

Atlantic County Firefighters' Association

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October 17, 2007

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the of the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association was called to order at 20:00 on October 17, 2007 in Dorothy by President R. Thomas Hunter Jr.. The meeting was opened with a flag salute followed by a moment of silence. President Hunter then indicated the location of the fire exits.

Opening Remarks and Introduction of Host Chief

Chief Gibney of the Dorothy Fire Company was introduced. Chief Gibney welcomed all to Dorothy. Mayor Frank Craig and Deputy Mayor Millie Messina were both introduced. Both extended a welcome to Dorothy and Weymouth Township as well as expressing appreciation for the support of fire service.

In Attendance

Roll call was taken by Ed Vincent, 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 – Asst. Chairman Amor “Skip” Portale apologized for Chairman Howard Berchtold Jr. absence as he is traveling out of the state. The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for Nov. 2, 2007 in South Egg Harbor. Those who are joining the Executive Committee for dinner before the meeting are to meet at the South Egg Harbor firehouse at 17:30.

Atlantic County Fire Training Advisory Board – The next meeting is scheduled for Nov. 5, 2007.

Fire Coordinator – Ed Vincent gave an update on plans for central dispatch. A recent study favored central over regional dispatch. Ed reported that Rick Muvihill has resigned from the county for another position. Since Rick was the key contact in the dispatch research, it is not known in what direction the plan will go when someone else takes over. Ed reported that the Atlantic County Fire Chiefs Assoc. has made recommendation the he serve another two year term as County Fire Coordinator. Ed reported on recent state county and regional fire coordinator meetings. The state has a new format for mutual aid books that will be uniform throughout the state. Ed wants to remind all that the mutual aid plans are required to be reviewed and updated every two years. The state also has plans to make “Mayday” calls across the state follow set guidelines. Ed reported that Bill Loder has resigned as a fire coordinator and will soon resign from his position at the air base in December. Ed extended his thanks to Bill for all of the dedicated years as a fire coordinator in Atlantic County. Ed further reported on the upcoming launch of the Space Shuttle, the scheduled implosion of the Sands, and the Fire Trax system that has been distributed by the county.

Training – Mike Corbo reported that the burn building is closed for repairs. Due to a recent incident in the burn building, emergency repairs are required to remedy the situation in the building. Mike reported on the ongoing scheduled classes at the academy. Mike reported on recent meetings with the state in order to establish a FFII test for state certification. A challenge test may be offered in the spring for those who have already taken a FFII class. A refresher class will be scheduled before the test for those who may want to brush up. Mike also reported on the state’s progress with standardizing RIT training. Mike reported that if anyone does not have their certificate from the academy it is because payment has not been received. Certificates are mailed out as soon as payment is received. Mike researched the report that Atlantic County firefighters are attending FFI in Camden County. It was discovered that the decision was a geographical one. A few communities are just closer to that fire academy as well as run mutual aid call with Camden County fire companies.

Library – Ron Bird reported that he can be called if anything is needed.

Atl. Co. Fire Chief’s Association – Jim Garth reported on the meeting held Sept. 25, 2007 in Nesco. Jim reported that a CDL is required for any vehicle 26,000 lbs. or greater or has air brakes. The attorney general has stated that there are no plans to stop volunteer fire company drivers. Mike Corbo reported on discussions with the state that might have the state fire academies add CDL and CEVO II modules to the current curriculum. The next meeting is scheduled for Nov. 29, 2007 in Linwood.

NJ Forest Fire Service – Ken Badger reported on the current conditions in the state. Ken also reported that if a company applied for a RCFP grant, they can expect a response in the spring.

NJ Fireman’s Assn. – Oscar Dutch Jr. reported for Henry Schoenstein. The Fireman’s Assoc. has sold their building for \$1,150,000.00 and will relocate further south in the state.

NJ Fireman’s Home – Oscar Dutch Jr. reported the recent reorganizational meeting. Oscar has been elected Chairman for another term. Oscar reported on the dining room remodeling and recent improvements to the food, which is excellent.

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

Nomination of Officers

The first of two rounds of nominations was held. Those nominated are as follows.

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| President (1) | Amor “Skip” Portale, Dennis Sharpe |
| 1 st Vice President (1) | Ellsworth Ott |
| 2 nd Vice President (1) | Charles “Chick” Kisby* |
| Secretary (1) | Robert A. Mellon |
| Treasurer (1) | Stacey Wellington |
| Asst. Sec./Trea. (1) | [No Nomination] |
| Chaplain (1) | Rev. Thomas Sweeny* |
| Sgt.-at-Arms (3) | Jeffrey A. Rascone, Charles Harlan, William Thomas Hand |
| Executive Comm. (9) | Howard Berchtold Jr.*, Oscar Dutch Jr., Amor “Skip” Portale
Ronald Bird Jr., James Garth Sr., Ted Reinhard, R. Thomas Hunter Jr.
Rick Coraluzzo Sr., Charles J. Guenther, Gilbert Zonge Jr.* |

*have not yet formally accepted nomination, must do so before elections

Application for Membership

There were no applications for membership to act on.

Good of the Order

Ted Reinhard has Fire Engineering catalogs for those who might want one.

Adjournment

There being no further business at hand, the meeting was adjourned at 21:01. The next regular meeting is scheduled to be held at 20:00 on Nov. 21, 2007 in Somers Point Sta. #2.

Attested:

Robert A. Mellon, Secretary

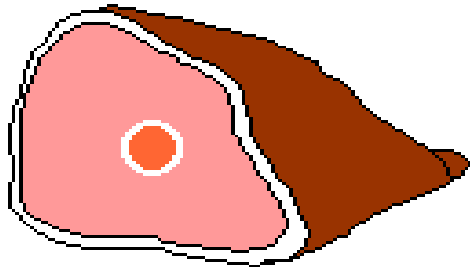
Date Clearing

Sat. Oct. 20	09:00	Bargaintown	Craft Fair
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
Fri. Nov. 16		Minotola	Roast Beef Dinner

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

Oceanville Volunteer Fire Company No. 1

Baked Ham and Oyster Dinner
Saturday, November 10th, 2007
4:00pm to 8:00pm



Take-out available

Located on Rt.9,
4 miles North of Rt. 30



Thank you for your support.