the jumbotron in center field welcoming us along with all the groups in attendance. PS, we did win. I would like to thank the many Officers and members who personally assisted me all year long. It's a group effort and I appreciate everyone's help. I look forward to serving another year. May you live long and win lots of prizes.

**Publicity Manager's Report** – Robert Timko

As stated earlier, the book is done. I hope you are satisfied with it. We did 29 ads, all paid for. Gentlemen, the issue is not getting ads. Any suggestions, let me know. Times are difficult and most are going to electronic media. Again, we did not get enough local ads. Numbers given: 29 ads for \$2,655, printing costs \$1,233, profit of \$1,422.

**Chaplain's Report** – Charles E. Barnhart, Jr.

Charlie had already left for the memorial service, will report later in the convention.

**Assistant Chaplain** – James J. Wharry was absent, sent the following report.

I fell and broke my right foot in June and was operated on June 13<sup>th</sup>, where the doctor inserted 2 screws to put the fracture back together. I am now walking with a large black boot on my right foot and I need to use a bulky walker. My next appointment is July 28 and my wife called the surgeon and talked about me going to the convention. He rules that if they can stop the boot, I will not be able to drive for a while because of the danger of putting my right foot on the brake. I will not be able to attend the convention and have informed Chaplain Barnhart. I will be doing the flowers and the resolutions and have them delivered by Jerry Daniels. If I am nominated for Assistant Chaplain, I will accept.

**Attorney** – Howard S. Cohen

Mr. President, Mr. Secretary, officers, members, and guests, thank you for being here and thank you to the McConnellsburg VFD for hosting the CVVFA's 110<sup>th</sup> annual convention. The CVVFA has experienced more milestones this year. Our receipt of a nearly \$300,000 Fire Act grant to develop an online training platform will advance our roadway safety message in ways never before imaginable or possible. Emergency responders will shortly be able to receive this

lifesaving training in the comfort of their own homes, at their fire station, or wherever and whenever they can access a computer. Our live classes are informative and great, but since we haven't figured out the science to cloning Jack, Allen and our other trainers to blanket the country, there's no way without such computer technology to exponentially expand our reach to allow everyone to benefit from our message. I look forward to seeing great progress on this computer platform during the coming year and anxiously await seeing the system go live. I continue to conduct daily struck by incident searches to keep the ResponderSafety.com site up to date and to offer my input and feedback where necessary with respect to the organization's legal matters. I've been pleased to see progress with the organization's march toward getting a 501©(3) tax status which is beneficial as we continue to seek grants and donations, and am pleased that skilled outside legal and accounting experts have guided the organization through that very specialized process. There otherwise, fortunately, continue not to be any significant matters of which I'm aware. I hope you all enjoy this convention and, at its conclusion, have safe journeys home.

**Delegate to Pennsylvania – Charlie Myers**

Charlie reported that the PA convention will be September 21-24 in Lake Harmony. I have already notified the state coordinators about the rooms. Thursday is the date we will be taking the out of state guests for lunch. This is a great area and we look forward to a great time. They will be featuring many antique apparatus on display. There will be much discussion tomorrow on this at the Presidents Council meeting.

**Board of Directors**

**Pennsylvania State Director – Rich Brunner**

Good day President Yost, CVVFA Officers, State Directors, members and distinguished guests. I would like to thank the McConnellsburg Fire Company for hosting the 2011 CVVFA Convention. Based on the excellent program, leisure time activities, the banquet and the parade I am sure that this year's convention will also be a fantastic success. Thanks to all those involved in the planning and implementation of this convention, a job well done. Since our last meeting I have attended all of my fire company meetings, training sessions and fund raising activities. I have also attended the Perry County Fireman's Association meetings and CVVFA related events. I encourage you to attend the banquet on Friday evening to hear the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency Director, Mr. Glenn Cannon speak. He spoke at our fire company banquet this year and his message is one we all need to hear and heed. Thanks again to McConnellsburg for hosting this year's convention and safe travels home for all.

**Pennsylvania State Director – Curtis Alleman**

Good morning members, officers and guest of CVVFA. I want to thank McConnellsburg VFC for being the host of our 2011 CVVFA Convention. I know we have some very nice activities planned this weekend and look forward to the convention. Since our May meeting in Joppa I have continued my dedication to the CVVFA by working with MD Director Bob Cumberland and Bob Timko on some highway safety events. On May 13 we did a highway safety event as part of PA tourism month at the PA Welcome Center in State Line PA along Interstate 81. I was assisted by Bob Cumberland, Bob Timko, and Charlie Myers at this event. We had a great time and received a lot of good response from individuals who stopped by our table and spoke with us during their travels. We did have a similar event that we were requested for on June 18<sup>th</sup> but due to schedule conflicts by many from the association made us unable to attend this event. We have scheduled another PR event for Highway safety for Friday October

14<sup>th</sup>, 2011, at the State Line PA Welcome center as part of fire prevention week in conjunction with the Rescue Hose Company of Greencastle. I've attended my monthly fire company meetings, county association meetings from Cumberland County, along with the Fireman's Association State of PA meeting that was held in July at Lake Harmony. Due to some health issues I wasn't able to attend our PA Firemen's Leg. Federation meeting in June. In addition to these events I assisted at the Responder Safety booth at both the PA Fire Expo in May and at the Firehouse Expo in Baltimore held July 21 & 22. I also helped staff the booth during the MSFA Convention in Ocean City MD June 19-22. On June 30<sup>th</sup> I was pleased to be a guest at the Vigilant Hose Companies ground breaking for their new emergency services building. The members of Co. 52 have come a long way toward the goal of a new station and I look forward to seeing the finished project next year as they prepare to host our convention in 2013. On July 9<sup>th</sup> I attended the funeral for PA's first Fire Commissioner Chet Henry which was held in Harrisburg PA. After the funeral I attended the PA Pump Primers event along Riverside Park in Harrisburg. A good time was held by all those in attendance. I want to thank President Greg Yost for organizing the CVVFA night out with the Orioles on July 23. It was a hot night as it was 102 degrees at the start of the game. I hope we can continue to see this event become a yearly event along with a possible NASCAR event in Dover in conjunction with the NFFF that was discussed at the ball game. I've been working close with Office Manager Steve Heefner on filling the gaps on the upcoming schedule for the next couple of years. I've also continued to work with Bob Cumberland, Steve Austin, and Allen Baldwin on some highway safety classes at upcoming booster meeting sites. I would like to remind everyone that pre-registration is very vital as we schedule these classes. Last evening (8/3/11) I attended the BOD meeting and supported the change which put a requirement of having 15 individuals pre-registered for a class to be held. This is very vital for us to plan and make the class be worthwhile for everyone involved. In closing I would like to thank President Yost for serving as our president for this past year and the time I have had working with him. I look forward to continuing this same working relationship with our incoming President Mike Sullivan.

President Yost announced that we stop our reports at this time and show a video "911 Song." After the video we will recess for the memorial service, please attend. Lunch will be served here at the firehouse at noon followed by continuing the business meeting starting at 1pm.

**Memorial Service**

The annual memorial service was held at the Saint Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church. The organist was Dolly Peffer from the church. The service started with singing and readings by all in attendance. The memorial message was titled "Amazing Grace" and was given by Charlie. Roll call of honored deceased CVVFA members consisted of:

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|--------------------|---------------------------|
| Arthur J. Bietsch  | Goodwill Steam Co         |
| Robert Bietsch     | Goodwill Steam Co         |
| Kenneth L. Brooker | Rescue Hose Co            |
| John C. Clark      | Dauphin Co Fire Assoc     |
| Paul Foreman       | Rescue Hose Co            |
| Dorsey Fry         | Camp Hill VFC             |
| Edgar Hoffeditz    | Jr Hose, Hook & Ladder Co |
| Charles Hornberger | Milmont VFC               |
| Harry Hott         | Burlington FD             |
| George King, Jr    | Mechanicsville VFC        |
| J. Frank Loy       | South End Fire Co         |

Clyde L. McClain, Sr	Fairfield Fire & EMS
Edward Mickey	Fayetteville VFC
Robert Mitchell	Aetna Hose, Hook & Ladder
Earl Moser	Honorary member of CVVFA
John Reecher	Quincy VFC
Dale E. Rider	Liberty Fire Co #1
Greydon Schlichter	Jr Hose, Hook & Ladder Co
Norman R. Sentz, Sr	Alpha VFC – Littlestown
Chief Michael J. Sneeringer	Alpha VFC – Littlestown
James F. Wood Jr	Aetna Hose, Hook & Ladder

President Yost read the names as the memorial flowers were being placed in the vase. The service concluded with Charlie's singing of the Lords Prayer, just outstanding as always. At the end of the service, President Yost presented flowers to the CVVFA personnel who would carry back to the families. Below is copy of the bulletin provided for the service.

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**CUMBERLAND VALLEY FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION  
MEMORIAL SERVICE**

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 4, 2011**

**SAINT PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**MC CONNELLSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA**

The Organ Prelude

Welcome and Statement of Purpose

\*The Opening Hymn – 272 “*Abide With Me*”

\*Invocation – CCVFA Chaplain – Deacon Charles Barnhart, Jr.

\**Deacon* – Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the source of all mercy and the God of all consolation. He comforts us in all our sorrows with the consolation we ourselves received from God.

\*CONGREGATION – “*Thanks be to God!*”

\**Deacon* – When we were baptized in Christ Jesus, we were baptized into his death. We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live a new life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall be certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

**A LITANY OF FAITH AND HOPE**

D – Our commonwealth is in heaven,

**C – AND FROM IT WE AWAIT A SAVIOR, THE LORD  
JESUS CHRIST.**

D – Jesus Christ is the Light of the World.

**C – THE LIGHT NO DARKNESS CAN OVERCOME.**

D – Stay with us Lord, and remind us of your promise.

**C – THAT WHERE WE ARE, THERE YOU ARE ALSO TO  
BE FOUND.**

D – Let your Light scatter the darkness of our mourning.

**C – AND ILLUMINE OUR LIVES WITH YOUR HOPE AND  
PRESENCE.**

D – The Lord be with you!

**C – And also with you**

\***Let us Pray (together)**

Almighty God, those who die in the Lord still live with you in joy and blessedness. We give you heartfelt thanks for the grace you have bestowed upon your servants who have finished their labors. May we, with all who have died in the true faith, have perfect fulfillment and joy in your eternal and everlasting glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Scripture Readings

The Old Testament – *Ecclesiastes 3:1-8*

The Psalm – 451 - *Psalm 23 “The Lord’s My Shepherd”*

The New Testament – *1 Corinthians 15:51-57*

\*The Holy Gospel – *Saint John 14:1-6*

The Memorial Message “*Amazing GRACE!*”

Deacon Charles E. Barnhart, Jr. - Chaplain

\*The Hymn of the Day – 448 “*Amazing Grace*”

*Roll Call of Honored Deceased CVVFA Members*

Presentation of Flower(s) to Family Members – President Greg Yost

\*Prayers of the People

Each petition by the Chaplain will end in “Lord in your Mercy”

The Congregation will respond – “*Hear Our Prayer*”

“*The Lord’s Prayer*” - (Sung) – Deacon Charles Barnhart, Jr.

\*The Benediction & Sung Response

\*The Closing Hymn 320 “*O God, Our Help in Ages Past*”

\*The Postlude

\* = *Congregation Standing*

President Yost called the convention back to order at 13:00pm. He asked Steve Austin to address the group. Steve introduced Eric Renzel who will be our keynote speaker for the

convention. Steve gave some background info on Mr. Renzel and welcomed him to our convention. Eric is out of Harrisburg and has a background in traffic engineering serving in a volunteer position with the NTIMC. He has put together a network of persons over 700 who have a similar interest across the country. Let's welcome Eric Renzel.

Mr. Renzel began his remarks stating he is a graduate of Penn State. I am an engineer and have to apologize for that. He commented on just how difficult it is to establish a safety zone at a highway scene. I am excited to be here and speak for a few minutes. Eric showed great respect for the folks out there on the highway. Eric showed a visual presentation of several slides and commented on them. His network is titled TIM as he explained in depth their role on the highway with a goal to exchange information from different jurisdictions. He talked about several "What IF's?" Keep in mind the end result must be what is best for the practitioners. He spoke specifically on the NUG and the overall TIM objectives both locally and nationally. He shared several operations for clearing traffic from different states. He continued by speaking on common communications and terminology. Eric requested all to join the "TIM" and receive the Responder, simply log on and join. Thanks again for the invite and don't forget to register.

President Yost thanked Eric for his remarks and asked to continue the Officer reports.

**Maryland State Director** – Wayne Baker

I want to thank McConnellsburg for inviting us up here. We had a great time in Winchester at the parade. Other than that, have a good convention.

**Maryland State Director** – Bob Cumberland

President Yost I want to congratulate you for an outstanding year as President of the CVVFA and enjoyed working with you to promote the Association and ResponderSafety Institute. Since last year's 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, Firemen'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 attended different fire department banquets as President of my fire department along with my own fire department banquet. I also attended the MSFA legislative reception in Annapolis to meet and discuss fire service legislation with my state delegation. 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. In September I worked on the Assistance to Firefighter Grants and SAFER grant at Towson, Md. I traveled to Portland, CT to help teach "We have your Back" to the Portland Fire Department and other Connecticut fire police in January and there was good attendance with 30 members in the class which was received very well. The first week of February I attended the Mid-Winter Chief Conference of the North Carolina Fire Chiefs in Concord, N.C. with the Responder Safety Booth and we received a thank you letter from the administrative director for being part of their program. Allen Baldwin and I presented a training program to the Delaware Fire Police Association on the new program "The First 15 Minutes" which had 31 fire police in attendance from the state association and we may be going back to do the practical part of the class on "We have your Back". At the weekend booster meeting in March we held a Saturday class and I want to thank the Northeast Fire &

Rescue Station and Curtis Alleman for the hard work on making the Responder Safety Class a success and for Allen Baldwin in putting on the class. In December I was again elected to the position of President of the Westminster Fire Engine and Hose Company No. 1 for the year of 2011. In November I attend Fire Police training with the Westminster City Police department to be able to work as a fire police for the City of Westminster. I continue to do technical review of the AFG grants. I was able to attend a workshop with ERSI Instructors along with President Yost and other members of the CVVFA/ERSI looking at updating the training materials for highway safety and protecting our own. This was conducted at the Conference Center at the Maritime Institute Linthicum Heights, Maryland. In October I attended the Minnesota Fire Chiefs Convention in Rochester, Minnesota to represent ResponderSafety with our booth and discussion on the NUG. I represented the association and responder safety institute in staffing the booth at FDIC in Indianapolis. I attended the National Fire Academy Board of Visitors meeting at the campus in Emmitsburg, Md. and also attended the CFSI dinner in Washington, DC. I attended the President's Council meeting in Wheeling, WV representing the Maryland State Firemen's Association along with Gene Worthington. Jack Sullivan and I attended the South Carolina Firemen's Association convention representing ResponderSafety with the booth and Jack presenting two seminars. We also staffed the booth at the Maryland State Firemen's Association and Firehouse Expo in Baltimore. I would like to thank all the members that assisted at these two events. I attended the first meeting of the NFPA new Technical Committee on Traffic Control Incident Management Professional Qualifications. The new standard is NFPA 1091 and there will be sub-committees meeting to work on the knowledge and skill for this standard. The second meeting of the committee was held on July 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> 2011 in Harrisburg, Pa. and I was able to attend both days. The committee has done a large amount of work on this standard and will be reviewing a draft of the standard in the coming weeks. We have received \$181.80 for the past year and we could be making more if we promote the store more as Directors of the Association. Most of the funds came from new or renewed membership. We continue to work on getting more items on the web page store and the latest is a coffee mug with the picture of the firemen on the train car. We are still working on getting the 5.11 shirts and other products on the association store with Emergency Training Associates in Taneytown, Md. 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. I want to again thank President Yost and the other officers along with the other state Directors for allowing me to work with you and serve on the committees in the Association. I want to thank Steve Austin the project manager for ResponderSafety Institute for his hard work and allow me to be part of this great project. I look forward to serving with the incoming President Mike Sullivan and wish him well in his year and will do all I can to help him and improve the images of the CVVFA.

**West Virginia State Director – Bill Keller**

I would like to thank McConnellsburg VFD for hosting the CVVFA 110<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention. The Officers and Members of McConnellsburg VFD have done a great job of setting everything up for this year's convention. Over the past year I have attended Booster Meetings in October hosted by Fairview Township FD, New Cumberland, PA. March hosted by Citizen Fire Company #1, Enola, PA. I attended the Board of Directors Meeting in January held at The Vol. Fire Company of Halfway, Hagerstown, MD. I worked the CVVFA Booth all three days of the Fire Expo in Harrisburg, PA. I was the MC for Fort Ashby VFD's annual Banquet in May. I have been busy teaching Fire and EMS classes since the last Convention. I have taught

Truck Company Operations, ICS, EMT recertification, Propane Emergency, Fire Officer 1 and 2, EVOC, CPR rollout of the new standards and EMTB. I have enjoyed being able to help the Cumberland Valley Volunteer Fireman's Association this past year. The Association really has done a great job this year as always, helping keep the fire service safe and educated. A big thank you for President Yost who has done an outstanding job this year as our leader and to all of the other Officers and Board of Directors you all have been great to work with and I hope to continue to be the West Virginia Director for CVVFA this next year.

**West Virginia State Director** – Brett Bittle was absent.

**Virginia State Director** – Kevin Wilkes was absent.

**Virginia State Director** – Allen Brennan

Officers and Members of the CVVFA, many thanks to the McConnellsburg Fire Company for hosting the convention this year. This is a beautiful part of the state to be in. The following is a report of my activities since convention last year:

August 2010-attended the functions of the Cumberland Valley Volunteer Firemans Association Convention held in Hancock, MD.

August 2010- attended all functions of the Annual Virginia State Firefighters Convention held in Hampton, VA

10/30//10- attended Executive Committee meeting in Culpeper

1/9/11- attended the Cumberland Valley Volunteer Fireman's Association Board of Directors meeting held in Halfway, MD

1/22/11- attended the Chancellor Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department Installation Banquet and installed their officers and gave a short speech.

3//20/11- attended the Cumberland Valley Volunteer Fireman's Association Booster Meeting in Enola, PA

4/1-2/11- attended the Auxiliary To Virginia State Firefighters Association meeting held in Luray, Va.

4/4-5/11- attended the National Volunteer Fire Council Spring meeting held at the Crown Plaza Hotel in Alexandria, VA

4/6/11- gave a report on updates for the Legislative agenda to the VSFA representatives going to visit on capital hill on 4/7/11 in Washington, DC.

4/9/11- attended the spring Executive Meeting of the Virginia State Firefighters Association in Culpeper, VA.

4/15-16/11- attended the Presidents Council meeting held in Wheeling, WV.

4/27/11- participated in the Firefighters Scoop Night put on by Baskin-Robbins held at the Fredericksburg, VA store.

5/1/11- attended the CVVFA Booster Meeting held in Joppa-Magnolia, MD

6/18/11- attended the Presidents Banquet of the Maryland State Firemen's Assn. held in Ocean City, MD

6/19/11- attended the Memorial Service of MSFA in Ocean City, MD

6/20/11- attended the Business Meeting of the MSFA in Ocean City

6/21/11- judged the pajama parade for the MSFA in Ocean City, MD

7/4/11- helped man the FVFC recruitment booth at the Heritage Festival in Fredericksburg, VA

I have attended all of my fire company meetings. I am also participating in an effort to set up a Recruitment & Retention program for our fire company to work on increasing our

membership. Mr. President, good working with you this year, look forward to the coming year with our new President.

**Delaware State Director** – Harry Balthis

I would like to thank McConnellsburg VFD for hosting the 110<sup>th</sup> annual CVVFA convention. During the past year I attended all the booster meetings and the Director's meeting, the Delaware Conference in Dover in September, the Presidents Council meeting in Wheeling, and my home company's meetings and functions. I also served on the Scholarship committee.

**Delaware State Director** – Steve Austin

Thank you Mr. President, one item I want to bring up for some information for you, this morning at the memorial service I saw two names that made me really think about the history of this Association. A lot has to do with information provided by Guy Flory. Arthur and Robert Bietsch, both of those gentlemen were brothers, they were the last of nine who were sons of our PP Bietsch in 1924. They were all members of Chambersburg. Several years ago, thanks to Guy Flory, he arranged for us to go over and visit with Mr. Robert Bietsch. We recorded some of our conversation with him. The loss of the Bietsch family is significant because of what they have done for the history of this Association and also what they meant to their respective company. Mr. Bietsch was 100 when he passed. I have the tape in my possession. Under the proper order of business, I will be bringing up a recommendation made last night to endorse the Ready, Set, Go program. This program is being set up to support public education for wildland fire interface.

**Past President** - Walter Robertson was absent

## **NOMINATION OF OFFICERS**

MOTION to open nominations for the Association Officers from the floor by Bill Keller, seconded by Guy Flory, no further discussion, verbal vote taken, motion passed.

President – Michael Sullivan nominated by Bill Keller, seconded by Hugh Harris

First Vice President – Seven Haines nominated by Steve Flickinger, seconded by Curtis Alleman

Second Vice President – Rich Toulson nominated by Harry Balthis, seconded by Watson

Third Vice President – Walter Robertson nominated by George Dove, seconded by Hugh Harris

Fourth Vice President – Hoby Howell nominated by Bob Cumberland, seconded by Ray Stevens

Treasurer – George Dove nominated by Hugh Harris, seconded by Guy Flory

Financial Secretary – Steve McBee nominated by Mortimer, seconded by Bill Keller

Recording Secretary – Gene Worthington nominated by Hugh Harris, second by Steven Haines

Home Office Manager – Steve Heefner nominated by Hugh Harris, seconded by Hoby Howell

Publicity Manager – Robert Timko nominated by Curtis Alleman, seconded by Hugh Harris

Chaplain – Charles Barnhart nominated by Hugh Harris, seconded by Mortimer

Assistant Chaplain – James Wharry nominated by Robert Sweetman, seconded by Jerry Daniels

Attorney – Howard Cohen nominated by Bob Cumberland, seconded by Michael Sullivan

Delegate to PA – Charles Myers nominated by Hugh Harris, seconded by Michael Sullivan

Director Pennsylvania (2013) – Rich Bruner nominated by Steve Flickinger, seconded by Bill Keller

Director Maryland (2013) – Wayne Baker nominated by Hugh Harris, seconded by Mortimer

Director West Virginia (2013) – Bill Keller nominated by Michael Sullivan, seconded by Steven Haines

Director Virginia (2013) – Kevin Wilkes nominated by Gene Worthington, seconded by Steven Haines

Director Delaware (2013) – Harry Balthis nominated by Howard Cohen, seconded Robert Sweetman

**MOTION** was made to close the nominations by George Dove, seconded by Hugh Harris, verbal vote taken, motion passed.

All nominations were announced three times and motions made to close each respective office with seconds and verbal votes taken.

**MOTION** was made for President Yost to cast the ballot for the Recording Secretary, the Recording Secretary cast the ballot for all the other offices as they were unopposed by Hugh Harris, seconded by Mortimer, no discussion, verbal vote taken, motion passed. This concludes the election for the Officers of the coming year. Congratulations to all.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Archives and Historical Committee – Guy Flory**

Nothing to report, out of service last year due to health reasons

### **Audit Committee – Steven Haines**

To follow up from the Board meeting, we found the books from Treasurer Dove, Home Office Manager Heefner in good standing.

### **Budget and Finance – George Dove**

No report

### **Business & Ops Plan – Greg Yost**

This committee was not appointed last year.

### **Constitution and By-Laws Committee – Bob Cumberland**

Moving forward, all in good shape at this time unless someone has something

### **Convention Committee – Steve Flickinger**

The convention is going well.

### **Credentials Committee – Jeff Ringer**

No report.

### **Emergency Responder – Steve Austin**

Mr. President, I have a Power Point to go through quickly. Steve proceeded to show slides and comment from them. The first was the cooperative agreement with the USFA we have had for several years. It expires in February, 2012, allows us to run the ResponderSafety program. He then showed some stats on the driving simulator project done last year. He explained the process the participants went through. Over 70 people participated in this scenario with the simulator. This data is now being analyzed by our vendors. We hope to do another scenario on the same later this year. Our next project that VP Toulson reported about with the NFFF since last year is the advance warning signs in coordination with Montgomery County, MD. We will have a video training package at the conclusion of this program. Next Steve talked about the I-81 corridor coalition, we have an agreement with them for teaching. Our member Joe Kroboth has been appointed to their safety committee representing the fire service. We expect to have this contract renewed. He continued by talking on the Federal Highway Administration grant for \$20K. They like what we do for the price, so we are going to be doing two videos in conjunction with Stonehouse Media. First will be a PSA on moving vehicles from minor accidents. Second will be on blocking, the proper way to block the highway with emergency apparatus will be done. Steve then spoke on the recent grant of \$297K to launch a distance learning network. Ron Abott provided comments about the process for this network and its future. This is going to revolutionize the way highway incident scene safety will be taught for

years to come. We are excited about having that opportunity. He provided some in depth comments about the NFPA 1091 committee he chairs representing the CVVFA. He then asked for questions on what was shown. A Q&A continued for several minutes. A discussion on social media sparked some conversation by many. Steve provided some stats on the web site visits to include the improvements recently made. You can go from the early history to an incident happening just yesterday. We now have all the state conventions on site as requested by the Presidents Council. Tom Savage was introduced who gave an update on the FirefighterBehavior website, Tom is the webmaster/editor for the site. He provided a brief overview of the sections and concluded by reading some of the incidents recorded. A more thorough review of the website will be given Friday at the Presidents Council meeting. Steve continued his comments by thanking Tom Savage for his work. He provided a sneak preview of the newly created fire prevention web. He displayed our Facebook page for ResponderSafety with over 3300 folks looking. The YouTube page, 22,843 have viewed our productions already. How long would it take to teach this many folks in a classroom setting, not possible for us, that is why this distance learning program will be fantastic. 274 people follow us on Twitter with over 800 tweets. Steve read some questions that we have received from the web. We have a brand new "Head Table" that goes out to our leadership. A Q&A session followed. I want to close my remarks by thanking many who contribute to the success of our social media program.

**Fire Person of the Year Committee** – George Dove

We are ready, the presentation will be made at banquet.

**Fire Prevention and Education Committee** – Erin Drumheller

Absent.

**Grants** – Steve Austin

The report was already given.

**Legislative** – Bob Cumberland

Bob reported on some important bills, first HR2482 and companion bill SB911 which is the public safety spectrum to allocate 10mgh for the 700 band for the emergency services. Second SB1315 and HR 1348 defines the fire police fairness act to allow fire police to officially dispatch and acting as a member of a qualified safety group to be eligible for the PSOB. Third is HR2488 and SB932 supporting emergency responders volunteer efforts providing a \$1,000 income tax credit for individuals who are members of volunteer firefighting and emergency medical services organizations. Bob then spoke about the requirements for AFG grants, need to go to Central Contractor Registration and get a number. This applies to any grant supported by the federal government. We are waiting on the program guidelines for the AFG, major changes are forthcoming. The electronic scoring will account for 50% of your score with the other 50% by the peer reviewers. This is very important when applying for a grant to read the program guidelines. Since the funds are drying up, more stringent requirements are added.

**Memorial** – Chaplain Barnhart

Thank you all for coming to the service this morning. I hope it was meaningful to you and you got something from it. The flowers and resolutions are available, please pick up. Please keep Jimmy in your prayers as he heels. Thanks to all who helped with the service, thank you for the opportunity to serve. God's blessings to you all and be safe. Don't forget the prayer breakfast Saturday morning at Windy Hill, please RSVP on the sign-up sheet.

**Parliamentarian** – Howard Cohen

No report, here to serve.

**Public Relations** – Rich Toulson

No report.

**Publicity Committee** – Bob Timko

No report.

**Recruitment and Retention Committee** – Allen Brennan

No report at this time.

**Resolutions Committee** – Jerry Daniels

All requests forwarded to the Secretary for preparation and presentation.

**Scholarship Committee** – Harry Balthis

We did sponsor two \$1000 scholarships this year. Rich Bruner made a suggestion as to the committee makeup. President Sullivan will consider. Please advise the applicants to complete the application in its entirety. We receive good applicants, however they don't complete fully. A question was asked any follow up done of the applicant, no.

President Yost called on Steve Austin for a special presentation. Steve introduced the President of FIREVAC who had a tanker on display and would be demonstrating its capabilities during the convention. Larry brought greetings and gave some specifics about the demos to be done. This truck uses a vacuum system, no pump. First demo is tonight at the picnic. Thanks for the invitation.

**Sergeant at Arms** – Wayne Baker

No report.

**Topics** – Steve Austin

Nothing further to report

**Web page** – Steve Austin

Given earlier

**Youth Leadership** – Erin Drumheller

Absent

This concludes the committee reports for this year's convention. Do we have any additional committee business, hearing none.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Scholarship publicity brochures for colleges – Rich Bruner

Due to our publicity on web site, I do not feel as though we need to spend the money on brochures. I would suggest to remove this business item.

IRS tax submittal status – Steve Austin

Steve commented that all the paperwork we did has been submitted. Our next step is the charter change for the Commonwealth of PA, the lawyer is working on that. As soon as the charter is changed, then that information goes to the CPA firm who will actually file the application. The application is completed on our end, everything done, you approved sending the money. Filing should take place in 6 to 12 months.

Promotional package and agreement with booster meeting partners - Heefner

No report.

Background investigations – Steve Austin

Speaker will be here tomorrow morning at the Presidents Council meeting.

Scholarship selection criteria – tabled at earlier meeting

Will refer to new President

CVVFA family event – Greg Yost

As reported earlier, we had 16 folks attend the Oriole game, all seemed to enjoy. If there is interest, we can continue or do something else.

Fire Prevention website – Erin Drumheller

Erin will be here tomorrow for further update.

Avon sales event fundraiser – Greg Yost

Logistic problems

President Yost stated there was no further old business on the agenda, asked again for old business from the audience. Greg then opened the floor for new business.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Guy Flory reported that the home the CVVFA was formed in has been turned into a junior court in Chambersburg.

MOTION that CVVFA endorse the IFC Ready, Set, Go program for wildland fire prevention by Steve Austin, seconded by Bill Keller, no further discussion, voice vote taken, motion passed.

Rich Bruner made a recommendation that we become a sponsor for the Can Am games in York County 2014 that includes some publicity and recognition and possibly a booth. We will look into further as to cost and requirements. President Yost asked Curtis to do.

MOTION was made for the CVVFA go on board with Veridan and the utility sign up program as an opportunity to raise some funds for the Association by Curtis Alleman, seconded by Hugh Harris, upon discussion we need to further investigate and bring back a recommendation at a future booster meeting for action, motion tabled.

## **GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION**

President Yost spoke about the picnic starting at 6:30pm. We invite all to join with Harry and Jack for Happy Hour at the American Legion. This will be an old fashioned story telling time. The training class for Friday has been cancelled. I remind all of the Presidents Council tomorrow starting at 9am. We have no voting to do. He asked for Chaplain Barnhart to give the benediction. Meeting was adjourned at 3:25pm. There was no need for a Board meeting, therefore none would be held. Several remained after the meeting to arrange the room for the Presidents Council meeting. We would reconvene Friday morning here in this room. Enjoy the picnic and be safe.

President Yost reconvened the convention Friday morning at 9am for the Presidents Council meeting. Chaplain Barnhart gave the invocation, followed by the pledge to the flag. Dave Hoover from the host company gave the opening welcome. President Yost offered the welcome on behalf of the CVVFA and asked for the round table to self-introduce themselves. Greg gave some additional comments about the activities during the day and then turned the session over to PP Steve Austin to facilitate the Council. Steve added his personal welcome and introduced some folks who have been to all these meetings. He then asked for the first report. No further minutes were recorded. Lunch was provided at noon by our host company.

President Yost reconvened the CVVFA convention back to order for some additional comments. Greg thanked all the participants at the Council. The President reminded the Officers to bring their badges with them to the banquet tonight and hearing no other business to be conducted asked for adjournment.

**MOTION** was made for adjournment by all, meeting ended at 14:10pm.

The banquet program was held Friday evening, August 5, 2011, at the McConnellsburg American Legion hall. Greg welcomed all to the annual awards banquet and installation. He

thanked all for their attendance and asked Chaplain Charlie to give the invocation. Charlie reminded all of the prayer breakfast in the morning and he has some memorial flowers and resolutions. He then gave the prayer and led the group in the pledge to the flag. Greg introduced Dave Hoover to give the welcome on behalf of the host company. Dave brought greetings and talked about the last two days activities. Greg presented the host company resolution to Dave and read some of the Whereas's. The program was recessed for dinner.

President Yost called the program back to order and asked PP Steve Austin to introduce our guest speaker for the evening. Steve gave some background intro for Glenn Cannon, the PA Director of Emergency Management. Mr. Cannon gave greetings and continued to speak on many topics during his lifetime. The attendees recognized Mr. Cannon by a strong round of applause at the conclusion of his remarks.

President Yost thanked our guest speaker and provided him with a gift. He asked for the kitchen staff to come out for recognition along with the McConnellsburg convention committee. Greg asked Rich Bruner to come to the podium for awarding of the scholarship recipients. Rich gave some opening comments, then introduced Lindsay Cairnes who expressed her thanks to the CVVFA for the Butts scholarship. Rich then announced Richard Whitten was the recipient of the JR Haines memorial scholarship who was not present. Mr. Whitten has been in the fire service for 39 years and has decided to further his fire engineering education.

President Yost then asked for the 50 year resolutions to be presented. Secretary Worthington read the resolutions as Greg presented them to the state Directors for delivery. Gene continued to read the Director's resolutions for presentation to those in attendance.

The next award presented was the Chief Gary "Happy Jack" Easton Youth Leadership. This was followed by the E. Wade Thomas Member of the Year award presented to PP Bob Cumberland. Bob was presented the plaque and a resolution from the Association. Next was the PP Joe Bukowski Responder Safety Award presented by Steve Flickinger to the Perry County Volunteer Firemen's Association.

President Yost gave his farewell speech thanking for all for their assistance over the past years, provided some highlights during the year and pledged his support to the new incoming Officers. Greg asked PP Steve Austin to come to the podium for the installation. Steve read the names of the new Officers and gave the oath followed by congratulatory comments. A picture was taken for the archives and badges given.

Immediate Past President Yost presented the gavel to President Michael Sullivan and provided some words about the gavel. Michael presented Greg his PP badge and read a resolution recognizing his term as President. President Sullivan thanked all for the opportunity to serve as President and pledged his commitment toward the goals of the Association.

The 50/50 ticket was awarded along with many other door prizes. President Sullivan asked for any additional business, hearing none, he asked for the benediction. A reminder was made of the prayer breakfast Saturday morning starting at 7:30am, open invitation for all to attend. Chaplain Barnhart gave the benediction. President Sullivan announced adjournment of the 110<sup>th</sup> annual convention.

Saturday morning we met at the restaurant for the prayer breakfast. Some 20 folks were in attendance to enjoy the great hospitality and a message from the Chaplain. Saturday afternoon, we all gathered in the rain to watch the firefighter's parade, enjoy the food and hospitality at the fire station and the awarding of the trophies. This ended the convention for August 2011.

Respectfully submitted,

Gene Worthington, Recording Secretary