



# ATLANTIC COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION

Nov. 15, 2006

## **Call to Order**

The regular meeting of the of the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association was called to order at 20:00 on Nov. 15, 2006 in Somers Point 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 Sweeney of the Somers Point Fire Company No. 1 was introduced. Chief Sweeney welcomed all to Somers Point.

## **In Attendance**

Roll call was taken and a quorum was present.

## **Special Presentation**

Fire Marshal Swartz introduced Tom Howell and Charlie Eakin from NJ American Water Company. Misterys Howell and Eakin provided information concerning the new blue rings being installed on fire hydrants. They are a written warning that unauthorized use of a fire hydrant will result in prosecution.

## **Opening Remarks**

Chief Sweeney introduced Somers Point Mayer Dan Riley. Mayor Riley thanked everyone for all mutual aid assistance that has been offered to Somers Point. Mayor Riley was especially grateful for the cooperation and assistance received during the fire at the Anchorage Tavern. The building is being fully restored and is expected to open in March of 2007.

## **Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve the minutes of the Oct. 18, 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.



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## Committee Reports

Executive Committee – Chairman Howard Berchtold Jr. summarized the minutes of the Nov. 3, 2006 meeting of the Executive Committee held in South Egg Harbor. The Executive Committee is recommending two items to be acted upon. The first is to approve the purchase of two books for the library utilizing library funds. The second is to allocate the 50/50 monies back to the library fund now that the memorial is fully funded. Howard also summarized the discussions held concerning the delegate attendance, or lack there of, at the regular meetings and the negative impact that the motorcycle training is causing to the availability of parking at the training center.

Atlantic County Fire Training Advisory Board – Howard Berchtold Jr. summarized the minutes of the meeting held on Nov. 13, 2006. This included the current status of the acquisition of the Ventnor ladder truck, the status of the CRDA proposal, and various projects at the training center that are either completed or pending.

Public Relations – Fire Marshal Harold “Whitey” Swartz thanked everyone that sent cards and stated that he is happy to be back to work. Whitey mailed packets about the poster contest, including full instructions, to all the schools and fire companies. The poster contest winners will be awarded at the valor awards held in April 2007. The dedication of the new memorial will be held on Sun. Mar. 4, 2007 at 12:00. The Cape/Atlantic 200 Club service and breakfast will be held on Sun. Mar. 18, 2007 at the Borgata. Whitey also reported that the fire reports that are filed with his office are not yet up to date. He is requesting that all companies file the reports by the end of the year.

Fire Coordinator – Ed Vincent reported on the status of placing a Neptune System in southern New Jersey. Ed reported that the Fire Coordinators are only covered by workman’s compensation insurance and he is still waiting for the status of both liability and errors/omissions insurance. Ed reported on Field Comm 25 and the limited number of operators. The county offered training for operators and received few responses. Currently there are only six operators. When Field Comm 25 is dispatched, the municipality involved is to supply a dispatcher to the unit. Ed summarized the current county task forces - Tanker Task Force A, Tanker Task Force B, Northeast Large Diameter Hose Task Force, Tactical Fire Task Force, Tactical Tanker Task Force, and Wildfire Task Force. Ed will be sending out requests to confirm what apparatus is still active in each of the task forces. Ed would like the fire coordinator office to be notified of any changes in the makeup of the task forces. Data is still being collected in order to update the mutual aid book. The deputy fire coordinators will divide the county into sections and each will be responsible to collect the data from companies in their section. Ed is still waiting for the municipalities to send signed mutual aid agreements. So far only Linwood has sent theirs. The Deputy Fire Coordinators will respond to an incident when it goes beyond local alarms. They will file a report with the county that will include a narrative. NIMS compliance is now required as the deadline has already passed. The Northeast Large Diameter Task Force held a drill on Nov. 2 that included Field Comm 25. Some communication issues were discovered with Field Comm 25 and will be addressed. The drill was good and a 1400 gpm flow was established. Ed also reported on a table top drill held recently at NAFEC concerning the emergency landing of the space shuttle.



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Training – Director of Training Mike Corbo reported that a new railing has been installed on the roof of the burn building. Ed Vincent created the drawing for the railing. A wooden training roof will be installed over the concrete roof after the county engineers sign off on it. The elevator rescue course for December is full though the January class still has openings. Mike will be sending a letter to all company chiefs informing them that they will have to sign a liability disclosure form for all of their students. The FFI and FFII classes are running smoothly, the confined space class has openings, and the confined space refresher has been canceled due to low registration. The Sept. class for truck company operations was well received and the December class is now full. Mike would suggest to any companies that have old VHF radios and chargers that they consider donating them to the fire academy. Ventnor should have a resolution soon that will transfer ownership of the ladder truck. Brigantine has offered their old engine to the fire academy. The fire academy does not need it at this time so Brigantine will instead try to sell it. QTO, QSO, and ODI classes will be held in January, February, and March. Companies will not be allowed use of the training center without properly certified personnel. Those who are certified should attend a QTO, QSO, and ODI class at least once per year. Mike will be restarting and releasing the quarterly fire academy newsletter soon. The spring 2007 course book will be released by January. FFI will start in February of 2007. A proposal was brought up to construct a trench mock up at the training center. There should be further action on this proposal in the spring. The academy already has instructors that are qualified to teach trench rescue.

Library – Ron Bird reported that all is well and that a schedule has not yet been posted. The two books that he has requested are about being in a firefighter's family.

Atl. Co. Fire Chief's Association. – Jim Garth reported that the next meeting will be on Nov. 28, 2007 and will be held in Linwood. Jim also reported that his son is serving in Iraq and would like to trade Iraq FD patches and shirts in exchange for Atlantic County departments' patches and shirts. Anyone interested should contact Jim Garth.

NJ Fireman's Home – Oscar Dutch reported that things are quiet. The kitchen is going out for bid in January. Oscar also reported that the New Jersey Fireman's Relief Assoc. life members from the home who attended the convention have not been paid as they have been in the past. This is because of an order from the East Orange office to not pay them. Many people feel this is not right and are protesting on behalf of these life members.

## Communications

There were no communications to report.

## 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.



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## Deferred Business

There was no deferred business to act upon.

## New Business

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to purchase the two requested books for the library utilizing the proper funds.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to put the proceeds of the regular meeting 50/50 into the library fund.

## Nomination of Officers

The second of two rounds of nominations was held. All positions with the exception of Second Vice President had no further nominations. The position of Second Vice President had two nominations put forth. Those nominated are as follows.

President	R. Thomas Hunter, Jr.		
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	Dennis Sharpe		
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	Charles Kisby, Ellsworth Ott		
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.



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## Good of the Order

Lefty Clayton reported on attending the League of Municipalities conference. There he learned that 94% of fire departments in NJ are reporting using NFIRS. New Jersey will be adopting the International Building Code (IBC) in 2007 with the exception of dry sprinkler heads on townhome balconies. Lefty reported that the Fire Safety Commission is petitioning to not exclude this from the adopted code.

Dennis Sharpe reported on the recently awarded fire grants in Atlantic County.

## Adjournment

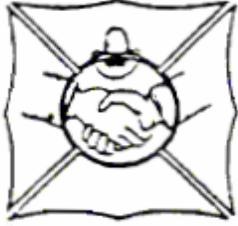
There being no further business at hand, the meeting was adjourned at 21:40. The next regular meeting is scheduled to be held at 20:00 on Dec. 20, 2006 in Scullville.

Attested:

Robert A. Mellon, Secretary

## Date Clearing

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



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## Roster and Attendance

2006 Regular Meetings

Departments / Companies	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	3	
Atlantic City	1	0	0	~	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	0	0
NJANG Station No. 2	0	0	0	~	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Brigantine	0	0	0	~	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Buena Borough												
Landisville No.1	2	2	3	~	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0
Minotola No. 2	1	1	3	~	2	2	2	3	3	3	3	2
Buena Vista Township												
Richland No. 1	0	0	0	~	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
East Vineland No. 2	0	0	1	~	0	4	0	0	1	0	0	0
Newtonville No. 3	0	0	0	~	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Milmay No. 4	0	0	0	~	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Collings Lakes No. 5	0	0	1	~	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0
Egg Harbor City	4	1	1	~	1	0	2	1	1	1	1	1
Egg Harbor Township												
Cardiff No. 1	3	4	3	~	3	2	3	2	1	2	4	4
Bargaintown No. 2	4	4	3	~	1	1	1	4	3	4	2	2
Scullville No. 3	1	0	1	~	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	1
Farmington No. 4	4	3	3	~	3	2	3	3	3	2	3	3
West Atlantic City No. 5	2	0	2	~	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Estell Manor	2	0	0	~	2	0	2	0	2	0	0	0
Folsom	0	0	4	~	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
Galloway Township												
Oceanville No. 1	2	1	3	~	1	1	3	3	2	2	2	2
Germania No. 2	2	1	1	~	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
Pomona No. 3	3	3	3	~	2	3	3	3	4	3	4	4
Bayview No. 4	3	2	3	~	4	3	3	2	2	3	2	2
South Egg Harbor No. 5	0	1	1	~	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Hamilton Township												
Mays Landing No. 1	0	0	0	~	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mizpah No. 2	2	0	0	~	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Laureldale No. 3	0	0	0	~	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Weymouth No. 4	0	1	2	~	1	0	1	4	2	1	1	1
Cologne No. 5	0	0	0	~	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0
Hammonton												
Station No. 1	3	0	2	~	0	3	0	0	3	0	0	0
Station No. 2	0	0	0	~	0	0	0	0	2	3	0	0
Linwood	2	3	3	~	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Longport	2	3	0	~	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Margate City	0	0	0	~	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mullica Township												
Elwood No. 1	3	3	1	~	3	4	1	0	4	2	2	2
Nesco No. 2	1	0	0	~	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Weekstown No. 3	0	0	0	~	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sweetwater No. 4	3	0	0	~	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
NJ Forest Fire Service	2	0	2	~	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1
Northfield	1	0	1	~	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1
Pleasantville	1	1	1	~	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1
Port Republic	0	0	0	~	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Somers Point												
Station No. 1	2	3	2	~	2	2	3	3	3	3	4	4
Station No. 2	0	0	1	~	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	2
Ventnor City	0	0	0	~	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Weymouth Township												
Dorothy	0	0	0	~	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0

Monthly Total Chief/Delegate Attendance	59	37	54	~	35	40	39	40	54	41	43	0
Monthly Total Company Attendance	26	17	26	~	18	19	20	19	26	19	20	0

Quorum = 9 companies / 20 delegates

~ = Regular business dispensed with by motion.

"In Union For The Safety Of All"