

Atlantic County Firefighters' Association

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June 17, 2015

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association was called to order at 20:10 on June 17, 2015 at the Dorothy Volunteer Fire Company 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.

Opening Remarks and Introduction of Host Chief

President Portale apologized for the last minute meeting location change from Milmay to Dorothy. President Portale thanked Chief Robert Gibney and the Dorothy Volunteer Fire Company for offering use of their hall and noted that the association would cover the cost of food ordered for after the meeting. President Portale then introduced Chief Robert Gibney. Chief Gibney welcomed all to Dorothy.

In Attendance

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

Total Chief/Delegate Attendance – 40 Total Member Departments/Companies Represented - 19

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve the minutes of the May 20, 2015 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 \$137,683.08, as read by Treasurer Jaime C. Mellon.

Bank of America / Bank of America / Capital One 360 / Parke Bank
Checking: \$56,215.99 / Savings: \$5,006.50 / Savings: \$52,593.47 / 12 Month CD: \$23,867.12
/ 0.60% - Due 5/6/2015

Committee Reports

Executive Committee – Chairman Howard Berchtold reported that the next meeting of the executive committee is scheduled for July 3, 2015 in Landisville and updates on the budget and the 501(c)(3) application will be reviewed.

Atlantic County Fire Training Advisory Board – Howard Berchtold reported that next meeting of the advisory board is scheduled for July 6, 2015 at the training center.

Fire Coordinator – Fire Coordinator Ed Vincent reported that there has been no incidents requiring coordinator response and reported on the drills and meetings that were attended. Ed reported that the 177th Air Guard Fire Department Quick

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Attack Apparatus should be at the July 15th meeting of this association in Linwood. Ed reminded all of the Triennial Emergency Preparedness Drill scheduled for May 14, 2016 at the Atlantic City Airport. Ed noted that the Atlantic City Air Show is scheduled for September 2nd with practice on September 1st. Ed reported that John Miller has left his position with the county for a position with the state. Tactical Public Safety will assume John's duties with the county radio system. Ed noted that Vince Jones has sent a letter to all fire chiefs clarifying the status of the county radio system and central dispatch plans. Ed reported that he has additional copies of the mutual aid plan on CD if anyone needs them. Ed reported that the current mutual aid agreement expires in July 2015 and that Ed Conover, Atlantic County, will start notifying the municipalities that they need to negotiate and sign a new agreement. The new agreement, once fully executed, will be good for five years until 2020. Ed provided an update to the Homeland Security Grant purchasing plans.

Fire Marshal / Public Relations – Fire Marshal Dave Buzby reported that the valor awards in April was well attended and went well with the exception of the inability to play the year in review video. Dave requested that anyone with a valor nomination for 2016 to please submit as soon as possible after an incident so that it is completed while the memory is fresh instead of waiting until next year. Dave will keep all submissions on file for consideration of a valor award next year.

Training – Director of Training Mike Corbo reported that Firefighter I is running with six students and Firefighter II is running with eleven students. Mike reported that the Firefighter I Graduation Ceremony is scheduled for 7:00 PM, Monday, July 13, 2015 at the Anthony "Tony" Canale Training Center. Mike reviewed that plans for the firefighter competition at the Atlantic County 4H Fair. Applications will be sent out via email soon. A preliminary competition will be scheduled if there is more than four teams entered. A junior firefighter competition will be scheduled if there is interest. Mike noted that he would like to see more teams entered this year and asked all to consider doing so. Mike reported that the Fall 2015 Course Book should be ready prior to the August meeting of the association. Mike reviewed the remaining classes scheduled for this semester.

Atlantic County Fire Chiefs' Association – Chick Kisby reported that the next meeting of the Atlantic County Fire Chiefs' Association will be 8:00 PM on July 8, 2015 at the Estell Manor Volunteer Fire Company.

NJ Firemen's Home – Oscar Dutch reported that the Board of Managers are busy researching a second home to be located in the southern area of the state and possibly being able to handle dementia patients. Available properties are being reviewed. Oscar reported that they have met with state officials and have received much support for the plan.

Atlantic County 4H Fair – Howard Berchtold reported that the fair is scheduled for August 6th, 7th, and 8th with the Firefighter Competition to be held on Friday August 7th. Howard reminded all that assistance will be needed on August 6th to set up and apparatus will again be requested for display for the length of the fair. An apparatus display application will be distributed and only a few hours will be requested of each display piece. Those displaying apparatus may also run a demonstration evolution and it is requested that they note that on the display application.

ACFFA Dinner – Cindy Badger reported that she contacted Mays Landing Country Club and that she was able to reserve Saturday, April 2, 2016 for the 2016 association dinner.

Communications

There were no communications to report.

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Deferred Business

President Portale apologized for the cancellation of the New York City – 9/11 Memorial bus trip. Only sixteen spots were confirmed and the trip was not financially possible with that head count. The plan is to reschedule in late September or early October.

New Business

There was no new business to act upon.

Bills

The bills, totaling \$3,270.51, were read by Treasurer Jaime C. Mellon. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to pay the bills from the proper funds.

Bills --- International Society of Fire Service Inst. - \$125.00 (membership renewal) / Walt's Primo Pizza - \$185.00 (training lunch) / South Jersey Welding - \$13.46 (equipment rental) / Lowes - \$417.60 (flashover training supplies) / Liberty Mutual - \$593.00 (workers comp insurance) / MES - \$6.80 (airpak parts) / Mike Corbo - \$53.19 (flashover training supplies) / Public Safety - \$1,653.02 (helmet covers) / Walt's Primo Pizza - \$47.00 (training lunch) / Brunos - \$176.44 (food for meeting)

Applications for Membership

There were no applications for membership.

Good of the Order

Howard Berchtold reported that Charlie Guenther suffered a medical incident on Memorial Day that has required hospitalization and rehabilitation. Charlie is currently at Royal Suites in Galloway, room 246B. Both Howard and Skip Portale have been able to visit Charlie and reported that he is in good spirits, getting his strength back, and should be back at these meetings soon.

Butch Kienzle reported that the bid request for the burn building doors was in the Press of Atlantic City.

President Portale congratulated the Atlantic County Fire Departments that have been recently announced as AFG grant recipients including Brigantine, Cologne, Pomona, and Oceanville.

Thank you to the Dorothy Volunteer Fire Company for stepping up and hosting the evening with zero notice.

Adjournment

Benediction was conducted by Chaplain Rev. Thomas Sweeny. 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 July 15, 2015 in Linwood. The Wildwood Parade order for Atlantic County will be drawn at this meeting.

Attested:

Robert A. Mellon, Secretary

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

Fire Department/Company/Association Events

Sat. Jun. 20, 2015	15:00	Farmington VFC (hosted by Cardiff VFC)	James' Journey to Recovery Fundraiser
Sat. Jun. 27, 2015	10:00	Dorothy VFC Ladies Auxiliary	Sub Sale
Mon. Jul. 13, 2015	19:00	Anthony "Tony" Canale Training Center	Firefighter I Graduation Ceremony
Thurs. Aug. 6, 2015	12:30	Atlantic County 4H Fairgrounds, Rt. 50	ACFFA at Atlantic County 4H Fair w/ Fire Prevention Booth & Apparatus Display
Fri. Aug. 7, 2015	12:30	Atlantic County 4H Fairgrounds, Rt. 50	ACFFA at Atlantic County 4H Fair w/ Fire Prevention Booth & Apparatus Display
Fri. Aug. 7, 2015	19:00	Atlantic County 4H Fairgrounds, Rt. 50	ACFFA at Atlantic County 4H Fair w/ Firefighter Competition
Sat. Aug. 8, 2015	12:30	Atlantic County 4H Fairgrounds, Rt. 50	ACFFA at Atlantic County 4H Fair w/ Fire Prevention Booth & Apparatus Display
Tues. Aug. 11, 2015	19:30	Egg Harbor City VFD	New Jersey Firemen's Association Atlantic County Caucus
Fri. Sep. 18, 2015	13:00	Wildwood Convention Center	New Jersey Firemen's Association Annual Convention
Sat. Sep. 19, 2015	10:00	Wildwood Convention Center	New Jersey Firemen's Association Annual Convention
Sat. Sep. 26, 2015	10:00	Dorothy VFC	1 st Annual Car Show
Sat. Oct. 3, 2015	10:00	Historic Smithville, NJ	Oceanville VFC @ Oktoberfest (Foot Long Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, French Fries)
Sat. Oct. 3, 2015	16:00	Germania VFC	Turkey Dinner
Sun. Oct. 4, 2015	10:00	Historic Smithville, NJ	Oceanville VFC @ Oktoberfest (Foot Long Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, French Fries)
Sat. Oct. 10, 2015	08:00	Elwood VFC @ Mays Landing Country	14th Annual William Kennedy Memorial Golf Tournament
Sat. Oct. 17, 2015	15:30	Port Republic VFC	Roast Beef Dinner (15:30 - 19:30)
Sat. Oct. xx, 2015	09:00	South Egg Harbor VFC	Fall/Christmas Craft, Art, & Home Show
Sat. Nov. 14, 2015	16:00	Oceanville VFC	Baked Ham & Fried Oyster Dinner - HamAndOysterDinner.com
Sat. Dec. 5, 2015	11:00	Cardiff VFC	Open House with Santa Claus (11:00 - 15:00)
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Fri. Mar. 18, 2016	17:00	Hammonton VFD Sta. 2	5th Annual Firehouse Fish Fry Dinner
Sat. Apr. 2, 2016	18:30	Mays Landing Country Club	Annual ACFFA Dinner (RSVP by March 18 th)
Sat. Apr. 9, 2016	16:00	Oceanville VFC	Baked Ham & Fried Oyster Dinner - HamAndOysterDinner.com
Sat. Oct. 8, 2016	08:00	Elwood VFC @ Mays Landing Country	15th Annual William Kennedy Memorial Golf Tournament
Sat. Nov. 12, 2016	16:00	Oceanville VFC	Baked Ham & Fried Oyster Dinner - HamAndOysterDinner.com

Regional Drills/Training

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Sat. May 14, 2016	07:30	Atlantic City Int'l Airport	Triennial Emergency Preparedness Drill

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ACFFA Meetings

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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
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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. 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
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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

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
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Mon. Jan. 4, 2016	19:00	Anthony "Tony" Canale Training Center	Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Training Advisory Board

Atlantic County Fire Chiefs' 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
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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
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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