



ATLANTIC COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION

Dec. 20, 2006

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association was called to order at 20:00 on Dec. 20, 2006 in Scullville by President R. Thomas Hunter Jr.. 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 Stauffer of the Scullville Fire Company was introduced. Chief Stauffer welcomed all to Scullville.

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 Nov. 15, 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 next Executive Committee meeting will be Jan. 5, 2007 in Pomona.

Atlantic County Fire Training Advisory Board – Howard Berchtold Jr. reported that the next Atlantic County Fire Training Advisory Board meeting will be on Jan. 8, 2007.

Fire Coordinator – Ed Vincent reported that training on the Neptune System for southern New Jersey was held today. Notice of the training was just received yesterday. The system is now approved for purchase at an approximate cost of two million dollars. Ed reported on the acquisition of 3,300 gallons of foam for Atlantic County. A foam tender (tanker) has also been acquired and will be ready for the road after titling, registration, and minor repairs are dealt with. Another 5000 gallons of foam is available and will be picked up once the foam tender is ready. The tender and the foam were obtained at no cost. Ed also reported that requests for updated task force information will be sent out. Ed reported on



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the need for mutual aid agreements to be signed by all municipalities. At this time only Linwood and the Air National Guard have complied. Ed reported that the fire coordinators will continue to visit the fire companies in order to update the mutual aid equipment listing. Ed then reported on the lack of trained operators for Field Com 25. If anyone is interested in being an operator they should contact Vince Jones. Ed also reported on the state fire coordinators meeting held in Lakehurst. They received a tour of all the equipment and training facilities utilized by NJ Task Force 1.

Training – Director of Training Mike Corbo reported that the fire academy newsletter has been started back up. The first issue is out and future issues will be released monthly. FFI will start on Tues. Feb. 13 and FFII has a tentative start date of Mon. Mar. 19. The newsletter will include updated information covering the QTO, QSO, and ODI training along with requirements for using the training facilities for departmental training. The summer and fall 2006 FFI graduation will be on Mon. Jan. 22. Two I400 classes will be scheduled this semester. The state requirements for FFII certification are close to being finished. The state requirements for fire officer certification are still being finalized and a fire officer class will be scheduled in the fall if the requirements are released by then. The ladder truck will soon be delivered from Ventnor and stored in a heated garage in Hammonton for the winter. The ladder truck should be available for use in the spring. Mike wished all Happy Holidays. Mike later added that the Division of Fire and Safety will have new FFI books printed soon in order to supply upcoming classes. The DFS is also looking for a legal opinion from the NJ Attorney General in regards to junior firefighters. All future applicants for FFI training will have to fill out an individual registration form. The multi-student registration form will no longer be accepted for FFI.

Library – Ron Bird reported that the library will be closed for the next couple of weeks. The two books that he has requested are about being in a firefighter's family have been ordered and there is now a waiting list in order to check them out of the library.

Atl. Co. Fire Chief's Association. – Jim Garth reported that the next meeting will be on Jan. 30, 2007 and will be held in Absecon. They are looking to have a speaker for a presentation.

NJ Fireman's Relief Assn. – Henry Schoenstein reported on the current status of the resolutions from the 2006 convention. A survey has been sent to all local associations concerning the utilization of electronic filing of certain reports. Approximately 100 of 537 currently utilize electronic filing. Henry also reported that the association President, H. Leigh Peterson, will retire in the coming year.

Atl. Co. Fireman's Death Benefit Fund – Henry Schoenstein reported that a meeting will be held on Jan. 25, 2007 in Absecon.

NJ Fireman's Home – Oscar Dutch reported that state statute will have to be changed in order to eliminate the two extra managers on the board. The matter is being researched.

Cape Atlantic 200 Club – Lefty Clayton reported that the Cape Atlantic Annual Memorial Mass and Breakfast will be at Noon on Sun. Mar. 18, 2007 at St Nicholas and at the Borgata Casino Resort. It is reported that Dr. Burton A. Clark, Management Science Program Chair, National Fire Academy will be the guest speaker.



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Communications

There were no communications to report.

Deferred Business

There was no deferred business to act upon.

New Business

There was no new business to act upon.

Election of Officers

The election of officers was held. The position of Second Vice President was voted on by ballot. The remaining positions were unopposed. A motion was made, seconded, and carried that the secretary cast the ballot for all unopposed positions. Those elected to office for the year 2007 are as follows.

President	R. Thomas Hunter, Jr.		
1 st Vice President	Dennis Sharpe		
2 nd Vice President	Charles Kisby		
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

Christopher Kislow of the Germania Vol. Fire Co. was accepted into membership.



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Good of the Order

Chaplain Sweeny reported that the county firefighters are on the prayer list in his parish. He would like all to know that his services are available for any company that may need him by contacting district fifteen. Chaplain Sweeny is arranging for some critical incident stress courses to be held locally in the near future.

President Hunter reported on the association's insurance coverage concerning accidents and errors and omissions. The insurance only covers members that are in good standing (i.e. dues are paid). This is the reason that all county fire instructors must be a member of the association and keep their dues up to date. President Hunter also reported that the Secretary of the association has drafted letters to all companies reporting their current dues status for the past nine years and seeks answers or payment for missing dues that are not part of the current record. A letter has also been drafted seeking the listing of all company chiefs and delegates for 2007 as well as dues for 2007.

Lefty Clayton reported that the compliance dates for IS-800, ICS-300, and ICS-400 have been pushed back due to the high number of individuals that need to seek training.

Skip Portale reported that he had attended both the new ladder and the new elevator courses and both classes were excellent.

Adjournment

Benediction was conducted by Chaplain Rev. Thomas Sweeny.

There being no further business at hand, the meeting was adjourned at 21:20. The annual meeting and memorial service is scheduled to be held at 20:00 on Jan. 17, 2007 in Egg Harbor City. Full class A dress uniforms are requested.

Any companies that need to report the names of members that passed away in 2006 should email the secretary (robert.mellon@oceanvillevfc.org) as soon as possible. Please provide company name and the correct spelling of the member's name.

Attested:

Robert A. Mellon, Secretary



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Date Clearing

Mon. Jan. 22 – 19:00 Atl. Co. Training Center

Thurs. Jan. 25 Absecon

Sun. Mar. 18 – 12:00 St. Nicholas / Borgata Casino

Sat. Mar. 24 – 12:00 Atl. Co. Training Center

Sat. Apr. 14 – 16:00 Oceanville

Summer and Fall 2006 FFI Graduation

Atl. Co. Fireman's Death Benefit Fund Meeting

Cape Atlantic Annual Memorial Mass and Breakfast

Dedication of Memorial

Ham & Oyster Dinner

(Please email your event info to robert.mellon@oceanvillefc.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	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	0	2
Minotola No. 2	1	1	3	~	2	2	2	3	3	3	2	3
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	2
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	4
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	1
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	1
Pomona No. 3	3	3	3	~	2	3	3	3	4	3	4	3
Bayview No. 4	3	2	3	~	4	3	3	2	2	3	2	3
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	3	2
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	3
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	0
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	0
Ventnor City	0	0	0	~	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2
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	51
Monthly Total Company Attendance	26	17	26	~	18	19	20	19	26	19	20	22

Quorum = 9 companies / 20 delegates

~ = Regular business dispensed with by motion.

"In Union For The Safety Of All"