

Atlantic County Firefighters' Association

"In Union For The Safety Of All"



June 18, 2025

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association was called to order at 19:35 on June 18, 2025 at the Richland Volunteer Fire Company by President Charles J. Mackintosh. The meeting was opened with a flag salute followed by an Invocation by President Mackintosh. President Mackintosh then pointed out the fire exits and asked that all electronic devices be silenced.

Opening Remarks

President Mackintosh reported that Howard Berchtold is doing well with his cancer treatment and recovery. Howard asked Chuck to thank everyone for their well wishes and prayers.

Introduction of Host Chief

President Mackintosh introduced Chief Anthony Monfredo, Jr. of the Richland Volunteer Fire Company. Chief Monfredo welcomed all to Richland.

In Attendance

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

Total Chief/Delegate Attendance – 41 of 172 Total Member Departments/Companies Represented – 21 of 43

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve the minutes of the May 21, 2025 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 \$90,919.00, as read by Treasurer Jaime C. Mellon.

Bank of America / Bank of America / Parke Bank / Parke Bank / Parke Bank
Checking: \$10,552.18 / Savings: \$5,023.24 / Checking: \$42,681.68 / Money Market: \$1,017.24 / CD – 4.247%, matures 4/5/2026: \$31,644.66

Committee Reports

Executive Committee – President Mackintosh reported that the next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled to be held at 19:30 on July 11, 2025 at the Somers Point Volunteer Fire Company Station 1. The committee will continue a review of the insurance policies.

Atlantic County Fire Training Advisory Board – President Mackintosh reported that the next meeting of the Fire Training Advisory Board is scheduled for July 21, 2025 at the Anthony “Tony” Canale Training Center.

Atlantic County Radio Communications – President Mackintosh relayed an update from Howard Berchtold. The working group and ADCOMM Engineering LLC are collecting additional information to be added to the report including the potential local, regional, and state covered expenses likely to be incurred with the ongoing NG911 transition and whether any of those expenses could be reduced by regionalization and seeking grants.

Atlantic County 4H Fair – President Mackintosh reported that the 4H Fair is scheduled for August 8th and 9th and that ACFFA will setup the public relations tent and seek fire apparatus to be displayed or provided educational demos for the public on Saturday August 9th.

Training – Director of Training Brian Middleton reported that Firefighter I class has just completed their state exam, and all classes have been completed for the semester. The Firefighter I graduation ceremony has been scheduled for 7PM Monday, July 14th at the Egg Harbor Township Community Center. The next Firefighter I class will start on August 14th and the next Firefighter II class will start on September 15th. The Fall 2025 Course Book has been emailed, posted online, and is being sent via USPS.

Fire Coordinator – Fire Coordinator Clyde W. “Chip” Stockton Jr. provided an update on the April 22nd Jones Road Wildfire in Ocean County and reported that any departments seeking FEMA reimbursement must complete the paperwork no later than July 14th. Chip also provided a report on the Atlantic County mutual aid provided for the June 13th Mines Spung Wildfire in Wharton State Forest area of Shamong Township, Burlington County.

NJ State Firemen’s Assn. – Executive Committeewoman Cindy Badger reported that NJSFA Vice President Joseph Hankins and 1st Asst. Secretary Brian Martone will be attending the ACFFA July meeting in Linwood. Cindy reported that the Atlantic County Caucus is scheduled for 7PM on August 12th in Egg Harbor City, registration will start at 6PM, and delegates failing to attend the caucus will be docked \$100 from convention expenses. Cindy reported that the convention is scheduled for September 12 and 13 in Wildwood. The memorial service followed by the meeting is at 11AM on September 12th with registration from 7AM until 11AM. There will only be registration and voting on September 13th from 7AM until 11AM. Delegate and Life Member cards have been mailed. All forms required for the convention are available online. Cindy reported that the two different convention badges for the convention have been replaced by a single badge for delegates and life members. Delegates and life members are expected to complete expense statements, with receipts, prior to reimbursement. The 2025 Atlantic County convention expense allowance is \$851 delegate with lodging, \$252 delegate commuting, \$426 life member with lodging, and \$126 life member commuting. Cindy reported that there are currently fourteen active claims from Atlantic County, out of 343 statewide, for the healthcare reimbursement program. Cindy provided a summary of statewide relief payments year to date and reported that data from burial claims has shown that the average cost of a funeral in New Jersey is \$11,504. Cindy noted that NJSFA applications and burial claims can now be emailed to the office.

Atlantic County Firefighters' Death Benefit Fund Association – Cindy Badger reported that the next meeting of the Atlantic County Firefighters' Death Benefit Fund Association is scheduled to be held at 19:30 on July 24, 2025 at the Somers Point Volunteer Fire Company Station 2.

Atlantic County Fire Chiefs' Association – Butch Kienzle reported that the next meeting of the Atlantic County Fire Chiefs' Association will be at 20:00 on July 9, 2025 at the East Vineland Volunteer Fire Company. Butch noted that Lee D'Ottavio, Howell Rescue Systems, will be in attendance with his truck and demo tools.

Harold J. “Whitey” Swartz Valor Awards and Service Recognition – Billy Merola reported that the committee will meet on July 16th, one hour prior to the July meeting of the association in Linwood.

Fundraising – Kim Feinstein reported that he is looking into getting a table setup for the convention in Wildwood to continue selling the association 100th Anniversary merchandise.

Communications

President Chuck Mackintosh reported that a \$1,000 donation from Sykora Family Foundation had been received and that a thank you letter will be sent to the foundation.

Deferred Business

There was no deferred business to act upon.

New Business

There was no new business to act upon.

Bills

The bills, totaling \$1,095.11, were read by Treasurer Jaime C. Mellon. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to pay the bills from the proper funds.

Bills --- Chase Credit Card - \$684.11 (credit card) / DiVal Safety Equipment - \$411.00 (facepiece)

Good of the Order

President Mackintosh reported that Vince Jones will retire from the county on July 1st and he will be recognized for his many years of service in Atlantic County at the July meeting of the association.

Butch Kienzle reported that a Beef & Beer Benefit has been scheduled for June 21st at Hammonton VFD Sta. 2 to assist the DiGiovannangelo family.

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

Adjournment

There being no further business at hand, the meeting was adjourned at 20:05. The next regular meeting is scheduled to be held at 19:30 on July 16, 2025 in Linwood.

Attested:

Robert A. Mellon, Secretary

Fire Department/Company/Association Events

Sat. Jun. 21, 2025	14:00	Hammonton VFC Sta. 2	Beef & Beer Benefit for DiGiovannangelo Family (14:00 - 18:00)
Thurs. Jun. 26, 2025	18:00	Rita's Water Ice, WHP, Hammonton	Water Ice Fundraiser to Benefit Hammonton VFD (18:00 - 20:00)
Mon. Jul. 14, 2025	19:00	Egg Harbor Twp. Community Center	Firefighter I Graduation Ceremony
Sat. Jul. 19, 2025	21:30	Hammonton VFD Sta. 2	"Backyard Oasis" Raffle Drawing at Mt. Carmel Festival
Sat. Jul. 26, 2025	10:00	Storybook Land, EHT	2025 Mother Goose Muster - Firetruck & Emergency Vehicle Show & First Responder Appreciation Day
Sat. Aug. 2, 2025	16:00	Egg Harbor City VFD	28th Annual Spaghetti Dinner (16:00 - 19:00)
Sun. Aug. 3, 2025	10:00	CLAFAA @ Cooper River Park	Annual Fire Muster
Fri. Aug. 8, 2025	18:00	Atlantic County 4H Fairgrounds, Rt. 50	ACFFA at Atlantic County 4H Fair w/ Fire Prevention Booth & Apparatus Display
Sat. Aug. 9, 2025	13:00	Atlantic County 4H Fairgrounds, Rt. 50	ACFFA at Atlantic County 4H Fair w/ Fire Prevention Booth & Apparatus Display
Tues. Aug. 12, 2025	19:00	Egg Harbor City VFD	New Jersey Firemen's Association Atlantic County Caucus
Sun. Aug. 17, 2025	10:00	Wheaton Arts and Cultural Center, Millville, NJ	Annual Fire Muster & Firefighters' Family Day presented by Glasstown Antique Fire Brigade
Fri. Sep. 12, 2025	11:00	Wildwood Convention Center	New Jersey State Firemen's Association Annual Convention & Memorial Service (Reg. 07:00-11:00)
Sat. Sep. 13, 2025	07:00	Wildwood Convention Center	New Jersey State Firemen's Association Annual Convention (Voting Only 07:00-11:00)
Sat. Sep. 20, 2025	09:00	New Jersey Firemen's Home	Antique Fire Muster (09:00 - 14:00)
Sat. Sep. 27, 2025	18:30	Dorothy VFC	4th Annual Designer Bag Bingo (Doors Open 17:00)
Sun. Sep. 28, 2025	09:00	NJFM, 4 Polhemustown Rd, Allentown, NJ	NJ Fire Museum Annual Open House (09:00 - 15:00)
Sat. Nov. 8, 2025	15:00	Oceanville VFC	Baked Ham or Fried Oyster Dinner
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Sat. Jun. 6, 2026		Germania VFC	Germania Vol. Fire Co. 100th Anniversary Celebration

ACFFA Meetings**Atlantic County Firefighters' Association**

Wed. Jul. 16, 2025	19:30	Linwood FD	Hosting ACFFA Monthly Meeting
Wed. Aug. 20, 2025	19:30	Weymouth VFC	Hosting ACFFA Monthly Meeting
Wed. Sep. 17, 2025	19:30	Hammonton VFD Sta. 1	Hosting ACFFA Monthly Meeting
Wed. Oct. 15, 2025	19:30	Dorothy VFC	Hosting ACFFA Monthly Meeting
Wed. Nov. 19, 2025	19:30	Somers Point VFD Sta. 2	Hosting ACFFA Monthly Meeting
Wed. Dec. 17, 2025	19:30	Bargaintown VFC	Hosting ACFFA Monthly Meeting
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Wed. Jan. 21, 2026	19:30	Egg Harbor City VFD	Hosting ACFFA Annual Reorganization Meeting and Annual Memorial Service
Wed. Feb. 18, 2026	19:30	Longport VFD	Hosting ACFFA Monthly Meeting

Atlantic County Firefighters' Association - Executive Committee

Fri. Jul. 11, 2025	19:30	Somers Point VFD Sta. 1	Hosting ACFFA Executive Committee Meeting
Fri. Sep. 5, 2025	19:30	Absecon VFD	Hosting ACFFA Executive Committee Meeting
Fri. Nov. 7, 2025	19:30	South Egg Harbor VFC	Hosting ACFFA Executive Committee Meeting
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Fri. Jan. 2, 2026	19:30	Pomona VFC	Hosting ACFFA Executive Committee Meeting (Annual Reorganization)

Other Atlantic County Organization Meetings

Atlantic County Fire Training Advisory Board

Mon. Jul. 21, 2025	19:00	Anthony "Tony" Canale Training Center	Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Training Advisory Board
Mon. Oct. 20, 2025	19:00	Anthony "Tony" Canale Training Center	Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Training Advisory Board
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Mon. Jan. 12, 2026	19:00	Anthony "Tony" Canale Training Center	Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Training Advisory Board

Atlantic County Fire Chiefs' Association

Wed. Jul. 9, 2025	20:00	East Vineland VFC	Hosting Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Chief's Association
Wed. Aug. 13, 2025	20:00	Laureldale VFC	Hosting Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Chief's Association
Tues. Sep. 10, 2025	20:00	Nesco VFC	Hosting Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Chief's Association
Wed. Oct. 8, 2025	20:00	Estell Manor VFC	Hosting Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Chief's Association
Wed. Nov. 12, 2025	20:00	Bayview VFC	Hosting Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Chief's Association
Wed. Dec. 10, 2025	20:00	Sweetwater VFC	Hosting Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Chief's Association
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Tues. Jan. 27, 2026	20:00	Absecon VFD	Hosting Meeting of Atlantic County Fire Chief's Association
February 2026-----	-----	-----	NO MEETING-----

Atl. Co. Firefighters' Death Benefit Fund Assoc.

Thurs. Jul. 24, 2025	19:30	Somers Point VFD Sta. 2	Hosting Meeting of Atl. Co. Firefighters' Death Benefit Fund Association
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Thurs. Jan. 22, 2026	19:30	Elwood VFC	Hosting Meeting of Atl. Co. Firefighters' Death Benefit Fund Association
Thurs. Jul. 23, 2026	19:30	Somers Point VFD Sta. 1	Hosting Meeting of Atl. Co. Firefighters' Death Benefit Fund Association