

# ATLANTIC COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION

Egg Harbor City

January 21, 1998

The regular meeting of the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association was called to order at 8:00 P.M. on Wednesday, January 21, 1998 with President Ed Vincent presiding.

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

The Secretary read the rolls to record attendance and ensure a quorum being present. Chief Robert Ade of the Egg Harbor City Fire Department welcomed the membership and the invited guests to the City. Chief Ade introduced the Line Officers of the Department. President Ed Vincent welcomed and introduced guests Assemblyman Francis Blee, Atlantic County Executive Richard Squires, Atlantic County Freeholders James Cucio, Kirk W. Conover, Chairman Dennis Levinson, Joseph F. Silipena, and John W. Risley, The Director of Public Safety Frank Mazzone, Director of Emergency Management John Thompson, and the Mayor of Egg Harbor City James McGeary. Assemblyman Blee, Executive Squires, Chairman Levinson, Frank Mazzone, John Thompson and Mayor McGeary in turn addressed the membership. Assemblyman Blee reported that the LOSAP Bill (volunteers retirement benefits) has been signed into Law. Frank Mazzone reported that the annual Memorial Services will be held on Monday, May 11th at the Fire and Police Memorial Plaza in Atlantic City.

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

Ellis Hand	Absecon	Milton Conover	Oceanville
John Fish	Absecon	Alfred Wenzel	Germania
William Brown	Atlantic City	Charles M. Guenther	Germania & Pomona
Frank C. Damico	Atlantic City	Joseph H. Reed	Pomona
Phillip Epps	Atlantic City	Robert F. Conover	Bayview
George Gillespie III	Atlantic City	Robert DeLeon	Weymouth
Paul Lentini	Atlantic City	Samuel D'Agostino	Hammonton
John Matthews	Atlantic City	Domenick J. Caruso	Hammonton
John Miller III	Atlantic City	Vincent P. DeLuca	Hammonton
Norman Woods	Atlantic City	Charles J. Furgione	Hammonton
Angelo Capizola	Landisville	Emerson Johnson	Linwood
Armand D. Martinelli	Landisville	Richard Schutz	Linwood
Angelo Pantaleo	Landisville	Frank L. Burke Jr.	Nesco
Walter C. Zeick	Landisville	Louis A. Massey Sr.	Nesco
Lindo Bononcini	Minotola	John H. Somers Sr.	Nesco
Robert A. Cook Jr.	Minotola	Sam Mazza	Northfield
Crowell Hoover	Minotola	Donald Atkinson	Pleasantville
Charles Bayham	Scullville	Richard Hackney	Pleasantville
		John W. Marion	Dorothy

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

"Taps" was played by bugler MSgt. Richard Jenni of the N.J. Air National Guard.

"Amazing Grace" was played by bag piper James Dunbar of the Cape-Atlantic Police&Fire Brigade.

## DATE CLEARING

Sunday	Feb.	8	Somers Point #2	Breakfast	7 AM to 12 noon
Saturday	March	7	Cologne	Spaghetti Dinner	4 to 8 PM
Sunday	March	8	Somers Point #2	Breakfast	7 AM to 12 noon
Saturday	March	14	Weekstown	Spaghetti Dinner	4 to 8 PM
Saturday	March	21	Cologne	Oldies Dance	Reservations only 9PM

## Date Clearing (continued)

Saturday	April 11	Port Republic	Sporting Clay Benefit	
Sunday	April 26	Egg Harbor City	Breakfast	7 AM to 12 noon
Saturday	May 2	Germania	Turkey or Pork Dinner	4 to 8 PM
Saturday	May 9	Firefighters' Assn	75th Anniversary and Parade in Egg Harbor City	
Sunday	May 10	Hammonton #2	Mothers' Day Breakfast	7 AM to 12 noon
Monday	May 11	Atlantic City	Annual Memorial Services-Fire & Police Plaza	11 AM
Saturday	May 16	Port Republic	Roast Beef Dinner	3:30 to 7:30 PM
Saturday	June 6	Boonton	NJ Firemen's Home 100th Anniversary and Parade	
Saturday	June 6	Cologne	Chicken-Bar-Be-Que, etc.	1 to 7 PM
Sunday	June 7	Dorothy	Chicken-Bar-Be-Que, etc.	12 noon to 6 PM
Tuesday	Aug. 18	Egg Harbor City	Atlantic Co. Caucus-1998 Firemen's Convention	8 PM
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
Saturday	Oct. 17	Port Republic	Roast Beef Dinner	3:30 to 7:30 PM

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

As the books of the Treasurer are presently being audited, his report will be given at the next meeting.

The next order of business was the recommendations of the Executive Committee that were made at their meeting of January 9, 1998, which resulted in the following:

1. Motion seconded and carried to take \$1000.00 out of the library fund to purchase books (\$500.00) and to purchase a VCR for recording tapes, etc. (\$500.00) for the library.
2. Motion seconded and carried to have the 75th Anniversary Parade and festivities in Egg Harbor City on Saturday, May 9th, 1998. (changes location from 4H fair to Egg Harbor City)
3. Motion seconded and carried to obtain a lay rider or special events coverage for the May 9th affair as needed.
4. Motion seconded and carried to hold the firefighters' competition on Saturday, May 2nd at the Fire Training Center. (changes location from 4H fair to Fire Training Center)
5. Motion seconded and carried to look into purchasing 2 plaques, 1 for the Fire Training Center and 1 to be awarded to Egg Harbor City Fire Department.
6. Motion seconded and carried to hold Fire Prevention Day on Saturday, October 10th at the Fire Training Center with firematic displays, exercises, etc. Rain Date Sunday Oct. 11th

Highlights of the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting of January 12th were presented.

Mike Corbo reported that the Spring sessions of the Fire Training Academy are to start shortly.

Whitey Swartz reported that he needs fire reports for 1997 from the companies as well as updates for the Mutual Aid Book.

Dennis Sharpe reported that the cutoff date for Ads in the book for the 75th anniversary is fast approaching and to get them in.

Howard Guenther reported the Firefighters' Association dinner is to be held on Friday, March 27th at Caesar's in Mays Landing and flyers will be sent out with details.

Atlantic County Executive Richard Squires installed the following into office for 1998

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 R. Guenther	Anthony Canale
Treasurer	Lou Raciti	Oscar Dutch
Sergeants-at-Arms (3)	Howard Bowen	James Garth Sr.
	Clarence Guenter	Charles J. Guenther
	George Scarlett	Amor "Skip" Portale
Chaplain	Thomas Sweeny	Ted Reinhard
		John V. Wagner

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

Next meeting of the Association is to be held on Wednesday, February 18, 1998 at 8:00 PM in Longport.

Attested                      Howard R. Guenther, Secretary



# ATLANTIC COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION

Longport

February 18, 1998

The regular meeting of the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association was called to order at 8:00 PM on Wednesday, February 18, 1998 with President Ed Vincent presiding.

The meeting was opened with the Flag Salute, followed by Invocation by Tom Sweeny, the Chaplain of the Firefighters' Association.

The membership was welcomed to Longport by Assistant Chief Levon Clayton. Lefty then introduced Mayor Bill Fiore and Commissioner of Public Safety Ellen Cohen who addressed the members and extended their welcome to the City and also reported that a new Ladder truck has been ordered for the fire department.

The Secretary read the rolls to record attendance and ensure a quorum being present.

Minutes of the previous meeting of January 21, 1998 were approved and accepted as forwarded to the Chiefs and Secretaries.

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

The Auditing Committee reported that they have finished the financial audit of the Association and found all records to be in order and made a few recommendations for consideration. which were turned over to the Executive Committee.

Dennis Sharpe reported on plans for the 75th Anniversary of the Association and that the ceramic and glass mugs as well as T-shirts and sweat sheats are available for purchase. Dennis reported that there will be a firefighter competition to be held on Saturday, May 2nd at the Fire Training Center and teams wishing to participate should contact him. Dennis reported that the ads are coming in for the program booklet very slowly and anyone that is to place an ad in the book should get them in ASAP as the cutoff for ads in March 18. Dennis also reported on plans for the parade to be held on Saturday, May 9th in Egg Harbor City and all companies are requested to supply 3 members to help with the affair for set up, clean up, as well as working during the celebration.

Dennis reported that the trophies have to be ordered and a motion was made, seconded and carried to advance \$1000.00 toward the purchase of trophies.

Howard Guenther reported that the annual Firefighters' Dinner is to be held on Friday, March 27th at Caesar's Restaurant on Route 40 with Hors d'oeuvres at 6:30 PM followed by dinner at 7:30 PM with cost to be \$25.00 a person and those desiring to attend should let him know of your dinner choice by March 18th.

## DATE CLEARING

Saturday	March	7	Cologne	Spaghetti Dinner	4 to 8 PM
Sunday	March	8	Somers Point #2	Breakfast	8 AM to 12 noon
Saturday	March	14	Weekstown	Spaghetti Dinner	4 to 8 PM
Saturday	March	21	Cologne	Oldies Dance	Reservations only 965-3320 9 PM
Friday	March	27	Caesar's Rest.	Firefighters' Assn. Dinner	6:30/7:30 PM
Sunday	April	5	Port Republic	Sporting Clay Shoot	9 AM to 3 PM
Wednesday	April	15	Fire Training Ctr	Firefighters' Assn Meeting and Valor Awards	8 PM
Saturday	April	18	Fire Training Ctr	ACFFA Bus Operations by NJ Transit	9 AM to 3 PM \$15.00
Sunday	April	19	Somers Point #2	Breakfast	8 AM to 12 noon
Sunday	April	26	Egg Harbor City	Breakfast	7 AM to 12 noon
Saturday	May	2	Fire Training Ctr	ACFFA Firefighters Competition	
Saturday	May	2	Germania	Turkey or Pork Dinner	4 to 8 PM
Saturday	May	9	Firefighters Assn	75th Anniversary and Parade in Egg Harbor City	
Sunday	May	10	Hammonton #2	Mothers' Day Breakfast	7 AM to 12 noon
Monday	May	11	Atlantic City	Fire & Police Annual Memorial Services	11 AM
Saturday	May	16	Port Republic	Roast Beef Dinner	3:30 to 7:30 PM
Saturday	May	30	Fire Training Ctr	Dedication of Confined Space Simulator	
Saturday	June	6	Boonton	NJ Firemen's Home 100th Anniversary and Parade	
Saturday	June	6	Cologne	Chicken Bar-Be-Que etc	1 to 7 PM
Sunday	June	7	Dorothy	Chicken Bar-Be-Que etc	12 noon to 6 PM
Thursday	July	30	Dorothy	Atl.Co. Firemen's Death Benefit Trustees Meeting	8PM
Tuesday	Aug.	18	Egg Harbor City	Atlantic Co. Caucus-1998 Firemen's Convention	8 PM

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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
Saturday	Oct. 17	Port Republic	Roast Beef Dinner	3:30 to 7:30 PM

Whitey Swartz reported that entries must be in by March 15th for the poster contest. He also requested that all companies forward their fire reports for 1997 in to him by the end of the month. Also needed is update on mailing addresses of all fire companies. Whitey reported that requests and information has been sent out in regard to the Valor Awards and that returns are needed shortly for review by the committee. Plans are being made for a fire expo at the Fire Training Center on Saturday, October 10th with various evolutions and displays for the public.

Mike Corbo reported that the spring training is presently underway and that the Firefighter I class is full. Anyone desiring to take any of the courses being offered should get their applications in .

Also reported that the NJ Transit will be holding a Bus Operations seminar at the Fire Training Center on Saturday, April 18th from 9 AM to 3 PM with the cost to be \$15 per person which will include lunch. Application forms to be sent out shortly. Dedication of the Confined Space Rescue Simulator will be held on Saturday, May 30th at the Fire Training Center.

The Photographers of the Association reported on their activities and that they have been quite busy.

The radio committee reported that centralized dispatch for the County faces a long uphill struggle.

Parade applications for those desiring to take part in the New Jersey Firemen's Home 100th Anniversary parade are due in by April 15th, 1998.

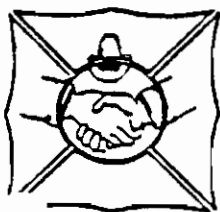
The membership application of Guy Galantino of Longport was approved.

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

The program was presented by Joe Landy on video of firefighter competitions and a preview of what to expect of the Firefighters competition to be held on May 2nd,

There being no further business at hand, the meeting was adjourned with the next scheduled meeting to be held on Wednesday, March 18th in Folsom at 8:00 PM

Attested  
Howard R. Guenther  
Secretary



# ATLANTIC COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION

Folsom

March 18, 1998

The regular meeting of the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association was called to order at 8:00 P.M. on Wednesday, March 18, 1998 with Vice President R. Thomas Hunter Jr. 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 Folsom by Chief Larry Smith.

Minutes of the February 18, 1998 meeting were approved and accepted as forwarded to the Secretaries and Chiefs.

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

John V. Wagner reported on Assembly Bill A-991 which is sponsored by Assemblyman LeFevre which will increase from \$25,000 to \$30,000 the maximum amount that a Board of Chosen Freeholders is authorized to contribute to a County Firemen's Association in any one year. The bill also expands the uses to which these funds may be put to include training. Under current law, the funds are to be used for the operation of an emergency operating control center.

This bill is presently in committee and all members are requested to write the committee Chairman to get this bill released from committee for a vote by the full Assembly. Write to

Assemblyman Michael Amone 258 Broad Street Red Bank, NJ 07701

The minutes of the Executive Committee meeting of March 6, 1998 were approved and accepted as read with several recommendations held over for new business.

The minutes of the Board of Directors meeting held on March 9, 1998 were read given the membership an update on activities at the Fire Training Center.

Dennis Sharpe reported on the May 2nd Firefighters' Competition at the Fire Training Center and also on the 75th Anniversary Parade of the Firefighters' Association which is to be held in Egg Harbor City and is requesting 3 members from each company to help with the festivities during the day.

The membership was reminded of the First Responders Expo to be presented by NY Transit on their bus operations which is to be held at the Fire Training Center on Saturday, April 18 from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM with cost to be \$15.00 which will include coffee and donuts as well as lunch.

The membership was also notified of the annual Atlantic County Firefighters and Police Memorial Ceremony to be held on Monday, May 11th at 11:00 AM in Atlantic City and members are requested to wear full dress uniforms.

## DATE CLEARING

Wednesday	April 15	Fire Training Center	Firefighters Assn Meeting & Valor Awards	8 PM
Saturday	April 18	Fire Training Center	NJ Transit Bus Operations by ACFFA	9:00 AM to 3PM
Sunday	April 19	Somers Point #2	Breakfast	8 AM to 12 noon
Sunday	April 26	Egg Harbor City	Breakfast	7 AM to 12 noon
Sunday	April 26	Richland	Macaroni Dinner w/salad bar	12 noon to 6 PM
Saturday	May 2	Fire Training Center	Firefighters Competition by ACFFA	
Saturday	May 2	Germania	Turkey or Pork Dinner	4 to 8 PM
Saturday	May 9	Firefighters Assn.	75th Anniversary Parade in Egg Harbor City	
Sunday	May 10	Hammonton #2	Mothers' Day Breakfast	7 AM to 12 noon
Monday	May 11	Atlantic City	Fire & Police Annual Memorial Services	11 AM
Saturday	May 16	Port Republic	Roast Beef Dinner	3:30 to 7:30 PM
Saturday	May 30	Fire Training Center	Dedication of Confined Space Simulator	
Saturday	June 6	Boonton	NJ Firemen's Home 100th Anniversary and Parade	
Saturday	June 6	Cologne	Chicken Bar-Be-Que, etc	1 to 7 PM
Sunday	June 7	Dorothy	Chicken Bar-Be-Que, etc	12 noon to 6 PM
Thursday	July 30	Dorothy	Atl. Co. Firemens Death Benefit Trustees Mtg	8PM
Tuesday	Aug. 18	Egg Harbor City	Atl. Co. Caucus for 1998 Firemen's Convention	8PM
Saturday	Sept. 12	Weekstown	Pig Roast	4 to 8 PM
Fri & Sat	Sept 18 & 19	Wildwood	1998 New Jersey State Firemen's Convention	

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Saturday	Sept 19	Wildwood	Firefighters' Parade	1:00 PM
Saturday	Oct. 3	Germania	Turkey or Pork Dinner	4 to 8 PM
Saturday	Oct, 17	Port Republic	Roast Beef Dinner	3;30 to 7:30 PM

Howard Guenther reported that the New Jersey Firemen's Home is to celebrate its 100th anniversary in 1998 and will have a parade on Saturday, June 6th and those companies who have not forwarded their parade application should do so ASAP as April 15th is cut off date. He also reported that there is no longer and height and weight restrictions (chart) for membership into the New Jersey Firemens' Association, however, all applicants must pass the physical requirements for joining.

Ron Bird reported that the Library is open from 7 to 10 PM on Mondays and Tuesdays and he could use some additional help in manning the library. He also requested anyone having books or videos to donate to the library to bring them to him.

The Parade committee reported that they desire to purchase 2 plaques, 1 for the fire training center and one for Egg Harbor City, and the cost is to be approximately \$100.00 each and a motion was made, seconded and carried authorizing this expenditure.

The next order of business was the recommendations of the Executive Committee that were made at their meeting of March 6, 1998 which resulted in the following:

1. Motion seconded and carried that the Association go with "American On Line" with the computer in the firefighters' office and cost to be taken out of general fund account.
2. Motion seconded and carried to construct a maze at the Fire Training Center for SCBA training and cost of approximately \$1500.00 to be taken out of the Capital Account with all votes in the affirmative with the exception of one.
3. Motion seconded and carried to take out \$5000.00 from the one CD that is to mature shortly and put this into the training account with the remainder to be rolled over into another CD with all votes in the affirmative with the exception of two.
4. Motion seconded and carried to split the training budget into 3 accounts as proposed by the auditing committee and they will be (1) Capital Training Account, (2) Training Operations and Expenditures (O & E), (3) Training Payroll

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

The program for the evening was presented by Chief Frank Denan of the Somers Point Fire Department along with others from the fire service and EMS in the City and was on the Fire at the Shore Memorial Hospital in Somers Point which was on the roof and resulted in partial evacuation of the hospital.

The program was well presented and received and the firefighters were commended for a job well done.

There being no further business at hand, the meeting was adjourned with the next scheduled meeting to be held on Wednesday, April 15th at the Fire Training Center at 8:00 P.M. This is also to be the annual Valor Awards Presentation.

Attested  
Howard R. Guenther  
Secretary



# ATLANTIC COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION

Atlantic County Fire Training Center

April 15, 1998

The regular meeting of the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association was called to order at 8:00 P.M. on Wednesday, April 15, 1998 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 meeting was hosted by the Atlantic City Fire Department and the body was welcomed by Assistant Chief John Berekeiko of the Fire Department.

The Secretary read the rolls to record attendance and ensure a quorum being present. Minutes of the March 18, 1998 meeting were approved and accepted as forwarded to the Secretaries and Chiefs.

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

President Ed Vincent welcomed the membership and guests to the meeting and the Annual Valor Awards Presentation. Ed also acknowledged and introduced the following members of Atlantic County Government who were in attendance: Executive Richard Squires, Freeholders James A Carney, James Curcio, Joseph F Silipena, Public Safety Department Head Frank Mazzone, Emergency Management Coordinator John Thompson as well as State Senator William L Gormley. All of the guests addressed the membership and expressed their thanks to all of the firefighters for all of the services rendered to their communities and the citizens of Atlantic County. They also extended their thanks and congratulations to the firefighters 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 with Fire Marshal Harold Swartz, Chairman introducing the members of the Awards Committee. A short video presentation was shown by the Photographers Group of the Firefighters' Association, followed by the presentation of the Valor Awards to the following:

#### First Class Awards

Captain James Smith	of the Atlantic City Fire Department
Firefighter Joel Sparano	of the Atlantic City Fire Department

#### Top Award

Firefighter James Badagliacco	of the Hammonton Fire Department
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A narration of the actions taken by the recipients of the awards was given by the Chiefs of their Department.

The recipients were also presented with Certificates of Appreciation from Congressman Frank LoBiondo.

#### DATE CLEARING

Sunday	April 26	Egg Harbor City	Breakfast	6:30 AM to 12 noon
Sunday	April 26	Richland	Macaroni Dinner w/salad Bar	12 noon to 6 PM
Saturday	May 2	Fire Training Ctr.	Firefighters Competition presented by ACFFA	
Saturday	May 2	Germania	Turkey or Pork Dinner	4 to 8 PM
Saturday	May 9	Firefighters Assn.	75th Anniversary Parade in Egg Harbor City	
Sunday	May 10	Hammonton #2	Breakfast	7 AM to 12 noon
Monday	May 11	Atlantic City	Fire & Police Annual Memorial Services	11 AM
Saturday	May 16	Port Republic	Roast Beef Dinner	3:30 to 7:30 PM
Sunday	May 17	Somers Point #2	Breakfast	8 AM to 12 noon
Saturday	May 30	Fire Training Ctr.	Dedication of Confined Space Simulator	
Saturday	June 6	Boonton	NJ Firemen's Home 100th Anniversary Parade	
Saturday	June 6	Cologne	Chicken Bar-Be-Que, etc.	1 to 7 PM
Sunday	June 7	Dorothy	Chicken Bar-Be-Que, etc.	12 noon to 6 PM
Sunday	June 14	Somers Point #2	Breakfast	8 AM to 12 noon
Thursday	July 30	Dorothy	Atl. Co. Firemens Death Benefit Trustees Meeting	8PM
Tuesday	Aug. 18	Egg Harbor City	Atl. Co. Caucus for 1998 Firemens Convention	8 PM
Saturday	Sept. 12	Weekstown	Pig Roast	4 to 8 PM
Fri & Sat	Sept 18 & 19	Wildwood	1998 New Jersey State Firemen's Convention	

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Dennis Sharpe reported on the plans for the 75th Anniversary of the Association and that eight (8) teams have signed up for the May 2nd firefighters' competition at the Fire Training Center and they will have a dry run on Sunday, April 26th at the center. Dennis also reported that all plans are being finalized for the May 9th parade and festivities in Egg Harbor City and still is requesting 2 or 3 members of each company to help with the affair setting up, etc. on May 7th and 8th as well as on day of parade May 9th. Any questions, etc. may be directed to Dennis at 645-1097. Might also call upon the companies for Fire Police on day of parade for traffic duty. Requested those companies having signs outside their firehouses to put up notices of parade and date several weeks previous to affair.

Ron Bird reported that library is still open on Monday and Tuesday evenings and he is presently making reproductions of videos on the new duplicating VCR which is working out very well and he is in process of ordering additional books for the library. Still is in need of additional help.

The Training Committee reported that all classes are being well received and have good enrollment.

Members attending the FDIC (instructors conference) reported on the affair and they were able to procure some SCBA's as well as other equipment which totals approximately donations of \$35,000.00 Ted Reinhard and Associates were given a round of thanks for their efforts in obtaining the equipment for the Fire Training Center.

All other committees reported progress as well as being in a slow, quiet mode.

Members were reminded of the Services to be conducted on Monday, May 11th at 11:00 AM at the Fire and Police Memorial in Atlantic City and those attending are requested to wear their dress uniforms and be there at 10:30 AM

The application of Stanley Kolbe Jr. of Absecon was accepted and approved for membership.

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

Skip Portale reported that Pomona Fire Co. has some radios for sale and anyone interested should contact him at 652-1890

There being no further business at hand, the meeting was adjourned with the next scheduled meeting to be held on Wednesday, May 20th at the South Egg Harbor firehouse on Route 50 at 8:00 P.M.

Attested  
Howard R. Guenther  
Secretary





# ATLANTIC COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION

South Egg Harbor (Galloway Township) May 20, 1998

The regular meeting of the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association was called to order at 8:00 PM on Wednesday, May 20, 1998 with President Ed Vincent presiding.

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

The President remarked that the South Egg Harbor Fire Company was organized in 1948 and is presently celebrating their 50th Anniversary and all in attendance extended their congratulations to the South Egg Harbor Fire Co.

The Association was welcomed to South Egg Harbor and Galloway Township by Chief Howard Berchtold Jr.

The Secretary read the rolls to record attendance and ensure a quorum being present.

The minutes of the previous meeting of April 15, 1998 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 May 1, 1998 were approved and accepted as read, and several recommendations will be brought up under new business

Highlights of the May 11th meeting of the Training Center Board of Directors were read to update the membership on the happenings at the Fire Training Center.

Dennis Sharpe reported on the 75th Anniversary of the Association and on the May 2nd, 1998 Firefighters' Competition that was held at the Fire Training Center and that Egg Harbor City was the overall winner of the competition and hopefully more competitions will be held in future years with more teams competing.

Dennis also gave a report on the May 9th, 1998 parade in conjunction with the 75th Anniversary and that in spite of the bad weather, about 95 pieces of apparatus took part in the parade and festivities and he will give a report at the next meeting.

The Atlantic County Fire Chiefs' Association presented a plaque to the Association for the Association celebrating 75 years of service to the Community by the Firefighters.

Dennis reported that mugs, Tshirts, sweatshirts, pins, etc are available and may be purchased at the Training Center.

The 75th Anniversary Committee was thanked for performing an outstanding job.

Drawing for fire companies desiring to participate as part of the Atlantic County unit in the September 19th Wildwood parade will be held at the next meeting of the Association on June 17th in East Vineland at 8:00 PM. The Secretary is to sent out basic application forms for the parade which will list categories and applications which are to be sent back to the Secretary (PO Box 81 POMONA, NJ 08240) or brought to the next meeting of June 17th. DO NOT send them to Wildwood.

Howard Guenther, Executive Committeeman of Atlantic County to the New Jersey State Firemen's Association, reported that effective July 1, 1998, the Death Benefit will be increased \$500.00 to become \$7000.00 for those members fully qualified with 7 years service and pro-rated for those members still serving with less than their 84 months. The Benefit will also be doubled to \$14000.00 for those eligible members where death occurs in line of duty.

**DATE CLEARING**

Saturday	June	6	Boonton	NJ Firemen's Home 100th Anniversary Parade	
Saturday	June	6	Cologne	Chicken Bar-Be-Que, etc.	1 to 7 PM
Sunday	June	7	Dorothy	Chicken Bar-Be-Que	12 noon to 6 PM
Sunday	June	14	Somers Point #2	Breakfast	8 AM to 12 noon
Sunday	July	12	Somers Point #2	Breakfast	8 AM to 12 noon
Thursday	July	30	Dorothy	Atl.Co. Firemens Death Benefit Trustees Meeting	8 PM
Tuesday	Aug.	18	Egg Harbor City	Atl.Co. Caucus for 1998 NJ Firemens Convention	8 PM
Saturday	Sept.	12	Weekstown	Pig Roast	4 to 8 PM
Fri & Sat	Sept	18 & 19	Wildwood	1998 New Jersey State Firemen's Convention	
Saturday	Sept.	19	Wildwood	Firefighters Parade	1 PM
Saturday	Oct.	3	Germania	Turkey or Pork Dinner	4 to 8 PM

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Saturday	Oct. 17	Port Republic	Roast Beef Dinner	3:30 to 7:30 PM
Sunday	Oct. 18	Minotola	75th Anniversary	12 noon

Bill Hurd reported on the upcoming June 6 100th Anniversary celebration and parade of the New Jersey Firemen's Home and that about 250 units are registered as well as 38 bands. Bill reported that Clifford S. Bickel, retired firefighter from Ventnor has entered the home and there presently are 2 from Atlantic County in the Home.

The Secretary reported that the following have not submitted their roster and \$60.00 dues for 1998: Atlantic City - Collings Lakes - Cologne - Estell Manor - Hammonton #2 - Pleasantville - Sweetwater. He also reported that Weymouth forwarded their roster but still owes the \$60.00 for their 1998 dues.

The Training Committee reported that the Spring Firefighter I course has just completed and a daytime course for Firefighter I is to start on June 23rd. They also reported that all firefighters must complete the 100 ICS course by early 1999 and that books are available at the Training Center which can be picked up and hopefully they will bring some to next meeting. IC 100 is self self study course which can be taken at your firehouse. Also all supervisory personnel must complete 200 ICS by early 2000.

President Ed Vincent reported that the NJ Transit would like to conduct their yearly Bus Operations seminar at the Fire Training Center.

A report was made on the May 11th Memorial Services at the Fire and Police Plaza in Atlantic City and on the dedication of the Sculpture and chips of sculpture were given to family members.

The membership was reminded of the upcoming dedication of the Confined Space Rescue Simulator on Saturday, May 30th at 10:00 AM.

Oscar Dutch reported that the committee on Forest Fire Interface is to meet Tuesday before the Chiefs' Association meeting.

Members attending the last Advisory Committee meeting gave their report.

Howard Berchtold reported that the 4-H Committee is to start shortly on plans for the 1998 fair.

Motion seconded and carried to donate \$100.00 toward the Salvation Army Canteen as recommended by the Executive Committee.

Motion seconded and carried to award appreciation plaques to those businesses who contributed materials to the Confined Space Rescue Simulator training device as recommended by the Executive Committee.

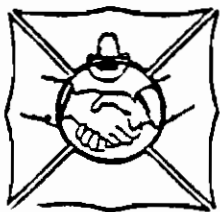
Ted Reinhard reported that he is still pursuing the obtaining of various equipment from different suppliers for the fire training centers' use.

The program for the next meeting will be presented by Henry Wise who operates the canteen for the Salvation Army.

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 to be held on Wednesday, June 17th at 8:00 P.M. in East Vineland.

Attested  
Howard R. Guenther  
Secretary



# ATLANTIC COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION

East Vineland (Buena Vista Township)

June 17, 1998

The regular meeting of the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association was called to order at 8:00 PM on Wednesday, June 17, 1998 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 East Vineland and Buena Vista Township by Chief Ron Ruggeri. The minutes of the previous meeting of May 20, 1998 were approved and accepted as forwarded to the Secretaries and Chiefs.

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

Friday, July 10th is next date for Executive Committee meeting while Monday, July 13th is meeting date for Board of Directors.

Chief James Garth reported that the May meeting of the Chiefs' Association was cancelled, however, the next meeting is to be held on Thursday, June 25 at 8 PM in Estell Manor. Oscar Dutch reported that the committee on Forest Fire Interface will meet before the start of the Chiefs meeting.

The drawing for positions of the Atlantic County Unit in the Wildwood Parade of Saturday, September 19th was held and is as follows

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| Atlantic County Banner                         | 10. EHC Life Members-Ted Reinhard & Co. |
| 1. Galloway Township                           | 11. Borough of Buena                    |
| 2. Northfield                                  | 12. Egg Harbor City                     |
| 3. Weymouth Township                           | 13. Somers Point                        |
| 4. Hamilton Township                           | 14. Township of Hamilton                |
| 5. NJ Air National Guard                       | 15. Mullica Township                    |
| 6. Buena Vista Township                        | 16. Absecon                             |
| 7. ACIAP-South Jersey Transportation Authority | 17. Hammonton                           |
| 8. Estell Manor                                | 18. NJ Forest Fire Service-Div "C"      |
| 9. Egg Harbor Township                         | 19. Port Republic                       |
|  | 20. Linwood                             |

Howard Guenther reported that the Atlantic County Caucus for Chiefs, Delegates, Alternates, and Life Members is to be held on Tuesday, August 18th at 8:00 PM in Egg Harbor City. Howard also extended an invitation for any firefighter to attend that so desires. He also reported the the 1998 annual convention of the New Jersey State Firemen's Association is to be held on Friday, September 18th and Saturday, September 19th in Wildwood. The parade will be held on Saturday, September 19th starting at 1:00 PM. Howard also reported on different items of interest and changes in regard to the New Jersey State Firemen's Association and Local Relief Associations as it affects the membership. He also gave a report on the 100th Anniversary of the New Jersey Firemen's Home and the parade and festivities as well as the dedication of the Firefighters statue.

## DATE CLEARING

Sunday	July 12	Weymouth	Breakfast-AYCE	7:30 AM to 12 noon
Sunday	July 12	Somers Point #2	Breakfast-AUCE	8 AM to 12 noon
Saturday	July 18	Estell Manor	Sub Sale & Flea Market	10 AM to 2 PM
Thursday	July 30	Dorothy	Atl.Co. Firemen's Deat Benefit Trustees Meeting	8 PM
Thur-Fri-Sat	Aug 6-7-8	4H Fair		
Tuesday	Aug. 18	Egg Harbor City	Atl.Co. Caucus for 1998 NJ Firemens Convention	8 PM
Sunday	Aug. 9	Somers Point #2	Breakfast-AYCE	8 AM to 12 noon
Saturday	Sept 12	Weekstown	Pig Roast	4 to 8 PM
Fri & Sat	Sept 18 & 19	Wildwood	1998 New Jersey State Firemen's Convention	
Saturday	Sept 19	Wildwood	Firefighters' Parade	1 PM
Sunday	Sept 20	Estell Manor	Country Style Bar-B-Q & Flea Market	12 noon to 7 PM
Saturday	Sept 26	Weymouth	Dedication and Housing	12 noon til
Saturday	Oct. 3	Germania	Turkey or Pork Dinner	4 to 8 PM
Saturday	Oct. 10	Fire Training Ctr.	Fire Prevention Expo-Displays-Demos-Exercises,etc	
Saturday	Oct. 17	Port Republic	Roast Beef Dinner	3:30 to 7:30 PM
Sunday	Oct. 18	Minozola	75th Anniversary	12 noon

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Mike Corbo reported on the fire fighting training courses and that he had certificates for the courses just completed.

He reported that the daytime course for Firefighter I is to start on Tuesday at 8:00 AM and has 8 signed up so far and has room for more.

Ron Bird reported the Library is open on Monday and Tuesday evenings and anyone having books, videos, etc. to donate to bring them in to him. Still waiting for doors for cabinets in library.

John V. Wagner gave a short report on legislation issues.

A short report was given on expenses and income associated with the 75th anniversary of the Association and full report will be given when Dennis is present at future meeting. Mugs, T-shirts, etc. from the 75th anniversary are available for those desiring to purchase and they can be procured thru the library or ways & means.

A report was given on the dedication of the confined space simulator that was held on Saturday, May 30th.

Howard Berchtold reported that plans are starting to come together for the 4H Fair to be held on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, August 6, 7, and 8th and anyone desiring to display their apparatus should contact the committee.

A Fire Prevention Expo is to be held on Saturday, October 10th at the Fire Training Center which will be open to the general public and will have firematic displays, demos, exercises, etc.

Richard M. Coughlin and Scott Denelsbeck of Dorothy were approved for membership to the Firefighters' Association.

A discussion was held in regard to Mutual Aid, Task Force, etc. and its purpose as well as when it is to be used and hopefully can resolve problems.

A letter was received from Anthony Canale that he will be on indefinite leave of absence and Deputy Chief Charles Sear is to assume his duties and he may be reached thru Judy in the Fire Inspection office of Egg Harbor Twp. Anyone desiring to send get well cards, etc. may send them to his home or to

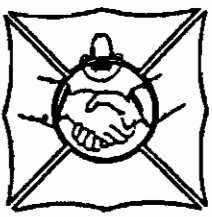
Thomas Jefferson Hospital 111 South 11th Street Phila. PA 19107  
Room 7259A

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

The Salvation Army canteen will be on display at the next meeting.

There being no further business at hand, the meeting was adjourned with the next meeting scheduled for 8:00 PM on Wednesday, July 15th in Linwood.

Attested  
Howard R. Guenther  
Secretary



# ATLANTIC COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION

Linwood

July 15, 1998

A regular meeting was called to order on the above date, 8:00 PM, with President Ed Vincent presiding.

The meeting was opened with the flag salute.

A moment of prayer was offered for the continued recovery of Tony Canale.

The rolls were read ensuring a quorum.

A certificate of appreciation was presented to Henry Wise of the Salvation Army for the assistance offered at recent affairs and incidents.

Linwood Chief Doughty was introduced and welcomed everyone.

The minutes of the June 17, 1998 meeting 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 7/15 meeting (scheduled meeting on July 10 cancelled due to fire in Hamilton Twp.) were reviewed. Issues included training/instructor matters, County wide dispatch, 75th Anniversary finances and accountant service.

**Board of Directors** - Minutes of the 7/13 meeting reviewed. Included was the status on various projects at the Center. It was also reported that John Thompson was retiring from county government as Emergency Management Coordinator.

**Fire Coordinator** - Whitey Swartz advised that forms for the updating of the red book will be forthcoming. Chiefs are requested to bring all information up to date. He also provided a status report on plans for the Fire Expo on October 10.

**Training** - Mike Corbo reported that Summer Firefighter I is going well. Fall training bulletin is to be out during August. Although most certificates from Spring courses are out, a few are still pending and should be distributed shortly. Executive committee has authorized the advertisement for new instructors. Applications will be coming out in August. I-100 books are available at the Training Center - contact Mike. Plans are underway to offer a First Responder EMS course.

**4-H Fair** - Fair will be August 6,7 and 8. Association to have public information display. 75th Anniversary items will also be on sale.

**Forest Fire Interface** - Oscar Dutch reported that the plan will be distributed shortly. Will be discussed at next chiefs' meeting.

**Fireman's Home** - Bill Hurd reported that there are 74 guests at the home. He also gave a report on the recent celebration.

**75th Anniversary** - Dennis Sharpe gave a report on the financial status. Items to be on sale at various functions throughout the year.

**Library** - Ron Bird reported progress.

**Chiefs' Assoc.** - Jim Garth advised the next meeting to be held 7/28 in

Bargaintown. He reminded everyone that all line officers are invited to these meetings.

**Radio Policy** - President Vincent advised that we will be pushing up the effort for obtaining Central Dispatching.

**Old Business** - Rules for Wildwood parade reviewed. Parade to be held on Saturday, September 19, 1998.

**New Business** - Motion made, seconded and carried for Association to continue accountant services as in the past.

All bills presented and approved for payment.

Application from Mark Materio, Absecon, received.

Motion made to accept into membership. Carried.

#### DATE CLEARING

TUESDAY	AUG. 18	EGG HARBOR CITY	ATLANTIC CO. CAUCUS-1998 FIREMEN'S CONV.	8 PM
SATURDAY	SEPT. 12	WEEKSTOWN	PIG ROAST	4 TO 8 PM
FRI. & SAT.	SEPT. 18 & 19	WILDWOOD	1998 NEW JERSEY STATE FIREMEN'S CONVENTION	
SATURDAY	SEPT. 19	WILDWOOD	PARADE	1:00 PM
SUNDAY	SEPT. 20	ESTELL MANOR	COUNTRY STYLE BAR-B-Q & FLEA MARKET	12 NOON - 7 PM
SATURDAY	SEPT. 26	WEYMOUTH	DEDICATION AND HOUSING	12 NOON TIL
SATURDAY	OCT. 3	GERMANIA	TURKEY OR PORK DINNER	4 - 8 PM
SATURDAY	OCT. 10	FIRE TRAINING CT	FIRE PREVENTION EXPO-DISPLAYS-DEMOS-EXERCISES, ETC.	
SATURDAY	OCT. 17	PORT REPUBLIC	ROAST BEEF DINNER	3:30 - 7:30 PM
SUNDAY	OCT. 18	MINOTOLA	75TH ANNIVERSARY	12 NOON

**Good of the Order** - Henry Wise of the Salvation Army was again introduced. He provided a very informative presentation on the availability of Canteens.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 PM.

Next meeting will be held on August 19, 1998 at 8:00 PM in Mays Landing.

Attested,

Howard H. Berchtold, Jr.  
acting secretary



# ATLANTIC COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION

Mays Landing (Hamilton Township)

August 19, 1998

The regular meeting of the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association was called to order at 8:00 PM on Wednesday, August 19, 1998 with President Ed Vincent 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 Mays Landing and Hamilton Township by Chief Michael Errickson.

The minutes of the previous meeting of July 15, 1998 were approved and accepted as forwarded to the Chiefs and Secretaries.

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

The Secretary read off the list of companies, Instructors, Deputy Fire Coordinators, Radio Operators and Photographers who have not paid their dues to the Firefighters' Association for 1998.

The Secretary also reported on several legislation items of importance to the Fire Service.

Whitey Swartz requested all companies to forward any updates to the Mutual Aid Books to him.

Whitey also spoke on the planned Saturday, October 10th Fire Prevention Expo to be held at the Fire Training Center from 12 noon to 3 P.M. and requested 1 piece from each company. Displays, demos, exercises, etc. will be held. Raindate has been set for Sunday, Oct. 11th. Contact Whitey if needing any more information.

Mike Corbo reported that the Fall Training Booklets are ready for distribution and that Firefighter I is to start on September 14th and will be held primarily on Monday and Wednesday evenings. Firefighter II is to start in October and will be held primarily on Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

Classes for the Incident Command System I-100 and I-200 are also to be offered at the Training Center. I-100 have be given as a self-study course at the fire station and the booklets are available at the Fire Training Center.

Howard Berchtold gave a report on the 4-H Fair and thanks were extended to all who participated and helped.

Oscar Dutch reported on the Forest Fire Interface and that plans are finished and they are to be going over at the Chiefs' meeting and Forest Fire Office for any revisions.

Mike Fiedor reported progress on Centralized Dispatch and the Committee will try to contact the different dispatch centers to ascertain what frequencies they have available.

Howard Guenther reported that the tents in Wildwood would not be opened on Thursday evening, just on Friday and Saturday, Sept. 18 and 19.

Robert Swartz gave a report on the photographers activities for the month.

## DATE CLEARING

Saturday	Sept 12	Weekstown	Pig Roast	4 ti 8 PM
Sunday	Sept 13	Somers Point #2	Breakfast	8 AM to 12 noon
Fri & Sat	Sept 18&19	Wildwood	1998 New Jersey State Firemen's Convention	
Saturday	Sept 19	Wildwood	Parade	1 PM
Sunday	Sept 20	Estell Manor	Country Style Bar-B-Q/Flea Market	12 noon to 7 PM
Saturday	Sept 26	Weymouth	Dedication and Housing	12 noon til
Saturday	Oct. 3	Germania	Turkey or Pork Dinner	4 to 8 PM
Saturday	Oct. 4	Egg Harbor City	Golf Tournament	info 965-3751
Sunday	Oct. 4	Pomona	George Smyth Jr. Cancer Benefit	1 PM til
Saturday	Oct. 10	Fire Training Ctr.	Fire Prevention Expo-Demos-etc	12 noon to 3 PM
Sunday	Oct. 11	Somers Point #2	Breakfast	8 AM to 12 noon
Saturday	Oct. 17	Port Republic	Roast Beef Dinner	3:30 to 7:30 PM
Sunday	Oct. 18	Minotola	75th Anniversary and Parade	12 noon

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Dennis Sharpe gave an update on the 75th Anniversary of the Association and that we still have some items left over and they are for sale.

Joe Ward gave a short update on the search and rescue teams.

Ron Bird reported progress with the library and that it is still open on Monday and Tuesday evenings.

Charles Sander reported that Tony Canale is recuperating at home from his recent operation and his phone is 653-1554 if you wish to contact him. His birthday is Thursday August 20th and he is 85 on that day.

A letter of thanks was received from The Salvation Army thanking the Association for the recent donation of \$100.00

The application for membership for Michael Yearsley of Dorothy was approved.

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 meeting to be held on Wednesday, September 16, 1998 at 8:00 P.M. at the Hammonton Co. No. 2 on the Pike (Route 30).

Attested  
Howard R. Guenther  
Secretary





# ATLANTIC COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION

Hammonton Co. No. 2

September 16, 1998

The regular meeting of the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association was called to order at 8:00 PM on Wednesday, September 16, 1998 with First Vice President Thomas Hunter 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 Hammonton by Chief Jack Donio who thanked the fire companies of the County for the mutual aid given to the City of Hammonton. Jack then introduced Deputy Mayor Garrison who extended his welcome to the membership and thanks from the City for all assistance rendered to them.

The minutes of the previous meeting of August 19, 1998 were approved and accepted as forwarded to the Secretaries and Chiefs.

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

Frank Mazzone, Atlantic County Director of Public Safety, presented a Proclamation from the Mayor of Absecon in recognition of the efforts and assistance rendered by Mobile Communications Unit F-2500 at the recent bomb scare at the Absecon Manor Nursing Home. Barry Bruner of Absecon presented a narrative on the incident.

The minutes of the Executive Committee meeting of September 11, 1998 were approved and accepted as read with several recommendations held over for new business.

The minutes of the Board of Directors of the fire training center meeting of September 14, 1998 were read to update the membership on activities at the Fire Training Center.

Whitey Swartz reported on the planned activities for the October 10th 1998 Fire Prevention Expo at the Fire Training Center.

The Training Committee had firefighter Completion Certificates which were distributed at the meeting.

The Fall Training booklets have been completed and are available with Fire Fighter I already started on September 14th with other classes listed to commence shortly.

It was reported that the 2 in, 2 out for SCBA's is in effect and will necessitate the physical exams for those who wear the SCBA's.

Oscar Dutch reported on the wildfire interface and that the SOP's have been drawn up and are in the process of reviewing and making some necessary revisions before it is finalized.

Howard Guenther reported that the 2 laws in regard to membership in the New Jersey State Firemen's Association have been signed into law. Chapter 90 raises maximum age to 45 and it is now 18 to 45 for joining the state association. Chapter 93 reopens the window period for 6 months.

Recommendations of the Executive Committee were next in order

1. Motion seconded and carried to obtain the necessary rider to our insurance policy for serving food at the October 10th Fire Expo if it is necessary.

2. Motion seconded and carried to increase the fee for Firefighter I to \$160.00 to cover the \$10.00 increase in trainee manuals.

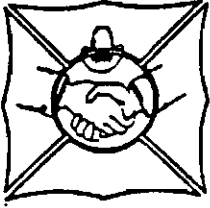
3. Motion seconded and carried to use the Director of Training Credit card for America on Line and then reimburse the DOT. To check whether we can get a Business Account to have this billed to the Association.

4. Motion seconded and carried to increase the Stipend for the Director of Training \$1120.00 at this time making it \$3120.00 yearly.

## DATE CLEARING

Saturday	Oct. 17	Port Republic	Roast Beef Dinner	3:30 to 7:30 PM
Sunday	Oct. 18	Minotola	75th Anniversary and Parade	12 noon
Sunday	Nov. 8	Somers Point #2	Breakfast	8 AM to 12 noon
Saturday	Nov. 14	Oceanville	Oyster or Ham Dinner	4 to 8 PM
Sunday	Dec. 13	Somers Point #2	Breakfast	8 to 12 PM

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# ATLANTIC COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION

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The application for membership for Robert W. Ingersoll of Mays Landing was approved.

The first (1st) nomination for officers is to be held at the next meeting of October 21, with the second (2nd) nomination to be held at the November 18th meeting and the elections to be held at the December 16th meeting.

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 meeting to be held on Wednesday, October 21, 1998 at 8:00 P.M. at the Sweetwater firehouse.

Attested  
Howard R. Guenther  
Secretary



# ATLANTIC COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION

Sweetwater (Millica Township)

October 21, 1998

The regular meeting of the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association was called to order at 8:00 P.M. on Wednesday, October 21, 1998 with President Ed Vincent 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 Sweetwater and Mullica Township by their firefighters. The minutes of the previous meeting of September 16, 1998 were approved and accepted as forwarded to the Chiefs and Secretaries.

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

Michael Schurman of the County Highway Safety Division was present and spoke on the MADD program and activities to take place at the Sandcastle on Monday, November 9th at 11:00 AM and invited the fire companies to participate.

Whitey Swartz reported on the recent Fire Prevention Expo held at the Fire Training Center on October 11th and it was very successful with an excellent turnout and he extended his thanks to all who participated and is already making plans for an Expo in 1999. Whitey was thanked by the membership for arranging and planning the Expo.

Director of Training Mike Corbo reported that 6 new Instructors have been appointed to the Fire Academy staff and they are Barry Bruner, Vincent Granese, Sherman P. Hartman, James Revelle, Charles A. Schaech, and Eugene Wellington Jr. Mike reported that the books for ICS 100 are available at the fire training center and this is a self-study course.

A class will be held on November 14 and 15 on the ICS 200 course.

Mike also reported that the fire training classes are going well, however, there is attendance signups lacking behind in several and may have to cancel some.

The Fire Training Center is in need of hose for conducting their training and is requesting donation of 1 1/2, 1 3/4, 2 1/2, 3 inch hose form the fire companies so they make use of it on the apparatus and training ground.

Mike also gave a brief outline on the 2 in, 2 out requirements.

A grant of \$5000.00 was received from the State Police for the purchase of equipment to be used for the confined space training.

Secretary Howard Guenther reminded the membership of the upcoming Memorial Services at the January 20, 1999 meeting and requested those having names to be included in the services to forward them to him so they may be in the booklet.

Dennis Sharpe reported that there is not much merchandise left from the 75th Anniversary and hopefully he can make a full report at the next meeting.

Kevin Foder gave a report on Centralized Dispatch and that a questionnaire will be sent out shortly to the companies and chiefs in regard to centralized dispatch.

Oscar Dutch reported on the SOP's for wildfire interface and that they made minor revisions which hopefully will be approved in the near future.

Ted Reinhard reported that he had 2 SCBA's donated from Air Power as well as several other suppliers and is working to acquire additional equipment for fire training.

## DATE CLEARING

Saturday Nov.	14	Oceanville	Oyster or Ham Dinner	4 to 8 PM
Saturday Dec.	12	at Farmington	Spaghetti Dinner by Explorers	
Sunday Dec.	13	Somers Point #2	Breakfast	8 AM to 12 noon
Thursday Dec.	31	Farmington	Annual New Year's Eve Party	9 PM til
Sunday Jan.	10	Somers Point #2	Breakfast	8 AM to 12 noon
Thursday Jan.	28	Absecon	Atl.Co. Firemens Death Benefit Trustees Meeting	8 PM

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First Nominations of Officers for 1999 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	Ronald Bird Jr.
Secretary	Howard R. Guenther	Tony Canale
Treasurer	Lou Raciti	Oscar Dutch
Sergeants-at-Arms (3)	Howard Bowen	James Garth
	Clarence Guenther	Charles J. Guenther
	Charles Sanders	Skip Portale
	George Scarlett	Ted Reinhard
Chaplain	Thomas Sweeny	John V. Wagner

Secon Nominations to be called for at the November 18th meeting and elections to be held at the December 16th meeting.

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

The following won trophies at the September 19th, 1998 parade in Wildwood

State Trophies

Best Appearing Fire Heavy Rescue Unit  
 Absecon- First Place  
 Pomona - Second Place

Best Appearing Pumper 1500 GPM and Over - 6 to 10 years  
 Farmington - Second Place

Best Appearing Platform and Snorkle  
 Absecon - First Place

Best Appearing Fire Department or Company Apparatus Overall  
 Absecon

Best Appearing Marching Unit over 21 persons  
 Galloway Township Fire Dept. - Second Place

Best Appearing Motorized 51 years or older  
 Pomona - Second Place

Bands

Oakcrest High School - Second Place  
 Absegami High School - Third Place

Special Judges Award

Egg Harbor Township Boy Scouts

Atlantic County Trophies

Best Appearing Apparatus  
 Absecon

Best Appearing Fire Company or Department  
 Galloway Township Fire Dept.

Best Appearing Brush Truck or Mini  
 East Vineland

There being no further business at hand, the meeting was adjourned with the next meeting to be held on Wednesday, November 18th at 8:00 PM at the Somers Point Co. No. 1 firehouse on Bethel Road.

Attested  
 Howard R. Guenther  
 Secretary



# ATLANTIC COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION

Somers Point Co. No. 1

November 18, 1998

The regular meeting of the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association was called to order at 8:00 PM on Wednesday, November 18, 1998 with President Ed Vincent presiding. The meeting was opened with the Flag Salute, followed by Invocation by the Association Chaplain, Thomas Sweeny.

The Secretary called the roll to record attendance and ensure a quorum being present. The membership was welcomed to Somers Point by Chief Richard Rest who in turn introduced Mayor Tony Martin, who also extended a warm welcome to the membership. The minutes of the previous meeting of October 21, 1998 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 30, 1998 were approved and accepted as read.

The minutes of the November 9, 1998 meeting of the Board of Directors of the Fire Training Academy were read giving an update on activities at the Fire Training Center.

Whitey gave a report on the Fire Expo held at the Fire Training Center on Sunday, Oct. 11 and once again thanked all who helped and participated in the affair.

The 1999 Fire Expo is to be held on Saturday, October 9th and they are already making plans for the affair and anyone having suggestions to offer, they are more than welcome. Whitey also reported that the brakes and steering on F-2500 have been repaired and the Mobile Communications Unit is back in service.

He must receive the 1998 Fire Prevention Posters by March 15th for County judging and then the winners will be forwarded on to the State for final judging.

Chief Coraluzzo reported on the recent tanker task force drill held in Richland Captain Dan Adams gave a report on the October 26th fire in Longport where 2 beachfront homes were destroyed.

Director of Training Mike Corbo reported that Firefighter I is to be held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings starting on February 9th, 1999 and Firefighter II will begin on March 8th, 1999 and be held on Monday and Wednesday evenings.

Will have training in January for Safety Officer, Training Officer and Organizational Duty Officers.

Will also have ICS 100 & 200 training as well as Confined Space and many more courses which will be in the Spring booklet that is to be out shortly.

Mike also answered questions in regard to the 2 in-2 out for structural firefighting.

NJ Transit plans on having another seminar in the Spring of 1999, maybe May with the date to be confirmed.

## DATE CLEARING

Saturday	Dec. 12	Farmington	Spaghetti Dinner by Explorers	4 to 8 PM
Sunday	Dec. 13	Somers Point #2	Breakfast	8AM to 12 noon
Thursday	Dec. 31	Framington	Annual New Year's Eve Party	9 PM til
Sunday	Jan. 10	Somers Point #2	Breakfast	8 AM to 12 noon
Thursday	Jan. 28	Absecon	Atl.Co. Firemens Death Benefit Trustees Meeting	8 PM
Saturday	May 1	Germania	Turkey or Pork Dinner	4 to 8 PM
Sunday	May 9	Hammonton #2	Mothers Day Breakfast	7 AM to 12 noon
Saturday	June 5	Cologne	Chicken Bar-Be-Que, etc.	1 to 7 PM
Sunday	June 6	Dorothy	Chicken Bar-Be-Que, etc.	12 noon to 6 PM
Tuesday	Aug. 17	Egg Harbor City	Atlantic Co.Caucus for 1999 Firemens Convention	8PM
Fri & Sat	Sept 17 & 18	Wildwood	1999 NJ State Firemen's Convention	
Saturday	Sept. 18	Wildwood	Parade	1 PM
Saturday	Oct. 2	Germania	Turkey or Pork Dinner	4 to 8 PM

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Dennis Sharpe reported that the cost of holding the 75th anniversary celebration of the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association was approximately \$2000.00

Dennis also reported that there is to be another field day in the spring with date to be determined and hopefully there will be more teams and companies in attendance in 1999 than there were in 1998 when all good time was had by all who participated.

The committee on Centralized Dispatch reported progress and they are to have their next meeting on November 23.

Oscar Dutch reported that the SOP's have been finalized for Forest Fire Interface.

Ron Bird reported that the Library is still maintaining hours in the evenings on Mondays and Tuesdays.

John V. Wagner reported on the Advisory Committee meeting and also on the LOSAP program.

Additional hose has been donated to the Fire Training Academy by Pomona, Weekstown, and Landisville. Any others have useable hose or other equipment that they wish to donate, it will be greatly appreciated.

Secretary Howard Guenther reminded the members of the January 20, 1999 memorial services and requested companies having names of departed members to forward them to him so that they may be included in the services.

Second Nominations of Officers for 1999 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	Ronald Bird Jr.
Secretary	Howard R. Guenther	Tony Canale
Treasurer	Lou Raciti	Oscar Dutch
Sergeants-at-Arms (3)	Howard Bowen	James Garth
	Clarence Guenther	Charles Guenther
	Charles Sander	Skip Portale
	George Scarlett	Ted Reinhard
Chaplain	Thomas Sweeny	John V. Wagner

Motion seconded and carried to close the nominations.

Elections to be held at the next meeting of December 16.

The Secretary was instructed to prepare ballots for the election of 3 Sergeants-at-Arms.

A discussion was held on the Public Employer Safety Alert #2 (R7-98) for Mandatory Reporting Requirements and the secretary was requested to forward copies to all and they are enclosed.

Tony Canale was warmly welcomed back following his recent illness and operation.

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

The exchanging of gifts at the next meeting was discussed and those desiring to exchange gifts may do so with gift to be roughly \$10-15.

Their being no further business at hand, the meeting was adjourned with next meeting to be held at 8:00 PM on Wednesday, December 16, 1998 at the West Atlantic City Firehouse.

Attested  
Howard R. Guenther  
Secretary



# ATLANTIC COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION

West Atlantic City (Egg Harbor Township) December 16, 1998

The regular meeting of the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association was called to order at 8:00 P.M. on Wednesday, December 16, 1998 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 called the roll to record attendance and ensure a quorum being present. The membership was welcomed to West Atlantic City and Egg Harbor Township by Chief Wallace Bakely. Chief Bakely in turn introduced the officials of Egg Harbor Township in attendance, Mayor Sonny McCullough, Deputy Mayor Frank Finnerty, and Committeeman Frank Sutton who all extended a cordial welcome and expressed the thanks of the citizens of the Township for the Mutual Aid rendered by the fire companies of Atlantic County to the Township.

The minutes of the previous meeting of November 18, 1998 were approved and accepted as forwarded to the Chiefs and Secretaries.

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

The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be held on Friday, January 8, 1999 with a special meeting at 7:00 PM and regular meeting at 8:00 PM.

The next meeting of the Board of Directors of the Fire Training Center is to be held on Monday, January 11, 1999 at 7:00 PM.

Secretary Howard Guenther reminded the membership of the Memorial Services that are to be conducted at the next meeting of January 20, 1999 in Egg Harbor City. Firefighters are requested to be in their full dress uniforms for the Services.

Fire Marshal Harold Swartz requested all companies forward their 1998 fire reports to him promptly so that he can comile the yearly report for Atlantic County.

Whitey also requested that any company having an update for the Mutual Aid Books to forward them to him promptly so changes and additions may be made to update the books. Whitey also reported the 1999 Fire Expo is to be held on Saturday, October 9th at the Fire Training Center (rain date Sunday October 10).

Director of Training Mike Corbo reported that the Spring 1999 Training Booklets are out with Firefighter I starting February 9th

Mike also reported that Certification as well as Recertification of Qualified Training Officer (QTO), Qualified Safety Officer (QSO), and Organizational Duty Instructor (ODI) will be given in January.

ICS 200 is scheduled as a course at the training center, however, it may be given as an Outreach program at your firehouse if there are enough to be attending.

Other courses are listed in the booklet. If you sign up for a course, and you don't show up for the course, you still must pay the required fee.

## DATE CLEARING

Thursday	Jan.	28	Absecon	Atl.Co. Firemens Death Benefit Trustees Meeting	8 PM
Sunday	Feb.	21	Somers Point #2	Breakfast	8 AM to 12 noon
Sunday	March	14	Somers Point #2	Breakfast	8 AM to 12 noon
Saturday	May	1	Germania	Turkey or Pork Dinner	4 to 8 PM
Sunday	May	9	Hammonton #2	Mothers Day Breakfast	7 AM to 12 noon
Saturday	May	15	Port Republic	Roast Beef Dinner	3:30 to 7:30 PM
Saturday	June	5	Cologne	Chicken Bar-Be-Que, etc.	1 to 7 PM
Sunday	June	6	Dorothy	Chicken Bar-Be-Que, etc.	12 noon to 6 PM
Tuesday	Aug.	17	Egg Harbor City	Atlantic Co.Caucus for 1999 Firemens Convention	8PM
Fri & Sat	Sept	17 & 18	Wildwood	1999 New Jersey State Firemen's Convention	
Saturday	Sept.	18	Wildwood	Parade	1 PM
Saturday	Oct.	2	Germania	Turkey or Pork Dinner	4 to 8 PM
Saturday	Oct.	9	Fire Training Ctr.	Fire Prevention Expo-Demos-etc.	
Saturday	Oct.	16	Port Republic	Roast Beef Dinner	3:30 to 7:30 PM

*"In Union For The Safety Of All"*

Dennis Sharpe reported that he is planning on holding another Firefighters' Field Day at the Fire Training Center sometime in the Spring. Date to be announced shortly. Whitey needs the fire prevention posters by March 15th. Hose and miscellaneous equipment is still needed for the training center, and companies having any to share, and wish to donate, it would be greatly appreciated.

Correspondence was received from Assemblyman LeFevre in that he has requested the posting of Assembly Bill A-991 at the next Assembly Local Government and Housing Committee meeting.

Assembly Bill A-991 would increase the maximum contribution by the Board of Freeholders to the County Firemen's (firefighters) Association and would expand permissible uses of the funds.

Bills as presented were approved for payment out of their respective budgeted accounts. Motion seconded and carried to make our annual contribution of \$200.00 to the New Jersey Firemen's Home for the entertainment and benefit of the guests.

Dennis Sharpe, Ron Bird, and Skip Portale were appointed as Tellers and distributed ballots for the election of the 3 Sergeants-at-Arms.

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 1999 is as follows

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Motion seconded and carried for the Secretary to destroy the ballots.

There being no further business at hand, the meeting was adjourned with the next meeting to be held at 8:00 P.M. on Wednesday, January 20, 1999 at the Egg Harbor City Firehouse. A final reminder to wear full dress uniforms.

Attested  
Howard R. Guenther  
Secretary

The Officers wish to extend to each of you and your families their wishes for a joyous, prosperous, and healthy New Year.