



ATLANTIC COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION

Port Republic

October 20, 2004

The regular meeting of the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association was called to order at 8 PM on Wednesday, October 20, 2004 with President R. Thomas Hunter Jr. presiding. The meeting was opened with the Flag Salute, followed by Invocation by Reverend Thomas Sweeny. President Hunter then pointed out the exits to those in attendance. The membership was welcomed to the City of Port Republic by Chief John Yochim. The Secretary read the rolls to record attendance and ensure a quorum being present. The minutes of the previous meeting of September 15, 2004 were approved and accepted as forwarded to the Chiefs and Secretaries. The Report of the Treasurer was approved and accepted as read.

The next meeting of the Executive Committee of the Firefighters' Association is to be held on Friday, October 29th at 8 PM in South Egg Harbor and the next meeting of the Board of Directors of the Fire Training Academy is to be held at 7 PM on Monday, November 8th at the training Center.

Fire Marshal Whitey Swartz reported that the Fire Prevention Poster Contest is being conducted in the County School systems and companies should judge them on their local level and forward the winners in each category to him for judging on County level and County winners would then be forwarded for State judging.

Whitey reported that forms for nominees for the Valor Awards will be forwarded to all companies sometime in December.

Whitey also reported some problems with districts in tuning out alarms and perhaps a committee should be set up to look into this matter.

Fire Coordinator Ed Vincent reported that the Atlantic County Tactical Task Force is ready as needed for any unforeseen events in the future.

Ed also reported that all departments have received their computers, 1 per department.

Ed reported that the State has ordered a Large Foam unit from grant money.

Ed reported on various firematic items of interest on both local and state levels.

Director of Training Mike Corbo reported that Firefighter 1 class is running along smoothly and that students make a good appearance now that all have class shirts.

Mike reported that Firefighter II is to start November 1st.

Mike also went over several courses that are to be presented and requested trainees desiring to attend them to forward applications in as classes are starting to fill up.

Mike reported that all air paks have been serviced, repaired as necessary and tested.

Storage compartment for ladders has been constructed in outside shed and now hold ladders.

Movable partitions in smoke house are being replaced with lighter dividers and should be completed shortly.

Mike went over different details and various aspects of FDIC/East. Firefighters Association to have booth to sell items and need help in manning.

DATE CLEARING

Saturday	November 6	South Egg Harbor	Craft Show	9 AM to 3 PM
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Saturday	November 6	Oceanville	Oyster or Ham Dinner	4 to 8 PM
Saturday	November 6	Mays Landing	Harvest Ball	info 625-9331
Saturday	November 13	Minotola	Roast Beef Sandwich Sale	11 QM to 2:30 PM
Wednesday	November 17	Somers Point #1	Firefighters' Assn. Meeting	8 PM
Tuesday	November 30	Training Center	Fire Chiefs' Assn. Meeting	8 PM
Wednesday	December 15	Cardiff	Firefighters' Assn. Meeting	8 PM
Saturday	December 18	Farmington	Breakfast with Santa	9 to 11 AM
Wednesday	January 19	Egg Harbor City	Firefighters' Assn. Meeting & Memorial Service	8PM
Thursday	January 20	Egg Harbor City	Atl.Co.Firemen's Death Benefit Trustees Mtg	8 PM
Tuesday	January 25	Absecon	Fire Chiefs' Assn. Meeting	8 PM
Sunday	Nov 14-Dec 12-Jan 9	Somers Point #2	Breakfast (AYCE)	8 AM to 12 noon

Oscar Dutch reported that he was part of group that went to factory to view new County Communications Unit and made report and had drawings and specs for viewing. Delivery hopefully around May of next year.

Oscar reported on the reorganization meeting of the New Jersey Firemen's Home and that presently there are 72 guests in the home.

Oscar also reported that he was elected as Co-Chairman of the Board of Managers of the Home and also as a member of the Executive Committee of the Board of Managers.

Oscar also reported on the questionnaires that were returned in regard to a South Jersey Home and there is quite a bit of concern regarding funding for a new home as well as funding if it ever becomes established.

Howard Guenther reported on the September 2004 annual Convention of the New Jersey State Firemen's Association and that actual attendance during both sessions was fairly good. Convention was very orderly with only a few minor exceptions.

Howard thanked the membership for their attendance at the convention and also for their good conduct.

The 2005 Atlantic County Caucus is to be held in Egg Harbor City on Tuesday, August 16th at 8 PM.

The 2005 annual Convention of the New Jersey State Firemen's Association is to be held in Wildwood on Friday, September 16th and Saturday, September 17th.

Dennis Sharpe reported on the activities of the Photographers group for the past month.

Ron Bird reported that the library is open on Monday and Tuesday Evenings. Ron also reported that he still wants a computer for the library (a new one).

The Executive Committee reported that Kurt Umsheid of Pomona has developed a website for the Firefighters' Association and can be viewed at ATLANTICCOUNTYFIREASSOC.ORG

Kurt intends to further add to the website as time goes on and any suggestions to turn them in to the Executive Committee.

First Nomination of Officers for 2005 was called for and the following were nominated

President	R. Thomas Hunter Jr.	Executive Committee (9)
1st Vice President	Dennis Sharpe	Howard Berchtold Jr.
2nd Vice President	Kathleen Dierwechter	Ronald Bird Jr.
Secretary	Howard R. Guenther	Rick Coraluzzo Sr.
Treasurer	Lou Raciti	Oscar Dutch Jr.
Chaplain	Reverend Thomas Sweeny	James Garth Sr.
Sergeants-st-Arms (3)	Chester Crowell	Charles J. Guenther
	Wm. Thomas Hand	Robert Mellon
	Stacey Wellington	Amor "Skip" Portale
		Ted Reinhard
		John V. Wagner

Second Nominations will be held at the November 17th meeting in Somers Point and elections will be held at the December 15th meeting in Cardiff.

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

Benediction was conducted by Chaplain Reverend Thomas Sweeny.

There being no further business at hand, the meeting was adjourned with the next scheduled meeting to be held at 8 PM on Wednesday, November 17th at the Somers Point No. 1 fire station.

Attested
Howard R. Guenther
Secretary