



ATLANTIC COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION

Atlantic County Fire Training Center

April 21, 2004

The regular meeting of the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association was called to order at 8:00 PM with President R. Thomas Hunter Jr. presiding.

The meeting was opened with the Flag Salute, followed by Invocation and Homily by Reverend Thomas Sweeny, Chaplain of the Association. President Hunter then pointed out the exits. President Hunter welcomed the membership, firefighters and guests to the meeting and the annual Valor Awards Presentation.

The meeting was hosted by the Atlantic City Fire Department and Chief John Bereheiko extended a welcome to all.

The invited guests were introduced with several of them addressing the body.

The Secretary read the rolls to record attendance and ensure a quorum being present. A motion was made, seconded and carried to dispense with all regular business with the exception of payment of bills. The Treasurer reported that there were no bills presented.

The members of the Valor Awards Committee were introduced. A short video was shown. Committee Chairman Harold "Whitey" Swartz, assisted by Howard Berchtold Jr., proceeded with the Awards Program with President R. Thomas Hunter Jr. presenting each of their awards from the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association.

Valor Awards were given to Atlantic City Firefighters for their actions at a structure fire at 15 N. Hartford Avenue with Chief John Bereheiko giving a narration of the incident.

First Class Valor Award

Firefighter Adrian Aschmann

Second Class Valor Awards

Captain Edward Mawhinney

Firefighter Duane Brock

Aida Kelly along with her 5 year old daughter Quadirah showed up unexpectedly and thanked the firefighters for saving her life, and her daughter's life. She said you don't know how close I came to death. She again thanked the firefighters as she and her daughter presented them each with a bouquet of flowers.

Unit Citation Awards were given to Atlantic City Firefighters, all of Platoon 1 for their actions at the Tropicana Parking Garage Collapse with Chief John Bereheiko giving a narration of the incident.

Engine Company 2

Captain John Mistler

Firefighter Albert Mallen

Firefighter Jeffrey Schlundt

Firefighter John Slattery 4th

Engine Company 4

Captain Kevin Capone

Firefighter James Rossi

Firefighter Richard Allen

Firefighter Christopher Corson

Engine Company 5

Captain Brian Thomas

Firefighter Michael Scull

Firefighter Michael McDaniel

Firefighter Edward Brown

Ladder Company 3

Captain Gary Holmes

Firefighter Ralph McDaniel

Firefighter Robert Soifer

Engine Company 6

Captain Stephen Costello

Firefighter Thomas L. Smith

Firefighter Jomo Lyles-Belton

Firefighter Vincent Albano

Firefighter Mark LaVigna

Engine Company 7

Captain Michael Dixon

Firefighter Andrew McMeekin

Firefighter Keith Coursey

Firefighter Joseph Vitanza

Ladder Company 2

Captain Scott Evans

Firefighter Joseph Ryan

Firefighter John Callahan

Firefighter Mark Cheatham

Firefighter Nikolaus Gramlich

Firefighter Ledford Mack

Firefighter Keith Davenport

The recipients were presented with Certificates of Appreciation from Assemblyman Kurt Conover, Atlantic County Executive Dennis Levinson, Joseph Silipena Chairman of the Atlantic County Board of Chosen Freeholders as well as a Congressional Certificate from the office of Congressman Frank LoBiono.

DATE CLEARING

Saturday	May	1	Germania	Turkey or Pork Dinner	4 to 7:30 PM
Sunday	May 9-June 13-July 11			Somers Point #2 Breakfast (AUCE)	8 AM to 12 noon
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 Celebration Open House	12 noon to 5PM
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
Wednesday	June	16	Collings Lakes	Firefighters' Association Meeting	8 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	8PM
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

Next meeting of the Firefighter's Association to be held on Wednesday, May 19th at 8:00 PM at the Oceanville Fire House on Route 9 in Galloway Township.

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

Attested
Howard R. Guenther

Reminders:

Executive Committee meeting to be held at 8 PM on Friday, May 7th at the Training Center.
Board of Directors meeting to be held at 7 PM on Monday, May 10th at the Training Center.