

Atlantic County Firefighters' Association

"In Union For The Safety Of All"

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Ellsworth Ott
2nd Vice President
Charles "Chick" Kisby



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August 17, 2016

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association was called to order at 20:00 on August 17, 2016 at the Weymouth Volunteer Fire Company President Amor "Skip" Portale. The meeting was opened with a flag salute followed by a moment of silence in remembrance of all fallen firefighters and military personnel. President Portale then pointed out the fire exits and asked that all electronic devices be silenced.

Opening Remarks and Introduction of Host Chief

President Amor "Skip" Portale introduced Chief John Carrigan of the Weymouth Volunteer Fire Company. Chief Carrigan welcomed all to Weymouth.

In Attendance

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

Total Chief/Delegate Attendance – 36 of 176 Total Member Departments/Companies Represented – 16 of 44

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve the minutes of the July 20, 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 \$103,913.64, as read by Treasurer Jaime C. Mellon.

Bank of America / Bank of America / Capital One 360 / Parke Bank
Checking: \$21,935.70 / Savings: \$5,008.26 / Savings: \$52,839.33 / 13 Month CD: \$24,130.35

Committee Reports

Executive Committee – Chairman Howard Berchtold reported that the next meeting of the Executive Committee will be on September 2, 2016 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 12, 2016 at the Anthony "Tony" Canale Training Center.

Fire Coordinator – Deputy Fire Coordinator Oscar Dutch reported that Fire Coordinator Ed Vincent was unable to attend the meeting and that he wished to thank all those that provided assistance during the 2016 Atlantic City Air Show.

Fire Marshal – Fire Marshal Dave Buzby thanked all those that assisted with displaying apparatus at the 4H Fair.

Training – Director of Training Mike Corbo reported that the firefighter competition at the 4H Fair went well despite the extreme temperatures of the day. Somers Point Sta. 2, Germania, and Scullville had teams competing. Germania won the hose relay. Scullville won the obstacle course, the water rocket, and the overall competition. Mike reported that the Fall Firefighter I course will start on August 18th and currently only nine students are registered. Those in attendance identified several students that have not yet registered and it was requested that they send in the registration forms. Mike reported that the Fall Course Book is under final review and will be released soon. Mike distributed copies of the courses scheduled and reported that it had also been sent out via email and posted on the website. Mike reviewed the classes that have been scheduled and reported that the Salem County Fire Academy ran short on funding and will not be operating for the remainder of 2016.

NJ Firemen's Home – Oscar Dutch reported that all is going good at the home. The new generator has been installed and the old one will be donated to the town. Oscar noted that there are beds available if anyone is in need to stay at the home. Oscar also reported on recently attending the NJSFA Monmouth County Caucus.

NJ State Firemen's Assn. – President Portale reported that Cindy Badger was reelected to the NJSFA Atlantic County Executive Committeewoman at the recent Atlantic County Caucus. President Portale noted that Cindy provided a great report at the caucus and that she has accomplished much since taking on the job in April.

Atlantic County 4H Fair – Howard Berchtold reported that it was hot every day at the fair. Howard thanked Dave Buzby, Ellsworth Ott, Oscar Dutch, Joe Ward, Ed Vincent and all the others that helped during the fair. Howard reminded all that the NFPA Fire Prevention Week theme, “Don't Wait – Check the Date! Replace Smoke Alarms Every 10 Years” was displayed at the ACFFA booth. Howard reported that some of the NFPA handouts were left over after the fair and that they are available to any departments/companies that would like to distribute them during fire prevention week in October. Howard thanked Northfield, Germania, Somers Point, West Atlantic City, Cardiff, and Laureldale for displaying apparatus. Howard remarked that the firefighter competition was excellent as always and thanked the fire instructors for organizing it and Laureldale for supplying the support apparatus. Ellsworth Ott thanked Joe Ward and the Cardiff members that helped break down the display booth when the fair was over on Saturday night.

Communications

There were no communications to report.

Deferred Business

President Portale reported Cindy Badger informed him that the minimum required order for the ACFFA shirts and hats is six shirts and twelve hats. President Portale reported that Ken Badger will be collecting any order forms/checks to deliver to Cindy and that she will place an order when the required minimums are met.

New Business

There was no new business to act upon.

Bills

The bills, totaling \$2,968.29, were read by Treasurer Jaime C. Mellon. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to pay the bills from the proper funds.

Bills --- South Jersey Welding - \$14.26 (equipment rental) / Home Depot - \$19.87 (training supplies) / MES - \$42.00 (PPE replacement) / Staples - \$23.44 (training office supplies) / Brown & Brown - \$2,572.89 (general liability and auto insurances) / Walt's Primo Pizza - \$280.65 (training lunch) / C. Robert Winkler - \$15.18 (training supplies @ Lowes)

Applications for Membership

Kevin B. Brady, Thomas M. Kresz, and David Milner of the Longport Volunteer Fire Department were accepted into membership.

Good of the Order

Howard Berchtold reported that Whitey Swartz is in Atlantic City Regional Medical Center Mainland due to being injured by a lift gate and a fall. Howard noted that he is doing well and should recover fully but is disappointed that he will miss the

Glasstown Antique Fire Brigade day at WheatonArts in Millville. Jim Garth reported that someone drives Whitey's wife, Joy, to the hospital every day to be with him.

Jim Garth reported that Friendly Tours and Travel has a bus trip scheduled to the New York City Fire Museum 9/11 Museum on October 4th. Jim provided flyer for the trip which is open to all interested individuals.

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

Adjournment

There being no further business at hand, the meeting was adjourned at 20:30. The next regular meeting is scheduled to be held at 20:00 on September 21, 2016 at the Hammonton Fire Department Station 2.

Attested:

Robert A. Mellon, Secretary

Fire Department/Company/Association Events

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	14:00	Absecon	9/11 Ceremony @ Heritage Park, 500 Mill Rd., Absecon, NJ 08201
Sun. Sep. 11, 2016	17:00	Galloway Twp. FD	9/11 Ceremony @ Patriot Lake – Galloway Municipal Complex
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

ACFFA Meetings

Atlantic County Firefighters' Association

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
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
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. 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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Wed. Jan.11, 2017	20:00	Absecon VFD	Hosting Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Chief's Association
Wed. Feb. 8, 2017	20:00	Scullville VFC	Hosting Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Chief's Association

Atl. Co. Firefighters' Death Benefit Fund Assoc.

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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