



ATLANTIC COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION

Cologne (Hamilton Township)

August 21, 2002

The regular meeting of the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association was called to order at 8:00 PM on Wednesday, August 21, 2002 with President R. Thomas Hunter Jr. presiding. President Hunter pointed out the exits to the membership in attendance. The meeting was opened with the Flag Salute, followed by Invocation by Howard Berchtold Jr. The membership was welcomed to Cologne and Hamilton Township By Chief David Elkner. The Secretary read the rolls to record attendance to ensure a quorum being present. Minutes of the previous meeting of July 17, 2002 were approved and accepted as forwarded to the Chiefs and Secretaries. The Report of the Treasurer was approved and accepted as read.

A report was given on a special meeting held by the Board of Directors and representatives from the Police side in regard to needed additional rooms and facilities at the training center. Further meetings to be held in regard to this need.

A report was given on the firefighters' display at the August 4-H Fair which was well received by the public and was a good public relations project. Thanks were extended to all who participated and gave assistance at the fair.

Howard Guenther reported that the registration forms and County unit lineup forwarded for the September 14th parade in Wildwood as well as the 3 County trophies being delivered to the parade officials. He reminded all to use exit 6 on the Parkway and pickup lineup numbers, etc. at the Anglesea Fire Company at 2nd and New Jersey Avenues.

Fire Marshal Whitey Swartz reported on the planned activities for the September 11th Spirit of America at the Surf ballpark in Atlantic City. Whitey also reported that an East and West Forest Fire Task Force is being developed and companies desiring to become part of it should contact him. Whitey spoke on plans for the Saturday, October 12th Fire Prevention Expo at the Training Center.

A committee is to be formed shortly on constructing a memorial at the Training Center. Copies of the new water regulations due to the drought were distributed.

Director of Training reported that the Fall 2002 training booklets are available and that several new training courses are available. Firefighter I to start on Tuesday, September 3rd and Firefighter II to start on Monday, September 30th. Wednesday Live Burn will continue to be held unless there are not enough pre-registered. Live Burns are conducted on the 1st Wednesday of the month. Pre-registration may be done by phone.

DATE CLEARING

Saturday	Sept. 7	Weekstown	Pig Roast	3:30 to 7 PM
Sunday	Sept. 8	Somers point #2	Breakfast (AYCE)	8 AM to 12 noon
Wednesday	Sept. 11	AC Sand Castle	Atlantic Co. "Spirit of American Celebration"	10:30 AM
Fri & Sat	Sept. 13 & 14	Wildwood	2002 New Jersey State Firemen's Convention	
Saturday	Sept. 14	Wildwood	Parade	1:00 PM
Saturday	Sept. 21	Farmington	Craft Show	
Saturday	Oct. 5	Mizpah	Housing	9 AM till ?
Saturday	Oct. 5	Germania	Turkey or Pork Dinner	4 to 7:30 PM
Saturday	Oct. 12	Fire Training Center	2002 Fire Prevention Expo	12 noon
Sunday	Oct. 13	Somers Point #2	Breakfast (AYCE)	8 AM to 12 noon
Saturday	Oct. 19	Port Republic	Roast Beef Dinner	3:30 to 7:30 PM
Saturday	Oct. 19	Cologne	Comedy Blast (info 965-5193 965-0419)	7 PM
Saturday	Nov. 9	Oceanville	Oyster or Ham Dinner	4 to 8 PM
Sunday	Nov. 10	Somers Point #2	Breakfast (AYCE)	8 AM to 12 noon
Sunday	Dec. 8	Somers point #2	Breakfast (AYCE)	8 AM to 12 noon
Wednesday	Sept. 18	Hammonton #2	Firefighters' Assn. Meeting	8 PM
Tuesday	Sept. 24	Weekstown	Fire Chiefs' Assn. Meeting	8 PM
Wednesday	Oct. 16	Sweetwater	Firefighters Assn. Meeting	8 PM

"In Union For The Safety Of All"

Chief James Garth reported that due to Halloween, the Fire Chiefs' Association meeting originally scheduled for Thursday, October 31 has been changed to Tuesday, October 29th at 8:00 PM in Minotola.

It was reported that the old ladder truck has been taken out of service and taken to Lee's Emergency Services in Tuckerton and he in turn will provide services in converting the county library van into the new F-2500 Mobile Communications Unit. The Association is looking into receiving a replacement ladder/aerial for use at the training academy.

The Legislative Committee reported that there are presently 140 proposed bills under the listing of Fire & Emergency Services as well as 27 in the Pensions Category. They have compiled a preferred list that are of most importance to us and request all to contact their legislators to get them passed and signed into law. They are listed in order of preference: A-244, A-513, A-996 & S-718, A-122, A-1872 & A-2065, A-2191.

Program for the evening was presented by Chief Bill Loder of the New Jersey Air National Guard.

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

There being no further business at hand, the meeting was adjourned with the next meeting scheduled for 8:00 PM on Wednesday, September 18 at the Hammonton #2 firehouse on the White Horse Pike (Route 30).

Attested
Howard R. Guenther
Secretary