



ATLANTIC COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION

Egg Harbor City

January 18, 1995

The regular meeting of the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association was called to order at 8:00 P.M. on Wednesday, January 18th, 1995 with President Ted Reinhard presiding. The meeting was opened with the Flag Salute, followed by Invocation by the Association Chaplain, Thomas Sweeny.

Chief Barry Kienzle of the Egg Harbor City Fire Department welcomed the membership and guests to the City and expressed his thanks to the neighboring fire companies for their mutual aid rendered to Egg Harbor City. Chief Kienzle then introduced his Line Officers. President Ted Reinhard welcomed guests Senator William Gormley, Assemblyman John Gaffney, Atlantic County Executive Richard Squires, Freeholders James A. Carney, Kirk W. Conover, James Curcio, Joseph Silipena and Public Safety Department Head Glenn English, Douglas Brown of the staff of Assemblyman Thomas Foley, Marilyn Gallagher, Egg Harbor City Mayor James McGeary and members of Council.

Senator Gormley, Executive Squires and Mayor McGeary addressed the membership and all expressed their thanks to the fire service and its membership for the performance of their duties to their communities and the citizens of Atlantic County.

Senator Gormley reported that the Jury Duty Bill has passed the Senate and House and is now awaiting for the Governor's Signature. The Bill in its present form will exempt Volunteer emergency responders from jury duty. Douglas Brown also reported on several pieces of pending legislation.

The Association Chaplains, Reverend George Quinn and Thomas Sweeny, conducted the Memorial Services in honor and memory of the Firefighters of Atlantic County who answered their last alarm during the past year. The candles were lit by Frank Pratzner with the bell being tolled by Clarence Guenther as Secretary Howard Guenther read the roll.

Members of the "Final Roll" were

Reverend Charles E. String	- Chaplain Emeritus	- Atlantic County Firefighters' Assn.
Albert Merkord	Absecon	Angelo Camarano
Joseph Cottrell	Atlantic City	Barth M. Castellari
Earl Jordan	Atlantic City	Warren L. Green
Joseph Myers	Atlantic City	Leland Rasconi
Al Rose	Atlantic City	Harold H. Gabriel
Aaron Waller	Atlantic City	James Fish
Jay Turner	Belcoville	Carmen Bitsh
Joseph Sorrentino	Elwood	Joseph Dampf
Robert Price	Farmington	Landisville
		Minotola
		Minotola
		Minotola
		Pomona
		Port Republic
		South Egg Harbor
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The "Lord's Prayer" was song by Howard Berchtold Jr.

DATE CLEARING

Every Thursday	Weymouth	Bingo	7:30 PM
Every Thursday	Somers Point #1	Bingo	7:30 PM
Sunday Feb. 12	Somers Point #2	Breakfast	7:00 AM to 12:00 noon
Thursday Feb. 23	Oceanville	Atlantic Co. Fire Chiefs Assn. Meeting	8:00 PM
Sunday March 5	Somers Point #1	Sports Card Show	10:00 AM to 5:00 PM
Sunday March 5	Bargaintown	Spaghetti Dinner	1:00 to 6:00 PM
Sunday March 12	Somers Point #2	Breakfast	7:00 AM to 12:00 noon
Sunday March 26	Bargaintown	Breakfast	8:00 AM to 12:00 noon
Tuesday March 28	Landisville	Atlantic Co. Fire Chiefs Assn. Meeting	8:00 PM
Sunday April 9	Somers Point #2	Breakfast	7:00 AM to 12:00 noon
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Saturday May 13	Mizpah	Foxy Boxing	8:00 PM to 12:00 midnight
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DATE CLEARING (continued)

Sunday	June 4	Dorothy	Chicken Bar-B-Que, etc.	
Saturday	July 22	Bargaintown	Chicken Bar-B-Que, etc.	12:00 noon to 6:00 PM
Monday	July 31	Absecon	Atl.Co. Firemen's Death Benefit Trustees Mtg.	8 PM
Tuesday	Aug. 15	Egg Harbor City	Atlantic County Caucus for 1995	Firemen's Convention 8PM
Fri & Sat	Sept 15&16	Wildwood	1995 New Jersey State Firemen's Convention	
Saturday	Sept. 16	Wildwood	Parade	1:00 PM

Roll Call was taken to ensure a quorum being present.

Minutes of the previous meeting of December 21st, 1994 were approved and accepted as forwarded to the Chiefs and Secretaries.

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

Frank Pratzner was presented a Plaque from the Association as a token of appreciation for having served as Treasurer for the past 23 years. Frank thanked the membership for the presentation.

Lou Raciti of Landisville, the incoming treasurer is to assume these duties following the retirement of Frank. Lou served on the Executive Committee for several years and is moving up.

The Report of the Executive Committee meeting of January 6th, 1995 was approved and accepted as read by the Secretary. Anthony Canale was selected as Chairman, Howard Berchtold Jr. as Assistant Chairman, and Howard Guenther as Secretary of the Executive Committee for 1995. The Executive Committee recommended that \$5000.00 be borrowed from the Trip Account for the Training Program subject to reimbursement and a motion was made, seconded and carried to approve this recommendation.

The Executive Committee also recommended the purchase of 4 or 5 of the memorial windows as spares if they are available and a motion was made, seconded and carried to approve this recommendation.

The Secretary reported that he has received the memorial window for Reverend String, which will be presented to his family. Howard also reported that the manufacturer of the windows has gone out of business and they are in short supply, however, he will try to acquire more as spares.

John V. Wagner gave a report on the Advisory Council meeting.

Fire Coordinator Beau Endres reported that all is quiet on the fire scene at present.

Barry Bruner gave a report on the Juvenile Fire Setting program for 1994.

The Fire Training Committee reported that applications for the training courses are starting to come in, however, a check or voucher must accompany the application to be enrolled in the course.

All materials have been received for the LP pad and construction is to begin shortly on this. Also in the works are confined spaces mockup and an electrical mockup. Help is needed on these projects and any help given will be greatly appreciated.

Progress is being made with the Bureau of Fire Safety on acquiring the Eligibility Number for firefighter training. The County is making changes in the resolution which will make the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association the authorized signature for firefighter training. Motion seconded and carried authorizing any necessary resolution, etc. to finalize this Number for the Association.

The Valor Awards Committee reported that the presentation of the awards is to be held at the April 19th meeting of the Firefighters' Association which is scheduled to be held at the Atlantic County Fire Training Center. Information is to be forwarded shortly to all companies requesting nominees for the Valar Awards.

Frank Pratzner reported that the meeting of the Trustees of the Atlantic County Firemen's Death Benefit Fund is scheduled for Monday, January 30th in Absecon at 7:00 PM.

The Budget for the Association for 1995 will be presented at the next meeting as well as the report of the Auditing Committee.

The Secretary requests those companies that have not already done so, to please forward their 1995 rosters and dues.

Winners of the 1995 Atlantic County Fire Prevention Poster Contest were announced :

Division #1	Grade 1	Anthony Westergon	Cologne School	(Galloway Township)
Division #2	Grade 5	Kevin Ireland	Jordan Road School	(Somers Point)
Division #3	Grade 8	Andrew Celandine	Jordan Road School	(Somers Point)
Division #6	Special Education	Raymond Parker	Reeds Road School	(Galloway Township)

Winners to receive awards from the Firefighters' Association and their posters are to be forwarded for further judging on the State Level.

The Officers of the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association for 1995 were sworn into office by Atlantic County Executive Richard Squires and are as follows:

President	Ted Reinhard	Executive Committee
1st Vice President	Thomas Hunter Jr.	Howard Berchtold Jr.
2nd Vice President	Dennis Sharpe	Barry Bruner
Secretary	Howard R. Guenther	Anthony Canale
Treasurer	Lou Raciti	Don DaGrossa
Chaplain	Thomas Sweeny	Oscar Dutch Jr.
Sergeants-at-Arms	Howard Bowen	James Garth Sr.
	Clarence Guenther	Charles J. Guenther
	George Scarlett	Frank Sutton
		John V. Wagner

Meeting Dates and Locations for the Firefighters' Association meetings are as follows at 8 PM

February 15	Longport	September 20	Hammonton No. 1
March 15	Folsom	October 18	Elwood
April 19	Fire Training Center	November 15	Somers Point No. 2
May 17	Germania	December 20	Bargaintown
June 21	Milmay	January 17, 96	Egg Harbor City
July 19	Linwood	February 21, 96	Longport
August 16	Laureldale		

Meeting Dates and Locations for the Executive Committee are as follows at 8:00 PM

March 3	Pomona	September 8	Absecon
May 5	Fire Training Center	November 3	South Egg Harbor
July 7	Landisville	January 5, 96	Bargaintown

Committees are to be appointed at the next meeting.

Benediction was conducted by Chaplain Thomas Sweeny.

There being no further business at hand, the meeting was adjourned, with the next scheduled meeting of the Firefighters' Association to be held on Wednesday, February 15th at 8:00 PM in Longport.

Attested
Howard R. Guenther
Secretary



ATLANTIC COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION

Longport

February 15, 1995

The regular meeting of the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association was called to order at 8:00 PM on Wednesday, February 15th, 1995 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 Longport by Levon Clayton, who introduced Mayor William Fiore, who also extended his welcome.

Minutes of the previous meeting of January 18th, 1995 were approved and accepted as forwarded to the Secretaries and Chiefs.

Frank Pratzner read the report of the Treasurer, which was approved and accepted as read.

Harold Swartz requested all companies to forward their 1994 fire reports to him so that he may make a final report on County fire emergencies.

He also reported that work has started on the LP pad.

The Valor awards are to be presented at the April 19th meeting of the Association and companies are requested to forward names to the Valor Award Committee for their consideration.

The Board of Directors reported that the County has appropriated money in the 1995 budget for the construction of a confined spaces training mockup. The Carpenters' Union has agreed to assist with the construction of the confined spaces mockup.

The Electric Company is also to construct an electrical mockup with poles, wires, equip., etc.

Howard Berchtold reported that the County Freeholders have revised and passed a resolution, 9-0, for the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association to be the eligible organization for firefighters training with the President of the Firefighters' Association as the authorized signature. The Association also had a resolution drawn up which was approved as written and is to be forwarded to the Bureau of Fire Safety to get the Eligibility Number for the Firefighters' Association.

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Saturday March 25	Somers Point #2	Beef and Beer \$10.00	3:00 to 8:00 PM
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Thursday April 27	Northfield	Atlantic Co. Fire Chiefs Assn. Meeting	8:00 PM
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Saturday May 20	Port Republic	Roast Beef Dinner	3:30 to 7:30 PM
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MEMORIAL SERVICES

Thomas Sweeny
Howard Guenther
Clarence Guenther
Thomas Hunter

4-H FAIR

Howard Berchtold Jr.
Barry Bruner
Robert Merlock
Lou Raciti
Lew Milne
Harold Swartz

VALOR AWARDS

Daniel Cahill
Harold Swartz
Robert Van Dyke
John Bereheiko
Rick Coraluzzo
Howard Berchtold Jr.
Howard Guenther
Oscar Dutch
Richard Nixon

LEGISLATION

John V. Wagner
Lou Raciti
William Fiore

FIRE COORDINATORS

Beau Endres and Deputies

ATLANTIC COUNTY FIRE TRAINING CENTER (Board of Directors)

Instructors	Executive Committee	Firefighters Assn.	Chiefs' Assn.	County
Don DaGrossa	Anthony Canale	Howard Guenther	Richard Nixon	Harold Swartz
Ted Reinhard	Howard Berchtold Jr.	Oscar Dutch		

LIBRARY

Gene Fottrell
Howard Berchtold Jr.
Howard Guenther
Ron Bird Jr.

BUDGETS

Lou Raciti
Howard Guenther
Anthony Canale
Don DaGrossa
Beau Endres

ADVISORY

John V. Wagner
Lou Raciti

AUDITING

Lew Milne
Howard Berchtold Jr.

FIRE MARSHAL

Harold Swartz

PROGRAMS

Thomas Hunter
Dennis Sharpe
Howard Berchtold Jr.

N. J. FIREMEN'S HOME

William E. Hurd

BY-LAWS

Howard Berchtold Jr.
Howard Guenther
Lew Milne
Barry Bruner

PHOTOGRAPHERS

Robert Swartz
Frank Holiday
Ken Badger Jr.
George Rogers
Dennis Sharpe

RADIO POLICY

Beau Endres
James Garth Sr.

WAYS and MEANS

Thomas Hunter
Barry Bruner

FIRE INVESTIGATOR

Ed Hackett

LIAISON to CHIEF'S ASSN.

Ed Vincnet
Jack Donio Jr.
James Hagel

N. J. STATE FIREMEN'S ASSN.

Howard R. Guenther

Don DaGrossa reported that several firefighter training courses have already begun and that others are to start shortly. Don also reminded all that a check or voucher must accompany the application for it to be accepted.

Applications for Instructors for the fire training courses have been received and reviewed by the Training Committee and will be presented to the Executive Committee for their recommendation.

Miscellaneous items are being donated for training mockups, etc., and the need for suitable certificates of appreciation being presented to the donors and this was turned over to the Executive Committee.

A letter was received from the Galloway Township Fire Department in reference to the Hepatitis B Program and Shots being incorporated into the Firefighter I training program and this was also turned over to the Executive Committee.

Fire Coordinator Beau Endres reported on the activities of the Mobile Communications Unit F2500 and fire Coordinators and that they assisted in Brigantine and Richland. Beau also requested that anyone having changes to get them to him so that he may update the Mutual Aid "Green Books".

Richland Volunteer Fire Company expressed their thanks to all fire companies and members who assisted at their recent fires.

The Library Committee reported that they have rearranged the bookcases and shelves in the library and will set up hours for when the library is to be open.

Thomas Hunter reported that T-shirts are available for sale and anyone desiring to purchase one should contact him.

Ted Reinhard reported on the Fire Department Instructors' Conference he attended, along with others, in Indianapolis. He also reported on the firematic equipment that they were able to get donated from the different vendors for the fire training center.

The Secretary reported that he delivered the Memorial Window in honor of recently deceased Chaplain Emeritus Reverend Charles String to his family and that they expressed their appreciation to the Association.

Howard also reported that the manufacturer of the Memorial windows has gone out of business and that he was only able to obtain 3 additoonal windows as spares.

A committee will be appointed shortly to set a date and find a place for our dinner for the Association.

Certificates of Appreciation were presented to the following 3 retiring fire chiefs.

John C. Tomlin	of	Folsom
Daniel J. Eaton	of	Laureldale
Donald DaGrossa	of	Linwood

Motion seconded and carried for the Fire Prevention Association to make their presentation at our Valor Awards.

Applications for membership were received and approved for

James M. Hoban	of	Absecon
Robert Stewart Jr.	of	Absecon

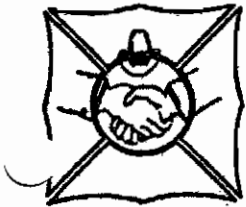
A discussion was held on the carbon monoxide detectors.

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

The program for the evening was presented by Hank Allen of Channel 10.

There being no further business at hand, the meeting was adjourned, with the next scheduled meeting of the Firefighters' Association to be held on Wednesday, Marrrh 15th in Folsom at 8:00 PM.

Attested
Howard R. Guenther
Secretary



ATLANTIC COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION

Folsom

March 15, 1995

The regular meeting of the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association was called to order at 8:00 PM on Wednesday, March 15th, 1995 with President Ted Reinhard presiding. The meeting was opened with the Flag Salute, followed by Invocation by the Association's Chaplain, Thomas Sweeney.

The membership was welcomed to Folsom by Chief Larry Smith.

Roll Call was taken to ensure a Quorum being present.

Minutes of the previous meeting of February 15th, 1995 were approved and accepted as forwarded to the Secretaries and Chiefs.

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

The minutes of the March 3rd, 1995 meeting of the Executive Committee were approved and accepted as read with several items to be brought up under new business.

The Committee reported that the Valor Awards presentations will be made at the next meeting of April 19th. This meeting is to be held at the Atlantic County Fire Training Center and is to be hosted by the Atlantic City Fire Department. Please make every effort to attend and bring another with you as we desire to have a good attendance at the Awards Presentation. Names of recipients will be published beforehand in papers.

The dinner committee reported that the Annual Dinner of the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association for firefighters and their guests is to be held on Saturday, June 3rd at Caesar's Restaurant on Route 40. Cost to be \$25.00 per person with choice of entree being either Prime Ribs of Beef or Stuffed Flounder. For further information or to make reservations, contact one of the committee members, Dennis Sparpe 646-2803, Frank Sutton Jr. 646-7158 or Howard Guenther 652-7712.

Frank Pratzner reported that the Death Benefit claim of the Atlantic County Firemen's Fund has been increased by \$100.00 effective February 1st, 1995 and is presently set at \$500.00

DATE CLEARING

Every Thursday		Somers Point #1	Bingo	7:30 PM
Saturday	April 8	South Egg Harbor	Spring Bazaar	9:00 AM to 3:00 PM
Saturday	April 8	Oceanville	Oyster or Ham Dinner	4:00 to 8:00 PM
Saturday	April 8	Weekstown	Spaghetti Dinner	4:00 to 8:00 PM
Sunday	April 9	Somers Point #2	Breakfast	7:00 AM to 12:00 noon
Good Friday	April 14	Pomona	Fish Fry	4:00 to 8:00 PM
Sunday	April 23	Richland	Macaroni Dinner/Salad Bar	12:00 noon to 6:00 PM
Thursday	April 27	Northfield	Atlantic Co. Fire Chiefs' Assn. Meeting	8:00 PM
Saturday	May 6	Germania	Turkey or Pork Dinner	4:00 to 8:00 PM
Sunday	May 7	Egg Harbor City	Breakfast	6:30 AM to 12:00 noon
Saturday	May 13	Mizpah	Foxy Boxing	8:00 PM to 12 Midnight
Sunday	May 14	Hammonton #2	Breakfast	7:00 AM to 12:00 noon
Saturday	May 20	Port Republic	Roast Beef Dinner	3:30 to 7:30 PM
Sunday	May 21	Somers Point #2	Breakfast	7:00 AM to 12 noon
May 13 thru 22		Oceanville	Alaska Cruise	info 652-7607/7836
Saturday	June 3	Caesar's (Rte 40)	Atlantic Co. Firefighters Assn. Dinner	
Sunday	June 4	Dorothy	Chicken Bar-Be-Que, etc.	12-6
Sunday	June 11	Somers Point #2	Breakfast	7:00 AM to 12 noon
Sunday	July 9	Somers Point #2	Breakfast	7:00 AM to 12 noon
Saturday	July 22	Bargaintown	Chicken Bar-Be-Que, etc.	12 noon to 6:00 PM
Monday	July 31	Absecon	Atl.Co. Firemen's Death Benefit Trustees Mtg	8 PM
Tuesday	Aug. 15	Egg Harbor City	Atl. Co. Caucus for 1995 Firemen's Convention	8PM
Fri & Sat	Sept 15&16	Wildwood	1995 New Jersey State Firemen's Convention	
Saturday	Sept. 16	Wildwood	Parade	1:00 PM
Saturday	Oct. 7	Germania	Turkey or Pork Dinner	4:00 to 8:00 PM

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John V. Wagner reported on several items of proposed firematic legislation.

John also reported that placemats will be displayed at restaurants throughout the State encouraging recruitment of volunteers and companies should supply a name of contact person along with phone number.

The Training Committee reported that firefighters classes are progressing smoothly and again reminded all companies that a check or voucher must accompany the applications for courses for a member to be enrolled in the class.

The LP pad is just about completed with several small items reminding to be done and should be available shortly for use by companies and firefighters once the Instructors receive training on it and feel comfortable in presenting training. The LP tank has to be topped off and a motion was made, seconded and carried to have this done.

The Executive Committee recommends the appointment of 14 additional Instructors on a 1 year probationary period and at an hourly rate of \$15.00 and a motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve this recommendation. The additional instructors are

Scott Evans	Atlantic City	Michael Grove	Cardiff
James Foley	Atlantic City	Gilbert Zonge Jr.	Cardiff
Richard Nixon	Atlantic City	James Garth Sr.	Farmington
William Higbee Jr	AC Int. Airport	Dennis Sharpe	Farmington
Joseph Giamella	Bargaintown	Daniel Adams	Margate
Richard Smith	Bayview	Edward Sidway	Scullville
Philip Uecker	Bayview	Donald Stauffer Jr	Scullville

Congratulations to the new instructors on their appointments and an invitation was extended to them to attend meetings of the Firefighters' Association. This invitation is also extended to all of the present instructors as well.

The Executive Committee also recommended that the Lead Instructor for a training Course receive remuneration of \$20.00 per hour, and a motion was made, seconded and carried to approve this recommendation.

Hepatitis B training is to be incorporated into the Firefighter I course, however, it will be the individual's responsibility to make arrangements for the shots as needed.

The Board of Directors for the Fire Training Center reported that we have finally received our Eligibility Number, E00071, from the Division of Fire Safety and we are now certified for Firefighter training. The Board also reported on several other items that they are involved in and also that tapes are available for use of companies desiring them. A suggestion was made to make copies for company's use and maintain originals.

The Library Committee reported that they have set hours when they will have library open and it appears that most of Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday evenings are set with some other nights and weekends to be open when firefighter courses are being given.

Thomas Hunter of the Ways and Means Committee reported that additional T-shirts as well as sweatshirts have been ordered and will be available for sale shortly.

President Reinhard reported that we are to receive quite a few donated items and he read list that he requested from various manufacturers that they have agreed to donate for the Fire Training Center.

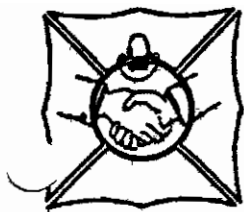
An application was received and approved for membership from
Sean W. Stack of Longport

Earth Day will be observed shortly and anyone desiring to display their vehicle should make their wishes known.

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

There being no further business at hand, the meeting was adjourned with the next scheduled meeting of the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association to be held on Wednesday, April 19th at the Atlantic County Fire Training Center at 8:00 P.M.

Attested
Howard R. Guenther
Secretary



ATLANTIC COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION

Atlantic County Fire Training Center

April 19, 1995

The regular meeting of the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association was called to order at 8 PM on Wednesday, April 19th, 1995 with President Ted Reinhard presiding. The meeting was opened with the Flag Salute, followed by Invocation by the Chaplain of the Association, Thomas Sweeny.

The meeting was hosted by the Atlantic City Fire Department and the membership was welcomed by Chief Benjamin Brenner.

The President introduced Glenn English, Head of the Department of Public Safety for Atlantic County, who welcomed the membership and guests to the Atlantic County Fire Training Center.

Roll Call was taken to ensure a quorum being present as well as to get a count of Companies and membership in attendance.

Minutes of the previous meeting of March 15th, 1995 were approved and accepted as forwarded to the Secretaries and Chiefs.

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

The main order of business for the evening was the Annual Valor Awards Presentations. Chief Dan Cahill, chairman of the committee, introduced the members of the committee, and turned the ceremony over to Howard Berchtold Jr., who conducted the program. Photographer Dennis Sharpe showed a short video of fires thruout the County as a prelude to the presentations. The following Valor Awards were presented.

Top Valor Awards were presented to Firefighter Robert L. Soifer and Captain James T. Boyer fo the Atlantic City Fire Department.

Chief Ireland, the Incident Commander on the scene, related the actions taken by Firefighter Soifer and Captain Boyer in the rescue of an elderly woman during a fire on the 12th floor of a high-rise building. A standing ovation was given to the valor award recipients.

Barry Bruner of the Atlantic County Fire Prevention Association presented an Appreciation award to Lorraine Huffnagle of the Shore Mall and an award as Fire Prevention Person of the Year to Lisa Sooy of Bosco's Department Store.

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Saturday	May 6	Germania	Turkey or Pork Dinner	4:00 to 8:00 PM
Sunday	May 7	Egg Harbor City	Breakfast	6:30 AM to 12 noon
Saturday	May 13	Mizpah	Foxy Boxing	8:00 PM to 12 midnight
Sunday	May 14	Estell Manor	Mother's Day Breakfast	7:00 to 11:00 AM
Sunday	May 14	Hammonton #2	Mother's Day Breakfast	7:00 AM to 12 noon
Saturday	May 20	Port Republic	Roast Beef Dinner	3:30 to 7:30 PM
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Atlantic County Fire Training Center April 19, 1995

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Don DaGrossa of the Fire Training Committee reported that courses presently being presented are going along well. Don also reported that several upcoming classes have openings and anyone planning on attending one of them should get the application in shortly or class will be cancelled if there is not enough people enrolled.

The June 3rd Dinner Committee reported on the affair and anyone planning on attending should get their reservations into one of the members of the committee as there is a cutoff date of May 24th. Dennis Sharpe 646-2803 Frank Sutton Jr. 646-7158 or Howard Guenther 652-7712

Charles Sander presented Chief Brenner with a Plaque on the evolution of the Atlantic City Fire Department since its inception in 1874.

A letter was received from Michael Schurman, Atlantic County Highway Safety Director, extending an invitation for all companies to join the Atlantic County Highway Safety Caravan on Wednesday, May 24th. Further information may be obtained from him by calling 272-9495.

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

President Ted Reinhard thanked all of the members and guests in attendance for their participation in the Awards Ceremonies and announced that the next meeting of the Firefighters' Association is to be held on Wednesday, May 17th at 8:00 PM in Germania.

Chaplain Thomas Sweeny conducted Benediction.

There being no further business at hand, the meeting was adjourned.

Attested
Howard R. Guenther
Secretary



ATLANTIC COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION

Germania (Galloway Township)

May 17, 1995

The regular meeting of the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association was called to order at 8 PM on Wednesday, May 17th, 1995 with Vice President Thomas Hunter Jr. presiding. The meeting was opened with the Flag Salute, following by the reading of the rolls to ensure a quorum being present.

The membership was welcomed to Germania by Captain Clyde Stockton Jr. and to Galloway Township by the Township Chief, Thomas Culleney.

Minutes of the previous meeting of April 19th, 1995 were approved and accepted as forwarded to the Secretaries and Chiefs.

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

The minutes of the May 5, 1995 meeting of the Executive Committee were approved and accepted as read with several items to be brought up under new business.

Secretary Howard Guenther reported that he has been assured by the parade committee that the invitations for the September 16, 1995 Wildwood parade are to be sent out shortly and that the drawings for positions of the Atlantic County Companies/Departments desiring to participate as part of the Atlantic County unit in the parade will be held at the next meeting of June 21 Milmay. Those companies/departments, etc. wishing to be part of the Atlantic County unit in the parade should forward their application forms for the parade to the Secretary, Howard Guenther or bring them to the June 21st meeting. Motion seconded and carried to purchase 2 trophies to be presented to units in the Atlantic County unit as in the past.

John V. Wagner reported on Laws of 1995, Chapter 37 in regard to emergency warning light card and Chapter 44 in regard to selection and impaneling of juries. Bill S-2047 (A-831) have been proposed given \$1000.00 income tax deduction for emergency responders and will try to have legislative person as part of our program to discuss this proposed bill.

The committee reported on the upcoming June 3rd dinner and those desiring to attend must contact one of the members ASAP for reservations.

DATE CLEARING

Every Thursday	Somers Point #1	Bingo	7:30 PM
Saturday June 3	Cologne	Chicken Bar-Be-Que, etc.	12 noon to 6:00 PM
Saturday June 3	Caesar's (Rte 40)	Atlantic County Firefighters' Assn Dinner	
Sunday June 4	Dorothy	Chicken Bar-Be-Que	12 noon to 6:00 PM
Sunday June 11	Somers Point #2	Breakfast	7:00 AM to 12 noon
Sunday June 25	Belcoville	Chicken Bar-Be-Que	12 noon to 6:00 PM
Sunday July 9	Somers Point #2	Breakfast	7:00 AM to 12 noon
Saturday July 15	Estell Manor	Sub Sale	10:00 AM to 2:00 PM
Friday July 21	Oceanville	Phillies-Cardinals Ballgame	info/tix 748-9583
Saturday July 22	Bargaintown	Chicken Bar-Be-Que, etc.	12 noon to 6:00 PM
Monday July 31	Absecon	Atl.Co. Firemen's Death Benefit Trustees Meeting	8 PM
Sunday Aug. 13	Somers Point #2	Breakfast	7:00 AM to 12 noon
Tuesday Aug. 15	Egg Harbor City	Atl.Co. Caucus for 1995 NJ Firemen's Convention	8 PM
Saturday Aug. 19	Estell Manor	Country Style Bar-Be-Que	12 noon to 6:00 PM
Saturday Aug. 19	Farmington	Beef & Beer/Firefighter Competition	12 noon to ??
Sunday Sept 10	Somers Point #2	Breakfast	7:00 AM to 12 noon
Friday Sept 15	Wildwood	1995 New Jersey State Firemen's Convention	1:00 PM
Saturday Sept 16	Wildwood	1995 New Jersey State Firemen's Convention	10:00 AM
Saturday Sept.16	Wildwood	Parade	1:00 PM
Saturday Oct. 7	Germania	Turkey or Pork Dinner	4:00 to 8:00 PM

Don DaGrossa of the Fire Training Committee reported that notices have been forwarded to all companies on remaining courses to be presented during the spring semester. Don also reminded all companies that roster and useage reports must be completed and turned in when using the training center facilities.

Burning must take place only on the racks provided in the Burn Building, per SOP's. Duty Instructors are required for all evolutions and companies who do not have a qualified duty instructor with them will not be given key to buildings. SOP's, and list of qualified duty instructors as well as training and safety officers are to be forwarded to all companies for their use.

The Auditing Committee reporst that all books have balanced out and the audit is completed. Offered assistance to the new Treasurer and will probably have a mid-year audit to further assist Lou.

Tom Hunter of the Ways & Means Committee reported T-shirts and sweatshirts are available for sale to those desiring them.

The Executive Committee recommended the purchase of shirt pocket identification badges for the officers, sergeant at arms and members of the Executive Committee and motion was made, seconded and carried to make the purchase.

The Executive Committee recommended the purchase of 3 thank you plaques and present them to Elkhart, Akron Brass, and Task Force Tips and a motion was made, seconded and carried to purchase the 3 plaques.

The Executive Committee also recommended the purchase of a computer program to make our certificates of appreciation, etc. and motion was made, seconded and carried to purchase the computer program.

The President is to appoint a committee to make a video which will be used for recruitment program as well as a public relations tool.

The Committee for the 4-H Fair reported progress and will report on their proposals for the August 4-h shortly.

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

Attested
Howard R. Guenther
Secretary



ATLANTIC COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION

Milmay (Buena Vista Township)

June 21, 1995

The regular meeting of the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association was called to order at 8 PM on Wednesday, June 21, 1995 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 Milmay and Buena Vista Township by Chief Leo Foy. Minutes of the previous meeting of May 17, 1995 were approved and accepted as forwarded to the Secretaries and Chiefs.

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

The drawing for positions in the Atlantic County Unit in the Wildwood parade of Saturday, September 16th was held and is as follows:

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| Atlantic County Banner | 11. Buena Borough |
| 1. Fire Museum of South Jersey | 12. Buena Vista Township |
| 2. Estell Manor | 13. Galloway Township |
| 3. Weymouth Township | 14. Grae Ayers |
| 4. Eugene Sharpe | 15. Linwood |
| 5. Somers Point | 16. Mullica Township |
| 6. Egg Harbor City | 17. Hamilton Township |
| 7. Absecon | 18. Port Republic |
| 8. Longport | 19. Atlantic City International Airport |
| 9. Egg Harbor Township | 20. Northfield |
| 10. Mutual Aid Emergency Services | 21. F2500 Atlantic County Mobile Communications |

The Training Committee reported that the Spring fire training classes are over with the exception of Advanced Pump Operations which is to be given this weekend.

They also reported that several proposed classes had to be cancelled due to not enough participants signing up for them.

Committee is working on schedule of courses to be given this Fall and all companies will be informed of classes and dates.

Committee is presently developing SOP's for training to take place on the LP Pad.

The Board of Directors reported that Electric Company has approved the construction of and equipment for the Electrical Training Mockup.

The construction of Confined Space training mockup has the backing of the utilities and other corporations and it looks very favorable that we will obtain equipment, etc. for this. The list of Duty Instructors is being checked and added to as well as more duty instructors to be added to the list as they become qualified in the duties required.

DATE CLEARING

Every Thursday		Somers Point #1	Bingo	7:30 PM
Sunday	July 9	Somers Point #2	Breakfast	7:00 AM to 12 noon
Saturday	July 15	Estell Manor	Sub Sale	10:00 AM to 2:00 PM
Friday	July 21	Oceanville	Phillies-Cardinals Ballgame	info/tix 748-9583
Saturday	July 22	Bargaintown	Chicken Bar-Be-Que, etc	12 noon to 6:00 PM
Monday	July 31	Absecon	Atl.Co. Firemens Death Benefit Trustees Meeting	8 PM
Sunday	Aug. 13	Somers Point #2	Breakfast	7:00 AM to 12 noon
Tuesday	Aug. 15	Egg Harbor City	Atl.Co. Caucus for 1995 NJ Firemens Convention	8 PM
Saturday	Aug. 19	Estell Manor	Country Style Bar-Be-Que	12 noon to 6:00 PM
Saturday	Aug. 19	Farmington	Beef and Beer/Firefighter competition	12 noon to ??
Sunday	Sept 10	Somers Point #2	Breakfast	7:00 AM to 12 noon
Friday	Sept 15	Wildwood	1995 New Jersey State Firemen's Convention	1:00 PM
Saturday	Sept 16	Wildwood	1995 New Jersey State Firemen's Convention	10:00 AM
Saturday	Sept 16	Wildwood	Parade	1:00 PM
Saturday	Oct. 7	Germania	Turkey or Pork Dinner	4:00 to 8:00 PM
Sunday	Oct. 8	Somers Point #2	Breakfast	7:00 AM to 12 noon

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Howard Guenther reported on Laws of 1995, Chapter 44 (A531) as passed in regard to selection of and exemptions to and impaneling of juries.

He also reported on A831 & S2047 proposed to give \$1000.00 deduction against gross income [REDACTED] for New Jersey as well as A1004 proposed giving stipend from \$100.00 to \$500.00 annually to volunteer emergency personnel.

Dennis Sharpe reported on the June 3rd Dinner and that 33 were in attendance and that we came out ahead with a small profit for the affair. Committee will work to try to hold the dinner next year earlier to try to increase attendance.

Tom Hunter of the Ways and Means reported that T-shirts as well as sweatshirts are available and to contact him if anyone desires to make a purchase.

The shirt pocket identification badges for the officers, sergeant at arms and members of the Executive Committee have been received and distributed.

The President appointed Dennis Sharpe to chair a committee to promote the fire service and recruitment and will add others to the committee which will be called "Public Relations and Recruitment" at the present time.

The 4-H Fair committee reported that they are in the planning stages for the August fair and will need help at the 4-H Fair. If you can provide assistance, let them know.

Ted Reinhard reported that his "wish list" of fire equipment from the manufacturers has been filled and received for the training center.

Atlantic County Executive Committeeman Howard Guenther reported that effective July 1st, 1995, the death benefit of the New Jersey State Firemen's Association is increased \$200.00 making the benefit at \$5,200.00 for those eligible qualifying members with seven years service and is pro-rated accordingly for those members still serving with less than seven years. Also as of July 1st, 1995 the death benefit will be \$10,400.00 (doubled) for those members who die in the line of duty from injuries as result of fire related incidents or hands on training.

Howard also reported that the Atlantic County Caucus for Chiefs, Delegates, Alternates, and Life Members of the New Jersey State Firemen's Association is to be held on Tuesday August 15th in Egg Harbor City at 8:00 PM. He also extended an open invitation to any firefighters of the County who wished to attend.

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

A copy of a letter sent to Steve Collins of Smithville by the Absecon Fire Department was read which commended him on his act of heroism in rescuing the driver of an overturned vehicle that was on fire.

There being no further business at hand, the meeting was adjourned with next meeting scheduled to be held on Wednesday, July 19th at 8:00 PM in Linwood.

Attested
Howard R. Guenther
Secretary



ATLANTIC COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION

Linwood

July 19, 1995

The regular meeting of the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association was called to order at 8:00 p.m. on the above date with President Ted Reinhard presiding. The meeting was opened with the flag salute and invocation by Chaplain Tom Sweeney. A reading of the rolls took place to ensure the presence of a quorum.

The membership was welcomed to Linwood by Chief Doughty. Minutes of the previous meeting of June 21, 1995 were approved and accepted as forwarded to the Secretaries and Chiefs.

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

Committee Reports:

Executive Committee: Minutes of the July 7, 1995 meeting held in Landisville were presented by Barry Bruner, who acted as secretary for that meeting.

Training Committee: Don DaGrossa reported on the recent meeting of the instructors. The following highlights were mentioned:

- * The booklet of courses for the fall will be mailed in the near future.
- * It was noted that Don and Ted Reinhard attended the recent statewide Eligible Organization meeting. A major topic of discussion was the strong possibility that the state will soon be moving to requiring Incident Command.
- * It was noted that the state standard for passing the Firefighter I is 65 percent; however, organizations can raise this if they wish.
- * Letters will soon be sent to those who failed the recent Firefighter I course, giving instructions on retesting.

Legislative/Advisory Committees: John Wagner reported that at the recent statewide meeting there was discussion on the proposed "Length of Service Award Program" also known as LOSAP. Pros and cons of a defined benefits program versus a defined contributions program were discussed.

Board of Directors: Don DaGrossa provided a report on the most recent meeting.

- * The utility pole mock-up has received its final review and should be completed soon.
- * Confined space project is currently being looked into by the county in reference to permits.
- * Smoke building leaks have been fixed by Scott Feldman.
- * The feasibility of using the ventilation hatch in the burn building is currently being reviewed.
- * Ground ventilation simulator is currently being researched.
- * The county is making arrangements to install the sink in the engine room.
- * It was reported that departments and companies are doing a much better job in getting training usage reports completed.
- * Arrangements are currently being made to have a number of ladders at the center tested.
- * The feasibility of obtaining an old school bus to be used for airbag drills, etc. is currently being reviewed.
- * Next meeting to be held August 9, 1995.

Ways and Means Committee: It was noted that tee shirts are still available.

4-H Committee: Howard Berchtold, Jr., advised that the 4-H fair is scheduled for August 10, 11 and 12. The association will have its normal display, providing fire education/prevention information. Fire apparatus will also be displayed. Companies interested in displaying a piece are asked to contact Dennis Sharpe.

Public Relations Committee: Dennis Sharpe is currently checking into the feasibility of putting together a public relations video for use on local television stations. Anyone with ideas should contact Dennis.

Firemen's Home: William Hurd reported that there are currently 71 guests at the home. He noted that there was a recent meeting with the state association to discuss some funding concerns and that the issues had been resolved.

Date Clearing:

Sunday	August 13	Somers Point #2	Breakfast	7:00 a.m. to 12 Noon
Tuesday	August 15	Egg Harbor City	Atlantic County Caucus for	8:00 p.m.

			1995 NJ Firemen's Convention	
Saturday	August 19	Estell Manor	Country Style BBQ	12 Noon to 6:00 p.m.
Saturday	August 19	Farmington	Beef & Beer/Firefighter Competition	12 Noon to ???
Sunday	September 10	Somers Point #2	Breakfast	7:00 a.m. to 12 Noon
Friday	September 15	Wildwood	1995 NJ Firemen's Convention	1:00 p.m.
Saturday	September 16	Wildwood	1995 NJ Firemen's Convention	10:00 a.m.
Saturday	September 16	Wildwood	Parade	1:00 p.m.
Saturday	October 7	Germania	Turk or Pork Dinner	4:00 to 8:00 p.m.
Sunday	October 8	Somers Point #2	Breakfast	7:00 a.m. to 12 Noon

Communications: Nothing

Old Business: Nothing

New Business: A motion was made, seconded and carried to send thank you letters to Seashore Supply and Scott Feldman of South Egg Harbor for their recent efforts and contributions to the association.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to follow the recommendation of the executive committee to reinvest the special "trip fund" monies currently in one CD. The monies are to be reinvested in staggered CDs in terms of 6, 12 and 18 months at locations to be determined at the discretion of the treasurer.

Good of the Order: President Reinhard and Dennis Sharpe reminded the members that they should start thinking about the 75th anniversary of the association, which is coming up in 1998. What kind of celebration do we wish to have?

Fire Hooks, Inc., with the assistance of Jack Bruner, has donated various items for training purposes. An appropriate thank you is to be sent.

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

The program for the evening was presented by Howard Berchtold, Jr., in his capacity as Assistant Trial Court Administrator for the Superior Court of New Jersey. Specifics as to the recent changes in the jury legislation were provided. It was noted that the exemption for holders of state exemption certificates has been eliminated. However, current members of volunteer fire or rescue squads may claim an "automatic" excuse from jury service by providing legitimate documentation of membership.

Benediction led by Chaplain Sweeney. There being no further business at hand, the meeting was adjourned, with the next meeting scheduled to be held on Wednesday, August 16, 1995 at 8:00 p.m. in Laureldale (Hamilton Township).

Attested
Howard H. Berchtold, Jr.
Acting Secretary



ATLANTIC COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION

Laureldale (Hamilton Township)

August 16, 1995

The regular meeting of the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association was called to order at 8:00 PM on Wednesday, August 16, 1995 with President Ted Reinhard presiding.

The meeting was opened with the Flag Salute, followed by Invocation by the Association Chaplain, Thomas Sweeny. Roll Call was taken to ensure a quorum being present. The membership was welcomed to Hamilton Township and Laureldale by Chief Frank Power. Minutes of the previous meeting of July 19th, 1995 were approved and accepted as forwarded to the Chiefs and Secretaries.

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

The Training Committee reported that the booklet on Fall 1995 fire training courses to be given at the Atlantic County Fire Training Center have been forwarded to all Chiefs along with applications and the following are to be presented

	Starting Dates
Firefighter I	August 29
Firefighter II	August 30
Basic Pump Operations	September 7
Advanced Pump Operations	October 5
Propane Firefighting	October 16
Basic Vehicle Extrication	October 21
Advanced Vehicle Extrication	December 8
Foam Operations	October 28
Truck Company Operations	November 9
General Safety	November 4
SCBA/Smokehouse Safety	November 11
Live Burn Safety	November 18
MTCO - Preparation	September 14
MTCO - Decision Making	October 19
MTCO - Tactics	November 30

The Board of Directors of the Fire Training Center reported that they are working on having the items on the "punch" list completed. Are working on construction plans for the Electrical Training and Confined Spaces Training mockups.

Tom Hunter of the Ways and Means Committee reported that T-shirts & sweat-shirts are still available. Are to meet and bring back different ideas, etc. on fund raising and requested suggestions from the membership.

DATE CLEARING

Saturday	September	2	South Egg Harbor	Flea Market	8:00 AM to 3:00 PM
Saturday	September	9	Weekstown	Pig Roast	4:00 to 8:00 PM
Sunday	September	10	Somers Point #2	Breakfast	7:00 AM to 12 noon
Friday	September	15	Wildwood	1995 N. J. State Firemen's Convention	1:00 PM
Saturday	September	16	Wildwood	1995 N. J. State Firemen's Convention	10:00 AM
Saturday	September	16	Wildwood	Parade	1:00 PM
Saturday	October	7	Shore Mall	1995 Fire Prevention Expo	10 AM to 4 PM
Saturday	October	7	Germania	Turkey or Pork Dinner	4 to 8 PM
Sunday	October	8	Somers Point #2	Breakfast	7:00 AM to 12 noon
Sunday	October	22	Bargaintown	Breakfast	8:00 AM to 12 noon
Sunday	November	12	Somers Point #2	Breakfast	7:00 AM to 12 noon
Sunday	November	19	Bargaintown	Spaghetti Dinner	1:00 to 6:00 PM
Sunday	December	10	Somers Point	Breakfast	7:00 AM to 12 noon
Saturday	April	27	Hammonton #2	100th Anniversary Parade & Open House	

Howard Berchtold Jr. of the 4-H Fair Committee reported on the affair and that this year's display was the biggest and best attended in quite a few years and gave out many, many handouts and had quite a few trucks on display. Howard thanked the members of the committee as well as all others who assisted and participated. Are already beginning to think of ideas for next year. Any suggestions, contact Howard Berchtold Jr.

Dennis Sharpe reported on the Public Relations and Volunteer Recruitment Program and that he has contacted Stockton College and could possibly have this as one of their student projects and is waiting for a reply from the college.

Bill Hurd gave a report on the N.J. Firemen's Home and that there are openings in the home for firefighters desiring to enter and fee is \$650.00 per month and applications are available.

Estell Manor is to lead the Atlantic County Unit in the Wildwood parade on September 16 and will also have a Color Guard as well from the veterans group.

Secretary Howard Guenther reminded all companies that a 10 X 12 card MUST be placed in front windshield, passenger side, with year, pump size (if applicable) and what category number it is to be judged in. County name must be added as well. If card does not appear, the truck will NOT be judged. (No card, No prize). Information may be obtained thru Voice Mail 522-4222 (answering machine) and they will return call to you.

Membership applications were presented and approved for
Edward Sidway and Donald Stauffer Jr. both from Scullville

It was reported that Pleasantville Fire Department is to have a "Firefighter Assist and Search Team" (F.A.S.T. Unit)

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

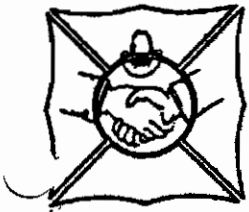
Benediction was led by Chaplain Thomas Sweeny.

There being no further business at hand, the meeting was adjourned with the next meeting scheduled to be held on Wednesday, September 20, 1995 at 8:00 P.M. at the Hammonton Fire Company No. 1 firehouse.

Attested
Howard R. Guenther
Secretary

The Atlantic County Firefighters Association is also to award 2 trophies at the September 16th Wildwood parade to units of the Atlantic County Unit in the parade.

1. BEST APPEARING ATLANTIC COUNTY APPARATUS
to be awarded to the best appearing single apparatus in the line of march of a member company or department of the Atlantic County Unit.
2. BEST APPEARING ATLANTIC COUNTY COMPANY/DEPARTMENT OVERALL
to be awarded to best appearing company or department overall of a member company/department in line of march of the Atlantic County Unit.



ATLANTIC COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION

Hammonton #1

September 20, 1995

The regular meeting of the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association was called to order at 8:00 p.m. on the above date with President Ted Reinhard presiding. The meeting was opened with the flag salute followed by the roll call to ensure the presence of a quorum.

The membership was welcomed to Hammonton by Chief Jack Donio. Minutes of the previous meeting of August 16, 1995 were approved and accepted as forwarded to the Secretaries and Chiefs.

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

Committee Reports:

Minutes of the September 8, 1995 Executive Committee meeting were presented.

A report from the recent meeting of the Board of Directors of the Fire Training Center was presented by Howard H. Berchtold, Jr. It was noted that there have been some changes within the county structure in the Department of Public Safety. Frank Mazzone is now the Acting Department Head and Joseph Venuti will assist in overseeing the Training Center Complex. Regarding the plans for the construction of the Confined Space Mock-up, it was noted that the county may be pursuing complete funding from various outside agencies with the return being free or reduced-rate use of the facility. Association members raised concern over this. Where is the \$10,000 that the county was supposed to have budgeted for the project? Why should outside agencies be so involved and permitted free use? President Reinhard to check into status of the \$10,000 and overall status of project.

John Wagner reported on the efforts of the statewide volunteer recruitment effort. Brochures, place mats and the video, "What If No One Answered the Call" are being distributed. He also reported that metal recruitment signs are available to departments and companies for \$6.30 each. Orders should be made in bulk through associations. Motion made, seconded and carried to support effort. Departments wishing to order signs are asked to contact Dennis Sharpe or John Wagner, Sr. Other questions may also be directed to these gentlemen.

On the issue of public relations, a motion was made, seconded and carried to install an answering machine on the telephone line at the Training Center. Public service announcement to be placed on machine.

Date Clearing:

Saturday	October 07	Shore Mall	'95 Fire Prevention Expo	10:00 am to 4:00 pm
Saturday	October 07	Germania	Turkey or Pork Dinner	4:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Sunday	October 08	Somers Point #2	Breakfast	7:00 am to 12 Noon
Saturday	October 14	Estell Manor	Craft Show	
Saturday	October 21	Egg Harbor City	Spaghetti Dinner	4:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Saturday	October 21	Port Republic	Roast Beef Dinner	3:30 pm to 7:30 pm
Sunday	October 22	Bargaintown	Breakfast	8:00 am to 12 Noon
Saturday	November 04	South Egg Harbor	Christmas Bazaar	9:00 am to 3:00 pm
Saturday	November 11	Oceanville	Baked Ham & Oyster	4:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Sunday	November 12	Somers Point #2	Breakfast	7:00 am to 12 Noon
Sunday	November 19	Bargaintown	Spaghetti Dinner	1:00 pm to 6:00 pm
Sunday	December 10	Somers Point	Breakfast	7:00 am to 12 Noon
Saturday	April 27	Hammonton #2	100th Anniversary	Parade

James Garth provided a report from the County Chiefs' Association. It was noted that attendance at the meetings has been poor.

Minutes from the Executive Committee were reviewed for necessary action. President currently considering members for a committee to review possibilities for a muster. Jack Roe has been invited to attend the next Executive Committee meeting to review current insurance policies. It was noted by Executive Committee members that a review of the current policies on training and instructors, e.g., assignments to instructors, cancellation of classes, payments for no-show students, etc., is needed.

Membership applications were presented and approved for Richard Schall, Michael Lagana, and Scott Duncan--all from Longport.

Bills presented and approved for payment out of their respective accounts.

A discussion held on the future of County Central Dispatch and the 800 MHz System. Fire departments requested to check if their municipalities returned the county survey on dispatch.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m., with the next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, October 18, 1995 at 8:00 p.m., in Elwood.

Attested
Howard H. Berchtold, Jr.
Acting Secretary



ATLANTIC COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION

Elwood (Mullica Township)

October 18, 1995

The regular meeting of the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association was called to order on Wednesday, October 18th, 1995 at 8:00 P.M. 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 Elwood and Mullica Township by Assistant Chief Robert Ravelli.

Minutes of the previous meeting of September 20, 1995 were approved and accepted as forwarded to the Secretaries and Chiefs.

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

The date of the next Executive Committee has been changed from November 3rd to November 10th and to be held as scheduled for South Egg Harbor with Jack Rowe to be present and go over the insurance coverage that the Association carries. Those members of the Committee desiring to go out for dinner on November 3rd are requested to meet at the South Egg Harbor firehouse at 6:00 PM.

Don DaGrossa reported that several courses had to be cancelled due to poor signups and hopefully more would signup for upcoming courses or they may also have to be cancelled. Elkhart Brass is to give a seminar and nozzle demonstration with one session being given at 7:30 PM on Friday, November 17th and another being given on Saturday, November 18th at 9:00 AM and both sessions will be held at the Atlantic County Fire Training Center. Akron Brass will be given a presentation on their fire product line at the next meeting of November 15th at Somers Point #2.

The Board of Directors gave an update on Confined Spaces mockup and will try to revive the project and work thru Frank Mazzone to try to jump start this again. Utilities, etc. will be treated as outside organizations when using the facilities.

The Electrical Mockup is in place and just about all completed.

An answer machine will be installed in the firefighters' office at the Training Center. A report on injuries suffered by Charles Brady who was hurt at the Training Center when he was working on the Mobile Communications Unit F-2500.

The Committee on Memorial Services reported that they hopefully will be adding a bugler and bag piper for the services in January. Anyone knowing of a bugler or piper who they think might be interested should notify the Secretary or Tom Sweeny.

If enough can be obtained, maybe we can set up some program for funerals, ceremonies, awards, etc. in the future.

Fire Marshal Harold Swartz would like to have a display made at the Fire Training Center and requested all Companies and/or Departments to forward a should patch (emblem) to be included in the display.

He also requested all companies/departments to forward names and photos of firefighters who died as a result of injuries suffered in the line of duty for a display also to be at the Fire Training Center.

DATE CLEARING

Saturday	Nov. 4	South Egg Harbor	Christmas Bazaar	9:00 AM to 3:00 PM
Saturday	Nov. 11	Oceanville	Oyster or Ham Dinner	4:00 to 8:00 PM
Sunday	Nov. 12	Somers Point #2	Breakfast	7:00 AM to 12 noon
Sunday	Nov. 19	Bargaintown	Spaghetti Dinner	1:00 to 6:00 PM
Sunday	Dec. 10	Somers Point #2	Breakfast	7:00 AM to 12 noon
Sunday	Jan. 14	Somers Point #2	Breakfast	7:00 AM to 12 noon
Thursday	Jan. 25	Absecon	Firemen's Death Benefit Fund Trustees' Mtg.	8 PM
Sunday	March 3	Bargaintown	Spaghetti Dinner	1:00 to 6:00 PM
Sunday	March 24	Bargaintown	Breakfast	8:00 AM to 12 noon
Saturday	April 27	Hammonton #2	100th Anniversary and Parade	
Tuesday	August 20	Egg Harbor City	Atlantic Co. Caucus for 1996 Firemen's Convention	8PM

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Dennis Sharpe gave an update on the Volunteer Recruitment program.

Egg Harbor Township reported on their Township drill of October 15th at the fire training center.

James Garth gave a report on the September Chiefs' Association meeting.

He also reported that 5 municipalities did not return their survey information that the County government requested in regard to Centralized Dispatch. This can be narrowed down to 2 with Hamilton Township being one of them and the writer does not have name of the second.

The Secretary reported that he forwarded a letter along with requested information to the Sam's Wholesale Outlet for the Firefighters' Association to be included in their raffle program proceeds and is waiting for a reply.

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

First nomination of Officers for 1996 was called for and the following were nominated

President	Ted Reinhard	Executive Committee (9)
1st Vice President	Thomas Hunter Jr.	Howard Berchtold Jr.
2nd Vice President	Dennis Sharpe	Barry Bruner
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Second Nominations are to be held at the November 15th meeting with elections to be held at the December 20th meeting.

Program for the evening consisted of a very informational video supplied by First Alert on CO (Carbon Monoxide) Alerts.

Winners of trophies by participants in the Atlantic County Unit at the September 16, 1995 Wildwood parade were

BEST APPEARING ATLANTIC COUNTY APPARATUS	Scullville
BEST APPEARING ATLANTIC COUNTY COMPAY/DEPARTMENT OVERALL	Egg Harbor Township

Winners of State Trophies

Laureldale
Scullville (3)

Band Trophies

Absegami Regional High School
Oakcrest Regional High School

Special Judges Award

Egg Harbor Township Explorers

Congratulations to all of the winners and a special thanks to all companies and members who participated and cleaned, waxed, etc. their equipment and made a very good showing of Atlantic County equipment.

There being no further business at hand, the meeting was adjourned with the next meeting of the Firefighters' Association to be held at 8:00 P.M. on Wednesday November 15th at the Somers Point Co. No. 2 firehouse.

Attested
Howard R. Guenther
Secretary



ATLANTIC COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION

Somers Point Co. No. 2 November 15, 1995

The regular meeting of the Atlantic Firefighters' Association was called to order on Wednesday, November 15, 1995 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 Somers Point by Chief Frank Denan.

Minutes of the previous meeting of October 18, 1995 were approved and accepted as forwarded to the Secretaries and Chiefs.

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

Jim Lyons of Akron Brass was present and gave a demo on the Akron Brass nozzles as the program for the evening.

Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting of November 10th, 1995 were approved and accepted as read with several items to be taken up under new business.

John V. Wagner reported on the Advisory and Legislation issues and reported that the Office of Legislative Services reported that fire trucks are exempt from P.L. 1995,c 157 concerning emission inspection and registration of certain motor vehicles. Copy of the letter to be included along with minutes.

Don DaGrossa reported on fire training courses and all will be completed in December. Reminded the membership of the Elkhart Brass demo to be given at the Fire Training Center on Friday evening and Saturday morning.

Fire Marshal Harold Swartz reported on usage of the training facilities at the training center by the County fire companies.

The minutes of the November 8th Board of Directors meeting were read to bring the membership up to date on different items and their progress.

Beau Endres reported that the next meeting of the Central Dispatch Committee is to be held on Tuesday, November 21st at 2 PM at the Stillwater building in Northfield.

Beau also remarked that dispatch centers and radio operators should show some courtesy and not override others when transmitting.

Dennis Sharpe and John C. Wagner reported on the Volunteer Recruitment Program and they are waiting to receive the placemats. They also reported that 12" x 18" signs may be ordered at cost of \$6.30 each to promote the program and the county has agreed to supply the posts and will install them with signs along County Roads. Those companies desiring to purchase the signs should contact Dennis Sharpe at 646-2803 between now and next meeting so the order may be sent in to the State. Also obtainable thru John C. Wagner

Tom Hunter reported that Sweatshirts are available. (H)476-2235 (W)476-2746

Motion seconded and carried to renew the subscription for Fire Engineering for 3 years for the Library.

It was recommended that an inventory list be compiled on equipment that the Association has.

DATE CLEARING

Saturday	Dec.	9	Scullville	E.H.T. Explorers Spaghetti Dinner	4:00 to 8:00 PM
Sunday	Dec.	10	Somers Point #2	Breakfast	7:00 AM to 12 noon
Sunday	Jan.	14	Somers Point #2	Breakfast	7:00 AM to 12 noon
Thursday	Jan.	25	Absecon	Firemen's Death Benefit Fund Trustees Meeting	8 PM
Sunday	March	3	Bargaintown	Spaghetti Dinner	1:00 to 6:00 PM
Saturday	March	23	Caesar's Restaurant	Firefighters' Association Dinner	
Sunday	March	24	Bargaintown	Breakfast	8:00 AM to 12 noon
Saturday	April	27	Hammonton #2	100th Anniversary and Parade	
Tuesday	August	20	Egg Harbor City	Atlantic Co. Caucus for 96 Firemen's Convention	8PM
Fri&Sat	Sept 13 & 14		Wildwood	1996 New Jersey State Firemen's Convention	

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The Executive Committee at their meeting discussed the fire training and a committee is to be appointed to go over different aspects of the fire training courses, fire training center and its facilities. Membership to be 2 from Executive Committee, 2 from the Firefighters' Association and 2 from the Chiefs' Association.

Members of the Executive Committee are Howard Berchtold Jr. and Barry Bruner. President Ted Reinhard appointed Rick Coraluzzo and John C. Wagner to the committee from the Firefighters' Association.

The Chiefs' Association are to appoint 2 to the committee at their next meeting.

As all fire coordinators, radio operators, photographers, and Instructors must be members of the Association, the Executive Committee at their meeting ordered that the following cease all duties, etc. until they join and pay their membership dues.

Those affected are radio operators Charles Corbin and Michael Sweeney and Instructors Daniel Adams, Scott Evans, James Foley and Gene Wellington.

Daniel Adams and Gene Wellington have paid their dues to date and are now members.

Charles Corbin paid his 1994 dues, however he still owes \$3.00 for 1995.

It was also reported that the following fire companies have not paid their \$60.00 dues for 1995: BVT #3 (Newtonville) East Vineland Elwood

The Executive Committee also met with the Insurance carrier and went over all policies and agreed that all coverage the Association carries is needed.

Second Nomination of Officers for 1996 was called for and the following were nominated:

President (1)	Ted Reinhard	Executive Committee (9)
	Ed Vincent	Howard Berchtold Jr.
1st Vice President	Thomas Hunter Jr.	Barry Bruner
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Secretary	Howard Guenther	Donald DaGrossa
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	George Scarlett	John V. Wagner

Motion seconded and carried to close nominations.

Elections to be held at the next meeting of December 20th.

Secretary to prepare ballots for voting for President.

The following application for membership was received and approved

Daniel Adams of Longport

Members desiring are requested to bring a gift of approximate \$10.00 value at the next meeting to be exchanged.

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

There being no further business to be brought before the membership, the meeting was adjourned with the next meeting of the Firefighters' Association to be held at 8:00 PM on Wednesday, December 20 at Bargaintown.

Attested
Howard R. Guenther
Secretary

The Dinner Committee has set Saturday, March 23, 1996 as the date for the Annual Dinner which is to be held at Caesar's Restaurant on Route 40 in Hamilton Township. Additional information to be forwarded as arrangements are finalized.



ATLANTIC COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION

Bargaintown (Egg Harbor Township)

December 20, 1995

The regular meeting of the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association was called to order on Wednesday, December 20, 1995 with President Ted Reinhard presiding.

The meeting was opened with the Flag Salute, followed by Invocation by the Association Chaplain, Thomas Sweeny.

The membership was welcomed to Bargaintown by Chief Max Adkins and to Egg Harbor Township by Township Chief Tony Canale.

Roll Call was taken to ensure a quorum being present.

Minutes of the previous meeting of November 15, 1995 were approved and accepted as forwarded to the Chiefs and Secretaries.

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

The Secretary reminded the membership of the Memorial Services to be held at the meeting of January 17th, 1996 in Egg Harbor City. Members are requested to wear their uniforms to the January 17th meeting (caps also). Companies having firefighters to be included in the services should forward their names as soon as possible (ASAP) so their names may be printed in the memorial bulletin. Forward names to the Secretary at P.O. Box 81 Pomona, NJ 08240-0081 or call 652-7712.

Don DaGrossa of the Fire Training Committee had certificates of completion for those firefighters completed the fall training classes.

Don reported that the spring sessions are to start shortly with first course being given on January 27th with others to start thereafter. Course booklet is being made up and will be out shortly. Members having suggestions for different courses to be given should make their wishes known to the committee.

Fire Marshal Harold Swartz reported that only 19 of the fire companies in the County are forwarding fire reports to him and that he needs reports from all of the companies so that he can compile his report for the year. Get them in ASAP. Thanks.

Harold also reported that 500 smoke detectors were distributed in the County and that he needs the forms that accompanied them back so he can also make out this report for the detectors.

He also reported that he had requested fire company shoulder patches and pictures and names of firefighters who gave their life in the line of duty so that a proper display may be made at the fire training center and the membership has been very lax in getting them in. The Valor awards will be presented at the April 17, 1996 meeting of the Association to be held at the Fire Training Center and the Fire Marshal will be sending out the forms for nominations after the 1st of the year. Start getting the information ready for the Valor Awards committee so they may have enough time to properly go over the nominees for awards.

Tom Hunter of the Ways and Means Committee reported that he has T-shirts and sweatshirts available for those desiring to purchase them.

DATE CLEARING

Sunday	Jan.	14	Somers Point #2	Breakfast	7:00 AM to 12 noon
Wednesday	Jan.	17	Egg Harbor City	Firefighters Meeting & Memorial Services	8 PM
Thursday	Jan.	25	Absecon	Firemen's Death Benefit Fund Trustees Meeting	8 PM
Sunday	Feb.	11	Somers Point #2	Breakfast	7:00 AM to 12 noon
Sunday	March	3	Bargaintown	Spaghetti Dinner	1:00 to 6:00 PM
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Sunday	March	24	Bargaintown	Breakfast	8:00 AM to 12 noon
Wednesday	April	17	Fire Training Center	Firefighters Meeting & Valor Awards	8 PM
Saturday	April	27	Hammonton #2	100 Anniversary Parade and Celebration	
Saturday	May	4	Germania	Turkey or Pork Dinner	4:00 to 8:00 PM
Sunday	June	9	Farmington	Classic Muster & indoor flea market	info 646-2803
Tuesday	August	20	Egg Harbor City	Atlantic Co. Caucus for 1996 Firemens Convention	8PM
Fri & Sat	Sept 13 & 14		Wildwood	1996 New Jersey State Firemen's Convention	

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Dennis Sharpe reported on the Volunteer Recruitment Program and placemats are available and signs are to be ordered for those companies wishing to purchase them to be placed on County roads. Billboards in the County may also be available to get the message out. The answer machine will be installed in the firefighters' office at the fire training center within a month.

The Dinner Committee has set Saturday, March 23, 1996 as the date for the Annual Dinner and it is to be held at Caesar's Restaurant on Route 40 in Hamilton Township. Flyers to be sent to all companies shortly with information pertaining to the dinner.

Correspondence was received from the Atlantic County Prosecutor's Office and read in regard to taken of photographs and video taping at auto accidents and fire scenes, etc. and their operational policy. Fire Marshal to forward copies to all company Chiefs.

Notice was received from the NJANG that a retirement dinner is to be held on Saturday, March 9, 1996 honoring Chief Edward Wolbert. For further information, tickets, etc., contact Chief William Loder (W) 645-6266 or (H) 641-0211

The following applications for membership were received and approved

Scott K. Evans	Atlantic City	Robert Fiore	Longport
Charles T. Adams	Longport	William A. Fiore	Longport
Winifred G. Adams	Longport	Richard Hirsch Jr.	Longport
Eunice Adams	Longport	Robert Schall	Longport
Robert K. Adams Sr.	Longport	Anthony Vicchiarelli	Longport
David Buzby	Longport		

Clarence Guenther, George Scarlett and John C. Wagner were appointed as tellers of elections and distributed ballots for election of President.

Motion was made, seconded and carried for the Secretary to cast a ballot for those members running unopposed for office and the results of the elections is as follows:

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The Secretary is to send out the forms for the companies delegates and Chiefs' name and mailing addresses shortly and all are requested to return them promptly so that mailing lists may be updated as well as names of Chiefs on the officers schedule.

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

Ted Reinhard was recognized and thanked by the membership for his serving 15 years as President of the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association.

Benediction was conducted by Chaplain Thomas Sweeny.

There being no further business at hand, the meeting was adjourned with the next scheduled meeting to be held on Wednesday, January 17th, 1996 at 8 PM in Egg Harbor City.

Attested
Howard R. Guenther
Secretary

The Officers wish to extend to each and every one of you and to your families, a very joyous, happy and healthy New Year.