

Constitution
Atlantic County Firefighters' Association
of the State of New Jersey
January 1, 2011 (revised)

ARTICLE I
NAME

SECTION 1: The name of this Association shall be the "Atlantic County Firefighters' Association of the State of New Jersey".

ARTICLE II
OBJECTIVES

SECTION 1: OBJECTS The objects of this Association shall be to promote the welfare of the several member fire companies; to arouse interest, through discussions, toward improving our services as firefighters; and to create a feeling of good will and good fellowship among the members.

SECTION 2: TRAINING To provide the necessary training programs, training aids, and facilities and incentives to adequately staff the Fire Departments of Atlantic County with properly trained and fully qualified firefighters in order to protect the life and property of the citizens of Atlantic County, New Jersey.

SECTION 3: COMMUNICATIONS To work with and assist the Atlantic County Office of Emergency Management with the operation of the emergency communications system as it pertains to the fire service within Atlantic County.

SECTION 4: MUTUAL AID To provide Mutual Aid to all Fire Departments and Communities of Atlantic County during any fire or disaster.

ARTICLE III
MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1: Any incorporated or governmental fire company in Atlantic County shall be eligible to submit a written application for membership.

SECTION 2: Any member of a fire company belonging to this Association may submit his or her application as an individual non-voting member.

ARTICLE IV
REPRESENTATIVES

SECTION 1: Each Company shall be represented by its Chief Officer and three (3) elected or appointed delegates.

SECTION 2: A Township Fire Chief shall not be a delegate by virtue of that title, except he shall be the Chief Officer of his home fire company or a delegate thereof.

ARTICLE V
ENTRANCE FEES AND DUES

SECTION 1: Entrance fees and dues for fire companies and also individual non-voting members shall be provided for in the By-Laws.

ARTICLE VI
OFFICERS

SECTION 1: The officers of this Association shall consist of a President, a First Vice President, a Second Vice President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, an Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, a Chaplain, three (3) Sergeant-at-Arms, and an Executive Committee of nine (9) members.

SECTION 2: Nominations for the above Officers shall be held at the October meeting and the November meeting and then closed. A nomination will be considered official only after the member nominated has verbally, at the time of the nomination, accepted that nomination. A nominee who is unable to be present at the time of nomination, due to extenuating circumstances, may submit a written acceptance. Said correspondence must be approved by a majority vote of the general membership.

SECTION 3: The above Officers shall be elected by secret ballot at the December meeting. Their terms of office shall be for a period of one (1) year beginning upon their installation at the Annual Meeting in January or until their successors have been elected and installed.

SECTION 4: Eligibility of the Officers and their duties shall be provided for in the By-Laws.

ARTICLE VII
MEETINGS

SECTION 1: Meetings of this Association shall be designated Regular, Annual, and Special.

SECTION 2: Regular Meetings shall be held on the third (3rd) Wednesday of each month at 8:00 P. M. at a place designated at the previous meeting. Should said meeting fall upon a legal holiday, the time and place may be changed by the voting members present, provided that no fire company shall be permitted more than two (2) meetings in one year.

SECTION 3: The Annual Meeting shall be the January meeting. At this meeting the newly elected Officers shall be installed, Standing Committees as far as possible shall be appointed, and the Auditing Committee's report for the previous year shall be due.

SECTION 4: Special Meetings may be called by the President at the request of three (3) fire companies, or the Executive Committee. No business other than that for which the meeting was called shall be transacted.

ARTICLE VIII
QUORUM

SECTION 1: By roll call, nine (9) companies shall constitute a quorum for any Regular, Annual, or Special Meeting of this Association, provided that the number of delegates shall be not less than twenty (20).

SECTION 2: In the case of a Special Meeting, fifty (50) percent of the delegates present must be from companies other than those which requested the Special Meeting.

ARTICLE IX
AMENDMENTS

SECTION 1: Amendments to this Constitution may be made as follows:

A. The addition, deletion, or revision shall be submitted in writing at a Regular Meeting, prior to the November Meeting, at which time discussion may be held and changes made.

B. The proposal shall be read again at the November Meeting. Discussion may again be held and changes made.

C. At the December Meeting the proposal shall be voted upon, and if approved by two thirds (2/3) of the voting members present, shall become effective as of January 1st of the ensuing year.

SECTION 2: Before the date of voting, a brief description of the proposal shall be inserted in the minutes which are mailed to each voting member.

ARTICLE X

SECTION 1: SEVERABILITY If any article, section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of the Constitution shall be held to be invalid for any reason, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this Constitution.

SECTION 2: CONFLICTS This Constitution is subordinate to all provisions of the Declaration, and to any applicable provisions of the Annotated Code of New Jersey. All of the terms hereof, except where clearly repugnant to the context, shall have the same meaning as in the Declaration or the aforesaid statutes. In the event of any conflict between the aforesaid Declaration and any applicable provisions of the Annotated Code of New Jersey, the provisions of the statute shall control.

SECTION 3: DISSOLUTION Upon dissolution of the association, the association's assets shall be disposed of exclusively for the purposes of the association or distributed to such organizations, or departments of local government, organized and operated exclusively for fire and emergency services within Atlantic County, New Jersey. Dissolution must be approved by a majority vote of the member fire companies' delegates at two consecutive monthly meetings.