



ATLANTIC COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION

Oceanville (Galloway Township)

May 19, 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 by Reverend Thomas Sweeny, Chaplain of the Association. President Hunter then pointed out the exits. Chief Timothy McKenna extended his welcome to the membership to Oceanville and Chief Brian Berchtold extended his welcome to all to the Township of Galloway.

The minutes of the previous meeting of April 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 Secretary read the rolls to record attendance and ensure a quorum being present.

The secretary read the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on May 7th as well as the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting held on May 10th. Several items to be taken up under new business.

Fire Marshal Whitey Swartz reported that the April Valor Awards presentation was well attended and that there were 32 awards presented.

Whitey reported that the Fire Prevention posters have been judged on the County level and 5 were forwarded for judging on the State level.

Whitey also reported that donations are starting to come in for the Fallen Heroes Memorial and will have to set up a separate account.

Director of Training Mike Corbo reported that I300 is to be given in June and that there are still openings for the Summer Firefighter I training course.

Mike reported that some of the brick facing in the burn building is coming off and will have to have the engineer make an inspection of the building.

Mike reported that the Firefighters' Association is a co-sponsor of the FDIC/East which is to be held October 25-30th and that there is a need for fire apparatus and ambulances to participate with the scheduled events. There is also a need for a structure to be burned during the FDIC. There is a need for volunteers to help with the FDIC.

Mike reported that the Margate Fire Department has an engine and 10 portable radios to donate to the Fire Academy.

Motion seconded and carried to accept the engine and radios with thanks.

Mike Corbo and Ted Reinhard reported on the FDIC that they attended and that more than 25000 attended and it was worthwhile training. Ted also reported that he made some good contacts and he did receive promises that equipment is on the way for the Fire Academy. They reported that some of the equipment at the training center is misplaced and requested fire companies to check if any tools, etc. somehow got missed up with the company's gear.

DATE CLEARING

Saturday	June	5	Oceanville	Home Party Bonanza (info 748-3805)	10 AM to 3 PM
Saturday	June	5	Cologne	Chicken Bar-Be-Cue, etc.	1 to 8 PM
Sunday	June	6	Dorothy	Chicken Bar-Be-Cue, etc.	12 noon to 6 PM
Sunday	June	13-July 11-Aug 8		Somers Point #2 (AYCE) Breakfast	8 AM to 12 noon
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
Wednesday	July	21	Linwood	Firefighters' Association Meeting	8 PM
Thursday	July	29	Estell Manor	Fire Chiefs' Association Meeting	8 PM
Tuesday	Aug.	17	Egg Harbor City	Atlantic Co. Caucus for 2004 Firemen's Convention	8 PM
Saturday	Sept	11	Weekstown	Pig Roast	3:30 to 7 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

Fire Coordinator Ed Vincent reported on details and assignments for the upcoming May 22nd drill at the airport.

Ed reported that the specs have been checked for the new County Communications Unit and that bids are ready to be sent out and hopefully the new Field Comm will be here in Oct/Nov. Ed reported that the Tanker Task Force drill has been tentatively set for July 25th. Ed also reported that the manual for Forest Fire Interface is being revised.

The 4-H Fair is to be held in August and the committee is starting on plans.

Oscar Dutch reported on the New Jersey Firemen's Home and that questionnaires were sent to all Relief Association in regard to a South Jersey home and requested the Secretaries to complete and return them.

Howard Guenther reported that the death benefit of the New Jersey State Firemen's Association is to be increased to \$8000.00 effective July 1, 2004 as the maximum benefit upon completion of 7 years of qualifying service. Line of duty deaths will be 3 times that amount, \$24,000. The individual steps, 0-7 years to remain the same as previous. Howard also reported that the Atlantic County Caucus for Delegates and Life Members is to be held on Tuesday, August 17th in Egg Harbor City at 8 PM and that the 2004 annual Convention is to be held September 17th and 18th in Wildwood.

Ron Bird reported that the Library is open and that the computer problems are being worked on.

Additional lighting for outside facilities at the training center have been proposed and request forwarded to the County for approval.

2 bleachers for outside use at the training center have been received and they are in need of new boards and painting which will be taken care of.

Due to supply and demand, the cost of straw for live burns has increased and a motion was made, seconded and carried to charge market price per bale to users.

The Executive Committee recommended that all companies/departments have a member qualified to perform scba fits testing for their company/department and do tests inhouse. A class will be given sometime in the fall to members to do the testing.

Howard Guenther reported that there were 69 attendees at the March Firefighters Association Dinner which was held at the Crab Trap.

A letter was received from Charles Sander that due to his declining health, he is unable to fulfill his duties as Sergeant-at-Arms for the Association and therefore was resigning from the position. His resignation was accepted with regrets and well wishes to him.

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

As there was no further business to be brought forth, the meeting was adjourned with the next scheduled meeting of the Firefighters' Association to be held on Wednesday, June 16th at 8 PM in Collings Lakes.

Attested
Howard R. Guenther
Secretary