

Atlantic County Firefighters' Association

"In Union For The Safety Of All"

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April 16, 2008

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the of the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association was called to order at 20:00 on April 16, 2008 at the Atlantic County Fire Training Center by President Amor "Skip" Portale. The meeting was opened with a flag salute followed by an Invocation by the Chaplain of the Association, Reverend Thomas Sweeny. President Portale then pointed out the fire exits and asked that all electronic devices be silenced. President Portale welcomed all to the meeting which serves as the seventeenth annual Valor Awards presentation and the third annual Poster Contest Awards presentation.

Opening Remarks and Introduction of Host Chief

President Portale introduced guests; including US Congressman Frank Lobiondo's representative: William Carson, NJ State Senator: James Whelan, Atlantic County Executive: Dennis Levinson, Atlantic County Freeholder Vice Chairman: Frank Sutton, Atlantic County Freeholder: Alyssa Cooper, and Atlantic County Public Safety Director: Vince Jones. All invited guests expressed their honor for being in attendance and appreciation for the fire service as well as the honored guests who will receive awards. The meeting is being hosted by the Atlantic City Fire Department and Chief Dennis Brooks, who welcomed everyone to the annual valor awards.

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 Mar. 19, 2008 meeting, as sent to the member companies.

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

The bills were read by Treasurer Stacey Wellington. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to pay the bills from the proper funds.

Video Presentation

A video presentation prepared by Chief Sweeny, of the Somers Point Fire Department, was shown.

Poster Contest Awards and Valor Awards

President Portale again welcomed all to the awards presentation. The presentation of the 2007-2008 Poster Contest Awards was made by President Portale and Atlantic County Fire Marshal, Harold "Whitey" Swartz.

Poster Contest Winners:

Grand Prize - Cathy Deng, William Davies Middle School, Mays Landing

Division #1 - Sarah Wilbraham, Seaview Avenue School, Linwood

Division #2 - Emily Montecions, North Main Street School, Pleasantville

Valor Awards Committee Chairman Harold "Whitey" Swartz and President Portale presented each of the Valor Award recipients with their awards from the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association. This is the seventeenth year of the Valor Awards presentation. Both awards were received by civilians.

Valor Awards Recipients:

Top Valor Award - George E. Hurden III, Absecon

First Class Valor Award - Allen G. Holman, Egg Harbor City

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

Good of the Order

Atlantic County Fire Marshal, Harold "Whitey" Swartz offered posters of the grand prize poster to all for posting throughout the county.

Thank you to the Atlantic City Fire Department for hosting the evening and providing the refreshments.

Adjournment

Benediction was conducted by Chaplain Rev. Thomas Sweeny.

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 21, 2008 in Oceanville.

Attested:

Robert A. Mellon, Secretary

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Date Clearing

Fri. Apr. 18	18:00	Atl. Cape Comm. College	ACFFA Dinner at Careme's
Sun. Apr. 20	07:00	Landisville Fire & Rescue	Annual Breakfast
Sat. Apr. 26	16:00	Nesco VFC	Spaghetti & Meatball Dinner
Sun. Apr. 27	08:00	Atl. Co. 4H Fairgrounds	Tanker Task Force Drill
Sat. May 3	16:30	Germania VFC	Turkey Dinner
Sun. May 4	16:00	Cardiff VFC BHP	Spaghetti Dinner Benefit
Mon. May 5	19:00	Fire Training Center	Fire Trax Training – contact lees_jake@aclink.org
Sat. May 10	08:30	Hughs Tech Center	Atl. City Airport IAFF Local S-18 / Engine Co. & Truck Co. Ops Training
Mon. May 12	19:00	Fire Training Center	Fire Trax Training – contact lees_jake@aclink.org
Tues. May 13	10:30	Neschanic Valley Golf Club	NJ Firemen's Home 2008 Golf Outing
Sat. May 17	11:00	Hammonton Sta. 2	Motorcycle Run & Open House
Sat. May 17	15:30	Port Republic VFC	Roast Beef Dinner
Sat. May 17	15:00	Somers Point VFC #1	A Day with "The Bub" – Art Elwell Fundraiser
Sun. May 18	11:30	Vineyards Golf @ Renault Winery	Egg Harbor City Fire Co. Golf Tournament
Sat. May 31	12:00	Port Republic VFC	Housing, Parade, and Firefighter Challenge
Sun. Jun. 1	07:00	Dover Downs Speedway	Egg Harbor City Fire Co. NASCAR Bus Trip
Fri. Jun. 13	13:00	McCullough's Emerald Links	Bargaintown VFC Golf Outing
Fri. Jun. 13	14:00	Hammonton Fire Co. #2	Howard Macri Memorial Blood Drive - contact Linda Osciak-Slimm (609) 567-8978
Tues. Aug. 19	19:30	Egg Harbor City	Atl. Co. Firemen's Caucus
Fri. Sept. 12	13:00	Wildwood	NJ State Firemen's Convention
Sat. Sept. 13	10:00	Wildwood	NJ State Firemen's Convention

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