

**Atlantic County Firefighters' Association
November 16, 2005
Somers Point #2**

A **regular meeting** was called to order by President Thomas Hunter at 8:00 PM. Following the flag salute, Chaplain Sweeny offered an invocation. The members were welcomed to Somers Point #2 by Chief Frank Denan.

Roll Call was taken; a quorum was present.

Minutes of the October 19, 2005 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report presented and approved.

Committee Reports:

Executive Committee: Minutes of the November 4, 2005 meeting were presented by Chairman Berchtold. An item requiring action of the association was a proposal by Whitey Swartz suggesting that the association sponsor a fire prevention poster contest at the county level. The committee recommended this for approval. All committee chairs gave detailed reports. A resolution honoring Howard Guenther is being finalized for presentation at the January meeting. It was also noted that the treasurer - now automated - will be providing regular line item financial reports beginning in 2006.

Public Relations: Whitey Swartz provided details on the proposed county level poster contest. Plans are also being finalized for valor awards.

Training: Mike Corbo provided updates on the ongoing classes. He also advised that both the Executive Committee and Board of Directors had approved the SOPs for the Flashover Simulator. He further advised that a Mask Fit Test and Medical Certification will now be required for Association sponsored live burn training.

Library: Ron Bird provided a status report. It was also noted that a review of our library resources is being completed to see if it complies with ISO requirements.

Chiefs' Association: Jim Garth advised that the next meeting will be on November 29 at the Training Center. Nomination/Election of Officers and also discussion of representatives for the Training Center Board of Directors will be on the agenda.

Training Center Board of Directors: A report of the November 14 meeting was presented by Howard Berchtold. Noteworthy was a review of the status on each of the buildings; a discussion on the motorcycle use on weekends; and a review of the SOPs for the Flashover Simulator. The possible use of the burn building by Atlantic City F.D. during January and February was

discussed; it looks like the issue is now resolved and the SOPs will be followed. Discussions have also ensued with the county for formal recognition of the board by Atlantic County Government.

Unfinished Business:

Nothing reported.

New Business:

The association dinner has been scheduled for March 10, 2006. Details to follow.

A final reading on the proposed changes to the Constitution and By-Laws was held. A motion was made, seconded and carried that the following amendment to the Constitution is now in final form and is to be voted upon at the December meeting:

Article VI Section 2: A nomination will be considered official only after the member nominated has verbally, at the time of the nomination, accepted that nomination. A nominee who is unable to be present at the time of nomination due to extenuating circumstances may submit a written acceptance. Said correspondence must be approved by a majority vote of the general membership.

A motion was made, seconded and carried amending the By-Laws as follows:

Article V Section #4: To be re-elected to any position, a member must have attended at least 2/3 of the regular meetings during the previous year. Executive Committee members and Administrative Officers must also attend at least 2/3/ of the Executive Committee meetings.

All bills presented and approved for payment out of the proper funds.

A motion was made, seconded and approved authorizing a county level fire prevention contest.

The final nomination of officers for 2006, with all positions closed, was as follows:

President	R. Thomas Hunter, Jr.		
1 st Vice President	Dennis Sharpe		
2 nd Vice President	Kathleen Dierwechter		
Secretary	Robert Mellon		
Treasurer	Lou Riciti		
Asst. Sec./Trea.	Stacey Wellington		
Chaplain	Rev. Thomas Sweeny		
Sgt.-at-Arms (3)	Chester P. Crowell	Charles Harlan	
	William Thomas Hand	William Donath, Sr.	
Executive Comm. (9)	Howard Berchtold, Jr.	Oscar Dutch, Jr.	Ellsworth Ott
	Ronald Bird, Jr.	James Garth, Sr.	Armor Portale
	Rick Coraluzzo, Sr.	Charles J. Guenther	Ted Reinhard
		Gilbert Zonge, Jr.	

Good of the Order: Robert Mellon provided details on "A Gift from Captain Buscio" a program offering medical evaluations for firefighters with no out of pocket expenses. Information available at 201.216.3055 or at dbuscio@aol.com.

Adjournment: 9:15 PM Next meeting December 21, 2005 8:00 PM Bargaintown (Elections)