



ATLANTIC COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION

Somers Point Co. No. 2

November 19, 2003

The regular meeting of the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association was called to order at 8:00 PM on Wednesday, November 19, 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 pointed out the exits. The membership was welcomed to Somers Point by Chief Frank Denan. The Secretary read the rolls to record attendance and to ensure a quorum being present. The minutes of the previous meeting of October 15, 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 October 31st meeting of the Executive Committee. They are reviewing the Workers Compensation Policy and hopefully will get some assistance from the County with the cost. Reviewed income and expenses associated with the October 11th Fire Prevention Expo. Requested budgets for 2004 from the Communications and Training Programs for their review.

A report was made on the November 10th meeting of the Board of Directors of the Fire Training Academy. The Instructors have had several work details and are making good progress in correcting necessary items as well as organizing different items. It was reported that the ladder was last certified in 2001 and several items on truck were in need of repairs. Will check into having minor repairs getting done before expending funds for load test and ladder testing. Expansion of the training center is one of the top 12 County future projects. Modifications to be made to confined space trainer and add stairs to get to platforms.

The Communications Committee reported that F-2500 was quite busy the last month in the County at different incidents.

A copy of letter submitted by Fire Coordinator Whitey Swartz to the County to resign his position of Atlantic County Fire Coordinator effective December 31, 2003 was read. Whitey cited the additional duties of County Fire Marshal as well as the need to devote his spare time in evenings and weekends in organizing the new museum that he just built.

Director of Training Mike Corbo gave a report on the training and that Firefighter 1 is just about completed for this semester.

There is a need for an assistant to the librarian and anyone interested should let the president know of his desire to being the "Assistant Librarian".

Joe Ward reported that anyone needing SCBA face fits testing to contact him.

The Secretary reported that the January 21, 2004 meeting in Egg Harbor City is also the annual Memorial Service and companies should notify him of their members who answered their last alarm during the past year so they may be properly included in the services.

DATE CLEARING

Saturday	Dec. 6	Mays Landing	Spaghetti Dinner with Santa	4 to 7 PM
Sunday	Dec. 14	Somers Point #2	Breakfast (AYCE)	8 AM to 12 noon
Wednesday	Dec. 17	Farmington	Firefighters' Association Meeting	8 PM
Sunday	Jan. 11	Somers Point #2	breakfast (AYCE)	8 AM to 12 noon
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' Association Meeting	8 PM
Wednesday	Feb. 18	Longport	Firefighters' Association Meeting	8 PM
Sunday	March 7	Cape/Atlantic	200 Club Memorial Service and Breakfast	
Friday	March 26	Crab Trap in Somers Point	Firefighters' Association Dinner	

"In Union For The Safety Of All"

Oscar Dutch reported on the New Jersey Firemen's Home and at present there are 39 open beds.

Howard Guenther reported that the date for the Cape/Atlantic 200 Club Memorial Services and Breakfast in Atlantic City has been set for Sunday, March 7th, 2004. Waiting for word on committee meetings and when details and tickets are available, information will sent to all companies.

Howard also reported that the Firefighters' Association dinner has been set for Friday, March 26, 2004 at the Crab Trap Restaurant in Somers Point. Once the menu is set, this information will also be sent out.

Second 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
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

Motion seconded and carried to close nominations of officers.
Election to be held at the December 17th meeting in Farmington.

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

Several representatives from the New Jersey State Firemen's Exempt Association were present and explained the organization of the Exempts and procedures to be followed if desiring to form an Exempt Association.

A power point presentation was shown on the Tropicana Casino garage that was under construction and collapsed in October and the rescue efforts that were undertaken to remove the injured and 4 workers killed in the collapse.

Benediction was given by Reverend Thomas Sweeney.

Due to the renovations taken place at the West Atlantic City Firehouse, the December 17th meeting will be held at the Farmington firehouse starting at 8 PM.

There being no further business at hand, the meeting was adjourned.

Attested
Howard R. Guenther
Secretary
