



# ATLANTIC COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION

Somers Point #1

November 20, 2002

The regular meeting of the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association was called to order at 8:00 PM on Wednesday, November 20, 2002 with President R. Thomas Hunter Jr. presiding. Tom welcomed the body and pointed out the exits.

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

The membership was welcomed to Somers Point by Chief William Merola Jr.

The rolls were read by the Secretary to ensure a quorum being present and to record attendance.

The minutes of the previous meeting of October 16, 2002 were approved and accepted as forwarded to the Chiefs and Secretaries.

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

A recap was given on the meeting of the Board of Directors for the Fire Training Academy that was held on Monday, October 28th as well as the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Firefighters' Association that was held on Friday, November 1st.

The Secretary reminded the membership of the upcoming January 15, 2003 Annual Meeting of the Association to be held in Egg Harbor City and the memorial services and requested all companies to forward the names of their deceased members who answered their last alarm during the past year to him so that they may be properly listed in the program for the evening and included in the ceremonies.

Fire Marshal Whitey Swartz reported that the information of the Mutual Aid Books is to be put on Data Base.

He also reported that he is making minor revisions to the Fire Report forms.

A committee has been formed to come up with plans for a memorial to be erected at the training center to honor the members of the Emergency Services who died in the line of duty. Committee to meet shortly.

Whitey is presently developing ideas in regard to recognizing the older active firefighters of the County.

John Wagner gave a report on the Firefighters Night Out that was held on Friday, November 15th

John also gave the report for the Fire Academy and on upcoming courses.

Any company needing SCBA face fit testing is to contact Joe Ward for an appointment.

Ron Bird reported that the library is open on Monday and Tuesday evenings at the Training Center.

Howard Guenther reported that the delegates expenses for the Firemen's Convention have been increased \$20.00 across the board for all counties and also a rounding up resulting in an increase for Atlantic County of \$22.00 and maximum allowable expenses for Delegates is to be \$440.00 and \$220.00 for Life Members.

President Thomas Hunter reported that a tentative date for Firefighters Night at the Boardwalk Bullies Hockey Game has been set for Saturday, March 1st, 2003.

#### DATE CLEARING

Wednesday	Dec. 18	Farmington	County Firefighters' Assn. Meeting	8 PM
Sunday	Jan. 12	Somers Point #2	Breakfast (AYCE)	8 AM to 12 noon
Wednesday	Jan. 15	Egg Harbor City	County Firefighters' Assn. Meeting	8 PM
Thursday	Jan. 16	Egg Harbor City	County Firemen's Death Benefit Meeting	8 PM
Tuesday	Jan. 28	Absecon	County Fire Chiefs' Assn. Meeting	8 PM
Friday	March 28	Crab Trap in Somers Point	Firefighters' Association Dinner	
Sunday	March 2	Ballys Atlantic City	Cape/Atlantic 200 Club Memorial Service and Breakfast	

***"In Union For The Safety Of All"***

James Garth reported that the County Fire Chiefs' Association is presently working on revising their By-Laws.

Second nomination of Officers for 2003 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	Rick Coraluzzo Sr.
Treasurer	Lou Raciti	Chester Crowell
Chaplain	Reverend Thomas Sweeny	Oscar Dutch Jr.
Sergeants-At-Arms (3)	Chester Crowell	James Garth Sr.
	Clarence Guenther	Charles J. Guenther
	Charles Sander	Robert Mellon
		Amor "Skip" Portale
		Ted Reinhard
		John V. Wagner

Motion seconded and carried to close the nominations for officers.

Election to be held at the next meeting in Farmington on Wednesday, December 18th.

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

The program for the evening was presented by Heather Puskar and Andy Fritz of the Division of Fire Safety on the NFIRS Reporting Guidelines.

The Cape/Atlantic 200 Club is to hold their 18th Annual Memorial Service and Breakfast on Sunday, March 2, 2003 at Bally's Atlantic City to honor Police, Fire and Rescue Personnel killed in the Line of Duty.

There being no further business at hand, the meeting was adjourned with the next regular meeting of the Association scheduled for 8:00 PM on Wednesday, December 18th in Farmington.

Attested  
Howard R. Guenther  
Secretary