

Atlantic County Firefighters' Association

"In Union For The Safety Of All"

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December 19, 2007

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association was called to order at 20:00 on Dec. 19, 2007 in Farmington by President R. Thomas Hunter Jr.. The meeting was opened with an invocation offered by the Chaplain of the Association, Reverend Thomas Sweeny and followed with a flag salute.

Opening Remarks and Introduction of Host Chief

Chief Garth of the Farmington Fire Company was introduced. Chief Garth welcomed all to Farmington and introduced Chief Danz of the Egg Harbor Twp. Fire Dept. Chief Danz welcomed everyone and wished all a Happy New Year.

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 Nov. 21, 2007 meeting, as sent to the member companies.

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 – Chairman Howard Berchtold Jr. reported that the next Executive Committee meeting will be Jan. 4, 2008 in Pomona. Chairman Berchtold thanked everyone, on behalf of the executive committee, for all of the hard work over the last year and wished all the happiest of holidays.

Atlantic County Fire Training Advisory Board – Howard Berchtold Jr. reported that the next Atlantic County Fire Training Advisory Board meeting will be on Jan. 14, 2008.

Fire Coordinator – Ed Vincent thanked all of the fire coordinators for the last year of hard work. All fire coordinators have been reappointed with the exception of Bill Loder, who is retiring. A retirement party is scheduled for Jan. 5, 2008 with RSVP by Dec. 27, 2007 requested. Ed reported on the automatic response of fire coordinators on second alarms. Ed reported on a recent response to the airport and the involvement of Atl. Co. OEM as well as possible command conflicts. Ed has been appointed to a county workgroup that will review spending of homeland security funds for 2008. Ed is requesting that any company that has an idea for a homeland security initiative contact him at cell phone (609)839-1584 or email evincent@thomascoinc.com. Ed reported on a recent meeting in Salem County that addressed CDL licenses for emergency vehicles. The Div. of Fire Safety and an Attorney General lawyer have stated that this is a gray subject and that non-emergency operation of emergency vehicles should have a CDL operator. Ed reported that Mike Gallagher, from the Div. of Fire Safety, will be at the Atl. Co. Fire Chiefs meeting in January. Ed reminded everyone that there are NJ laws that establish minimum certified training requirements, such as ICS and NIMS, for officer positions.

Fire Marshal – Whitey Swartz reported that he is sending out notice to the companies that still owe fire reports as well as information about the valor awards. Whitey further reported that posters are starting to come in for the poster contest. If there are any questions, contact Whitey. Whitey wished all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Training – Director of Training Mike Corbo reported that Firefighter I will start on Tues. Feb. 5, 2008 and Firefighter II will start on Mon. Mar. 10, 2008. The Div. of Fire Safety has completed the FFII test bank. A challenge test will be scheduled in the spring. Mike will offer a review class for those who wish to challenge the test. The only prerequisite for the challenge test is five years as a firefighter. Mike is looking into a CDL class in the spring. The CDL test would still be taken at a DMV office. A practical test may be offered at the academy if the DMV agrees. Fire Officer classes will be offered in the spring. The Fire Officer I class is 65 hours and the test is administered by the division. There will be a one shot chance to challenge the Fire Officer I test. No challenge will be allowed for the Fire Officer II test. Mike reported on a training scenario in North Jersey that went badly. Mike thanked all of the instructors for the last year of hard work. Mike also thanked Howard Berchtold Jr. and the Executive Committee, the association officers, and all county fire departments for supporting the academy. Mike further thanked R. Thomas Hunter Jr. for all of the help and support during his term as president of the association. Mike reported that the ladder truck is still at the academy and should move to Hammonton by the end of the week.

Library – Ron Bird reported that he is in the process of moving and organizing the library contents. Some stuff is scattered right now, if anything is needed, contact Ron.

Atl. Co. Fire Chief's Association. – Jim Garth reported that the next meeting will be on Jan. 29, 2008 and will be held in Absecon. The agenda includes the CDL requirements that departments will need to meet and dealing with the cost of Firefighter I training and how the county might be able to help lower the cost to companies.

NJ Fireman's Home – Oscar Dutch reported on new state regulations that will ban smoking in all nursing homes on Jan. 1, 2008. Oscar reported on discussions held with the Firemen's Assn. Chairman of Resolution Committee about why resolutions to close the home keep getting placed on the ballot. Oscar wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

NJ Fireman's Relief Assn. – Henry Schoenstein reported that the association office sold for 1.15 million dollars. The contract allows the association one year to move out. The association is looking for a short term lease at this time, possibly in Kenilworth. A relocation committee is working on researching a more permanent home. Henry wished everyone Happy Holidays.

Dinner Committee – Will meet in January.

Communications

There were no communications to report.

Deferred Business

There was no deferred business to act upon.

New Business

There was no new business to act upon.

Good of the Order

President Hunter introduced Freeholder Frank Sutton, who was in the audience. Mr. Sutton wished everyone Happy Holidays and expressed his support in urging the county to help defray the cost of Firefighter I training.

Henry Schoenstein reported that an Egg Harbor City firefighter, Fred Hauber of Eastern Energy Services, Inc., is willing to conduct a thirty minute class on how to deal with solar panels on a structure fire. Mr. Hauber can be contacted at (609)801-1990 or Fred@easternenergyservices.com.

President R. Thomas Hunter Jr. wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Tom thanked everyone for supporting him during his tenure as president.

Ken Badger reported on random PEOSHA inspections taking place around the state. Ed Vincent will provide a printout detailing what PEOSHA is checking during an inspection.

Chief Danz reported on the recent fire at the Bargaintown Fire Station.

Election of Officers

The election of officers was held. The position of Asst. Sec./Trea. had no nominations and was not filled. The position of President was voted on by ballot. The remaining positions were unopposed. A motion was made, seconded, and carried that the secretary cast the ballot for all unopposed positions. Those elected to office for the year 2008 are as follows.

President (1)	Amor "Skip" Portale
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., Ronald Bird Jr., James Garth Sr., Ted Reinhard, R. Thomas Hunter Jr. Rick Coraluzzo Sr., Charles J. Guenther, Gilbert Zonge Jr.

Applications for Membership

There were no applications for membership to act on.

Adjournment

Benediction was conducted by Chaplain Rev. Thomas Sweeny who also offered a Christmas Message story.

There being no further business at hand, the meeting was adjourned at 21:20. The annual meeting and memorial service is scheduled to be held at 20:00 on Jan. 16, 2008 in Egg Harbor City. Full class A dress uniforms are requested.

Any companies that need to report the names of members that passed away in 2007 should email the secretary (robert.mellon@atlanticcountyfireassoc.org) as soon as possible. Please provide company name and the correct spelling of the member's name.

Attested:

Robert A. Mellon, Secretary

Date Clearing

Sat. Apr. 12 – 16:00	Oceanville	Ham & Oyster Dinner
Tues. May 13	Neschanic Valley Golf Club	NJ Firemen’s Home 2008 Golf Outing

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

**NEW JERSEY FIREMEN'S HOME 2008 GOLF OUTING
TUESDAY, MAY 13th**

**NESCHANIC VALLEY GOLF CLUB, NESCHANIC, NJ
LUNCH / DINNER / PRIZES / AWARDS-TRIPS-CARS**

HOW CAN I PARTICIPATE? BE A SPONSOR

PRESENTING SPONSOR	[FOURSOME + 1 st HOLE TEE SIGN]	\$4,000
DIAMOND	[FOURSOME + TEE SIGN AT HOLE]	\$3,500
CRYSTAL	[CO-SPONSOR OF FLEET OF CARTS & LUNCHEON]	\$2,500
PATRON	[FULL COLOR SIGNAGE]	\$1,000
TITANIUM	[FOURSOME + TEE SIGN AT HOLE]	\$750
PLATINUM	[SIGN ON BEVERAGE STATION]	\$475
GOLD	[SIGN ON BEVERAGE CART]	\$400
SILVER	[SPONSOR OF PUTTING GREEN OR DRIVING RANGE]	\$300
BRONZE	[TEE SIGN AT HOLE]	\$200

SPONSOR REGISTRATION FORM	
NAME _____	
ADDRESS _____	
PHONE NUMBER _____	
E-MAIL _____	
SPONSOR LEVEL _____	
FIRE COMPANY/FIRE ASSOCIATION, CORPORATE AFFILIATE _____	

HOW CAN I PARTICIPATE ? SIGN UP AS A FOURSOME

GOLFER [FOUR PLAYERS @ \$140 EACH].....\$560

FOURSOME REGISTRATION FORM	
<u>CONTACT:</u>	
NAME _____	GOLFER #1 NAME: _____
ADDRESS _____	GOLFER #2 NAME: _____
E-MAIL _____	GOLFER #3 NAME: _____
	GOLFER #4 NAME: _____

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE FOR SPONSOR / FOURSOME TO: NEW JERSEY FIREMEN'S HOME

MAIL REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT TO: NJFH
565 LATHROP AVENUE
BOONTON, NJ 07005
ATTN: HUGH FLOOD

CONFIRMATION WILL BE FORWARDED UPON RECEIPT OF REGISTRATION FORM AND PAYMENT
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: HUGH FLOOD AT 973-334-0024



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Fire Fighters Codes

Special requirements to ask for...

1. Ladder truck certification
 - a. Annual
 - b. Third party every five years
2. Pumper truck certification
 - a. Annual
 - b. Third party every five years
3. Training requirements
 - a. All firefighters must have received instruction to complete tasks requested of them.
 - b. Instructors must have had additional training to be qualified as a "competent trainer"
 - c. All firefighters must have annual re-training.
 - d. Interior structural firefighters must have quarterly re-training.
4. Organizational statement and structure
 - a. Basic structure of fire service
 - b. Roster of members names
 - c. Functions that the fire service is expected to perform
5. Written procedures for how to handle specific hazards such as hazardous materials, and provide training to firefighters on these practices.
6. Respiratory fit testing records
 - a. Way to evaluate if employees are able to perform their duties
 - b. Encompasses the 2 in/2 out policy
7. Medical evaluation
 - a. One time for all employees whom are appointed to fight structural fires
8. Fire trucks
 - a. Trucks must have enclosed crew quarters if purchased after 1/4/1993
9. Hazard Communication Program and Training
10. Turnout Gear Evaluation
 - a. Helmet
 - b. Bunker Pants
 - c. Bunker Boots
 - d. Bunker Jackets
 - e. Gloves
 - f. PASS
 - g. Hood
11. Station Gear Evaluation
 - a. Non-melting fabric
 - b. If required to be worn, must be worn
12. Filling Air Cylinders
 - a. Employees who perform this task must be trained in the proper use of the filling apparatus
13. *Confined space rescue team*
 - a. *Training*

- b. Rope evaluation*
- 14. *Other rescue teams*
 - a. Trenching*
 - b. High angle*
 - c. Technical*
- 15. *Lock out / Tag out*
 - a. Where vehicle or other necessary maintenance is performed by members of the fire fighting staff*

Opening Conference

Bring in...

1. PEOSH Act Leaflet
2. PEOSH Poster
3. NJSA 12:100 FF codes
4. Warning on thermal imaging cameras
5. Mandatory reporting requirements flyer
6. Recordkeeping information

FIREFIGHTER P.P.E., INSPECTION INFORMATION RECORD

File No. _____

Date: _____

I.D. /NAME	HELMET		HOOD		PASS		COAT SHELL		COAT LINER		GLOVES		BOOTS		PANTS SHELL		PANTS LINER	
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