



ATLANTIC COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION

Dorothy (Weymouth Township)

October 15, 2003

The regular meeting of the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association was called to order at 8:00 PM on Wednesday, October 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 to all. The membership was welcomed to Dorothy by Chief Robert Gibney. The Secretary read the rolls to record attendance as well as to ensure a quorum being present. The minutes of the previous meeting of September 17, 2003 were approved as forwarded to the Chiefs and Secretaries. The Report of the Treasurer was approved and accepted as read.

The next meeting of the Executive Committee is to be held on Friday, October 31st at 8 PM in South Egg Harbor. The next meeting of the Fire Academy Board of Directors is to be held at 7 PM on Monday, November 10th at the Training Center. Howard Berchtold gave an outline on what is desired to be accomplished at these meetings in regard to the Association and Training.

Fire Marshal Whitey Swartz reported on the Saturday, October 11th Fire Prevention Expo and it went over well and was a good public relations event. Whitey thanked all who helped and participated at the Expo.

Whitey reported that the information for the Fire Prevention Poster Contest has been distributed and is also available for anyone desiring same. Requested that the posters be judged on local level and winners forwarded to him as soon as possible to be judged on the County level.

The changes for the Mutual Aid Books have been completed and sent out to all companies. Requested that any changes be sent to him to further update the mutual aid books. Still waiting to receive rough draft of letter for donations for the Emergency Services Memorial to be built at the Training Center.

Director of Training Mike Corbo reported that the Firefighter Class is progressing well. Necessary to cancel classes due to poor signups and poor participation. The instructors had several work details and made good progress with cleanups and organization of different items.

Oscar Dutch reported on the New Jersey Firemen's Home and that presently there are 38 open beds at the home due to declining admissions. A committee has been formed to look into a South Jersey Home.

Chief Benjamin Brenner reported that the FDIC-East will be held in Atlantic City in October 2004. Further information will be made available as plans are formulated.

Chief Garth reminded the membership that the December 17th meeting of the Firefighters' Association will be held at the Farmington firehouse and is to be hosted by the West Atlantic City Fire Co. This change in location is necessitated due to renovations to the West Atlantic City firehouse.

DATE CLEARING

Saturday	Nov. 8	Oceanville	Oyster or Ham Dinner	4 to 8 PM
Sunday	Nov. 9 - Dec. 14	Somers Point #2	Breakfast (AYCE)	8 to 12 noon
Wednesday	Nov. 19	Somers Point #2	Firefighters' Assn. Meeting	8 PM
Sunday	Nov. 23	Bargaintown	Spaghetti Dinner	2 to 6 PM
Tuesday	Nov. 25	Fire Trainig Center	Fire Chiefs' Assn. Meeting	8 PM
Saturday	Dec. 6	Mays Landing	Spaghetti Dinner with Santa	4 to 7 PM
Wednesday	Dec. 17	Farmington	Firefighters' Assn. Meeting	8 PM
Thursday	Jan. 15	Egg Harbor City	Atl.Co.Firemen's Death Benefit Trustees Meeting	8 PM
Wednesday	Jan. 21	Egg Harbor City	Firefighters' Assn. Meeting & Memorial Services	8 PM
Tuesday	Jan. 27	Absecon	Fire Chiefs' Assn. Meeting	8 PM

"In Union For The Safety Of All"

The 2 trophies sponsored by the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association for the September 13th Wildwood parade were presented to
 East Vineland for Best Appearing Atlantic County Apparatus
 Somers Point for Best Appearing Atlantic County Fire Department

First Nomination of Officers for 2004 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	Oscar Dutch Jr.
Chaplain	Reverend Thomas Sweeny	James Garth
Sergeants-at-Arms (3)	Chester Crowell	Charles J. Guenther
	Clarence Guenther	Amor "Skip" Portale
	Charles Sander	Ted Reinhard
		John V. Wagner

Second Nominations will be held at the November 19th meeting in Somers Point and elections at the December 17th meeting in Farmington.

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

The program for the next meeting in Somers Point will be presented by a representative from the New Jersey State Firemen's Exempt Association in forming more Exempt Associations in Atlantic County. There are 22 Local Firemen's Associations in the County with only 2 Exempt Affiliates (Margate and Somers Point).

Benediction was given by Reverend Thomas Sweeny.

There being no further business at hand, the meeting was adjourned with the next meeting scheduled for 8 PM on Wednesday, November 19th at the Somers Point Co. No. 2 firehouse.

Attested
 Howard R. Guenther
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