



ATLANTIC COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION

February 21, 2007

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association was called to order at 20:00 on Feb. 21, 2007 at the Longport Vol. Fire Company by President R. Thomas Hunter Jr. The meeting was opened with a flag salute followed by a moment of silence.

In Attendance

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

Opening Remarks and Introduction of Host Chief

Chief Clayton of the Longport Fire Company was introduced. Chief Clayton welcomed all to Longport. Chief Clayton introduced Mayor Mary Garvin. Mayor Garvin welcomed all to Longport and offered thanks to all in the county fire service for the dedication, generosity, and service provided.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve the minutes of the Jan. 17, 2007 meeting sent to chiefs and 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.

Committee Reports

Executive Committee – Howard Berchtold Jr. reported that the next meeting will be held on March 2 at Somers Point station No. 1. Howard also reported that the effort to update the association records and switch to a computerized format, including email for communications, is going well.

Atlantic County Fire Training Advisory Board – Howard Berchtold Jr. reported that the next Atlantic County Fire Training Advisory Board meeting will be on Mar. 12, 2007. Howard also reported on the letter sent to the County Executive concerning the need to expand and update the training center. The County Executive responded that he will keep all updated with the plans for expansion as they come together.

Fire Coordinator – Ed Vincent reported on the recent incidents that the fire coordinators responded to. Ed reported that he is the fire service representative to the county grant committee



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for Homeland Security. Ed reported that the committee will be submitting grant proposals for 800 mhz. radios and hazmat equipment. Ed reported on the Jan. 20 regional coordinator meeting. Ed reported on the current status of the mutual aid agreements and the need to have them signed. Ed reported on the task force update project. A current task force list has been compiled for review. Contact Ed with any updates or corrections. A LDH Strike Force meeting will be held on March 6. Ed has drafted an SOP for the foam tender and has submitted it to the county for review. The SOP was returned with some revisions that Ed deems acceptable.

Public Relations – Whitey Swartz reported that the poster contest has had a poor return this year. So far only twelve posters have been received. Whitey reported on the memorial dedication, valor awards, and 200 Club service and breakfast.

Fire Marshal – Whitey reported that any fire in a school must be reported to the state within 24 hours. Whitey has reporting forms if they are needed. Whitey reported that the dues notice for the Atlantic County Fire Chiefs' Assn. have been sent out and may be returned to his office.

Training Committee – Mike Corbo reported that the NJ weekend at the National Fire Academy will be on May 19 and 20. Please visit <http://www.nj.gov/dca/dfs/> for more information. Mike reported on changes to the FFII certification program made by the state. A guideline has been developed for those that are eligible to challenge the test with a June 1, 2007 start date. Mike reported on the Fire Officer certification program and the guidelines that are being developed to identify those qualified to challenge the test. Mike reported on the Atl. Co. Fire Academy Instructor evaluation program and the upcoming classes to be held at the academy. Mike reported that the ladder truck has been received from Ventnor and will be stored in a climate controlled garage in Hammonton for the remainder of the winter. Mike reported that the FFI class is running with twenty-six students.

Library – Ron Bird reported that he has submitted dates for the library hours and he will update the association with dates after they are scheduled.

ACFFA Dinner – Ron Bird reported that the dinner is set for March 9 at the Crab Trap in Somers Point. Tickets are \$35.00 and RSVP is requested by March 2. Contact Ron Bird or Dennis Sharpe.

Atl. Co. Fire Chief's Association. – Jim Garth reported that the next meeting will be March 29 in Minotola.

NJ Fireman's Home – Oscar Dutch reported that the kitchen is being remodeled. The outsourcing of the food service starting out rocky, but is now running smoothly and is well received. Oscar reported on a golf tournament that will be held to support the home and that he would like to see the firefighters' association sponsor a hole for \$200.00. Oscar reported that a home in Burlington County has an unused wing that may be available to house a southern branch



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

Monthly Total Chief/Delegate Attendance	55	44	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Monthly Total Company Attendance	27	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Quorum = 9 companies / 20 delegates

"In Union For The Safety Of All"