



ATLANTIC COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION

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Hammonton No. 1

September 21, 2005

A **regular meeting** was called to order by President Thomas Hunter at 8:00 p.m. Following the flag salute, the members were welcomed to Hammonton by Chief Frank Dominico.

Chaplain Thomas Sweeny provided an **invocation**.

Roll Call was taken; a quorum was present.

Minutes of the August 17, 2005, meeting were presented and approved.

Treasurer's Report presented and approved.

All bills presented and approved for payment out of the appropriate accounts.

Committee Reports:

Executive Committee – Minutes of the meeting held on September 9 in Absecon were presented. The recommendations requiring action of the general membership were held over to new business.

Fire Coordinator – Ed Vincent reported/discussed the following:

- New Field Com 25 is in service responding at present with county personnel. Full Training for volunteer personnel still being arranged.
- The details concerning NIMS were discussed. All personnel must complete NIMS 700 within the next 60 days.
- Mutual Aid/Equipment data is still missing from many departments/companies.
- At present, we are standing down with regards to possible deployment concerning Hurricane Katrina. All thanked for their planning efforts.
- Wildfire Response Plan has been promulgated.
- Ventnor Fire still under review

Training: Mike Corbo reported/discussed the following:

- “New” car for the propane pad to be placed shortly.
- Flashover Simulator almost complete. Will be used for FDIC, however regular use will start next year following completion of standards, instructor needs and SOPs.
- FFI underway; 22 students
- Apparatus needed for this semester will be distributed shortly.
- Outstanding tuition still being sought after.
- Initial RIT class being presented to Landisville.

Fire Marshal: Whitey Swartz presented Thomas Elvins of Hammonton Co. #2 a plaque from Atlantic County for 60 years of dedicated service.

- Whitey is still distributing smoke detectors
- A Fire Expo is scheduled for 2006.

Chiefs’ Association.: Jim Garth advised that the next meeting will be September 29 in Nesco.

Fireman’s Home: Oscar Dutch provided an update on the possibility of a southern home.

By Laws: Discussion held over to New Business.

Unfinished Business : FDIC East Mike Corbo reviewed the status including sites and the apparatus that will be needed.

Association to set up booth at Training Center – Stacey Wellington to coordinate.

New Business:

A motion of sympathy for Howard Guenther was passed unanimously.

Oscar Dutch advised that a special caucus will be held in October, at Egg Harbor City for the election of a new executive committeeman for Atlantic County.

First nomination of officers next month. The membership was asked to give serious consideration to filling the position of secretary. The president also advised that we intend to fill the position of Assistant Secretary / Treasurer once again.

The following recommendations of the Executive Committee were approved by the necessary motions:

- Association Website host domain and hosting renewed for one year at a cost of \$65.35.
- The short term CD (\$5,000) to be reinvested in a short term CD at the discretion of the treasurer.
- The recommendations of the Bylaws Committee were approved on first reading (see attached addendum). Second reading and discussion at October meeting.
- Association to join with Chief’s Association in recommending a compensated position for the Fire Coordinator.

An application for membership was received from Enrico V. Sepe of Hammonton #2. Accepted.

Good of the Order:

Dennis Sharpe recognized the Hammonton Fire Department for placing 1st in the 2005 Field Competition.

Charles Guenther thanked all on behalf of the family for everyone's involvement in the services for Howard. Skip Portale also thanked everyone on behalf of Pomona Fire Co.

Pending legislation allowing emergency service providers to place their official phone numbers, including cell phone, on the state no telemarketing call list was discussed. A copy is attached. Departments encouraged to contact their legislators in support of this bill.

Rick Coraluzzo commented on the excellent RIT program provided by the fire academy encouraging others to take advantage of the training.

Ted Reinhard demonstrated various donated equipment recently received as a result of his various contacts.

Date Clearing:

Oct. 1	Germania	Turkey/Pork Dinner	4 – 7:30 PM
Oct. 3/8	Atlantic County Sites	FDIC EAST	
Oct. 8	Absecon	Housing	
Oct. 15	Elwood	Golf Tournament	
Nov. 5	Oceanville	Oyster/Ham Dinner	4-8:00 PM

Benediction: Benediction offered by Chaplain Sweeney.

Meeting adjourned 9:35 pm

Next meeting, October 19, 2005 - 8:00PM; Weekstown 8:00 PM

Attested,

Howard H. Berchtold, Jr.

Atlantic County Firefighters' Association
Proposed Amendments Constitution and By-Laws
First Reading 8/21/05

Constitution Article VI (Officers) Section 2

Current nominations for the above officers shall be held at the October meeting and the November meeting and then closed.

Proposed additional language to above:

A nomination will be considered official only after the member nominated has verbally, at the time of nomination, accepted that nomination. A member may decline any nomination at any time prior to election.

Committee also proposed one amendment to the by-laws Article V.

New Section # 4. ^T To be reelected to any position, a member must have attended at least 50% of regular and executive meetings during the previous years *as required* _{at the position}