



ATLANTIC COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION

Somers Point Co. No. 1

November 17, 2004

The regular meeting of the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association was called to order at 8 PM on Wednesday, November 17, 2004 with President R. Thomas Hunter Jr. presiding. The meeting was opened with the Flag Salute, followed by Invocation by the Association's Chaplain, Reverend Thomas Sweeny. President Hunter then pointed out the exits. The membership was welcomed to the City of Somers Point by Chief Michael Sweeney. Chief Sweeney then introduced the Mayor and Council members in attendance who also welcomed the Association to Somers Point.

The Secretary read the rolls to record attendance and to ensure a quorum being present. The minutes of the previous meeting of October 20, 2004 were approved and accepted as forwarded to the Chiefs and Secretaries.

The Report of the Treasurer was approved and accepted as read.

The scheduled November 8th meeting of the Board of Directors of the Fire Training Academy was postponed and will be rescheduled.

A recap of the October 29th meeting of the Executive Committee was given with items to be brought up during new business.

Fire Marshal Whitey Swartz remarked on the Fire Prevention Poster contest and that the fire companies/departments should judge them on the local level and then forward winners of each class to him for further judging on the County level.

Whitey also spoke on the NIFIS reports and that the division has to get their computers working properly to enter information being sent to them.

Will be calling a meeting of the Emergency Services Memorial committee shortly.

Fire Coordinator Ed Vincent reported on the activities of the Fire Coordinators and the Field Communications Unit for the past month and the the assistance given to New Gretna by them and the Tanker Task Force at the fire at the New Gretna House.

Ed reported that all computers that were available for 1 for each department have been distributed.

Ed reminded the Association that the FCC radio license is due for renewal in February 2007.

Ed reported that through the Homeland Security, the Division of Fire Safety has added more employees and are getting more involved with fire activities.

Director of Training Mike Corbo reported on the recently held FDIC/East and it was very well attended and reported on different activities presented and thanked all who assisted with it. FDIC/East is to be held again in 2005 and dates will be announced shortly.

Mike reported that FDIC/Indianapolis is scheduled April 11-17, 2005.

Mike reported on different upcoming courses to be presented at the Training Academy and also that FFI graduation will have to be held in 2005 with date to be set.

Mike reported that the new Firefighter I training books are to be supplies by Division of Fire Safety for 3 years.

Mike reported that the SCBAFITS instructor class has been held and that the county testing machine is available for use by companies'qualified instructors by completing request form.

Will be advertising for needed instructors & interviews will be set up for applicants.

Motion seconded and carried not to exceed 30 instructors and for the D.O.T. to set up an accountability system as recommended by the Executive Committee.

DATE CLEARING

Wednesday	December	15	Cardiff	Firefighters' Assn. Meeting	8 PM
Saturday	December	18	Farmington	Breakfast with Santa	8 AM to 12 noon
Wednesday	January	19	Egg Harbor City	Firefighters' Assn. Meeting & Memorial	8 PM
Thursday	January	20	Egg Harbor City	Atl.Co.Firemen's Death Benefit Trustees Mtg	8 PM
Tuesday	January	25	Absecon	Atl. Co. Fire Chiefs' Assn. Meeting	8 PM
Sunday	March	6	Ballys in Atlantic City	Cape/Atlantic 200 Club Memorial & Breakfast	
Friday	April	8	Somers Point Crab Trap Restaurant	Firefighters' Assn. Dinner	
Sunday	Dec 12-Jan 9-Feb 12		Somers Point #2	Breakfast	8 AM to 12 noon

The Association's Procurement Specialist, Ted Reinhard reported that he worked the vendors' booths at FDIC/East and that he received some equipment and books for the Training Academy and has more promised to be forwarded to him for our use.

Ted is getting primed up for the April FDIC to get additional equipment.

Oscar Dutch reported on the New Jersey Firemen's Home and that there is presently a waiting list for long term care guests.

Dennis Sharpe reported on the activities of the Photographers group for the past month. Dennis also reported on the Association's booth at FDIC/East.

Howard Guenther reported that the annual Cape/Atlantic 200 Club Memorial Services is to be held in Atlantic City on Sunday March 6th with the Breakfast at Ballys Atlantic City. Additional details will be sent out when finalized.

Howard also reported that the annual Fire Association's Dinner is to be held at the Crab Trap Restaurant in Somers Point on Friday, April 8th. Additional information forthcoming.

The old Margate pumper has been received by the Association and is being processed to turn title over to the County for use at the Fire Training Academy.

The old Pleasantville truck that was donated by Campbell Supply for use at the Fire Academy is in the process of receiving title back from the County to the Association for disposal.

Second Nominations of Officers for 2005 were 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-at-Arms (3)	Chester Crowell	Charles J. Guenther
	Wm. Thomas Hand	Robert Mellon
	Stacey Wellington	Ellsworth Ott
		Amor "Skip" Portale
		Ted Reinhard
		John V. Wagner

Motion made, seconded and carried to close nominations.

Election to be held at the December 15th meeting in Cardiff.

The Secretary reminded the membership of the Memorial Services to be held at the January meeting in Egg Harbor City and requested names of deceased firefighters of Atlantic County who answered their last alarm during the past year so they may be included in the Services.

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

Benediction was conducted by Reverend Thomas Sweeny.

There being no further business at hand, the meeting was adjourned with next meeting to be held at 8 PM on Wednesday, December 15th at the Cardiff firehouse on Toute 322 in EHT.

Attested

Howard R. Guenther, Secretary

The following fire companies/departments of Atlantic County were awarded the following trophies when participating in the September 18th parade in Wildwood:

STATE Trophies

SOMERS POINT	Best appearing platform/snorkel
EAST VINELAND	Best appearing mini-pumper
EAST VINELAND	Best appearing straight or tractor drawn tanker

ATLANTIC COUNTY TROPHIES

Sponsored by the Firefighters' Association	
EAST VINELAND	Best appearing apparatus
EAST VINELAND	Best appearing company overall

Sponsored by the Fire Chiefs' Association

SOMERS POINT	Best appearing pumper
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