



# ATLANTIC COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION

Farmington (Egg Harbor Township)

December 18, 2002

The regular meeting of the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association was called to order at 8:00 PM on Wednesday, December 18, 2002 with President R. Thomas Hunter Jr. presiding. Tom extended his welcome to the members in attendance and pointed out the exits. The meeting was opened with the Flag Salute, followed by Invocation by Reverend Thomas Sweeny, Chaplain of the Association.

Chief James Garth Sr. welcomed the Association to Farmington and Egg Harbor Township. Chief Garth then introduced Wallace Shields who is to be the Chief of the Egg Harbor Township Fire Department starting in 2003.

The Secretary read the rolls to ensure a quorum being present as well as to record attendance. The minutes of the previous meeting of November 20, 2002 were approved & accepted as forwarded to the Chiefs and Secretaries.

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

The Secretary once again 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 to be held at the January meeting and requested names of deceased firefighters who answered their last alarm during the past year to be forwarded to him so that they may be properly listed in the program and included in the ceremonies for the evening.

Please forward names as soon as possible to Howard Guenther (609) 652-7712 or Fire Marshal Whitey Swartz (609) 407-6741. We must have them in time to make up the programs well in advance of the January 15th meeting. Attendees are requested to wear their Dress Uniforms.

Mike Corbo, Director of Training reported that the fall Firefighter I and Firefighter II Courses have been completed.

Booklets for the Spring 2003 Training Courses are presently being compiled and Firefighter I will be held on Tuesday, Thursday evenings as well as Sundays starting in February and Firefighter II will be held on Monday, Wednesday evenings as well as Saturdays starting in March.

Applications for enrollment will request information in regard to physicals due to the liability involved.

Doors in the Burn Building are scheduled to be replaced in 2003.

An ice machine has been donated to the Training Center and Robert Mellon was thanked for his efforts to get the donation.

Mike is presently preparing Certificates of Completion for the training courses which will be mailed to the Chiefs. If any certificates are missing for any courses, contact Mike at (609) 407-6728.

A request has been made to Waterous to have their Pump Trailer available at the Training Center.

Ron Bird reported that some new books have been received for the Library which is open on Monday and Tuesday evenings 7 to 10 PM.

#### DATE CLEARING

Sunday	Jan.	12	Somers Point #2	Breakfast (AYCE)	8 AM to 12 noon
Wednesday	Jan.	15	Egg Harbor City	Firefighters' Assn. Meeting & Memorial Services	8 PM
Thursday	Jan.	16	Egg Harbor City	Firefighters' Death Benefit Trustees Meeting	8 PM
Tuesday	Jan.	28	Absecon	Fire Chiefs' Assn. Meeting	8 PM
Sunday	March	2	Cape/Atlantic 200 Club	Memorial Service & Breakfast at Ballys A.C.	
Friday	March	28	Somers Point Crab Trap	Firefighters' Association Dinner	
Sunday	Feb.	9	Somers Point #2	Breakfast (AYCE)	8 AM to noon
Wednesday	Feb.	19	Longport	Firefighters' Association Meeting	8 PM
Thursday	Feb.	27	Bayview	Fire Chiefs' Association Meeting	8 PM

*"In Union For The Safety Of All"*

The Committee for the Cape/Atlantic 200 Club reported that the 18th Annual Memorial Services and Breakfast to honor Police, Fire, and Rescue Personnel killed in the Line of Duty will be held on Sunday, March 2nd in Atlantic City. A Memorial Mass will be held at 10:30 AM at St. Nicholas Church, followed by a buffet breakfast and memorial ceremony at Ballys Park Place. Tickets are \$20.00 with reserved tables of 10 available. Tickets are available thru Fire Marshal Whitey Swartz at (609) 407-6741 or Howard Guenther at (609) 652-7712.

Howard Guenther reported that the annual Firefighters' dinner is to be held on Friday, March 28th at the Crab Trap Restaurant in Somers Point.

As there is a conflict with tentative date for the Bullies Hockey game and the 200 Club dinner, he will try to have a different date set for the hockey game.

Oscar Dutch reported on the New Jersey Firemen's Home and that a committee will be formed shortly to investigate the possibility of a Home in South Jersey area.

Correspondence consisted of a letter from the New Jersey Firemen's Home thanking the Association for the donation of \$200.00 to the Home to be used for special activities of the guests.

A letter was received from Lee Emergency Equipment thanking the Association for the Pirsch ladder truck which has been refurnished and is being used by the Parkertown Fire Company.

Secretary Howard Guenther reported that dues and rosters for 2003 are now due. He also reported that the roster forms sent out omitted space for the fire company secretary and address. It is necessary to have secretary's name so information may be forwarded to each company. New revised forms are to be sent out and all are requested to use the new ones andy ony body that have sent in rosters to please forward name of secretary.

Election of the officers for 2003 was next in order, with ballots being distributed for the slate nominated for the Executive Committee. As there was no opposition for any of the other positions, a motion was made, seconded and carried for the Secretary to cast a ballot for those positions unopposed.

The following have been elected as Officers for the year 2003:

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	Oscar Dutch Jr.
Chaplain	Reverend Thomas Sweeny	James Garth Sr.
Sergeants-at-Arms (3)	Chester Crowell	Charles J. Guenther
	Clarence Guenther	Amor "Skip" Portale
	Charles Sander	Ted Reinhard
		John V. Wagner

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

The Officers and Executive Committee members wish to extend their best wishes for a safe, healthy, and properous New Year to you and your families.

There being no further business at hand, the meeting was adjourned with the nex meeting of the Firefighters' Association scheduled for Wednesday, January 15, 2003 at 8:00 PM in Egg Harbor City. As this is the annual Memorial Services, members are requested to wear their dress uniforms for the meeting and ceremonies.

Attested  
Howard R. Guenther  
Secretary