



# ATLANTIC COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION

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March 17, 2004

The regular meeting of the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association was called to order at 8:00 PM on Wednesday, March 17, 2004 with President R. Thomas Hunter Jr. presiding. The meeting was opened with the Flag Salute. President Hunter then pointed out the exits. The Secretary read the rolls to record attendance and ensure a quorum being present. The minutes of the previous meeting of February 18, 2004 were approved and accepted as forwarded to the Chiefs and Secretaries. The Report of the Treasurer was approved and accepted as read.

The Secretary read the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Fire Training Academy which was held on Monday, March 8th as well as the minutes of the Executive Committee of the Firefighters' Association who have several recommendations to bring up under new business.

Fire Marshal Whitey Swartz reported that the Valor Awards Committee has met and have gone over the list of nominees that were presented and made their selections and the Valor Awards will be presented at the next meeting of the Association which is to be held at the Training Center at 8:00 PM on Wednesday, April 21st.

Whitey requested that the local winners of the Fire Prevention Posters to be forwarded to him as soon as possible to be judged on the County level and winners to be forwarded for further judging on the State level.

Whitey also reported that the Emergency Services Memorial Committee has begun forwarding letters to the larger businesses in the area soliciting donations for the memorial to be put at the Training Center. Will be sending out requests to all fire companies, etc. in the near future.

Director of Training Mike Corbo reported that a I300 class is to be held in June and will be limited to officers and class size of 30.

Mike also reported on different classes that are scheduled to be held during the spring semester. All courses are listed in the booklet that was forwarded to all companies. Mike reported that 3 mannequins have been purchased by the County Office of Emergency Management for use at the training center.

Mike is looking into some type of shirt for FFi trainees to wear during classes so they put on a presentable appearance as well as looking professional.

The County has put in a work order for repair of doors in the drill tower.

Will be sending out invoices on a monthly basis to get money owed for classes in sooner.

Ron Bird reported that the Library is now opened on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday evenings.

## DATE CLEARING

Sunday	April 18-May 9-June 13	Somers Point #2	Breakfast (AYCE)	8 AM to 12 noon
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
Wednesday	May 19	Oceanville	Firefighters' Association Meeting	8 PM
Saturday	May 22	Bayview	75th Anniversary	
Tuesday	May 25	Northfield	Fire Chiefs' Association Meeting	8 PM
Saturday	June 5	Cologne	Chicken Bar-Be-Cue, etc.	1 to 7 PM
Sunday	June 6	Dorothy	Chicken Bar-Be-Cue, etc.	12 noon to 6 PM
Thursday	June 24	Egg Harbor City	Atl.Co.Firemen's Death Benefit Trustees Meeting	8 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

The members of the 200 Club Committee reported that the March 7th Memorial Services and Breakfast was well attended and that the guest speaker was Dr. Bobby Smith, who gave a very inspirational speak which was well received by all. The 2005 Services and Breakfast will also be the 20th anniversary of the Cape/Atlantic 200 Club and the date of the affair will be announced when plans are finalized.

Chief Vince Granese gave a report on the forthcoming October FDIC EAST and a lot of help will be needed and anyone able to assist should contact him. Some of the planned activities and evolutions will take place at the training center in conjunction with the Firefighters' Association.

Motion seconded and carried that the Firefighters' Association support FDIC EAST and representation with as many personnel as can be supplied. Actual start date is Oct 25.

Fire Coordinator Ed Vincent requested all companies to review their mutual aid books and update them as necessary.

Ed reported that a functional exercise is to take place at the airport on Monday March 22nd and the actual drill is scheduled for Saturday, May 22nd.

Large Diameter Hose (LDH) drill to be held on Tuesday, April 20th in Germania.

Tanker Task Force drill to be held in Mays Landing sometime in June.

The membership were reminded that forest fire season is starting.

Oscar Dutch reported that there are 69 guests in the Firemen's Home in Boonton and that renovations and construction is ongoing.

Meetings are still being held for a South Jersey Firemen's Home.

Joe Ward reminded the membership that a person is needed to replace him in doing the SCBA mask FITS testing.

Stacy Wellington was appointed as a temporary Sergeant-at-Arms.

Howard Guenther reminded the members of the Friday, March 26th firefighters' dinner at the Crab Trap and that approximately 70 have signed up for the affair.

A discussion was held on the present fee for Firefighter 1 training and the added expenses incurred due to additional topics being given and the extra hours being added to the course overall and a motion was made, seconded, and carried to increase the fee to \$200.00 per trainee.

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 scheduled meeting to be held at 8:00 PM on Wednesday, April 21, 2004 at the Training Center. This is also the annual Valor Awards presentation and we would appreciate a good turnout for this affair and meeting.

Attested  
Howard R. Guenther  
Secretary