

# Atlantic County Firefighters' Association

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August 15, 2012

## Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association was called to order at 20:00 on August 15, 2012 at the Cologne 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 Elkner of the Cologne Vol. Fire Co. was introduced. Chief Elkner welcomed all to Cologne.

## 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 July 18, 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 \$98,149.04, as read by Treasurer Jaime C. Mellon.

Bank of America	/	Bank of America	/	ING Direct	/	Parke Bank	/	Parke Bank
Checking: \$29,400.99	/	Savings: \$2,101.12	/	Savings: \$20,184.60	/	12 Month CD: \$23,125.81	/	13 Month CD: \$23,336.52
					/	1.10% - Due 10/30/2012	/	1.01% - Due 5/6/2013

## Committee Reports

**Executive Committee** – Chairman Howard Berchtold Jr. reported that the next meeting of the executive committee is 7:30PM on Sep. 7, 2012 at the Absecon Vol. Fire Company. Howard thanked the Director of Training, Mike Corbo, for an excellent FFI and FFII graduation ceremony held on Jul. 23, 2012. Howard reported that Ted Reinhard was able to attend tonight's meeting and has been able to move around with only a cane for assistance. Howard also reported that Fire Marshal Whitey Swartz had a pace maker implanted a couple of weeks ago and has been doing well since. Whitey is at tonight's Military Appreciation Parade in Atlantic City with some of his antique fire trucks.

**Atlantic County Fire Training Advisory Board** – Howard Berchtold reported that the next meeting of the board is scheduled to be held on September 10, 2012.

**Fire Coordinator** – Oscar Dutch reported in place of Fire Coordinator Ed Vincent. Oscar reported that more equipment has been received from the Homeland Security grants. Oscar also reported that an email had been sent out today from the NJ

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Dept. of Community Affairs. The NJDCA is to be contacted during events where high occupancy buildings are evacuated and occupants will require relocation. The NJDCA will provide assistance with finding shelter for the evacuated occupants. Ken Badger reported that the foam trailer located at East Vineland has been moved to Richland and the totes at Scullville will be moved to Hammonton. Ken also reminded all that the Atlantic City Air Show will practice on Thurs. Aug. 16 with the show on Fri. Aug. 17.

**Training** – Director of Training Mike Corbo reported that twenty-one students are registered for the Firefighter I class starting on Aug. 21. Mike reported that the Firefighter II class will start on Sep. 10 and list of current classes scheduled is available tonight and will be emailed by the association's secretary. The full class catalog has been sent to the printer and will be mailed to all departments/companies as soon as ready. The full class catalog will be emailed and posted on the academy website as soon as possible. Mike reported that FEMA is once again occupying classroom four due to recent area storm damage. Mike reported that the only regional Fire Instructor II class this semester will be in Camden County in October. Mike reported that academy does have a Fire Instructor I class scheduled in November and a Fire Officer II class scheduled for January. Mike reported on the cancellation of the 4H Fair firefighter Competition due to weather predictions. The competition will be rescheduled, probably in September, after consulting with the Executive Committee. Mike reported that he has received sixteen responses to the request sent out to all chiefs about a county technical rescue team. Mike reported that approximately two hundred attended the Firefighter I and II graduation ceremony held on July 23. There was a question from the floor as to when the next Fire Police class will be scheduled. Mike reported that the state is looking to update the class but one will probably be scheduled for the spring semester in 2013.

**Atl. Co. Fire Chief's Association** – Chick Kisby reported that the next meeting of the Atl. Co. Fire Chief's Association will be on Sep. 27, 2012 at the Nesco Vol. Fire Company.

**County Radio Communications / Central Dispatch** – Oscar Dutch reported that a meeting has been scheduled with Stockton College officials.

**Atlantic County 4H Fair** – Howard reported that rain interrupted the fair at times but it did go on and many children visited the association booth. Howard reported that the Firefighter Competition was cancelled due to storm predictions and the Atlantic County 4H Association may be interested in hosting some kind of fire prevention or safety day in the Fall with the rescheduled competition held then. Howard reported that the 4H Fair and the public relations involved is one of this association's highest profile events. Howard thanked all departments/companies (Laureldale, Northfield, South Egg Harbor) and individuals (Whitey Swartz, Mike Corbo, Ellsworth Ott, Ed Vincent, Oscar Dutch, Chip Stockton, Joe Ward, Dennis Sharpe, Ron Bird, and Dave Buzby) that provided the much needed assistance that makes the association's participation at the fair possible.

**Legislative** – John Wagner reported that he talked with Senator Whelan's office about the call waiting interruptions and the many ideas about recruitment/retention initiatives for NJ such as a tax credit. If anyone has anything for the legislative committee to research, contact John. Howard Berchtold reported on the new law that took effect on Aug. 7, 2012. The law is P.L. 2012, c.28. The law prohibits first responders from photographing or disclosing photographs of persons being provided medical care at a motor vehicle accident or other emergency.

## Communications

There were no communications to report.

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## Deferred Business

There was no deferred business to act on.

## New Business

There was no new business to act on.

## Bills

The bills, totaling \$8,223.91, were read by Treasurer Jaime C. Mellon. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to pay the bills from the proper funds.

Bills --- Staples - \$185.74 (office supplies) / IRS - \$5,339.49 (federal payroll taxes) / Lowes - \$32.23 (training supplies) / Brown & Brown - \$789.04 (commercial auto insurance) / Brown & Brown - \$1,400.49 (professional & general liability insurance) / Mike Corbo - \$149.33 (reimburse graduation food from Sam's Club) / AtlantiCare - \$120.00 (twenty-four CPR card) / This & That Uniforms - \$55.00 (polo shirt) / Walt's Primo Pizza - \$152.59 (food for graduation)

## Applications for Membership

Albert C. Weber Jr. of the Egg Harbor City Vol. Fire Dept. was accepted into membership.

## Good of the Order

Chick Kisby reported that the EPA has granted relief for fire trucks and ambulances with regard to complying with the 2007 technical amendments regulating diesel engines. More information about the regulations and granted relief can be found on the EPA website. <http://www.epa.gov/otaq/highway-diesel/regs.htm>

Thank you to the Cologne Vol. Fire Co. 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 Sep. 19, 2012 at the Hammonton Fire Dept. Sta. 2.

Attested:

Robert A. Mellon, Secretary

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## Date Clearing

[http://www.atlanticcountyfireassoc.org/ACFFA\\_Date\\_Clearing.htm](http://www.atlanticcountyfireassoc.org/ACFFA_Date_Clearing.htm)

Sat. Aug. 18, 2012	13:00	Somers Point VFD Sta. 2	Craft Beer Festival – 13:00 to 16:00
Sat. Sep. 8, 2012	08:00	Cologne VFC	Yard Sale – 08:00 to 14:00
Sat. Sep. 8, 2012	15:30	Weekstown VFC	Annual Pig Roast – 15:30 to 19:00
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
Sun. Sep. 23, 2012	15:00	Green Bank VFC, Burlington Co.	Benefit Spaghetti Dinner For Michelle Forand, Wife of Green Bank Fire Chief Lenny Forand
Mon. Sep. 24, 2012	17:00	Silver Coin Diner, Hammonton	Dine to Donate for Patricia Eppler, Wife of Thomas Eppler (Nesco VFC and Atl. Co. Dep. Fire Coordinator)
Thurs. Sep. 27, 2012	20:00	Nesco VFC	Hosting Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Chiefs Assoc.
Sat. Sep. 29, 2012	18:00	Kerri-Brook Caterers, Hammonton	Hammonton FD – Beef & Beer Benefit
October 2012 - Fri., Sat., & Sun.	19:00	Scullville VFC	Terror in the Junkyard 2012 Hayride and Maze at Flemings Junkyard
Sat. Oct. 6, 2012	08:30	Green Tree Golf Course, EHT	11 <sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament and Benefit for Steve Kaenzig and Elwood VFC
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