

Atlantic County Firefighters' Association

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September 19, 2007

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the of the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association was called to order at 20:00 on September 19, 2007 in Hammonton Sta. 1 by President R. Thomas Hunter Jr.. The meeting was opened with a flag salute. President Hunter then indicated the location of the fire exits.

Opening Remarks and Introduction of Host Chief

Chief Dominico of the Hammonton Fire Company was introduced. Chief Dominico welcomed all to Hammonton.

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 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. summarized the minutes from the meeting held Sept. 7, 2007 in Absecon. Howard expressed great appreciation and thanked Kurt Umsheid of Pomona for having set up the association website and for maintaining it until recently. The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for Nov. 2, 2007 in South Egg Harbor.

Atlantic County Fire Training Advisory Board – Howard Berchtold Jr. reported that the meeting scheduled for Sept. 10, 2007 was not held due to a large scale incident in Mays Landing. Mike Corbo has again arranged for indoor storage of the ladder truck for the winter.

Fire Coordinator – Ed Vincent thanked all companies involved with the Atsion fire on behalf of the NJ Division of Fire Safety. Ed reported that the Wheaton fire in Mays Landing was a very well run incident. Ed also reported on several other incident that involved the county fire coordinators. Ed reported that a common problem with all incidents has been poor communication. Ed reported that plans to correct the communication issues include adding the capability of patching the Atlantic City system over to the Atlantic County 800mhz. Fire II talk group. Ed reported on recent Tanker and LDH task force drills. Ed then reported on the recent coordinator meetings and an effort to place a fireboat in Atlantic City. Ed reported on the recent personnel changes within the NJ DCA and DFS. Ed reported on changes to the southern NJ mutual aid books so that they all share a similar layout. Ed reported on the Fire-Trax system and all of the functions that it is capable of. Forty 800 MHz radios have been obtained under through a grant and will be distributed to departments that due not currently utilize the county's 800 MHz system and also to task force leaders. The county has received an air system on a trailer. The air system is available to departments that do not currently have a mobile cascade and need one on an incident. Ed reported that the Wildwood parade committee is upset with Atlantic County units. Several Atl. Co. units were removed from the parade for air horn and/or siren use. All should be reminded that the parade after the convention is a Memorial Parade and siren and air horn use is prohibited.

Fire Marshal – Whitey reported on the recently distributed report on the Atlantic County fire department responses as reported to the fire marshal. Whitey would like to remind all departments that school fires have to be reported to the NJ DFS. Forms are available. Whitey reported that packets have been sent out to all Atlantic County schools for the poster contest. The theme for this year is "Practice Your Escape Plan".

Training – Mike Corbo reported on the low student enrollment in both FFI and FFII. The NJ DFS will host an Educational Methodology class in Atlantic County. The ladder truck will be stored, for the winter, in a heated garage in Hammonton. Mike reminded everyone that the Flashover Simulator is a worthwhile, hands-on training experience that just may save a life. Every firefighter in the county should attend a training session in the simulator. All other classes are filling up quickly. A good class for all firefighters is SCBA Competency. Mike reported that Cindy Badger (cell 609-462-8772) and Ed Hackett (home 609-641-3093) are collecting old gear for shipment to Guatemala. Please contact them if you have any donations.

Atl. Co. Fire Chief's Association – Jim Garth reported that the next meeting will be Sept. 25, 2007 in Nesco. Jim requested that anyone who knows of a pay per call ordinance please contact any EHT chief with info.

NJ Fireman's Home – Oscar Dutch Jr. reported on recent renovations as well as themed meals that the residents really enjoy.

NJ Fireman's Relief Assn. – Henry Schoenstein reported on the election and resolution results from the convention in Wildwood. Henry reported on the requirements on joining the association as well as requirements for being a delegate. Anyone approved by the municipality may join the association. Any association member, with a line number, may be a delegate. A delegate does not have to be an exempt member.

ACFFA Annual Dinner – President Hunter reported that the annual dinner used to include a show. President Hunter asked that this be researched by a committee to see what may be available. President Hunter formed a committee that will look into dinner plans for March and report back to the association.

Fire Grants – Dennis Sharpe reported on the grants that are available and those that have been recently received in the area. If anyone would like more information on the grants, they should contact Dennis.

Communications

There were no communications to report.

Deferred Business

There was no deferred business to act on.

New Business

There was no new business to act on

Application for Membership

There were no applications for membership to act on.

Good of the Order

Ted Reinhard acquired a RIT pack for the Fire Academy.

Mike Corbo reported on the news that the Federal Dept. of Homeland Security has adopted several NFPA fire personnel qualifications.

Oscar Dutch Jr. reported on information he received concerning eleven Atl. Co. firefighters that are attending FFI in Camden Co. because they believe it is cheaper. Mike Corbo will make some

calls in order to obtain more information. The details will be discussed at the next executive committee meeting.

Billy Merola challenged all in attendance to personally assist Robert Mellon with fundraising for Multiple Sclerosis as he will be participating in the MS150 City to Shore two day bike-a-thon on Sept. 29 and 30.

Asst. Chief Dave Connelly, Mays Landing, reported on the Wheaton fire and thanked everyone involved for the assistance at such a large incident.

Adjournment

There being no further business at hand, the meeting was adjourned at 21:20. The next regular meeting is scheduled to be held at 20:00 on Oct. 17, 2007 in Dorothy.

Attested:

Robert A. Mellon, Secretary

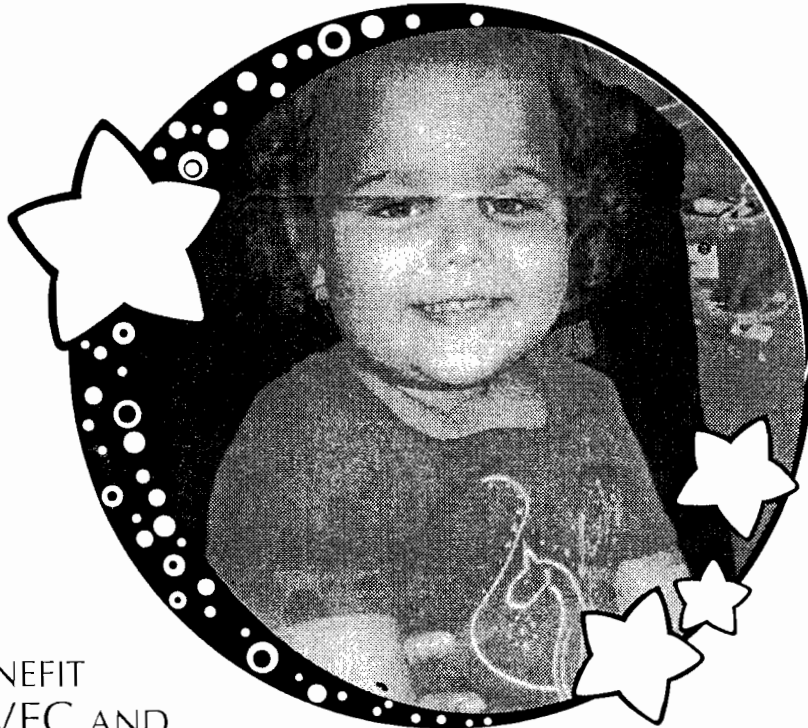
Date Clearing

Sat. Sept. 22	09:00	Cologne	Home Party Expo
Sat. Oct. 6	16:00	Germania	Turkey Dinner
Sat. Oct. 13	08:30	Elwood	Elwood VFC Golf Tournament for Ciara Martinez @ Frog Rock CC in Hammonton
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. 3	09:00	South Egg Harbor	Christmas Craft Show
Sat. Nov. 10	16:00	Oceanville	Ham & Oyster Dinner

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



Elwood Volunteer Fire Company
**6th Annual
 Golf Tournament**



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When: Saturday, October 13th, 2007

Raindate: Saturday, October 20th

Time: 8:30 a.m. Shotgun Start

Where: Frog Rock Country Club

Hammonton, NJ

Gold Sponsor - \$1,000 = Only sign located at specified hole.

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Somers Point Volunteer Fire Company No. 1, Inc.

PO Box 174, Somers Point, New Jersey 08244



100th Anniversary, Housing Dedication

Parade and Ceremony

Honoring

Somers Point Volunteer Fire Company NO 1

& Fire Auxiliary

Saturday, October 13, 2007

12:00 P.M. to 4:30 P.M.

Registration from 9:00 A.M. until 11:30 A.M.

At the Bethel Road Fire House

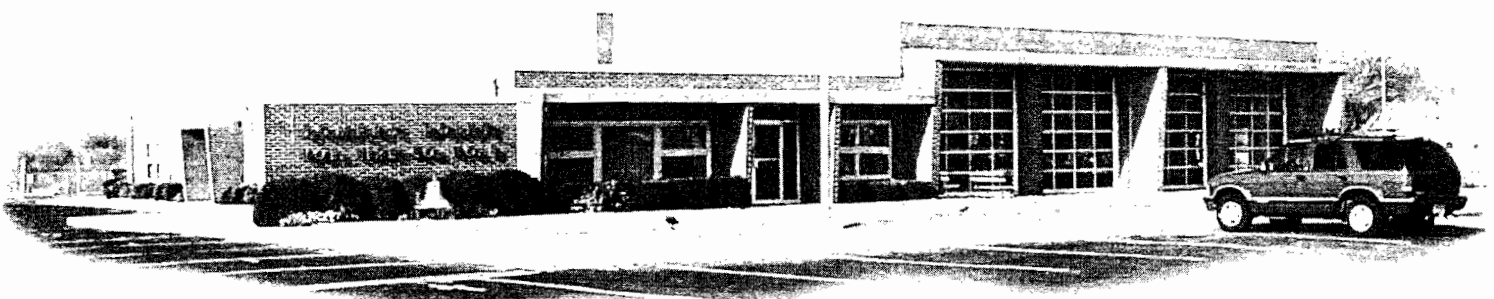
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*Parade and Judging Line Up on Bay Avenue Between
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Will Not Be Judged No Exceptions

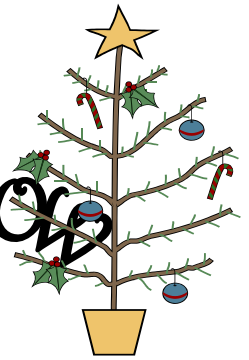
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9 AM – 3PM**

**South Egg Harbor Volunteer Fire Company
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South Egg Harbor, NJ**

*(in between Laureldale (twp. Of Hamilton,
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