



# ATLANTIC COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION

Cardiff (Egg Harbor Township)

December 15, 2004

The regular meeting of the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association was called to order at 8 PM on Wednesday, December 15, 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 Cardiff by Chief William E. Danz Jr. Chief Danz then introduced Chief Wallace Shields who gave all a hearty welcome to the Township of Egg Harbor and extended Season's Greetings to all.

The Secretary read the rolls to record attendance and ensure a quorum being present. The minutes of the previous meeting of November 17, 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 is to be held on Friday, January 7, 2005 at the Somers Point Co. No. 1 firehouse. The next meeting of the Fire Academy Board of Directors is to be held on Monday, January 10, 2005 at the Training Center.

Secretary Howard Guenther reminded the membership of the next meeting to be held in Egg Harbor City at 8 PM on Wednesday, January 19, 2005. MEMORIAL SERVICES will be held at the January meeting and he requested names of the deceased firefighters of Atlantic County who answered their last alarm during the past year so that they may properly be listed in the program as well as being included in the ceremonies for the evening. Please forward names to Howard at (609) 652-7712 or Fire Marshal Whitey Swartz at (609) 407-6741. We must have the names in time to make up the program well in advance of the meeting. Attendees are requested to wear DRESS UNIFORMS.

The Secretary also reported that rosters and dues are now due for 2005. He is presently making up meeting dates and Chiefs' roster for 2005 and needs the names of any newly elected Chiefs so that they may properly be listed.

Director of Training Mike Corbo reported that Firefighter I training is over and final exams are to be given tomorrow evening.

Mike is presently working on the Spring 2005 Training Book and it should be available at the beginning of January.

Mike reported that cold weather is here and there is to be NO wet training at the Center until March. Mike reported that the County Health Department checks the water at the training center quarterly and found it to be contaminated. Problem to be corrected. In the meantime, water coolers are in use at the center.

Mike reported that there are openings for Fire Training Academy Instructors and anyone desiring to apply should stop at the training center or call Marianne at (609) 407-6743 for applications. Applications must be completed and returned by January 31, 2005.

Fire Marshal Whitey Swartz reported that he is missing quite a few fire reports from county fire companies/departments.

## DATE CLEARING

Wednesday	Jan.	19	Egg Harbor City	Firefighters' Assn. Meeting & Memorial	8 PM
Thursday	Jan.	20	Egg Harbor City	Atl.Co.Firemen's Death Benefit Trustees Meeting	8 PM
Tuesday	Jan.	25	Absecon	Atl.Co.Fire Chiefs' Assn. Meeting	8 PM
Wednesday	Feb.	16	Longport	Firefighters' Assn. Meeting	8 PM
Sunday	March	6	Atlantic City	Cape/Atlantic 200 Club Memorial & Breakfast at Ballys	
Friday	April	8	Somers Point	Firefighters' Assn. Dinner at Crab Trap Restaurant	
Saturday	May	7	Germania	Turkey or Pork Dinner	4 to 7:30 PM
Tuesday	Aug.	16	Egg Harbor City	Atlantic Co. Caucus for 2005 Firemen's Convention	8 PM
Fri & Sat	Sept 16 & 17		Wildwood	2005 New Jersey State Firemen's Convention	
Sunday	Jan 9-Feb 13-March 13		Somers Point #2	Breakfast	8 AM to 12 noon

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Fire Coordinator Ed Vincnet reported that the updated forms for the Mutual Aid Books are slow coming back to him and urged all companies/departments to get them in ASAP. Ed reported on the activities for the Fire Coordinators and field comm unit F-2500 for the past month and also that the portables have been reprogrammed.

Ed reported that the new County Field Communications Unit will hopefully be delivered at the end of April and is to be used for Police-Fire-Ems.

All firefighters will have to be trained in NIMS and Instructors will be certified to train the County firefighters.

Ed reported that the Tanker Task Force "A" and "B" are available as needed.

Oscar Dutch reported on the Firemen's Home and that presently there is a waiting list for long term care guests. Rooms are still available for residential care guests. Still pursuing a Home in South Jersey.

Howard Guenther reported that the expenses for Delegates attending the 2005 New Jersey State Firemen's Convention have been increased \$20 across the board for all Counties and the maximum allowable expenses for Atlantic County are \$480.00 for Delegates, \$240.00 for Life Members and \$120.00 for Life Members of the 5 Associationis in the County on Subsidy. The 2005 Atlantic County Caucus is Tuesday, August 16th at 8 PM in Egg Harbor City and the 2005 annual Convention in Wildwood is on Friday, September 16th and Saturday Sept.17th.

Anyone desiring to post anything on the Atlantic County Firefighters website should contact Kurt Umsheid of Pomona by Email first as to format, etc. ATLANTICCOUNTYFIREASSOC.ORG

Correspondence consisted of a thank you letter from the New Jersey Firemen's Home for the \$200.00 donation for the use of the guests.

Motion seconded and carried for the secretary to send a letter in regard to NJ Forest Fire C-6.

Howard Guenther reported the Cape/Atlantic 200 Club is to meet shortly after the Holidays and information in regard to tickets, etc. will be forwarded shortly thereafter for the Sunday, March 6th, 2005 Memorial Services and Breakfast at Ballys in Atlantic City.

Howard also reported that information will be forwarded shortly once arrangements are finalized for the Friday, April 8th, 2005 Firefighters' Association dinner at the Crab Trap Restaurant in Somers Point.

Election of Officers for 2005 was next in order. Motion made, seconded and carried for the Secretary to cast a ballot for the offices that are unopposed.

The Officers for 2005 are as follows:

President	R. Thomas Hunter Jr.	Executive Committee (9)
1st Vice President	Dennis Sharpe	Howard H. Berchtold Jr.
2nd Vice Presient	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	Amor "Skip" Portale
		Ted Reinhard

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 to come before the membership, the meeting was adjourned with the next meeting to be held at 8 PM on Wednesday, January 19th, 2005 in Egg Harbor City. Attendees are requested to wear DRESS UNIFORMS.

Attested  
Howard R. Guenther  
Secretary