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January 28, 2015

# **Annual Memorial Service**

The annual memorial service of the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association commenced at 20:00 on January 28, 2015 at the Egg Harbor City Volunteer Fire Department and were conducted by President Amor "Skip" Portale with Chaplain Reverend Thomas Sweeny giving the invocation and homily, the memorial candles being lit by First Vice President Ellsworth Ott and Second Vice President Charles "Chick" Kisby, and the bell being tolled by Oscar Dutch Jr. as Secretary Robert A. Mellon read the roll of the Firefighters of Atlantic County who answered their last alarm during the past year.

Firefighters of the Final Roll were:

ABSECON VOL. FIRE DEPT

Edward J. Kensky Stanley M. Townsend

ATLANTIC CITY FIRE DEPT.

John J. Bereheiko Joseph T. Clayton Robert D. Whinna

**BAYVIEW VOL. FIRE CO.** 

Charles F. Brower Wilbert Naylor

BRIGANTINE FIRE DEPT.

William P. Allen, Sr.

ELWOOD VOL. FIRE CO.

Frederick William Senf, Jr.

ESTELL MANOR VOL. FIRE CO.

Neils W. Clemenson Jeffery Colon, Sr. Debi Mason

FARMINGTON VOL. FIRE CO.

Frederick J. Slunt

FOLSOM VOL. FIRE CO.

Edward F. Eby, Sr.

GERMANIA VOL. FIRE CO.

Louis G. Hanselmann

HAMMONTON VOL. FIRE CO.

William Camarota Nicholas Guerino LINWOOD VOL. FIRE CO.

Wally Downs Harry C. Prior, Jr.

LONGPORT VOL. FIRE CO.

Charles Thomas Adams Howard Kupperman Richard R. Lovett, III Robert L. O'Hara

MAYS LANDING VOL. FIRE CO.

Joseph M. Pagano Eugene Allen Super

MILMAY VOL. FIRE CO.

Paul J. Ambrose

NEWTONVILLE VOL. FIRE CO.

Lawrence H. Ehrke, Sr.

OCEANVILLE VOL. FIRE CO.

Gary C. Panter George A. Perkins, Sr.

PLEASANTVILLE VOL. FIRE CO.

Edward W. Bennett, Jr.

PLEASANTVILLE FIRE DEPT.

Joseph B. Helfrich, Jr. Joseph Mazzone, Jr.

POMONA VOL. FIRE CO.

William H. Gabriel, Sr.

RICHLAND VOL. FIRE CO.

Louis M. Dalponte

SCULLVILLE VOL. FIRE CO.

Lewis Champagne

**SWEETWATER VOL. FIRE CO.** 

Jacob F. Ellis, III Edward G. Stewart, Jr.

VENTNOR CITY FIRE DEPT.

Richard W. Lerner

The "Striking of the Four Fives" was tolled on the bell by Ronald Garbutt Jr., "The Lord's Prayer" was sung by Berchtold family, followed by the playing of "Taps" by Buglers Heather Berchtold and Joe Ward. The memorial service closing prayer was conducted by Chaplain Rev. Thomas Sweeny.



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## Call to Order

The annual reorganizational meeting of the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association was called to order at 20:25 on January 28, 2015 at the Egg Harbor City Volunteer Fire Department by President Amor "Skip" Portale. The meeting was opened with the flag salute. President Portale then pointed out the fire exits and asked that all electronic devices be silenced.

### **Opening Remarks**

President Amor "Skip" Portale welcomed all to the annual reorganizational meeting and introduced Chief Walter "Butch" Kienzle III of the Egg Harbor City Fire Department. Chief Kienzle welcomed the membership and guests to Egg Harbor City and conveyed the pride felt by this department as it hosts the association for the 92<sup>nd</sup> consecutive meeting and also the 91<sup>st</sup> reorganizational meeting. Chief Kienzle then introduced the line officers of the fire department and wished all a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

President Portale welcomed and introduced guests; Robert Geist on behalf of Congressman Frank LoBiondo; NJ Assemblyman: Vincent Mazzeo; Atlantic County Freeholders: Frank Formica, John Risley, and John Carman; Atlantic County Surrogate: James Curcio; Egg Harbor City Mayor: Lisa Jiampetti; and Atl. Co. Fire Marshall: David G. Buzby.

## In Attendance

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

Total Chief/Delegate Attendance – 47

Total Member Departments/Companies Represented - 22

# **Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve the minutes of the December 17, 2014 meeting, as sent to the member companies.

## **Paying of Bills**

The bills, totaling \$7,077.78, were read by Treasurer Jaime C. Mellon. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to pay the bills from the proper funds.

Bills --- Eric Grace - \$302.75 (reimburse window mockup supplies) / Mike Corbo - \$1,356.81 (reimburse fire officer books) / Hayes Mindish - \$1,395.00 (ACFFA 2015 Calendars) / AtlantiCare - \$232.50 (CPR cards) / International Code Council - \$28.56 (NJ Fire Code books shipping charge) / Barco Products - \$861.46 (memorial bench for firemen's home) / Suburban Propane - \$469.57 (propane) / South Jersey Welding - \$13.46 (rental fees) / MES - \$278.00 (uniforms) / Mike Corbo - \$497.55 (reimburse rope rescue equip.) / Walt's Primo Pizza - \$23.12 (work detail lunch) / American Safety - \$352.00 (training supplies) / Screen Prince - \$1,267.00 (instructor t-shirts)

## **Dispensing of Regular Business**

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to dispense with the remainder of the regular business.



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# **Special Presentations and Installation of Officers for 2015**

All of the invited guests addressed the membership and expressed their appreciation for all that the firefighters do for their local communities and for Atlantic County.

President Amor "Skip" Portale read the following statement.

"Good evening and welcome to the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association's 92<sup>nd</sup> annual reorganization meeting hosted once again by the Egg Harbor City Fire Department as it has been since 1924. Since 1923 the primary duties of the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association has been to provide training to all firefighters from Atlantic County. While at the same time offering training to firefighters from throughout the state. This would not be possible without the assistance of Atlantic County Executive Dennis Levinson and his staff, The Board of Chosen Freeholders, Retired Fire Marshal and Academy Director Whitey Swartz, Director of Emergency Preparedness Vince Jones, and the Director of Training Mike Corbo along his dedicated staff of instructors. 2014 was another very productive year for the association. Some of the accomplishments achieved in 2014 are as follows. We continue to partner with West Virginia University in the delivery of a First-Responder training program on alternative fuel vehicles. Our academy continues to deliver Pro-Board and IFSAC accredited courses supported by the NJ Division of Fire Safety. Started a joint venture with Gloucester County Fire Academy to instruct the Heavy Vehicle Rescue course in the spring at our academy and in the fall at theirs. We trained 93 new firefighters from 27 different Atlantic County companies and 15 new firefighters from out of county. We also trained our first out of state firefighter. This year's classes included firefighters from the counties of Atlantic, Cape May, Cumberland, Salem, Ocean, Camden, Gloucester, and the State of Pennsylvania. In 2014 the Firefighters' Association held over 61 different classes with 921 firefighters being trained through academy offered courses and 1,625 students being trained overall. Of that number, 342 students were from out of county. The total number of instructor hours incurred by our 36 instructors in 2014 was 3,601. As in years past, we were able to operate within our budget. We added 4 new members to our dedicated team of instructors and we welcomed our first, but certainly not last, female instructor to meet the ever changing needs of the fire service. We conducted the annual memorial service to honor our fallen firefighters. We recognized firefighters from Atlantic County with 50 or more years of service. We sponsored the annual valor awards ceremony. We again sponsored the annual firefighter's competition held at the Atlantic County 4H Fair in August and in 2014 we introduced a junior firefighter's competition as part of our regular firefighter's competition. We acquired 3 new sets of turn out gear and additional equipment at no cost to county government, or the taxpayers of Atlantic County, to meet our ever increasing training demands. As we begin 2015, I look forward to working with County Executive Levinson, the Board of Chosen Freeholders, county government, our new Fire Marshal, Dave Buzby, as well as the members of the executive committee and the Director of Fire Training Mike Corbo to keep the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association one of the best in the state."

Executive Committee Chairman Howard Berchtold Jr. welcomed all those in attendance to the annual meeting and memorial service on behalf of the Executive Committee. Howard thanked his wife, Donna Marie, for joining him in the singing of the "Lord's Prayer" and his daughter, Heather, along with Joe Ward for the playing of "Taps". Howard thanked all of the families that support the firefighters. Howard thanked all of the association officers and committee chairmen for the hard work that they do. Howard thanked all of the county government, including the Freeholders and the Dept. Heads, which have provided much assistance with keeping the association going strong. Howard noted that he is proud to have again been reelected as Chairman of the Executive Committee and that Oscar Dutch Jr. has been reelected Vice Chairman. Howard thanked Secretary Mellon on all of the work preparing the 501(c)(3) application. Howard also thanked the Atlantic County Fire Chiefs' Association for the concerted effort with moving central dispatch to a final reality. Howard, along with President Portale, reported that the plaque presented to Whitey Swartz in April 2014 will be recreated with a photo of Whitey and placed at the training center. Whitey Swartz noted that he started many projects but they only got done because of all the excellent assistance he has received throughout the years.



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Atlantic County Freeholder Chairman Frank Formica installed the following into office for the year 2015:

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2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Charles "Chick" Kisby, III

Secretary Robert A. Mellon
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Chaplain Rev. Thomas Sweeny

Sergeants-at-Arms Charles Harlan, Wayne Dilks, William Donath

Executive Committee: Howard Berchtold Jr., David G. Buzby, Levon "Lefty" Clayton, Rick Coraluzzo Sr.,

Oscar Dutch Jr., James Garth Sr., R. Thomas Hunter, Charles R. Winkler III

Those not present were:

Asst. Secretary-Treasurer Cindy L. Badger Executive Committee: Charles J. Guenther

#### **Good of the Order**

The annual Atlantic County Firefighter's Association Dinner is scheduled for Friday, March 20, 2015 at the Mays Landing Country Club. Cost will be \$42.00 and all interested should contact Cindy Badger at (609)641-2691.

The next Firefighter I class starts on Tuesday, February 10th and Firefighter II starts on Monday, March 9th.

Thank you to the Egg Harbor City Volunteer Fire Department for hosting the evening and providing the refreshments.

#### **Adjournment**

Benediction was conducted by Chaplain Rev. Thomas Sweeny.

There being no further business at hand, the meeting was adjourned at 21:05. The next meeting is scheduled to be held at 20:00 on February 18, 2015 in Longport.

Attested:

Robert A. Mellon, Secretary



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# <u>Date Clearing</u> http://www.atlanticcountyfireassoc.org/ACFFA\_Date\_Clearing.htm

# Fire Department/Company/Association Events

10:30	St. Nicholas Church (10:30) & Tropicana (12:00)	200 Club of Atlantic & Cape May Counties Memorial Service (10:30) & Brunch (12:00)
18:30	Mays Landing Country Club	Annual ACFFA Dinner (RSVP by March 6th)
17:00	Hammonton VFD Sta. 2	4th Annual Firehouse Fish Fry Dinner
16:00	Oceanville VFC	Baked Ham & Fried Oyster Dinner - HamAndOysterDinner.com
16:00	Germania VFC	Turkey Dinner
10:00	Historic Smithville, NJ	Oceanville VFC @ Mayfest (Foot Long Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, French Fries)
15:30	Port Republic VFC	Roast Beef Dinner (15:30 - 19:30)
10:00	Historic Smithville, NJ	Oceanville VFC @ Mayfest (Foot Long Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, French Fries)
12:00	Dorothy VFC	58th Annual Chicken BBQ (12:00 - 20:00)
12:00	Cologne VFC	Annual Chicken BBQ (12:00 - 18:00)
12:30	Atlantic County 4H Fairgrounds, Rt. 50	ACFFA at Atlantic County 4H Fair w/ Fire Prevention Booth & Apparatus Display
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19:00	Atlantic County 4H Fairgrounds, Rt. 50	ACFFA at Atlantic County 4H Fair w/ Firefighter Competition
12:30	Atlantic County 4H Fairgrounds, Rt. 50	ACFFA at Atlantic County 4H Fair w/ Fire Prevention Booth & Apparatus Display
19:30	Egg Harbor City VFD	New Jersey Firemen's Association Atlantic County Caucus
13:00	Wildwood Convention Center	New Jersey Firemen's Association Annual Convention
10:00	Wildwood Convention Center	New Jersey Firemen's Association Annual Convention
10:00	Historic Smithville, NJ	Oceanville VFC @ Oktoberfest (Foot Long Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, French Fries)
16:00	Germania VFC	Turkey Dinner
10:00	Historic Smithville, NJ	Oceanville VFC @ Oktoberfest (Foot Long Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, French Fries)
08:00	Elwood VFC @ Mays Landing Country	14th Annual William Kennedy Memorial Golf Tournament
15:30	Port Republic VFC	Roast Beef Dinner (15:30 - 19:30)
09:00	South Egg Harbor VFC	Fall/Christmas Craft, Art, & Home Show
16:00	Oceanville VFC	Baked Ham & Fried Oyster Dinner - HamAndOysterDinner.com
11:00	Cardiff VFC	Open House with Santa Claus (11:00 - 15:00)
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## **ACFFA Meetings**

Atlantic County Firefighters' Association

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Wed. Feb. 18, 2015	20:00	Longport VFD	Hosting ACFFA Monthly Meeting
Wed. Mar. 18, 2015	20:00	Sweetwater VFC	Hosting ACFFA Monthly Meeting
Wed. Apr. 15, 2015	20:00	Anthony "Tony" Canale Training Center	Hosting ACFFA Monthly Meeting and Annual Valor Awards Presentation
Wed. May 20, 2015	20:00	Pomona VFC	Hosting ACFFA Monthly Meeting
Wed. Jun. 17, 2015	20:00	Milmay VFC	Hosting ACFFA Monthly Meeting
Wed. Jul. 15, 2015	20:00	Linwood VFD	Hosting ACFFA Monthly Meeting
Wed. Aug. 19, 2015	20:00	Laureldale VFC	Hosting ACFFA Monthly Meeting
Wed. Sep. 16, 2015	20:00	Hammonton VFD Sta. 1	Hosting ACFFA Monthly Meeting
Wed. Oct. 21, 2015	20:00	Port Republic VFC	Hosting ACFFA Monthly Meeting
Wed. Nov. 18, 2015	20:00	Somers Point VFD Sta. 2	Hosting ACFFA Monthly Meeting
Wed. Dec. 16, 2015	20:00	Bargaintown VFC	Hosting ACFFA Monthly Meeting
Wed. Jan. 20, 2016	20:00	Egg Harbor City VFD	Hosting ACFFA Annual Reorganization Meeting and Annual Memorial Service
Wed. Feb. 17, 2016	20:00	Longport VFD	Hosting ACFFA Monthly Meeting

Atlantic County Firefighters' Association - Executive Committee

Fri. Mar. 6, 2015	19:30	Somers Point VFD Sta. 1	Hosting ACFFA Executive Committee Meeting
Fri. May 1, 2015	19:30	Fire Museum of Southern New Jersey	Hosting ACFFA Executive Committee Meeting
Fri. Jul. 3, 2015	19:30	Landisville VFC	Hosting ACFFA Executive Committee Meeting
Fri. Sep. 4, 2015	19:30	Absecon VFD	Hosting ACFFA Executive Committee Meeting
Fri. Oct. 30, 2015	19:30	South Egg Harbor VFC	Hosting ACFFA Executive Committee Meeting
Fri. Jan. 8, 2016	19:30	Pomona VFC	Hosting ACFFA Executive Committee Meeting (Annual Reorganization)



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## **Other Atlantic County Organization Meetings**

**Atlantic County Fire Training Advisory Board** 

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Mon. Mar. 2, 2015	19:00	Anthony "Tony" Canale Training Center	Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Training Advisory Board
Mon. May 4, 2015	19:00	Anthony "Tony" Canale Training Center	Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Training Advisory Board
Mon. Jul. 6, 2015	19:00	Anthony "Tony" Canale Training Center	Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Training Advisory Board
Mon. Sep. 14, 2015	19:00	Anthony "Tony" Canale Training Center	Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Training Advisory Board
Mon. Nov. 9, 2015	19:00	Anthony "Tony" Canale Training Center	Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Training Advisory Board
Mon. Jan. 4, 2016	19:00	Anthony "Tony" Canale Training Center	Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Training Advisory Board

Atlantic County Fire Chiefs' Association

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Wed. Feb. 11, 2015	20:00	Scullville VFC	Hosting Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Chief's Association
Wed. Mar. 11, 2015	20:00	Minotola VFC	Hosting Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Chief's Association
Wed. Apr. 8, 2015	20:00	Bargaintown VFC	Hosting Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Chief's Association
Wed. May 13, 2015	20:00	Northfield VFD	Hosting Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Chief's Association
Wed. Jun. 10, 2015	20:00	Collings Lakes VFC	Hosting Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Chief's Association
Wed. Jul. 8, 2015	20:00	Estell Manor VFC	Hosting Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Chief's Association
Wed. Aug. 12, 2015	20:00	Laureldale VFC	Hosting Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Chief's Association
Wed. Sep. 9, 2015	20:00	Nesco VFC	Hosting Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Chief's Association
Wed. Oct. 14, 2015	20:00	East Vineland VFC	Hosting Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Chief's Association
Wed. Nov. 11, 2015	19:30	Linwood VFD	Hosting Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Chief's Association
Wed. Dec. 9, 2015	20:00	Sweetwater VFC	Hosting Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Chief's Association
Jan. 2016	20:00	Absecon VFD	Hosting Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Chief's Association
Feb. 2016	20:00	Scullville VFC	Hosting Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Chief's Association

Atl. Co. Firefighters' Death Benefit Fund Assoc.

Thurs. Jul. 23, 2015	19:30	Dorothy VFC	Hosting Meeting of Atl. Co. Firefighters' Death Benefit Fund Association
Thurs. Jan. 28, 2016	19:30	Somers Point VFD Sta. 1	Hosting Meeting of Atl. Co. Firefighters' Death Benefit Fund Association
Thurs. Jul. 28, 2016	19:30	Oceanville VFC	Hosting Meeting of Atl. Co. Firefighters' Death Benefit Fund Association