Call to Order

The annual reorganizational meeting and memorial service of the Atlantic County Firefighters’ Association was called to order at 20:00 on January 16, 2013 at the Egg Harbor City Vol. Fire Dept. by President Amor “Skip” Portale. The meeting was opened with the flag salute followed by a moment of silence. President Portale then pointed out the fire exits and asked that all electronic devices be silenced.

Opening Remarks

Chief Walter “Butch” Kienzle III, of the Egg Harbor City Fire Department, welcomed the membership and guests to Egg Harbor City and conveyed the pride felt by this department as it annually hosts the first meeting of the year for the association. Chief Kienzle then introduced the line officers of the fire department. Chief Kienzle then introduced Mayor Lisa Jiampetti who welcomed all to Egg Harbor City and reported that the city is proud to host the county firefighters every year since the association was founded.

In Attendance


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

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve the minutes of the December 19, 2012 meeting, as sent to the member companies.

Paying of Bills

The bills, totaling $2,004.34, were read by Treasurer Jaime C. Mellon. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to pay the bills from the proper funds.

Bills — US Postal Service - $9.00 (stamps) / Brent Meisenhelte - $253.50 (straw) / Treasurer, State of New Jersey - $50.00 (registration of alternate business name) / MES - $1,335.00 (instructor uniform shirts $216.00, SCNA mask voice amps $1,119.00) / Lowes - $271.40 (burn building supplies, flashover wood) / Home Depot - $6.41 (hardware) / Staples - $79.03 (office supplies - training)

Dispensing of Regular Business

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to dispense with the remainder of the regular business except for the paying of the bills.
Annual Memorial Service

President Amor “Skip” Portale welcomed all to the annual Memorial Service. The annual memorial services were conducted by the Memorial Committee with Chaplain Reverend Thomas Sweeny giving the invocation and homily, everyone reciting the “A Fireman’s Prayer” in unison, the memorial candles being lit by First Vice President Ellsworth Ott and Second Vice President Charles “Chick” Kisby, and the bell being tolled by Charles J. Guenther as Secretary Robert A. Mellon read the roll of the Firefighters of Atlantic County who answered their last alarm during the past year.

Firefighters of the Final Roll were:

**ABSECON**
- James E. Goss
- William P. Reilly

**ATLANTIC CITY**
- Kevin Murphy
- Joseph Stone
- Henry Tyner

**ATLANTIC CITY INTL AIRPORT**
- Jeffrey T. Weber

**CARDIFF**
- John Flanagan

**EGG HARBOR CITY**
- L. James Peterson

**ELWOOD**
- Gennaro L. Critelli, Sr.
- Peter Frank Killian, Jr.

**ESTELL MANOR**
- Clifford Rosegren
- Geoffry L. Cullen, Jr.

**FARMINGTON**
- Leo Watson

**GERMANY**
- Allen David Mosier, Sr.

**HAMMONTON**
- Thomas C. Elvins III
- David J. Gulig, Jr.
- Dominic L. Masioli

**LINWOOD**
- John C. Moore

**LONGPORT**
- Richard DePamphilis, Jr.

**MILMAY**
- Joseph Giercyk
- Phillip Trivelli

**MINOTOLA**
- Raymond Zorzi
- Vincent Zorzi

**MIZPAH**
- Leonard Henry Myers
- Archie Nelson

**OCEANVILLE**
- Michael Bollinger, Sr.
- Marshal L. Hillard
- William E. Trask, Sr.

**PLEASANTVILLE**
- Dominick Civitarese
- George C. English
- David Leeds

**POMONA**
- John W. Dickerson, Sr.

**PORT REPUBLIC**
- Howard G. Cavileer, Jr.

**RICHLAND**
- Walter Burshtin

**SCULLVILLE**
- Harry Devine, Jr.

**SOMERS POINT**
- John L. Guckes

**SOUTH EGG HARBOR**
- Howard H. Berchtold, Sr.
- Joseph A. Langel, Sr.

**SWEETWATER**
- Michael Morse

**VENTNOR**
- Harry B. Johnson

**WEEKSTOWN**
- William Hyer

**WEYMOUTH**
- James W. Duffy
- William J. Lutz

“The Lord’s Prayer” was sung by Howard Berchtold Jr., “Taps” was played by Bugler Joe Ward, followed by the playing of “Amazing Grace” by the Sandpipers. The memorial service closing prayer was conducted by Chaplain Rev. Thomas Sweeny.
Installation of Officers for 2013

All of the invited guests addressed the membership and expressed their appreciation for all that the firefighters do for their local communities and for Atlantic County. Senator Jim Whelan conveyed his thanks for the dedication and hard work of the firefighters in Atlantic County. Atlantic County Surrogate Jim Curcio conveyed thanks for the work of the firefighters and commented on the great tradition of holding this annual memorial service. Atlantic County Freeholders James Bertino, Alexander Marino, John Risley, and Frank Sutton conveyed their thanks for the dedication of the firefighters of this organization. President Portale noted that Atlantic County Executive Dennis Levinson was unable to attend but had sent his regards and thanks for the continued dedication of the firefighters in providing unparalleled service to their community. A Egg Harbor City Mayor Lisa Jiampetti thanked the fire service for their dedication to the community on behalf of herself and the Egg Harbor City Council. Atlantic County Fire Academy Director of Training Michael Corbo conveyed thanks and reported that the Firefighter I class starts on Thursday February 9th and the 2012 Summer and Fall FFI and FFII graduation ceremony is scheduled for Monday February 4th at 7:00 PM.

President Amor “Skip” Portale read the following statement.

“Good evening and welcome to the Atlantic County Firefighters’ Association Annual Memorial Service and 89th annual reorganization meeting. Since the association’s creation in 1923, every reorganization meeting has been hosted by, and held at, the Egg Harbor City Fire Department.

As we begin 2013 let’s take a look back at some of the accomplishments that were archived in 2012 keeping in mind that none of this would have been possible without the assistance of Atlantic County Executive Dennis Levinson and his staff, the Board of Chosen Freeholders, and the Director of Fire Training Mike Corbo. As well as Fire Marshal and Fire Academy Director Whitey Swartz and Director of Public Safety and Emergency Management: Vince Jones.

The primary duties of the Atlantic County Firefighters’ Association is to provide training to all firefighters from Atlantic County. In 2012 we trained 115 new firefighters from 17 different departments in Atlantic County and 15 new firefighters from out of county. This year’s class included firefighters from Atlantic, Cape May, Cumberland, Salem, Ocean, Camden, and Gloucester counties.

In 2012 the Firefighters’ Association held over 68 different classes with an enrollment of 1,109 firefighters being trained through academy courses and 1,689 students being trained over all. Of that number, 385 students were from out of county. The total number of instructor hours incurred by our 31 instructors for 2012 was 4,096.

Once again, we were able to operate within our budget. We conducted the annual memorial service to honor our fallen firefighters as well as honoring firefighters from Atlantic County with fifty or more years of service. We once again sponsored the annual valor awards ceremony as well as the annual firefighter competition at the Atlantic County 4H fair and we continue to offer Pro-Board certification to all our Firefighter I graduates.

Through some very creative and outside the box thinking, we were able to acquire an additional engine at no cost to county government, or the taxpayers of Atlantic County, to meet our ever increasing training needs.

As we begin 2013, I look forward to working with county government, the members of the executive committee, and the Director of Fire Training, Mike Corbo, to help keep the Atlantic County Firefighters’ Association one of the best in the state.”

Executive Committee Chairman Howard Berchtold Jr. welcomed all those in attendance to the annual meeting and memorial service on behalf of the Executive Committee. Howard thanked all of the association officers and committee chairmen for the hard work that they do. Howard thanked all of the county government, including the Freeholders and the Dept. Heads, which have provided much assistance with keeping the association going strong. Howard offered thanks to all Atlantic County firefighters for their continued dedication and those that are regularly attending the meetings of this association as either members or delegates allowing the business of the association to be accomplished. Howard noted that he is proud to have
again been elected to his 18th year as Chairman of the Executive Committee and that Oscar Dutch Jr. has been elected Vice Chairman. Howard noted he believes that the firefighter training program offered by this association offers the best training in the state and possibly one of the best in the country and that everyone will continue to work together and move the program forward. Howard introduced former Association President and Executive Committee member Ted Reinhard and remarked on how great it is to see him in attendance. Howard reported on much of the work Ted has done for this association including his years of obtaining corporate donations for the training program that earned him the permanent title of Director of Procurement and the dedication of the supply room at the training center in Ted’s honor.

Atlantic County Freeholder Frank Sutton installed the following into office for the year 2013:

President
Amor “Skip” Portale

1st Vice President
Ellsworth Ott

2nd Vice President
Charles “Chick” Kisby

Secretary
Robert A. Mellon

Treasurer
Jaime C. Mellon

Asst. Secretary-Treasurer
Cindy L. Badger

Chaplain
Rev. Thomas Sweeney

Sergeants-at-Arms
Charles Harlan, Wayne Dilks

Executive Committee:
Howard Berchtold Jr., David G. Buzby, Levon “Lefty” Clayton, Rick Coraluzzo Sr., Oscar Dutch Jr., James Garth Sr., Charles J. Guenther, R. Thomas Hunter, Charles R. Winkler III

Those not present were:
Sergeants-at-Arms
William Thomas Hand

Good of the Order

The annual Atlantic County Firefighter’s Association Dinner is scheduled for Friday, March 15, 2013 at Careme’s, Atlantic Cape Community College. Cost will be $40.00 and all interested should contact Wayne Dilks at (609)927-8362.

Thank you to the Egg Harbor City Fire Dept. for hosting the evening and providing the refreshments.

Adjournment

Benediction was conducted by Chaplain Rev. Thomas Sweeney.

There being no further business at hand, the meeting was adjourned at 21:00. The next meeting is scheduled to be held at 20:00 on February 20, 2013 in Longport.

Attested:

Robert A. Mellon, Secretary

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**In Union For The Safety Of All**

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Amor “Skip” Portale

Vice President  
Ellsworth Ott

2nd Vice President  
Charles “Chuck” Kirby

Secretary  
Robert A. Mellon

Treasurer  
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**Date Clearing**  
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