



ATLANTIC COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION

Egg Harbor City

January 19, 2005

The regular meeting of the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association was called to order at 8:00 PM on Wednesday, January 19, 2005 with President R. Thomas Hunter Jr. presiding. The meeting was opened with the Flag Salute, followed by Invocation by Reverend Thomas Sweeny, Chaplain of the Association. President Hunter then pointed out the exits. The Secretary reported that a quorum was present.

Chief Russell Fenton of the Egg Harbor City Fire Department welcomed the membership and guests to Egg Harbor City. Chief Fenton then introduced the Line Officers of the Fire Department as well as introducing Egg Harbor City Mayor Joseph Kuehner who extended a warm welcome to all.

President Hunter welcomed and introduced guests Assemblyman Kurt Conover, Atlantic County Executive Dennis Levinson, Atlantic County Freeholders James A. Carney, Frank Finnerty, Steven K. Johnson, Joseph Kelly, Chairman Joseph Silipena and Department Head of Public Safety Rick Mulvihill, Director of Emergency Preparedness Vincent Jones, Deputy Director of Emergency Preparedness Edward Conover, Fire Marshal Harold "Whitey" Swartz, Director of the Atlantic County Fire Training Academy Michael Corbo and Egg Harbor City Mayor Joseph Kuehner. All of the invited guests expressed their thanks for all that the firefighters do for their local communities and for Atlantic County.

The Annual Memorial Services were conducted by the Memorial Committee with Chaplain Reverend Thomas Sweeny giving the Homily, with the Memorial Candles being lit by Vice Presidents Dennis Sharpe and Kathleen Dierwechter, and the bell being tolled by Charles J. Guenther as the Secretary Howard R. Guenther read the rolls of the Firefighters of Atlantic County who answered their last alarm during the past year.

Firefighters of the Final Roll were

Marvin E. Beatty Jr.	Atlantic City	Nicholas Formichelli	Hammonton
William P. Copple	Atlantic City	Michael J. Ruberton	Hammonton
Ransom Gaskill III	Atlantic City	Frank Barrale	Landisville
James J. Hoopes Jr.	Atlantic City	Robert Rinker	Linwood
George P. Kearsley	Atlantic City	Kenneth Hodson	Longport
Joseph T. Muller	Atlantic City	Joseph Messore	Minotola
Edward E. Tompkins	Atlantic City	William F. Hamilton	Northfield
Francis G. Wilson Sr.	Atlantic City	Arthur J. Donahue	Oceanville
Joseph Myers	Bargaintown	Richard Sergeant	Oceanville
William C. Roeske	Cardiff	Hugh H. Cornew	Pleasantville
George Leuci	Cologne	Albert Ireland	Pleasantville
Robert Morgenweck	Egg Harbor City	James W. Zanes	Pleasantville
Howard "Bud" Conover	Farmington	William Ireland	Somers Point
Clarence P. Guenther	Germania	Richard Tantum	Somers Point

The "Lord's Prayer" was sung by Howard H. Berchtold Jr.

"Taps" was played by Bugler Joseph Ward, followed by the playing of "Amazing Grace" by the Sandpipers.

DATE CLEARING

Tuesday	Jan.	25	Absecon	Atlantic Co. Fire Chiefs Assn. Meeting	8 PM
Monday	Feb.	7	Farmington	Firefighter I Class Graduations	7 PM
Wednesday	Feb.	16	Longport	Firefighters' Association Meeting	8 PM
Sunday	March	6	Atlantic City	Cape/Atlantic 200 Club Memorial & Breakfast at Ballys	
Wednesday	March	16	Folsom	Firefighters' Association Meeting	8 PM
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
Thursday	May	19	Egg Harbor City	Atlantic County Relief Associations Book Examinations	
	May		Nesco	Housing	date and time to be announced

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DATE CLEARING (continued)

Saturday	June	4	Cologne	Chicken Bar-Be-Cue, etc.	1 to 7 PM
Sunday	June	5	Dorothy	Chicken Bar-Be-Cue, etc.	12 noon to 6 PM
Saturday	July	9	Egg Harbor City	Parade	
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	
Saturday	Oct.	1	Germania	Turkey or Pork Dinner	4 to 7:30 PM
Saturday	Oct.	8	Absecon	Housing	
	Oct.	10 thru 15		FDIC/EAST	
Sunday	Feb 13-March 13-April 10		Somers Point #2	Breakfast	8 AM to 12 noon

Atlantic County Executive Dennis Levinson installed the following into office for 2005

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

Dennis Levinson then presented a check for \$5,000.00 to the Association which was received as a charitable contribution from the "Simple Life" Productions.

Howard Berchtold, Chairman of the Executive Committee, made a presentation for Charles Sander from the Association bestowing the title of Historian Emeritus of the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association to him. As Mr. Sander is recuperating from a broken hip, a delegation will visit him and present him with a plaque and a resolution. Charles is staying with his daughter, Sharon Wright, at 177 South Old Port Road in Oceanville, phone (609) 652-8320. Calls or visits will be greatly appreciated by him.

Howard Guenther reported that the annual Firefighters' Association dinner is to be held on Friday, April 8th at the Crab Trap in Somers Point. Please post the enclosed flyer.

Howard also reported that the Cape/Atlantic Memorial Services and Breakfast in honor of Police-Fire-EMS killed in Line of Duty is to be held on Sunday, March 6th. There are a limited number of tickets available, with tables of 10 or 12 as desired. It is suggested that if you desire to sit together, slips and money be forwarded together with short note, Officers wishing to sit together as group should coordinate purchase thru Whitey. Please post the enclosed flyer. It is requested that you wear your dress uniforms.

The membership was reminded that the Firefighters Association now has a website and can be accessed at ATLANTICCOUNTYFIREASSOC.ORG. If you desire to post something on the website, please contact Web Master Kurt Umscheid of Pomona first by email as to format.

Egg Harbor City will be celebrating the 150 anniversary of the City in 2005 and has planned a parade for Saturday, July 9th.

The New Jersey Disaster Critical Incident Stress Response Team Program is to be presented at the March 16th meeting in Folsom. We desire to have a good turnout for this very informative presentation.

Benediction was conducted by Reverend Sweeny.

There being no further business at hand, the meeting was adjourned with the next scheduled meeting to be held on Wednesday, February 16th at 8 PM in Longport.

Attested
Howard R. Guenther
Secretary