

ATLANTIC COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION

Egg Harbor City

January 15, 1997

The regular meeting of the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association was called to order at 8:00 PM on Wednesday, January 15, 1997 with President Edward Vincent presiding. The meeting was opened with the Flag Salute, followed by Invocation by the Association Chaplain, Thomas Sweeny.

Chief Robert Ade of the Egg Harbor City Fire Department welcomed the membership and the invited guests to the City. Chief Ade then introduced the Line Officers of the Dept. President Ed Vincent welcomed and introduced guests Assemblyman Francis Blee, Atlantic County Executive Richard Squires, Atlantic County Freeholders Kirk W. Conover, James Curcio, Dennis Levinson, and Joseph Silipena, the Director of Public Safety Frank Mazzone, Director of Emergency Management John Thompson, Rick Dovey of the ACMUA and the Mayor of Egg Harbor City James McGeary. Mayor McGeary in turn then introduced the members of City Council.

The Annual Memorial Services were conducted by the Association Chaplain Thomas Sweeny in honor and memory of those firefighters of Atlantic County who answered their last alarm during the past year. The Memorial Candles were lit by Vice President Thomas Hunter, with the bell being tolled by Clarence Guenther as the Secretary, Howard Guenther read the roll.

Members of the "Final Roll" were

Jacob Cohn	Atlantic City	Louis Domenico	Minotola
William Freas	Atlantic City	Woodrow McGowan	Pleasantville
Joseph Goukler Sr.	Atlantic City	John Filmore Cavileer	Port Republic
Frank Leeds Jr.	Atlantic City	Elton B. Wilson	Port Republic
Thomas Reilly	Atlantic City	Frederick Wetzel	Scullville
Thomas Smith Sr.	Atlantic City	David Ang	Somers Point Co. No. 2
John Arasi	Bargaintown	Edgar Conover	Somers Point Co. No. 2
Robert A. Abrahamson	Bayview	Walter E. Doernbach Sr.	South Egg Harbor
Frederick Massey	Cardiff	Chris C. Kuenzner	South Egg Harbor
Clarence Sutherland	Dorothy	Leonard C. Richardson	South Egg Harbor
Lois Pettit	Estell Manor	Elvin Rottelini	South Egg Harbor
Carl O. Schairer	Germania	Harold Weeks	West Atlantic City
Edward J. Schairer	Germania	Dale Woods	West Atlantic City
Charles C. Angerman	Linwood		and Pleasantville
Charles "Russell" Blank	Linwood		

The "Lord's Prayer" was sung by Howard Berchtold Jr.

"Taps" was played by bugler MSgt. Skip Watson of the N.J. Air National Guard.

DATE CLEARING

Every Monday & Tuesday	Atlantic County Fire Training Center Library is	open	7 to 10 PM
Sunday	Feb. 16 Somers Point #2	Breakfast	7 AM to 12 noon
Saturday	March 1 Somers Point #1	Sports Card Show	10 AM to 4:30 PM
Sunday	March 9 Somers Point #2	Breakfast	7 AM to 12 noon
Saturday	March 15 Weekstown	Spaghetti Dinner	4 to 8 PM
Sunday	April 13 Somers Point #2	Breakfast	7 AM to 12 noon
Saturday	May 3 Germania	Turkey or Pork Dinner	4 to 8 PM
Sunday	May 11 Hammonton # 2	Mothers' Day Breakfast	7 AM to 12 noon
Saturday	May 17 Port Republic	Roast Beef Dinner	3:30 to 7:30 PM
Sunday	June 1 Dorothy	Chicken Bar-Be-Que, etc.	12 noon to 6 PM
Saturday	July 19 Somers Point #2	Housing and Parade	
Tuesday	August 19 Egg Harbor City	Atlantic Co. Caucus for 1997 Firemen's Convention	
Fri & Sat	Sept 12 & 13 Wildwood	1997 New Jersey State Firemen's Convention	
Saturday	Oct. 18 Port Republic	Roast Beef Dinner	3:30 to 7:30 PM

Roll Call was taken to record attendance and ensure a quorum being present.

Minutes of the previous meeting of December 18, 1996 were approved and accepted as forwarded to the Chiefs and Secretaries.

The books of the Treasurer are presently being audited and report will be given at the next meeting.

Assemblyman Frank Bell, Executive Richard Squires, Freeholder Dennis Levinson and Mayor James McGeary all addressed the membership and expressed their thanks to all for the services provided to their communities and to the County residents.

Mayor James McGeary presented a plaque to retiring Egg Harbor City Chief Barry Kienzle on behalf of the citizens of Egg Harbor City and Freeholder Joseph Silipena presented Barry with a Resolution on behalf of the Board of Freeholders.

The Report of the Executive Committee meeting of January 10, 1997 was accepted and approved as read.

Motion seconded and carried to approve the expenditure of \$500.00 for the library as recommended by the Executive Committee with the money to be taken out of the Library Fund. Harold Swartz reported that questionnaires have been forwarded to all companies for their recommendations of recipients and hopefully they will return forms shortly as the Valor Awards presentation is to be held at the April 16th meeting of the Association at the Atlantic County Fire Training Center.

He is also waiting for responses from the Companies in updating the Mutual Aid Books and needs this information now.

He also gave a recap of activities for F2500 for the month.

A recap was given of the January 14th Board of Directors' meeting.

Ron Bird reported that the Library is open every Monday and Tuesday evenings from 7 to 10 PM and are in need of additional librarians and hopefully the library may be open more often if help is found to assist.

Howard Guenther reported that the Firefighters' Association dinner is to be held on Saturday March 1st at Caesar's in Mays Landing starting at 7 PM with appetizers and a cash bar and dinner at 8 PM with choice of Prime Ribs or Stuffed Flounder. Those planning to attend should make reservations by the next meeting of February 19th.

Frank Pratzner reported that the Firemen's Death Benefit is set at \$500.00 and there is to be a meeting of the Trustees of the Fund in Absecon on January 23 at 8 PM.

Mike Corbo reported that 19 classes (courses) will be given during the Spring Session. He also reported that live burns will be held the 1st Wednesday of each month for those who wish to participate in this training evolution.

Certification and recertification of Safety and Training Officers as well as certification of Organizational Duty Officers is presently being given.

Scott Feldman reported that the Radio Policy Committee is to meet with Minotola.

Oscar Dutch reported on the Forest Fire interface.

Bill Hurd reported that the New Jersey Firemen's Home is to celebrate its 100th anniversary with a parade on Saturday, June 6th, 1998.

Dennis Sharpe reported that the committee of the Association is presently setting plans to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Fire Fighters' Association in 1998.

29 membership applications were received from the membership of the Margate City Fire Department and they were all accepted into membership of the Association.

Atlantic County Executive Richard Squires installed the following into office for 1997

President	Edward Vincent	Executive Committee (9)
1st Vice President	Thomas Hunter Jr.	Howard Berchtold Jr.
2nd Vice President	Dennis Sharpe	Ronald Bird Jr.
Secretary	Howard Guenther	Anthony Canale
Treasurer	Lou Raciti	Donald DaGrossa
Sergeants-at-Arms(3)	Howard Bowen	Oscar Dutch
	Clarence Guenther	James Garth Sr.
	George Scarlett	Charles Guenther
		Ted Reinhard
		John V. Wagner

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

Next meeting of the Association is on Wednesday, February 19 in Longport at 8 PM.



ATLANTIC COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION

Longport

February 19, 1997

The regular meeting of the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association was called to order at 8:00 P.M. on Wednesday, February 19, 1997 with President Ed Vincent presiding.

The meeting was opened with the Flag Salute, followed by roll call to record attendance and ensure a quorum being present.

The Association was welcomed to Longport by Assistant Chief Levon Clayton.

Mayor William Fiore, Commissioners Cohen and McDonald were also in attendance and expressed their appreciation for the services provided by the membership to their communities. They also reported that the City of Longport is presently in the process of ordering a new ladder truck for the City.

Minutes of the previous meeting of January 15, 1997 were approved and accepted as forwarded to the Chiefs and Secretaries.

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

The Audit Committee reported that they have finished the financial audit of the Association and found all accounts to be in good order and made a few recommendations for consideration.

The date of the next Executive Committee meeting has been changed from March 7 to March 14.

Mike Corbo reported that Firefighter I class has started. Mike also reported that plans are underway for sending out a newsletter, maybe quarterly. A tentative date of May 31 is planned for a search and rescue seminar as well as future plans for another certification and Organizational Duty Instructor Class and information will be forwarded when arrangements are finalized.

An update was given on Board of Directors meeting the construction permit for confined spaces was received and work to start on this project shortly.

Frank Pratzner reported that the benefit for the Atlantic County Firemen's Death Benefit fund is presently set at \$500.00 and members must be 18 to 40 (under 41) to join the fund and that 380 death claims have been paid since the fund started in 1923.

Ron Bird reported that library at the Fire Training Center is open every Monday and Tuesday evening from 7 to 10 PM and is getting great use and assistance is needed. He also reported that additional books have been ordered and if anyone has books, etc. that they wish to donate to the library, to contact him.

Harold Swartz reported that he is revising the Mutual Aid Books and issued last call for revisions.

John V. Wagner reported that the inventory of Association equipment is ongoing and requested additional help.

Robert Swartz gave a report on the months activities of the photographers group.

Harold Swartz reported that the presentation of the Valor Awards will be held on April 16 at the Association's meeting at the Fire Training Center and that anyone having any nominees for any award should have this information in to him for consideration of the Committee at their March 14th meeting.

Scott Feldman reported on the meeting with Buena Boro in regard to their use of Radio on the fire band and this will be reviewed at the next Executive Committee meeting.

Date Clearing

Every Monday & Tuesday		Atlantic County Fire Training Center Library is open		7 to 10 PM
Sunday	March 2	Somers Point #1	Sports Card Show	10 AM to 4:30 PM
Sunday	March 2	Bargaintown	Spaghetti Dinner	1 to 6 PM
Sunday	March 9	Somers Point #2	Breakfast	7 AM to 12 noon
Sunday	March 9	Hammonton #2	Breakfast	7 AM to 12 noon
Saturday	March 15	Weekstown	Spaghetti Dinner	4 to 8 PM
1 Friday	March 28	Pomona	Fish Fry	4 to 8 PM
Sunday	April 13	Somers Point #2	Breakfast	7 AM to 12 noon
Saturday	May 3	Germania	Turkey or Pork Dinner	4 to 8 PM
Sunday	May 11	Hammonton #2	Mothers' Day Breakfast	7 AM to 12 noon
Sunday	May 11	Estell Manor	Mothers' Day Breakfast	7 to 11 AM
Saturday	May 17	Port Republic	Roast Beef Dinner	3:30 to 7:30 PM
Sunday	May 18	Somers Point #2	Breakfast	7 AM to 12 noon

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Sunday	June 1	Dorothy	Chicken Bar-Be-Que, etc.	12 noon to 6 PM
Monday	June 7	Cologne	Chicken Bar-Be-Que, etc.	1 to 7 PM
Monday	July 19	Somers Point #2	Parade and Housing	
Tuesday	Aug. 19	Egg Harbor City	Atlantic Co. Caucus for 1997 Firemen's Convention	8 PM
Fri & Sat	Sept 12 & 13	Wildwood	1997 New Jersey State Firemen's Convention	
Saturday	Oct. 4	Germania	Turkey or Pork Dinner	4 tp 8 PM
Saturday	Oct. 18	Port Republic	Roast Beef Dinner	3:30 to 7:30 PM

Oscar Dutch reported on the interface between the fire service and the NJ Forest Fire and that he is representative from the Firefighters' Association and Assistant Chief Rusty Fenton of Egg Harbor City was appointed as the representative from the Chiefs' Association to the N.J. Forest Fire.

The New Jersey Forest Fire Service desires to join the Firefighters' Association and a motion was made, seconded and carried to accept them to membership upon receipt of membership application and payment of \$60.00 dues.

Atlantic County Executive Committeeman Howard Guenther reported that he is to hold a workshop for Secretaries and Treasurers of the Atlantic County Firemen's Relief Associations on Wednesday, May 14th in Egg Harbor City. Further information to be forthcoming to Assns.

Dennis Sharpe reported on the 75th Anniversary Committee meeting and that activities are scheduled for May 8-9-10, 1998 to celebrate the founding of the Firefighters' Association that occurred in 1923. Committee is working on several different items for the celebration.

Tom Hunter gave a report on sales of T-shirts and sweat shirts and also reported that they available for purchase at the Fire Training Center.

Howard Guenther reminded the membership of the Dinner on March 1st.

Chief Thomas Culleney gave a report on Galloway Township District 26 800 MHz system that recently went in service and that they are working to resolve some of the start-up problems.

New Jersey Firemen's Home is to celebrate its 100th anniversary in 1998 with a parade and is to erect a Memorial in front of the Home and is requesting a donation of \$1000.00 from each County. The Atlantic County Fire Chiefs' Association have agreed to donate \$500.00 and a motion was made, seconded and carried for the Firefighters' Association to donate \$500.00 with \$250.00 being paid in 1997 and \$250.00 being paid in 1998.

The President appointed the committees for 1997 with the same Chairmen as last year and basically the same committee members.

The following applications were received and approved for membership

Michael S. Famularo	of Abseon	William S. Stinson Jr.	of Longport
Chris A. Hornig	of Margate		

Ted Reinhard displayed several nozzles and gated wyes that he received as donations from Elkhart Brass. He also reported that he is working on additional manufacturers and suppliers for further donations of fire equipment.

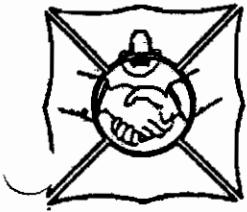
Bills as presented were approved for payment out of their respective budgeted accounts.

Pat Diamond and Pat Dillon of the Environmental health section of the Atlantic County Division of Public Health were present and present a program that was very informational and outlined procedures when requesting their services. They also addressed several issues as well as answering questions from the membership.

Jeff Boles of National Safety Clean Services presented a program on on proper cleaning of firefighter turnout gear.

With no further business at hand, the meeting was adjourned with the next meeting of the Firefighters' Association to be held on Wednesday, March 19, 1997 at 8:00 P.M. at the Folsom firehouse.

Attested
Howard R. Guenther
Secretary



ATLANTIC COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION

Folsom

March 19, 1997

A regular meeting of the Atlantic County Firefighter's Association was called to order at 8:00 PM on Wednesday, March 19, 1997, with President Ed Vincent presiding.

The meeting was opened with the Flag Salute, followed by roll call to record attendance and ensure a quorum.

The Association was welcomed to Folsom by Chief Larry Smith. Chaplain Sweeny offered an opening prayer.

Minutes of the previous meeting of February 19, 1997, were approved as forwarded to the Chiefs and Secretaries.

The Report of the Treasurer was approved as read.

Committee Reports:

Executive Committee - Minutes from the Committee's March 14 meeting were read. Recommendations held over to new business.

Fire Marshal/Fire Coordinator - Whitey Swartz advised that he is still looking for 1996 fire reports from a number of departments / companies. These reports are necessary to complete accurate statistics. Hopefully reporting in 1997 will be better.

Mutual Aid Book updates are currently being distributed. Departments/Companies that have not submitted updates are encouraged to do so.

Valor Awards - Chairman Swartz reported that the committee has met and that four awards will be presented at the April 16, 1997 meeting of the Association.

State Fireman's Home - Bill Hurd offered thanks from the Home to the Association for their participation in the upcoming events at the home.

Forest Fire Liaison - Oscar Dutch updated on recent meetings to review Mutual Aid updates and operations of F2500.

Library - Ron Bird reported that the materials recently ordered are coming in. The library is opened on Tuesdays, from 7 to 10PM.

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Promotions - Tom Hunter reported that shirts are still available. Hats will be available soon.

Board of Directors; Training Center - Ed Vincent advised that construction of the Confined Space evolution is well underway. Various materials have been donated and the individuals who have donated will be recognized at the appropriate time.

Correspondence

A press release detailing activities of the F.I.R.E. Project, the juvenile firesetter program, for 1996 was presented.

Old Business

President Vincent reported that the County has agreed to pay for repairs to the pump/piping on the Training Center engine.

New Business

The following recommendations of the Executive Committee were approved by the necessary motions and vote of those in attendance:

1. The Association is authorized to enter into an agreement with ACMC permitting our instructors to provide CPR/First Aid training as a satellite of ACMC for these purposes.
2. The purchase of piping for the Confined Space project was authorized. Most of this expense is expected to be returned to the Association via donations.
3. 75th Anniversary Committee authorized to enter into an agreement with the Atlantic County 4-H Fair Association to conduct Anniversary events on the County 4-H grounds. Details to be reported at upcoming meeting.
4. Memorial Service Committee authorized to expend up to \$200 to upgrade items utilized for the services.
5. It was recommended that the President appoint a committee to go over details concerning the Association's involvement with the Wildwood parade. All bills presented and approved for payment. Application received from Konstantine Koletas; Motion made, seconded and approved to accept into Association membership.

Freeholder Joseph Silipena and James Cook, members of the County Central

dispatch Committee presented an overview of the receipt proposal presented to the County Freeholders. Recommendations include the construction of a facility at the Training Center location and moving to an 800 MHZ radio system. Copies of the report were distributed and discussed in detail. Freeholder Silipena advised that the Freeholders had adopted a "Resolution of Conception". It was requested that the Association forward a letter of support to Executive Squires and the Freeholders.

Representatives of the State Forest Fire Service, scheduled to present the evening's formal program, suggested that their program be deferred due to the length of the radio discussion. The program will be presented in June.

Date Clearing

Saturday	April 12	Oceanville	Oyster or Ham Dinner	4-8 PM
Sunday	April 13	Somers Point #2	Breakfast	7 AM - 12 Noon
Sunday	April 20	Richland	Macaroni Dinner	12 Noon-6 PM
Thursday	April 24	Estell Manor	Beef and Beer	
Saturday	May 3	Germania	Turkey or Pork Dinner	4-8 PM
Sunday	May 11	Hammonton #2	Mother's Day Breakfast	7 AM-12 Noon
Sunday	May 11	Estell Manor	Mother's Day Breakfast	7 AM-11 AM
Saturday	May 17	Port Republic	Roast Beef Dinner	3:30-7:30 PM
Sunday	May 18	Somers Point #2	Breakfast	7 AM-12 Noon
Sunday	June 1	Dorothy	Chicken BBQ	12 Noon - 6 PM
Saturday	June 7	Cologne	Chicken BBQ	1 - 7 PM
Saturday	July 19	Somers Point #2	Parade & Housing	
Tuesday	August 19	Egg Harbor City	Caucus for 97 Convention	8 PM
Fri. & Sat.	Sept. 12 & 13	Wildwood	Firemen's Convention	
Saturday	Oct. 4	Germania	Turkey or Pork Dinner	4-8 PM
Saturday	Oct. 18	Port Republic	Roast Beef Dinner	3:30-7:30 PM

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:41. Next meeting - Wednesday, April 16, 1997, 8:00 PM at the Training Center. Valor Awards program to be held at this meeting.

Attested,

H. H. Berchtold Jr.
Secretary Pro Tem

Annual Memorial Services will be held at the Firefighters and Police Memorial in Atlantic City on Monday, May 12, 1997 at 11:00 A.M. Those planning to attend are requested to wear their Class A (dress) uniforms.



ATLANTIC COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION

Atlantic County Fire Training Center

April 16, 1997

The regular meeting of the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association was called to order at 8:00 P.M. on Wednesday, April 16, 1997 with President Edward Vincent presiding. The meeting was opened with the Flag Salute, followed by Invocation by Thomas Sweeny, Chaplain of the Firefighters' Association.

The meeting was hosted by the Atlantic City Fire Department and the membership was welcomed by Battalion Chief Levon "Lefty" Clayton.

The Secretary read the rolls to record attendance and ensure a quorum being present. The Report of the Treasurer was approved and accepted as read..

President Ed Vincent acknowledged and introduced the following members of Atlantic County government who were in attendance: County Administrator Helen Walsh, Chairman of the Board of Freeholders Dennis Levinson, Department Head of Policy and Planning Howard Kyle, Department Head of Public Safety Frank Mazzone, and Emergency Management Coordinator John Thompson. All of the guests addressed the membership and thanked the firefighters for all that they do for their communities and the citizens of Atlantic County. They also extended their thanks and congratulations to the members who are to be honored and presented with the valor awards.

The main order of business for the evening was the Annual Valor Awards presentations and the President the members of the Valor Awards Committee.

The following Valor Awards were presented:

Meritorious Award

Larry Morgenstern

Emergency Medical Technician and Assistant Chief of the Linwood Rescue Squad

Class Two Awards

Captain Gerald Mitchell

of the Pleasantville Fire Department

Firefighter/Thomas Higgins

of the Pleasantville Fire Department

Class One Award

Scott Feldman

Past Chief of the South Egg Harbor Fire Company

Dennis Levinson also presented the Valor Awards recipients with Certificates of Appreciation from the County and the Board of Freeholders.

DATE CLEARING

Saturday	May	3	Germania	Turkey or Pork Dinner	4 to 8 PM
Sunday	May	11	Hammonton #2	Mother's Day Breakfast	7 AM to 12 noon
Sunday	May	11	Estell Manor	Mother's Day Breakfast	7 to 11 AM
Monday	May	12	Atlantic City	Annual Firefighter & Police Memorial Services	11 AM
Saturday	May	17	Fire Training Center	Dedication of Confined Space Simulator	11 AM
Saturday	May	17	Port Republic	Roast Beef Dinner	3:30 to 7:30 PM
Sunday	May	18	Somers Point #2	Breakfast	7 AM to 12 noon
Sunday	June	1	Dorothy	Chicken Bar Be Que	12 noon to 6 PM
Saturday	June	7	Cologne	Chicken Bar Be Que	1 to 7 PM
Sunday	June	8	Somers Point #2	Breakfast	7 AM to 12 noon
Friday	June	13	Oceanville	Phillies Baseball Game	info 748-4871
Sunday	June	22	Belcoville	Chicken Bar Be Que	12 noon to 6 PM
Sunday	July	13	Somers Point #2	Breakfast	7 AM to 12 noon
Saturday	July	19	Somers Point #2	Parade and Housing	
Thursday	July	31	Absecon	Atl. Co. Firemen's Death Benefit Trustees Mtg.	8 PM
Tuesday	Aug.	19	Egg Harbor City	Atlantic Co. Caucus for 1997 Firemen's Convention	8PM
Fri & Sat	Sept	12&13	Wildwood	1997 New Jersey State Firemen's Convention	
Saturday	Oct.	4	Germania	Turkey or Pork Dinner	4 to 8 PM
Saturday	Oct.	18	Port Republic	Roast Beef Dinner	3:30 to 7:30 PM

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Dennis Sharpe, Chairman of the 75th Anniversary celebration of the Firefighters' Association reported that it will be a one day affair and is set for Saturday, May 9, 1998.

Ed Vincent reported that the confined space simulator dedication will be held at 11 AM on Saturday, May 17, 1997.

It was reported that AllSAFE Fire Equipment has sent out letters to Fire Companies in regard to purchases thru GSA (Government Supply Services ??) and this is quite lengthy, however it is very informative and well worth while taking the time to read.

There were quite a few questions raised in regard to the proposed County-wide centralized radio dispatch system.

Captain John Gowdy of the Atlantic City Fire Department offered to carve a marble sculpture for the Firefighters and Police memorial in Atlantic City and this has been turned over to the Executive Committee for their consideration and advise.

The following programs have been tentatively set:

May 21	in Bayview	Barricade Foam
June 18	in Richland	Forest Fire Service
July 16	in Linwood	Industrial Scientific
Aug. 20	in Cologne	Nat Alexander Co.

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

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned with the next meeting of the Firefighters' Association to be held on Wednesday, May 20, 1997 at 8:00 P.M. at the Bayview Firehouse on Route 9 in Galloway Township.

Attested
Howard R. Guenther
Secretary

just a reminder

Monday, May 12th at 11 AM at the Fire and Police Memorial site in Atlantic City, the annual memorial services will be held and those attending are requested to wear their dress uniforms.

Saturday, May 17th at 11 AM, the dedication of the confined space simulator will be held at the Atlantic County Fire Training Center.

WILDWOOD PARADE

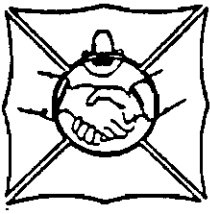
The 1997 parade is scheduled to be held on Saturday, September 13 in Wildwood and will start at 1:00 P.M.

Lineup positions for the Atlantic County Unit in the parade will be drawn at the June 18, 1997 meeting of the Firefighters' Association which will be held at the Richland firehouse.

You should be receiving your applications shortly, within a month or so, (hopefully by the June 18th meeting).

If you desire to participate with the Atlantic County unit in the parade, forward the application to the Secretary at P.O. Box 81, Pomona, NJ 08240 or bring it to the June 18th meeting.

Do not forward it to Wildwood. If you do, you will be in parade where they place you and not with your County.



ATLANTIC COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION

Bayview (Galloway Township)

May 21, 1997

The regular monthly meeting of the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association was called to order at 8:00 P.M. on Wednesday, May 21, 1997 with President Ed Vincent presiding. The meeting was opened with the Flag Salute, followed by the reading of the rolls to record attendance and ensure a quorum being present.

The Association was welcomed to Bayview and Galloway Township by Rick Smith, Chief of the Bayview Company and by Thomas Culleney, Chief of the Galloway Township Fire Department. Motion seconded and carried to accept and approve the minutes of the last regular meeting of April 16, 1997 as forwarded to the Secretaries and Chiefs.

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

The minutes of the Executive Committee meeting of May 2, 1997 were approved and accepted as read. The Committee is still researching coverage under Workmen's Compenstation as well as other items of insurance. SEveral recommendations will be held over for new business.

The minutes of the Board of Directors of the Fire Training Center held on May 7, 1997 were read to the membership for an update on activities at the Center.

Whitey Swartz reported that he is still distributing the Mutual Aid Books.

Whitey also reported on the activities for Mobile Communication F-2500 for the month.

Mike Corbo reported on Firefighter training and an attempt will be made to conduct the Firefighter I training classes during the day this summer, maybe starting in June or July and fliers will be sent out when dates are finalized. Confined Space training will be made available shortly. A maze for SCBA training is to be constructed at the fire training center

Bill Hurd, Atlantic County Manager to the New Jersey Firemen's Home, reported on the Home as well as the forthcoming 100th Anniversay celebration of the Home to be held on Saturday, June 6, 1998 and that all parade invitation packets, etc. have been sent out and anyone needing one should contact him.

Howard Guenther, Atlantic County Executive Committeeman to the New Jersey State Firemen's Association, reported that effective July 1, 1997 the death benefit is to be increased \$1000.00 across the board and will become \$6,500.00 for those members fully qualified with 7 years and pro-rated for those members still serving with less than their 84 months. Also effective July 1, 1997 the death benefit will be doubled to \$13,000.00 for those eligible member who death occurs in the line of duty situations.

Dennis Sharpe reported on the Committee's proposed plans for the 75th Anniversary of the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association which is to be held on Saturday, May 9, 1998 and they are to publish an Ad Book, have mugs and pins for resale, as well as giving out participation plaques and trophies.

The Radio Policy Committee read a letter that they have sent to the FCC in regard to the Minotola Rescue Squad using the fire radio band.

The 4-H Committee reported progress for the August affair and will announce plans whortly when they are finalized.

Ron Bird reported that the Library at the Fire Training Center is open Monday and Tuesday evenings and he is in need of additional help in maintaining the library.

Tom Hunter reported that Hats and T-shirts are available for those who wish to purchase them.

Ted Reinhart and Mike Corbo reported on the Firefighters' Conference they recently attended and of course, different manufacturer's representatives were contacted and donated equipment will be forthcoming.

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DATE CLEARING

Saturday	June 7	Cologne	Chicken Bar Be Que	1 to 8 PM
Sunday	June 8	Somers Point #2	Breakfast	7 AM to 12 noon
Sunday	June 8	Minotola	Sub Sale	
Sunday	June 22	Belcoville	Chicken Bar Be Que	12 noon to 6 PM
Sunday	July 6	Somers Point #1	Sports Card Show	10 AM to 4:30 PM
Sunday	July 13	Somers Point #2	Breakfast	7 AM to 12 noon
Saturday	July 19	Somers Point #2	Parade and Housing	
Thursday	July 31	Absecon	Atl. Co. Firemen's Death Benefit Meeting	8 PM
Sunday	Aug. 10	Somers Point #2	Breakfast	7 AM to 12 noon
Tuesday	Aug. 19	Egg Harbor City	Atlantic Co. Caucus for 1997 Firemen's Convention	8PM
Fri & Sat	Sept 12&13	Wildwood	1997 New Jersey State Firemen's Convention	
Saturday	Sept 13	Wildwood	Parade	1 PM
Saturday	Oct. 4	Germania	Turkey or Pork Dinner	4 to 8 PM
Saturday	Oct 18	Port Republic	Roast Beef Dinner	3:30 to 7:30 PM

Darley Equipment Co. will give a demonstration of compressed air foam from 7 to 10 PM on Monday, June 9th at the Fire Training Center.

Drawings for positions of units desiring to participate as part of the Atlantic County unit in the Wildwood parade will be held at the next meeting of the Association which will be held in Richland on Wednesday, June 18th. Hopefully all companies will have received their invitations by then. Invitations will also be available at the meeting.

Basic guidelines for the drawing and positions is as follows:

Drawings for positions will be held at the June meeting of the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association.

1st one drawn is to carry the banner of the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association and if unable to do so, will drop to second position in line of march, and next one drawn will then assume 1st place and carry banner.

Non-member (privately owned) apparatus, etc. may be part of the Atlantic County Unit, however, they will not be placed in line of march until the 1st 3 positions are filled by member companies, and thereafter spaced thruout the line of march as evenly as possible. Only member companies are eligible to compete for Atlantic County sponsored trophies. Companies submitting applications after the June drawing will be placed at the end of the line for Atlantic County.

After the invitation forms for the Atlantic County Unit have been forwarded to the Parade Committee in Wildwood, there will be no further additions to the Atlantic County Unit.

Thereafter, all forms must be sent to Wildwood and you will be placed where their parade committee directs.

The following membership application was received and approved

Paul Schairer of Germania

The Executive Committee recommended that Lee's Fire Equipment in Tuckerton be given a \$50.00 gift certificate for the donation of work on fire apparatus, etc. They also recommended that the 75th Anniversary Committee be advanced \$625.00 as startup money. Motion seconded and carried to approve both of the recommendations.

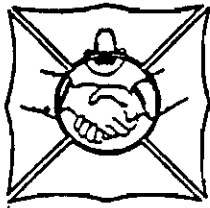
The January 1997 fire in South Egg Harbor was featured on the cover of the Fire Chief's Magazine.

A letter was received from John Thompson, Emergency Manager Director addressing the improper use of percussion devices by the US Army at the fire training center. A letter was received from Frank Mazzone, Head of Atlantic County Public Safety, that funding has been located for the upgrading of the air system into a SCBA cascade system.

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

The program for the evening was on Barricade fire blocking gel and presented by Bill Barlett, who was secretary for the Firefighters' Association until he moved to Florida.

The next meeting of the Association is to be held in Richland on Wednesday, June 18th at 8 P.M.



ATLANTIC COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION

Richland (Buena Vista Township)

June 18, 1997

The regular meeting of the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association was called to order at 8:00 P.M. on Wednesday, June 18, 1997 with President Ed Vincent presiding. The meeting was opened with the Flag Salute, followed by the reading of the rolls to record attendance and ensure a quorum being present.

The membership was welcomed to Richland by Chief Carlo Merighi Jr. and to Buena Vista Township by Mayor Chuck Chiarello.

Motion seconded and carried to accept and approve the minutes of the last regular meeting of May 21, 1997 as forwarded to the Chiefs and Secretaries.

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 13, 1997 was held and is as follows

- Atlantic County Banner
1. Somers Point
 2. Estell Manor
 3. Egg Harbor City
 4. Buena Vista Township
 5. Absecon
 6. Galloway Township
 7. Linwood
 8. Buena Borough
 9. Weymouth Township

10. Egg Harbor Township
11. Mullica Township
12. Township of Hamilton Fire Assn.
13. Port Republic
14. Hammonton
15. Atlantic City International Airport
16. Hamilton Township
17. Longport
18. F-2500

All companies are reminded that a 10 X 12 card MUST be displayed with year, pump size, category, County name, etc. to be judged. no card, no number, NO PRIZE!!

Howard Berchtold Jr. reported that the 4-H Fair is to be held on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, August 7, 8, 9 and that as the Firefighters' Association is to celebrate their 75th anniversary next year in 1998, the theme for this year's 4-H fair will be 75 years of firefighting.

Mayor Chiarello reported that the Centralized Radio Dispatch proposal is to be presented to the Atlantic County Mayors' Association at their next meeting.

The Mayor extended an invitation to attend a meeting on Volunteer Recruitment at the June 23rd meeting of Buena Vista Township committee.

The Mayor also promised to check why we are having so many problems in putting up the Volunteer Recruitment signs that have been purchased by the different fire companies.

DATE CLEARING

Sunday	July 6	Somers Point #1	Sports Card Show	10 AM to 4:30 PM
Sunday	July 6	Buean Vista Twp	Parade	12 noon
Sunday	July 13	Somers Point #2	Breakfast	7 AM to 12 noon
Saturdau	July 19	Estell Manor	Sub Sale and Flea Market	10 AM to 2:00 PM
Saturday	July 19	Somers Point #2	Parade and Housing	
Thursday	July 31	Absecon	Atl. Co. Firemen's Death Benefit Fund Meeting	8 PM
Sunday	Aug. 10	Somers Point #2	Breakfast	7 AM to 12 noon
Tuesday	Aug. 19	Egg Harbor City	Atlantic Co. Caucus for 1997 Firemen's Convention	8 PM
Saturday	Sept 6	Weekstown	Pig Roast	4 to 8 PM
Fri & Sat	Sept 12&13	Wildwood	1997 New Jersey State Firemen's Convention	
Saturday	Sept 13	Wildwood	Parade	1:00 PM
Sunday	Sept 14	Estell Manor	Country Style Bar-Be-Que	12 noon to 7:00 PM
Sunday	Sept 21	Somers Point #2	Breakfast	7 AM to 12 noon
Saturday	Oct. 4	Germania	Turkey or Porl Dinner	4 to 8 PM
Saturday	Oct. 18	Port Republic	Roast Beef Dinner	3:30 to 7:30 PM
Saturday	Nov. 8	Oceanville	Turkey or Ham Dinner	4 to 8 PM

A recap of the Board of Directors' meeting of June 16, 1997 was given and a purchase order has been cut to upgrade the air system into a full cascade system. Scemaropes are been developed as well as SOP's for confined space training as well as several minor odds and ends have to be completed on the confined space training setup.

HazMat training will soon be available at the Fire Training Center.

The Board of Directors along with the Executive Committee are researching Workmens Comprehension coverare in regard to membership and those assigned to F-2500 and the Instructors. A short discourse was held on Workmens Comp coverage and the interpretation of County Council and the committees will continue their research.

Whitey Swartz requested the fire companies to get their fire reports in to him.

He also requested those companies with any changes to be made to the Mutual Aid Books to get them in ASAP so that he may update and get them out to all of the companies. He reported that there is to be a Tri-County drill at Viking Yachts on October 4th.

Mike Corbo reported that the Spring Training Courses will be completed on June 22nd with the exception of the Live Burns which will be held on the 1st Wednesday of each month.

Mike reported that starting July 1st that Firefighter I training will be given during the day on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30 AM to 2:30 PM. Anyone desiring to participate in this daytime class should get their application in ASAP ad class size is limited. Working to get a 2 hour program on Marine Firefighting for some time in July hopefully. Still working to have program by the NJ Transit hopefully sometime in October.

Dennis Sharpe reported that he has sent out requests for Ads for the program booklet in conjunction with the 75th Anniversary in 1998.

Ron Bird reported that the Library is open from 7 to 10 PM on Mondays and Tuesday and that there are many new books being donated for the library as well as videos being reproduced and the membership should avail themselves of the library.

John V. Wagner reported on several Legislative items and that the State legislators will soon go into their summer recess and then their campaigns for reelection.

Oscar Dutch gave a report on the NJ Forest Fire Service interface.

An application request for membership was received from the New Jersey Forest Fire Service along with their roster of delegates and dues for 1997 and a motion was made, seconded and carried to accept them into membership in the Atlantic County Firefighters' Assn.

The Secretary reported that all the fire companies have submitted their dues and rosters for 1997 with the exception of Elwood and East Vineland.

Ted Reinhard displayed some of the nozzles, adapters, videos, etc. that he, along with assistance of Mike Corbo, was able to procure at the conference recently held in Indianapolis.

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

The program for the next meeting will be presented by Industrial Scientific.

The next meeting of the Firefighters' Association will be held in Linwood at 8:00 PM on Wednesday, July 16. The building is air conditioned and your attendance will be appreciated.

Attested
Howard R. Guenther
Secretary

Just a short reminder to the Board of Directors' members that there will not be any meetings scheduled during the summer and the next meeting of the Board hss been tentatively set for Monday, September 8th at 7:00 P.M.



ATLANTIC COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION

Linwood

July 16, 1997

A regular meeting of the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association was called to order at 8:00 PM with 2nd Vice President Dennis Sharpe presiding. The meeting was opened with the flag salute, followed by the reading of the rolls to record attendance and ensure presence of a quorum.

The membership was lead in prayer by Chaplain Tom Sweeney and welcomed to Linwood by Chief Charles Doughty.

Motion made, seconded and carried to approve the minutes of the last meeting as forwarded to the Chiefs and Secretaries. The report of the treasurer was approved and accepted.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Executive Committee - Report of the July 11 meeting in Landisville presented by Chairman Howard Berchtold, Jr. Committee reviewed association finances and will continue to closely monitor for the remainder of the year.

Fire Coordinator / Fire Marshal - Whitey Swartz advised that any remaining changes for the mutual aid book must be submitted now.

Only 17 of 46 companies have submitted fire reports this year so far. Companies asked to provide specific information to Whitey on all fires involving appliances.

Training - Mike Corbo reported that things are going well with the summer Firefighter I program. A rope rescue course will be offered in September. Certificates for past courses to be mailed during July.

Fireman's Home - Bill Hurd provided a statue report on the home including number of guests, cost, etc. He also reported on recent renovations. Plans for the 100 th anniversary on June 8, 1998 are going well.

11 counties, including Atlantic, have contributed to the statue so far.

4-H Fair - Howard Berchtold, Jr. reported on plans for the Association's booth at the fair to be held August 7, 8 and 9.

75th Anniversary - Dennis Sharpe reported on plans to order mugs. Pins will be in shortly. Companies are asked to get their company ads in as soon as possible.

Legislative / Advisory - John Wagner reported on recent legislative including the Coin Drop bill. Municipalities will have to pass resolutions authorizing coin drops in their communities as of August, 1997.

John also suggested that the Association begin to strongly support selected legislation. He suggested that we could get behind the LOSAP bill right now and will be proposing a form letter. It was also suggested from the floor that we look into legislation for increased funding for training.

Library - Ron Bird advised that the library is still open on Monday and Tuesday 7-10 PM. Still accepting donated books.

Forest Fire Interface - Oscar Dutch reported on discussion with Burlington County concerning Task Forces. More information forthcoming.

DATE CLEARING

TUESDAY	AUG. 19	EGG HARBOR CITY	ATLANTIC CO. CAUCUS-1997 FIREMEN'S CONV.	8 PM
SATURDAY	SEPT. 6	WEEKSTOWN	PIG ROAST	4 TO 8 PM
FRI. & SAT.	SEPT. 12 & 13	WILDWOOD	1997 NEW JERSEY STATE FIREMEN'S CONVENTION	
SATURDAY	SEPT. 13	WILDWOOD	PARADE	1:00 PM
SUNDAY	SEPT. 14	ESTELL MANOR	COUNTRY STYLE BAR - BE-QUE	12 NOON - 7 PM
SUNDAY	SEPT. 21	SOMERS POINT #2	BREAKFAST	7 AM - 12 NOON
SATURDAY	OCT. 4	GERMANIA	TURKEY OR PORK DINNER	4 - 8 PM
SATURDAY	OCT. 18	PORT REPUBLIC	ROAST BEEF DINNER	3:30 - 7:30 PM
SATURDAY	NOV. 8	OCEANVILLE	OYSTER TURKEY TURKEY OR HAM DINNER	4 - 8 PM

Old Business: Workers Compensation matter still being researched with regard to fire Coordinators and Radio Operators. Instructors are definitely covered.

New Business: All bills presented and approved for payment out of respective budgets.

Good of the Order: Dennis Sharpe entertained a discussion as to the major problems facing departments both short term and long term. The majority expressed concerns regarding membership (volunteers) finances and mandatory state laws.

Ted Reinhard provided an update as to equipment and videos being obtained as a result of Mike Corbo's and his visit to the FDIC Show.

Bob Swartz advised the members about the confusion concerning retest dates (hydro) on composite bottles. "Retest Date 6/97" indicates the date when the testing was done.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10PM. Next meeting, August 20, in Cologne.

Attested,

Howard H. Berchtold, Jr.
Secretary Pro Tem

Reminder to Chiefs, Delegates, Alternates, and Life Members that the Atlantic County Caucus is to be held on Tuesday, August 19th, 1997 at 8:00 P.M. at the Egg Harbor City Fire House.



ATLANTIC COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION

Cologne (Hamilton Township)

August 20, 1997

The regular meeting of the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association was called to order at 8:00 PM on Wednesday, August 20, 1997 with President Ed Vincent presiding. The meeting was opened with the Flag Salute, followed by the reading of the rolls to record attendance and ensure a quorum being present.

The membership was welcomed to Cologne by Chief David Elkner.

Motion seconded and carried to accept and approve the minutes of the last regular meeting of July 16, 1997 as forwarded to the Chiefs and Secretaries.

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

The next meeting of the BOARD OF DIRECTORS is scheduled for Monday, September 8th at the Fire Training Center starting at 7:00 PM with cutoff time of 8:30 PM.

Mike Corbo, Director of TRAINING reported that the summer firefighter I training course is completed with final exams remaining to be taken.

Mike also reported that the books listing the Fall 1997 training courses are available and sent to all companies.

Dennis Sharpe gave a report on the August 4-H FAIR and thanked all who participated and helped at the fair.

Dennis also gave an update on the 75th ANNIVERSARY plans for 1998.

Bill Hurd gave a report on the Firemen's Home and the 100th anniversary plans and parade for 1998 and that only the 5 fire companies of Galloway Township have been registered for the June 6, 1998 parade as per letter received dated August 8, 1997.

Howard Guenther gave a report on the forthcoming Firemen's Convention of September 12 and 13 in Wildwood and that the exhibits and tents will be open on Thursday evening from 7 to 9 PM by admission tickets only for company purchasing committees. Your Relief Association Secretary has the tickets for the companies in his association. The exhibits and tents will be open on Friday and Saturday for general public.

The Firefighters' Association is to sponsor a trophy for the Best Appearing Apparatus and one for the Best Appearing Dept/Company Overall and the Fire Chiefs' Association is to sponsor a trophy for the Best Appearing Class "A" Pumper. These 3 trophies will be awarded to units participating as part of the Atlantic County Unit in the parade.

Information and parade application forms will be available at the Wildwood Convention for the 1998 100th Anniversary celebration and June 6, 1998 parade at the New Jersey Firemen's Home booth as you enter the convention hall from the Boardwalk. Hopefully, they will be available at the next Association meeting in Hammonton on September 17th. Congratulations were extended to Bill Hurd upon his reelection to the Board of Managers of the New Jersey Firemen's Home and to Howard Guenther upon his reelection as the Atlantic County Executive Committee to the New Jersey State Firemen's Association.

Congratulations and thanks were extended to Chief William Fair of Sweetwater upon his retirement after serving for 25 years.

DATE CLEARING

Fri & Sat	Sept 12&13	Wildwood	1997 New Jersey State Firemen's Convention	
Saturday	Sept 13	Wildwood	Parade	1:00 P.M.
Sunday	Sept 14	Estell Manor	Country Style Bar-Be-Que	12 noon to 7 PM
Saturday	Sept 20	Weekstown	Pig Roast	4 to 8 PM
Sunday	Sept 21	Somers Point #2	Breakfast	7 AM to 12 noon
Saturday	Sept 27	Laureldale	Pig Roast	
Saturday	Oct. 4	Germania	Turkey or Pork Dinner	4 to 8 PM
Saturday	Oct. 4	Shore Mall	Fire Prevention Expo	
Sunday	Oct. 12	Somers Point #2	Breakfast	7 AM to 12 noon
Saturday	Oct. 18	Port Republic	Roast Beef Dinner	3:30 to 7:30 PM
Saturday	Nov. 8	Oceanville	Oyster or Ham Dinner	4 to 8 PM
Sunday	Nov. 9	Somers Point #2	Breakfast	7 AM to 12 noon

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Ron Bird reported that the LIBRARY is still open on Monday and Tuesday evenings 7 to 9 PM and library committee would appreciate receiving any donated books, etc. Oscar Dutch gave an update of FOREST FIRE INTERFACE and expressed the thanks of the Forest Fire Service for the fire assistance rendered in Mullica Township. Frank Pratzner gave a report on the Atlantic County Firemen's Death Benefit Fund and benefit is set at \$500.00 with maximum age for joining the fund being 40

The Secretary read off a list of Radio Operators, Instructors, and Fire Companies who still owe their dues for 1997. The President remarked that if dues are not paid, then cannot participate.

The Red Cross is to hold a TV Education Telethon on September 7. Motion seconded and carried to donate \$100.00 to the Red Cross.

Membership applications were received and approved for
Thomas Bond and Robert Guenther Jr. both of Pomona

The program for the evening was put on by Mike Haggerty and Chuck Bordenier of Nat Alexander Co. and displayed and demonstrated new products on the market.

The following programs are tentatively scheduled
September 17th meeting Camden County Canteen
November 19th meeting New Jersey State Forest Fire Service

Bills as presented were approved for payment.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting of the Firefighters' Association is to be held on Wednesday, September 17 at 8:00 at the Hammonton Co. No. 1 firehouse at Passmore and the Railroad.

Attested
Howard R. Guenther
Secretary



ATLANTIC COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION

Hammonton Co. No. 1

September 17, 1997

The regular meeting of the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association was called to order at 8:00 P.M. on Wednesday, September 17, 1997 with President Ed Vincent presiding. The meeting was opened with the Flag Salute, followed by the reading of the rolls to record attendance and ensure a quorum being present.

The membership was welcomed to the Town of Hammonton by Chief Jack Donio. Jack also thanked the membership for the cards, etc. that he received during his recent hospitalization. Motion seconded and carried to accept and approve the minutes of the last regular meeting of August 20, 1997 as forwarded to the Chiefs and Secretaries. The Report of the Treasurer was approved and accepted as read.

The minutes of the Executive Committee meeting of September 5, 1997 were approved and accepted as read with several recommendations held over for new business. The minutes of the Board of Directors meeting held on September 8, 1997 were read given the membership an update on activities at the Fire Training Center.

Atlantic County Executive Committeeman Howard Guenther gave a report on the annual convention of the New Jersey State Firemen's Association that was held on Friday, Sept. 12 and Saturday, Sept. 13, 1997.

Winners by participants in the Atlantic County Unit in the September 13th parade were:

State Trophies

Absecon	Collings Lakes	East Vineland	Farmington
Pomona	Somers Point No. 1		
Oakcrest High School Band			

Atlantic County Trophies

Best Appearing Apparatus	East Vineland
Best Appearing Fire Company/Department	Absecon
Best Appearing Class "A" Pumper	Farmington

The 1st 2 trophies were sponsored by the Firefighters' Association and the 3rd trophy sponsored by the Chiefs' Association.

Howard reported that the 1998 annual Convention of the New Jersey Firemen's Association is scheduled for Friday, September 18 and Saturday, September 19 in Wildwood, and that the annual Caucus for Chiefs, Delegates, and Life Members, etc of Atlantic County is to be held on Tuesday, August 18, 1998 in Egg Harbor City at 8:00 P.M.

Harold Swartz reported that the updated Mutual Aid sheets are to be sent out shortly. Whitey also reported that the next update will be in the early part of 1998 and anyone having updates to forward them to him for dissemination.

Whitey requested that whenever anyone 5 years or younger starts any fire that the incident be reported to him as he must complete a special report.

Fire Marshal Swartz reported on the activities of F2500 for the month and the unit is to take part in drills on Sept. 28 at Shore Memorial Hospital and Oct 4 in New Gretna.

DATE CLEARING

Saturday	Oct.	4	Shore Mall	Fire Prevention Expo	10 AM to 4 PM
Saturday	Oct.	4	Germania	Turkey Dinner	4 to 8 PM
Sunday	Oct.	5	Folsom	Rigatoni Dinner AYCE	12 noon to 6 PM
Sunday	Oct.	12	Somers Point #2	Breakfast	7 AM to 12 noon
Saturday	Oct.	18	Port Republic	Roast Beef Dinner	3:30 to 7:30 PM
Sunday	Oct.	19	Egg Harbor Twp (FTC)	Drill w/coffee & donuts	7 to 11 AM
Saturday	Nov.	8	Oceanville	Oyster or Ham Dinner	4 to 8 PM
Sunday	Nov.	9	Somers Point #2	Breakfast	7 AM to 12 noon
Sunday	Dec.	14	Somers Point #2	Breakfast	7 AM to 12 noon

Monday October 6 at the Fire Training Center Fire Prevention Display 7 to 10 PM

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The Firefighter I class has 35 trainees and has started. The class on rope rescue had to be cancelled as only 6 were signed up for this, may be given at a later date. The Atlantic City Fire Department is sponsoring a lecture and presentation on the Oklahoma City bombing at the Trump Taj Mahal on Sunday, October 5th at 3 PM and this is a free seminar,

Ron Bird reported that the Library is still in need of donated books, etc.

Motion seconded and carried to expend \$100.00 to purchase blank video tapes for library.

Motion seconded and carried for the Firefighters' Association to sponsor the Fire Prevention Poster contest and have it coordinated thru the Fire Marshal's Office.

Dennis Sharpe reported on plans for the 75th anniversary of the Association in 1998 and label pins are available for \$5.00 each. Also requested those companies and members who wish to place ads in the book to get them in.

It was suggested that to create additional interest in the anniversary, etc. that a table be set up at future meetings for memorabilia, etc. to be displayed. If you have anything that you have and wish to display, bring it along.

The membership was also reminded of the 100th anniversary of the New Jersey Firemen's Home and the June 6, 1998 parade. Parade applications may be acquired from Bill Hurd or Howard Guenther.

The following recommendations in regard to accounts and finances were made by the Executive Committee:

1. to merge the money market account in the travel fund raising account with the CD in the account that is to expire shortly and renew for a 90 day CD which will provide funds as needed and have them readily available.

2. to consolidate the present money in the program fund into the general fund as money for programs is not needed as just about all programs are presented free of cost.

3. to use all proceeds from the 50-50 drawing for the library fund.

4. to set up a separate training fund out of the training program budget (tuitions) to be used for payment of the instructors for payment promptly upon completion of classes.

Motion seconded and carried to approve these 4 recommendations of the Executive Committee.

The Association will have a fire prevention display at the Fire Training Center on Monday, October 6th from 7 PM to 10 PM with Dennis Sharpe coordinating the apparatus.

First nomination for 1998 officers will be held at the October 15th meeting, with second nominations at the November 19th meeting and elections at the December 17th meeting.

The following applications for membership were received and approved

Robert Birch Sr. Dale J. Messinna David Ruga Jr. Kevin Seelman
all from the Dorothy Fire Company

Thanks were extended to the firefighters and companies for their efforts and services following the devastation caused by the August 13-14th storm. It was reported that the APMC in Pomona estimated \$5.2 million in damages at the hospital due to the storm.

Oscar Dutch reported on the Forest Fire interface and that Rusty Fenton and himself are to met with John Thompson, Atlantic County Emergency Manager. The program for the November 19th meeting will be presented by the Forest Fire Service on the Mullica Township fire.

John V. Wagner had form letters available to sent to your legislators to request them to introduce bills to increase funding for fire training that a County could provide.

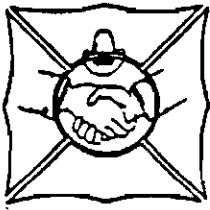
The Richland Fire Company is planning to construct a float for parades and is looking for ideas.

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

The next meeting of the Firefighters' Association is to be held on Wednesday, October 15th at 8:00 P.M. at the Weekstown Firehouse.

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

Attested
Howard R. Guenther
Secretary



ATLANTIC COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION

Weekstown (Mullica Township)

October 15, 1997

The regular meeting of the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association was called to order at 8:00 P.M. on Wednesday, October 15, 1997 with President Ed Vincent presiding. The meeting was opened with the Flag Salute, followed by Invocation by the Association's Chaplain, Thomas Sweeny.

The Secretary read the roll to record attendance and ensure a quorum being present. The membership was welcomed to Weekstown and Mullica Township by Chief Robert Cirillo. Chief Cirillo then introduced the Mayor of Mullica Township who expressed his thanks as well as the citizens of the Township for the assistance rendered by the membership at the Token Village fire.

Minutes of the previous meeting of September 17, 1997 were approved and accepted as forwarded to the Chiefs and Secretaries.

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

The Executive Committee is to meet at 8:00 P.M. on Friday, October 31st and the Board of Directors is to meet on Monday, November 10th at 7:00 P.M.

Whitey Swartz reported on the activities of Mobile Communications Unit F2500 for the month and that he is still waiting for a reply from the County in regard to insurance coverage of F2500 operators.

Whitey also brought up the need to set guidelines Radio Communications Dispatchers and Operators and that a committee could be formed from the Chiefs and Firefighters to draw up the guidelines.

Updates for the Mutual Aid Books are to be sent out on Monday.

Whitey relayed the need to spread the straw out when using it in the burn building and make sure that it is extinguished.

Funds are available from FEMA to reimburse expenses incurred at the August storm and companies should go thru their emergency management director.

Mike Corbo reported on the firefighting training courses and participating has been lagging in several courses and requested the firefighters to check the booklet on upcoming courses and forward applications in for those classes they desire to enroll in. The Instructors are drawing up plans to construct a maze for SCBA training at the training center.

Mike also reported that the rescue Randy has been received and also that the air compressor unit has been upgraded into a full cascade unit for refilling air bottles.

Howard Guenther had a list of all trophy winners in the September 13th Wildwood parade for anyone desiring to view it.

Howard also has parade invitation forms for the June 6th parade at the New Jersey Firemen's Home to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Home in 1998.

Dennis Sharpe reported that the committee is moving along quite well with the plans for the 75th Anniversary of the Firefighters Association and the parade in May 1998.

Dennis reported that the lapel pins are available and they are selling at a good clip. T-shirts, sweat shirts and ceramic mugs will be ordered shortly.

Committee is working toward having firefighting competition on the day of the parade.

Ron Bird reported that the blank tapes have been order for the library and that the library is open on Monday and Tuesday evenings from 7 to 9 P.M.

DATE CLEARING

Saturday	Nov. 8	Oceanville	Oyster or Ham Dinner	4 to 8 PM
Sunday	Nov. 9	Somers Point #2	Breakfast	7 AM to 12 noon
Sunday	Nov. 9	Hammonton #2	Breakfast	7 AM to 12 noon
Sunday	Dec. 14	Somers Point #2	Breakfast	7 AM to 12 noon
Thursday	Jan. 29	Absecon	Atl. Co. Firemen's Death Benefit Trustees Meeting	8 PM

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Chief Tony Canale reported that the Egg Harbor Township Fire Department is to switch over to the 800 mhz system on an experimental basis.

It was reported that the letters sent by the firefighters to the County Legislators in regard to revising the law to allow the County to give more money for fire training has resulted in their questioning what is wanted and we should continue forwarding letters to them and hopefully they will submit legislation to increase the funding.

The following applications for membership were received and approved
James A. Dayton and Steven Ruga of Dorothy and Clyde Stockton Jr of Germania

First nomination of Officers for 1998 was called for and the following were nominated

President	Ed Vincent	Executive Committee (9 members)
1st Vice President	Thomas Hunter Jr.	Howard Berchtold Jr.
2nd Vice President	Dennis Sharpe	Ron Bird Jr.
Secretary	Howard R. Guenther	Tony Canale
Treasurer	Lou Raciti	Don DaGrossa
Sergeants-at-Arms (3)	Howard Bowen	Oscar Dutch
	Clarence Guenther	James Garth
	George Scarlett	Charles J. Guenther
Chaplain	Thomas Sweeny	Ted Reinhard
		John V. Wagner

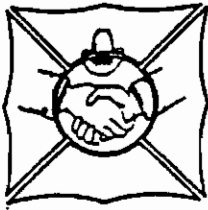
Second nominations to be called for at the November 19th meeting and elections to be held at the December 17th meeting.

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

The Forest Fire Service is to present a critique and slide presentation on the Totem Village fire in Mullica Township at the next meeting of the Firefighters' Association which is to be held at 8:00 on Wednesday, November 19th at the Somers Point Co. No. 2 firestation.

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

Attested
Howard R. Guenther
Secretary



ATLANTIC COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION

Somers Point Co. No. 2

November 19, 1997

The regular meeting of the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association was called to order at 8:00 PM on Wednesday, November 19, 1997 with President Ed Vincent presiding.

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

The membership was welcomed to the City of Somers Point by Chief Frank Denan who also introduced his Line Officers. Chief Denan reported that Somers Point Fire Department has put a F.A.S.T. in service and it is available to any fire company in need of its services. Chief Denan then introduced Mayor Tony Martin who extended his welcome to the membership.

Minutes of the previous meeting of October 15, 1997 were approved and accepted as forwarded to the Chiefs and Secretaries.

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

The minutes of the Executive Committee meeting of October 31, 1997 were approved and accepted as read with several recommendations held over for new business. Howard Berchtold Jr. reported that he believes that the questions on workmens compensation have been answered and we should have the proper coverage, however, he is waiting for written confirmation.

The minutes of the Board of Directors of the Fire Training Center were read to give the membership an update on activities at the training center and their meeting of November 10, 1997.

Secretary Howard Guenther reported that 1998 is fast approaching and the Memorial Services that will be held at the reorganization meeting in Egg Harbor City on January 21, 1998 and all companies should forward the names of deceased firefighters who answered their last alarm during the last year as soon as possible so that they may be listed in the program and properly recognized during the services. Forward to Box 81, Pomona, NJ 08240-0081 or call 652-7712 with information.

Howard also reported that he will be making up the schedule of meetings and roster of Chiefs for 1998 very shortly and companies with new Chiefs should notify him so that the changes may be made to the schedules.

Fire Marshal Whitey Swartz reported that the fire prevention poster contest is ongoing. Whitey also reported that the Valor Awards presentation will be held on April 15, 1998 and that he will be sending out the forms for nominees shortly to all companies.

Dennis Sharpe gave an update on the plans for the 75th anniversary of the Firefighters' Association and the planned parade for Saturday, May 9, 1998. Dennis reported that pins, sweatshirts, T Shirts, and mugs are now available for purchase. The committee is working to have a firefighters' competition also in conjunction with the affair. Dennis also requested everyone to get their Ads in as the book will be made up soon.

DATE CLEARING

Sunday	Dec. 14	Somers Point #2	Breakfast	7 AM to 12 noon
Wednesday	Dec. 31	Farmington	New Year's Eve Party	7 PM til
Thursday	Jan. 29	Absecon	Atl. Co. Firemen's Death Benefit Trustees Mtg.	8 PM
Saturday	May 2	Germania	Turkey or Pork Dinner	4 to 8 PM
Saturday	May 9	Firefighters Assn	75th Anniversary and Parade	
Sunday	May 10	Hammonton #2	Breakfast	7 AM to 12 noon
Saturday	June 6	Boonton	NJ Firemen's Home 100th Anniversary and Parade	
Tuesday	Aug. 18	Egg Harbor City	Atlantic Co. Caucus for 1998 Firemen's Convention	
Fri & Sat	Sept 18&19	Wildwood	1998 New Jersey State Firemen's Convention	
Saturday	Oct. 3	Germania	Turkey or Pork Dinner	4 to 8 PM

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John V. Wagner reported that our letter writing campaign to increase funding for training has resulting in Assemblyman Blee suggesting minor changes to 40:23-8.13 to increase appropriation to \$30,000.00 (from \$25,000.00) and add training as being eligible for funding under this statute.

Motion seconded and carried to approve these suggestions and for the Secretary to forward to Assemblyman Blee.

The Executive Committee recommended the purchase of a new smoke machine and that cost is approximately \$750.00 and a motion was made, seconded and carried to make this purchase.

The Executive Committee also recommended an advance of \$2500.00 to the 75th anniversary committee for the purchase of sweatshirts, Tshirts, and mugs and a motion was made, seconded and carried to grant this advance.

Second nominations of officers for 1998 was called for and the following were nominated

President	Ed Vincent	Executive Committee (9)
1st Vice President	Thomas Hunter Jr.	Howard Berchtold Jr.
2nd Vice President	Dennis Sharpe	Barry Bruner
Secretary	Howard Guenther	Ron Bird Jr.
Treasurer	Lou Raciti	Tony Canale
Chaplain	Thomas Sweeny	Don DaGrossa
Sergeants-at-Arms (3)	Howard Bowen	Oscar Dutch
	Clarence Guenther	James Garth
	George Scarlett	Charles J. Guenther
		Skip Portale
		Ted Reinhard
		John V. Wagner

Motion seconded and carried to close nominations.

Elections to be held at the next meeting of December 17.

The secretary was instructed to prepare ballots for the election of 9 members of the Executive Committee.

A letter was received from the American Red Cross for our donation of \$100.00 to the Disaster Relief Telethon.

A letter was received from the Atlantic County Fire Prevention Association thanking the Association and the fire companies for participating in the Fire Expo on October 4th.

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

The Secretary remarked that we normally make a donation to the New Jersey Firemen's Home in the amount of \$200.00 for the guests Christmas and activities throught the year and that this has been overlooked the past several years. Motion made, seconded and carried to make a \$200.00 donation for the guests.

Program for the evening was presented by the New Jersey Forest Fire Service on the Mullica Township (Totem Village) forest fire.

There being no further business at hand, the meeting was adjourned with the next scheduled meeting to be held at 8:00 P.M. on Wednesday, December 17, 1997 in Farmington.

Attested
Howard R. Guenther
Secretary



ATLANTIC COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION

Farmington (Egg Harbor Township)

December 17, 1997

The regular meeting of the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association was called to order at 8:00 P.M. on Wednesday, December 17, 1997 with President Ed Vincent presiding. The meeting was opened with the Flag Salute, followed by Invocation by Thomas Sweeny, Chaplain of the Firefighters' Association.

The Secretary read the rolls to ensure a quorum being present and to record attendance. The membership was welcomed to Farmington and Egg Harbor Township by Chief James Garth. Chief Garth then introduced Township Chief Anthony Canale who also extended his welcome and Tony in turn introduced the members of the Township Council who were in attendance.

Minutes of the November 19, 1997 were approved and accepted as forwarded to the Chiefs and Secretaries.

In the absence of the Treasurer, the Secretary read the Treasurer's Report which was approved and accepted as read.

Secretary Howard Guenther reminded the membership of the Memorial Services that are to be held at the next meeting of January 21, 1998 in Egg Harbor City. Firefighters are requested to be in full dress uniforms at the Services (hats included). Companies having deceased firefighters who answered their last alarm during the year should forward their names to the Secretary as soon as possible (ASAP) so that they may be listed in the program and properly recognized at the services. Forward names to P.O. Box 81, Pomona, NJ 08240-0081 or call 652-7712 with information.

Howard also requested all companies to complete and return their roster of Chiefs, Delegates, and Secretaries promptly to the Secretary so that the new schedules of Chiefs may be prepared as well as revising the mailing lists.

Fire Marshal Whitey Swartz requested all companies to complete and forward their fire reports for 1997 to him promptly so that he may complete the reports for the County, etc. Whitey also reported that he will be sending out the information and forms for nominations of firefighters, etc. for the Valor Awards for the Committee's review and presentations at the April 15, 1998 meeting.

Mike Corbo reported that the Certificates for Firefighter I class recently completed are being made up.

Mike also reported that the Booklets for the Spring semester in 1998 are being compiled and books will be sent out shortly. A Training Announcement listing courses and dates for 1998 spring semester will be forwarded in the minutes.

Dennis Sharpe gave an update on plans for the 75 Anniversary of the Firefighters' Association and there is to be a firefighter competition on Saturday, May 2, 1998 and the parade and festivities on Saturday, May 9th, 1998. Further information will be presented at the next meeting in January after the committee has their meeting. Dennis also requested that Ads be forwarded to him for the program booklet and that cutoff for Ads will be March 1st.

DATE CLEARING

Wednesday	Jan. 21	Egg Harbor City	Firefighters' Assn Meeting & Memorial Services	8PM
Thursday	Jan. 29	Absecon	Atl.Co.Firemen's Death Benefit Trustees Mtg	8 PM
Saturday	May 2	Germania	Turkey or Pork Dinner	4 to 8 PM
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John V. Wagner explained the LOSAP bill A-2759 to the membership as well as reporting on other legislation pertaining to the fire service. John also reported that Assemblyman Blee has pre-filed changes to 40:23-8.13 and is ready for the January 13th Assembly Committee meeting.

Oscar Dutch reported on Forest Fire Interface and they plan to have a meeting with a committee from the Fire Chiefs Association sometime in January.

It was reported that Chief James Garth of Farmington has been elected to serve as President of the Atlantic County Fire Chiefs' Association for 1998. The next meeting of the Chiefs Association is to be held on Tuesday, January 27, 1998 in Absecon and all Line Officers are invited to attend in addition to the Chiefs.

Ron Bird reported that Library is open on Monday and Tuesday evenings for those desiring to avail themselves of the books, etc.

Joe Ward reported that "Urban Search and Rescue Task Force" teams are being set up thruout the State for major disasters such as occurred in Oklahoma. More information will be coming on this at some future date.

A request was made to check into whether an announcement could be made over the County radio band advising the membership of the meeting with announcement at 7 PM on night of meeting.

A letter was received from the New Jersey Firemen's Home thanking the Association for the donation of \$200.00 to be used for the guests at the Home for their various activities.

Clarence Guenther, George Scarlett, and Thomas Sweeny were appointed as Tellers and distributed ballots for election of members of the Executive Committee.

Motion made, seconded and carried for the Secretary to cast a ballot for the offices that are uncontested. Results of the election of Officers for 1998 is as follows:

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	George Scarlett	Skip Portale
		Ted Reinhard
		John V. Wagner

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

With no further, business at hand, the meeting was adjourned with the next meeting of the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association scheduled for 8:00 P.M. on Wednesday, January 21, 1998 in Egg Harbor City.

Attested
Howard R. Guenther
Secretary

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