



ATLANTIC COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION

Oct.. 18, 2006

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the of the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association was called to order at 20:00 on Oct. 18, 2006 in Sweetwater by President R. Thomas Hunter Jr.. The meeting was opened with a flag salute followed by a moment of silence.

Opening Remarks and Introduction of Host Chief

Chief Franklin of the Sweetwater Fire Company was introduced. Chief Franklin welcomed all to Sweetwater.

In Attendance

Roll call was taken and a quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve the minutes of the Sept. 20, 2006 meeting as sent to department 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 will meet on Nov. 3, 2006 in South Egg Harbor.

Training – Ed Vincent reported that Firefighter I is running and that Firefighter II has started. A new railing will be installed on the burn building. All are encouraged to check the academy schedule and sign up for the many outstanding classes that are being offered.

Fire Coordinator – Ed Vincent reported on the software that NJ is implementing in order to facilitate statewide OEM reporting and resource tracking. Ed reported on the current status of Larry Petrillo. At this time he is in an acting position as the head of the Division of Fire and Safety and has not yet been reappointed to the position. Ed reported on the current resource distribution in NJ for homeland security. There is a possibility that a foam system may be purchased for southern NJ if enough



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departments show support by contacting the Division of Fire and Safety. Ed will take charge of putting together a letter of endorsement from the Atlantic County departments. Ed reported that Tanker Task Force Bravo held a drill on Oct. 1 at the Hammonton Airport. All went well and a critique has not yet been scheduled. The Large Diameter Hose Task Force is planning a drill at Ocean Yachts in the near future. Ed reported that the water at the training center is contaminated and not potable. The poster contest will be held in the spring. Stairs will be added to the confined space simulator.

Ed reported that Oct. 6 was the deadline for NIMS compliance but it has been extended to Oct. 31. NIMS compliance not only requires the previously required I100 and I200 training but also requires supervisory positions to have I400. The NIMS directives also require written mutual aid agreements. In Atlantic County many municipalities have not signed the mutual aid agreements. Ed will send a copy of the current, since 1993, mutual aid agreements to all municipalities for signatures. Ed would like all to impress upon their municipal leadership of the importance in signing the agreements. Without full compliance with the NIMS directives, municipalities will no longer qualify for many available grants.

Library – Ron Bird reported that all is well and that a schedule has not yet been posted.

NJ Fireman's Relief Assn. – Henry Schoenstein reminds all local relief secretaries that the pink and blue vouchers are due in East Orange on Oct. 31.

NJ Fireman's Home – Oscar Dutch reported that both Hudson and Essex Counties both have two representatives on the Board of Managers. Oscar reported that state statute would have to be changed for these counties to have only one representative. This is currently being looked into. Oscar reported that the home will save between \$30,000 and \$70,000 annually by outsourcing the food services. The current food service staff will be able to interview for positions with the new vendor.

Atl. Co. Fire Chief's Association. – Jim Garth reported that the next meeting will be Nov. 28, 2006 in Linwood and not at the training center as previously scheduled.

Communications

A card was received from Fire Marshal Harold "Whitey" Swartz. He thanked all that sent cards and thanked the association for the fruit basket. President Hunter reported that Whitey is doing well and is currently recovering at home.

Deferred Business

There was no deferred business to act upon.

New Business

There was no new business to act upon.



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Nomination of Officers

The first of two rounds of nominations was held. Those nominated are as follows.

President	R. Thomas Hunter, Jr.		
1 st Vice President	Dennis Sharpe		
2 nd Vice President	[No Nomination]		
Secretary	Robert A. Mellon		
Treasurer	Lou Raciti		
Asst. Sec./Trea.	Stacey Wellington		
Chaplain	Rev. Thomas Sweeny		
Sgt.-at-Arms (3)	Jeffrey A. Rascone	Charles Harlan	
	William Thomas Hand		
Executive Comm. (9)	Howard Berchtold, Jr.	Oscar Dutch Jr.	Amor "Skip" Portale
	Ronald Bird Jr.	James Garth Sr.	Ted Reinhard
	Rick Coraluzzo, Sr.	Charles J. Guenther	Gilbert Zonge Jr.

Applications for Membership

There were no applications for membership to act upon.

Good of the Order

Ed Vincent reported that if companies are requested under the state's strategic mutual aid plan, they are to muster at the training center before deployment. Placards will be placed on all vehicles prior to deployment.

Ed Vincent requested that an attendance synopsis be made part of the monthly minutes.



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Adjournment

There being no further business at hand, the meeting was adjourned at 21:10. The next regular meeting is scheduled to be held at 20:00 on Nov. 15, 2006 in Somers Point Sta. 1.

Attested:

Robert A. Mellon, Secretary

Date Clearing

Sat. Oct. 21	Port Republic	Roast Beef Dinner
Sat. Nov. 4	Oceanville	Ham and Oyster Dinner
Sat. Nov. 4	Cologne	Craft Show
Sat. Nov. 4	Hammonton #2	Comedy Show

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



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Roster and Attendance

Departments / Companies	2006 Regular Meetings											
	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
	18th	15th	15th	19th	17th	21st	19th	16th	20th	18th	15th	20th
Absecon	3	0	3	~	3	3	3	1	3	3		
Atlantic City	1	0	0	~	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Atlantic City International Airport												
SJTA Station No. 1	0	0	0	~	0	0	0	0	0	0		
NJANG Station No. 2	0	0	0	~	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Brigantine	0	0	0	~	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Buena Borough												
Landisville No.1	2	2	3	~	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Minotola No. 2	1	1	3	~	2	2	2	3	3	3		
Buena Vista Township												
Richland No. 1	0	0	0	~	0	0	0	0	0	0		
East Vineland No. 2	0	0	1	~	0	4	0	0	1	0		
Newtonville No. 3	0	0	0	~	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Milmay No. 4	0	0	0	~	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Collings Lakes No. 5	0	0	1	~	0	2	0	2	0	0		
Egg Harbor City	4	1	1	~	1	0	2	1	1	1		
Egg Harbor Township												
Cardiff No. 1	3	4	3	~	3	2	3	2	1	2		
Bargaintown No. 2	4	4	3	~	1	1	1	4	3	4		
Scullville No. 3	1	0	1	~	0	0	0	1	1	0		
Farmington No. 4	4	3	3	~	3	2	3	3	3	2		
West Atlantic City No. 5	2	0	2	~	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Estell Manor	2	0	0	~	2	0	2	0	2	0		
Folsom	0	0	4	~	0	0	0	0	2	0		
Galloway Township												
Oceanville No. 1	2	1	3	~	1	1	3	3	2	2		
Germania No. 2	2	1	1	~	1	0	0	0	1	1		
Pomona No. 3	3	3	3	~	2	3	3	3	4	3		
Bayview No. 4	3	2	3	~	4	3	3	2	2	3		
South Egg Harbor No. 5	0	1	1	~	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Hamilton Township												
Mays Landing No. 1	0	0	0	~	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Mizpah No. 2	2	0	0	~	0	0	1	0	0	0		
Laureldale No. 3	0	0	0	~	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Weymouth No. 4	0	1	2	~	1	0	1	4	2	1		
Cologne No. 5	0	0	0	~	0	0	0	0	3	0		
Hammonton												
Station No. 1	3	0	2	~	0	3	0	0	3	0		
Station No. 2	0	0	0	~	0	0	0	0	2	3		
Linwood	2	3	3	~	3	3	3	3	3	3		
Longport	2	3	0	~	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Margate City	0	0	0	~	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Mullica Township												
Elwood No. 1	3	3	1	~	3	4	1	0	4	2		
Nesco No. 2	1	0	0	~	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Weekstown No. 3	0	0	0	~	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Sweetwater No. 4	3	0	0	~	0	0	0	0	0	2		
NJ Forest Fire Service	2	0	2	~	0	0	0	0	1	0		
Northfield	1	0	1	~	0	0	1	1	1	1		
Pleasantville	1	1	1	~	1	1	1	1	1	0		
Port Republic	0	0	0	~	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Somers Point												
Station No. 1	2	3	2	~	2	2	3	3	3	3		
Station No. 2	0	0	1	~	0	1	0	0	0	0		
Ventnor City	0	0	0	~	0	0	1	0	0	0		
Weymouth Township												
Dorothy	0	0	0	~	0	1	0	1	0	0		
Monthly Total Chief/Delegate Attendance	59	37	54	~	35	40	39	40	54	41	0	0
Monthly Total Company Attendance	26	17	26	~	18	19	20	19	26	19	0	0

Quorum = 9 companies / 20 delegates

~ = Regular business dispensed with by motion.

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