

Atlantic County Firefighters' Association

"In Union For The Safety Of All"



October 16, 2019

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association was called to order at 20:00 on October 16, 2019 at the Dorothy Volunteer Fire Company by President Charles E. "Chick" Kisby III. The meeting was opened with a flag salute followed by an Invocation by the Chaplain of the Association, Deacon Rich Maxwell. President Kisby then pointed out the fire exits and asked that all electronic devices be silenced.

Introduction of Host Chief

President Kisby introduced Chief Jess Hand of the Dorothy Volunteer Fire Department. Chief Hand welcomed all to Dorothy. Chief Hand then introduced Kenneth Haeser, Mayor of Weymouth Township. Mayor Haeser welcomed all to Weymouth Township.

In Attendance

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

Total Chief/Delegate Attendance – 22 of 176

Total Member Departments/Companies Represented – 13 of 44

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve the minutes of the September 18, 2019 meeting, as sent to the member companies.

Report of Treasurer

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to accept the report of the Treasurer as read by Treasurer Jaime C. Mellon.

Committee Reports

Executive Committee – Chairman Howard Berchtold reported that the next meeting of the Executive Committee is scheduled for November 1, 2019 in South Egg Harbor at 19:30. The committee will meet at the South Egg Harbor firehouse at 17:15 or the Never There Gun Club, Hammonton, at 17:30 for the spaghetti and crab sauce dinner at the gun club. All are welcome to join the committee for dinner.

Atlantic County Fire Training Advisory Board – Howard Berchtold reported that the next meeting of the Advisory Board is scheduled for October 21, 2019 at the Anthony "Tony" Canale Training Center.

Training – Director of Training Mike Corbo reported that the fall Firefighter I is running with twenty-eight students and Firefighter II with twelve students. Mike reminded all that NJ is looking into changing the Firefighter II class requirements and that now is the time to complete this class before that happens. Mike reported that the Fire Official class is running with

six students and then reviewed the upcoming scheduled classes. Mike reported that Marianne Cullen has started working part-time for the Fire Academy.

Harold J. “Whitey” Swartz Valor Awards and Service Recognition – Billy Merola reported that there are currently no nominations submitted and that he is looking into a possible nomination. Billy reminded all that if an incident rising to the level for a valor award occurs, the fire chief should consider submitting a valor nomination as soon as possible. This will allow for nominations to be written down when the details are still fresh in everyone’s minds and the nomination will not be forgotten later. The application is available on the Atlantic County Firefighters’ Association website. A committee meeting will be scheduled after the start of the new year.

Communications

An email was received from Atlantic County OEM Director Vince Jones sharing the details about an Active Shooter Incident Management (ASIM) – Basic class scheduled for November, by the NJ Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness, in Atlantic County. The email has been forwarded to all county fire chiefs.

Deferred Business

There was no deferred business to act on.

New Business

There was no new business to act on.

Bills

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

Nomination of Officers

The first of two rounds of nominations was held. Those nominated are as follows:

President (1)	Charles E. “Chick” Kisby
1 st Vice President (1)	Dennis Sharpe
2 nd Vice President (1)	Charles J. Mackintosh
Secretary (1)	Robert A. Mellon
Treasurer (1)	Jaime C. Mellon
Asst. Sec./Trea. (1)	Sandra L. Walczak*
Chaplain (1)	Dcn. Rich Maxwell
Sgt.-at-Arms (3)	Wayne Dilks, William Donath, Charles Harlan
Executive Comm. (9)	Howard Berchtold Jr., Levon “Lefty” Clayton*, James Garth Sr.*, Marylynn Graham*, Walter R. “Butch” Kienzle III*, Christopher Kislow*, William L. Merola Jr., Eugene M. Sharpe*, John Sullivan*, C. Robert Winkler III*

***have not yet formally accepted nomination and must do so before elections.**

Good of the Order

Mayor Haeser reported that the intersection at Tuckahoe Rd. and 11th Ave. will have a blinking traffic control light installed.

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

Adjournment

Benediction was conducted by Chaplain Dcn. Rich Maxwell. There being no further business at hand, the meeting was adjourned at 20:35. The next regular meeting is scheduled to be held at 20:00 on November 20, 2019 at the Somers Point Volunteer Fire Company Sta. 2.

Attested:

Robert A. Mellon, Secretary

Fire Department/Company/Association Events

Sat. Oct. 19, 2019	15:30	Port Republic VFC	Roast Beef Dinner (15:30 - 19:30)
Sat. Oct. 26, 2019	11:00	Landisville VFC	Roast Beef BBQ (11:00 – 14:00)
Sat. Nov. 9, 2019	16:00	Oceanville VFC	Baked Ham & Fried Oyster Dinner - HamAndOysterDinner.com
Sat. Nov. 23, 2019	11:00	Minotola VFC	Hot Roast Beef Sandwich Sale (11:00 - 14:00)
Nov. 8 - Dec. 15, 2019		Hammonton VFD Sta. 2	Letters to Santa Drop Off
Sat. Dec. 14, 2019	19:00	Hammonton VFD	Hammonton VFD Christmas Parade (lineup 18:00 & parade 19:00)
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Sat. Apr. 4, 2020	16:00	Oceanville VFC	Baked Ham & Fried Oyster Dinner - HamAndOysterDinner.com
Sat. Jun. 13, 2020		Somers Point VFD Sta. 2	100th Anniversary
Aug. (TBD), 2020	19:00	Egg Harbor City VFD	New Jersey Firemen's Association Atlantic County Caucus
Fri. Sep. 18, 2020	13:00	Wildwood Convention Center	New Jersey Firemen's Association Annual Convention
Sat. Sep. 19, 2020	10:00	Wildwood Convention Center	New Jersey Firemen's Association Annual Convention
Sat. Nov. 14, 2020	16:00	Oceanville VFC	Baked Ham & Fried Oyster Dinner - HamAndOysterDinner.com

ACFFA Meetings**Atlantic County Firefighters' Association**

Wed. Nov. 20, 2019	20:00	Somers Point VFD Sta. 2	Hosting ACFFA Monthly Meeting
Wed. Dec. 18, 2019	20:00	Cardiff VFC	Hosting ACFFA Monthly Meeting
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Wed. Jan. 15, 2020	20:00	Egg Harbor City VFD	Hosting ACFFA Annual Reorganization Meeting and Annual Memorial Service
Wed. Feb. 19, 2020	20:00	Longport VFD	Hosting ACFFA Monthly Meeting

Atlantic County Firefighters' Association - Executive Committee

Fri. Nov. 1, 2019	19:30	South Egg Harbor VFC	Hosting ACFFA Executive Committee Meeting
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Fri. Jan. 4, 2020	19:30	Pomona VFC	Hosting ACFFA Executive Committee Meeting (Annual Reorganization)

Other Atlantic County Organization Meetings**Atlantic County Fire Training Advisory Board**

Mon. Oct. 21, 2019	19:00	Anthony "Tony" Canale Training Center	Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Training Advisory Board
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Mon. Jan. 13, 2020	19:00	Anthony "Tony" Canale Training Center	Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Training Advisory Board

Atlantic County Fire Chiefs' Association

Wed. Nov. 13, 2019	20:00	Linwood FD	Hosting Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Chief's Association
Wed. Dec. 11, 2019	20:00	Sweetwater VFC	Hosting Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Chief's Association
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Tues. Jan. 28, 2020	20:00	Absecon VFD	Hosting Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Chief's Association
February 2020-----	-----	-----	NO MEETING-----

Atl. Co. Firefighters' Death Benefit Fund Assoc.

Thurs. Jan. 23, 2020	19:30	Bargaintown VFC Sta. 1	Hosting Meeting of Atl. Co. Firefighters' Death Benefit Fund Association
Thurs. Jul. 23, 2020	19:30	Linwood FD	Hosting Meeting of Atl. Co. Firefighters' Death Benefit Fund Association
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