



ATLANTIC COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION

July 19, 2006

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the of the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association was called to order at 20:00 on July 19, 2006 in Linwood by President R. Thomas Hunter Jr.. The meeting was opened with a flag salute followed by an invocation offered by Howard Berchtold Jr..

Opening Remarks and Introduction of Host Chief

Chief Foster of the Linwood Fire Company was introduced. Chief Foster welcomed all to Linwood.

In Attendance

Roll call was taken by Secretary Robert A. Mellon, who reported a quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve the minutes of the meeting as sent to chiefs and secretaries.

Report of Treasurer

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to accept the report of the Treasurer as read by Asst. Secretary/Treasurer Stacey Wellington.

Bills

The bills were read by Asst. Secretary/Treasurer Stacey Wellington. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to pay the bills from the proper funds.

Committee Reports

Executive Committee – Chairman Howard Berchtold Jr. reported that the Executive Committee met on July 7, 2006 in Landisville. The minutes of that meeting were summarized by Secretary Robert A. Mellon. Howard further elaborated on the county plans to fund a new storage structure at the training center and to replace the old F2500 bus with an old school bus that is in better condition. Once that is done, F2500 will continue to serve as a reserve piece. Howard also reported that the Executive Committee is recommending that the association purchase a digital camera for the training division as requested by Mike Corbo, Director of Training.



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Board of Directors – Howard Berchtold Jr. reported that the board met on July 10, 2006. The board discussed the CRDA funds that the Camden County Fire Academy will be receiving. The board will supply documentation to the County Freeholders so that they may seek funding for Atlantic County from the CRDA. A proposal is now before the Freeholders to establish the “Atlantic County Fire Training Advisory Board”. This will officially recognize the board within the county. This will become the new designation for the Board of Directors.

Fire Coordinator – Ed Vincent reported on the July 14, 2006 hurricane table top exercise that both he and Ken Badger attended. The exercise was mandated by the NJ Division of Fire Safety for all state fire coordinators. The exercise covered topics such as evacuation routes, storm conditions, and mutual aid. Ed also reported that the Hammonton Council has passed a resolution that will allow TTF-B to drill at the Hammonton Airport. A date for the drill has not yet been set. Ed reported on the FY2006 Homeland Security grants received in Atlantic County. Ed reported that the fire annex of the county emergency response plan has been completed and submitted to the county. Ed reported on the ongoing plan for fire coordinators to visit all county companies in order to update the mutual aid agreements and inventory resources. Twelve companies have been visited so far. Ed reported that Karen Luckie from NJ DFS would like all companies that received the laptop computers from the state to email her. She would like to know if all passwords are working and access to the database is accomplished with updates being received. She would also like all problems to be reported. Her email is karen.luckie@dca.state.nj.us. Ed would like all to know that he will be on vacation from Aug. 4 through Aug. 28. The deputy fire coordinators will handle anything that needed during this time.

Training – Mike Corbo reported that the Spring 2006 FFI graduation has been rescheduled to Mon. July 31. It will be at the fire academy at 7:00 P.M.. It is requested that all county instructors be in attendance along with the Chiefs of companies with graduating firefighters. The Fall 2006 course book should be out by the end of August. Both truck company and elevator rescue classes should be offered in the future. All invoices for the Spring 2006 semester have been sent out. The top of the drill tower has been refurbished and looks good.

Library – Ron Bird reported that all is quiet.

Atl. Co. Fire Chief's Association. – The next meeting will be July 25, 2006 in Estell Manor.

Atl. Co. Fireman's Death Benefit Fund – Henry Schoenstein reported that a meeting will be held on July 20 in Dorothy.

NJ Fireman's Relief Assn. – Henry Schoenstein reported that the Atlantic County Caucus will be 8:00 P.M. on Tues. Aug. 15 in Egg Harbor. The convention will be Sept. 15 and 16 in Wildwood. There will be three resolutions presented at the convention.

NJ Fireman's Home – Oscar Dutch reported that there have been problems with all of the NJFRA Executive Committeeman receiving information concerning the home. All of the correspondence will now be copied directly to all Committeeman.



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Atlantic/Cape 200 Club – Tom Hunter has met with Vince Premone to discuss plans for seeking a speaker for next years breakfast. Vince has not yet followed up on that conversation.

Atl. Co. 4H Fair – Howard Berchtold reported that the area allotted to the firefighters has been adjusted. It should be more accommodating to our needs with plenty of room to display apparatus. Fire companies wishing to set up an evolution are welcome to do so. Dennis Sharpe reported on the firefighter competition. Invitations to form teams have been sent out and three teams have already signed up.

Communications

A response to the request for a golf cart was received from County Executive Dennis Levinson.

Deferred Business

There was no deferred business to act on.

New Business

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to purchase a digital camera and memory card, not to exceed \$400.00, as recommended by the Executive Committee.

President R. Thomas Hunter Jr. appointed Jeff Rascone, of Minotola Fire Co., to the position of Sgt. at Arms in place of Chester Crowell, as he is unable to attend meetings during his recovery.

Drawing for Wildwood Parade order within Atlantic County:

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| 1. Estell Manor | 6. Longport | 11. Linwood |
| 2. Buena Boro | 7. Dorothy | 12. Remaining Atl. Co. Units |
| 3. Somers Point | 8. Hamilton Twp. | as submitted directly to Parade Committee |
| 4. Egg Harbor Twp. | 9. Absecon | |
| 5. Galloway Twp. | 10. Egg Harbor City | |

Good of the Order

Howard Berchtold requested that all companies advertise the 4H Fair on their sign boards one week prior to the fair.

President R. Thomas Hunter Jr. reported that he will be on vacation in August and will not be in attendance at the regular meeting of the association scheduled for Aug. 16.



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Adjournment

There being no further business at hand, the meeting was adjourned at 21:20. The next regular meeting is scheduled to be held at 20:00 on Aug. 16, 2006 in Weymouth.

Attested:

Robert A. Mellon, Secretary

Date Clearing

Mon. July 31	Fire Academy	Spring 2006 FFI Graduation
Aug. 10, 11, 12	Atl. Co. 4-H	Annual Fair
Tues. Aug. 15	Egg Harbor City	Atlantic Co. Fireman's Relief Caucus
Sun. Aug. 20	Estell Manor	Country BBQ
Sun. Aug. 27	Egg Harbor City	9 th Annual Golf Tourney – Vineyards Golf (Renault)
Fri. Sept. 15	Wildwood	NJ Fireman's Relief Assoc. Convention
Sat. Sept. 16	Wildwood	NJ Fireman's Relief Assoc. Convention
Sat. Oct. 7	Germania	Turkey or Pork Dinner
Sat. Oct. 14	Training Ctr.	Atlantic County Fire Expo
Sat. Nov. 4	Cologne	Craft Show

(Please email your event info to robert.mellon@oceanvillevfc.org)