

Cumberland Valley Volunteer Firemen's Association
121st Convention Business Meeting minutes
August 4, 2022 at Williamsport, MD

The meeting was opened by President Joe Kroboth at 8:45 am.

Chaplain Charles Barnhart offered the Invocation.

The Posting of the Colors was done by the Williamsport Fire and Emergency Services Cadet members.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Past President Bob Cumberland.

The Town Manager Donnie Stottlemayer offered the welcome and apologized that Mayor Green was unable to attend. He read a proclamation for the CVVFA. Asst. Chief Will Ball gave a welcome to all.

The meeting recessed at 8:54 am until 9:04 am.

Roll call of Officers by Secretary Deb Watson showed the following present: President Kroboth, 1st Vice President MacDonald, 2nd Vice President DeHaven, Secretary Watson, Treasurer Daniels, Financial Secretary J. Watson, Home Office Manager Cumberland, Chaplain Barnhart, Director Austin, Director Howell, Director Mortimer, Director Robertson, Director Welsh, and Director Dove. Absent: Publicity Chair Romig, Director/PP Baldwin, and Director Correia.

President Kroboth opening remarks: We have had a busy year. We are accomplishing our mission. The Responder Safety Institute is going strong. A sincere thank you to our hosts. His report was submitted electronically. We are streaming the meeting on Facebook live.

Secretary's report: The Spring Booster meeting minutes have been posted to the website. A motion was made by Jim Watson and seconded by Bill Mortimer to approve the minutes in written form. Motion carried.

Reading of Communications: None

1st Vice President's report: Submitted electronically.

2nd Vice President's report: Submitted electronically. Doug announced he has brought along some items that everyone is welcome to take home and use to further our education. He has window stickers that can be placed on your car to remind everyone of the Move Over Law.

Treasurer's report: Submitted electronically.

Financial Secretary's report: Jim mentioned he has concerns with the dues notices because he really needs our members to update their contact information, so they receive the mailings and to pay their dues.

Home Office Manager report: Bob reported that he has some items that will be brought up under New Business regarding the contracts for the Spring and Fall Booster meetings. He would also

like to increase the reimbursement for the Host Companies. See Doug or Shelby DeHaven to purchase shirts or pins.

Publicity Manager report: No report.

Chaplain's report: He is at the Church setting up for the Memorial Service.

Director's reports:

Steve Austin: Submitted electronically.

Allen Baldwin: Not present yet.

Tony Correia: Not present.

Hoby Howell: No report.

Bill Mortimer: No report.

Walter Robertson: At the Church with Chaplain Barnhart.

Donna Welsh: No report.

The meeting was recessed to go to the Memorial Service at 9:20 am.

Memorial Service was held at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church. Chaplain Barnhart had an inspirational message, and our deceased members were honored with resolution and a rose.

The meeting was reconvened at 11:20 am.

Keynote Speaker: Wayne Powell of the National Fire Heritage Center located at the Vigilant Hose Company in Emmitsburg, MD shared an informative and entertaining talk with the Convention attendees.

The meeting recessed at 12-08 pm for lunch.

Lunch was provided by Mission BBQ.

The meeting reconvened at 1:37 pm.

Chicken Headers President Jim Thomas spoke to the group and gave us a history of their group. They are sponsoring the hospitality room for the Convention there at the Holiday Inn.

Vendors: Everyone was reminded to visit the various tables and speak with the representatives.

Jim Brees is here from Choice Marketing. They are handling our mailing now.

John Gonzalez is here from Florian who are repurposing out of service fire apparatus for traffic control to include blocking.

Bob Timko is here from Provident Insurance.

Committee Reports:

Membership-Jim Watson reports that we have 637 members. The dues are coming in daily.

There are some glitches with the online process that Steve Austin will work with Firecompanies.com to fix.

Youth Leadership Award-Jim Watson reports that Odessa Fire Company of Odessa, Delaware has an awesome Cadet/Junior program and is being recognized for their efforts. One of the Advisors will be present to accept the award at the Banquet.

Recruitment & Retention-No report.

Publicity-No report. The Convention booklet was done by Shelby DeHaven and the printing was done by Choice of 200 copies at no cost.

Budget & Finance-Gene Worthington presented the 2022-2023 budget to the BOD on Wednesday evening at their meeting. It was accepted with some minor changes. They are adding stipends for four groups. It is a balanced budget.

Auditing-The books were audited and found in good order by Gerald Holtry Audit Committee Chairman.

Constitution and By-Laws-No changes.

Scholarship-Hoby Howell reports that the applications are going to the wrong location. He had not received any for this year despite extending the deadline to 6/15. He said we have three for up to \$1000 a piece. They are the J.R. Haines, the Kenneth Butts, and the Harry Alt scholarships. However, we have been missing giving the Harry Alt one. There was some discussion because many do not remember it being brought up to be included. This issue will get researched for clarification by Gene Worthington. The scholarship may have come from the funds from the dissolution of the Franklin Fulton Fire Company about 6-8 years ago. There are only two scholarships named in the By-Laws. The mailing address has been corrected. We need to market our program better because we have not had any applicants for 3 years now.

Convention Committee-Steve Heefner thanked the Hosts for the wonderful event they have planned. He thanked the Chicken Headers for handling the Hospitality Room. Kudos to Emergency Vehicle Specialists for their help with the Hospitality Room, also. The upcoming Convention places are as follows:

2023-we have two places vying for this and he will update us once someone is chosen

2024 Halfway, MD for their 75th Anniversary

2025 Newport, PA Citizen Fire Co. and they have numerous events planned already. Dates- 7/27-8/2.

2026 is open

Booster Meetings-

Spring of 2024 is Newport, PA

Emergency Responder Safety Institute-Steve Austin thanked all the Officers and the Safety Responder team for all their hard work. Those include Jim Kimble, Jerry Daniels, Jack Sullivan, Todd Leiss, Doug and Shelby DeHaven, and Bob Cumberland. They will make a presentation tomorrow during the 5 State meeting. Jack Sullivan updated the activities that they have been involved with which has been submitted electronically. They need help especially with the booths, presentations and writing Tech articles. They have a possible new project dealing with electrical vehicle fires. Todd Leiss shared the projects he has been involved with this year. Steve Austin reports there are some outstanding grants and apps out there. There are white papers being written. The ERSI Committee turned over \$20,000 to the CVVFA Treasurer

Community Risk Reduction-Doug DeHaven spoke about D drivers. Bob Cumberland announced some upcoming projects/events (9/2 at I-79 Welcome Center, 9/6 Washington County on I-70 East, and 9/23-24 Mattawana, PA. Greg Yost reported on the Drive Smart Va booth. Donna

Welsh reports she attended events local to McConnellsburg. Doug DeHaven reports they attended car shows and have some events in the Massachusetts/NE corridor area. Shelby will have a map release at the Spring meeting. Bob Cumberland says we have been invited to the NC Welcome Center. Doug announced eh has stickers for Fire/EMS/Police for your car windows to advertise our program. Doug presented Todd with some “special pickles. Steve Austin said there financials are available for anyone to evaluate.

Reputation Management-Candice reported that she will be teaching at the NVFC Recruitment & Retention which is great because in person teaching slowed down due to the pandemic. She is getting out now. There is a mini-PSA being recorded here so that each person in attendance can be a part of the message. Colorado State Troopers donated a videographer and filmed five snippets because they believe in what we are doing. They have been uploaded to TikTok and Instagram.

Nominations- Walter Robertson read the following potential slate of Officers for 2022-2023.

President-Candice McDonald

1st Vice President-Dave Lewis

2nd Vice President-Doug DeHaven

Financial Secretary-Jim Watson

Recording Secretary-Deb Watson

Treasurer-Jerry Daniels

Directors-Dona Welsh, William Mortimer, and Joe Kroboth as Past President

A motion was made by Walter Robertson and seconded by George Dove to accept the slate of Officers. Motion carried.

Fallen Firefighter and Emergency Provider Committee-Joe Kroboth reported that a letter of condolence was sent to Clayton Fire Company in Clayton, DE for the LODD of their Chief, John Pridemore. The account has a balance of \$6052.18.

Fire Person of the Year- This will be announced at the Banquet per Walter Robertson.

Joe Bukowski Award-Steve Heefner read the history of this award. There will not be an award given this year because there was no one nominated. He thanked all the persons that have spread the word for this honor.

Legislative-Bob Cumberland submitted it electronically but highlighted some important items that help is needed to complete. We need help with HB 3728 and the MSFA has a survey on this. The Fire Station construction grant will be introduced Monday as SB 4690 to coincide with the above bill in the House.

Resolutions-Jerry Daniels reported they are ready and will be presented at Banquet.

Training-Submitted electronically. The Fall Booster meeting will be in Fredericksburg and will have training on Saturday per Allen Baldwin’s report.

Archives/Historical-Ray Mowen not present.

Old Business:

Todd Leiss spoke to the Greencastle attendees. He wants to have a large-scale event at the national level. He wants to team up with the I-95 corridor. He will be getting the stuff together soon to organize and promote it.

New Business:

Bob Cumberland reported on the Fall Booster meeting. It will be held on 10/14-10/16. He is unsure which hotel will be the host hotel. On Friday evening the 14th there will be a meet and greet event at the Maltese Brewing Company. On Saturday the 15th there will be training and a social time at the Colonial Tavern. On Sunday the 16th the Booster meeting will be held at the Stafford County Fire & Rescue Headquarters. The address is 1225 Courthouse Road, Stafford, VA 22554.

Bob Cumberland said that the Spring Booster meeting will likely be held in the Pittsburgh or Ohio area.

Bob Cumberland reviewed the change he wants to see made on the contracts/agreements. He wants to increase the donation from \$100 to \$200 if lunch or breakfast is provided. We can also continue to pass the basket for donations for the Host Company. A motion was made by Bob Cumberland and seconded by Walter Robertson to accept the proposed change. The BOD had approved the increase in funds. Motion carried.

Good of the Organization:

Donna Welsh handed out the parade route information to all attendees. The line up is at 9:30 am at the High School and step off will be at 11:00 am. It will end at the Fire Station. There will be message boards to direct people.

Jerry Daniels gave the Treasurer's report per request. A motion was made by Walter Robertson and seconded by Bill Mortimer to accept the report. Motion carried.

Jim Watson reported on the Mill Creek Fire Company incident in which a Past Chief collapsed. He was discovered and CPR was performed which enabled him to survive the incident.

Jim Watson thanked everyone for the calls, cards, and text he received on his recent issue resulting in a cardiac cath which was clear thankfully.

The picnic this evening and Legends panel discussion will be held inside due to approaching storms. It starts at 6 pm.

A motion was made by Jim Watson and seconded by Candice McDonald to adjourn. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 3:31 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debbie Watson
Recording Secretary

CVVFA 121st Convention Attendees on 8/5/22 at Williamsport, MD

Joe Kroboth, President
Candice McDonald, 1st Vice President
Doug DeHaven, 2nd Vice President
Deb Watson, Secretary
Jim Watson, Financial Secretary
Jerry Daniels, Treasurer
Charlie Barnhart, Chaplain
Bob Cumberland, Home Office Manager
Steve Austin, Director
Donna Welsh, Director
George Dove, Director
Walter Robertson, Director
Hoby Howell, Director
Bill Mortimer, Director
Gene Worthington
Shelby DeHaven
Randy James
Pete Kirby
Tom Savage
Ray Lonabaugh
Dorothy Welsh
Wayne Powell
Mike Cook
Gerald and Patti Holtry
David Lewis
Diane Howell
Rich Derzig
Lois Martin
Stephen Maichle
Charles E. Myers
Steve Flickinger
Steve Heefner
Wayne Baker
Raymond Grant ?
Bob Timko
Barry Boettlin

Continued attendance for 8/4/22:

Jim Thomas

Todd Smith

Rodney Slaughter

Jeff Flippo

Greg Yost

Ted Walius

Dan Carrier

Elmer Steele

Ken Ryder

Bill Betts

Jay Jones

Jack Still

Jimmy Kimble

Jim Kimble

John Gonzalez

Jack Sullivan

Rick "Chappy" Bowers

Robert Gasden ?

Scott Stephens

William Ball

**Cumberland Valley Volunteer Firemen's Association
Presidents Council Meeting at the 121st Convention
August 5, 2022 at Williamsport Fire and EMS Station**

President Joe Kroboth opened the meeting at 9:14 am with a welcome to all who are in attendance. He then introduced the facilitator, Steve Austin.

Steve Austin gave a history of this meeting and the importance of sharing information in our states. He introduced Bob Cumberland who was present at the first one in 1995.

The invocation was given by Chaplain Charlie Barnhart.

Candice McDonald announced there will be a Slow Down-Move Over PSA being filmed here at the meeting in another room. All attendees are being invited to take part. You will go in and sit

for the camera and answer the question, I want to go home to my ____ _____. You will say 2 words, like my family or my kids.

Jack Sullivan read a tribute to Dr. Harry Carter.

Candice MacDonald read a tribute to David Finger.

A moment of silence was observed for our lost brothers.

A video update on CVVFA that was prepared by Rod Ammon, who is unable to attend. The video was a recap of our last year's work.

Steve Austin said that after multiple struck-by incidents he was asked to produce a video regarding this occurrence and how it affects families, fire houses and others. They want to compile survivor stories. Go to Responder safety.com or RSLN.com for more information.

State Reports:

Maryland-

MSFA President Ben Kurtz brought greetings. He introduced the Md. contingent that is with him. He reported they had an in-person Convention in June and are meeting in-person. He spoke on a bill being worked on for \$1 billion for FEMA to oversee fire stations being modified, upgraded or on new construction. It is a revolving fund to provide adequate facilities for volunteer and career staffs. They also have a mental health awareness initiative. The bill is # 988 as of 7/16. They are working on changing the name of the Association to Firefighter from Fireman's to be more gender kind.

President Kurtz made a presentation to President Kroboth for his service to the CVVFA.

Kate Loveless, Executive Director of MSFA reported that for next year's convention we are a vendor, and we will be a Keynote Speaker on Responder Safety as we partner with them.

The MFRI representative gave updates. They have 6 academies for training and 7 municipal academies. He reviewed the statistics from the last year of training. He reviewed the current projects, partners, and groups. They need Instructors.

Dennis Beird from the Md. Memorial Foundation of Fire Rescue Services gave a history of the group. He thanked Gene Worthington for his support. On their website they have T-shirts and coins. If interested go to WWW.MDFireRescue.org.

Major Mike, the Commander of the MD State Police reported on their helicopter services. They have a fleet of 10, with at least 3 being out of service for repairs/updating. Their Medevac shares resources with law enforcement, and disaster assessment. He reviewed some projects and mission data information. He did some personnel recognition. He said they are always looking for personnel if interested.

Ted Delbridge, the Executive Director of MIEMS reviewed the current projects and programs they are working on. He related their experiences with a house fire and MVC.

Chris from the MD Forest Service reported on their response numbers and damages. He reported they helped in numerous other states with supplies, personnel, and equipment. They

have grants available for Fire Companies. He reviewed their recent purchases and announced with some promotions they have some open positions.

Dave Lewis reported on the Mental Health and Wellness initiative and is doing a presentation called, "It's ok to say I'm not ok!". This is on the Md State Chiefs Association website. There are different levels of training.

Suzy Nichol (supported and reporter) and Tim Edwards (COO) of the Fire Service News reported that they currently have publications in 15 states. Tim thanked us for the recognition. She works with Fire Trade Publications and if you get information to her, she will be happy to get back to you. She thanked us for all that we do. Thanks for the support of Firehouse Magazine. The editor, Peter Matthews, sent his greetings.

Virginia-

VSFA President Pete Kirby introduced those traveling with him and updated the group on some recent occurrences. He reviewed some new programs and trying to figure out why they are closing doors/decertifying some volunteer places. He gave an update on the representatives visiting all the counties.

USFA Superintendent Eriks Gabliks and Administrator Dr. Lori Moore-Merrell spoke regarding data collection through NFIRS, new initiatives and updating some systems that are over 20 years old, health and safety, PFOS (FF foam) and America Burning remains current.

Fire Academy reports they had an interesting year with opening back up and assuring that all persons, students, and instructors, were fully vaccinated. They are reaching across the states with virtual programs, state weekend programs, NFFF classes, partnering with other groups, on-site campus renovations, and communicators council They, too have vacancies within the federal government.

Pennsylvania-

Jerry Ozog the Executive Director of Pennsylvania Fire and Emergency Services Institute reported that they are building relationships to sustain and improve coordination and collaboration with fire and EMS Associations in the state grant programs and to assist local Recruitment and Retention efforts.

Administrator Tracie Young-Brungard gave a quick overview of their program including the duties, responsibilities, goals, and current initiatives. She reviewed some data collection, corroboration, recruitment and retention needs assessment. What do we need and where do we start? Their slogan is Rekindle the spark.

National Fire Heritage Center President Rodney Slaughter gave the annual report and an explanation on the jigsaw puzzle. He said they are continuing to document the history of the American fire service and work on funding for their efforts. They are trying to digitize the old stuff. They have three major projects: 1) The Hall of Legends started by Bill Killen which is the legacies of leaders; 2) Ben Franklin writer's reward; and 3) Oral fire history which they got a grant to start.

Recess for lunch, provided by the Williamsport Fire & EMS Company

Jack Sullivan announced there is a display outside for Fire Police of a Temporary Traffic control vehicle which they would like to have input and suggestions as to improvements or successes.

Reconvene with a thank you to the hosts for a delicious lunch.

Delaware-

DVFA President Dan Carrier introduced those with him-1st Vice President Ken Ryder, Secretary Elmer Steele, PP, Ted Walius, PP, Bill Betts, PP, Executive Manager Jay Jones, PP. He also introduced the other Delaware attendees.

Executive Manager Jay Jones reported that the state put \$38.1 million into the Pension. It is now fully vested, and this doubled what each person is receiving up to \$250/month as of January 2023.

The grant in aid was given a 3% increase as well as a one-time gift of \$100,000 to each fire company. The bond bill enables everyone to replace or purchase rescue tools.

HB 193 was passed with the addition of a few amendments and is now going to the state for approval. This enables the SFPC to hear and resolve disputes with fire companies.

The red-light monies continue to come to the fire companies. We receive \$10 per violation which is then divided up per number of fire and EMS calls which usually is about \$35 per call, and it is distributed twice a year.

There was a push to allow each Judge to decide whether this fine was levied but that was defeated. Rescue Billing legislation is in progress. The trial lawyers stopped it, but we are working with the Insurance Commissioner to get it back.

There was a lot of turn over of Legislators due to retirement. They are trying to start a fire caucus which looks promising. They made some improvements to the tuition reimbursement program to make it more like the LEO program.

We are working to get the state death benefit increased from \$7000 paid if you have 10 or more years in the fire service.

\$110,000 million was pledged from big Pharma to fight the opiod epidemic. We are hoping to get some funding for this program.

DSFS received money for needed upgrades.

West Virginia-

WVFA President John Ashcraft and WVFA 1st VP Randy James reported on the following items: PTSD bill has been passed through the legislature but now the companies need a rider on their worker's comp, and they are unsure the cost for this. It is upsetting because when they try to include volunteers on bills for the career staff, they often will not pass.

Ca presumption bill is still in committee, and they have removed the volunteers from it.

Junior (National) Firefighter Camp was recognized online.

Funding bill for 427 fire departments in the state went to the Senate and passed unanimously then it was sent to the Finance Committee and died there!

There is a bill to create a probationary firefighter position which a person can stay in for up to five years. The Fire Commissions created this, but they are not required to take a class and the companies must incur the cost of fitting them with gear. This is an unfunded mandate. It is at the discretion of the Fire Chief. They can access modules on-line.

Association Partners-

IAFC, Ken LasSalla reported on the major issues on Capitol Hill which includes construction grant programs for fire station improvement. This S4517 and allows companies to get funding for modifying or improving fire stations.

The USFA HR7077 has passed the House and is in the Senate allowing them to determine the cause of a fire to help decrease casualty and private losses.

On the IAFC website is a Hot Sheet. There are volunteer fire assist programs and they have increased their support of wildland programs.

The Volunteer Responder act has not been introduced yet. S2316 and HR4377 deal with the volunteer first responder housing act to participate in a good neighbor program which assists in getting loans to build or rehab stations in rural areas.

HR 7981 deals with smoke detectors in federal housing to make them tamper proof.

There is educational material for mental health professionals on-line. There is a National Registry to track FF/EMS and LEO suicides.

Their national gathering FRI is in San Antonio 8/24-26.

IAAI, Director Scott Stephens reports they have 84 chapters across the world. There is training available at no cost. They have pamphlets available. They host webinars. Please reach out to them for any of your needs.

CFSI, Mikayla Campbell reports that they have legislators working with numerous agencies and continue to request funding for projects. Waiver language for grant programs. She reviewed increases in funding for groups such as the USFA. They are increasing the Cancer registry. They

are giving assistance to Forestry and Wildlife programs. They are working on appropriations and grants. The fire caucus members are on the website, and we can encourage ours to join.

NVFC, Candice McDonald reported they have 28,305 members. They are the voice of volunteers for fire and EMS issues. She recognized the NVFC Directors in attendance. She said they offer many programs, some of which are free. It is only \$21 to join, and they have an AD&D benefit. There is a new benefit with a partner, Provident, for mental health. They have other partners-Anheuser Busch water program), Josh Cellars wine, Low Gear, Brooks Running shoes, and Wild Land Assessment program. They are partnering with CVVFA to boost learners. Dave Lewis spoke regarding the health & safety work group being very busy. They had training in Oklahoma City on 6/23-24. They will have a Summit in Mesa on 11/16-17.

Bob Timko thanked President Joe Kroboth and to Motorola for their grant.

A 100th Anniversary book and challenge coin to President Joe Kroboth by DVFA President Dan Carrier.

The President/Five State Council adjourned at 2:09 pm.

The Business meeting reconvened to finish necessary business.

Joe Kroboth asked for any further new business.

A motion was made by Bob Cumberland and seconded by Jim Watson to allow the Treasurer to pay all bills of the Association that have been covered in the budget. Motion carried.

Rich "Chappy" Bowers from the MFCA reported they have a program with a mental health focus which is great. He said there is a clarification for the Center for Excellence for First Responders and only members of the IAFF can be recognized, no volunteers. They have developed another program for volunteers. Fortitude, a substance, and mental health issue will be meeting outside of Columbus, OH to cover all issues. Advanced Recovery Systems developed program.

Bob Cumberland said he has nothing in the By-Laws regarding the Treasurer paying bills outside of meetings so the motion is in order.

A motion was made by Bob Cumberland and seconded by Jerry Daniels to adjourn. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 2:18 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Debbie Watson

Recording Secretary

Cumberland Valley Volunteer Firemen's Association
121st Convention Banquet
August 6th at Williamsport Fire & EMS

The invocation was given by Chaplain Charlie Barnhart.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by the attendees.

A welcome was given by Washington County Commissioner President Jeffrey Cline and Commissioner Randy Wagner. The hosts were thanked for their hospitality and delicious meals. Chaplain Barnhart mentioned the empty table, "Lest we Forget". He mentioned we memorialized 13 members yesterday that we had lost in the last year. A moment of silence was observed. He offered a prayer for the fallen.

The donation basket was passed to offer thanks to our hosts for all their hospitality.

The Junior Firefighters at Williamsport Fire & EMS were recognized for their contributions to make our Convention a success.

The guest speaker, Eriks Gabliks, was introduced. He is from Adelphia, NJ and is now the Superintendent of the National Fire Academy. He was presented a small thank you gift from President Kroboth.

Awards:

The Fire Store of Williamsport employees Kevin Greenley, John Shipley, and Joey Chamoke for their help and donation to box and ship equipment to our Shows. A resolution was presented to them. They did all of this at no cost to our organization.

The Chief Gary "Happy Jack" Easton Youth Leadership Award was presented by Chairman Jim Watson to the Junior/Cadet program of Odessa (DE) Fire Company. Advisor Nicole Bendler and Cadet Makena Kauffman were present to accept this award.

The E. Wade Thomas Fire Person of the Year presented by Past Presidents George Dove and Walter Robertson to Jim and Deb Watson.

President Joe Kroboth recognized the following persons with Meritorious Service awards:

Bob Cumberland

Donna Welsh

Chaplain Charlie Barnhart

Deb Watson

Jim Watson

Jerry Daniels

Jack Sullivan

Steve Austin

The President's Award for 2022 was given to Doug DeHaven and Shelby De Haven for their dedication to the programs that they are running which furthers our CVVFA mission.

Assistant Chief Will Ball and Vice President Jimmy Kimble, Jr. were given a resolution for Williamsport Fire & EMS Company holding a great Convention for the CVVFA.

A check for \$900 was presented to them to cover a portion of the costs.

A video titled, "Everyone Goes Home" a tribute to our fallen firefighter's children. This was from the NFFF weekend.

Closing remarks were made by President Joe Kroboth and his theme of "Together we alter the future".

Steve Austin gave a short history of the CVVFA.

Steve Austin then installed the Officers for the coming year.

Candice McDonald read a resolution in honor of President Joe Kroboth.

The Washington County Commissioners presented a Certificate of Recognition to President Joe Kroboth for his leadership and accomplishments.

Newly installed President Candice McDonald made her remarks and said it is not "my plan" but our plan to drive the future with participation from all. She challenged everyone present to participate and recruit, sponsor and mentor. She gave the top banana award to Doug DeHaven. This is a traveling award to recognize commitment and dedication. Each person got their participation trophy but was encouraged to make a difference.

The benediction was offered by Chaplain Charlie Barnhart.

A motion was made by Bob Cumberland and seconded by Jim Watson to close the 121st Annual Convention of the CVVFA. Motion carried.

The evening adjourned.
Respectfully Submitted,

Debbie Watson
Recording Secretary