



ATLANTIC COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION

Weekstown (Mullica Township)

October 17, 2001

The regular meeting of the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association was called to order at 8:00 PM on Wednesday, October 17, 2001 with President R. Thomas Hunter Jr. presiding. President Hunter then pointed out the emergency exits.

The meeting was opened with the Flag Salute, followed by a moments silence in honor of our fallen firefighters.

The Secretary read the rolls to ensure a quorum being present as well as to record attendance.

The membership was welcomed to Weekstown and Mullica Township by Chief Robert Cirillo. Minutes of the previous meeting of September 19, 2001 were approved and accepted as forwarded to the Chiefs and Secretaries.

The Report of the Treasurer was approved and accepted as read.

Fire Marshal Whitey Swartz reported that the County has developed "Incident Response Guidelines" for Suspected Terrorism or WMD (Weapons of Mass Destruction) events and had copies available.

Whitey also reported that there is to be a Photo Session at the Training Center on Monday, October 22 starting at 7:30 PM. Session to be display of pictures and power point presentation of the World Trade Center in New York City as taken by the members from Atlantic County who responded as members of the NJTF-1 Urban Search and Rescue teams. Members of the Team are also to be there to narrate.

Whitey also reported that the fire prevention posters have to be delivered to him by March 1st for judging on the County level and winners then forwarded to the State for further judging.

Director of Training Mike Corbo reported that Firefighter I has 42 members attending. Mike also reported on several upcoming training courses.

The training committee is to start redoing the Roof Ventilation Mockup trainer.

Ron Bird Jr. reported that the Library is open on Monday and Tuesday evenings.

Oscar Dutch, Atlantic County Manager to the New Jersey Firemen's Home, reported that at the Home there is a display from Atlantic County of Uniform Shoulder Patches.

However, there are shoulder patches needed from the following to complete the display.

Belcville	East Vineland	Estell Manor	Farmington
Folsom	Germania	Landisville	Mizpah
Nesco	Newtonville	Somers Point #2	Sweetwater

Please forward these patches to Oscar Dutch Jr. 120 Hobart Avenue Absecon, NJ 08201

Volunteers are still needed to serve on the Committee for the Field Day Competition which hopefully will resume in the coming Spring. If you wish to help on the Committee, please contact President Hunter.

Joe Ward is doing SCBA Fits Testing and make arrangements with him for your annual tests.

Chief James Garth reported on the Fire Chiefs Assn. meeting and next meeting is on Thursday, October 25 in Minotola.

DATE CLEARING

Saturday	Nov. 3	Pomona	Christmas Bazaar	9 AM to 4 PM
Saturday	Nov. 10	Oceanville	Oyster or Ham Dinner	4 to 8 PM
Sunday	Nov. 11	Somers Point #2	Breakfast (AYCE)	8 AM to 12 noon
Sunday	Dec. 9	Somers Point #2	Breakfast (AYCE)	8 AM to 12 noon
Wednesday	Jan. 16	Egg Harbor City	ACFFA Annual Meeting and Memorial Services	8 PM
Sunday	Feb. 24	Atlantic City	Cape/Atlantic 200 Club Annual Memorial & Breakfast	
Saturday	June 22	Absecon	Housing	
Tuesday	Aug. 20	Egg Harbor City	Atlantic Co. Caucus for 2002 Firemen's Convention	8 PM
Fri & Sat	Sept 13 & 14	Wildwood	2002 New Jersey State Firemen's Convention	

"In Union For The Safety Of All"

The Secretary reminded the membership of the January 16, 2002 Annual Meeting and Memorial Services and for the companies to forward names of their members who answered their last alarm during the past year so they may be included in the services.

Ed Vincent reported that the Absecon Fire Department is to hold a housing on Saturday, June 22, 2002 with details to be forwarded at a later date. Ed also remarked that the 100th Anniversary of the City of Absecon will also be celebrated in 2002.

Ed Vincent and Howard Guenther reported on the Cape/Atlantic 200 Club and that the Seventeenth Annual Cape/Atlantic Memorial Service and Breakfast will be held on Sunday, February 24, 2002 with Memorial Services and Mass at 10:30 AM at St. Nicholas Church followed by Breakfast at 12 noon at Bally's Park Place in Atlantic City. Guest Speaker for the Breakfast will be announced shortly after arrangements are made. Cost of Tickets are \$20.00 each and tables of ten are available. Tickets may be acquired from Whitey Swartz, Howard Guenther or Ed Vincent with ticket deadline set for February 15, 2002. Information enclosed.

The 200 Club is also requesting pictures of all firefighter killed in the line of duty to use for power point presentation at the Breakfast. Also needed are the addresses of their survivors or relatives so complimentary tickets may be forwarded to them. See enclosed letter and forward pictures and addresses as needed as soon as possible to Whitey Swartz or Howard Guenther. Pictures will be returned after the breakfast.

Stacey Wellington of the West Atlantic City Fire Company is organizing a toy drive for the children of the victims of the September 11th tragedy. With a death toll of approximately, it is estimated that 15000 children lost a parent in this tragedy. What is needed is someone from your company to organize the toy drive in your community. Information for this worthy cause is enclosed.

A letter was received from Atlantic County Executive Dennis Levinson thanking the Association for the invitation to participate in the Memorial Services conducted at the September 19th meeting of the Association in honor of our fallen Brother Firefighters.

First Nomination of Officers for 2002 was called for and the following were nominated

President	R. Thomas Hunter Jr.	Executive Committee (9)
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 Jr.
Chaplain	Thomas Sweeny	James Garth
Sergeants-At-Arms (3)	Chester Crowell	Charles J. Guenther
	Clarence Guenther	Amor "Skip" Portale
	Charles Sander	Ted Reinhard
		John V. Wagner

Second Nominations to be called for at the November 21 meeting at Somers Point #2 and elections to be held at the December 19 meeting in Scullville.

Bills as presented were approved for payment out of their respective budgeted accounts.

There being no further business at hand, the meeting was adjourned with the next meeting of the Association scheduled for 8:00 PM on Wednesday, November 21 at the Somers Point #2 fire station.

Attested
Howard R. Guenther
Secretary