

Atlantic County Firefighters' Association

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August 19, 2015

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association was called to order at 20:00 on August 19, 2015 at the Laureldale Volunteer Fire Company by First Vice President Ellsworth Ott. The meeting was opened with a flag salute followed by an Invocation by the Chaplain of the Association, Reverend Thomas Sweeny. First Vice President Ott then pointed out the fire exits and asked that all electronic devices be silenced.

Introduction of Host Chief

First Vice President Ott introduced Chief Chris Tilley of the Laureldale Volunteer Fire Company. Chief Tilley welcomed all to Laureldale.

In Attendance

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

Total Chief/Delegate Attendance – 37 of 176 Total Member Departments/Companies Represented – 17 of 44

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve the minutes of the July 15, 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 \$106,302.81, as read by Treasurer Jaime C. Mellon.

Bank of America / Bank of America / Capital One 360 / Parke Bank
Checking: \$24,818.21 / Savings: \$5,006.75 / Savings: \$52,610.73 / 13 Month CD: \$23,867.12
/ 1.01% - Due 6/13/2016

Committee Reports

Executive Committee – Chairman Howard Berchtold reported that the next meeting of the Executive Committee will be on September 4, 2015 at the Absecon Fire Department.

Atlantic County Fire Training Advisory Board – Howard Berchtold reported that the next meeting of the Advisory Board is scheduled for September 14, 2015 at the Anthony "Tony" Canale Training Center.

New York City - 9/11 Memorial Bus Trip – Howard Berchtold reported that the bus trip to New York City and the 9/11 Memorial has been rescheduled for Saturday October 17th. The cost is \$125 per person, which includes transportation, admissions, lunch, and gratuities. The trip is limited to the first fifty that sign up.

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Fire Coordinator – Fire Coordinator Ed Vincent reported on the responses to incidents in Hammonton and North Brunswick. Ed read from a letter explaining some of the details about the warehouse fire in North Brunswick. Ed thanked all of the Atlantic County units that were able to assist in North Brunswick. Ed reported that the inter-county Mutual Aid Agreement was signed by Atlantic County on August 3rd and copies have been distributed to all municipalities. The municipalities are now requested to adopt/sign the new Mutual Aid Agreement and return to the county by October 3rd. A copy of the agreement has been posted to the association website on the fire coordinator page. Ed reported on the new county staging plan for out of area deployments. The plan is also available on the fire coordinator webpage and should be incorporated into the local mutual aid plans. Ed reported that mutual aid plan updates will be due in 2016 and requested that he be informed when an update occurs via email. Ed reported that the FY2014 Homeland Security Grants still have some funds remaining. Ed reported that the FY2015 Homeland Security grand spending plan is awaiting approval. Ed thanked Fire Marshal Dave Buzby for obtaining the trailer for transport of supplies to the Atlantic County 4H Fair. Ed reported that the Atlantic City Air Show is scheduled for September 2nd with a practice on September 1st. Ed had not yet received notice about the scheduling of a public safety meeting prior to the air show. Ed will contact the fire departments/companies necessary for equipment requests when the details are finalized.

NJ Firemen's Home – Ed Vincent read a letter sent by Board Manager Oscar Dutch, whom was unable to attend. The letter was from the Southern New Jersey Firemen's Home committee to the Firemen's Home Finance Manager. The letter requested that the budget items for a southern home be removed from the 2015/2016 budget as the prospective property is no longer available.

Fire Marshal / Public Relations – Fire Marshal Dave Buzby thanked all of the fire departments/companies that sent apparatus to the Atlantic County 4H Fair and also thanked those that participated in the firefighter competition.

Training – Fire instructor Gil Zonge reported that Director of Training Mike Corbo is with his wife at the hospital and was unable to attend. Gil reported that the Fall 2015 Firefighter I will start on August 20th and currently nineteen students are registered. Gil also reported that the full Fall 2015 Training Catalog has been emailed and posted online. Printed copies are still being produced and will be distributed as soon as completed.

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 September 9, 2015 at the Nesco Volunteer Fire Company.

Atlantic County Central Dispatch – Atlantic County Freeholder John Carman reported that the deal with Stockton University has been finalized and that conceptual drawings should be completed soon. Freeholder Carman reported that he has not been placed on the 911 Central Dispatch Committee as previously reported. There was already a full slate of Freeholders on the committee.

Atlantic County 4H Fair – Howard Berchtold thanked Ed Vincent, Dave Buzby and son, Ellsworth Ott, and Ron Bird for assisting at the fair. Howard thanked the Northfield, Somers Point, Scullville, Laureldale, and Germania Fire Companies for displaying apparatus. Howard thanked the Fire Instructors for running a great and enjoyable firefighter competition and Germania, Scullville, Linwood, and Somers Point Fire Companies for competing. Germania was the overall competition winner and also winner of the hose relay. Linwood won the obstacle course and Scullville won the water rocket. Howard noted that the fair is all about public relations and that the current NFPA theme was utilized for public education about smoke detectors in every bedroom. Howard thanked Fire Marshal Dave Buzby for obtaining smoke detectors for distribution to those with need.

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Communications

There were no communications to report.

Deferred Business

Executive Committee Chairman Howard Berchtold reported that a motion authorizing reasonable action be taken to obtain a fire engine being sold by Northfield at auction. Howard reported that he, and President Portale, were kept advised during the process and agreed that \$5,000 would be the maximum allowable expense. Howard reported that the total cost, with fees, came in at \$4,830. Freeholder John Carman reported that a resolution was being prepared by the Board of Chosen Freeholders in order to transfer ownership of the Estell Manor fire engine to the firefighters' association.

New Business

A Resolution to donate the recently purchased Northfield fire engine to the County of Atlantic for use at the training center was introduced. Motion was made, seconded, and carried that the association adopt the resolution (Resolution 2015-001) donating the 1983 Ford/E-One engine, obtained for training purposes, to the County of Atlantic so that the county will maintain and insure the engine as they do the other trucks.

Bills

The bills, totaling \$11,620.66, were read by Treasurer Jaime C. Mellon. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to pay the bills from the proper funds.

Bills --- Walt's Primo Pizza - \$244.50 (training lunch) / NFPA - \$209.30 (public relations fire prevention supplies) / South Jersey Welding - \$14.26 (equipment rental) / David Buzby - \$195.00 (reimburse one pair instructor boots) / Mike Corbo - \$390.00 (reimburse two pair instructor boots) / National Pen - \$81.70 (office supplies) / AtlantiCare - \$200.00 (CPR cards) / MES - \$5,210.00 (two sets instructor turn out gear) / Wayne Dilks - \$21.39 (reimburse roll 50/50 tickets) / Home Depot - \$76.86 (training supplies) / David Buzby - \$4,830.00 (reimburse one used fire engine) / Robert Mellon - \$147.65 (reimburse office supplies/printer ink)

Applications for Membership

There were no applications for membership.

Good of the Order

Howard Berchtold reported that he, and Rev. Sweeny, have both been in touch with Charlie Guenther. Charlie is recovering at home but his wife, Kathy, is now in Royal Suites. Charlie currently requires the assistance of a walker and a wheelchair. Rev. Sweeny requested that everyone try to call or visit Charlie. Charlie lives at 705 Duerer St. in Galloway and can be reached at (609) 965-0475. Howard noted that he currently has aides at the house and that you will need to ask for Charlie and explain clearly who you are when calling.

Thank you to the Laureldale Volunteer Fire Company for hosting the evening and providing the refreshments.

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Adjournment

Benediction was conducted by Chaplain Rev. Thomas Sweeny. There being no further business at hand, the meeting was adjourned at 20:45. The next regular meeting is scheduled to be held at 20:00 on September 16, 2015 at the Hammonton Fire Department Station 1.

Attested:

Robert A. Mellon, Secretary

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RESOLUTION NO. 2015-001

RESOLUTION OF THE ATLANTIC COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION OF THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY INC. AUTHORIZING THE DONATION OF ONE FIRE ENGINE

WHEREAS, the County of Atlantic, a body corporate and politic of the State of New Jersey (hereinafter referred to as the "County") and the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association of the State of New Jersey Inc. (hereinafter referred to as the "Association") in the year 1992 entered into an agreement titled "Atlantic County Training Center Agreement" (hereinafter referred to as the "Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, the Agreement provides ownership, and all maintenance and repair there to, of the Atlantic County Training Center to the County and charges the Association with the educational activities, materials, and equipment associated with the training of paid and volunteer firefighters; and

WHEREAS, the County has since agreed to also own, insure, and maintain the motor vehicles (fire pumpers, ladders, etc.) deemed necessary, by the county and the association, for the training of paid and volunteer firefighters; and

WHEREAS, the Association has been recently able to obtain a newer fire pumper to replace one of the current fire pumpers deemed to be at the end of useful life; and

WHEREAS, the fire engine currently owned by the Association is as follows:

1. Make: Ford / E-One
2. Model: Heavy Duty 8000 Series / Fire Apparatus
3. Body Type: Heavy Duty Truck / Fire Pumper
4. Body Color: Red
5. Year: 1983
6. Miles: 39,470.4
7. Vehicle Identification Number ("VIN"): 1FDYD80U3DVA19879

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ATLANTIC COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION OF THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY INC.:

SECTION 1. The Association hereby finds that the property described above in this Resolution has been obtained by the Association for the training of paid and volunteer firefighters and acknowledges that the County should maintain ownership of said fire engine.

SECTION 2. The President of the Association is hereby authorized to donate said fire engine to the County for use at the Atlantic County Training Center with a primary use of providing training to paid and volunteer firefighters.

Adopted this 19th day of August, 2015.

Amor "Skip" Portale, President

ATTEST:

Robert A. Mellon, Secretary

STATE OF NEW JERSEY >
 > SS
COUNTY OF ATLANTIC >

I, Robert A. Mellon, Secretary of the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association of the State of New Jersey Inc., certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association, at a regular meeting held on the 19th day of August, 2015, by the membership in attendance.

Robert A. Mellon, Secretary

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

Fire Department/Company/Association Events

Wed. Aug. 26, 2015	18:00	Anthony "Tony" Canale Training Center	Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program Workshop
Fri. Sep. 11, 2015	19:05	Citizens Bank Park, Philadelphia, PA	Phillies vs. Chicago Cubs - First Responders Night
Sat. Sep. 12, 2015	09:00	Smithville, NJ	9/11 Heroes Run
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	Epiphany Lutheran Church, Pleasantville	First Responders Appreciation Sunday
Sun. Oct. 4, 2015	10:00	Historic Smithville, NJ	Oceanville VFC @ Oktoberfest (Foot Long Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, French Fries)
Sun. Oct. 4, 2015	13:00	Dover International Speedway, DE	8 th Annual NFFF Firefighter Appreciation Event & NASCAR Sprint Cup Series Race
Mon. Oct. 5, 2015	19:00	Ocean County, Library - Long Beach Island Branch	Fire Prevention Week - FDNY Presentation
Sat. Oct. 10, 2015	08:00	Elwood VFC @ Mays Landing Country	14th Annual William Kennedy Memorial Golf Tournament
Sat. Oct. 17, 2015	08:30	New York City	ACFFA Bus Trip to 9/11 Memorial and NYC Fire Museum
Sat. Oct. 17, 2015	15:30	Port Republic VFC	Roast Beef Dinner (15:30 - 19:30)
Sat. Oct. 24, 2015	09:00	South Egg Harbor VFC	Fall/Christmas Craft, Art, & Home Show
Sat. Nov. 14, 2015	15:00	Scullville VFC	Fall Fundraiser Beef & Beer
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

Thurs. Sep. 10, 2015	18:30	hosted by Germania VFC @ Renault Winery	Tender Task Force - Alpha (TTF-A) Fall Drill (staging @ Renault Winery)
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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. 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. 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)

Other Atlantic County Organization Meetings

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. Sep. 9, 2015	20:00	Nesco VFC	Hosting Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Chiefs Association
Wed. Oct. 14, 2015	20:00	East Vineland VFC	Hosting Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Chiefs Association
Wed. Nov. 11, 2015	19:30	Linwood VFD	Hosting Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Chiefs Association
Wed. Dec. 9, 2015	20:00	Sweetwater VFC	Hosting Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Chiefs Association
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Jan. 2016	20:00	Absecon VFD	Hosting Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Chiefs Association
Feb. 2016	20:00	Scullville VFC	Hosting Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Chiefs Association

Atl. Co. Firefighters' Death Benefit Fund Assoc.

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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