

Atlantic County Firefighters' Association

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July 21, 2010

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the of the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association was called to order at 20:00 on July 21, 2010 at the Linwood 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 Foster of the Linwood Company. Chief Foster welcomed all to Linwood.

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 June 16, 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 \$121,138.94, as read by Treasurer Jaime C. Mellon.

Bank of America / Bank of America / Bank of America / Hudson City Savings / Bank of America
Checking: \$40,000.00 / Savings: \$13,118.05 / 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 – Asst. Chairman Oscar Dutch Jr. summarized the minutes from the Executive Committee meeting held on Jul. 9, 2010. The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for September 10, 2010 in Absecon.

Atlantic County Fire Training Advisory Board – President Portale reported the meeting of the Advisory Board scheduled for July 12, 2010 was canceled and the next meeting will be on September 13, 2010.

Fire Coordinator – Fire Coordinator Ed Vincent reported on recent fire coordinator activity. Ed reported that NJ DFS only needs immediate notification in the event of a firefighter injury or death. Civilian injury or death can be

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reported using the regular notification process. Ed reported on the strike teams that were on standby during the Pepco Energy Services chiller pipe repair in Atlantic City. Ed will be attending a grant workshop on July 29. Some of the equipment covered by grant monies is out for bid and the remainder will go out for bid soon. Ed reported on the plans for the AC Air Show scheduled for Aug. 25 and the Aug. 24 practice. Ed read a memorandum from Acting Chief Victor Francesco of the Atlantic City Fire Department. The summary of the memo was that the ACFD will utilize more mutual-aid in order to offset the current losses of firefighters due to attrition and possible layoffs. Chief Clayton of the Longport Fire Dept. reported that Longport, Margate, and Ventnor will be advising ACFD Chief Dennis Brooks that their fire departments will only respond to incident scenes when needed and will not respond to requests for station coverage. Ed reported that there is a county mutual aid plan but few actually signed mutual aid agreements. Only five Atlantic County municipalities have signed agreements. Without signed agreements, it is plausible that any services provided could be billable.

Atlantic County 4H Fair – President Portale 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. The trophies are all ready for presentation after the competition and the poster contest arrangements were organized by Fire Marshal Whitey Swartz.

Training – Director of Training Michael Corbo reported that the Fall 2010 FFI class will start on Tues. Aug. 24. The course catalog should be ready by the end of August. Mike reported that a STICO class scheduled for Jul. 24 and 25 still has room for more students and the NJ DFS is covering the cost. Mike reported that some of the FFI and FFII drills still have to be completed and have been delayed by the excessive heat. Mike reported on the Spring 2010 semester. It was the most classes ever run in one semester. The graduation will be scheduled in August; the details are still being worked out. Mike thanked all of the instructors for the great job and hard work for successfully getting the last semester completed. Mike reminded all that the FFI application and addition forms must be used for FFI registration and not the generic application used for all other classes. Oscar Dutch reported that he had received some positive feedback about Dir. of Training Corbo from out of county fire departments that have sent students to the academy. Mike reported that a Fire Officer I challenge test will be scheduled for October. Only one attempt will be allowed for this test. Mike also reported that two FFII challenge tests will be offered in the Fall, this test will no longer be offered after 2010. Mike reported that preparation for the FFII test can be done by using the FFII course syllabus to study with the Delmar Firefighter textbook.

Library – Ron Bird reported that the library is open, inventory is still being worked on, and to contact him if assistance is needed.

Atl. Co. Fire Chief's Association – Jim Garth reported that the next meeting is scheduled for Jul. 27, 2010 in Estell Manor. Guests with knowledge of narrowband radio systems will be in attendance.

NJ Firemen's Home – Oscar Dutch reported on various repairs and projects at the home. Oscar reported on the ongoing plans and research for a southern home or wing of an existing home for firefighters.

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NJ Firemen's Assn. – Henry Schoenstein read a letter about the ending of the Firemen's Home research into a southern NJ option. Henry Schoenstein reported that the Atlantic County Caucus is scheduled for Aug. 17 in Egg Harbor City. Registration starts at 18:30 with the caucus starting at 19:30. The convention is scheduled in Wildwood on Sep. 17 and 18. Henry reported that the compendium has been updated and is now in binders. Five copies have been sent to all local associations with instructions as to who should receive each copy. Henry reminded the local association treasurers that they need to send a copy of their IRS form 990 to the main office.

Atl. Co. Firefighters' Death Benefit Fund Assn. – Henry Schoenstein reported that the Death Benefit Fund has a meeting scheduled for July 22, 2010 in Dorothy at 8:00 PM.

Communications

There were no communications to report.

Deferred Business

There was no deferred business to act on.

New Business

Motion was made, seconded, and carried that the association raise the out of county tuition for FFI from \$200.00 to \$250.00.

Motion was made, seconded, and carried that the association treasurer reinvests the CD due in September at the best possible interest rate available at the time.

Motion was made, seconded, and carried that the association start the process of changing the bylaws and constitution along with other necessary changes required to properly apply for IRS 501(c)3 status.

Drawing for Wildwood Parade order within Atlantic County:

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|---------------------------|--------------------|---|
| 1. Galloway Twp. | 6. Buena Boro | 11. Swartz Fire Museum |
| 2. Dorothy, Weymouth Twp. | 7. Longport | 12. Northfield |
| 3. Absecon | 8. Estell Manor | 13. Somers Point |
| 4. Hamilton Twp. | 9. Egg Harbor City | 14. Remaining Atl. Co. Units |
| 5. Egg Harbor Twp. | 10. Linwood | as submitted directly to Parade Committee |

Online registration still required at <http://www.njfireexpo.com> or online application at <http://spreadsheets.google.com/viewform?hl=en&formkey=ckZwRGxCNENQSmtmSUx3Uy1IS20zQ2c6MA>

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Bills

The bills and biannual payroll, totaling \$35,353.44, were read by Treasurer Jaime C. Mellon. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to pay the bills and payroll from the proper funds.

Bills --- Mike Corbo - \$82.78 / Modern Gas - \$900.04 / Walt's Primo Pizza - \$289.00 / Jaime Mellon - \$41.59 / Staples - \$13.46 / Oceanville VFC (refund overpayment) - \$60.00 / American Safety - \$352.00 / Indiana Fire Inst. Assn. - \$62.84 / Jay Newman - \$350.00

Biannual Payroll --- Payroll for twenty-eight (28) Instructors and six (6) Adjunct Instructors - \$28,406.95 / Payroll Taxes EFT - \$4,794.78

Applications for Membership

Stephen Hand of the Bayview Vol. Fire Co.; Brooke Thies, Robin E. Theis, and John V. Wagner of the Estell Manor Vol. Fire Co.; Lindsay Pinto, Joshua Taylor, Paul Austin, Kevin M. Endicott, Alvin Cantona, Joseph E. Martin, Richard Clute, David Michael, Brad Ferguson, Charles Endicott, Edward J. Gobbo, and John R. Thompson Jr. of the Oceanville Vol. Fire Co. were accepted into membership.

Good of the Order

Dennis Sharpe thanked Secretary Mellon for keeping the date clearing up to date and emailing event information.

Jim Garth reported that Secretary Mellon has distributed documents explaining narrowband radio system and FCC radio compliance for public safety organizations.

Thank you to the Linwood Fire Company for hosting the evening and providing the refreshments.

Adjournment

There being no further business at hand, the meeting was adjourned at 21:30. The next regular meeting is scheduled to be held at 20:00 on Aug. 18, 2010 in Laureldale.

Attested:

Robert A. Mellon, Secretary

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Date Clearing

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.
Sat. Jul. 31, 2010	09:30	Farmington VFC	Christmas in July Poker Run & Toy Drive
Sat. Jul. 31, 2010	12:00	Farmington VFC	Christmas in July Toy Drive & Free BBQ/Family Fun Day - 16 Delancy Ave. EHT
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. 8, 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
Sat. Sep. 11, 2010	15:30	Weekstown VFC	Annual Pig Roast 15:30 - 19:00
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
Sat. Sep. 25, 2010	15:00	Farmington VFC	1 st Annual Spaghetti Dinner
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. Oct. 30, 2010	09:00	South Egg Harbor VFC	24 th Annual Holiday Craft Show
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)