



ATLANTIC COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION

West Atlantic City - Farmington (Egg Harbor Township) December 17, 2003

The regular meeting of the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association was called to order at 8:00 PM on Wednesday December 17, 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. Due to the renovations underway at the West Atlantic City fire station, the meeting was held in Farmington and hosted by the West Atlantic City Fire Company. The membership was welcomed to the meeting by Chief Wally Bakely of the West Atlantic City fire company, who in turn introduced Egg Harbor Township Chief Wally Shields who extended his welcome to Egg Harbor Twoship. The Secretary read the rolls to ensure a quorum being present as well as to record attendance. The minutes of the previous meeting of November 19, 2003 were approved and accepted as forwarded to the Chiefs and Secretaries. The Report of the Treasurer was approved and accepted as read.

Howard Berchtold Jr. reported on the joint meeting of the Police and Fire sides with Atlantic County in regard to expansion of the Training Center and this is in the County's projected construction and hopefully it will be done within the next 5 years. Will also work to get the EMS side involved with the plans as well.

The next meeting of the Executive Committee of the Firefighters' Association is to be held on Friday, January 9, 2004 at 8 PM at the Somers Point Co. No. 1 fire station.

The next meeting of the Board of Directors of the Fire Training Academy is to be held on Monday, January 12, 2004 at 7 PM at the Training Center.

The Secretary reminded the membership of the next meeting in Egg Harbor City at 8 PM on Wednesday, January 21, 2004. MEMORIAL SERVICES will be held at the January meeting and he requested names of the deceased firefighters of Atlantic County who answered their last alarm during the past year so that they may be properly listed in the program and included in the ceremonies for the evening. Please forward names to Howard Guenther (609)652-7712 or Fire Marshal Whitey Swartz (609) 407-6741. We must have the names in time to make up the program well in advance of the meeting. Attendees are requested to wear DRESS UNIFORMS.

Director of Training Mike Corbo reported that classes for the Fall 2003 semester are coming to a close. Mike reported that the graduation ceremonies for Firefighter 1 will be held at 7 PM on Monday, January 26, 2004 at the Training Center.

Mike also reported that he is working on courses to be presented during the Spring 2004 semester and that Firefighter 1 will begin sometime in February 2004.

Ron Bird reported that the Library is open on Monday and Tuesday evenings from 7 to 10 PM. President Hunter reported that help is needed with the Library and anyone interested in being the "Assistant Librarian" should contact him.

DATE CLEARING

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
Thursday	Jan.	21	Egg Harbor City	Firefighters' Assn. Meeting & Memorial Services	8 PM
Monday	Jan.	26	Training Center	Firefighter 1 Graduation Ceremonies	7 PM
Tuesday	Jan.	27	Absecon	Fire Chiefs' Association Meeting	8 PM
Sunday	Feb.	8	Somers Point #2	Breakfast (AYCE)	8 AM to 12 noon
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	
Saturday	May	1	Germania	Turkey or Pork Dinner	4 to 7:30 PM

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Oscar Dutch reported on the New Jersey Firemen's Home and that there are still quite a few open beds. Their committee is still investigating a home someplace in South Jersey.

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. Still waiting to hear for word on committee meetings and when tickets for the affair will be available. Hopefully it will be very soon, as the date is drawing near. Will get information, etc. out to all when it becomes available.

Howard also reported that the Firefighters' Association Dinner is to be held on Friday, March 26th, 2004 at the Crab Trap Restaurant in Somers Point with the cost to be \$30.00 per person. Fliers to be sent out with the minutes.

A letter was received from the New Jersey Firemen's Home thanking the Association for the donation of \$200.00 to be used for the enjoyment of the guests.

Election of Officers for 2004 was next in order and as there is no opposition for any of the offices, a motion was made, seconded and carried for the Secretary to cast a ballot and he declared them duly elected to office:

The Officers for 2004 are as follows

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 Sr.
Sergeants-at-Arms (3)	Chester Crowell	Charles J. Guenther
	Clarence Guenther	Amor "Skip" Portale
	Charles Sander	Ted Reinhard
		John V. Wagner

The Secretary reported that rosters and dues for 2004 are now due.

He also reported that he will be making up the new rosters and meeting dates for the new year and that he needs the names of any newly elected chiefs so that he may properly make the necessary changes.

The following application for membership was received and approved

Frank Kearns of Bargaintown

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 of the Firefighters' Association to be held at 8 PM on Wednesday, January 21, 2004 in Egg Harbor City. The annual Memorial Services will be held at this meeting and attendees are requested to wear their dress uniforms for the meeting and ceremonies.

Attested
Howard R. Guenther
Secretary

The Officers and members of the Executive Committee wish to extend to you and your families their best wishes for a safe, healthy, and prosperous New Year.