



ATLANTIC COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION

South Egg Harbor (Galloway Township)

May 21, 2003

The regular meeting of the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association was called to order at 8:00 PM with President R. Thomas Hunter Jr. presiding. Tom then pointed out the exits. The meeting was opened with the Flag Salute, followed by a moments silent prayer in honor of our deceased firefighters.

The membership was welcomed by Chief Robert Gill to South Egg Harbor. Chief Gill then introduced Galloway Township Chief Brian Berchtold who welcomed the membership to Galloway Township and expressed his thanks to the companies and firefighters who assisted the Township at several recent fires.

The Secretary then read the rolls to record attendance and ensure a quorum being present. The minutes of the previous meeting of April 16, 2003 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 the Executive Committee meeting of May 2nd. Still working on obtaining the title to the ladder truck and all are advised not to use it until it is properly titled in the County's name.

The Memorial Display case in memory of Chief Anthony "Tony" Canale has been dedicated at the training center and thanks are extended to Ted Reinhard for constructing it and also to Whitey Swartz who assisted him.

A report was given on the Fire Training Academy Board of Directors meeting of May 12th. Chief Vincent Granese was appointed to the Board by the Fire Chiefs Association to replace departed member Chief Tony Canale.

An ice machine has been obtained for the center and is now making ice and available for use. New doors for the Burn Building have been ordered and should be installed shortly.

Fire Marshal Whitey Swartz reported on the April 16th Valor Awards presentation and there was a good turnout for the ceremony and it was well received by all in attendance. This year there were 13 valor award recipients and 90 since the program was first initiated. Uniform award medals have been acquired which will be forwarded to all past recipients as well as to be presented to all future recipients.

The fire prevention posters have been judged with 3 being selected to be forwarded to the State for the final judging of all counties.

The Fire Prevention Expo is scheduled for Saturday, October 11th (rain date October 12) and plans are being formulated for the affair which will also include a parade to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the Training Center as well as the 80th anniversary of the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association.

DATE CLEARING

Saturday	June 7	Cologne	Chicken Bar-Be-Cue, etc.	1 to 8 PM
Sunday	June 15, July 13, Aug. 10	Somers Point #2	Breakfast (AYCE)	8 AM to 12 noon
Wednesday	June 18	Firefighters' Assn.	Meeting in Milmay	8 PM
Thursday	June 26	Fire Chiefs Assn.	Meeting in Estell Manor	8 PM
Wednesday	July 16	Firefighters' Assn.	Meeting in Linwood	8 PM
Thursday	July 24	Dorothy	County Firemen's Death Benfit Fund Meeting	8 PM
Sunday	July 27	Fire Training Center	Waterous Pump Demonstration	
Tuesday	July 29	Fire Chiefs Assn.	Meeting in Elwood	8 PM
Tuesday	Aug. 19	Egg Harbor City-Atlantic Co.	Caucus for 2003 Firemen's Convention	8 PM
Fri & Sat	Sept 12 & 13	Wildwood	2003 New Jersey State Firemen's Convention	
Saturday	Sept 13	Wildwood	Parade	1 PM
Saturday	Oct. 4	Germania	Turkey or Pork Dinner	4 to 7:30 PM
Fri & Sat	Oct. 3-4-10-11-17-18-24-25	Scullville	Haunted Hatride	7 to 11 PM
Sunday	Oct. 5-12-19-26	Scullville	Haunted Hatride	7 to 10 PM
Saturday	Oct. 11	Fire Training Center	Fire Prevention Expo (rain date Oct. 12)	
Saturday	Oct. 18	Port Republic	Roast Beef Dinner	3:30 to 7:30 PM
Saturday	Nov. 8	Oceanville	Fried Oyster or Ham Dinner	4 to 8 PM

The Audit Committee reported that they have completed the Audit of the Books of the Treasurer and have several recommendations.

The committee for the Emergency Services Memorial monument at the Training Center are presently composing a letter to be sent to Businesses, Fire Companies, Police and EMS Organizations as well as Individuals for donations to defray the expenses of the memorial.

Director of Training Mike Corbo reported on the Spring training courses and that the Summer Firefighter 1 Course is to be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays starting in June. There are 28 signed up for the Atlantic/Cumberland County HazMat Training Course. All who use any equipment at the Training Center are requested to put it away properly, in other words, a place for everything and everthing in its place.

Howard Berchtold Jr. reported that the committee is presently working on plans for the upcoming August 4-H fair.

The old computer in the library has been checked and is in need of replacement. Will check on a computer from the county to see if it will satisfy the needs of the library.

Joe Ward requested those in need of SCBA FaceFits testing to contact him for appointment.

Oscar Dutch gave a report on the New Jersey Firemen's Home and that under their 5 year plan, the windows are being replaced as well as working on the roofing of the buidling.

Howard Guenther reported on the New Jersey State Firemen's Association and that they are instituting a five year plan for upkeep of the State office.

Howard also reported that effective July 1, 2003, the death benefit of the New Jersey State Firemen's Association will be increased to \$7,700.00 as the maximum benefit upon completion of 7 years of qualifying service. Line of Duty deaths will be 3 times that amount, \$23,100.00 The individual steps, 0-7 years are to remain the same as previous.

The 2003 New Jersey State Firemen's Convention will be held in Wildwood on Friday, September 12th starting at 1 PM and on Saturday, September 13th starting at 10 AM. Registration on Friday will be 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM (this is a change in time) and on Saturday 7:00 to 9:45 AM.

Each day, 3 Counties will be randomly picked to register upon completion of that days session. Any Chief, Delegate, or Life Member of a randomly picked County who fails to register on the completion of the day's session will not receive expenses for that day.

The 2003 Atlantic County Caucus for Chiefs, Delegates, and Life Members will be held in Egg Harbor City on Tuesday, August 19th at 8:00 PM.

The Wildwood parade will be held on Saturday, September 13th at starting at 1:00 PM. As the invitations have not been sent out yeat, the drawing for positions of those companies desiring to participate as part of the Atlantic County Unit in the parade will be held at the July 16th meeting of the Firefighters Association in Linwood.

The following applications for membership were received and approved

Robert K. Adams 4th	Harry Bernstein	Shane E. Conesky	John Finuoli
David Funk	Eric A. Funk	George King	Louis R. Naoum
Thomas P. Sher	James F. Silva 3rd	all from Longport and	
William A. Case	Mark D. Morton	both from Bayview	

A check for \$100.00 was received from the Somers Point Co. No. 1 as well as a \$50.00 check from Chief William Merola of Somers Point No. 1 as donations to be applied for the Emergency Services Memorial Monument to be erected at the Training Center.

Chief James Garth reported that the West Atlantic City Fire Company is presently renovating their fire house and that they will host the Firefighters' Association meeting at the Farmington Firehouse for the December 17th meeting instead.

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 meeting scheduled to be held on Wednesday, June 18th at 8:00 PM in Milmay

Attested

Howard R. Guenther, Secretary