

The regular meeting of the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association was called to order on January 20th, 1988 at 8 PM with President Ted Reinhard presiding.

The meeting was opened with the Flag Salute, followed by Invocation by the Association Chaplain, Reverend Charles String.

The Association was welcomed to Egg Harbor City by Chief Barry Kienzle who thanked all of the Fire Companies who provided assistance and Mutual Aid to the City during the past year. Chief Kienzle also introduced his Line Officers to the membership.

The President welcomed guests County Executive Richard Squires, Freeholders Fred Nickles, Dennis Levinson, Kirk Conover and Richard Dovey, Department Head of the County Regional Planning. Freeholders John Gaffney, Andrew Solari and John Mahoney expressed their regrets for not being able to attend the meeting due to previous commitments.

Mr. Squires spoke on the assistance the County has appropriated in 1986 and 1987 and presented the Association with a facsimile check for \$200,000.00 to be used in the construction of the Fire Training Academy. Mr. Squires also thanked the membership for the many hours that they spend in providing emergency services for the residents of the County.

President Reinhard thanked Dick and all of the Freeholders for the assistance that they have provided in the past and Mr. Squires was awarded an Honorary Life Membership into the Firefighters' Association and received a standing ovation from the membership.

The President introduced Marilyn Gallagher of the Scanner paper and expressed the thanks of the Association for the fine job she is doing with the publishing of the Scanner paper which provides much information and good will for the Fire Services thruout the County.

Freeholder Fred Nickles reported that Egg Harbor Township has several used school buses which they are desirous of giving one to the Association for its use. Fred also reported that the facilities at Egg Harbor Township High School are once again available for use by the Training School of the Fire Training Committee.

The President introduced Louis Cullen and Frank DeFeo of Egg Harbor Township who also presented the Association with a facsimile check in the amount of \$25,000.00 which the Association may draw upon on vouchers for the Construction of the Training Academy. They also presented a copy of the Deed to the site for the Academy which was donated by Egg Harbor Township and the deed transferring actual title to the Firefighters' Association is to be forwarded shortly. Thanks were expressed from the Association to Egg Harbor Township for the site and check which they donated.

Roll of the membership was called and the members were thanked for the great turnout as well as the many members present in uniforms.

Minutes of the previous meeting of December 16th were approved and accepted as forwarded to the Chiefs and Delegates. It was reported that the Treasurer is sick and his report will be given at the next meeting.

#### DATE CLEARING

Saturday	Feb. 20	Nesco	Adult Dance	6:30 to 11:00 PM
Friday	Feb. 26	at Egg Harbor City	Mid-Year Caucus Relief Assns.	8 PM
Sunday	Feb. 28	Bargaintown	Breakfast	8 AM to 12 noon
Sunday	March 13	Bargaintown	Spaghetti Dinner	1 to 6 PM
Saturday	March 19	Weekstown	Spaghetti Dinner	4 to 8 PM
Sunday	March 20	Pomona	Breakfast	7 AM to 12 noon
Sunday	March 27	Bargaintown	Breakfast	8 AM to 12 noon
April 19 thru 23rd		Oceanville	Walt Disney World Trip	info 652-7607/7836
Sunday	April 24	Bargaintown	Breakfast	8 AM to 12 noon
Saturday	May 7	Germania	Turkey or Pork Dinner	4:30 to 8 PM
Sunday	May 1	Pomona	Breakfast	7 AM to 12 noon
Sunday	May 22	Bargaintown	Breakfast	8 AM to 12 noon
Sunday	July 17	Bargaintown	Chicken Bar-B-Que/Family Day	
Saturday	Sept. 10	Weekstown	Annual Pig Roast	4 to 8 PM
Saturday	Oct. 1	Germania	Turkey or Pork Dinner	4:30 to 8 PM

The Secretary reported that to date, he has received the Rosters from 35 Companies for 1988 and that 14 companies still have to forward their rosters to him. It is important that they be forwarded as soon as possible so that the Chiefs and Delegates properly receive their minutes as well as the Companies receiving all correspondence from various sources.

The Association's Chaplain, Reverend Charles String, conducted a most solemn and impressive Memorial Service in honor and memory of the deceased firefighters of the County who answered their last alarm during the past year since the last Annual Meeting. William Vieth tolled the bell as the Secretary, Howard Guenther read the roll of the deceased firefighters. Those members included in the "final roll" are

Walter "Murph" Brangenberg	of Absecon	Fred Stuckel	of Germania
Raymond Cranston	Atlantic City	Mat D'Agostino	Hammonton
Edmond Forbes	Atlantic City	Tony Petrecca	Hammonton
Charles Hasenbein	Bargaintown	Frank Nesi	Landisville
William F. Roeske	Cardiff	Frederick Foy	Laureldale
Robert A. Brown Sr.	Cardiff	Leo Landy Sr.	Nesco
Charles Bosies	Egg Harbor City	Elmer Dunley	Pleasantville
Fred Adkisson	Farmington	William Stewart Sr.	Ventnor City
Joseph Spangler Sr.	Folsom	Amos Rathbone	Weymouth

The Lord's Prayer was song by Howard Berchtold Jr. of South Egg Harbor.

The Officers of the Association for 1988 were sworn into office by Atlantic County Executive Richard Squires and are as follows:

President	Ted Reinhard	Executive Committee Members
1st Vice President	Joseph Smith	Howard Berchtold Jr.
2nd Vice President	Ken Thomas	Anthony Canale
Secretary	Howard Guenther	Jerry Critelli Sr.
Treasurer	Frank Pratzner	William Eppler Sr.
Chaplain	Reverend Charles String	Charles J. Guenther
Sergeants-at-Arms	Clarence Guenther	Nick Guerino
	Wm. Thomas Hand	Lee Ireland
	George Scarlett	Charles Klein Sr.
		Lew Milne

Locations and Meeting dates for the Association were announced as follows: 8:00 P.M.

February 17	Longport	September 21	Hammonton
March 16	Folsom	October 19	Sweetwater
April 20	Atlantic City	November 16	Somers Point No. 1
May 18	South Egg Harbor	December 21	West Atlantic City
June 15	Landisville	January 18, 89	Egg Harbor City
July 20	Linwood	February 15, 89	Longport
August 17	Mays Landing		

Locations and Meeting dates for the Executive Committee are as follows: 8:00 P.M.

March 4	South Egg Harbor	September 9	Fire Museum (Pleasantville)
May 6	Pomona	November 4	Hammonton
July 8	Bargaintown	January 6, 89	Elwood

The Report of the Executive Committee meeting of Jan. 12th was approved and accepted as read. The Executive Committee recommended that the services of an Attorney be engaged as required to assist in the Training Academy endeavor.

The Committee discussed the request of the South Jersey Wanderers (refreshment wagon) be considered as part of the Association and while the Committee fully endorses and commends the Club for their efforts, that since they are not an incorporated fire company, dept., etc., that they cannot become a member of the Association according to the By-Laws.

William Carney gave a report on the Advisory/Legislative Committee and spoke on different legislative items and that there is a Bill HR80 in the House of Representatives to increase the Death Benefit of the Public Safety Officers covered under the 1976 from \$50,000.00 to \$100,000.00 Motion seconded and carried for the Secretary to forward a letter to Representative William Hughes asking his suport and vote on the Bill when it comes on the floor.

Bill reported on the Activities of the Communications Van for the past month.

Randy Nilsen of the County Emergency Management will be the speaker for the March meeting while a representative of the Enviromental Protection Agency is scheduled for May.

Bill Carney reported that the Association's Computer is now inservice and available for our use.

Bill reminded the members of the County Relief Associatinnns of the Mid-Year Caucus to be held in Egg Harbor City on Friday, February 26th at 8 PM.

George Kinsey reported on the Fire Training School and that classes are to begin Jan. 28th at Egg Harbor Township High School and that the Courses offered are Firefighter I, Firefighter II, Tactics & Strategy, and Train the Trainer.

George also reported that materials have been received for Hazardous Materials Training and several courses will be offered later in the year with announcement to be forthcoming.

The Fire Training Academy and Executive Committees are scheduled to hold a joint meeting on Feb 3rd as well as continued meetings on the Academy and the Association will be given reports on the progress of the Academy progress.

Walt Buzby reported on the Investigations of fires that were conducted in 1987 and that quite a few companies still have filed their reports whcih makes it difficult for his team in their investiagations as they cannot establishment any type of pattern in the areas where the Chiefs fail to fail their reports.

Frank Murphy gave a report on the Firemen's Home and progress to date with the building additions. Frank was congratulated on his appointment as Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Firemen's Home.

A letter was received from the County that the position for Atlantic County Fire Marshall has been advertised in the paper and resumes are being accepted. The resumes that the Association has on file for this position will be forwarded to the County for their consideration in filling this position in 1988.

The President thanked all of the officers and members of the Association for the assistance during the year and that the Association has worked many years to establish a Fire Trainig Academy and that it looks as if this will become a reality. The Freeholders and Executive Richard Squires were thanked for their help in this endeavor.

Applications for membership were received and approved from

Ernest T. North III of Absecon  
R. Thomas Hunter III Absecon

Franklin C. McCoy of Nesco  
Robert E. Cunius Northfield

Bills as presented were approved for payment out of their respective budgeted accounts.

The President expressed the thanks of the Association to Reverend Charles String for his guidance and enlightenment that he gives to the Association.

There being no further business to be presented before the membership, the meeting was adjourned following Benediction by Reverend Charles String.

The next meeting of the Association is to be held on Wednesday, February 17th at 8 PM in Longport.

Attested  
Howard R. Guenther  
Secretary

Longport

February 17, 1988

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The meeting was opened with the Flag Salute, followed by the reading of the rolls to ensure a quorum being present.

The Association was welcomed to Longport by Fire Commissioner William Fiore. Fire Chief Robert Adams Sr. was unable to attend due to illness and the Association sends their best wishes for a speedy recovery.

The minutes of the last meeting of January 20th were approved and accepted as forwarded to the Chiefs and Delegates.

George Kinsey reported that the Training School started on Jan. 29th with courses being given on Fire Fighter I which is filled, Firefighter II, Tactics & Strategy, and Train the Trainer.

The Fire Training Academy Committee held meetings on Feb. 3rd and 10th with the minutes of the meetings being read. Are waiting on obtaining deed to the property so that a survey may be undertaken and plot plans drawn up as well as other studies being started. Intend to construct the Academy in different phases with the classroom section being first. As soon as we obtain the deed, we are ready and will start with preliminary planning.

Fire Investigator Walt Buzby reported that he has been very busy so far this year with fire investigations. Walt reported that Dogs may be trained for fire detection and arson investigations and those desiring same to contact him.

Walt also reported that problems are being encountered with heat tape and heat cable causing many fires and anyone coming across fires started this way to properly document the causes and facts and same remains of tape and notify him the next day for proper compilation of facts and will try to have this heat cable & tape outlawed.

Walt also reported that the County is presently conducted interviews for the position of Fire Marshall for Atlantic County and that this position will be filled shortly.

Another step forward for the Fire Service of Atlantic County.

Bill Carney reported on several legislative bills of interest to the fire service and that it looks as if the pension plan and study has hit a snag and appears to be a long way down the road.

Oh well, one step forward, one step backwards. Well we almost received a deduction from the State on the state income tax, but was vetoed by the Governor.

It looks as if special drivers license will be required in 1992 for vehicles over 13tons. The members were reminded of the mid year caucus of Atlantic County Relief Associations. Burlington County is to hold a tanker drill on March 6th with several of the Atlantic County Fire Companies to participate:

DATE CLEARING

Sunday	March 13	Bargaintown	Spaghetti Dinner	1 to 6 PM
Saturday	March 19	Weekstown	Spaghetti Dinner	4 to 8 PM
Sunday	March 20	Pomona	Breakfast	7 AM to 12 noon
Sunday	March 20	Somers Point #1	Beef and Beer	1 to 4 PM
Sunday	March 27	Bargaintown	Breakfast	8 AM to 12 noon
Saturday	April 23	Somers Point #2	Spaghetti Dinner	
Sunday	April 10	E.H.Twp @ Bargaintown	Breakfast	8 AM to 12 noon
April 19 thru 23rd		Oceanville	Walt Disney World Trip	info 652-7607/7836
Sunday	April 24	Bargaintown	Breakfast	8 AM to 12 noon
Sunday	May 1	Pomona	Breakfast	7 AM to 12 noon
Saturday	May 7	Germania	Turkey or Pork Dinner	4:30 to 8 PM
Sunday	May 8	Hammonton #2	Breakfast	
Sunday	May 22	Bargaintown	Breakfast	8 AM to 12 noon
Sunday	May 22	Somers Point #1	Flea Market	9 AM to 3 PM
Saturday	June 4	Pomona	Spaghetti & Clam Dinner(also meat)	4 to 8 PM
Sunday	July 17	Bargaintown	Chicken Bar-B-Que/Family day	
Tuesday	July 19	at Absecon	Firemen's Death Benefit Fund Trustees Meeting	8 PM
Saturday	Sept. 10	Weekstown	Annual Pig Roast	4:00 to 8 PM
Sunday	Sept. 11	Hammonton #2	Breakfast	
Saturday	Oct. 1	Germania	Turkey or Pork Dinner	4:30 to 8 PM
Sunday	Nov. 6	Hammonton #2	Breakfast	

The President appointed the following committees for 1988:

Fire Communications William Carney and Deputies with approval of Association	Advisory & Legislative William Carney Charles Klein Sr. William Eppler Jr. John V. Wagner	4-H Fair Howard Berchtold Jr. Barry Bruner Charles Corbin Thomas Eppler
Fire Photographer Harold "Whitey" Swartz Robert Swartz	Ways and Means Howard Berchtold Jr. William Eppler Sr. Frank Pratzner	Programs Joseph Smith William Carney
Training School Instructors George Kinsey Ted Reinhard Donald DaGrosa Eugene Wellington Lee Ireland Matthias Endres Wally Shields	Fire Training Academy (Site and Facilities) George Kinsey Ted Reinhard Anthony Canale Lee Ireland Frank Pratzner Marvin Beatty John Bereheiko	Lew Milne Wally Shields Barry Bruner Donald DaGrosa Eugene Wellington Matthias Endres Howard Guenther
Auditing Howard Berchtold Jr. Lew Milne William Eppler Sr.	Memorial Services Reverend Charles String William Vieth Howard Guenther	Budgets Frank Pratzner Howard Guenther Anthony Canale George Kinsey William Carney
Fire Investigator Walt Buzby	Fire Marshall (pending)	

Frank Murphy reported on the Firemen's Home and that the latest building addition is about 94% completed. Also reported that items are still needed for the museum. The Auditing Committee reported on having completed the audit of the books of the Treasurer and found them all in order, and well kept. Frank Pratzner was praised for the fine way that he fulfills the duties of Treasurer.

\$200,000.00 was received from the County for construction of the Training Academy and motion was made, seconded and carried to deposit this in a separate account as determined by the Executive Officers.

An additional \$50 was received from one of the area businesses for the Academy Fund.

The monthly newspaper, The Scanner, has a section "The Booster Line" which the Association is to receive funds from the Ads placed therein and an enclosure explains the details.

Randy Nilsen of the Atlantic County Emergency Management and Richard Dovey of the Atlantic County Regional Planning Department will present the program at the next meeting.

President Ted Reinhard stressed the importance of maintaining full and proper records as the Training Records of the School have been subpoenaed in the case of the Hammonton firemen who were involved in the fire, resulting in injuries and death. The school records are complete and will provide the requested information.

Bills as presented were approved for payment out of their respective budgeted accounts.

The next meeting of the Firefighters' Association is to be held in Folsom on Wednesday, March 16th at 8 PM.

Attested  
Howard R. Guenther  
Secretary

There is an article in "The Scanner" in regard to the Atlantic County Firemen's Death Benefit Fund which is very informative and well worth reading and considering for joining the Fund. However, the article states that the Benefit is \$800.00 which is incorrect. The present benefit of the fund is \$400.00. The amount of the Benefit is determined by the number of members in the fund. More members, Higher Benefit. So think it over and join the fund and benefit will be increased accordingly. This benefit is paid immediately to the beneficiary when funds are needed at time of death of member.

Folsom

March 16, 1988

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The Association was welcomed to Folsom by Host Chief John Tomlin.

The minutes of the last meeting of February 17th were approved and accepted as forwarded to the Chiefs and Delegates.

The Report of the Treasurer was approved and accepted as read.

The Report of the Executive Committee meeting of March 4th were approved and accepted as read with note being made of their recommendations to be taken up under new business.

The Training Committee reported on the drill held at FAATC for the Firefighter I class.

Fire Investigator Walt Buzby gave a report on fire incidents in the County for 1987 and that there were 2327 incidents in 1987 compared to 2381 in 1986. Walt remarked that every fire incident should be investigated as to its origin. Too many incidents are being reported as not being investigated. It was also noted that 3 companies in the County did not forward their reports.

Bill Carney reported on the Drill held on March 6th in Burlington County and it was very realistic and provided beneficial training.

Bill also reported the Mutual Aid "Green Books" are tentatively scheduled for completion sometime in June.

Bill gave a report on different legislative items of interest to the Fire Service that have been signed into law.

Frank Pratzner of the Atlantic County Firemen's Death Benefit Fund advised the membership that the present Benefit Claim is \$400.00 Frank also introduced Bill Glaven of Bayview who was elected as President of the Fund at the reorganization meeting of the Fund in Jan.

A Report on the Firemen's Home was given by Frank Murphy, and that the latest construction project at the Home is 98% completed.

#### DATE CLEARING

Sat.	April 9	Oceanville	Oyster or Ham Dinner	4 to 8 PM
Sunday	April 10	Bargaintown	Breakfast	8 AM to 12 noon
Thurs.	April 14	at Hammonton #2	Chiefs' Meeting	7:30 PM
Sunday	April 17	Estell Manor	Breakfast	7:30 to 11:30 AM
April 19 thru 23rd		Oceanville	Walt Disney World Trip	info 652-7607/7836
Sat.	April 23	Somers Point #2	Spaghetti Dinner	
Sat.	April 23	Nesco	Veal Parmesan Dinner	4 to 8 PM
Sat.	April 30	Folsom	Flea Market (rain date May 1st)	8 AM to 4 PM
Sunday	April 24	Bargaintown	Breakfast	8 AM to 12 noon
Sunday	May 1	Pomona	Breakfast	7 AM to 12 noon
Sat.	May 7	Germania	Turkey or Pork Dinner	4:30 to 8 PM
Sunday	May 8	Hammonton #2	Breakfast	7 AM to 12 noon
Sunday	May 15	Egg Harbor City	Breakfast	6 AM to 12 noon
Sunday	May 15	Estell Manor	Breakfast	7:30 to 11:30 AM
Sat.	May 21	Port Republic	Roast Beef Dinner	3:30 to 7:30 PM
Sunday	May 22	Bargaintown	Breakfast	8 AM to 12 noon
Sunday	May 22	Somers Point #1	Flea Market	9 AM to 3 PM
Sat.	June 4	Pomona	<del>Spaghetti and Glam Dinner (also meats)</del>	<del>4 to 8 PM</del>
Sunday	June 5	Dorothy	Chicken Bar-B-Que	12 noon to 7 PM
Friday	July 1	Port Republic	Phillies Baseball Game "Fireworks Night"	info 652-9299
Sunday	July 17	Bargaintown	Chicken Bar-B-Que/Family Day	
Tuesday	July 19	at Absecon	Firemen's Death Benefit Fund Trustees Meeting	8 PM
Sat.	Sept. 10	Weekstown	Annual Pig Roast	4:00 to 8 PM
day	Sept. 11	Hammonton #2	Breakfast	7 AM to 12 noon
Sat.	Oct. 1	Germania	Turkey or Pork Dinner	4:30 to 8 PM
Sat.	Oct. 15	Port Republic	Roast Beef Dinner	3:30 to 7:30 PM
Sunday	Nov. 6	Hammonton #2	Breakfast	7 AM to 12 noon

The Fire Training Academy reported that the deed for the site has been transferred from Egg Harbor Township to the Egg Harbor Township Fire Dept. and recorded and is presently having the necessary paperwork completed to transfer the deed from The Egg Harbor Township Fire Dept. to the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association and to be recorded. Once deed is forwarded to the County Clerk's office, it will take approximately 3 weeks to have it recorded and returned.

It was also reported that an agreement is to be drawn between Egg Harbor Township and the Association to make application for the \$25,000.00 money that they are to give toward the project, and it was requested that \$2000.00 be taken out of the Association's funds to pay to Duffy Associates so that he may get begin his surveys, etc. to get the project underway and a motion was made, seconded and carried to follow this course of action. \$2000.00 to be put back into funds when money is received from Egg Harbor Township.

The Egg Harbor Township Board of Education has an used school bus available to the Association and the Executive Committee recommends that we make application to obtain one and motion was made, seconded and carried to forward necessary letters requesting consideration of our request for a bus.

A proposed budget for the Association for 1988 was presented with anticipated income of \$1650.00 and anticipated expenditures of \$1630.00 and motion was made, seconded and carried to accept the budget.

The membership application of Steven Greenwood of Bayview was presented and accepted.

Oscar Dutch of Absecon gave a presentation of the County Chief's Organization meeting.

The members were reminded of the Booster Line Ads in the Scanner and that the Association is to receive income from these Ads.

Certificates of Appreciation were presented to the following retiring Fire Chiefs:

Benjamin Brenner	of Atlantic City	Eric Hensel	Milmay
James France	of Atlantic City	Glenn Blackman	Oceanville
William Thomas Hand	of Bauview	Russell Barham	Somers Point #1
Howard Nash Sr.	of Buena Vista Twp. Distr. #3	Carl Mell Sr.	Somers Point City
Edwin Jones	of Collings Lakes	C. Amos Richardson	South Egg Harbor
Charles Mapp	of Folsom	Joseph Pratzner Sr	Weekstown
Michael Perna	of Hammonton		

Correspondence consisted of a letter from Congressman William J. Hughes in regard to H.R. 80, an increase in the benefits of the Public Safety Officers Benefit Act, and that it is still in Sub-Committee and that he would keep our viewpoint in mind once the bill is out of committee.

Bills as presented were approved for payment out of their respective budgeted accounts.

Randy Nilsen of the Atlantic County Emergency Management and Richard Dovey of the Atlantic County Regional Planning Department were introduced, and reported that the Association's Computer is in operation and that the Green "Mutual Aid" Books are being printed by the Computer as well as Data Base being put together on the resources of the various fire companies of the County. It was reported that over 186 hours were spent on going over the applications and resumes for those interested in the position of Fire Marshall for Atlantic County and that Eugene "Gene" J. Fottrell was selected for this position and will assume the duties of the office starting on Monday, March 21st. A discussion was held on the Municipal Emergency Management Coordinators.

Fire Marshall Fottrell will be working out of the Emergency Management office in Northfield and will be setting up a schedule to visit all of the fire companies of the County in the near future.

A placque was presented to F-2500, William Carney, Atlantic County Fire Coordinator from the Atlantic City Medical Center (ACMC) for outstanding community service for involvement in drills, exercises and real life situations in which F-2500 responded. Bill remarked that all of the radio operators and coordinators made such an award possible.

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The meeting was opened with the Flag Salute, followed by the reading of the rolls to ensure a quorum being present.

The Association was welcomed to Atlantic City by Director of Fire, Marvin Beatty. The minutes of the last meeting of March 16th were approved and accepted as forwarded to the Chiefs and Delegates.

The Report of the Treasurer was approved and accepted as read.

The Advisory/Legislative Committee reported on several bills of interest to the fire service and that the question of self-service gas stations in the State is presently being debated by the Legislature. Also reported on the Federal Commercial Motor Vehicle Safety Act of 1986 wherein all fire fighters operating fire trucks in excess of 26,000 pounds would be required to obtain a special classsified license. Bill HR4066 has been introduced that would modify the Safety Act and it would not apply to firefighting vehicles if it is passed.

The Training Committee reported that the Spring Sessions will be over in several weeks and that all Companies will be notified of the subjects and dates of the Fall Sessions shortly. Also plan on holding different courses on selected subjects and dates will be set and published. These will probably be 1 day seminars or several evenings depending on course. The Training Academy Committee reported that required studies, etc. are being compiled. Frank Murphy reported on the Firemen's Home and that the current construction program is 98% completed.

Ted Reinhard reported on the Fire Instructors Conference and items of interest on different subjects presented at the Conference. NFPA Standards were also discussed.

\*\*\* A display and demonstration of different nozzles and equipment will be held at the FAA Tech Center on Saturday, May 28th at 10 AM. This is open to all firefighters and should prove to be very interesting and informative and all are urged to attend.

Fire Marshall Gene Fottrell reported that he is presently setting up his office at the Emergency Management Center on Dophin Ave. in Northfield and that all companies should forward their fire reports to him at his office.

\*\*\*\*\* Fire Investigator Walt Buzby has been selected for the top award from the N.J. State Chapter of the International Association of Arson Investigators as the "Number One Arson Investigator in New Jersey" and is being considered with the other top Investigators of the Nation for National Honors. Congratulations Walt!!!

The Secretary reported that the following 3 companies have not forwarded their 1988 rosters  
East Vineland                      Elwood                      Folsom

Chaplain Rev. String sent a Prayer of Thanks for the protection of the firefighters and their families in recognition of the 25th anniversary of the 1963 forest fires that destroyed massive acreage and homes in Atlantic County.

#### DATE CLEARING

Sunday	May	15	Egg Harbor City	Breakfast	6 AM to 12 noon
Sunday	May	15	Estell Manor	Breakfast	7:30 to 11:30 AM
Sat.	May	21	Port Republic	Roast Beef Dinner	3:30 to 7:30 PM
Sunday	May	22	Bargaintown	Breakfast	8 AM to 12 noon
Sunday	May	22	Somers Point #1	Flea Market	9 AM to 3 PM
Sunday	June	5	Dorothy	Chicken Bar-B-Que	12 noon to 7 PM
Sunday	June	26	Pomona	Benefit Breakfast for Calimer Family-Fire Victims	7AM-noon
Friday	July	1	Port Republic	Phillies Baseball Game "Fireworks Night"	info 652-9299
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Sunday	Nov.	6	Hammonton #2	Breakfast	7 AM to 12 noon

Bills as presented were approved for payment out of their respective budgeted accounts.

Next meeting of the Association to be held on Wednesday, May 18th at 8 PM in South Egg Harbor.



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The meeting was opened with the Flag Salute, followed by the reading of the rolls to ensure a quorum being present.

The Association was welcomed to South Egg Harbor and Galloway Township by local Chief Daniel Nardoza and Township Chief Charles J. Guenther. There was a very good turnout for this meeting and the President thanked all in attendance for making the effort to attend. The minutes of the last meeting of April 20th were approved and accepted as forwarded to the Chiefs and Delegates.

The Report of the Treasurer was approved and accepted as read.

Reverend String forwarded his apologies for missing the meeting but he fell in his yard and broke his arm which is in a cast

The May 6th meeting of the Executive Committee could not be held as a quorum was not present. The Chairman of the Committee reported that this is the first time in many years that a quorum was not present and stressed the need for the members of the Committee to attend the Executive Committee meetings so that the business of the Association may be conducted.

There was no report of the Advisory/Legislative Committees as their monthly meeting was not held. The President appointed William Eppler Jr and John V. Wagner to serve on these committees as they have attended a few of the meetings and desire to represent the Association.

The Training Committee reported that the Spring sessions of the school have concluded and will hold graduation exercises tomorrow evening, May 19th. Several short specialized courses of different subjects will be presented in the latter part of the year and all companies will be notified of the subjects as well as the dates.

The Fire Academy and Site Committee reported that topographic drawings of the site have been prepared and that Barry Bruner drew up a plot plan and preliminary architectural drawings which were presented and available for discussion and viewing and comments.

The deed for the Training Site has been received from Egg Harbor Township and is in the name of the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association. Property is now ours. The next meeting of the Site Committee will be held on June 2nd at Bargaintown firehouse.

Howard Berchtold Jr. reported progress with the 4-H Fair and is just about ready to finalize plans and will give a report at the next meeting.

Howard also reported progress on setting up a dinner and social for the Officers as was held in the past and will give report in future when he has arrangements ready.

Fire Marshall Gene Fottrell reported that the fire reports of of the companies should still be forwarded to Walt Buzby until July 1st at which time they should be forwarded to him at the Emergency Management Center.

Frank Murphy reported that the latest construction phase is now 100% completed and presently there are 52 guests at the home with facilities available for a total of 104 guests. Frank also spoke on different items of interest in regard to the Firemen's Home.

DATE CLEARING

Saturday	May	28	at FAA Fire Station	Akron Brass Display & Demonstration	10 AM
Sunday	June	5	Dorothy	Chicken Bar B-Que	12 noon to 7 PM
Wednesday	June	8	South Egg Harbor	Circus	6 PM & 8 PM
Saturday	June	11	Northfield Station 2	Craft Show	10 AM to 4 PM
Sunday	June	12	at Mays Landing	Fire Apparatus Show & Muster	10 AM to 3 PM
Sunday	June	26	Pomona	Benefit Breakfast for Calimers-Fire Victims	7AM-12
Friday	July	1	Port Republic	Phillies Game "Fireworks Night"	info 652-9299
Sunday	July	10	Pomona	Yankees Game (vs Kansas City)	info 652-1890
Sunday	July	17	Bargaintown	Chicken Bar-B-Que/Family Day	
Tuesday	July	19	at Absecon	Death Benefit Fund Trustees Meeting	8 PM
Saturday	Aug.	20	Cologne	Chicken Bar-B-Que	1 PM til
Friday	Aug.	26	at Egg Harbor City	County Caucax for 1988 Convention	8 PM
Saturday	Sept	10	Weekstown	Annual Pig Roast	4:00 to 8 PM
Sunday	Sept.	11	Hammonton Co. No. 2	Breakfast	7 AM to 12 noon
Fri & Sat	Sept	16 & 17	at Wildwood	N.J. State Firemen's Annual Convention	
Saturday	Sept	17	Wildwood	Parade	1 PM
Saturday	Oct.	1	Germania	Turkey or Pork Dinner	4:30 to 8 PM
Saturday	Oct.	15	Port Republic	Roast Beef Dinner	3:30 to 7:30 PM
Sunday	Nov.	6	Hammonton Co. No. 2	Breakfast	7 AM to 12 noon

On display were different items of equipment that were donated by Akron Brass for the Fire Training School and were obtained when the instructors attended the Instructors Training Conference in Cincinnati.

Akron Brass is to hold a demonstration and display of automatic nozzles and various equipment on Saturday, May 28th at 10 AM at the FAA Tech Center Fire Station and should be very informative and is open to the public and members are urged to attend.

Bill Carney reported that the Green "Mutual Aid" Books are just about ready for printing and hopefully they will be available in June. There are still 9 companies who need to respond with information to be put into the books. The need to provide full information on equipment, etc. for the Mutual Aid books was stressed.

Bill reported that the used School Bus that we are to receive from the Egg Harbor Township Board of Education for use as a mobile Field Communications Unit is a full size bus. Bill also reported that he has contacted the Atlantic County Vocational School and they will provide assistance on the unit to get it ready for use.

Bill reported that the Atlantic County Caucus for Chiefs, Delegates, Alternates and Life Members will be held in Egg Harbor City on Friday, August 26th at 8 PM.

Companies who desire to attend the Wildwood Parade on Saturday, Sept. 17th as part of the Atlantic County Unit are reminded that their applications for the Parade are to be turned into the Secretary of the Atlantic County Firefighters Association by the next meeting of June 15th. Anyone forwarding their applications directly to Wildwood will be placed in the Parade where the parade committee so desires and not part of the County Unit. Drawing for positions of the County units will take place at the next meeting. You must admit that it is much nicer being part of the County Unit in the front of the Parade than having them place you wherever they desire. Blank parade forms will be available at the next meeting for those companies who have not received them.

The Secretary reported that the following 2 companies have not forwarded their 1988 rosters

East Vineland                      Folsom

The Secretary also reported that the following 7 companies have not forwarded their \$30 dues for 1988

Brigantine	Buena Vista District #3	Collings Lakes	East Vineland
Folsom	Richland	Sweetwater	

Harbor Lanes of Egg Harbor City proposed holding a Firemen's Bowling Tournament sometime in July after the 4th and prizes would be awarded as well as trophies and would also provide some fund raising for the Association and the membership voted in favor of holding this tournament. Cost to be \$15 per person (\$60 per 4 member team). The bowling establishment will be forwarding information, etc. directly to each company shortly in regard to this tournament. Perhaps we can make this a yearly event.

The Secretary was requested to check into our Federal I.D. number and tax status as a non-profit organization.

The application for membership of Glenn Fearn of Bayview was received and approved.

Bills as presented were approved for payment out of their respective budgeted accounts.

A representative from the EPA will be present at the July meeting and provide the program.

The next regular meeting of the Firefighters' Association will be held on Wednesday, June 15th in Landisville at 8 PM.

Attested  
Howard R. Guenther  
Secretary

The regular meeting of the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association was called to order on June 15th at 8 PM with President Ted Reinhard presiding.

The meeting was opened with the Flag Salute, followed by the reading of the rolls to ensure a quorum being present.

It was reported that the Association is being jointly hosted by the Landisville and Minotola Fire Companies of Buena Borough and the membership was welcomed to the Borough by Chief Joseph Rosemont of Landisville and Chief Chester Crowell of Minotola.

The minutes of the last meeting of May 18th were approved and accepted as forwarded to the Chiefs and Delegates.

The Report of the Treasurer was approved and accepted as read.

It was reported that the Association's Chaplain, Reverend Charles String has been elevated to "Chaplain Emeritus" by the New Jersey State Firemen's Association.

John Wagner and Charles Corbin reported on the Advisory Committee meeting of May 24th and the issue of self-service gas stations was discussed as well as standardization of Fire Training thruout the State. Would also like to add defensive driving to the Firefighter Course. The issue of drivers licenses for the fire service was also addressed.

Bill Carney reported that due to illness, there is a holdup with the typing of the Mutual Aid "Green Books" and hopefully they will be completed by August. If you haven't as of yet made your corrections to the Green Books, please do so at this time.

Bill also reported that there is some inference with radio transmissions and remarks, etc. are not to be tolerated when someone is using the fire band.

Bill also reported that effective July 1st, 1988, the death benefit of the New Jersey State Firemen's Association will be \$3400.00 for those members with complete record and lesser amounts for less than the 7 years of service. Additional information may be obtained from you local Relief Association Secretary.

Positions for the Atlantic County Firefighters Unit in the Sept. 17th Wildwood Parade were drawn and are as follows:

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| Atlantic County Firefighters Banner  | 8. Somers Point No. 1 |
| N. J. Air National Guard Color Squad | 9. Linwood            |
| 1. Galloway Township                 | 10. Buena Borough     |
| 2. Egg Harbor City                   | 11. Mullica Township  |
| 3. Buena Vista Township              | 12. Absecon           |
| 4. Egg Harbor Township               | 13. Hamilton Township |
| 5. Estell Manor                      | 14. Weymouth Township |
| 6. Port Republic                     | 15. Hammonton         |
| 7. Northfield                        |                       |

Companies are reminded that a 10 X 12 card MUST be placed on your vehicle with the year, pump size (if applicable), and what category number it is to be judged in. No Sign-No Judging

The 4-H Fair committee reported that the fair is to be held on Thursday, Friday, Saturday August 11, 12, and 13th and reported on what displays they have in mind and several apparatus are to be displayed with the companies being notified of their request shortly.

The First Annual Firefighters' Bowling Tournament will be held on Saturday, July 23rd at Harbor Lanes in Egg Harbor City with further information and reservations amy be made by calling 965-2299. Proceeds to benefit the Association.

#### DATE CLEARING

Sunday July 17	Bargaintown	Chicken Bar-B-Que/Family Day	
Tuesday July 19	at Absecon	Death Benefit Trustees Meeting	8 PM
Saturday July 23	Estell Manor	Italian Sub Sale \$2.50	10 AM to 2 PM
Saturday July 23	Harbor Lanes	1st Annual Firefighters Bowling Tournament	965-2299
Saturday Aug. 20	Cologne	Chicken Bar-B-Que	1 PM til
Friday Aug. 26	at Egg Harbor City	County Caucas for 1988 State Convention	8 PM
Saturday Sept. 10	Weekstown	Annual Pig Roast	4 to 8 PM
Sunday Sept. 11	Hammonton Co. No. 2	Breakfast	7 AM to noon
Fri & Sat Sept 16 & 17	at Wildwood	N.J. State Firemen's Annual Convention	
Saturday Sept. 17	Wildwood	Parade	1 PM
Saturday Oct. 1	Germania	Turkey or Pork Dinner	4:30 to 8 PM
Saturday Oct. 15	Port Republic	Roast Beef Dinner	3:30 to 7:30PM
Sunday Nov. 6	Hammonton Co. No. 2	Breakfast	7 AM to noon

The Fire Training Academy Committee reported that they are still working on drawing up plans for the facility and that it is necessary to hire an Architect as we need to come up with architectural plans. A joint meeting of the Site and Executive Committees will be held on Friday, July 8th in Bargaintown.

The Committee reported that they have met with Executive Richard Squires and the County Freeholders and requested the members and their companies to contact their freeholders and request their support for the Academy and urge them to plus for this project and the funding for it.

Frank Murphy reported on the Firemen's Home and that they are still waiting for the State to issue final approvals so that the full use can be derived from the latest construction. Frank reported that the Home was opened and received the first guest on Sept. 22nd, 1900 and that the 1500th guest just entered the Home.

President Reinhard reported on the demonstration held at FAA which was put on by Akron Brass and was very informative and well attended and hopefully we can hold other demos in the future to be put on by different manufacturers displaying various firefighting equipment. The Secretary was requested to forward letters of thanks to representatives of Akron Brass for conducting the seminar as well as donating different pieces of equipment to the Association.

President Reinhard also remarked on the needs for proper fire training as well as the need for maintaining accurate records of training provided and those in attendance. This also should be done by fire companies when conducting their inhouse training for their members.

Ted also remarked that specialized courses of training are provided by the surrounding Counties which the firefighters of the County should look into and taking advantage of.

The Secretary was requested to forward letters of thanks to the Egg Harbor Township Board of Education for use of their facilities for the County Fire Training School which was just completed.

4 membership applications were received and approved for membership.

Bills as presented were approved for payment out of their respective budgeted accounts.

The program for the July meeting will be conducted by the EPA.

The next regular meeting of the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association will be held on Wednesday, July 20th in Linwood at 8 PM.

Attested  
Howard R. Guenther  
Secretary

The Trustees of the Atlantic County Firemen's Death Benefit Fund are reminded of their meeting to be held on Tuesday, July 19th in Absecon at 8 PM.

The regular meeting of the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association was called to order on July 20th at 8 PM with President Ted Reinhard presiding.

The meeting was opened with the Flag Salute, followed by the reading of the rolls to ensure a quorum being present.

The membership was welcomed to Linwood by host Chief Russell Doughty.

The minutes of the last meeting of June 15th were approved and accepted as forwarded to the Chiefs and Delegates.

The Report of the Treasurer was approved and accepted as read.

The minutes of the Executive Committee meeting of July 8th were approved and accepted as read. Bill Carney reported that we have received delivery of the School Bus from the Egg Harbor Township Board of Education and it will be converted into a field communications unit. The Secretary was requested to forward the Board of Education a letter of thanks for the bus. Hopefully the Mutual Aid "Green Books" will be available at the next meeting of August 17th. There is a delay in having the books completed due to illness and hopefully they will be completed shortly.

Bill also reported on the N.J. State Firemen's Association and the Local Relief Associations and the outcome of the Court case as well as other items and changes will be coming from the State office concerning the Relief Associations and this will be further discussed fully at the forthcoming County Caucuses for Chiefs, Delegates, Alternates and Life Members which is to be held in Egg Harbor City on Friday, August 26th at 8 PM. This is to be a very informative meeting and all who can are urged to attend.

The Fire Training and Site Committee reported on their meeting which was held with Executive Squires and several of the Freeholders in regard to the Fire Training Academy and that funding could hopefully be supplied by the County thru a bond issue and George Kinsey reported on the projected costs of the Site preparation and completion of Phase 1 of the proposed site and Academy plans. George also reported on the training Academies of other Counties thruout the State and the Training that they provide and hopefully that someday, The fire training Academy will become a reality and full training may be provided for the firefighters of the County at their own facilities. The membership was requested to forward letters to the County freeholders requesting their help and support for funding for the Academy and also call on their local government officials to also request the freeholders to back this worthwhile project.

The fire training sessions will begin on Thursday, August 25th and courses to be offered are Firefighter I, Fire Command, Fire Officers, Hazardous Materials Incident Analysis, Hazardous Materials Pesticide Challenge, and Safety Officer.

Howard Berchtold Jr. reported on the plans for demonstrations and displays which will be available at the 4-H Fair which is to be held on August 11th, 12th and 13th.

Frank Murphy reported on the Firemen's Home and that final approvals have been received for occupation of the residential care unit and the renovated long term care unit and will provide for a total of 102 beds in the home. Frank also reported on the donation of several pieces of antique apparatus have been donated to the museum at the home.

DATE CLEARING

Wednesday	Aug.	3	Atlantic City Westside Complex	Lecture/Demo Protective Clothing	6:00 PM
Saturday	Aug.	13	Mays Landing Rescue Squad	Parade & Housing	625-7418 12 noon
	Aug.	11-12-13	4-H Fair		
Saturday	Aug.	20	Cologne	Chicken Bar-B-Que	1 PM til ??
Sunday	Aug.	21	Wheaton's in Millville	Antique Apparatus Show & Muster	10 AM to 5 PM
Thursday	Aug.	25	at Egg Harbor Twp. High School-	Start of fall training courses	
Friday	Aug.	26	at Egg Harbor City	County Caucuses for 1988 State Convention	8 PM
Sunday	Aug.	28	Philadelphia	Antique Apparatus Show & Muster	10 AM to 4 PM
Saturday	Sept.	10	Weekstown	Annual Pig Roast	4 to 8 PM
Sunday	Sept.	11	Hammonton Co. No. 2	Breakfast	7 AM to 12 noon
Fri & Sat	Sept.	16 & 17	in Wildwood	N.J. State Firemen's Annual Convention	
Saturday	Sept.	17	Wildwood	Parade	1 PM
Sept 26 thru Oct 2			Minotola	trip to Myrtle Beach, S.C. info	696-5070 or 697-0707
Saturday	Oct.	1	Germania	Turkey or Pork Dinner	4:30 to 8 PM
Saturday	Oct.	8	Pomona	Spaghettid and clams/meat Dinner	4 to 8 PM
Saturday	Oct.	15	Port Republic	Roast Beef Dinner	3:30 to 7:30 PM
Sunday	Nov.	6	Hammonton Co. No. 2	Breakfast	7 AM to 12 noon

It was reported that the Bowling Tournament that was scheduled for Saturday July 23rd has been cancelled as not enough teams signed up for the games. Perhaps next year we can have more lead time on the date and hopefully the date will be earlier in the year and not in the middle of summer. If you want a bowling tournament, you have to let your delegates aware of your desires and pass it on to the Association's Officers.

Fire Marshall Gene Fottrell reported that the following fire related programs will be offered at FAA: Executive Fire Officer of the 1990's Sept. 28; Emergency Management & Fire Training Oct 20; Hazardous Materials and Protective Clothing Oct. 26.

Gene also reported that the Fire Incident reporting forms should be forwarded to his office.

Fire Investigator Walt Buzby reported on the Fire Statistics in Atlantic County for 1987 and cited different figures and provided a tabulation of the statistics for the members to take back to their companies. Walt reported that only approximated 50% of the Companies in the County are presently using the National Fire Incident Reporting System and stressed the need and usefulness of using this system as a compilation may be better made of all causes of the fires and hopefully provide some insight so that better preventions may be available to all. Hopefully as time goes on, more and more companies will join the system. Walt also reported that approximately 65% of the fatalities would not occur from the causes of fire if their smoke detectors were working. It is not enough to have them installed, but they must be in working order. When was the last time that you tested yours? Walt also reported that they will start using dogs to help them in their investigations of fire causes.

The National Fire Academy will present the following 2 courses on Sept. 10th and 11th at Stockton College in Pomona:

Course 1 Commanding the Initial Response                      Course 2 Fire Service Supervision  
Call (609) 633-6117 for further information.

The Atlantic City Fire Dept. is to host flashover survivor Lethey Wirkus of the Elizabeth Fire Dept. who will speak on his experiences and on protective clothing and equipment and an invitation is extended to all to attend this demo and lecture at 6 PM on Wednesday, August 3rd at the Westside Complex in Atlantic City. It is estimated that temperatures in excess of 2,000 degrees are experienced in flashovers when the contents at the scene reach their ignition point.

The Executive Committee recommended that with the beginning of the Fire Training Site and Academy, that the Treasurer be granted an increase of \$100 for expenses and salary due to need for added responsibilities brought on by increase in his workload as he will have to prepare more reports and be accountable for funds received and expended and expanded duties, and a motion was made, seconded and carried to grant this \$100 increase.

A request was received from Assemblywoman Delores Cooper requesting the heads of Fire - Rescue - Police to forward nominees for the Chapel of Four Chaplains Freedom Award and forward names of members of their units who have displayed outstanding bravery above and beyond the call of duty in rescuing people from burning buildings, administering CPR that saved lives, or any other valiant acts of bravery, so that they may be properly recognized and honored for their unselfish acts in helping their fellow man.

Copy of a letter from Executive Richard Squires which he wrote to Walt Buzby thanking him for the outstanding services provided to the people of Atlantic County in the years that he served as acting Fire Marshall of Atlantic County.

Bills As presented were approved for payment out of their respective budgeted accounts.

The next regular meeting of the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association will be held on Wednesday, August 17th in Mays Landing at 8 PM.

Attested  
Howard R. Guenther  
Secretary



The regular meeting of the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association was called to order on August 17th at 8 PM with President Ted Reinhard presiding.

The meeting was opened with the Flag Salute, followed by the reading of the rolls to ensure a quorum being present. The President thanked those members in attendance for showing up for the meeting during the storm.

The membership was welcome to Mays Landing and Hamilton Township by Chief Michael Errickson. Township Committeeman John Houck was introduced and also welcomed the membership and thanked the members who came out during the storm. John is the Director of Fire and Safety for the Township & is remembered as being the past Chief of the Mays Landing Fire Company. The minutes of the last meeting of July 20th were approved and accepted as forwarded to the Chiefs and Delegates.

The Report of the Treasurer was approved and accepted as read.

The Fire Communications Committee reported that they have developed plans to convert the bus that was donated by the Egg Harbor Township Board of Education to the Association into a Mobile Communications Unit and that the Vo-Tech School will begin very shortly with the conversion.

Bill Carney reminded the membership of the County Caucus to be held on Friday, August 26th in Egg Harbor and that the State Officers would be present and quite a bit of information will be discussed on the changes made and to be made in the administration of the N.J. State Firemen's Association.

It was reported that the Speaker for the program for the meeting had to cancel as he is from the Trenton area and that the storm was very bad there and hopefully he can present his program at some future meeting.

Companies planning on attending the Wildwood Parade on Saturday, Sept. 17th are reminded that a 10 X 12 Card MUST be placed on your vehicle with the year, pump size (if applicable), and what category number it is to be judged in. If Card does not appear, the vehicle will not be judged.

Fire Marshall Gene Fottrell reported that he has completed the media inventory and forwarded lists to each company and they are welcome to use whatever they desire for their company. Gene is also to attend a meeting in Trenton on different funding and try to get our share. Gene remarked that he attended the 4-H Fair and was very impressed with the display presented by the Firefighters' Association and that it was very well received by the fair attendees. The members of the 4-H Fair committee were thanked and commended for a job well done.

The Fire Training School reported that the courses are to begin on Thursday, August 25th with Firefighter I, Fire Command, and Company Fire Officer being offered. Several topics on Hazardous Materials are also to be given.

Frank Murphy reported on the activities of the Firemen's Home. Frank also reported that the Assistant Superintendent of the Home passed away at the early age of 44 due to a heart attack.

#### DATE CLEARING

Saturday	Sept. 3	South Egg Harbor	Flea Market	8 AM to 3 PM
Sunday	Sept. 4	New Gretna	Clam Bake	1 to 7 PM
Saturday	Sept. 10	Weekstown	Annual Pig Roast	4 to 8 PM
Sunday	Sept. 11	Hammonton Co. No. 2	Breakfast	7 AM to 12 noon
Fri & Sat	Sept 16-17	in Wildwood	N.J. State Firemen's Convention	
Saturday	Sept. 17	Wildwood	Parade	1 PM
Saturday	Sept. 24	Oceanville	"Casino Royale" info 652-7607	8 to 11 PM
Saturday	Sept. 24	Lower Bank	Roast Beef Dinner	4 to 7:30 PM
Sept 26 thru Oct 2		Minotola	trip to Myrtle Beach, S.C. info 696-5070 697-0707	
Saturday	Oct. 1	Germania	Turkey or Pork Dinner	4:30 to 8 PM
Sunday	Oct. 2	Pomona	Football Game Eagles vs Oilers info 652-1890 (Skip)	
Saturday	Oct. 8	Pomona	Spaghetti and Clams/meat Dinner	4 to 8 PM
Saturday	Oct. 15	Port Republic	Roast Beef Dinner	3:30 to 7:30 PM
Sunday	Oct. 16	Egg Harbor' City	Breakfast	6:30 AM to 12noon
Sunday	Oct. 23	Somers Point Co. #2	Spaghetti Dinner	3 to 7 PM
Sunday	Nov. 6	Hammonton Co. No. 2	Breakfast	7 AM to 12 noon

The Fire Training Site and Academy Committee gave an update on the process made on the plans and work accomplished to date. The committee held a meeting with the County officials and they were asked to develop conceptual drawings of the training area and devise cost figures for the County which they have completed and the Secretary was requested to contact the County for a meeting where they could present the requested items.

The Secretary reported that he has received the Contractual Agreement from the County for the Training and Communications Programs which is to be signed and returned along with the financial reports for the 1st and 2nd quarters of 1988 along with vouchers for payment.

Lee Ireland reported on the damage suffered at the communications center in Egg Harbor Township due to a recent storm and thanked the companies and dispatch centers who offered assistance to them by providing communications.

If any companies wish to participate in a bowling tournament for the firefighters, please let the officers of the Association know so that plans may be made over the winter and we will then have enough time to properly plan and conduct it.

A report was given on the Lecture and Demonstration on Fire Fighter protective clothing which was presented by the Atlantic City Fire Department and the Secretary was requested to forward letters of thanks to them for conducting this most worthwhile subject and extending invitations to the firefighters of the County.

Bills as presented were approved for payment out of their respective budgeted accounts.

The next meeting of the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association is to be held on Wednesday, September 21st in Hammonton at the Company No. 2 firehouse on Route 30.

Attested  
Howard R. Guenther  
Secretary

The regular meeting of the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association was called to order on September 21st at 8 PM with President Ted Reinhard presiding.

The meeting was opened with the Flag Salute, followed by Invocation by the Association Chaplain, Reverend Charles String.

The Association was welcomed to Hammonton by host Chief, Jack Donio Jr.

Reading of the Rolls was called for to ensure a quorum being present.

The minutes of the last meeting of August 17th were approved and accepted as forwarded to the Chiefs and Delegates.

The Report of the Treasurer was approved and accepted as read.

The minutes of the Executive Committee meeting of September 9th were approved and accepted as read.

The Training Committee reported on the classes presently being held and that 60 are attending the HazMat Course and 40 attending Firefighter I.

Fire Investigator Hackett stressed the importance of filing the fire reports with the County in a timely fashion and that an arson suspect was arrested and thru going over the various fire reports filed, he was charged with an additional 7 arsons.

The Mutual Aid "Green Books" are to go to press shortly and there are still several departments that have not updated their information and they should get it in so that the new information may be included in the updated books.

The County Firefighters' Association will once again participate in the Fire Prevention Poster Contest and award prizes in the different categories. Information on the 1988 Contest is in the mail to the different fire companies who are to judge the posters and select one winning poster from each division and ensure that the winning posters are delivered for the County judging by December 1st. Posters winners for Atlantic County are to be delivered to Fire Marshall Eugene Fottrel and all winning posters from each municipality will be judged at the county level and one winner from each division will be selected and winner from each division is to be forwarded to the Bureau of Fire Safety to be judged at the State Level with State winners being announced in January.

The following companies were awarded trophies at the recent State parade in Wildwood:

Cologne                      Northfield                      Pleasantville                      Somers Point

Northfield was also the winner of the Atlantic County Trophy sponsored by the Firefighters' Association.

Congratulations to the winners of the trophies and thanks to all county companies who participated in the parade as part of the Atlantic County Unit.

Howard Berchtold Jr. reported on the booths and displays which the firefighters' Association had at the recent 4-H Fair and thanked all the members and companies who participated and assisted at the fair. The committee was thanked for a job well done.

Reverend Charles String, Chaplain of the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association, was honored at the New Jersey State Firemen's Convention with the passage of a resolution where he was recognized for his outstanding service to the State Firemen's Association, the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association and as Pastor of the Reformed Church, and he was appointed to status of CHAPLAIN EMERITUS of the New Jersey State Firemen's Association. Reverend String was given a standing ovation by the attendees at the Convention.

The resolution was also read at the County firefighters' meeting where he also was given special thanks and a standing ovation.

#### DATE CLEARING

Saturday	Oct. 15	Port Republic	Roast Beef Dinner	3:30 to 7:30 PM
Sunday	Oct. 16	Egg Harbor City	Breakfast	6:30 AM to 12 noon
Sunday	Oct. 23	Bargaintown	Breakfast	8:00 AM to 12 noon
Sunday	Oct. 23	Somers Point Co. No. 2	Spaghetti Dinner	3:00 to 7:00 PM
Sunday	Nov. 6	Hammonton Co. No. 2	Breakfast	7:00 AM to 12 noon
Saturday	Nov. 12	Oceanville	Oyster or Ham Dinner	4:00 to 8:00 PM
Sunday	Nov. 13	Bargaintown	Spaghetti Dinner	1:00 to 6:00 PM
Sunday	Nov. 27	Bargaintown	Breakfast	8:00 AM to 12 noon
Sunday	Jan. 22	Bargaintown	Breakfast	8:00 AM to 12 noon
Sunday	Feb. 26	Bargaintown	Breakfast	8:00 AM to 12 noon
Sunday	March 12	Bargaintown	Spaghetti Dinner	1:00 to 6:00 PM
Sunday	April 23	Bargaintown	Breakfast	8:00 AM to 12 noon
Saturday	May 6	Germania	Turkey or Pork Dinner	4:30 to 8:00 PM

The Training Site Committee reported that they are awaiting further word from the County officials in regard to the Fire Training Academy.

The Fire Communications Committee gave a report on their activities for the past month.

A letter of thanks was received from the Atlantic County 4-H fair committee for the Association having its display at the 1988 4-h Fair.

The following application for membership was received and approved  
John Abrahamson of Bayview

The first nomination for Officers for 1989 will be held at the next meeting of October 19th, with the 2nd nominations on November 16th and elctions to be held on December 21st.

For those companies and members wishing to make plans for next year, the 1989 New Jersey State Firemen's Association's Convention is to be held on Friday, September 15th and on Saturday, September 16th with the parade to be held on Saturday, September 16th, 1989.

Motion seconded and carried to pay the bill of Bruner Associates for work at the training site out of the Association's funds and to submit a voucher to Egg Harbor Township for reimbursement out of their funding for the site.

Bills as presented were approved for payment out of their respective budgeted accounts.

The next meeting of the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association is to be held on Wednesday, October 19th in Sweetwater at 8 PM.

Attested  
Howard R. Guenther  
Secretary

The regular meeting of the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association was called to order on October 19th at 8 PM with President Ted Reinhard presiding.

The meeting was opened with the Flag Salute, followed by Invocation by the Association Chaplain, Reverend Charles String.

The Association was welcomed to Sweetwater and Mullica Township by ex-Chief Howard Dunphey and Present Chief William Fair.

Reading of the Rolls was called for to ensure a quorum being present.

The minutes of the last meeting of September 21st were approved and accepted as forwarded to the Chiefs and Delegates.

The report of the Treasurer was approved and accepted as read.

The Advisory/Legislative Committees reported that the State has been granted authority to give exemptions to firemen from the Federal law requiring Driver's Licenses for articulating vehicles.

Meetings are presently being held on draft voluntary firefighter training standards which would establish training standards as a voluntary training and certification standard. Perhaps later it will become mandatory just as the first aiders training. A scheduled meeting is to be held at FAA on Wednesday, Oct. 26th at 6:30 PM.

Bill Carney reported that the bus has been delivered to VoTech and they are starting on converting it into a Communications Unit to replace the existing F2500.

Bill reported progress with the Mutual Aid "Green Books" and is still making changes.

Bill reported that the Association must forward a letter to the Wildwood Parade Committee by March 1st and define what category the the Atlantic County trophy is to be awarded.

Bill reported that the program for the next meeting is to be presented by the N.J. American Water Company.

Fire Marshall Gene Fottrell that he is to move to the Shoreview Building and his new address is to be Atlantic County Fire Marshall Gene Fottrell, Emergency Management Office, Shoreview Building-2nd Floor, 101 Shore Road, Northfield, N.J. 08225  
Companies are reminded that December 1st is deadline for forwarding Fire Prevention Posters to the Fire Marshall for judging on the County level.

Frank Murphy reported on the Firemen's Home and items are still needed for the display case of Atlantic County in the fire museum.

The Training Committee reported that they are missing transparencies and overlays that were loaned out and company that has then should return them so others may have use of them. A letter of thanks was received from Atlantic City for providing the services of F2500 during the Sept. Trump "War Offshore"

Anyone desiring to become a parade judge should contact Bill Carney.

#### DATE CLEARING:

Sunday	Nov. 6	Hammonton Co. No. 2	Breakfast	7 AM to 12 noon
Saturday	Nov. 12	Oceanville	Oyster or Ham Dinner	4 to 8 PM
Sunday	Nov. 13	Folsom	Breakfast	7 AM to 12 noon
Sunday	Nov. 13	Bargaintown	Spaghetti Dinner	1 to 6 PM
Sunday	Nov. 27	Bargaintown	Breakfast	8 AM to 12 noon
Sunday	Jan. 22	Bargaintown	Breakfast	8 AM to 12 noon
Sunday	Feb. 26	Bargaintown	Breakfast	8 AM to 12 noon
Sunday	March 12	Bargaintown	Spaghetti Dinner	1 to 6 PM
Sunday	April 23	Bargaintown	Breakfast	8 AM to 12 noon
Saturday	May 6	Germania	Turkey or Pork Dinner	4:30 to 8 PM

First Nomination of Officers for 1989 was called for by the Chair and the following were nominated:

President	Ted Reinhard
1st Vice President	Joseph Smith
2nd Vice President	Tom Hunter
Secretary	Howard Guenther
Treasurer	Frank Pratzner
Chaplain	Reverend Charles String

Sergeants-at-Arms (3)

Clarence Guenther

Wm. Thomas Hand

George Scarlett

Executive Committee (9)

Howard Berchtold Jr.

Anthony Canale

Jerry Critelli Sr. ← WILLIAM RPPER SR.

Charles J. Guenther

Nick Guerino

Lee Ireland

Charles Klein Sr.

Lew Milne

Sam Sofia

Second Nominations of Officers will be held at the November meeting with Elections to be held at the December meeting.

Bills for the evening were approved for payment out of their respective budgeted accounts.

The next meeting of the Firefighters' Association is to be held on Wednesday, November 16th at 8 PM at Somers Point Co. No. 1.

Attested  
Howard R. Guenther  
Secretary



The regular meeting of the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association was called to order on November 16th at 8 PM with President Ted Reinhard presiding.

The meeting was opened with the Flag Salute, followed by the reading of the rolls to ensure a quorum being present.

The Association was welcomed to Somers Point by Chief Fred Cottrell who introduced the President of City Council who also extended a welcome from the City of Somers Point. The minutes of the last meeting of October 19th were approved and accepted as forwarded to the Chiefs and Delegates.

The Report of the Treasurer was approved and accepted as read.

The minutes of the Executive Committee meeting of November 4th were approved and accepted as read.

The Advisory/Legislative Committees gave a lengthy report on proposed bills that are presently in the hopper of the State Legislature.

A discussion was held on the proposed Standardized Firefighter Training and at the present time it is being proposed as mandatory for paid members and voluntary for the volunteers. Bill Carney reported that basic guidelines have been laid out for the Tanker Task Group and will further refine the guidelines and make presentation in near future.

Mutual Aid "Green Books" are being worked on and companies still have a little time left to update their pages.

The Training School reported that the fall sessions are just about completed and will hold graduation shortly. The Committee thanked all companies and members who provided their assistance and services to the training school.

The Training Academy and Site Committee reported progress and are to conduct a joint meeting of the Site Committee and the Executive Committee on Friday, November 18th at 8 PM in Bargaintown.

Frank Murphy gave a report on the Fire Museum and the Executive Committee meeting of the New Jersey Firemen's Home. Frank was congratulated on his reelection as Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Firemen's Home.

Members are reminded that Memorial Services are to be conducted at the Annual Meeting in Egg Harbor City on Jan. 18, 1989 for the firefighters of the County who answered their last alarm during the past year. Please forward the names of your deceased members to the Association's Secretary so that they may be included in the Services.

The Secretary will be contacting fire companies to set up places for meetings in 1989 and there are several locations needed and if any company desires to host the Association to let the Secretary know.

#### DATE CLEARING

Sunday	Jan. 22	Bargaintown	Breakfast	8 AM to 12 noon
Tuesday	Jan. 31	at Absecon	Firemen's Death Benefit Fund Trustees Meeting	8 PM
Friday	Feb. 24	at Egg Harbor City	Mid-Year Caucus of Relief Associations	8 PM
Sunday	Feb. 26	Bargaintown	Breakfast	8 AM to 12 noon
Sunday	March 12	Bargaintown	Spaghetti Dinner	1 to 6 PM
Sunday	April 23	Bargaintown	Breakfast	8 AM to 12 noon
Saturday	May 6	Germania	Turkey or Pork Dinner	4:30 to 8 PM
Saturday	June 10	Absecon	Housing	
Fri-Sat	Sept 15-16	Wildwood	N.J. State Firemen's Convention	
Saturday	Sept. 16	Wildwood	Parade	1 PM

Second Nominations of Officers for 1989 was called for and the following were nominated:

President	Ted Reinhard
1st Vice President	Joseph Smith
2nd Vice President	Tom Hunter
Secretary	Howard Guenther
Treasurer	Frank Pratzner
Chaplain	Reverend Charles String
Sergeants-at-Arms (3)	Clarence Guenther
	Wm. Thomas Hand
	George Scarlett

Executive Committee (9)

Howard Berchtold Jr.  
Anthony Canale  
William Carney  
Jerry Critelli Sr.  
William Eppler Sr.  
Charles Guenther  
Nick Guerino  
Lee Ireland  
Charles Klein Sr.  
Lew Milne  
Sam Sofia

Elections of Officers is to be held at the December meeting.

The Association was notified to inform the Wildwood parade committee by March 1st as to what category they wish the County trophy to be awarded at the Sept. parade.

Bills as presented were approved for payment out of their respective budgeted accounts.

The next meeting of the F refighters' Association is to be held on Wednesday, December 21st at 8 PM in West Atlantic City.

Motion seconded and carried to pay the fees and expenses of the Training School Instructors when they present their accounts to the Treasurer.

Attested  
Howard R. Guenther  
Secretary

The regular meeting of the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association was called to order on December 21st at 8 PM with President Ted Reinhard.

The meeting was opened with the Flag Salute, followed by the reading of the rolls to ensure a quorum being present.

The Association was welcomed to West Atlantic City and Egg Harbor Township by Township Fire Chief Anthony Canale and Mayor Sonny McCullough.

The minutes of the last meeting of November 16th were approved and accepted as forwarded to the Chiefs and Delegates.

The Treasurer's Report was approved and accepted as read.

The Advisory/Legislative Committees reported on proposed firematic bills of interest that are presently being considered by the State Legislature. Also reported that the Death Benefit of the Federal Public Safety Officers' Benefit Act has been increased from \$50,000.00 to \$100,000.00 to eligible survivors of public safety officers who died as result of injury sustained in line of duty.

Bill Carney reported on the activities of the Mobile Communications Unit F2500 and also that progress is being made on the conversions to the bus to replace the present unit. Bill reported that the Mutual Aid "Green Books" are being printed and will be given out at the Jan. 24th meeting of the Chief's Association. A lot of assistance has been provided by the Emergency Management Office in the compiling of information and typing of the pages for the Green Books and they are thanked for their help.

Bill Carney has been provided with an office at the Emergency Management Center for the Office of County Fire Coordinator and his number is 645-7700 ext. 4481.

Bill also reported that there is to be a Mid-Year Caucus of County Relief Associations at Egg Harbor City on Friday, Feb. 24th at 8 PM and there is quite a bit of information to be discussed and provided at this meeting and urged members to attend.

The Training Committee reported that graduation exercises have been held for trainees completing the Firefighter I course and the 2 courses on Hazardous Materials. New Classes are to start in January with all companies to be notified of courses to be offered and dates.

Lee Ireland of Egg Harbor Township has been selected by the National Fire Academy in Maryland to serve as an Adjunct Faculty Designee and is to teach the "Leadership Series". Nation-wide, only 50 individuals are selected by the NFA for the position of Adjunct Faculty Designee and Lee is to represent New Jersey. CONGRATULATIONS LEE.

Memorial Services are to be conducted at the Annual Reorganization Meeting in Egg Harbor City on January 18th for those firefighters who answered their last alarm during the past year. All Companies are urged to forward the names of deceased members so that they may be included in the Services. Names should be forwarded as soon as possible so that a roll may be drawn up. Names may be sent to the Secretary, Howard Guenther PO Box 81 Pomona, NJ 08240 652-7712.

Those members attending the January meeting are requested to wear their dress uniforms (wearing of uniforms is not mandatory for those attending).

Frank Pratzner reported that there is to be a meeting of the Trustees of the County Firemen's Death Benefit at 8 PM on Tuesday, January 31st in Absecon.

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Tuesday	Jan.	31	in Absecon	Firemen's Death Benefit Fund Trustees Meeting	8 PM
Sunday	Feb.	12	East Vineland	Homemade Ravioli Dinner-Advance Tickets only	691-4892
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Sunday	May	7	Egg Harbor City	Breakfast	6 AM to 12 noon
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Fri-Sat	Sept	15-16	in Wildwood	N.J. State Firemen's Convention	
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Fire Marshall Gene Fottrell spoke on HazMat Training on the State Level. Gene also reported that the Fire Prevention posters are to be judged shortly on the County level before being sent for judging on the State level and Sam Sofia and Bill Vieth were appointed to assist him with the judging. Frank Murphy reported on the Firemen's Home and a letter of thanks was received from the Home for the donation of \$100.00 toward the guests' Christmas Party.

Season's Greetings were received from Fire Marshall Gene Fottrell, Galloway Township Fire Chief Charles Guenther and the Scanner pager.

The Fire Training Academy and Site committee reported on their meeting with the County Officials and their proposed construction of training facilities calling for 10,5000 sq.ft. of classroom space & restrooms with unfinished second floor, with a combination training & burn structure and necessary site work and parking at a cost of \$1.5 million. In order for the County to obtain the necessary funding and begin construction, it will be necessary for the Association to return to them the \$200,000.00 startup fund they provided to the Association as well as the deed to the 26 parcel of land for the site. It was brought out that the money received from the County was put in a account for safe keeping and we may incur a penalty in withdrawing it to return it to the County by Dec 31st. Motion seconded and carried for the Treasurer to return the \$200,000.00 to the County by Dec. 31st by the best method as well as deeding over title to the property to the County for the Building of the Fire Training Academy. The \$1.5 million is to be put into the 1989 County budget for the construction of the fire training academy by the County. Letters should be forwarded to the County Executive and the Freeholders from all fire companies, chiefs and try to get your local government to endorse this well worthwhile project so that we can have proper training facilities for the County Firefighters. The facility is to be used for training of all professionals, whether they be paid or volunteer and will be utilized during daytime, evenings and weekends by the firefighters. Letters should be sent to

Richard Squires, County Executive 1333 Atlantic Ave. Atlantic City, NJ 08401

and to the freeholders

Lillian E. Bryant

Kirk W. Conover

Ralph J. Fichetola

John F. Gaffney

Seth Grossman

Dennis Levinson

John Mahoney

Fred Nickles

Andrew Solari

Stillwater Bldg.

201 Shore Road

Northfield, NJ

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Get these letters out to let them know that we all support the Fire Training Academy and also get your local governing body to also show their support for the Academy.

Election of Officers was next in order with George Scarlett, Robert Merlock and Frank Murphy acting as tellers. Motion seconded and carried for the Secretary to cast a ballot for those members running for office unopposed and the results of the election is as follows:

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Sergeants-at-Arms (3)	Clarence Guenther	Lee Ireland
	Wm. Thomas Hand	Charles Klein Sr.
	George Scarlett	Lew Milne
		Sam Sofia

The President thanked the members who came out during the year and supported the Firefighters' Association and helped in its endeavors as well as thanked the Officers and Executive Committee members for a job well done.

Bills as presented were approved for payment out of their respective budgeted accounts.

The Officers and Executive Committee members of the Association wish to convey their best wishes to all for the Holidays and the coming year.

The next meeting is to be held in Egg Harbor City on Wednesday, Jan 18th at 8 PM.

Attested

Howard A. Guenther, Secretary