

Atlantic County Firefighters' Association

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December 18, 2013

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association was called to order at 20:00 on December 18, 2013 at the Farmington Firehouse (hosted by West Atlantic City Vol. Fire Company No. 5) by President Amor "Skip" Portale. The meeting was opened with a flag salute followed by an Invocation by the Chaplain of the Association, Reverend Thomas Sweeny. President Portale then pointed out the fire exits and asked that all electronic devices be silenced.

Introduction of Host Chief

President Portale introduced West Atlantic City Vol. Fire Company No. 5 Chief, Wally Bakely. Chief Bakely welcomed all to Egg Harbor Township and then introduced Egg Harbor Township Fire Department Chief Bill Danz. Chief Danz welcomed all to Egg Harbor Township and wished everyone safe and happy holidays.

In Attendance

Roll call was taken by Secretary Robert A. Mellon who reported a quorum was present.

Total Chief/Delegate Attendance - 59 Total Member Departments/Companies Represented - 28

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve the minutes of the November 20, 2013 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 \$146,860.76, as read by Treasurer Jaime C. Mellon.

Bank of America / Bank of America / Capital One 360 / Parke Bank
Checking: \$97,950.88 / Savings: \$5,004.00 / Savings: \$20,296.18 / 13 Month CD: \$23,609.70
0.65% - Due 5/6/2014

Committee Reports

Legislative – John Wagner reported on the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA), commonly called the Affordable Care Act (ACA) or "ObamaCare", and the potential effect to volunteer fire companies that may have to comply with the act. John reported that he will look into all the issues, including the IRS employer definition pertaining to volunteer fire companies, and have a full report for the next meeting of the association.

Executive Committee – Chairman Howard Berchtold reported that the next meeting of the Executive Committee will be in Pomona on January 3, 2014 and will be the annual reorganizational meeting of the committee. Howard offered his, and the Executive Committee's, thanks to the entire association, the committees, Rev. Sweeny, and the officers for much hard work and commitment during the year and wished all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

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Atlantic County Fire Training Advisory Board – Howard Berchtold reported that the next meeting of the board is on January 13, 2014 at the training center.

Fire Coordinator – Fire Coordinator Ed Vincent reported on the status of the 2011 and 2012 Homeland Security Grants. Most of the requested equipment has been delivered. Ed reported that nineteen of the twenty-three municipalities have signed the Mutual Aid Agreement. The remaining municipalities that have not yet signed are Buena, Corbin City, Estell Manor, and Hammonton. Ed reported that the NJ Division of Fire Safety has been informed of the Atlantic County Fire Coordinator and Deputy Coordinator appointments for 2013 – 2015. Ron Ruggeri has been appointed the open Deputy Fire Coordinator position. Ed has distributed packets to all Deputy Coordinators. They are all assigned a number of county fire departments/companies and will assist in collected all of the mutual aid data for the county CAD system. Ed thanked everyone for the cooperation over the past year working with him and the deputy fire coordinators. Ed wished all a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and a Happy New Year.

Fire Marshal / Public Relations – Fire Marshal Whitey Swartz reported that he has sent out requests for the names of all firefighters that have passed during 2013 for inclusion in the Memorial Service in January as well as sending out requests for valor award nominations, submissions of firefighters that have achieved fifty plus years of service, and any updates to the "Fire Marshal's Directory". Please contact Whitey with this information as soon as possible. Whitey noted that assistance will be provided for anyone who requests help submitting a valor award nomination.

Training – Director of Training Mike Corbo reported the Fall Semester Firefighter I class will be completed this week with the NJ DFS test. Mike reported that Fire Officer II will start on January 6th and Fire Officer I will start on January 7th. Both classes are three weeks long. Mike reported that the Spring Semester Firefighter I will start on February 11th and ten applications have already been received. Mike suggested that applications for classes be submitted as soon as possible due to the possibility of high demand due to the current closed status of the Ocean County Fire Academy. Mike reported that NJ has been accredited by ProBoard for all NJ DFS certified firefighter training moving forward (Firefighter I, II; Fire Officer I, II; Fire Instructor I, II; and Haz-Mat Awareness, Operations Core, Operations Mission Specific: PPE & Product Control). Mike reported that a plan is in place to replace the doors throughout the burn building. Mike thanked the fire academy instructors for their hard work throughout the past year and the association Executive Committee and Officers for working with him. Mike wished all Merry Christmas and a Happy and Safe New Year.

Library – Ron Bird reported that if anyone needs library access, contact him at tower452002@yahoo.com.

Atl. Co. Fire Chief's Association – Ellsworth Ott reported that the next meeting of the Atl. Co. Fire Chief's Association will be 8:00 PM on January 28, 2013 at the Absecon Fire Department.

NJ Firemen's Assn. – Henry Schoenstein reported local association administration expense guidelines have been reverted back to the original guidelines.

NJ Firemen's Home – Oscar Dutch reported all is quiet with the home and that he will be traveling up there in the morning if anyone would like to join him and visit the home for the day.

Communications

There were no communications to report.

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Old Business

The second reading of the proposed amendment and addition to the NJ Certificate of Incorporation was accepted as read.

Motion was made, seconded, and carried unanimously that the association amend and add to the NJ Certificate of Incorporation as submitted, and read, at this meeting and the November 20, 2013 meeting of the association.

The second reading of the proposed By-laws revision and addition to Article XII was accepted as read. The vote on the proposed By-laws revision and addition to Article XII will be conducted at the February meeting of the association.

New Business

Motion was made, seconded, and carried that the association approve the request of the Treasurer to close the safe deposit box account at the Bank of America, Mays Landing branch and open a safe deposit box account at the Bank of America, Absecon branch.

Motion was made, seconded, and carried that the association approve the request of the Treasurer to transfer \$32,000 from the checking account to the savings account.

Bills

The bills, totaling \$27,805.85, were read by Treasurer Jaime C. Mellon. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to pay the bills from the proper funds.

Bills --- Intuit - \$256.77 (QuickBooks premier nonprofit 2014) / USPS - \$50.80 (stamps and dispenser) / Jaime Mellon - \$157.83 (administrative supplies, stamps) / Walt's Primo Pizza - \$155.88 (food for training) / Robert A. Mellon, Secretary - \$900.00 (annual expenses) / Jaime C. Mellon, Treasurer - \$900.00 (annual expenses) / Public Safety Center - \$257.94 (extrication gloves) / Lowes - \$327.49 (training supplies & shed construction supplies) / Home Depot - \$62.77 (lumber) / Continental Fire & Safety - \$737.00 (sixteen hoods) / MES - \$842.90 (air pack repair) / Payroll - \$19,493.01 (instructors) / IRS - \$3,663.46 (federal payroll taxes)

Election of Officers

The election of officers was held. The positions for the Executive Committee were voted on by ballot. The remaining positions were unopposed. A motion was made, seconded, and carried that the secretary cast the ballot for all unopposed positions. Those elected to office for the year 2014 are as follows:

President (1)	Amor "Skip" Portale
1 st Vice President (1)	Ellsworth Ott
2 nd Vice President (1)	Charles "Chick" Kisby
Secretary (1)	Robert A. Mellon
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Chaplain (1) Rev. Thomas Sweeny

Sgt.-at-Arms (3) Charles Harlan, Wayne Dilks, William Donath

Executive Comm. (9) Howard Berchtold Jr., David G. Buzby, Levon "Lefty" Clayton,
Rick Coraluzzo Sr., Oscar Dutch Jr., James Garth Sr.,
Charles J. Guenther, R. Thomas Hunter Jr., C. Robert Winkler III

Applications for Membership

There were no applications for membership.

Good of the Order

Fire Coordinator Ed Vincent reported that he will be on vacation during the months of January and February. Deputy Coordinators Oscar Dutch and Lefty Clayton will be the points of contact during his absence. Oscar will be attending any meetings in Ed's place during his absence.

President Portale wished all a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and Happy New Year on behalf of himself and the association officers.

Thank you to the West Atlantic City Vol. Fire Company No. 5 for hosting the evening and providing the refreshments.

Adjournment

Benediction was conducted by Chaplain Rev. Thomas Sweeny. Rev. Sweeny wished all a Blessed and Merry Christmas. There being no further business at hand, the meeting was adjourned at 20:50. The next regular meeting is scheduled to be held at 20:00 on January 15, 2014 in Egg Harbor City. This meeting includes the annual memorial service of the association. Please submit the names of those that have passed during 2013 to Fire Marshal Whitey Swartz so that they may be included in the memorial service program. Please plan on attending the meeting and service in full class A dress uniform.

Attested:

Robert A. Mellon, Secretary

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

Fire Department/Company/Association Events

Date	Time	Location	Event
Fri. Apr. 11, 2014	18:30	Careme's @ Atlantic Cape Community College	Annual ACFFA Dinner
Sat. Apr. 12, 2014	16:00	Oceanville VFC	Baked Ham & Fried Oyster Dinner
Sat. May. 3, 2014	16:00	Germania VFC	Turkey Dinner
Tues. May 6, 2014	08:30	Neschanic Valley Golf Club	New Jersey Firemen's Home 2014 Golf Outing
Sat. Nov. 8, 2014	16:00	Oceanville VFC	Baked Ham & Fried Oyster Dinner

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ACFFA Meetings

Atlantic County Firefighters' Association

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Wed. Jan. 15, 2014	20:00	Egg Harbor City VFD	Hosting ACFFA Annual Reorganization Meeting and Annual Memorial Service
Wed. Feb. 19, 2014	20:00	Longport VFD	Hosting ACFFA Monthly Meeting

Atlantic County Firefighters' Association - Executive Committee

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Fri. Jan. 3, 2014	19:30	Pomona VFC	Hosting ACFFA Executive Committee Meeting (Annual Reorganization)

Other Atlantic County Organization Meetings

Atlantic County Fire Training Advisory Board

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Mon. Jan. 13, 2014	19:00	Anthony "Tony" Canale Training Center	Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Training Advisory Board

Atlantic County Fire Chief's Association

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Tues. Jan. 28, 2014	20:00	Absecon VFD	Hosting Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Chief's Assoc.

Atl. Co. Firefighters' Death Benefit Fund Association

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Thurs. Jan. 23, 2014	19:30	Linwood VFD	Hosting Meeting of Atl. Co. Firefighters' Death Benefit Fund Assoc.

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Proposal for Revision and Addition

"By-Laws, Atlantic County Firefighters' Association of the State of New Jersey".

REVISION

ARTICLE XII

Current:

SECTION 3: DISSOLUTION Upon dissolution of the association, the association's assets shall be disposed of exclusively for the purposes of the association or distributed to such organizations, or departments of local government, organized and operated exclusively for fire and emergency services within Atlantic County, New Jersey. Dissolution must be approved by a majority vote of the member fire companies' delegates at two consecutive monthly meetings.

Proposed:

SECTION 3: DISSOLUTION "Upon the dissolution of the corporation, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Court of Common Pleas of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes."

ADDITION

ARTICLE XII

New:

SECTION 4: PURPOSE "Said corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, and/or scientific purposes, included, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code."

SECTION 5: NET EARNINGS "No part of the net earnings of the corporations shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth."

SECTION 6: POLITICAL ACTIVITY "No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code."

Respectfully submitted;

By-laws Committee
Friday, November 1, 2013

First Reading
Wednesday, November 20, 2013

Second Reading
Wednesday, December 18, 2013

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Proposal for Amendment and Addition to Certificate of Incorporation

"Certificate of Incorporation of the Atlantic County Firemen's Association of New Jersey".

AMEND FOLLOWING ARTICLES:

FIRST:

Replace "ATLANTIC COUNTY FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION OF NEW JERSEY, INC." with "ATLANTIC COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION OF THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, INC."

SECOND:

Add "Said corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, and/or scientific purposes, included, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code."

FIFTH:

Replace "318 Buffalo Avenue, in the City of Egg Harbor, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey," with "5033 English Creek Avenue, in Egg Harbor Township, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey,"

Replace "Henry F. Heitz." with "Robert A. Mellon."

ADD FOLLOWING ARTICLES:

SIXTH: No part of the net earnings of the corporations shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth.

SEVENTH: No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

EIGHTH: Upon the dissolution of the corporation, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Court of Common Pleas of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

Respectfully submitted;

Corporate Committee
Friday, November 1, 2013

Introduced
Wednesday, November 20, 2013

Voted, Adopted, and Effective
Wednesday, December 18, 2013