



ATLANTIC COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION

Egg Harbor City

January 15, 2003

The regular meeting of the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association was called to order at 8:00 PM on Wednesday, January 15, 2003 with President R. Thomas Hunter Jr. presiding. The meeting was opened with the Flag Salute, followed by Invocation by Reverend Thomas Sweeny, Chaplain of the Association. President Hunter then pointed out the exits. The Secretary read the rolls to record attendance and to ensure a quorum being present. Assistant Chief Butch Kienzle of the Egg Harbor City Fire Department welcomed the membership and invited guests to Egg Harbor City. Chief Kienzle then introduced the Line Officers of the Fire Department as well as introducing Egg Harbor City Mayor James McGeary who extended a warm welcome to all.

President Hunter welcomed and introduced guests Congressman Frank LoBiondo, Assemblyman Frank Blee, Atlantic County Executive Dennis Levinson, Freeholders Kirk W. Conover, James A. Carney, Frank Finnerty, Steven K. Johnson, James Curcio, and John W. Risley, Public Safety Department Head Richard Mulvihill, Director of Emergency Management Vincent Jones, and Mayor James McGeary.

The invited guests addressed the membership and expressed their thanks for all of the many services provided by the Firefighters to the citizens of Atlantic County.

The Annual Memorial Services were conducted by the Memorial Committee with Chaplain Reverend Thomas Sweeny giving the Homily, with the Memorial Candles being lit by Dennis Sharpe and Kathleen Dierwechter, and the bell being tolled by Charles Guenther as the Secretary Howard Guenther read the roll of the Firefighters of Atlantic County who answered their last alarm during the past year.

Members on the "Final Roll" were

Edward "Ed" Budd	Absecon	Robert Camp	Farmington
Patrick Donovan	Atlantic City	Daryll Miller	Germania
John A. Keyser	Atlantic City	William Kinzer	Linwood
Angelo Palmentieri	Atlantic City	Robert K. Adams Jr.	Longport
Filbert Rowley	Atlantic City	Kevin O'Hara	Margate City
Anthony "Tony" Canale	Bargaintown	Guido Jannelli	Margate City
Ralph Laielli	East Vineland	Howard Ravell	Northfield
Henry Keiser	Egg Harbor City	Donald W. Nickles	Scullville
William Thoms Jr.	Egg Harbor City		
Jack Woerner	Egg Harbor City		

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

"Taps" was played by bugler Joseph Ward, followed by the playing of "Amazing Grace" by the Bagpipers.

DATE CLEARING

Tuesday	Jan.	28	Absecon	Fire Chiefs' Assn. Meeting	8 PM
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
Saturday	Feb.	22	Weymouth	Spaghetti Dinner	4 to 8 PM
Sunday	March	2	Cape/Atlantic	200 Club Memorial Service & Breakfast at Ballys AC	
Sunday	March	9	Somers Point #2	Breakfast (AYCE)	8 AM to noon
Wednesday	March	19	Folsom	Firefighters' Association Meeting	8 PM
Tuesday	March	25	Landisville	Fire Chiefs' Association Meeting	8 PM
Friday	March	28	Crab Trap in Somers Point	Firefighters' Association Dinner	
Saturday	May	3	Germania	Turkey or Pork Dinner	4 to 7:30 PM
Saturday	June	7	Cologne	Chicken Bar-Be-Cue, etc.	1 to 7 PM
Tuesday	Aug.	19	Egg Harbor City	Atlantic Co. Caucus for 2003 Firemen's Convention	8 PM

"In Union For The Safety Of All"

Dennis Levinson, Atlantic County Executive, installed the following into office for the year of 2003:

President	R. Thomas Hunter Jr.	Executive Committee (9)
1st Vice President	Dennis Sharpe	Howard H. 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
Sergeants-at-arms (3)	Chester P. Crowell	Charles J. Guenther
	Clarence Guenther	Amor "Skip" Portale
	Charles Sander	Ted Reinhard
		John V. Wagner

Motion seconded and carried to accept and approve the minutes of the previous meeting of December 18, 2002 as forwarded to the Chiefs and Secretaries.

Howard Guenther reported that the annual firefighters' dinner is to be held on Friday, March 28 at the Crab Trap in Somers Point and a flyer is enclosed with the minutes.

The 200 Club Committee reported on the Sunday, March 2nd 18th annual Cape/Atlantic Memorial Services and Breakfast in honor of Police-Fire-EMS personnel killed in the Line of Duty and that tickets may be purchased thru Fire Marshal Whitey Swartz. Tables of 10 are available with cost of tickets \$20.00 each. There are a limited amount of seating for the Breakfast and all tickets must be paid up front with cut-off date for tickets set for February 14th. There will be no tickets available at the door and no money will be handled at the door. The Guest Speaker will be Chief Charles A. Moose, Montgomery County, Maryland Police Department. A flyer is enclosed with the minutes.

The Executive Committee recommended the purchase of appropriate uniform devices to be awarded to the recipients of the Valor Awards and to purchase enough to go to all past Valor awardees as well as to have a supply for future valor awards with the cost not to exceed \$1000.00 Motion made, seconded and carried to purchase the necessary devices.

Graduation ceremonies for the Firefighter I class is to be held on Monday, February 10th at the Training Center at 7 PM.

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 scheduled meeting to be held on Wednesday, February 19 in Longport at 8 PM.

Attested
Howard R. Guenther
Secretary