



ATLANTIC COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION

April 18, 2007

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the of the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association was called to order at 20:00 on April 18, 2007 at the Atlantic County Fire Training Center by President R. Thomas Hunter Jr.. The meeting was opened with a flag salute followed by an Invocation by the Chaplain of the Association, Reverend Thomas Sweeny. President R. Thomas Hunter Jr. indicated the location of the fire exits. President R. Thomas Hunter welcomed all to the meeting which serves as the sixteenth annual Valor Awards presentation and the second annual Poster Contest Awards presentation.

Opening Remarks and Introduction of Host Chief

The meeting is being hosted by the Atlantic City Fire Department and Chief Dennis Brooks.

In Attendance

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

Dispensing of Business

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to dispense with the regular business for the evening with the exception of the payment of bills.

Bills

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to pay the bills from the proper funds.

Poster Contest Awards and Valor Awards

President R. Thomas Hunter Jr. again welcomed all to the awards presentation. President Hunter introduced guests; including Atlantic County Executive: Dennis Levinson, Atlantic County Freeholder Chairman: Joseph Silipena, Atlantic County Freeholders: Frank Giordano, Joe Kelly, and Frank Sutton, Mayor of Ventnor: Tim Kreisher and Pleasantville Councilwoman: Judy Ward.



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The presentation of the 2006-2007 Poster Contest Awards was made by President R. Thomas Hunter Jr. and Harold "Whitey" Swartz.

Poster Contest Winners:

- Grand Prize - Bredden Banegas, Pleasantville Middle School
- Division #1 - Vanessa Mathieu, Pleasantville North Main St. School
- Division #2 - Keila Nieves, Pleasantville North Main St. School
- Division #4 - Michelle Workman, Oakcrest High School
- Division #6 - Mazziah Young, Pleasantville North Main St. School

Valor Awards Committee Chairman Harold "Whitey" Swartz and President R. Thomas Hunter Jr. presented each of the Valor Award recipients with their awards from the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association. This is the sixteenth year of the Valor Awards presentation.

Valor Awards Recipients:

- Meritorious Valor Award - Chief Anthony Monfredo, Richland Fire Dept.
- Top Valor Award - Lt. Kevin Howarth, Ventnor Fire Dept.

A narration of the actions performed by the recipients was given. The award recipients were also presented with Congressional, State of New Jersey, and Atlantic County Certificates of Appreciation.

Good of the Order

Lt. Howarth of the Ventnor Fire Dept. wanted to urge everyone to support a drive to petition the ABC's "Extreme Home Makeover" TV show to assist Maureen with the remodeling of her home.

Ventnor Mayor Tim Kriesher, along with Commissioner Joseph Schafer and Fire Chief Bert Sabo, presented to President R. Thomas Hunter, and the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association, the keys to Ventnor's retired ladder truck for use at the training center. President Hunter thanked the Ventnor representatives for the donation of the ladder truck.



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Adjournment

There being no further business at hand, the meeting and awards presentation was adjourned at 20:40. The next regular meeting is scheduled to be held at 20:00 on May 16, 2007 in South Egg Harbor.

Attested:

Robert A. Mellon, Secretary

Date Clearing

Sat. Apr. 21	19:00	Cologne	Dinner / Comedy Show
Sat. Apr. 28		Cologne	Giant Yard Sale
Sat. May 5	16:00	Germania	Turkey Dinner
Sat. Jun. 2	12:00	Cologne	Chicken Barbecue
Sat. Aug. 11	12:00	Somers Point #1	100 th Anniversary and Housing 09:00 Reg. & 12:00 Parade
Sat. Sept. 22	09:00	Cologne	Home Party Expo
Sat. Oct. 6	16:00	Germania	Turkey Dinner
Sat. Nov. 3	09:00	Cologne	Craft Fair
Sat. Nov. 10	16:00	Oceanville	Ham & Oyster Dinner

- A Fireman's Prayer -

When I am called to duty, God
Wherever flames may rage,
Give me strength to save some life

Whatever be its age.

Help me embrace a little child

Before it is too late

Or save an older person from

The horror of that fate.

Enable me to be alert

And hear the weakest shout

And quickly and efficiently

To put the fire out.

I want to fill my calling and

To give the best in me,

To guard my every neighbor and

Protect his property.

And if according to my fate

I have to lose my life,

Please bless with your protecting hand

My children and my spouse.

Amen.

16TH ANNUAL FIREFIGHTER'S VALOR AWARDS



April 18, 2007

Anthony "Tony" Canale Training Center
Egg Harbor Township, New Jersey

**ATLANTIC COUNTY
Firefighters Association
2006 Valor Awards Presentation
April 18, 2007**

President R. Thomas Hunter, Jr.
1st Vice President Dennis Sharpe
2nd Vice President Charles Kisby
Secretary Robert A. Mellon
Treasurer Lou Raciti
Chaplain Thomas Sweeny
Fire Marshal H.J. "Whitey" Swartz

Flag Salute

Invocation
Thomas Sweeny, *Chaplain*

Welcome
R. Thomas Hunter Jr., *President*

2006-2007 Poster Contest Awards

Valor Awards
R. Thomas Hunter

Firefighter's Association Poster Contest Winners

- Grand Prize Winner: Bredden Banegas, Pleasantville Middle School
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Valor Awards

Meritorious Award:
Chief Anthony Monfredo, Richland Fire Dept.

Top Valor: Lt. Kevin Howarth
Ventnor Fire Dept.

**Atlantic County Firefighters
Valor Awards Program**

The Atlantic County Firefighters Valor Awards Program was organized in 1991 to honor emergency personnel and civilians who risked their lives to save others.

This program is compiled of five categories. The top award is chosen from the best of the First Class Awards. First Class Awards are given for extreme risk in making a rescue. Second Class Awards are given for a less personal risk. Meritorious Awards are given for recognition in performance of duty where a life may be saved. A Unit Citation is give to a group, working together in making a rescue.

Since this program has been initiated, we have honored one hundred and fifty-nine recipients, which includes fire, police, medical personnel and civilians. This year we will be honoring two fireman.

**Atlantic County Firefighters Association
Valor Awards Committee**

- Chairman: Whitey Swartz, County Fire Marshal
- Co-Chairman: Ret. Capt. Robert Van Dyke, Atlantic City FD
- Chief Thomas Sweeny, Cardiff Fire Co.
- Deputy Chief Michael Corbo, Pleasantville Fire Dept.
- Ret. Chief Howard Berchtold, South Egg Harbor Fire Co.
- Chief Rick Coraluzzo, Landisville Fire Co.
- Ret. Chief R. Thomas Hunter, Absecon Fire Dept.
- Ret. Chief Oscar Dutch, Absecon Fire Dept.
- Ret. Chief Charles Guenther, Pomona Fire Co.
- Ret. Battalion Chief Levon Clayton, Atlantic City FD.