



ATLANTIC COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION

Folsom

March 19, 2003

The regular meeting of the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association was called to order at 8:00 PM on Wednesday, March 19, 2003 with President R. Thomas Hunter Jr. presiding. The meeting was opened with the Flag Salute, followed by Homily and Invocation by Reverend Thomas Sweeny, Chaplain of the Association.

President Hunter welcomed the membership as well as pointing out the exits.

Chief Larry Smith welcomed the Association to Folsom.

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

The minutes of the previous meeting of January 15, 2003 were approved and accepted as forwarded to the Chiefs and Secretaries. The scheduled meeting of February 19, 2003 in Longport was canceled due to the snowstorm.

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

A recap of the Board of Directors' meetings of Monday, January 13, 2003 and Monday, March 10, 2003 were given.

A report was received from the County Engineer on the structural evaluation of the Burn and Tower Buildings and that they were in good condition and recommended yearly checks. The SOP's have been updated to ban water usage in the buildings during January and February while the temperature will dictate whether or not water may be used in the other months of the year.

A recap of the Executive Committee meetings of Friday, January 10, 2003 and Friday, March 7, 2003 was given with several items to be taken up under new business,

Fire Marshal Whitey Swartz reported that the Mutual Aid Books are being updated and any company having to update their equipment should get them in to him as soon as possible. Fire Prevention posters to be judged shortly on the County level for forwarding to the State for final judging. Companies having posters to be judged on the County level should get them in to Whitey.

The Recipients for Valor Awards have been chosen with the presentation to be made at the next County Firefighters meeting on April 16th at the Training Center.

Starting to get plans underway for the October 2003 Fire Prevention Expo.

The Police-Fire-EMS joint committee met and decided on the design for an outside memorial to be constructed at the County Training Center as well as a memorial tree of remembrance for inside the center. Cost to be between \$30,000.00 and \$35,000.00 Financing and funding was discussed and requests for funds will be sent out shortly to all compniaes, etc.

DATE CLEARING

Saturday	April 5	Oceanville	Oyster or Ham Dinner	4 to 8 PM
Friday	April 18	Laureldale	Easter Flower Sale	12 noon til ?
Saturday	April 19	Laureldale	Easter Flower Sale	9 AM til ?
Wednesday	April 16	Firefighters Assn.	Meeting & Valor Awards at the Training Center	8 PM
Saturday	April 26	Cologne	Yard Sale	
Thursday	April 24	County Fire Chiefs Assn	Meeting in Northfield	8 PM
Saturday	May 3	Germania	Turkey or Pork Dinner	4 to 7:30 PM
Saturday	May 17	Port Republic	Roast Beef Dinner	3:30 to 7:30 PM
Wednesday	May 21	Firefighters Assn.	Meeting at South Egg Harbor	8 PM
Tuesday	May 27	County Fire Chiefs Assn.	Meeting in Bargaintown	8 PM
Sunday	June 1	Dorothy	Chiecken Bar-Be-Cue, etc.	12 noon to 6 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
Friday & Saturday	Sept.12 & 13	Wildwood	2003 New Jersey State Firemen's Convention	
Saturday	Oct. 4	Germania	Turkey or Pork Dinner	4 to 7:30 PM
Saturday	Oct. 18	Port Republic	Roast Beef Dinner	3:30 to 7:30 PM
Saturday	Nov. 8	Oceanville	Oyster or Ham Dinner	4 to 8 PM
Sunday	April 13, May 11, June 8	Somers Point #2	Breakfast (AYCE)	8 AM to 12 noon

"In Union For The Safety Of All"

Director of Training Mike Corbo reported that the Spring 2003 Training Semester has begun with 32 trainees in Firefighter I and 19 enrolled in Firefighter II.

Mike also reported on other courses being offered during the Spring.

A Waterous pump demonstration is to be given on Sunday, July 27th at the Training Center from 9 AM to 12 noon.

A joint Atlantic/Cumberland County HazMat training course will be given starting May 6th.

A ladder truck is available and is to be donated to the Firefighters' Association who will then turn it over to the County for use at the Fire Training Academy.

The Secretary was instructed to forward the necessary letters to obtain the ladder truck.

The Secretary was also instructed to forward a letter to the County Government requesting permission to erect the Police-Fire-Ems Memorial at the Training Center.

Motion seconded and carried that the proceeds from the 50-50 drawing go toward defraying the cost of the memorial at the training center.

Motion made, seconded and carried to send 2 instructors to the FDIC with the cost not to exceed \$4300.00

A report was given on the Cape/Atlantic 200 Club Memorial Services and Breakfast that was held on Sunday, March 2nd and there was a good turnout with over 850 tickets sold and the guest speaker was Chief Moose of Montgomery County in Maryland,

The following legislation was signed into law

P.L. 2002, c.134 January 9, 2003 (S-1432)

This law will allow each municipal governing body, by resolution, to determine whether the family of a volunteer firefighter, first aid worker, rescue squad worker, or emergency medical technician who died in the line of duty after January 1, 2000 is eligible for a \$15,000.00 per annum survivor's pension. The State will provide for payment of the survivor's pension.

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

The program for the evening was presented by the New Jersey State Forest Fire Service.

There being no further business at hand, the meeting was adjourned with the next scheduled meeting to be held at 8 PM on Wednesday, April 16th at the Training Center.

This is also the Valor Awards Presentation.

Attested

Howard R. Guenther

Secretary