



# ATLANTIC COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION

Aug. 16, 2006

## **Call to Order**

The regular meeting of the of the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association was called to order at 20:00 on Aug. 19, 2006 in Weymouth by First Vice President Dennis Sharpe. The meeting was opened with a flag salute followed by an invocation offered by the Chaplain of the Association, Reverend Thomas Sweeny.

## **Opening Remarks and Introduction of Host Chief**

Chief Carrigan of the Weymouth Fire Company was introduced. Chief Carrigan welcomed all to Weymouth.

## **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.

## **Guest Speaker**

Dave English, Regional Sales Mgr. Elkhart Brass, was introduced by Ted Reinhard. Mr. English gave a presentation on the new "Brass Field Adjustable Pressure Reducing Valve" manufactured by Elkhart Brass.

## **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 next Executive Committee meeting will be Sept. 1, 2006 in Absecon.



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Board of Directors – Howard Berchtold Jr. reported that the next Board of Directors meeting will be on Sept. 11, 2006. Howard also reported that a draft of the request seeking CRDA funds should be completed soon.

Fire Expo – Whitey Swartz reported on the plans for the upcoming Fire Expo on Oct. 14, 2006. Whitey is requesting engines, squirts, and ladders to commit to assisting with the expo. Plans include the tanker task force, vehicle extrication, Coast Guard demo, high angle rescue, and much more. Help will be needed to man the food tent. All those who would like to help out and/or send apparatus should contact Whitey.

Fire Coordinator – Ken Badger reported that Ed Vincent is out of town and the fire coordinators are covering his responsibilities during his absence. Ken also reported on recent incidents that the fire coordinators responded to along. It was also reported that several pieces of apparatus throughout the county are out of service. The fire coordinators are continuing to visit county departments in an effort to update the mutual aid plan. Oscar Dutch reported on the water restrictions implemented by NJ American Water Company.

Training – Mike Corbo reported that the Fall 2006 FFI class will start on Sept. 7. The full fall semester schedule should be completed by the end of August. The fall semester will include two new classes, Truck Co. Operations and Elevator Rescue, along with the regular complement of classes. Mike reported that the state has no money for the FFI books and they are hoping to set up a special fund in order to purchase the books. Currently the state Fire Academies will have to bear the cost of the books for FFI since the Delmar book is required by law. Mike went on to report that there is no new news concerning state certified FFII and that the Fire Officer Certification requirements have not yet been clarified.

Atl. Co. Fire Chief's Association. – The next meeting will be Sept. 26, 2006 in Nesco.

NJ Forest Fire Service – Ken Badger reported that a crew is currently assisting out west for fourteen days and that crews have recently returned from Minnesota. It was also reported that it is getting dry in NJ and patrols have been out on the roads.

Atl. Co. 4H Fair – Howard Berchtold thanked the companies that helped in supporting the firefighter competition. The weather was great and this was one of the busiest fairs in years. Dennis Sharpe reported on the firefighter competition held on Friday night of the fair. Six teams competed and Weymouth Fire Company was the overall winner of the evening. The goal was for the competition not to exceed two hours and this was accomplished. A good time was had by all those in attendance including the teams and the large audience. A donation of \$250.00 was collected from the competing firefighters for the burn foundation.



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## Communications

There were no communications to report.

## Deferred Business

Secretary Robert A. Mellon reported on the status of membership cards. Membership and Delegate cards have been printed for those companies and individuals that have submitted the current names of members, chiefs, and/or delegates as well as having paid dues for 2006. If dues have not been paid or names have not been submitted, then cards have not been printed. A list of current delegates and dues status of county departments is available. If your department is not currently up to date, please correct as soon as possible in order to comply with the by-laws.

***By-Laws Atlantic County Firefighters' Association of the State of New Jersey  
December 21, 2005 (revised)***

### **ARTICLE II**

*SECTION 4: All member fire companies shall submit their yearly dues and the list of their three (3) elected or appointed delegates and chief officer each year by the January Meeting of this Association. Delinquent companies will lose voting privileges until compliance with this section has been completed.*

## New Business

There was no new business to act on.

## Good of the Order

Whitey reported that NJ American Water Co. would like to speak at the association's regular meeting in November about fire hydrants.

## Adjournment

Benediction was conducted by Chaplain Rev. Thomas Sweeny.

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 Sept. 20, 2006 in Hammonton at Sta. 2.

Attested:

Robert A. Mellon, Secretary



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## Date Clearing

Sun. Aug. 20	Estell Manor	Country BBQ
Sun. Aug. 27	Egg Harbor City	9 <sup>th</sup> 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. Sept. 30	Weymouth	Flea Market
Mon. Oct. 2	Weymouth	Fire Prevention and Open House
Sat. Oct. 7	Germania	Turkey or Pork Dinner
Sat. Oct. 14	Training Ctr.	Atlantic County Fire Expo
Sat. Nov. 4	Oceanville	Ham and Oyster Dinner
Sat. Nov. 4	Cologne	Craft Show

**(Please email your event info to [robert.mellon@oceanvillevfc.org](mailto:robert.mellon@oceanvillevfc.org))**