



ATLANTIC COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION

Mizpah (Township of Hamilton)

August 18, 2004

The regular meeting of the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association was called to order at 8:00 PM on Wednesday, August 18, 2004 with Vice President Dennis Sharpe presiding. The meeting was opened with the Flag Salute. Dennis then pointed out the exits. The membership was welcomed to Mizpah and the Township of Hamilton by Chief Anthony Cortez. The minutes of the previous meeting of July 21, 2004 were approved and accepted as forwarded to the Chiefs and Secretaries. The Secretary read the rolls to record attendance and ensure a quorum being present. The Report of the Treasurer was approved and accepted as read.

The next meeting of the Executive Committee is scheduled for Friday, September 10 at 8 PM in Absecon. The next meeting of the Board of Directors of the Fire Training Academy is scheduled for Monday, September 13 at 7:30 PM at the Training Center.

The Fire Academy training committee reported that the Fall 2004 Training Course Booklets are out and that Firefighter 1 starts on Thursday, September 2 and Firefighter II starts on Monday, November 1. Several new courses are to be given this semester. A course is being presented that will allow each fire company/department a chance to have 2 of their members trained on using the County's SCBA Mask Fit Test machine enabling them to perform the testing and certifying members of their company/department for OSHA standard. 3½ hour course is limited to 2 per company/dept and to be held Wednesday evening, Oct 13th and Sunday morning Nov 14th

The 4-H Fair committee reported on the recent affair and that it was well received and good public relations and thanked all who participated in the affair,

James Garth reported that the new Nesco firehouse is not completed yet and that the meeting of the Fire Chiefs' Association scheduled for Tuesday, September 28th will be held at the Elwood firehouse instead starting at 8 PM.

Howard Guenther reported that the 50-50 at the August 17th Atlantic County Caucus netted \$325.00 that was dedicated for the Emergency Services (Police-Fire-EMS) Memorial to be constructed at the Training Center.

It was reported that the Atlantic County Utility Authority will be periodically burning off the methane gas at its facility.

Fire Coordinator Ed Vincent reported that the contract for the new field communications unit has been awarded.

Ed reported that 5 Tactical Task Forces have been set up in the County to respond to terrorist threats at the forthcoming Republican Convention as well as any secondary threats. Still trying to ascertain how many computers State will distribute to fire departments.

DATE CLEARING

Saturday	Sept 11	Weekstown	Pig Roast	3:30 to 7 PM
Sunday	Sept 12-Oct 10-Nov 14	Somers Point #2	Breakfast (AYCE)	8 AM to 12 noon
Sunday	Sept 12	Oceanville	Benefit for 2 Firefighters	1 to 4 PM
Wednesday	Sept 15	Hammonton #2	Firefighters Association Meeting	8 PM
Fri & Sat	Sept 17 & 18	Wildwood	2004 New Jersey State Firemen's Convention	
Saturday	Sept 18	Wildwood	Parade	1 PM
Sunday	Sept 19	Estell Manor	Chicken/Pork Bar-Be-Cue	12 noon to 6 PM
Saturday	Sept 25	Egg Harbor City	Golf Tournament	info 965-3751
Saturday	Sept 25	Farmington	Pork Bar-Be-Cue	1 PM til ?
Tuesday	Sept 28	Elwood	Fire Chiefs' Association Meeting	8 PM
Saturday	Oct. 2	Germania	Turkey or Pork Dinner	4 to 7:30 PM
Saturday	Oct. 9	Elwood	Golf Tournament	info 561-4738
Saturday	Oct. 16	Port Republic	Roast Beef Dinner	3:30 to 7:30 PM
Wednesday	Oct. 20	Port Republic	Firefighters' Association Meeting	8 PM
Saturday	Nov. 6	Oceanville	Oyster or Ham Dinner	4 to 8 PM
Wednesday	Nov. 17	Somers Point #1	Firefighters' Association Meeting	8 PM
Tuesday	Nov. 30	Training Center	Fire Chiefs' Association Meeting	8 PM

Ron Bird reported that the Library at the Training Center is open Monday and Tuesday evenings from 7 to 10 PM.

Bills as presented 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, September 15th at the Hammonton Company No. 2 firehouse on Route 30 starting at 8 PM.

Attested
Howard R. Guenther
Secretary