

Atlantic County Firefighters' Association

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September 17, 2008

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association was called to order at 20:00 on Sep. 17, 2008 at the Hammonton Fire Company Sta. 2 by President Amor "Skip" Portale. The meeting was opened with a flag salute followed by a moment of silence. President Portale then pointed out the fire exits and asked that all electronic devices be silenced.

Opening Remarks and Introduction of Host Chief

Chief Ruberton of the Hammonton Fire Company was introduced. Chief Ruberton 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 Aug. 20, 2008 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 Treasurer Stacey Wellington.

Committee Reports

Executive Committee – Chairman Howard Berchtold Jr. summarized the minutes from the meeting of the Executive Committee held on Sept. 5, 2008 in Absecon. Howard reviewed the need for all overdue tuition to be collected and the measures that will be pursued for collection.

Atlantic County Fire Training Advisory Board – President Portale summarized the meeting of the Advisory Board held on Sept. 8, 2008. Among the items discussed was the status of the burn building.

Fire Coordinator – Ed Vincent reported that he has received a count of 590 composite bottles from the 26 of 48 departments that have reported. Ed reported on the current status of testing the bottles to determine the possibility of an extension of the life expectancy. The state of NJ is seeking a total count of composite bottles in the state to determine if a statewide bid for bottle replacement would be feasible. Ed reported on the recent fire

events and the foam totes. Ed reported on the state emergency response plan and the training associated with it. Ed reported on the assistance provided to Ventnor and Brigantine during their water emergencies. Ed reported on the news concerning dispatch in the county. Ed reported on the news of a state investigation into the bid specs and purchasing policies for fire apparatus. Ed reported on the rebanding of the 800mhz. radios in the county. Ed reported that he is part of the county work group researching a grant wish list for 2009.

Training – Mike Corbo reported that FFI is running with 30 students and FFII has 6 students. Mike reported that many classes have low or no enrollment. Several classes will have to be canceled or rescheduled. Mike reported that a defensive driving course will be offered to county departments, with hands on training, for the spring semester. Mike reported that Atlantic County OEM has I200, I300, and I400 classes scheduled during the weekdays if anyone would benefit by those hours. Mike reported that there will be three town hall style emergency preparedness meetings throughout the county. Mike reported that the burn building refurbishment should be completed in two weeks. Mike reported that the interview committee has met with 5 of the 7 applicants so far. They will meet with the remaining 2 applicants soon. There will be a total of 4 recommended for hiring.

Library – Ron Bird reported that the library is open while moving and taking inventory and if anything is needed, please contact him.

Atl. Co. Fire Chief's Association – Jim Garth congratulated Laureldale for winning the Atl. Co. Chiefs Assoc. trophy in Wildwood. Jim reported on the willingness of the NJSP Sgt., who attended the last chief's meeting, to work with the fire departments in anyway necessary on the Garden State Parkway. The next meeting of the Atl. Co. Fire Chief's Association is Sept. 25, 2008 in Nesco.

NJ Firemen's Home – Oscar Dutch had nothing new to report since making a full report at the NJ Firemen's Assn. convention in Wildwood.

NJ Firemen's Assn. – Henry Schoenstein thanked everyone for their attendance at the convention in Wildwood. Henry reported on the convention.

Audit Committee – President Portale reported that he is still waiting to hear from the accountants.

Communications

There were no communications to report.

Deferred Business

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to table the vote on the Bylaw addition and hold the vote at the same time as the Constitution change and addition.

New Business

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to accept the recommendation of the Executive Committee to reimburse the Secretary for expenses incurred for ID printer supplies and postage, as submitted with receipts.

Bills

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

Applications for Membership

Daniel Greenberg of the Longport Fire Department was accepted into membership.

Good of the Order

Ed Vincent reported that the Egg Harbor Township Fire Department is hosting a drill in the Seaview Marina on Sun. Sep. 21, 2008.

Thank you to the Hammonton Fire Company Sta. 2 for hosting the evening and providing the refreshments.

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. 15, 2008 in Port Republic.

Attested:

Robert A. Mellon, Secretary

Date Clearing

Sat. Oct. 4	15:30	Germania VFC	Turkey Dinner
Sat. Oct. 11	14:00	Landisville VFC	Car / Motorcycle Show (Rain Date 10/18)
Sat. Oct. 18	12:00	Pomona VFC	Building Dedication and Truck Housing
Sat. Oct. 18	12:00	Oceanville VFC	Classic Car Show (Smithville Town Square)
Sat. Oct. 18	16:00	Port Republic VFC	Roast Beef Dinner
Sat. Oct. 25	10:00	Farmington VFC	Craft Show
Sat. Oct. 25	11:00	Landisville VFC	Beef BBQ
Sun. Oct. 26	07:00	Weymouth VFC	Breakfast Buffet
Sat. Nov. 1	09:00	South Egg Harbor VFC	Craft Show
Sat. Nov. 8	16:00	Oceanville VFC	Ham & Oyster Dinner - Raffle Drawing (Tickets May Be Available)
Sat. Nov. 22	11:00	Minotola VFC	Hot Roast Beef Sale

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