



ATLANTIC COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION

July 18, 2007

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the of the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association was called to order at 20:00 on July 18, 2007 in Linwood 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.

Opening Remarks and Introduction of Host Chief

Chief Foster of the Linwood Fire Company was introduced. Chief Foster welcomed all to Linwood.

In Attendance

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

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve the minutes of the meeting as 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.

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 – Co-Chairman Amor “Skip” Portale apologized for the absence of Chairman Howard Berchtold Jr. due to illness. Skip summarized the minutes from the Jul. 6, 2007 Executive Committee meeting held in Landisville. Two recommendations from the Executive Committee will be brought up under new business.

Atlantic County Fire Training Advisory Board – The July 9, 2007 meeting of the advisory board was canceled. The next meeting is scheduled for Sept. 10, 2007.



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Training – Mike Corbo reported on the upcoming classes scheduled at the fire academy. A Microsoft Power Point class is scheduled for anyone in the fire service after the well received Power Point class ran for fire instructors. Firefighter I will start on Tuesday Aug. 14, 2007. There are twenty-seven classes scheduled at the fire academy for the fall semester. An Educational Methodology class is scheduled and will be paid for by the NJ Division of Fire Safety. Firefighter II will start on Wednesday Sept. 5, 2007. Ocean City FD has donated ten sixteen channel HT1000 Motorola radios with batteries and chargers to the academy. Tuition bills have been sent out. Please make sure the payment is returned when bills are received. Applications will be sent out for the position of Fire Instructor. There are currently three openings for instructors. The fall semester training schedule has been sent out to all departments.

Fire Coordinator – Ed Vincent reported on the current status of the tanker donated for foam operations. Laureldale Fire Co. will operate the tanker as part of the proposed Foam Task Force utilizing it as a water tanker. Ed reported on the foam tender and distribution plans for southern New Jersey. Ed reported on the response plans and mutual aid for Atlantic City. Ed reported on recent fire coordinator activity including the response to the Atlantic City boardwalk and shops fire. Letters have been sent to the municipalities that had resources respond to the Warren Grove forest fire. There have been FEMA funds made available for reimbursement of expenses incurred. Ed reported on complaints received by the NJ Division of Fire Safety concerning an Atl. Co. fire company. The complaint was resolved at the county level without need for NJ DFS to intervene. Ed reported on the recent task force drills as well as how mutual aid and the emergency response plan are supposed to work.

NJ Fireman's Relief Assn. – Henry Schoenstein had to excuse himself early due to an emergency. Oscar Dutch Jr. reported, for Henry, that eight resolutions will be on the ballot at the convention and the death benefit for exempt members has been raised from \$8700 to \$9000. The Atl. Co. Caucus will be held on Tuesday Aug. 21, 2007 at 8:00 P.M. in Egg Harbor City. The convention will be on Sept. 14 and 15 in Wildwood. Registration on Friday is 9:30 A.M – 12:30 P.M. with the meeting scheduled for 1:00 P.M. Registration on Saturday is 7:30 A.M. – 9:30 A.M. with the meeting scheduled for 10:00 A.M.

Atl. Co. Fireman's Death Benefit Fund – Oscar Dutch Jr. reported, for Henry Schoenstein, a meeting is scheduled for July 26, 2007 at 8:00 P.M. in Northfield.

NJ Fireman's Home – Oscar Dutch Jr. reported that copies of the manager's meeting minutes are sent to all county committeemen directly. The kitchen renovation is continuing. Options for a southern NJ home are still being researched.

Atl. Co. Fire Chief's Association. – Jim Garth reported that the next meeting will be July 26, 2007 in Estell Manor.



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Atl. Co. 4H Fair – Dennis Sharpe reported that the fair is scheduled on Aug. 9, 10, and 11. The firefighter competition is scheduled for Friday night at 7:00 P.M. and the maximum eight teams have already registered. Please contact Dennis about placing display apparatus for Thurs. and Sat. evenings.

Communications

There were no communications to report.

Deferred Business

There was no deferred business to act on.

New Business

A motion was made, seconded, and carried that there be no fees, donations, or other monetary considerations associated with the Firefighter Competition, sponsored by this association, at the annual Atlantic County 4-H Fair.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to raise the outreach training fee from \$100.00 to \$150.00 as well as raise the Wed. Night Live Burn fee from \$25.00 to \$35.00.

Discussion was held on possible routes of increasing the funding received from the county including legislative change at the state level.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried that the association sponsor two trophies for the parade in Wildwood.

Drawing for Wildwood Parade order within Atlantic County:

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| 1. Absecon | 6. Linwood | 11. Estell Manor |
| 2. Longport | 7. Dorothy | 12. Remaining Atl. Co. Units |
| 3. Egg Harbor City | 8. Galloway Twp. | as submitted directly to Parade Committee |
| 4. Hamilton Twp. | 9. Somers Point | |
| 5. Buena Boro. | 10. Egg Harbor Twp. | |

Application for Membership

William Wilkinson of the Weymouth Fire Company was accepted into membership.

Good of the Order

Nothing reported.



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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 21:35. The next regular meeting is scheduled to be held at 20:00 on Aug. 15, 2007 in Cologne.

Attested:

Robert A. Mellon, Secretary

Date Clearing

Aug. 9, 10, 11	Atl. Co. 4-H	Annual Fair
Tues. Aug. 21	Egg Harbor City	Atlantic Co. Fireman's Relief Caucus
Sat. Sept. 8 15:30	Weekstown	Pig Roast
Fri. Sept. 14	Wildwood	NJ Fireman's Relief Assoc. Convention
Sat. Sept. 15	Wildwood	NJ Fireman's Relief Assoc. Convention
Sat. Sept. 22 09:00	Cologne	Home Party Expo
Sat. Oct. 6 16:00	Germania	Turkey Dinner
Sat. Oct. 13 12:00	Somers Point #1	100 th Anniversary and Housing 09:00 Reg. & 12:00 Parade
Sat. Nov. 3 09:00	Cologne	Craft Fair
Sat. Nov. 10 16:00	Oceanville	Ham & Oyster Dinner

(Please email your event info to robert.mellon@oceanvillevfc.org)