



ATLANTIC COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION

Egg Harbor City

January 17, 2001

The regular meeting of the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association was called to order at 8:00 PM on Wednesday, January 17, 2001 with President Ed Vincent presiding.

The meeting was opened with the Flag Salute, followed by Invocation by Thomas Sweeny, Chaplain of the Association.

The Secretary read the rolls to record attendance and to ensure a quorum being present. Chief Russell Fenton of the Egg Harbor City Fire Department welcomed the membership and invited guests to the City. Chief Fenton introduced the Line Officers of the Fire Dept. as well as introducing Egg Harbor City Mayor James McGeary who extended a warm welcome to all in attendance.

President Ed Vincent introduced and welcomed guests Congressman Frank LoBiondo, Assemblyman Frank Blee, Atlantic County Executive Dennis Levinson, Freeholders Kirk W. Conover, James Curcio, Steven Johnson, John Risley and Joseph Silipena, Public Safety Department Head Richard Mulvihill, Director of Emergency Preparedness Vincent Jones, Retired Atlantic County Executive Richard Squires and Mayor James McGeary.

All of the invited guests addressed the membership and expressed their sincere thanks for all the services that the firefighters provide to the citizens of Atlantic County.

Congressman LoBiondo spoke on the Domestic Defenders Initiative which was signed into federal law which provides funding to local fire departments and emergency medical personnel.

The Annual Memorial Services were conducted by the Memorial Committee with Chaplain Thomas Sweeny given the Homily, Memorial Candles being lit by Dennis Sharpe and Lou Raciti, with the bell being tolled by Clarence Guenther as the Secretary Howard Guenther read the rolls of the firefighters of Atlantic County who answered their last alarm during the past year.

Members of the "Final Roll" were

William E. Hurd	Absecon	John C. Wagner	Dorothy/Estell Manor
Rudolf Schoenburg	Absecon	Henry Schroer	Germania
Bruno Battaglia	Atlantic City	James DiDomenico	Landisville
Myer "Mike" Blumberg	Atlantic City	Samuel Mastrangelo	Landisville
Ronald Fetter	Atlantic City	James D. Glass	Longport
Thomas Gill III	Atlantic City	Edward Woods	Margate City
David Gregory	Atlantic City	Biagio Targuinio	Minotola
James Karins	Atlantic City	August Reinhard	Northfield
Robert Lenoir	Atlantic City	Wilmer J. Leeds Jr.	Oceanville
Constantino Nanni	Atlantic City	William Breckenridge	Pleasantville
Lawrence Skey	Atlantic City	Grafton G. Jackson	Pleasantville
Bernard Murphy	Bargaintown	Sam Benner	Somers Point
Ernest A. Lang	Bayview	Richard P. Rest Sr.	Somers Point
Robert Massey	Cardiff	Ryan Donovan Bakely	West Atlantic City
Linda Pietrosante	Dorothy		

The "Lord's Prayer" was sung by Howard Berchtold Jr.

"Taps" was played by Joseph Ward and "Amazing Grace" was played by the Bag Pipers.

A plaque was presented by the Firefighters' Association to Atlantic County Executive Dennis Levinson.

A plaque was also presented to the Board of Freeholders of Atlantic County which was accepted by the Chairman of the Board Kirk W. Conover.

A plaque was also presented to outgoing President Edward Vincent for his tenure as the President of the Firefighters' Association for the last 5 years, 1996 thru 2000.

Ed thanked all of the Officers, members of the Executive Committee and all Firefighters of the County who assisted him and the Association in any way over the past 5 years.

Atlantic County Executive Dennis Levison installed the following into office for 2001

President	R. Thomas Hunter Jr.	Executive Committee (9 members)
1st Vice President	Dennis Sharpe	Howard Berchtold Jr.
2nd Vice President	Kathleen Dierwechter	Ronald Bird Jr.
Secretary	Howard R. Guenther	Anthony Canale
Treasurer	Lou Raciti	Oscar Dutch
Chaplain	Thomas Sweeny	James Garth
Sergeants-at-Arms (3)	Chester P. Crowell	Charles J. Guenther
	Clarence Guenther	Amor "Skip" Portale
	Charles Sander	Ted Reinhard
		John V. Wagner

Ed Vincent then turned over the gavel to President-elect R. Thomas Hunter Jr. who proceeded to run the remainder of the meeting.

Motion seconded and carried to accept and approve the minutes of the previous meeting of December 20, 2000 as forwarded to the Chiefs and Secretaries,

Howard Guenther reported that the Annual Firefighters' dinner is to be held on Saturday, March 24th at Chet's 265 South in Oceanville with further information to be forwarded.

There is to be a raffle drawing for the benefit of James Heenan of the Verga Fire Dept. who was severely burnt fighting a house fire on New Year's Day. Tickets will be available at the next meeting in Longport on February 21st and the drawing is to be held on February 27th. Sherman Hartman is to handle the tickets for the Association.

Director of Training Michael Corbo the Training Course Booklet listing all classes being offered for the Spring semester have been completed and available and are to be forwarded to all companies. Firefighter I is to start on Tuesday, February 13th and Firefighter II to start on Wednesday, March 7th.

Mike also reported that Section 25-10-00, Injury Reporting, has been revised and will be forwarded to all companies.

Mike also reported that a Bi-monthly newsletter is to be published by the Atlantic County Fire Academy which will be known as "The Nozzle" and Volume 1, Issue 1 will be made available and forwarded to all companies, etc.

DATE CLEARING

Saturday	Jan. 27	Atlantic City Firefighters	Champagne Breakfast	8 AM to 12 noon
			at the Pleasantville Yacht Club	
Monday	Jan. 29	Absecon	Atl.Co. Firemen's Death Benefit Trustees Mtg	8 PM
Tuesday	Jan. 30	Absecon	Atlantic Co. Fire Chiefs' Mtg.	8 PM
Sunday	Feb. 11	Somers Point #2	Breakfast	8 AM to 12 noon
Sunday	March 11	Somers Point #2	Breakfast	8 AM to 12 noon
Saturday	March 24	Chet's in Oceanville	Firefighters Assn. Dinner	6:30/7:30 PM
Wednesday	April 18	Fire Training Ctr.	Firefighters' Assn. Mtg. & Valor Awards	8 PM
Saturday	May 5	Germania	Turkey or Portk Dinner	4 to 8 PM
Saturday	June 2	Cologne	Chicken Bar-Be-Cue, etc.	1 to 7 PM
Sunday	June 3	Dorothy	Chicken Bar-Be-Cue, etc.	12 noon to 6 PM
Tuesday	Aug. 21	Egg Harbor City	Atlantic Co.Caucus for 2001 Firemen's Convention	8 PM
Fri & Sat	Sept 14 & 15	Wildwood	2001 New Jersey State Firemen's Convention	
Saturday	Oct. 6	Germania	Turkey or Pork Dinner	4 to 8 PM

Motion was made, seconded and carried to dispense with any further business.

Benediction was then conducted by Chaplain Thomas Sweeny.

The meeting was then adjourned with the next scheduled meeting to be held on Wednesday, February 21, 2001 at 8:00 P.M. in Longport.

Attest

Howard R. Guenther
Secretary