



ATLANTIC COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION

April 19, 2006

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the of the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association was called to order at 20:00 on April 19, 2006 at the Atlantic County Fire Training Center by President R. Thomas Hunter Jr.. The meeting was opened with a flag salute followed by an Invocation by the Chaplain of the Association, Reverend Thomas Sweeny. President R. Thomas Hunter Jr. indicated the location of the fire exits. President R. Thomas Hunter welcomed all to the meeting which serves as the annual Valor Awards presentation and the first annual Poster Contest Awards presentation.

Opening Remarks and Introduction of Host Chief

The meeting is being hosted by the Atlantic City Fire Department.

Dispensing of Business

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to dispense with the regular business for the evening with the exception of the payment of bills.

In Attendance

Attendance of Association Officers was recorded by Secretary Robert A. Mellon. Roll call was dispensed of with other regular business.

Bills

The bills were read by. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to pay the bills from the proper funds. President R. Thomas Hunter Jr. reported that the Association accounts have been audited and that all are in good order.

Poster Contest Awards ad Valor Awards

President R. Thomas Hunter Jr. again welcomed all to the awards presentation. President Hunter introduced guests; including Congressman Frank LoBiondo, Atlantic County Executive: Dennis Levinson, Atlantic County Freeholder Chairman: Joseph Silipena, and Atlantic County Director of Public Safety: Rick Mulvihill.

A video presentation was played that honored those Atlantic County Firefighters that have died in the line of duty. This was followed by a video montage of recent incidents in Atlantic County.

The presentation of the 2005-2006 Poster Contest Awards was made by President R. Thomas Hunter Jr. and Harold "Whitey" Swartz.



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Poster Contest Winners:

- Grand Prize - Madison Buondonna, Folsom Elementary School
- Division #1 - Hope Greenspun, Northfield Community School
- Division #2 - Chris Costellano, Northfield Community School
- Division #4 - Kaya Swain, Pleasantville High School
- Division #6 - Aran Hasheminejad, Northfield Community School

Valor Awards Committee Chairman Harold "Whitey" Swartz and President R. Thomas Hunter Jr. presented each of the Valor Award recipients with their awards from the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association. This is the fifteenth year of the Valor Awards presentation.

Valor Awards Recipients:

- First Class Valor Award - Capt. Patrick Armstrong, Longport Vol. Fire Dept.
- Meritorious Valor Awards - Firefighter Dave White, Cardiff Vol. Fire Co.
Firefighter Joe Camp, Cardiff Vol. Fire Co.
Kim Wu, Civilian
Ronald Brown, Civilian
Chris Adams, Civilian
Fire Investigator Charles Freeman, Pleasantville Fire Dept.
Detective Richard Moore, Pleasantville Police Dept.
Robert Oglesby, Pleasantville Public Works Supervisor

A narration of the actions performed by the recipients was given. The award recipients were also presented with Congressional, State of New Jersey, and Atlantic County Certificates of Appreciation.



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Good of the Order

President R. Thomas Hunter Jr. closed with comments on the function of the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association and a Thank You to the Atlantic City Fire Dept. for hosting the awards and providing the food.

Adjournment

There being no further business at hand, the meeting and awards presentation was adjourned at 21:15. The next regular meeting is scheduled to be held at 20:00 on May 19, 2006 in Bayview.

Attested:

Robert A. Mellon, Secretary

Date Clearing

Sat. Apr. 29		Cologne	Flea Market
Sat. May 20	13:00	East Vineland	1 st Annual Golf Tournament @ Centerton Country Club
Sun. Jun. 4	12:00	Dorothy	Chicken Barbecue @ Dorothy Fire Co. 12:00 - 18:00
Sat. Jun 3	13:00	Cologne	Chicken Barbecue @ Cologne Fire Co. 13:00 – 20:00
Sat. Nov. 4		Cologne	Craft Show