

Dec 2nd 2013 Minutes R.F.A.

President Dale Sanchez called the December 2nd meeting of the R.F.A. to order at 8:40 PM with 27 members present

Deceased members – 2nd VP Joe O’Neil: There has been 1 deceased member since our November 4th meeting: Jim Thorne was appointed to E-16 on May 26, 1963, retired January 8, 1994 as the 5th BFC and passed November 5th, 2013

Active DCFD member Mike Cohee of RS-3-3. Son of retired member Linden Cohee. FYI: Linden’s Dad and granddad were DCFD members too

Long time active FFA member Bob Sewell

The President called for a moment of silence for them, and our troops serving our country

The minutes of the November 4th meeting – George Kenney: Read, motion made to accept, seconded and approved

Applications for membership – George Kenney: none

The Secretary / Treasurer report & Correspondence – George Kenney: November 1st thru the 30th Treasury report was read, motion made to accept, seconded and approved

Committee Reports:

Sick – 2nd Vice President Joe O’Neil: Steve Adams, Hugh Barnes, Tony Bartek, Jim Bojalad, Mickey Bridgett, Kelly Butler Jr, Joe Cocimano, Ken Cox, Ralph Creel, Jim DiCarlo, Walter Diehl, Jim Eschbacher, Donald “RIP Gardner, John Goff, Jim Greco, Lester Hansen, Mike Malone, Ken Propst, Rudy Radisch, Ben Self, Dan Stedman, Kenneth R Stevens, Tom Tait, Bob Talbert, John E Tippet and William Van Fossen

Honor Guard – Vinny Austin: Jim Thorne’s services were well attended by our members

Entertainment – Vacant. We are looking for a replacement chairman
Upcoming retirement dinner at Upper Marlboro has been changed to the spring

Vocal Alarm – Vacant. We are looking for a replacement editor

Delegate to Local 36 Board of Directors – Butch Oliff and Jim Snyder will co-delegate, whatever that means? Jim Snyder reported that Local 36 will meet with the mediators December 10. All proposals have been made by both sides. The arbitrators have several months to release the results. The overtime problem has been going on since 1991 and there is no time line for the Court of Appeals to finalize their opinion. There has been no contract for 8 years, but it’s getting close. DCFD has hired a former PG FD civilian to be DCFD’s new Assistant Fire Chief of Operations.

Since the old Fire Boat, *The John Glenn*, has deferred a lot of maintenance and is just plain worn out, they are looking for a new fire boat – in the 29 foot range

Members attending their first meeting – None

Old Business – George Kenney read a very nice thank you letter from Ben Self’s wife Debbie and daughter Dottie thanking us for the fruit basket sent in Ben’s behalf

New Business – There were this year’s Burn Foundation Christmas tree ornaments at \$20 each for sale. Our thanks to Rex Schroyer for bringing the food for our annual holiday luncheon.

Any member that is interested in helping out Local 36 with the passing out of winter coats in cooperation with Operation Warm and their Coats for Kids Foundation, meet at the Union Hall on Wednesday December 18th. If you would care to donate, visit www.OperationWarm.org/DC36 or www.FirefightersCoatsForKids.org too. Our election was held this evening with Dale Sanchez running unopposed for President. Joe O'Neil moved up to assume 1st Vice President due to Ben Self's health. Stefan Ventura ran unopposed for 2nd Vice President. Motion made, discussed and voted on. Since it was unanimous, everyone breathed a sigh of relief!

The Fire Museum at Engine Co 3 is back to their normal hours, Monday thru Friday 10 until 3, but call first - 202.673.1709. There has already been over 1200 visitors to the museum so far this year, and should top 1500 for the year.

Two members have been made life members by your Board of Directors for all their work and untiring efforts, Francis Flaherty and William (Sonny) Mullikin.

Good & welfare –

Everyone wishes 1st Vice President Ben Self the best as he is now home from the hospital.

Retired Comm - Safety Comm - Legislative Comm -

There being no further old or new business, we'll see you on Jan 6th. President Marion Sanchez wished all to have a safe and enjoyable holiday and adjourned the meeting at 9:20pm.

Below are the 2014 Tentative Dates:

Jan 6	Feb 3	Mar 3	Apr 7	May 5	June 2	Oct 6	Nov 3	Dec 1
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If you know of anyone who has retired and would like an application for membership in the DCFD Retired Members Association go to:

<http://www.dcfld.com/Retired/Documents/RFAApplication.pdf>

Don't forget the weekly "Board of Director's" Meeting at Edgewater's Green Turtle, 4:00 PM ish on Fridays. Stop by and enjoy the evening. Contact Butch Oliff for any other details.

If you're in the Myrtle Beach SC area on the **first Monday** (Jan 6th) of each month at 11:30 AM. If you hustle, you can leave the luncheon and still make it to our meeting. Contact Richard Hunley at ItsMerhh@yahoo.com concerning the monthly luncheon. It's held at Calli Baker's Firehouse Bar & Grill in the Myrtle Beach Mall, 10131 N Kings Hwy.

Don't forget the monthly luncheon held on the **first Wednesday** (Dec 4th) of each month, at 12:00 noon at Station 7 Restaurant, Pittsville, MD. For a head count, let Bob Gilbert know that you're coming - RPGilbert1@mchsi.com. To check the menu and for directions – www.Station7Restaurant.com/

Another monthly luncheon is held on the **second Tuesday** of each month (January 11th) at 12 noon at Champion Billiards Sports Cafe, 5205 Buckeystown Pike, Frederick, Maryland 21704 www.FrederickChampions.com/home.html. Call Paul Stottlemeyer for further details. Or you're welcomed to just show up as there is plenty of room.

The Southern Maryland Area Firefighters Luncheon will be on the **LAST Wednesday** of the month (January 29th) at the American Legion Post 238, 6265 Brandywine Rd, Hughesville, MD 20637 at 11:30 AM. Contact Ricky Moore RLMoore@comcast.net so he can give a head count to the kitchen. For details, go to <http://washingtonemeralds.org/TESTPAGE1.htm>. Since last Wednesday falls on Christmas Day, there is no December luncheon and we'll see you January

The Guns and Hoses crew in Ocean City MD meet the **LAST Saturday** of the month (January 25th) at 12 noon to warm up for the 1:30 PM meeting at the Elks Lodge. The address is 13708 Sinepuxent Ave (adjacent to the Fenwick Inn) 1 block off Coastal Highway at 138th St. Call Pat Johnson after 10 for further details

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