



# ATLANTIC COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION

Longport

February 18, 2004

The regular meeting of the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association was called to order at 8:00 PM on Wednesday, February 18, 2004 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. Chief Levon Clayton welcomed the membership to the City of Longport. Lefty then introduced the Officers of the Fire Department as well as Mayor Michael Cohen, who also extended his welcome to the City. Commissioner William Fiore reported that a new apparatus has been ordered for the City, and will probably have a good together when it arrives. The Secretary read the rolls to record attendance as well as to ensure a quorum being present. The minutes of the previous meeting of January 21, 2004 were approved and accepted as forwarded to the Chiefs and Secretaries. The Report of the Treasurer was approved and accepted as read.

The Auditing Committee reported that they have audited the books of the Association and found them to be well kept and all in order and made several recommendations.

A report was made on the January Executive Committee meeting as well as the Finance Committee meeting. A report was also made on the January meeting of the Training Academy Board of Directors meeting. Next meeting of the Executive Committee is to be held on Friday, March 5th at 8 PM in Pomona. Next meeting of the Board of Directors is to be held on Monday, March 8th at 7 PM at the Training Center.

The 200 Club Committee reported that the Cape/Atlantic 200 Club Memorial Breakfast and Services is to be held on Sunday, March 7th with cost of tickets to be \$20.00 each. Tables of 10 are available. Guest Speaker to be Dr. Bobby Smith, a retired member of the Louisiana State Police. Deadline for tickets for the Breakfast has been extended several days and if deserving to attend the March 7th affair, to send in money and ticket order as soon as possible. Flyer enclosed.

Fire Marshal Whitey Swartz gave a report on the activities of Communications Unit F-2500 for the year of 2003.

Information and forms have been forwarded to all companies seeking nominees for 2003 Valor Awards and requested forms with nominees to be returned by end of Month. Whitey requested Fire Prevention posters to be turned in by March 15th for judging on the County level. Only wants winners from each category turned in to him. Whitey also reported that a letter has been composed to be sent requesting donations for the Emeergency Services Memorial to be erected at the Training Center. A post office box is to be opened for receipt of mail as well as a special checking account set up.

#### DATE CLEARING

Sunday	March 7	Cape/Atlantic 200 Club Memorial Services and Breakfast	
Sunday	March 14-April 11-May 9	Somers Point #2 Breakfast (AYCE)	8 AM to 12 noon
Wednesday	March 17	Folsom Firefighters' Association Meeting	8 PM
Thursday	March 25	Landisville Fire Chiefs' Association Meeting	8 PM
Friday	March 26	Crab Trap Restaurant in Somers Point	Firefighters' Assn. Dinner
Saturday	April 17	Oceanville Oyster or Ham Dinner	4 to 8 PM
Wednesday	April 21	Training Center Firefighters' Assn. Meeting & Valor Awards	8 PM
Saturday	May 1	Germania Turkey or Pork Dinner	4 to 7:30 PM
Saturday	May 15	Port Republic Roast Beef Dinner	3:30 to 7:30 PM
Saturday	May 22	Bayview 75th Anniversary	
Saturday	June 5	Cologne Chicken Bar-Be-Cue, etc.	1 to 7 PM
Sunday	June 6	Dorothy Chicken Bar-Be-Cue	12 noon to 6 PM
Tuesday	Aug. 17	Egg Harbor City Atlantic Co. Caucus for 2004 Firemen's Convention	8 PM
Fri & Sat	Sept 17 & 18	Wildwood 2004 New Jersey State Firemen's Convention	
Saturday	Oct. 2	Germania Turkey or Pork Dinner	4 to 7:30 PM
Saturday	Oct. 16	Port Republic Roast Beef Dinner	3:30 to 7:30 PM
Saturday	Nov. 6	Oceanville Oyster or Ham Dinner	4 to 8 PM

Director of Training Mike Corbo reported that the 2004 Spring Semester Firefighter Training books are out and remarked on several courses that are to be given. Firefighters planning on attending any of the courses should get their applications in promptly. Firefighter 1 is to start on Tuesday, February 24th and Firefighter 2 is to start on Monday, March 15th.

Mike also reported that the graduation for the Fall Firefighter 1 class was held on Monday, February 9th and was well attended and went over very well.

Newly appointed Atlantic County Fire Coordinator Ed Vincent spoke on the duties and workings of the position. Ed also reported that the County is to be receiving a grant for a new Communications Unit for the County.

Ed reported that a big drill is being planned at the airport later this year in October.

Chief Vince Granese gave a brief outline on the forthcoming FDIC/Atlantic to be held the last week in October of 2004 and that help is needed to assist with the affair. Vince is the designated coordinator for the FDIC/Atlantic City.

Ron Bird spoke on the Library and that Stacy Wellington and Wayne Dilks have volunteered as Assistant Librarians. Hopefully, once things are organized, it will be possible to have the Library opened additional days.

Chief Garth reported that the February meeting of the Chiefs' Association has been cancelled and the next meeting is to be held in Landisville at 8 PM on Thursday, March 25th. Meetings in 2004 to be held every other month.

Oscar Dutch reported on the New Jersey Firemen's Home and that a committee has been formed and is looking into a South Jersey Home.

Joe Ward reported that he will give up doing the SCBA face fits testing shortly and that a replacement is needed to continue with the tests.

Howard Guenther reported that the annual Firefighters Dinner is to be held on Friday, March 26th at The Crab Trap Restaurant in Somers Point and if desiring to attend to contact him for reservations. Flyer enclosed, please post.

Director of Procurement, Ted Reinhard spoke on the requests that he has made to different fire equipment providers and on the materials received for the Fire Training Academy. He estimated that as a result of the contacts made at the FDIC that approximated \$167,000.00 has been donated for our use at the Training Center.

Dennis Sharpe spoke on the Grants that were recently recently by 15 of the Atlantic County Fire Companies. Dennis also reported on the 2004 Grant Program.

Motion seconded and carried to open a post office box in Absecon for the Emergency Services Memorial and to pay for it out of the funds received to date for it.

Motion seconded and carried to pay bills as presented out of their respective budgeted accounts.

There being no further business at hand, the meeting was adjourned with the next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, March 17th at 8 PM in Folsom.

Attested  
Howard R. Guenther  
Secretary