

Atlantic County Firefighters' Association

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June 20, 2012

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association was called to order at 20:00 on June 20, 2012 at the Collings Lakes Vol. Fire Co. by President Amor "Skip" Portale. The meeting was opened with a flag salute followed by a moment of silence in remembrance of all fallen firefighters and military personnel. President Portale then pointed out the fire exits and asked that all electronic devices be silenced.

Opening Remarks

Chief Donnelly of the Collings Lakes Vol. Fire Co. was introduced. Chief Donnelly welcomed all to Collings Lakes and Buena Vista Township.

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 16, 2012 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 \$136,647.19, as read by Treasurer Jaime C. Mellon.

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| Bank of America | / | Bank of America | / | ING Direct | / | Parke Bank | / | Parke Bank |
| Checking: \$67,916.20 | / | Savings: \$2,100.84 | / | Savings: \$20,167.82 | / | 12 Month CD: \$23,125.81 | / | 13 Month CD: \$23,336.52 |
| | | | | | / | 1.10% - Due 10/30/2012 | / | 1.01% - Due 5/6/2013 |

Special Presentation

Ed Conover, Deputy Coordinator for the Atlantic County Office of Emergency Management, presented and reviewed the new "Emergency Operations in High Wind Environments" standard operating guideline issued by the Atlantic County Department of Public Safety Office of Emergency Preparedness on June 13, 2012.

Committee Reports

Executive Committee – Chairman Howard Berchtold Jr. reported that the next meeting of the executive committee is 7:30PM on Jul. 6, 2012 at the Landisville Vol. Fire Company.

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Atlantic County Fire Training Advisory Board – Chairman Howard Berchtold Jr. reported that the next meeting of the advisory board is 7:00PM on Jul. 9, 2012 at the Anthony "Tony" Canale Training Center. Howard reported that there will be discussion about expanding the training center. Oscar Dutch reported that county government has started to consider expanding the training center.

Fire Coordinator – Ed Vincent reported that he checked with the NJ Division of Fire Safety regarding the SCI air cylinders. The official position is that buying SCI cylinders directly, and not as SCBA manufacturer cylinders, creates a situation where the cylinder does not have the required NIOSH approval since all NIOSH approvals are for SCBA manufacturer labeled equipment as submitted by the SCBA manufacturers. Mike Corbo added that NJ PEOSH will cite any departments using SCI cylinders with their SCBA that are not part of the original manufacturer equipment. Ed reported that the Deputy Fire Coordinator gear will be delivered soon and purchasing a CO meter for the coordinators is being researched. Ed reported that Tender Task Force Div. A (TTF-A) will be having a drill 08:00 July 15 at the Pilgrim Academy, 310 W. Moss Mill Rd., Galloway. Ed reported on attending the ISO Hauled Water Drill held in the Germania section of Galloway Township. The Galloway FD is looking to improve their ISO rating by having an ISO evaluator record the times during the evolutions. The recorded times, along with other data, will be evaluated by ISO and a determination returned at a later date. Ed reported on the status of the Homeland Security Grants. Foam has been ordered. The FY2010 and FY2011 grant proposals are moving forward and include radio equipment. The FY2012 grant has not yet been authorized and rumors have it becoming a regional grant instead of a county grant. Ed reported that the drill scheduled for October 20, 2012 in New Gretna has been postponed until the Spring of 2013 due to adding an EMS component to the overall drill planning. Ed reported that he has not yet heard of any plans for the Atlantic City Air Show scheduled for August 17, 2012. Ed reported that if any municipalities use the county foam stockpile, they will be responsible to replace what was used. Ed reported on a county EOC drill held in May. Ed reported that Longport Fire Dept. will hold their 100th anniversary celebration and parade this Friday, June 23, 2012.

Training – Director of Training Mike Corbo reported that the Summer FFI is running with fifteen students and the Summer FFII with nine students. The Spring FFI and FFII classes have wrapped up and a graduation ceremony has been scheduled for 19:00 Monday, July 23, 2012 at the Anthony "Tony" Canale Training Center. Mike reported on all upcoming scheduled classes. All classes have room for more students. Please have all firefighters review the class schedule and sign up. Mike will prepare and email the Atlantic County 4H Fair Firefighter Competition rules and application within the next week. A preliminary competition will be scheduled at the training center before the fair. Mike reported on the recent NJ PEOSH regional information seminars. Some news from the seminars includes that NJ PEOSH is requiring that all Firefighters on an active roster by NJ Firefighter I certified. There was no clarity on dedicated Fire Police members requiring Firefighter I certification and NJ PEOSH will review that further for a determination. Secretary Mellon reported on incidents, on a national level, where the US Dept. of Justice was denying the payment of the Public Safety Officers Benefit (PSOB) to beneficiaries of Fire Police that suffered a Line of Duty Death (LODD). The US DOJ determination was that Fire Police are not Firefighters and therefore not entitled to the PSOB. There are currently challenges to that determination but it is still ongoing. Though not a legal opinion, Secretary Mellon recommends that all Fire Police first be certified Firefighters and then assigned Fire Police duty in an attempt to prevent this from being an issue in case of a worst case scenario.

Library – Ron Bird reported that he can be contacted if library access is needed.

Atl. Co. Fire Chief's Association – Chick Kisby reported that the next meeting of the Atl. Co. Fire Chief's Association will be on July 31, 2012 and is hosted by Estell Manor Vol. Fire Company.

Legislative – John V. Wagner reported that he has reestablished contact with local and regional political representative offices. John reported that they have been asking what the issues are legislatively concerning the shuttering of fire

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departments such as Belcoville and Folsom. John reported that he has surveyed several municipalities as to their opinion on the right of the general public to attend fire department meetings. There were three common answers. First, yes if public funds will be discussed. Second, yes if fifty percent or more of financial discussion is public funds. Third, no. On a non fire service note, John reported that the gift card laws can be confusing and have many different regulations that cover store cards or bank issued cards. Please review the disclaimers for what you buy, time limits and fees, and remember it is buyer beware.

NJ Firemen's Home – Oscar Dutch reported the paving has been completed and that the boilers will be replaced with new dual fuel models.

County Radio Communications / Central Dispatch – Oscar Dutch reported that a county meeting concerning central dispatch will be held on June 21. Vince Jones was to be at tonight's meeting to report on the current status but the Absecon Nursing Home lost air conditioning and he had to work on possible evacuation plans.

Atlantic County 4H Fair – Howard Berchtold reported that the fair is scheduled for August 9, 10, and 11. The firefighter competition will be held on August 10. The ACFFA booth will be setup the same as in past years and most handout material has already been obtained.

Communications

There were no communications to report.

Deferred Business

There was no deferred business to act on.

New Business

There was no new business to act on.

Bills

The bills, totaling \$7,189.59, were read by Treasurer Jaime C. Mellon. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to pay the bills from the proper funds.

Bills --- Liberty Mutual - \$115.00 (workers comp. ins. fees) / Witmer - \$312.00 (rope rescue equip.) / Walt's Primo Pizza - \$540.00 (food for training) / American Safety - \$528.00 (smoke fluid) / ESI Equipment - \$35.00 (SEF-94 5gal. pail 50:1) / Continental Fire & Safety - \$492.00 (ten 3 layer lifeliner hoods) / Ventry Solutions Inc. - \$900.00 (twenty inch 1.5hp Ventry E-fan) / Butterhof's Farm - \$937.50 (straw) / Home Depot - \$18.75 (elec. supplies for work room) / MES - \$463.00 (equipment maintenance) / Staples - \$106.99 (office supplies) / Mike Corbo - \$2,741.35 (2012 FDIC food and lodging reimbursement)

Applications for Membership

There were no applications for membership.

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Good of the Order

Thank you to the Collings Lakes Vol. Fire Company for hosting the evening and providing the refreshments.

Adjournment

There being no further business at hand, the meeting was adjourned at 21:00. The next regular meeting is scheduled to be held at 20:00 on Jul. 18, 2012 at the Linwood Fire Department.

Attested:

Robert A. Mellon, Secretary

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Date Clearing

http://www.atlanticcountyfireassoc.org/ACFFA_Date_Clearing.htm

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| Sat. Jun. 23, 2012 | 12:00 | Longport VFD | 100 th Anniversary and Parade |
| Sun. Jul. 15, 2012 | 08:00 | Pilgrim Academy (310 W. Moss Mill Rd. Galloway) | Tender task Force Div. A (TTF-A) Drill |
| Wed. Jul. 18, 2012 | 20:00 | Linwood VFD | Hosting ACFFA Monthly Meeting |
| Sat. Jul. 21, 2012 | 10:00 | Estell Manor VFC | Sub Sale - 10:00 to 14:00 |
| Mon. Jul. 23, 2012 | 19:00 | Anthony "Tony" Canale Training Center | Atlantic County Fire Academy Spring 2012 Firefighter I and II Graduation Ceremony |
| Thurs. Jul. 26, 2012 | 20:00 | Linwood VFD | Hosting Meeting of Atl. Co. Firefighters' Death Benefit Fund Assoc. |
| Tues. Jul. 31, 2012 | 20:00 | Estell Manor VFC | Hosting Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Chiefs Assoc. |
| Aug. 9, 10, 11, 2012 | varies | Atlantic County 4H Fairgrounds | ACFFA at Atlantic County 4H Fair |
| Fri. Aug. 10, 2012 | 19:00 | Atlantic County 4H Fairgrounds | ACFFA at Atlantic County 4H Fair - Hosting Firefighter Competition Finals |
| Tues. Aug. 14, 2012 | 19:30 | Egg Harbor City VFD | Hosting NJSFA Atlantic County Caucus |
| Wed. Aug. 15, 2012 | 20:00 | Cologne VFC | Hosting ACFFA Monthly Meeting |
| Fri. Sep. 14, 2012 | 13:00 | Wildwood, NJ | NJSFA Convention - reg. 09:30 to 12:30 - mtg. 13:00 |
| Sat. Sep. 15, 2012 | 10:00 | Wildwood, NJ | NJSFA Convention - reg. 07:30 to 09:45 - mtg. 10:00 |
| Wed. Sep. 19, 2012 | 20:00 | Hammonton VFD Sta. 2 | Hosting ACFFA Monthly Meeting |
| Thurs. Sep. 27, 2012 | 20:00 | Nesco VFC | Hosting Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Chiefs Assoc. |
| Sat. Oct. 6, 2012 | 10:00 | Smithville, NJ | Oceanville VFC @ Octoberfest w/ Foot Long Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Fries, etc. |
| Sat. Oct. 6, 2012 | 16:00 | Germania VFC | Turkey Dinner |
| Sun. Oct. 7, 2012 | 10:00 | Smithville, NJ | Oceanville VFC @ Octoberfest w/ Foot Long Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Fries, etc. |
| Wed. Oct. 17, 2012 | 20:00 | Port Republic VFD | Hosting ACFFA Monthly Meeting |
| Sat. Nov. 10, 2012 | 16:00 | Oceanville VFC | Baked Ham & Fried Oyster Dinner |
| Wed. Nov. 21, 2012 | 20:00 | Somers Point VFD Sta. 1 | Hosting ACFFA Monthly Meeting |
| Tues. Nov. 27, 2012 | 20:00 | Linwood VFD | Hosting Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Chiefs Assoc. |
| Wed. Dec. 19, 2012 | 20:00 | Farmington VFC | Hosting ACFFA Monthly Meeting |
| Wed. Jan. 16, 2013 | 20:00 | Egg Harbor City VFD | Hosting ACFFA Monthly Meeting |
| Thurs. Jan. 24, 2013 | 20:00 | Somers Point VFD Sta. 1 | Hosting Meeting of Atl. Co. Firefighters' Death Benefit Fund Assoc. |
| Tues. Jan 29, 2013 | 20:00 | Absecon VFD | Hosting Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Chiefs Assoc. |
| Wed. Feb. 20, 2013 | 20:00 | Longport VFD | Hosting ACFFA Monthly Meeting |
| Sat. Apr. 13, 2013 | 16:00 | Oceanville VFC | Baked Ham & Fried Oyster Dinner |
| Sat. May 4, 2013 | 16:00 | Germania VFC | Turkey Dinner |
| Sat. Oct. 5, 2013 | 16:00 | Germania VFC | Turkey Dinner |
| Sat. Nov. 9, 2013 | 16:00 | Oceanville VFC | Baked Ham & Fried Oyster Dinner |