

Atlantic County Firefighters' Association

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June 16, 2010

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the of the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association was called to order at 20:00 on June 16, 2010 at the East Vineland Vol. Fire Co. 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

President Portale introduced Chief Ruggeri of the East Vineland Vol. Fire Company. Chief Ruggeri welcomed all to East Vineland.

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 May 19, 2010 meeting, as sent to the member companies.

Report of Treasurer

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to accept the report of the Treasurer, totaling \$110,969.10, as read by Treasurer Jaime C. Mellon.

Bank of America / Bank of America / Bank of America / Hudson City Savings / Bank of America
Checking: \$14,309.49 / Savings: \$28,638.72 / 18 Month CD-8286: \$52,096.66 / 12 Month CD: \$10,297.77 / 9 Month CD-9551: \$5,626.46
1.60% - Due 3/1/2011 1.42% - Due 3/8/2011 0.50% - Due 9/6/2010

Committee Reports

Executive Committee – Chairman Howard Berchtold Jr. reported the next meeting of the Executive Committee is scheduled for Jul. 9, 2010.

Atlantic County Fire Training Advisory Board – Howard Berchtold Jr. reported the next meeting of the Advisory Board is scheduled for Jul. 12, 2010.

Fire Coordinator – Fire Coordinator Ed Vincent reported on the foam totes and the foam task force. Ed reported on the current status of the fire coordinators and the fire marshal office. Ed reported that all communication concerning

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fire coordinator operations should be reported directly to him. The new fire coordinator pager is (609)383-4066. Ed reported on some issues raised after the recent drill at the airport. A plan for a strike team of tankers is being put together for the airport.

Library – Ron Bird reported that library is open and to contact him if assistance is needed.

Atl. Co. Fire Chief's Association – Jim Garth reported that the last meeting of the Atl. Co. Fire Chief's Association was held in Northfield. The next meeting is scheduled for Jul. 27, 2010 in Estell Manor. President Portale requested that the chief's association take the lead with addressing the pending radio system changes in Atlantic County, including the FCC required narrow band changes to all systems and the 800 mhz. system change planned for completion by 2017. Discussion about the future of the radio and paging systems followed.

NJ Forest Fire – Kenny Badger reported that grant applications are available for downloading online at <http://www.state.nj.us/dep/parksandforests/fire/grants.htm> .

NJ Firemen's Home – Oscar Dutch reported on a recent meeting held with state officials. Oscar reported on various repairs and projects at the home. The board has been acting as the general contractor and saving money by doing so. Oscar reported on the ongoing plans and research for a southern home or wing of an existing home for firefighters.

Atlantic County 4H Fair – Howard Berchtold reported the dates for the fair are August 5, 6, and 7. The fire instructors will organize the firefighter competition scheduled for the evening of Aug. 6.

Communications

Letter from State of New Jersey was read concerning the acceptance of the alternate name application. The "Atlantic County Firemen's Association of New Jersey, Inc." is also known as the "Atlantic County Firefighters' Association of the State of New Jersey Inc."

A letter from Mr. E. Jake Eggie Jr., of Northfield, was received thanking President Portale for presenting him with the 50+ years of service award.

Deferred Business

There was no deferred business to act on.

New Business

There was no new business to act on.

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Bills

The bills, totaling \$3,196.03, were read by Treasurer Jaime C. Mellon. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to pay the bills from the proper funds.

Bills --- Home Depot - \$221.83 / Lowes - \$20.60 / Butterhof's - \$712.50 / Staples - \$100.54 / Ferno - \$742.00 / Public Safety Center. - \$1,398.56

Applications for Membership

There were no applications for membership to act on.

Good of the Order

Thank you to the East Vineland Vol. Fire Company for hosting the evening and providing the refreshments.

Adjournment

There being no further business at hand, the meeting was adjourned at 20:35. The next regular meeting is scheduled to be held at 20:00 on Jul. 21, 2010 in Linwood. The drawing for order within the Atlantic County Unit at the Wildwood parade will be conducted.

Attested:

Robert A. Mellon, Secretary

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Date Clearing

Sat. Jun. 19, 2010	14:00	Mays Landing Golf	Bargaintown VFC 3 rd Annual Phoenix Fund Golf Outing and/or Dinner
Sun. Jun. 20, 2010	07:00	Nesco VFC	All You Can Eat Fathers Day Breakfast
Sat. Jun. 26, 2010	10:00	EHT Veterans' Memorial Park	EHT 300 th Anniversary "Heritage Day" Celebration
Sat. Jun. 26, 2010	12:30	Charlie's Bar, Somers Point	Somers Point VFC No. 2 Beef-N-Beer, 50/50, Silent Auction
Sat. Jun. 26, 2010	18:00	Hammonton VFC #2	Friends of Jack Valerio Beef and Beer
Sun. Jun. 27, 2010	09:00	Elwood VFC	Summer 2010 Motorcycle Run
Tues. Jun. 29, 2010	11:00	Nesco VFC	Italian Hoagie Sale
Sun. Jul. 4, 2010	12:00	Dorothy VFC	75th Anniversary, Parade, and Celebration
Sun. Jul. 11, 2010	08:00	Somers Point VFC #2	Community - Breakfast, All You Can Eat
Thurs. Jul. 22, 2010	20:00	Dorothy VFC	Hosting Meeting of Atl. Co. Firemen's Death Benefit Fund
Tues. Jul. 27, 2010	20:00	Estell Manor VFC	Hosting Meeting of the Atlantic Co. Fire Chiefs' Assn.
Thurs. Aug. 5, 2010	16:00	Atlantic County 4H Fairgrounds	ACFFA @ Atlantic County 4H Fair
Fri. Aug. 6, 2010	16:00	Atlantic County 4H Fairgrounds	ACFFA @ Atlantic County 4H Fair & Firefighter Competition
Sat. Aug. 7, 2010	09:00	Atlantic County 4H Fairgrounds	ACFFA @ Atlantic County 4H Fair
Sun. Aug. 15, 2010	08:00	Somers Point VFC #2	Community - Breakfast, All You Can Eat
Tues. Aug. 17, 2010	19:30	Egg Harbor City VFC	Atl. Co. NJ Firemen's Assoc. Caucus
Sun. Sep. 12, 2010	08:00	Somers Point VFC #2	Community - Breakfast, All You Can Eat
Fri. Sep. 17, 2010	13:00	Wildwood Conv. Ctr.	NJ Firemen's Assoc. Convention
Sat. Sep. 18, 2010	09:00	Wildwood Conv. Ctr.	NJ Firemen's Assoc. Convention
Sat. Sep. 25, 2010	12:00	Cologne VFC	50 th Anniversary Celebration
Thurs. Sep. 30, 2010	20:00	Nesco VFC	Hosting Meeting of the Atlantic Co. Fire Chiefs' Assn.
Sat. Oct. 2, 2010	16:00	Germania VFC	Turkey Dinner
Sat. Oct. 2, 2010	10:00	Smithville	Oceanville VFC @ Oktoberfest w/ Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, French Fries
Sun. Oct. 3, 2010	10:00	Smithville	Oceanville VFC @ Oktoberfest w/ Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, French Fries
Sun. Oct. 10, 2010	08:00	Somers Point VFC #2	Community - Breakfast, All You Can Eat
Sat. Nov. 13, 2010	16:00	Oceanville VFC	Baked Ham & Fried Oyster Dinner
Sun. Nov. 14, 2010	08:00	Somers Point VFC #2	Community - Breakfast, All You Can Eat
Tues. Nov. 30, 2010	20:00	Linwood VFC	Hosting Meeting of the Atlantic Co. Fire Chiefs' Assn.
Sun. Dec. 12, 2010	08:00	Somers Point VFC #2	Community - Breakfast, All You Can Eat
Tues. Jan. 25, 2011	20:00	Absecon VFC	Hosting Meeting of the Atlantic Co. Fire Chiefs' Assn.
Thurs. Jan. 27, 2011	20:00	Oceanville VFC	Hosting Meeting of Atl. Co. Firemen's Death Benefit Fund

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