



# ATLANTIC COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION

Collings lakes (Buena Vista Township)

June 16, 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. President Hunter then pointed out the exits. Chief William Donnelly welcomed the membership to Collings Lakes and Buena Vista Township. The minutes of the previous meeting of May 19, 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 next meeting of the Executive Committee is to be held at 8 PM on Friday, July 9th in Landisville. The next meeting of the Board of Directors is to be held at 7 PM on Monday, July 12th at the Training Center.

Chief Ted Jones expressed the thanks of Laureldale Fire Company and the Township of Hamilton Fire Department to all of the firefighters and companies who responded to the recent fire at Joe's American Auto Salvage and Recycling Center. Oscar Dutch expressed the thanks of the County Fire Coordinators for cooperation of all companies in answering the request for assistance. Chippy Stockton reported on the water supply furnished by the Tanker Task Force and on volume of water transported and utilized at the fire.

NOTICE: There is to be a critique at 7 PM on Monday, June 28th at the Mays Landing Fire house on the fire at Joe's Salvage & Recycling Center. Those who attended the fire as well as any other interested firefighters are invited to attend.

The tanker task force drill tentatively set for July 25th has been canceled.

There is to be a Tri-County drill on Saturday, June 19th in New Gretna starting at 7 AM. It was brought up that some counties have trailer equipped with foam and this will be checked with Emergency Management for their input.

Director of Training Mike Corbo reported that there are a few classes remaining to be given for the Spring Semester. The Summer Firefighter I class is to start tomorrow.

Mike reported that the 1 fire pump at the Training Center has failed and is to be replaced. Mike also made a request that when using any gear that it be properly cleaned and stored away properly.

Mike reported on the October FDIC/East and on meetings being held with the sponsor, Penwell and that there are approximately 8000 expected to attend the planned event.

Mike reported that the County Firefighters are to receive free passes to the exhibits and that the Chiefs will be receiving forms shortly to be completed and promptly returned.

Several evolutions will be conducted at the training center. Mike gave some details of the plans and other details still being worked on.

Several engines will be needed for the evolutions as well as a house to be burned and one to be collapsed.

The 4-H Fair is to be held on Thursday, Friday, Saturday, August 5-6-7 and the committee is presently working on details and will give a report at the next meeting.

## DATE CLEARING

Thursday	June 24	Egg Harbor City	Atl.Co.Firemen's Death Benefit Trustees Meeting	8 PM
Sunday	July 11-Aug 8-Sept 12	Somers Point #2 (AYCE)	Breakfast	8 AM to 12 noon
Sunday	July 18	Somers Point #1	Spaghetti Dinner	3 to 7 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
Wednesday	Aug. 18	Mizpah	Firefighters' Association Meeting	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	4:30 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

There is to be a meeting of the Trustees of the Atlantic County Firemen's Death Benefit at 8 PM on Thursday, June 24th in Egg Harbor City. A representative is requested from each company to attend the meeting.

Oscar Dutch reported on the New Jersey Firemen's Home and that they are to have a committee meeting shortly to go over the surveys that were completed from the Relief Associations in regard to a South Jersey Firemen's Home.

Howard Guenther reported that the applications for the September 18th Wildwood parade are to be sent out shortly and that the drawing for positions in the Atlantic County Unit in the parade will be conducted at the next meeting in Linwood on Wednesday, July 21st. Companies desiring to participate should forward their application to him or bring them to the August meeting.

Motion seconded and carried to award 2 trophies for the County units in the Wildwood Parade, one for "Best Appearing Atlantic County Apparatus" and one for "Best Appearing Atlantic County Company/Department Overall".

James Garth reported that the Fire Chiefs' Association is to award a trophy for the "Best Appearing Atlantic County Pumper".

These trophies to be awarded to units in the line of march of the Atlantic County Unit.

Howard Guenther reported on the New Jersey State Firemen's Association and that effective July 1, 2004 the death benefit is to be increased to \$8000.00

The Atlantic County Caucus for Chiefs, Delegates, Life Members and Alternates is to be held on Tuesday, August 17th at 8 PM in Egg Harbor City.

The 2004 New Jersey State Firemen's Convention is to be held on Friday, September 17th and Saturday, September 18th. There have been 4 resolutions presented for voting upon at the convention. There are also 6 officers positions to be voted upon with 4 of them presently being contested with 10 announced candidates. Drawings for positions on the ballot has been conducted and were read off.

Howard further reported that President Joseph Paola of the NJSFA has withdrawn his "Letter of Intent" as a candidate for President at the 2004 September Convention. As of Tuesday, June 15th, 2004, Joseph Paola has severed his association (Presidency) with the New Jersey State Firemen's Association. Whenever a vacancy occurs in the position of President, the Vice President shall automatically become the President of the NJSFA.

H. Leigh Peterson is now the President of the NJSFA and the position of Vice President is presently vacant.

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

There being no further business at hand, the meeting was adjourned with the next scheduled meeting of the Firefighters' Association to be held on Wednesday, July 21, 2004 at 8 PM in Linwood.

Attested  
Howard R. Guenther