

Atlantic County Firefighters' Association

"In Union For The Safety Of All"

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Cindy L. Badger

July 20, 2016

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association was called to order at 20:00 on July 20, 2016 at the Linwood Fire Department by 1st Vice President Ellsworth Ott. The meeting was opened with a flag salute followed by a moment of silence in remembrance of all fallen firefighters and military personnel. 1st Vice President Ott then pointed out the fire exits and asked that all electronic devices be silenced.

Opening Remarks and Introduction of Host Chief

1st Vice President Ellsworth Ott introduced Chief Martin Walley of the Linwood Fire Department. Chief Walley welcomed all to Linwood and invited everyone to stay for some great food after the meeting.

In Attendance

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

Total Chief/Delegate Attendance – 41 Total Member Departments/Companies Represented - 20

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve the minutes of the June 15, 2016 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 \$128,524.46, as read by Treasurer Jaime C. Mellon.

Bank of America / Bank of America / Capital One 360 / Parke Bank
Checking: \$46,581.79 / Savings: \$5,008.13 / Savings: \$52,804.19 / 13 Month CD: \$24,130.35

Committee Reports

Executive Committee – Chairman Howard Berchtold reported that President Skip Portale has recently had heart surgery in Philadelphia. He is recuperating well but is still restricted from driving. Howard had just spoken with him and he is heading to South Carolina for some relaxation. Currently Chuck Mackintosh is the Acting Township Fire Chief in Galloway and Skip has wished everyone a great summer and noted that he will be back soon. Howard summarized the minutes from the executive committee meeting held July 1, 2016 in Landisville. Howard reported that the cleanliness of the training center was discussed and referred to the training advisory board for follow-up. Howard reported that the executive committee moved a motion to recommend that the association purchase the trophies needed for the firefighter competition and the two trophies needed for the Wildwood parade in September. Howard also reported that the recommendation to review the valor award criteria and approval process was discussed and that the valor award committee will be asked to complete the review before the next award nominations. Howard thanked the Landisville Volunteer Fire Company for hosting the meeting and supplying

excellent food and refreshments afterwards. The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be at 19:30 on September 2, 2016 at the Absecon Volunteer Fire Department.

Atlantic County Fire Training Advisory Board – Howard Berchtold summarized the proceedings of the advisory board meeting held on July 11, 2016. The cleaning of the training center was discussed. All agree that the standards of cleanliness have been lacking. It was reported that the county will have a new cleaning contractor start in September. The advisory board will continue to monitor the cleaning issues and report their concerns to county officials. An engineer's report for smokehouse building repairs is being reviewed. All of the training center engines are in good working order. The need to replace the bolts for the burn building doors is being looked into. The status of the police academy and county dispatch was discussed. The next meeting of the advisory board is scheduled for September 12, 2016 at the training center.

Atlantic County 4H Fair – Howard Berchtold reported that the fair is scheduled for August 11th, 12th, and 13th with the Firefighter Competition to be held on Friday August 12th. Howard reminded all that assistance will be needed at 10:00 AM on August 11th at the training center to load the trailer and then setup at the fairgrounds. Howard reminded all that apparatus has been requested for display at the fair. An apparatus display application has been 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. Howard requested that any department/company that can display apparatus please contact either him, Dennis Sharpe, or Secretary Mellon as soon as possible. The association booth will display this year's NFPA Fire Prevention Week theme, "Don't Wait – Check the Date! Replace Smoke Alarms Every 10 Years".

Fire Coordinator – Deputy Fire Coordinator Oscar Dutch reported that the fire coordinators assisted with the recent structure fire in Pleasantville. Oscar reported that a meeting was held in Little Egg Harbor Township, Ocean County with the West Tuckerton Fire Company to discuss multi-alarm response to the new Wal-Mart. The proposed plan will utilize Tender Task Force Alpha, two ladder trucks (Pomona and Egg Harbor City), one cascade (Mays Landing), and one RIT (Oceanville) from Atlantic County on any reported working incident. The plan is awaiting final approvals and the need is due to the inadequate onsite water supply for any firefighting operation.

NJ Firemen's Home – Oscar Dutch reported that the home is in great shape and the budget has been increased by 1.3%. Oscar read a letter of appreciation and gratitude for the home's caring of firefighters from NJ Governor Chris Christie.

Radio Communications – Oscar Dutch reported that some of the western county fire departments are seeking a grant to change to move their radio communications over to 700 MHz, same as Gloucester County. Oscar noted that he is currently unsure how that may affect communications with the rest of the Atlantic County on the 800 MHz system.

Fire Marshal – Fire Marshal Dave Buzby had nothing to report and noted that he should be contacted if anything is needed.

Training – Director of Training Mike Corbo reported the Summer Firefighter I class has nineteen students and should be finished on August 25th. The Summer Firefighter II class was canceled due to a lack of the required minimum enrollment. The Spring Firefighter I class Graduation Ceremony is scheduled for 7:00 PM, Monday, July, 25th at the training center. The Fall Firefighter I class will start on August 18th. Mike reported that the 4H Fair Firefighter Competition applications are due back by July 29th. Only one has been received thus far. Mike reported that the Fall Course Book should be ready for distribution by the August meeting of the association. Mike provided the statistics from the Spring 2016 Semester. Three hundred thirty-one firefighters attended twenty-four classes with a total payroll, including all taxes, of \$26,683.78 for the instructor hours. The payroll was \$10,000 less than the 2015 Spring Semester. Mike reported that the pressure reducer has been installed for the training center hydrant system. Mike informed all of the new county security policy that goes into effect on July 26th. All training center doors will be locked during the day and require a key card for access. Those that are attending training will need to report to the front, or rear, lobby doors where they can be buzzed in. The lobby doors will be unlocked during the evening training hours when classes are scheduled.

Atlantic County Fire Chiefs' Association – Butch Kienzle reported on the July 13th meeting of the Atlantic County Fire Chiefs' Association held in Estell Manor. Representatives from Fail Safe Testing were in attendance to inform all of their available services for fire hose, pump, nozzle/appliance, ground ladder, and aerial device testing. The next meeting of the Atlantic County Fire Chiefs' Association is scheduled to be held at 20:00 on Wednesday, August 10, 2016 in Laureldale. A representative from California Casualty Insurance will be attending the August meeting to inform all of the home and auto insurance available to firefighters in New Jersey.

NJ State Firemen's Assn. – Cindy Badger reported that thirteen local associations will not be seated at the convention. New voting machines will be utilized at the convention. The death benefit has been raised to \$11,500, triple for a LODD, for a fully qualified member and is prorated for those still earning qualifying years of service. Cindy reported that any member

found guilty of embezzling association funds or arson will be dropped from the rolls and they, or their family, will no longer be eligible for any benefits. Cindy reported that the Atlantic County Caucus has been scheduled for August 9th in Egg Harbor City at 7:30 PM with registration starting at 6:30 PM. The convention is scheduled for 1:00 PM September 16th and 9:00 AM September 17th in Wildwood. The Memorial Service is to precede the convention meeting on September 17th. Cindy reminded all that local association reports are due by July 30th. Cindy reviewed the list of those running for office and the two proposed resolutions. Cindy also summarized some of the business conducted at the last meeting of the NJSFA Executive Committee.

Communications

There were no communications to report.

Deferred Business

Cindy Badger had samples of the shirt and hat style available for order with the association logo. Cindy distributed an order form that may be returned at the next meeting with a check for the total amount due. When the required shirt/hat has been collected, an order will be placed. If the minimum required to place an order is not received, all checks will be returned.

New Business

Motion was made, seconded, and carried to purchase the trophies needed for the Atlantic County 4H Fair Firefighter Competition as recommended by the Executive Committee.

Motion was made, seconded, and carried to purchase the two trophies, Best Appearing Atlantic County Apparatus and Best Appearing Atlantic County Department/Company, to be presented at the Wildwood parade in September as recommended by the Executive Committee.

Drawing was held for the Wildwood Parade order for the Atlantic County Unit (lead Dept./Co. to also carry ACFFA banner):

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| 1. Hammonton (ACFFA banner) | 6. Egg Harbor City | 11. Hamilton Twp. | 16. Firefighters Museum of Southern NJ |
| 2. Port Republic | 7. Dorothy, Weymouth Twp. | 12. Absecon | 17. Egg Harbor Twp. |
| 3. Estell Manor | 8. Linwood | 13. Somers Point | 18. Remaining Atl. Co. Units |
| 4. Buena Borough | 9. Northfield | 14. Mullica Twp. | as submitted directly to Parade Committee |
| 5. Longport | 10. Galloway Twp. | 15. Buena Vista Twp. | |

Online registration still required at http://www.njfireexpo.com/memorial_parade.html

Bills

The bills, totaling \$31,055.97, were read by Treasurer Jaime C. Mellon. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to pay the bills from the proper funds.

Bills --- Lowes - \$255.23 (maintenance supplies) / Walt's Primo Pizza - \$161.00 (training lunch) / Good Enoughs - \$975.00 (straw) / Suburban Propane - \$826.42 (propane) / Staples - \$214.97 (training office supplies) / South Jersey Welding - \$13.80 (equipment rental) / MES - \$317.00 (PPE replacement) / Paul L. Mosetti, Signs by Me - \$86.34 (decals) / This & That Uniforms - \$645.75 (Firefighter 1 shirts) / Michael Corbo - \$876.68 (reimburse office supplies & instructor course books) / 1st Half 2016 Instructor Payroll - \$26,683.78 (instructor payroll w/ federal & state taxes)

Applications for Membership

There were no applications for membership.

Good of the Order

Thank you to the Linwood Fire Department for hosting the evening and providing the refreshments.

Adjournment

There being no further business at hand, the meeting was adjourned at 21:00. The next regular meeting is scheduled to be held at 20:00 on August 17, 2016 in Weymouth.

Attested:

Robert A. Mellon, Secretary

Fire Department/Company/Association Events

Sat. Jul. 23, 2016	09:00	Mizpah VFC	3rd Annual Car Show & Family Day (09:00 - 15:00)
Sat. Aug. 6, 2016	16:00	Egg Harbor City VFD	20 th Annual Spaghetti Dinner
Tues. Aug. 9, 2016	19:30	Egg Harbor City VFD	New Jersey Firemen's Association - Atlantic County Caucus
Thurs. Aug. 11, 2016	12:30	Atlantic County 4H Fairgrounds, Rt. 50	ACFFA at Atlantic County 4H Fair w/ Fire Prevention Booth & Apparatus Display
Fri. Aug. 12, 2016	12:30	Atlantic County 4H Fairgrounds, Rt. 50	ACFFA at Atlantic County 4H Fair w/ Fire Prevention Booth & Apparatus Display
Fri. Aug. 12, 2016	19:00	Atlantic County 4H Fairgrounds, Rt. 50	ACFFA at Atlantic County 4H Fair w/ Firefighter Competition
Sat. Aug. 13, 2016	12:30	Atlantic County 4H Fairgrounds, Rt. 50	ACFFA at Atlantic County 4H Fair w/ Fire Prevention Booth & Apparatus Display
Fri. Aug. 26, 2016	17:00	Minotola VFC	Crab & Spaghetti Dinner (17:00 - 22:00)
Sat. Aug. 27, 2016	08:00	Smithville Square	1st Annual Oceanville Volunteer Firefighter Classic Car Show (08:00 - 15:00)
Sun. Sep. 11, 2016	18:00	Absecon VFD	9/11 Ceremony @ Heritage Park, 500 Mill Rd., Absecon, NJ 08201
Sun. Sep. 11, 2016	18:00	Egg Harbor Township FD	9/11 Ceremony @ Bargaintown VFC Sta. 1 – 6550 Mill Rd., Egg Harbor Township, NJ 08234
Fri. Sep. 16, 2016	13:00	Wildwood Convention Center	New Jersey Firemen's Association Annual Convention
Sat. Sep. 17, 2016	10:00	Wildwood Convention Center	New Jersey Firemen's Association Annual Convention
Sat. Sep. 24, 2016	10:00	Northfield FD	1 st Annual Classic Car Show @ Sta. 2 – Burton Ave.
Sat. Oct. 1, 2016	16:00	Germania VFC	Turkey Dinner (16:00 - 19:30)
Sat. Oct. 15, 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
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ACFFA Meetings

Atlantic County Firefighters' Association

Wed. Aug. 17, 2016	20:00	Weymouth VFC	Hosting ACFFA Monthly Meeting
Wed. Sep. 21, 2016	20:00	Hammonton VFD Sta. 2	Hosting ACFFA Monthly Meeting
Wed. Oct. 19, 2016	20:00	Estell Manor VFC	Hosting ACFFA Monthly Meeting
Wed. Nov. 16, 2016	20:00	Somers Point VFD Sta. 1	Hosting ACFFA Monthly Meeting
Wed. Dec. 21, 2016	20:00	Scullville VFC	Hosting ACFFA Monthly Meeting
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Wed. Jan. 18, 2017	20:00	Egg Harbor City VFD	Hosting ACFFA Annual Reorganization Meeting and Annual Memorial Service
Wed. Feb. 15, 2017	20:00	Longport VFD	Hosting ACFFA Monthly Meeting

Atlantic County Firefighters' Association - Executive Committee

Fri. Sep. 2, 2016	19:30	Absecon VFD	Hosting ACFFA Executive Committee Meeting
Fri. Nov. 4, 2016	19:30	South Egg Harbor VFC	Hosting ACFFA Executive Committee Meeting
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Fri. Jan. 6, 2017	19:30	Pomona VFC	Hosting ACFFA Executive Committee Meeting (Annual Reorganization)

Other Atlantic County Organization Meetings

Atlantic County Fire Training Advisory Board

Mon. Sep. 12, 2016	19:00	Anthony "Tony" Canale Training Center	Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Training Advisory Board
Mon. Nov. 14, 2016	19:00	Anthony "Tony" Canale Training Center	Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Training Advisory Board
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Mon. Jan. 9, 2017	19:00	Anthony "Tony" Canale Training Center	Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Training Advisory Board

Atlantic County Fire Chiefs' Association

Wed. Aug. 10, 2016	20:00	Laureldale VFC	Hosting Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Chief's Association
Wed. Sep. 14, 2016	20:00	Nesco VFC	Hosting Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Chief's Association
Wed. Oct. 12, 2016	20:00	East Vineland VFC	Hosting Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Chief's Association
Wed. Nov. 9, 2016	19:30	Linwood VFD	Hosting Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Chief's Association
Wed. Dec. 14, 2016	20:00	Sweetwater VFC	Hosting Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Chief's Association
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Jan.11, 2017	20:00	Absecon VFD	Hosting Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Chief's Association
Feb. 8, 2017	20:00	Scullville VFC	Hosting Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Chief's Association

Atl. Co. Firefighters' Death Benefit Fund Assoc.

Thurs. Jul. 28, 2016	19:30	Oceanville VFC	Hosting Meeting of Atl. Co. Firefighters' Death Benefit Fund Association
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Thurs. Jan. 26, 2017	19:30	Bargaintown VFC	Hosting Meeting of Atl. Co. Firefighters' Death Benefit Fund Association
Thurs. Jul. 27, 2017	19:30	Absecon VFD	Hosting Meeting of Atl. Co. Firefighters' Death Benefit Fund Association