



# ATLANTIC COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION

January 17, 2007

## **Call to Order**

The regular meeting of the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association was called to order at 20:00 on Jan. 17, 2007 at the Egg Harbor City Vol. Fire Company by President R. Thomas Hunter Jr. The meeting was opened with the flag salute, followed by an invocation offered by Rev. Thomas Sweeny, Chaplain of the Association.

## **In Attendance**

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

President Hunter welcomed and introduced guests: Atlantic County Executive Dennis Levinson, Atlantic County Freeholders: Chairman Joseph Silipena, Frank Sutton, Alisa Cooper, and Joe Kelly, Atl. Co. Fire Marshall: Harold "Whitey" Swartz, Atl. Co. Deputy Director of Emergency Management: Ed Conover, Atlantic County Fire Coordinator: Edward Vincent.

## **Opening Remarks**

Chief Russell Fenton, of the Egg Harbor City Fire Department, welcomed the membership and guests to Egg Harbor City. Chief Fenton then introduced the line officers of the fire department.

Executive Committee Chairman Howard Berchtold Jr. welcomed all those in attendance to the annual meeting and memorial service on behalf of the Executive Committee. Howard noted that it good to see such a large turnout of delegates and hopes that all departments have selected delegates that will be active in the association and he hopes to see all delegates at the regular meetings all year. Howard thanked the association's secretary for continuing to convert the association records to an electronic format and starting the process of utilizing email for most communications. Finally, Howard thanked Atlantic County government for their continuing support of the county firefighters and the creation of the Fire Training Advisory Board.

## **Dispensing of Regular Business**

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to dispense with the regular business except for the paying of the bills.

## **Paying of Bills**

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



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## Annual Memorial Service

The annual memorial services were conducted by the Memorial Committee with Chaplain Reverend Thomas Sweeny giving the homily with the memorial candles being lit by First Vice President Dennis Sharpe and Second Vice President Charles "Chick" Kisby, and the bell being tolled by Charles J. Guenther as Secretary Robert A. Mellon read the roll of the Firefighters of Atlantic County who answered their last alarm during the past year.

Firefighters of the Final Roll were:

John E. Rogers Sr.	Absecon	Harry F. Kelley	Margate
James P. Walsh	Atlantic City	Ernest Winterbottom	Mays Landing
Vincent Branca Sr.	Bargaintown	William Fenselau	Minotola
Charles P. Canale	Bargaintown	Andrew F. Maltese	Minotola
Antonio S. Capille Jr.	Bargaintown	Enrico H. Archetto	Mizpah
George H. Scarlett	Bargaintown	George P. Nester	NAFEC
Joseph A. Day Sr.	Bayview	Thomas R. Sooy	NAFEC
William N. McAdam Sr.	Bayview	Mitchell F. Szczepanski	Nesco
George T. Pollock	Collings Lakes	James M. Newell	Oceanville
William Schaab	Cologne	Morrell B. Clark	Pleasantville
Alexander J. Benedek	Estell Manor	Harvey Gale	Pleasantville
Paul C. Herold	Farmington	Thomas A. Kinsell	Pleasantville
Herbert Charles Larned	Farmington	Fredrick C. Leeds Jr.	Pleasantville
Charles A. Maxwell Jr.	Farmington	Paul C. Morgenweck	Pleasantville
Ronald S. Garbutt Sr.	Germania	John Woodfall	Pleasantville
Samuel Berenato	Hammonton	Charles Heintz Jr.	Pomona
Anthony Coia Sr.	Hammonton	Russell Albert Blight	Port Republic
Anthony Magazu Jr.	Hammonton	Robert N. Evans	Somers Point
Richard H. Whedbee Jr.	Laureldale	Elmer David Gregory	Somers Point
Rev. William Conover	Linwood	Thomas Norman Fussner	Ventnor
George P. Helfrich Sr.	Linwood	Ronald E. Tierney Sr.	Ventnor
Edward Cipriano	Longport	Albert R. Black	West Atlantic City
Andrew Funk Jr.	Longport	Thomas W. Owens	Weymouth

"The Lord's Prayer" was sung by Howard Berchtold Jr., "Taps" was played by Bugler Joseph Ward, followed by the playing of "Amazing Grace" by the Sandpipers. The benediction was conducted by Chaplain Rev. Thomas Sweeny.



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## Installation of Officers for 2007

All of the invited guests addressed the membership and expressed their appreciation for all that the firefighters do for their local communities and for Atlantic County.

Atlantic County Executive Dennis Levinson installed the following into office for the year 2007:

President	R. Thomas Hunter	Executive Committee:
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	Dennis Sharpe	Howard Berchtold Jr.
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	Charles "Chick" Kisby	Ronald Bird Jr.
Secretary	Robert A. Mellon	Rick Coraluzzo Sr.
Asst. Secretary-Treasurer	Stacey Wellington	Oscar Dutch Jr.
Chaplain	Rev. Thomas Sweeny	James Garth Sr.
Sergeants-at-Arms	Charles Harlan	Charles J. Guenther
	Jeff Rascone	Amor "Skip" Portale
		Ted Reinhard
		Gilbert Zonge Jr.

### Those not present were:

Treasurer	Lou Raciti
Sergeants-at-Arms	William Thomas Hand

## Good of the Order

Jim Garth reported on the consolidation study of communication centers in Atlantic County. Jim will attempt to schedule the consulting firm to be in attendance at the Atl. Co. Fire Chief's meeting on Jan. 30 in Absecon.

Howard Berchtold Jr. commented on the medical setback that Whitey experienced last year and his quick recovery. Howard pointed out all that Whitey is involved with including his personal involvement with many projects outside of his title of Fire Marshal. Howard thanked Whitey for all of his work on the Emergency Services Memorial. Howard also wanted to thank the Buzby family, the Cape/Atlantic 200 Club, and Atlantic County government for making the memorial possible. The memorial will be dedicated on Sat. Mar. 24 at noon.

President R. Thomas Hunter expressed thanks for all that Whitey has done and continues to do. Tom also thanked Kathy Dierwechter for her years of service as the association's Second Vice President and welcomed Charles "Chick" Kisby who now fills that position.



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## Adjournment

Benediction was conducted by Chaplain Rev. Thomas Sweeny.

There being no further business at hand, the meeting was adjourned at 20:55. The next meeting is scheduled to be held at 20:00 on Feb. 21, 2007 at the Longport Fire Company.

Attested:

Robert A. Mellon, Secretary

## Date Clearing

Mon. Jan. 22	19:00	Training Ctr.	Firefighter I Graduation
Thurs. Jan. 25		Absecon	Atl. Co. Fireman's Death Benefit Fund Meeting
Fri. Mar. 9	18:00	Somers Pt.	ACFFA Dinner at Crab Trap Restaurant
Sun. Mar. 18	10:00	St. Nicholas /	12:00 Borgata Cape/Atlantic 200 Club Memorial and Breakfast
Sat. Mar. 24	12:00	Training Ctr.	Dedication of Memorial
Sat. Apr. 14	16:00	Oceanville	Ham & Oyster Dinner

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



# ATLANTIC COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION

## Roster and Attendance

2007 Regular Meetings

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

Monthly Total Chief/Delegate Attendance	55	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Monthly Total Company Attendance	27	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Quorum = 9 companies / 20 delegates

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# ***Atlantic County PSAP / PSDP Consolidation Study Stakeholders' Meetings***

## **Project Overview:**

Atlantic County is conducting a study to determine the feasibility of consolidating county PSAP and PSDP services. Public safety trends indicate that consolidation may improve emergency communications services and can be significantly more cost effective than maintaining many individual communications centers.

## **Project Methodology:**

This study will be conducted by the public safety consulting firm retained by Atlantic County, L. Robert Kimball & Associates, Inc. The Kimball project team will be interviewing all participating Atlantic County stakeholders for this study. These stakeholders include PSAP / PSDP, political, police, fire, and EMS staff.

## **Police, Fire, EMS Stakeholder Meetings:**

Input from all stakeholders is critical to the accuracy of the study. To ensure all stakeholders have the opportunity to contribute to the study meetings with police, fire, and EMS personnel have been scheduled. These meetings will give the Kimball team an opportunity to collect data and hear stakeholders' perspectives.

## **Meeting Times:**

Fire Agencies:            Tuesday, January 23, 2007            7:00 PM – 10:00 PM

Law Enforcement:       Wednesday, January 24, 2007       9:00 AM -12:00 PM

EMS:                        Wednesday, January 24, 2007       7:00 PM -10:00 PM

## **Meeting Place:**

All meetings will be held at the Tony Canale Training Center, 5033 English Creek Avenue, Egg Harbor TWP.



# ATLANTIC COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION

## INVITATION

THE ANNUAL ATLANTIC COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION  
DINNER WILL BE HELD AT

**THE CRAB TRAP**  
SOMERS POINT

**FRIDAY**  
**MARCH 9, 2007**

COST IS \$35.00 PER PERSON WITH DINNER CHOICE OF  
PRIME RIB  
OR  
FRIED FLOUNDER  
OR  
CHICKEN CORDON BLEU

DINNER INCLUDES  
SOUP  
SALAD  
ENTRÉE  
VEGETABLE  
DESSERT  
COFFEE OR TEA

6:30 P.M. Hot & Cold Hors d'oeuvres  
Cocktails (Cash Bar)  
7:30 P.M. Dinner

**This dinner is open to ALL Atlantic County Firefighters and their guests.**

Reservations must be made by March 1, 2007  
To make reservations or for further information  
Please contact  
Ron Bird Jr. (609)892-9610  
Dennis Sharpe (609)646-2803

\*Please Post on Bulletin Board.

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# ATTENTION

**ALL MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNITY  
LIVING/WORKING IN ATLANTIC OR CAPE MAY COUNTY**

**THE 22<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL CAPE/ATLANTIC MEMORIAL SERVICE AND BREAKFAST  
HONORING POLICE-FIRE-RESCUE  
PERSONNEL KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY**

*We remember and support  
the families left behind*

**Sunday, March 18, 2007**

- Mass:** Monsignor Roger E. McGrath, PhD  
Vicar for Administration - Diocese of Camden, NJ  
Principal Celebrant  
10:30am - St. Nicholas Church located on  
Tennessee & Pacific Avenues, Atlantic City
- Buffet Breakfast:** 12 Noon - The Borgata Atlantic City
- Guest Speaker:** Dr. Burton Clark, National Fire Academy, Emitsburg, MD
- Cost:** \$25 per ticket, Reserved Tables of 10 or 12 Available  
Make Checks Payable to: 200 Club
- Ticket Deadline:** Friday, March 9, 2007 - **NO EXCEPTIONS!**  
**NO TICKETS SOLD AT THE DOOR**
- For Tickets:** Fill out form below and mail with check or voucher to:  
Madeline Neumann  
5941 Scranton Ave.  
Mays Landing, NJ 08330  
609-625-1024

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Dept/Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Seating Request: *Please sit me with* \_\_\_\_\_

*(We will do our very best to see that all requests are met.)*

Total # of Tickets: \_\_\_\_\_ or Donation Only: \_\_\_\_\_