

ATLANTIC COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION

Egg Harbor City

January 19, 2000

The regular meeting of the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association was called to order at 8:00 PM on Wednesday, January 19, 2000 with President Edward Vincent presiding. The meeting was opened with the Flag Salute, followed by Invocation by Thomas Sweeny, Chaplain of the Association.

The Secretary read the rolls to record attendance and ensure a quorum being present. Chief Russell Fenton of the Egg Harbor City Fire Department welcomed the membership and the invited guests to the City. Chief Fenton introduced the Line Officers of the Fire Department. Chief Fenton also introduced Egg Harbor City Mayor James McGeary who extended a warm welcome to all in attendance.

President Ed Vincent welcomed and introduced guests Assemblyman Francis J. Blee, Atlantic County Executive Dennis Levinson, Freeholders Kirk W. Conover, James Curcio, and James A. Carney, Public Safety Department Head Richard F. Mulvihill, Director of Emergency Preparedness Vincent Jones and Mayor James McGeary.

All of the invited guests spoke to the members in attendance and expressed their thanks for the services provided to the citizens of Atlantic County.

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

Members of the "Final Roll" were

Francis DeFeo Sr.	Atlantic City	William P. Rambo	Linwood
John Donovan	Atlantic City	Albert Costa	Minotola.
Charles H. Gowdy	Atlantic City	George Wescoat Sr.	Nesco
Edward C. Jordan	Atlantic City	Walter S. Breitwieser	Pleasantville
James C. Marnell	Atlantic City	John English	Pleasantville
William J. McKnight Sr.	Atlantic City	Robert S. Simpkins	Pleasantville
Stanley Neminski	Atlantic City	Fulton Bonner Sr.	Pomona
Edwin W. Peterson	Atlantic City	Leslie Conover	Somers Point
Erlin D. Perkins	Bayview	Frederick L. Rest	Somers Point
Henry Schoenstein	Egg Harbor City	Allan Risley	Somers Point
Harold Winkler	Egg Harbor City	Arthur Steelman	Somers Point
Joseph Berenato Jf.	Hammonton	Charles Simpkins	South Egg Harbor
Harry Langheim	Hammonton	Howard Bowen	Weekstown
Joseph Macri	Hammonton	John W. Burchell Jr.	Weymouth
Nello Mercoli	Landisville	Robert H. Barrows	NJ Forest Fire Service

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

"Taps" was played by Joseph Ward of the Atlantic City Fire Department.

"Amazing Grace" was played by bag piper James Dunbar of the Cape-Atlantic Police and Firemen's Irish Pipe Brigade.

DATE CLEARING

Sunday	Feb. 13	Somers Point #2	Breakfast	8 AM to 12 noon
Saturday	Feb. 19	Italian Gourmet	Atlantic County Firefighters' Assn. Dinner	
Sunday	March 12	Somers Point #2	Breakfast	8 AM to 12 noon
Sunday	April 9	Somers Point #2	Breakfast	8 AM to 12 noon
Saturday	May 6	Germania	Turkey or Pork Dinner	4 to 8 PM
Sunday	May 14	Somers Point #2	Breakfast	8 AM to 12 noon
Sunday	May 14	Hammonton #2	Mothers Day Breakfast	7 AM to 12 noon
Saturday	May 20	Port Republic	Roast Beef Dinner	3:30 to 7:30 PM
Saturday	June 3	Cologne	Chicken-Bar-Cue, etc.	1 to 7 PM
Sunday	June 4	Dorothy	Chicken-Bar-Be-Cue, etc	12 noon to 6 PM

"In Union For The Safety Of All"

DATE CLEARING (continued)

Tuesday	Aug. 15	Egg Harbor City	Atlantic Co Caucus for 2000 Firemen's Convention	8PM
Fri& Sat	Sept 15&16	Wildwood	2000 New Jersey State Firemen's Convention	
Saturday	Oct. 7	Germania	Turkey or Pork Dinner	4 to 8 PM
Saturday	Oct. 14	Fire Training Ctr	Fire Prevention Expo	
Saturday	Oct. 21	Port Republic	Roast Beef Dinner	3:30 to 7:30 PM

Atlantic County Executive Dennis Levinson inatalled the following into office for 2000

President	Ed Vincent	Executive Committee (9 members)
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
Chaplain	Thomas Sweeny	James Garth Sr.
Sergeants-at-Arms	Clarence Guenther	Charles J. Guenther
	Charles Sander	Skip Portale
		Ted Reinhard
		John V. Wagner

President Vincent reported that the County has received the SCBA Fit Test Equipment and is setting up procedures, etc. for its use.

Howard Guenther reminded the membership of the February 19th Dinner and those planning to attend should let him know as soon as possible so that a tentative count may be given to the Italian Gourmet Restaurant.

Chaplain Thomas Sweeny advised the membership that he is available for funeral services, memorials, etc. of deceased firefighters.

President Ed Vincent presented a plaque to Richard Squires for all os his contributions to the Association during his tenure as a Freeholder and Executive of Atlantic County. Executive Dennis Levinson accepted the plaque for Dick in his absence.

Ted Reinhard was presented with a plaque from the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association and the Atlantic County Fire Chiefs' Association for all of his efforts in procuring fire equipment and materials from the manufacturers at the FDIC conventions and thruout the year with the equipment being used at the fire training center. Ted received a standing round of applause from the membership to show their appreciation for all of his efforts.

Motion was made, seconded and carried to dispense with any further business.

Benèdiction was then conducted by Chaplain Thomas Sweeny.

The meeting was then adjourned with the next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, February 16, 2000 at 8:00 PM in Longport.

Attested
Howard R. Guenther
Secretary



ATLANTIC COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION

Longport

February 16, 2000

The regular meeting of the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association was called to order at 8:00 PM on Wednesday, February 16, 2000 with President Ed Vincent presiding. Ed then pointed out the exits to the members in attendance.

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.

Chief Adams and Assistant Chief Lefty Clayton welcomed the membership to the City of Longport and introduced Mayor William Fiore who extended his welcome and thanked the membership for all that they do for their communities.

Minutes of the previous meeting of January 19, 2000 were approved and accepted as forwarded to the Secretaries and Chiefs.

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

The minutes of the Executive Committee meeting of January 7, 2000 were approved and accepted as read.

A recap was given of the January 10, 2000 meeting of the Board of Directors of the Fire Training Academy.

The SCBA Fits Test equipment has been received with adapters and all equipment is to remain at the Fire Training Center. Procedures for using the equipment are presently being developed. Survey forms to be sent to all companies to ascertain what type of SCBA's they have in use and if additional adapters are needed.

The Firefighter I class has begun and there are 27 in the class. Firefighter II is to start on March 13. Live Burn training is being conducted the 1st Wednesday of each month. There are openings in published upcoming classes for those desiring to attend. A reminder was given that all QTO's, QSO's, and ODI's must be recertified and those needing recertification should plan to do so shortly.

Whitey Swartz requested that all posters be in by March 15th for final judging before forwarding them to the State.

He also reported that forms for nominees for the Valor Awards have been sent out to all companies and requested a prompt return so the committee can review them and make their selections.

Whitey reported that he is to update the Mutual Aid Books and any company having any changes or additions to forward them to him for insertion.

Whitey is to form a Radio Committee to try to resolve some of communication problems being encountered and also to hopefully formulate standard procedures.

The Audit Committee reported on their audit of the books of the Treasurer and found them well kept and all in order and have no recommendations to make at this time.

DATE CLEARING

Sunday	March 12	Somers Point #2	Breakfast	8 AM to 12 noon
Sunday	April 9	Somers Point #2	Breakfast	8 AM to 12 noon
Saturday	May 6	Germania	Turkey or Pork Dinner	4 to 8 PM
Sunday	May 14	Somers Point #2	Breakfast	8 AM to 12 noon
Sunday	May 14	Hammonton #2	Breakfast	7 AM to 12 noon
Saturday	May 20	Pomona	Flea Market	8 AM to 2 PM
Saturday	May 20	Port Republic	Roast Beef Dinner	3:30 to 7:30 PM
Saturday	June 3	Cologne	Chicken Bar-Be-Cue, etc.	1 to 7 PM
Sunday	June 4	Dorothy	Chicken Bar-Be-Cue, etc.	12 noon to 6 PM
Sunday	June 11	Somers Point #2	Breakfast	8 AM to 12 noon
Tuesday	Aug. 15	Egg Harbor City	Atlantic Co Caucus for 2000 Firemen's Convention	8PM
Fri & Sat	Sept 15&16	Wildwood	2000 New Jersey State Firemen's Convention	
Saturday	Oct. 7	Germania	Turkey or Pork Dinner	4 to 8 PM
Saturday	Oct. 14	Fire Training Ctr	Fire Prevention Expo	
Saturday	Oct. 21	Port Republic	Roast Beef Dinner	3:30 to 7:30 PM

"In Union For The Safety Of All"

Oscar Dutch reported on Forest Fire Interface and reminded the membership that Spring is just around the corner and with it forest fire season.

Barry Bruner reported on EMS interface.

Ron Bird reported on the Library and that it is opened on Monday and Tuesday evenings from 7 to 10 PM.

Tom Hunter of the Ways and Means reported that T-shirts, hats, etc. are available at the training center.

Secretary Howard Guenther reported that the Assembly bill to provide additional funding for training has been reintroduced in the Assembly as A-532 and has been presented to committee and reported out of committee and hopefully it will be scheduled for vote shortly.

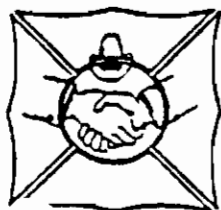
Ted Reinhard thanked the membership for the plaque that was presented to him at the January meeting.

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

The program for the next meeting is to be on the Accountability system.

There being no further business at hand, the meeting was adjourned with the next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, March 15, 2000 at 8 PM in Folsom.

Attested
Howard R. Guenther
Secretary



ATLANTIC COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION

Folsom

March 15, 2000

The regular meeting of the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association was called to order at 8:00 PM on Wednesday, March 15, 2000 with President Ed Vincent presiding.

Ed then pointed out the exits to the members in attendance.

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 Tony Curatola.

Minutes of the previous meeting of February 16, 2000 were approved and accepted as forwarded to the Chiefs and Secretaries.

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

Due to quorum not being present, the Executive Committee meeting of March 3rd was not held. However, they did discuss various items and concerns which will be brought up at their next meeting on May 5th at the Fire Training Center.

A recap was given on the Board of Directors of the Fire Training Academy meeting of March 13th and different items of concern. With the change of personnel in Public Safety and Emergency Management in the County, we are making good progress in having different items completed.

The President appointed Chester Crowell of Minotola to the position of Sergeant-at-Arms to complete the unexpired term of office of Howard Bowen.

A discussion was held on various aspects of training. All applications for use of the training facilities must be filled out completely as well as forms for checking conditions of facilities when arriving and departing. All companies using the training facilities must have a qualified QSO, QTO, and ODI.

A report was given on the FDIC recently attended which was very productive with the seminars attended. Once again Ted did GOOD. Additional equipment from manufacturers on the way.

The Secretary reported that the Firefighters and Police Memorial Ceremony is to be held on Wednesday, May 17th at 11:00 AM at the Memorial Plaza in Atlantic City.

The Secretary also reported that the 2nd Annual Firefighters' Night at the Surf is to be held on Friday, August 4th, 2000 with game time at 7:05 PM.

DATE CLEARING

Sunday	March 26	Bargaintown	Breakfast	7 AM to 12 noon
Saturday	April 1	Weymouth	Yard Sale	
Saturday	April 8	Oceanville	Oyster or Ham Dinner	4 to 8 PM
Sunday	April 9	Somers Point #2	Breakfast	8 AM to 12 noon
Saturday	April 15	Farmington	Breakfast with Easter Bunny	9 AM to 12 noon
Saturday	May 6	Germania	Turkey or Pork Dinner	4 to 8 PM
Sunday	May 14	Hammonton #2	Breakfast	7 AM to 12 noon
Sunday	May 14	Somers Point #2	Breakfast	8 AM to 12 noon
Wednesday	May 17	Atlantic City	Firefighters & Police Memorial Ceremony	11 AM
Saturday	May 20	Pomona	Flea Market	8 AM to 2 PM
Saturday	May 20	Port Republic	Roast Beef Dinner	3:30 to 7:30 PM
Saturday	June 3	Cologne	Chicken Bar-Be-Cue, etc.	1 to 7 PM
Sunday	June 4	Dorothy	Chicken Bar-Be-Cue, etc.	12 noon to 6 PM
Sunday	June 11	Somers Point #2	Breakfast	8 AM to 12 noon
Sunday	July 9	Somers Point #2	Breakfast	8 AM to 12 noon
Friday	Aug. 4	Atlantic City	Firefighters Night at the Surf	7:05 PM
Tuesday	Aug. 15	Egg Harbor City	Atlantic Co Caucus for 2000 Firemen's Convention	8 PM
Fri & Sat	Sept 15&16	Wildwood	2000 New Jersey State Firemen's Convention	
Saturday	Sept. 16	Wildwood	Parade	1:00 PM
Saturday	Oct. 7	Germania	Turkey or Pork Dinner	4 to 8 PM
Saturday	Oct. 21	Port Republic	Roast Beef Dinner	3:30 to 7:30 PM

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Whitey Swartz reported that they attempted to bring rail car from siding at Folsom to the Fire Training Center, but ran into some problems and will try another day. Whitey also reminded all of the planned Fire Prevention Expo at the Fire Training Center on Saturday, October 14th.

Ron Bird reported that the Library is busy while classes are being given and is open on Monday and Tuesday evenings from 7 to 10 PM.

Oscar Dutch gave a report on Forest Fire interface.
A report was also given on the Junk Yard fire in New Gretna.

Ed Vincent reported that the SCBA Fits Test at the fire training center is just about ready to go and survey forms are to be sent out for return by May 1st if companies want to use County's test gear (or if they have their own facilities) and also time blocks.

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

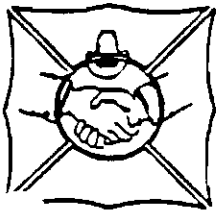
The program for for the evening was presented by Dan McFadden and Joe Basile of the Amercian Red Cross on Disaster Services available and the emergency notification procedure for obtaining them.

They also spoke on their emergency canteen service and that their present canteen is out of service and they are to obtain a new one. (cost of approximately \$63,000.00) and are looking for individual donations.

There being no further business at hand, the meeting was adjourned with the next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, April 19th at 8 PM at the Fire Training Center.

The April meeting is also the Valor Awards presentation and hopefully we can have a good turnout.

Attested
Howard R. Guenther
Secretary



ATLANTIC COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION

Atlantic County Fire Training Center

April 19, 2000

The regular meeting of the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association was called to order at 8:00 PM on Wednesday, April 19, 2000 with President Ed Vincent presiding.

Ed then pointed out the exits to those in attendance.

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

Minutes of the previous meeting of March 15, 2000 were approved and accepted as forwarded to the Chiefs and Secretaries.

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

President Ed Vincent welcomed the membership and invited guests to the meeting and the Annual Valor Awards Presentation.

President Vincent also acknowledged and introduced the following: Congressman Frank LoBiondo, Past Atlantic County Executive Richard Squires, and the following members of Atlantic County Government, Chief of Staff Howard Kyle, Department Head of Public Safety Richard Mulvihill, Public Information Officer Michael Schurman, and Freeholders Kirk W. Conover, James A. Carney, Frank Finnerty, Joseph F. Silipena.

The main order of business for the evening was the Annual Awards Presentations, which was opened by Howard Berchtold Jr. followed by Harold "Whitey" Swartz introducing the members of the Valor Awards Committee.

President Ed Vincent presented each of the recipients with their awards from the Atlantic County Fire Fighters' Association:

Unit Citations

Nicholas Weiss

Thomas Kyle

James Cheeseman

Michael Dixon

William Rodgers

Mark Marrone

Walter Brandenburg

Keith Scottone

all of the Atlantic City Fire Department

Meritorious Award

James Ditzel

of the Elwood Fire Company

Second Class Awards

Joel Sparano

Elwood Faunce

of the Atlantic City Fire Department

First Class Award

Jerry Oliver

a citizen of Pleasantville

A narration of the actions performed by the recipients of the awards was given.

Each of the recipients was presented with Certificates of Appreciation from County Executive Dennis Levinson which were presented by Chief of Staff Howard Kyle.

They were all presented with Certificates of Appreciation from the Atlantic County Board of Freeholders which were presented by Chairman of the Board Kirk W. Conover.

Congressman Frank LoBiondo then presented all the recipients with Congressional Award.

A short slide presentation was shown by the Atlantic County Firefighters' Photographers' Unit.

President Ed Vincent reported that there is a slow response in returning the forms in regard to participating in the Respiratory Protection Fit Test Program and the requested forms have to be sent in by May 1st.

Ed also reported that forms are being sent out to all companies and departments to up-date the lists of QTO's (qualified training officer), QSO's (qualified safety officer), and ODI's (organizationak duty instructor)

The Secretary reminded the membership of the Wednesday, May 17 annual Memorial Services at 11:00 AM at the Fire and Police Plaza in Atlantic City.

The membership applications of Donald Brown, Steve Martyn, and Donald Roff of the Egg Harbor City Fire Department.

A letter of thanks and appreciation was received for the donation of \$500.00 to the firefighters fund for the 6 Worcester, Massachusetts firefighters who lost their lives at the December 3, 1999 fire in their city.

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

DATE CLEARING

Saturday	May	6	Germania	Turkey or Pork Dinner	4 to 8 PM
Sunday	May	7	Egg Harbor City	Breakfast	6:30 AM to 12 noon
Sunday	May	14	Somers Point #2	Breakfast	8 AM to 12 noon
Sunday	May	14	Hammonton #2	Breakfast	7 AM to 12 noon
Wednesday	May	17	Atlantic City	Firefighters & Police Memorial Ceremony	11 AM
Saturday	May	20	Pomona	Flea Market - Garage Sale	8 AM to 2 PM
Saturday	May	20	Port Republic	Roast Beef Dinner	3:30 to 7:30 PM
Saturday	June	3	Cologne	Chicken Bar-Be-Cue, etc.	1 to 7 PM
Sunday	June	4	Dorothy	Chicken Bar-Be-Cue, etc.	12 noon to 6 PM
Sunday	June	4	Egg Harbor City	NASCAR Race Bus Trip to Dover Downs	
Sunday	June	11	Somers Point #2	Breakfast	8 AM to 12 noon
Sunday	July	9	Somers Point #2	Breakfast	8 AM to 12 noon
Thursday	July	27	Dorothy	Atl.Co. Firemen's Death Benefit Trustees Mtg.	8 PM
Friday	Aug.	4	Atlantic City	Firefighters' Night at the Surf	7:05 PM
Saturday	Aug.	5	Egg Harbor City	Spaghetti Dinner	4 to 7 PM
Sunday	Aug.	13	Somers Point #2	Breakfast	8 AM to 12 noon
Tuesday	Aug.	15	Egg Harbor City	Atlantic Co Caucus for 2000 Firemens Convention	8 PM
Fri & Sat	Sept	15&16	Wildwood	2000 New Jersey State Firemen's Convention	
Saturday	Sept	16	Wildwood	Parade	1 PM
Saturday	Oct.	7	Germania	Turkey or Pork Dinner	4 to 8 PM
Saturday	Oct.	14	Fire Training Center	Fire Prevention Expo	
Saturday	Oct.	14	Egg Harbor City	Golf Outing	
Saturday	Oct.	21	Port Republic	Roast Beef Dinner	3:30 to 7:30 PM

Motion made, seconded and carried to dispense with regular business and retire to the engine room to enjoy refreshments, and fellowship in the engine room.

There being no further business at hand, the meeting was adjourned with the next scheduled meeting set for Wednesday, May 17th at 8 PM in Germania.

Attested
Howard R. Guenther
Secretary



ATLANTIC COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION

Germania (Galloway Township)

May 17, 2000

The regular meeting of the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association was called to order at 8:00 PM on Wednesday, May 17, 2000 with President Ed Vincent Presiding.

Ed then pointed out the exits for the benefit of those in attendance.

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.

Minutes of the previous meeting of April 19, 2000 were approved and accepted as forwarded to the Chiefs and Secretaries.

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

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

The minutes of the Executive Committee meeting of May 5, 2000 was approved and accepted as read with several items to be taken up under new business.

A recap was given of the May 8, 2000 of the Board of Directors of the Fire Training Center meeting.

Both the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors are looking into ways to better enhance the fire training program and also to make it more user friendly.

The Training Committee reported that Firefighter I is completed with 26 trainees completing the course. Only a few courses remain for the Spring semester to be over.

The committee is presently working on the schedule for the Fall Semester.

President Vincent reported that Galaxy Scientific personnel were present at the FF I live burn and demonstrated their accountability system that they are developing for the fire service and Ed explained the workings of the equipment.

Ed reported that the response on questionnaires in regard to SCBA Fits testing was about 55% and is waiting for further responses.

Testing will start shortly when instructors are given procedures by the manufacture.

Also in process of updating list of QSO's, QTO's and ODI's.

Ted Reinhard gave a report on the recent FDIC that they attended and that he was once again able to acquire fittings and equipment from various manufactures which should be arriving shortly. Ted also was able to make contacts and acquired approximately \$500-\$600 of books for the library.

DATE CLEARING

Saturday	June 3	Cologne	Chicken Bar-Be-Cue, etc.	1 to 7 PM
Sunday	June 4	Dorothy	Chicken Bar-Be-Cue, etc.	12 noon to 6 PM
Sunday	June 4	Egg Harbor City	NASCAR Race Bus Trip to Dover Downs	
Sunday	June 11	Somers Point #2	Breakfast	8 AM to 12 noon
Wed & Thur	July 5 & 6	Pomona	Circus	early evening
Sunday	July 9	Somers Point #2	Breakfast	8 AM to 12 noon
Thursday	July 27	Dorothy	Atl.Co. Firemen's Death Benefit Fund Trustees Mtg	8 PM
Friday	Aug. 4	Atlantic City	Firefighters' Night at the Surf	7:05 PM
Saturday	Aug. 5	Egg Harbor City	Spaghetti Dinner	4 to 7 PM
Th-Fri-Sat	Aug 10-11-12	Route 50	4-H Fair	
Sunday	Aug. 13	Somers Point #2	Breakfast	8 AM to 12 noon
Tuesday	Aug. 15	Egg Harbor City	Atlantic Co.Caucus for 2000 Firemen's Convention	8 PM
Fri & Sat	Sept 15 & 16	Wildwood	2000 New Jersey State Firemen's Convention	
Saturday	Sept 16	Wildwood	Parade	1 PM
Saturday	Oct. 7	Germania	Turkey or Pork Dinner	4 to 8 PM
Saturday	Oct. 14	Fire Training Center	Fire Prevention Expl	
Saturday	Oct. 14	Egg Harbor City	Golf Outing	
Saturday	Oct. 21	Port Republic	Roast Beef Dinner	3:30 to 7:30 PM

Ron Bird reported that the Library is open on Monday and Tuesday evenings from 7 to 10 PM. Ron thanked Ted Reinhard for obtaining the books for the Library while he was at FDIC.

" In Union For The Safety Of All "

A report was given on the Memorial Ceremony held earlier in the day at the Fire and Police Plaza in Atlantic City. Nice ceremony, well attended and nice weather.

Chippy Stockton gave a report on the Tanker Task Force drill in Egg Harbor Township on April 30.

Meeting to be held at the Airport in regard to mutual aid.

Dennis Sharpe reported that date originally picked for annual field is in conflict and will have to pick another day or cancel event for this year.

Whitey is presently working on details for the Fire Prevention Expo on Saturday, October 14 and is open for suggestions.

Howard Berchtold reported that the 4-H Fair is to be held on Thursday, Friday, Saturday, August 10, 11, and 12 and committee is working on plans for displays, etc.

Thermal Imaging Cameras are starting to be distributed thruout the State.

The 2nd annual Firefighters Night at the Surf is to be held on Friday, August 4th with a share of proceeds to go the Burn Centers.

The secretary reported that the following still have to submit their rosters and \$60.00 dues for 2000:

Belcoville Brigantine Forest Fire Service Hammonton #2 Milmay
Pleasantville

The Secretary also reported that the following have submitted their rosters, however, they still owe the \$60.00 due for 2000:

Elwood Hammonton #1

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

Motion seconded and carried to drop A.O.L. from computer and look into obtaining another server.

Motion seconded and carried to resume graduation ceremonies for Firefighter I as well as awarding shoulder patches for completion of various fire training courses.

Drawings for positions of fire companies in the Atlantic County Unit will be held at the July 19th meeting of the Association in Linwood.

Parade to be held on Saturday, September 16th.

Parade applications to be sent out by Wildwood the later part of June or early July.

DO NOT forward them to Wildwood, if you do, then you will be placed in the parade in spot selected by them

If you desire to participate as part of the Atlantic County Unit, complete the application and bring to the July 19th meeting or mail to

Howard Berchtold Jr. 545 South Buffalo Avenue South Egg Harbor, NJ 08215

Howard Guenther reported that the Atlantic County Caucus for Chiefs, Delegates, and Life Members will be held on Tuesday, August 15th in Egg Harbor City at 8:00 P.M.

He also reported that the year 2000 New Jersey State Firemen's Convention is to be held in Wildwood on Friday, September 15th at 1:00 P.M. and on Saturday, September 16th at 10:00 AM.

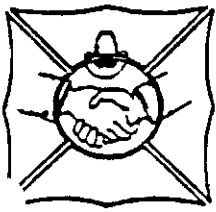
Parade to be held on Saturday, September 16th starting at 1:00 PM.

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

There being no further business at hand, the meeting was adjourned with next scheduled meeting to be held on Wednesday, June 21 at 8:00 PM in Collings Lakes.

Attested

Howard R. Guenther
Secretary



ATLANTIC COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION

Collings Lakes (Buena Vista Township) June 21, 2000

The regular meeting of the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association was called to order at 8:00 PM on Wednesday, June 21, 2000 with President Ed Vincent presiding.

Ed then pointed out the exits for the benefit of those in attendance.

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

The membership was welcomed to Collings Lakes and Buena Vista Township by Assistant Chief John Capehart.

Minutes of the previous meeting of May 17, 2000 were approved and accepted as forwarded to the Chiefs and Secretaries.

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

The Secretary reported that the drawing for positions of fire companies in the Atlantic County Unit will be held at the next meeting of July 19th in Linwood.

The Wildwood parade is to be held on Saturday, September 16th starting at 1 PM.

Parade applications are to be mailed shortly by Wildwood.

DO NOT return them to Wildwood, if you do then you will be placed in the parade wherever they place you and not with the Atlantic County Unit.

If you desire to participate in the Wildwood parade as part of the Atlantic County Unit, complete the application and bring to the July 19th meeting or mail to

Howard Berchtold Jr. 545 South Buffalo Avenue South Egg Harbor, NJ 08215

Blank application forms will be available at the meeting for those who don't receive one.

Howard Guenther reported that the Atlantic County Caucus for Chiefs, Delegates, and Life Members will be held on Tuesday, August 15th in Egg Harbor City at 8:00 P.M.

Also any firefighter who would like to attend the caucus is welcome to do so.

The year 2000 New Jersey State Firemen's Convention is to be held in Wildwood on Friday September 15 at 1:00 PM and on Saturday, September 16 at 10:00 AM

Howard gave an update on the construction of the new convention center in Wildwood. Tunnel under boardwalk for vehicle traffic is completed and boardwalk has been closed back in. Pilings are completed with caps and columns poured on them. Waiting for delivery of steel.

Should see good progress with construction when attending the convention.

Motion made, seconded and carried for the Firefighters' Association to once again award 2 trophies for the Wildwood parade.

Best Appearing Atlantic County Apparatus

Best Appearing Atlantic County Company/Department Overall

The Fire Chiefs' Association is to award a trophy for Best Appearing Atlantic County Aerial Device.

These 3 trophies to be awarded to participants of the Atlantic County Unit in parade.

DATE CLEARING

Wed & Thur	July 5 & 6	Pomona	Circus	
Sunday	July 9	Somers Point #2	Breakfast	8 AM to 12 noon
Sunday	July 16	Weymouth	Breakfast Buffet - AYCE	7 AM to 12 noon
Thursday	July 27	Dorothy	Atl.Co. Firemen's Death Benefit Fund Trustees Mtg	8 PM
Friday	Aug. 4	Atlantic City	Firefighters' Night at the Surf	7:05 PM
Saturday	Aug. 5	Egg Harbor City	Spaghetti Dinner	4 to 7 PM
Th-Fri-Sat	Aug 10-11-12	Route 50	4-H Fair	
Sunday	Aug. 13	Somers Point #2	Breakfast	8 AM to 12 noon
Tuesday	Aug. 15	Egg Harbor City	Atlantic Co Caucus for 2000 Firemens Convention	8 PM
Sunday	Sept 10	Somers Point #2	Breakfast	8 AM to 12 noon
Fri & Sat	Sept 15 & 16	Wildwood	2000 New Jersey State Firemen's Convention	
Saturday	Sept 16	Wildwood	Parade	1 PM
Saturday	Oct. 7	Germania	Turkey or Pork Dinner	4 to 8 PM
Saturday	Oct. 14	Fire Training Center	Fire Prevention Expo	

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DATE CLEARING (continued):

Saturday	Oct. 14	Egg Harbor City	Golf Outing	
Saturday	Oct. 21	Port Republic	Roast Beef Dinner	3:30 to 7:30 PM
Saturday	Nov. 4	Oceanville	Oyster or Ham Dinner	4 to 8 PM

The Training Committee reported that the Spring semester courses have all been completed and certificates have all be made up.

Presently working on courses for the Fall semester and hopefully will be completed and books available shortly.

A report was given on the June 7, 8, 9, 10 Hasty Team training and that all the instructors donated their time. The Association extended thanks to all the instructors. There were 34 trainees participating in this course. There also were quite a few no-shows for this course and they will be billed as they were signed up. 20 companies still have not responded to the survey for SCBA Fits Test. Testing to start in July.

Recertification courses to be given again for QSO, QTO, and ODI.

Howard Berchtold reported that there were some isolated problems in regard to training. One of the problems was class cancellations without proper notification to students and had a meeting with the instructors involved and hopefully this problem is resolved. Other issues to be taken up and discussed at the next Executive Committee meeting.

Barry Bruner reported on EMS interface.

Oscar Dutch reported on Forest Fire interface. Oscar also spoke on the fires out West. Ron Bird reported on library and that it is open on Monday and Tuesday evenings.

Chief Garth reported on the Chiefs' Association meeting and that the Red Cross is getting a canteen together and donations are requested from the firefighters and companies to help defray some of the expenses.

Jack Bruner reported that there is a new type of bar-be-cue grill out with an attached deep fryer that can hold up to 5 gallons of frying oil and spoke of hazard in trying to extinguish a fire in the deep fryer,

Chief Tony reported on Assembly bill A-429 that is reported out of committee. If passed by the Assembly and Senate and signed into law would allow a municipality to bill up to \$300.00 per incident to the State for costs of providing emergency services on State and Federal Highways.

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

There being no further business at hand, the meeting was adjourned with the next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, July 19, 2000 at 8:00 P.M. in Linwood.

Attested
Howard R. Guenther
Secretary



ATLANTIC COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION

Linwood

July 17, 2000

The regular meeting was called to order at 8:00 PM with President Ed Vincent presiding. The meeting was opened with the flag salute, followed by the roll call ensuring presence of a quorum. The membership was welcomed to Linwood by Department Chief Doughty.

Minutes of the June meeting were approved as forwarded to the Chiefs and Secretaries.

Report of the Treasurer was approved.

A program for the evening was presented by Jerry Long of Signal Service, Inc. Topic was Optical Preemptive Systems for control of traffic signals.

Jerry Long, Sales
Signal Service Inc.
1020 Andrew Drive
West Chester, PA 19380
1-610-429-8073 x112

Committee Reports:

Fire Marshal Swartz forwarded information concerning our possible assistance for the events surrounding the Republican Convention.

Executive Committee minutes from the July 7, 2000 meeting were presented and explained by Chair Howard Berchtold:

- ◆ Committee reviewing procedures for outside agencies to request training by our association.
- ◆ Farmington to host graduation ceremony following the next FFI Class.
- ◆ Investments have been reviewed and renewed.
- ◆ Workers Compensation Coverage to be reviewed.

Bd. of Directors - 7/10 meeting cancelled.

County Chief's Assoc. - President Garth advised the next meeting will be July 25, in Egg Harbor City.

Forest Fire - Oscar Dutch reported on a Wildland Urban Interface Drill on Oct. 22, 2000.

Training - Director of Training Corbo reported that the Fall Semester Books are out with the first class starting August 20. All past certificates have been distributed. Anyone missing a certificate should contact Mike.

4-H - Fair to be held August 10, 11, 12. Any company interested in participating should contact Howard Berchtold or Dennis Sharpe.

Firemen's Home - Bill Hurd presented a report from the home.

Unfinished Business: Joe Ward to be contacting departments - reference fit testing.

Expo this year to be held October 14. More information to follow.

Field Day is October 21. Dennis Sharpe to be getting information out.

New Business: Drawing for the Wildwood Parade on September 16 was held for those who had submitted applications:

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| 1. NJ ANG 177 th (banner) | 8. Somers Point | 15. Longport |
| 2. Absecon | 9. E.H.C. Life Members | 16. Estell Manor |
| 3. SJ Transportation Authority | 10. Dorothy | 17. Forest Fire Service |
| 4. Linwood | 11. Egg Harbor Twp. | 18. Folsom |
| 5. South Jersey Fire Museum | 12. Twp. Of Hamilton | 19. Port Republic |
| 6. Galloway Twp. | 13. Buena Boro | 20. Mullica Township |
| 7. Egg Harbor City | 14. Hammonton | 21. Northfield |
| | | 22. Buena Vista Township |
| | | 23. F-2500 |

Date Clearing:

Th-Fri-Sat	Aug. 10-11-12	Route 50	4-H Fair	
Sunday	Aug. 13	Somers Point #2	Breakfast	8 AM to 12 Noon
Tuesday	Aug. 15	Egg Harbor City	Atl. Co. Cauc.-2000 Firemen's Conv.	8:00 PM
Sunday	Aug. 20	Wheaton's Fire Muster	Millville	
Fri. & Sat.	Sept. 15 & 16	Wildwood	2000 NJ State Firemen's Convention	
Saturday	Sept. 16	Wildwood	Parade	
Saturday	Oct. 7	Germania	Turkey or Pork Dinner	4 to 8 PM
Saturday	Oct. 14	Fire Training Center	Fire Prevention Expo	
Sunday	Oct. 29	Egg Harbor City	Golf Outing	
Saturday	Oct. 21	Port Republic	Roast Beef Dinner	3:30 to 7:30 PM
Saturday	Oct. 21	Fire Training Center	Firefighters' Field Day	
Saturday	Sept. 9	Weekstown	Pig Roast	4 to 8 PM

All bills - presented and approved for payment.

A 50/50 was held.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM.

Next Meeting - August 16, 2000 - Laureldale Fire House, 8:00 PM.

The scheduled Firefighters' Night at the Surf on Friday, August 4th that was rained out if to be rescheduled with the date to be announced shortly.

**Howard H. Berchtold, Jr.
Acting Secretary**



ATLANTIC COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION

Laureldale (Hamilton Township).

August 16, 2000

The regular meeting of the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association was called to order at 8:00 PM on Wednesday, August 16, 2000 with Edward Vincent presiding. Ed then pointed out the exits for the benefit of those in attendance.

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

The membership was welcomed to Laureldale and Hamilton Township by Chief Ted Jones. Minutes of the previous meeting of July 17, 2000 were approved and accepted as forwarded to the Secretaries and Chiefs.

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

Fire Marshal Whitey Swartz thanked all of the companies who were on standby for possible assistance for events surrounding the Republican Convention. None were actually called. Whitey is preparing forms for fire reports which will be filed on a quarterly basis by all companies in the county.

Whitey is in process of updating the Mutual Aid books and requests all companies to go over their sheets and make any changes and updates and forward them to him for revision. Whitey reported on the upcoming Saturday, October 14th Fire Expo at the Fire Training Center and will have a meeting on Thursday, September 7th to finalize the planned events.

The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be held on Friday, September 8th at 8:00 PM in Absecon and the next meeting of the Board of Directors of the Fire Training Center will be held on Monday, September 11th at 7:00 PM at the Fire Training Center.

Director of Training Michael Corbo reported that the Fall Semester Training Booklets have been sent to all companies with dates of courses being offered. Firefighter I is to be held on Monday and Wednesday starting September 11th and Firefighter II to be held on Tuesday and Thursday starting September 19th.

A letter was read that was received from the Bureau in regard to the Fire Training Academy. Michael Corbo read a letter that due to time restraints, he intends to resign the position of Director of Training. Resignation to be effective sometime around the end of year. A special meeting of the Officers and Executive Committee is to be held on Monday, August 21st at 8:00 PM in South Egg Harbor to discuss the letter from the Bureau and Training.

Dennis Sharpe reported that invitations have been forwarded to all companies in regard to the October 21st Firefighters' field day at the Fire Training Center. Any further information may be obtained by contacting Dennis.

Howard Berchtold gave a report on the August 10-11-12 4-H Fair and that it was very successful and well received by the public. He conveyed his thanks to the 4-H committee and others who assisted and the different companies who displayed their equipment.

DATE CLEARING

Saturday	Sept. 9	Weekstown	Pig Roast	3:30 to 7:00 PM
Sunday	Sept. 10	Somers Point #2	Breakfast	8 AM to 12 noon
Fri & Sat	Sept 15 & 16	Wildwood	2000 New Jersey State Firemen's Convention	
Saturday	Sept. 16	Wildwood	Parade	1:00 PM
Saturday	Oct. 7	Germania	Turkey or Pork Dinner	4 to 8 PM
Sunday	Oct. 8	Somers Point #2	Breakfast	8 AM to 12 noon
Saturday	Oct. 14	Fire TrainingCtr	Fire Prevention Expo	12 noon to 3 PM
Saturday	Oct. 21	Fire TrainingCtr	Firefighters' Field Day	12 noon
Saturday	Oct. 21	Port Republic	Roast Beef Dinner	3:30 to 7:30 PM
Sunday	Oct. 29	Egg Harbor City	Golf Outing	
Saturday	Nov. 4	Pomona	Christmas Bazaar	9 AM to 4 PM
Sunday	Nov. 12	Somers Point #2	Breakfast	8 AM to 12 noon
Sunday	Dec. 10	Somers Point #2	Breakfast	8 AM to 12 noon

A report was given on Senate Bill S-258 which modifies payment of workers' compensation benefits for certain volunteers injured while volunteering. This would cut back benefits of those volunteers employed on job to benefit based on their salary at work and if retired would provide no compensation benefit as retirees do not receive any work pay to base their benefit on. This was passed in the Senate by a vote of 30-2-0 on March 27, 2000 and is now referred to Assembly Labor Committee.

Atlantic County is divided into 4 districts in the state and vote of the 4 Senators

District 1	Buean Borough and Buena Vista Township	Senator James Cafiero (R-1st)	yes
District 8	Folsom and Hammonton	Senator Martha W. Bark (R-8th)	yes
District 9	Egg Harbor City	Senator Leonard Connors (R-9th)	yes
District 2	remainder of Atlantic County	Senator William Gormley (R-2nd)	yes

As this Senate Bill has passed the Senate and is now in the Assembly Committee, we must phone our Assemblymen and follow up with letters requesting them to oppose this bill when presented for vote in Assembly and it is detrimental to the volunteers.

Assembly Bill A-532 which would increase amount that a County could appropriate for Training and Communications was reported out of committee on February 10th. We must also phone our Assemblymen and follow up with letters requesting them to vote favorably on this bill as it would greatly increase the amount of money that we could receive for training. We should also contact Assemblyman Jack Collins (R-3rd) requesting him to post this bill for a vote in the Assembly. Once passed in the Assembly, then we must contact our Senators for their support.

Enclosed is names, addresses, and phone numbers of our Lawmakers. Also listed is the toll free number of Legislative Services where you can call and get information and copies of proposed bills as well as those signed into law.

Chief Garth reported that the next meeting of the County Chiefs Association is to be held on Thursday, August 31st at 8 PM in Richland.

Ron Bird reported that the library is open on Monday and Tuesday evenings from 7 to 10 PM.

The Secretary reported that the trophies that the Firefighters Association and the Chiefs Association are awarding to units of the Atlantic County fire companies in the Sept. 16th Wildwood parade have been delivered to Wildwood.

The following applications for membership were received and approved
Keith Bagot of Bargaintown and Joseph Countouris of Dorothy

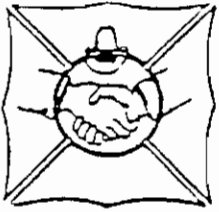
Ted Reinhard displayed some tools and fittings that were acquired from his contacts that they donated for the fire training center.

President Ed Vincent reported that the program scheduled for the October 18th meeting in Port Republic will be on the NIFRS program.

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 next scheduled meeting to be held on Wednesday, September 20, 2000 at 8:00 P.M. at the Hammonton Co. No. 2 firehouse on Route 30 (White Horse Pike).

Attested
Howard R. Guenther
Secretary



ATLANTIC COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION

Hammonton Co. No. 2

September 20, 2000

The regular meeting of the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association was called to order at 8:00 PM on Wednesday, September 20, 2000 with President Edward Vincent presiding as well as pointing out the exits

The meeting was opened with the Flag Salute, followed by Invocation by Thomas Sweeny, the Chaplain of the Firefighters' Association. As part of the Invocation was a prayer for recently deceased Chief John C. Wagner.

The Secretary called the rolls to record attendance and ensure a quorum being present. Chief Jack Donio welcomed the Association and the membership to Hammonton. The Mayor of Hammonton was in attendance and also extended his welcome to the City.

The membership extended a "Happy Birthday" to Chief Donio on his special day.

The minutes of the previous meeting of August 16, 2000 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 special meeting of August 21 as well as the minutes of their regular meeting of September 8 were approved and accepted as read.

A recap of the September 11 meeting of the Fire Training Center Board of Directors was given by the Secretary.

Whitey Swartz reported on the months activities of Mobile Communications Unit F-2500. Whitey also reported that only 19 of the 46 fire companies/departments submit their fire reports to him and that he needs this information for his reports to the County. He is presently revising the forms to simplify them in the hopes that all will participate. Forms to be sent out and start using them for January on a monthly basis to start and then maybe quarterly.

Information has been received on the 2000-2001 Fire Prevention Poster Contest and posters must be received by Whitey by March 15, 2001 for judging on the County level and winning poster then forwarded to the State for further judging. Grand prize from the State judging is to be 7 Gateway 2000 personal computers

Students will have a choice of three (3) themes:

1. "KNOW WHEN TO GO: REACT FAST TO FIRE"
2. "WATCH WHAT YOU HEAT: PREVENT HOME FIRES"
3. "LET'S HEAR IT FOR FIRE SAFETY: TEST YOUR DETECTORS"

Whitey also gave an update on the planned displays and evolutions for the October 14th Fire Prevention Expo at the Fire Training Center from 12 noon to 3 PM.

Dennis Sharpe gave a report on the upcoming Firefighters' Field Day of Saturday, October 21 starting at 12 noon and requested all who desire to participate to return their forms shortly so proper plans may be made.

Ron Bird reported that the library is open on Monday and Tuesday evenings from 7 to 10 PM and there are many new books received. He also reported that there is a full supply of hats, T-shirts, sweatshirts, etc available for purchase.

DATE CLEARING

Saturday	Oct. 7	Germania	Turkey or Pork Dinner	4 to 8 PM
Sunday	Oct. 8	Somers Point #2	Breakfast	8 AM to 12 noon
Saturday	Oct. 14	Fire TrainingCtr	Fire Prevention Expo	12 noon to 3 PM
Sunday	Oct. 15	at Farmington	WAC Dinner Buffet BenefitFF Anna Casiano/Weiss	4 PM til
Saturday	Oct. 21	Fire TrainingCtr	Firefighters' Field Day	12 noon
Saturday	Oct. 21	Port Republic	Roast Beef Dinner	3:30 to 7:30 PM
Sunday	Oct. 29	Egg Harbor City	Golf Outing	info 965-3751
Saturday	Nov. 4	Pomona	Christmas Bazaar	9 AM to 4 PM
Saturday	Nov. 4	Oceanville	Oyster or Ham Dinner	4 to 8 PM
Sunday	Nov. 12	Somers Point #2	Breakfast	8 AM to 12 noon
Saturday	Dec. 2	Pomona	Bus Trip to Radio City Music Hall	info 965-8862
Sunday	Dec. 10	Somers Point #2	Breakfast	8 AM to 12 noon

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Director of Training Mike Corbo gave a report on letter forwarded to the Division of Fire Safety in regard to their concerns on fire training courses offered at the Fire Academy and their reply and that they appear to be satisfied at this time with the reply. Mike gave an update on classes and that several were cancelled due to low enrollment. Most classes have openings and those desiring to attend any course are urged to forward applications for proper processing. Mike reported that there are 35 in Firefighter I class and 12-15 in Firefighter II. Dates for Basic Extrication have been changed to September 29 and 30. Dates for Advanced Extrication are set for December 8 and 9. Joe Ward has started with the SCBA Fits testing. Training Center Fire Instructors are to be tested with the SCBA's that they use for training at the center.

John V. Wagner and the Secretary gave a report on Legislation and that Senate Bill S-258 which would modify workers' compensation benefits for certain volunteers is now dead as the sponsor of the bill, Senator Bennett has withdrawn the bill on September 14th or 15th. Assembly Bill A-532 which would increase amount of County appropriation for Training and Communications is still active and should be set for a vote in the Assembly shortly. We have to contact our legislators to have them vote favorably for bill A-532.

Ken Badger Jr. gave a report on Forest Fire Service and that they still have several firefighters out west. He gave a report on status of Ken Badger Sr. and Roy Merrill who were injured when out west firefighting.

William Thomas Hand was welcomed back to the Association's meeting following his recent surgery.

The Secretary gave a report on the recent New Jersey State Firemen's Convention and parade that was held in Wildwood as well as progress on the new Wildwood Convention hall.

The following were awarded trophies at the September 16, 2000 parade in Wildwood

State Trophies

Best Appearing Fire Heavy Rescue Unit

Absecon - First Place

Pomona - Second Place

Best Appearing Mini-Pumper under 500 GPM

East Vineland - First Place

Best Appearing Motorized 51 years or Older

Pomona - Second Place

Special Judges Award

Somers Point

Bands

Oakcrest High School - Second Place

Absegami High School - Third Place

Atlantic County Trophies

Best Appearing Apparatus (sponsored by Atlantic County Firefighters' Assn.)

East Vineland

Best Appearing Fire Company or Dept. (sponsored by Atlantic Co. Firefighters' Assn.)

Somers Point

Best Appearing Aerial (sponsored by Atlantic County Fire Chiefs' Association)

Somers Point

The following companies still have to submit their rosters and \$60.00 dues for 2000

Belcoville

Hammonton Co. No. 2

Pleasantville

The following have submitted their rosters, however they still owe \$60.00 dues for 2000

Elwood

Hammonton Co. No. 1

The following Fire Academy Instructors still owe \$3.00 dues for 2000

Michael Corbo

Scott Evans

Willard Gary

Joseph Giamella

Sherman Hartman

William Higbee

Richard Nixon

James Revelle

Donald Stauffer

Gene Wellington Jr.

Gilbert Zonge Jr.

The program scheduled for the October 18th meeting in Port Republic will be on NIFRS.

First Nomination for Officers for year 2001 will be held at the October 18th meeting

Second Nomination for officers will be held at the November 15 meeting at Somers Point #1

Election of Officers will take place at the December 20th meeting in Bargaintown.

A report was given on the August 30 meeting between the County Administration and representatives of the Firefighters' Association in regard to the hiring of a part-time Director of Training for the fire service and the County was most receptive. They plan to hire someone part-time for salary of \$15,000.00 (\$3,000.00 that we now expend for D.O.T. and they will put up an additional \$12,000.00) and hopefully the position will be filled Janaury 1st.

The Fire Training Board of Directors will set up criterion and do interviewing and making choice of D.O.T. The Board will act as an Advisory Board and set Policy and D.O.T. will be under general control of Board of Directors and under Public Safety Director for day to day operations.

Motion seconded and carried to accept the County's offer for part-time Director of Training.

This will also be presented to the Fire Chief's Association for their acceptance and approval at their meeting of September 26 in Dorothy.

There is to be a special meeting of the Board of Directors on Monday, October 16 at the Fire Training Center to go over job description and other matters pertaining to D.O.T.

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

Chaplain Thomas Sweeny conducted Benediction.

There being no further business at hand, the meeting was adjourned with next meeting to be held on Wednesday, October 18 at 8:00 PM in Port Republic.

Attested
Howard R. Guenther
Secretary



ATLANTIC COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION

Port Republic

October 18, 2000

The regular meeting of the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association was called to order at 8:00 PM on Wednesday, October 18, 2000 with President Ed Vincent presiding as well as pointing out the exits.

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.

Brad Hooper, President of the Port Republic fire company, extended a warm welcome to the membership.

The minutes of the previous meeting of September 20, 2000 were approved and accepted as forwarded to the Chiefs and Secretaries.

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

Vince Premone, Executive Vice President, of the Cape-Atlantic 200 Club was present and gave a presentation on functions, purpose and workings of the 200 Club in providing financial support for families of police, fire, and rescue personnel who risked and gave their lives for protection of their community. Lt. Frank Johnson of the Galloway Township Police Dept. also spoke on the 200 Club.

Andy Fritz, of the NJ Division of Fire Safety, spoke on the NIFIRS Reporting system and that they have a computerized program available. He hopes to set up a seminar at the Fire Training Center in the very near future. He also reported that he may be reached at (609) 633-6128

The Board of Directors reported on their special meeting of October 16 in regard to the hiring of a part-time Director of Training by the County. Job description, requirements, and specifications were drawn up to be forwarded to County Personnel Dept. for review and advertisement. Ad is to be put in the Press shortly. Information will also be available at the Fire Training Center. The Board will review applications and resumes at their next meetin of November 13th.

Whitey Swartz reported on the activities of Communications Unit F-2500 as well as reporting that information on the Poster contest has been sent out.

Whitey also reported on the October 14 Fire Prevention Expo and had a good crowd in attendance with the Expo going smoothly and was well received by those in attendance. Whitey and his committee as well as all the participants were thanked for their time and efforts.

Chippy Stockton and Oscar Dutch gave an outline and plans for the October 22 Burlington County Drill.

Dennis Sharpe gave a report on the upcoming October 21 firefighters field day.

The Training Committee reported that Firefighter I and Firefighter II are just about half completed. Also gave report on upcoming courses being offered and that there is room for those who wish to attend and to send in applications.

Ron Bird reported that a full supply of hats, shirts, T-Shirts, etc are available at the fire training center and also that library is open Monday and Tuesday evenings.

Ted Reinhard presented the Library with a box full of books that he obtained thru one of his contacts. Thanks Ted.

DATE CLEARING

Saturday	Nov. 4	Pomona	Christmas Bazaar	9 AM to 4 PM
Saturday	Nov. 4	Oceanville	Oyster or Ham Dinner	4 to 8 PM
Sunday	Nov. 12	Somers Point #2	Breakfast	8 AM to 12 noon
Saturday	Nov. 18	Minotola	Roast Beef Dinner	12 noon to 4 PM
Sunday	Nov. 19	Farmington	Craft Show	
Sunday	Nov. 19	Bargaintown	Spaghetti Dinner	12 noon to 6 PM
Saturday	Dec. 2	Pomona	Bus Trip to Radio City Music Hall	info 965-8862
Sunday	Dec. 10	Somers Point #2	Breakfast	8 AM to 12 noon
Wednesday	Jan. 17	Egg Harbor City	ACFFA Annual Meeting and Memorial Services	8 PM
Monday	Jan. 29	Absecon	Atl.Co. Firemen's Death Benefit Trustees Meeting	8 PM

John V. Wagner reported on several legislations pertaining to the fire service and requested the membership to contact their Assemblymen to get them to push for Assembly Bill A-532 to be posted for a vote in the Assembly. This bill would increase the amount that the County could appropriate for firefighters' training.

A report was given on the Forest Fire Service activities and planned relocation of facilities.

Bill Hurd gave a report on the New Jersey Firemen's Home in Boonton.

The Firefighters' Association is to look into becoming part of the Cape-Atlantic 200 Club.

The Secretary reminded the membership of the January 17, 2000 meeting and memorial services and for companies to forward names of their members who passed away the past year.

Rosters and \$60.00 dues are still outstanding for 2000 for Belcoville and Pleasantville.

Elwood has submitted their roster but not the \$60.00 dues for 2000.

The following Fire Academy Instructors still owe their \$3.00 dues for the year 2000

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| Michael Corbo | Willard Gary | Joseph Giamells | Sherman Hartman | William Higbee |
| Donald Stauffer | Gene Wellington Jr. | Gilbert Zonge | | |

Ted Reinhard displayed a Paslode Impulse Straight Nailer that he procured from one of his manufacture contacts.

First Nomination of Officers for 2001 was called for and the following were nominated

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| President | Thomas Hunter Jr. | Executive Committee (9) |
| 1st Vice President | Dennis Sharpe | Howard Berchtold Jr. |
| 2nd Vice President | Kathleen Dierwechter | Ronald Bird Jr. |
| Secretary | Howard R. Guenther | Anthony Canale |
| Treasurer | Lou Raciti | Oscar Dutch |
| Chaplain | Thomas Sweeny | James Garth |
| Sergeants-at-Arms (3) | Chester Crowell | Charles J. Guenther |
| | Clarence Guenther | Amor "Skip" Portale |
| | Charles Sander | Ted Reinhard |
| | | John V. Wagner |

Second Nominations to be called for at the November 15 meeting at Somers Point #1 and elections to be held at the December 20 meeting in Bargaintown.

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 scheduled for 8:00 PM on Wednesday, November 15 at Somers Point #1 fire station.

Attested
Howard R. Guenther
Secretary



ATLANTIC COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION

Somers Point No. 1

November 15, 2000

The regular meeting of the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association was called to order at 8:00 PM on Wednesday, November 15, 2000 with First Vice President Thomas Hunter presiding as well as pointing out the exits.

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.

Chief Richard Rest welcomed the membership to the City of Somers Point.

The minutes of the previous meeting of October 18, 2000 were approved and accepted as forwarded to the Chiefs and Secretaries.

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

The minutes of the November 3, 2000 meeting of the Executive Committee were approved and accepted as read with several items to be taken up under new business.

The scheduled Board of Directors meeting of November 13th was cancelled as the County did not put ad in paper for Part-time Director of Training position. Will probably have to have special meeting after ad is in and applications for the posting are received.

Director of Training Mike Corbo reported that the Fall Semester will conclude around the middle and December and will set a date for Firefighter I graduation.

Mike also reported that quite a few of the different courses had to be cancelled due to lack of enrollees.

The Ocean City Fire Department is to donate ladders of different sizes to the Fire Training Center.

Fire Marshal Whitey Swartz reported on the activities of F-2500 for the past month.

He reported that the rail car is on site at the Fire Training Center and the Army will place it on the tracks, and then it will be painted.

Whitey reported that some companies are lax in providing updates of their equipment and officers, etc. for the Mutual Aid Books and he plans to bring them up to date shortly and all companies are requested to forward info to him.

He has also revised the monthly fire report forms and made them easier to complete and will start using them January 1, 2001 and hopefully all companies will cooperate.

Whitey also remarked that the year 2003 is the 80 anniversary of the Firefighters' Association as well as the 10th year of being in the Fire Training Center and plans are to have a fire-police-EMS memorial at the center and perhaps could have parade of Atlantic County units when holding the Fire Prevention Expo that year.

Ron Bird reported that T-shirts, sweatshirts, etc. are available for purchase at the Fire Training Center and that the Library is open Monday and Tuesday evening 7 to 10 PM.

Ed Vincent, Whitey Swartz, and Howard Guenther are to attend a meeting of the Cape-Atlantic 200 Club on Wednesday, November 29th at 6 PM in Atlantic City.

Oscar Dutch reported on the October 22 Burlington County fire drill and thanked all companies and members who participated.

Dennis Sharpe reported on the October 21 firefighters' field day and will have a committee appointed for next year to try to get better attendance and will probably hold it in spring.

DATE CLEARING

Saturday	Dec. 2	Pomona	Bus Trip to Radio City Music Hall	info 965-8862
Sunday	Dec. 3	Bargaintown	Breakfast (fire co. boy scout troop)	7 AM to 12 noon
Sunday	Dec. 10	Somers Point #2	Breakfast	8 AM to 12 noon
Wednesday	Jan. 17	Egg Harbor City	ACFFA Annual Meeting and Memorial Services	8 PM
Monday	Jan. 29	Absecon	Atl.Co.Firemen's Death Benefit Trustees Meeting	8 PM

" In Union For The Safety Of All "

John V. Wagner reported on the September 27th meeting of the Advisory Committee and on Assembly Bill A-532 which would increase funding that the County can appropriate for fire fighting training and requested all members and companies to contact their legislators and urge them to get this posted for a vote and support it.

The Secretary reminded the membership of the January 17, 2001 annual meeting of the Association and the memorial services and for companies to forward names of their members who answered their last alarm during the past year to the secretary so that they may be listed in the program for the evening.

Howard Guenther reported he plans to have the annual dinner of the Association in the latter part of March at Chet's 265 South Restaurant in Oceanville of Galloway Township.

Motion seconded and carried to purchase 2 plaques, 1 to be presented to Atlantic County Executive Dennis Levinson, and 1 to be presented to the Atlantic County Board of Freeholders at the January 17th meeting of the Association.

Second nomination of officers for the year 2001 was called for and the following were nominated:

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| President | Thomas Hunter Jr. | Executive Committee (9) |
| 1st Vice President | Dennis Sharpe | Howard Berchtold Jr. |
| 2nd Vice President | Kathleen Dierwechter | Ronald Bird Jr. |
| Secretary | Howard R. Guenther | Anthony Canale |
| Treasurer | Lou Raciti | Michael Corbo |
| Chaplain | Thomas Sweeny | Oscar Dutch |
| Sergeants-at-Arms (3) | Chester Crowell | James Garth |
| | Clarence Guenther | Charles J. Guenther |
| | Charles Sander | Amor "Skip" Portale |
| | | Ted Reinhard |
| | | John V. Wagner |

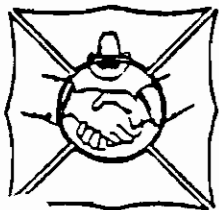
Motion seconded and carried to close the nominations for office.

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

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 scheduled for 8:00 PM on Wednesday, December 20 at the Bargaintown Firehouse.

Attested
Howard R. Guenther
Secretary



ATLANTIC COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION

Bargaintown (Egg Harbor Township)

December 20, 2000

The regular meeting of the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association was called to order at 8:00 PM on Wednesday, December 20, 2000 with President Edward Vincent presiding. The meeting was opened with the Flag Salute, followed by Invocation by the Chaplain of the Association, Thomas Sweeny.

The Secretary read the rolls to record attendance and ensure a quorum being present. The membership was welcomed to Bargaintown and Egg Harbor Township by Chief Thomas Nace and Township Chief Anthony Canale.

The minutes of the previous meeting of November 15, 2000 were approved and accepted as forwarded to the Chiefs and Secretaries.

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

The Secretary reminded the membership of the Annual Memorial Services that are to be conducted at the next meeting of January 17, 2001 in Egg Harbor City. Companies are requested to forward names of their departed members who answered their last alarm during the past year so they may be included in the ceremony. There is also to be a printed program for the evening and names must be submitted as soon as possible so they may be listed in the program. Firefighters are requested to attend in their dress uniforms.

Howard Guenther reported that there is to be a special caucus to be held on Thursday, January 18, 2001 in Egg Harbor City at 8:00 PM for all Chiefs, Delegates and Life Members of the New Jersey State Firemen's Association to elect a replacement for William Hurd who answered his last alarm and to serve as a member of the Board of Managers of the New Jersey Firemen's Home in Boonton.

Howard also reported that the Firefighters' Dinner is to be held on Saturday, March 24 at Chet's 265 South in Oceanville of Galloway Township. Menu and other details to be worked out.

The Secretary is presently working on the schedules for next years meetings and also needs names of any new Chiefs so that he may have the new rosters printed.

the 200 Club of Cape and Atlantic Counties are including the Fire and Rescue services with the police in their Sixteenth Annual Cape/Atlantic Memorial Service and Breakfast on Sunday, January 21, 2001 with Mass at 10:30 AM and Buffet Breakfast at noon at the Tropicana. Cost of tickets is \$20.00 per person and may be acquired from Howard Guenther, Whitey Swartz or Ed Vincent. Ticket deadline is January 12. Information enclosed.

The 200 Club is also requesting our help to have Senate Bill S-1689 posted for a vote. This Bill will allow line of duty widows to remain and still retain accidental death benefits and pension. Copy of letter enclosed for forwarding to the State.

The \$50.00 dues for all companies for the year 2001 are now due and may be forwarded to the Secretary along with the listing of Chief, Delegates, and Secretaries. Form enclosed.

John V. Wagner spoke on legislation that is proposed and still urged the members to continue contacting their legislators to get Assembly Bill A-532 posted for a vote in the Assembly. John also reported on the New Jersey State Fire Museum and Fire Science Center to be built at Allaire State Park and requested the members to write to their legislators for support in getting Senate Bill S-918 and Assembly Bill A-2625 passed as it is to provide funding for the project. There is to be a Fallen Firefighters Memorial also on the site.

DATE CLEARING

Wednesday	Jan. 17	Egg Harbor City	ACFFA Annual Meeting and Memorial Services	8 PM
Thursday	Jan. 18	Egg Harbor City	Special Atlantic Co. Caucus of Chiefs, Delegates, and Life Members of NJ State Firemen's Assn.	8 PM
Sunday	Jan. 21	Atlantic City	200 Club Memorial Services and Breakfast	10:30 AM
Tuesday	Aug. 21	Egg Harbor City	Atlantic Co. Caucus for 2001 Firemen's Convention	8 PM
Fri & Sat	Sept 14 & 15	Wildwood	2001 New Jersey State Firemen's Convention	

Whitey Swartz reported that starting January 1, 2001 that the fire companies will be using new forms that should prove to be user friendly in reporting their monthly activities to him that he needs the information for compiling reports to the County and State.

He is also in the process of updating the Mutual Aid Books and all Chiefs should review their portion and make any changes and updates and forward to him promptly.

Whitey also reported that March 15th is deadline for receiving fire prevention posters. He reminded all of the April 18, 2001 Valor Awards presentations and information and forms will be forwarded shortly.

The Board of Directors reported that there were 5 applicants for the position of Director of Training as advertised by the County of Atlantic. The Board held 3 special meetings to review the applications, interview the applicants, and fully discuss the results of the interviews. All applicants had very good resumes as well as different viewpoints on improving training, some of which will be implemented. The members of the Board found the interview process to be very enlightening and have found that Michael Corbo is the most qualified of the 5 applicants and have recommended him to the County Executive, Dennis Levinson.

Ted Reinhard reported on firematic items received from different manufactures as gifts to the Fire Training Center in response to his wish lists.

A letter was received from William Hunt, Superintendent of the NJ Firemen's Home, thanking the Association for the donation of \$200.00 for the guests at the home and donation will be used toward purchase of new furnishings for the guests' rooms.

The President appointed an Auditing Committee to go over the books of the Association.

Oscar Dutch reported on the critique of the October Burlington County Drill.

Mike Corbo reported that he is presently working on the booklets for the Spring Training Semester and that Firefighter I will start around February 13.

Mike Corbo declined the nomination for a position on the Executive Committee as he considers it a conflict of interest with his position of Director of Training.

Election of Officers for 2001 was called for and as there was no opposition for any of the positions, a motion was made, seconded and carried for the Secretary to cast a ballot and he announced the election of the following officers for the year of 2001:

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Secretary	Howard R. Guenther	Anthony Canale
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	Charles Sander	Ted Reinhard
		John V. Wagner

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

Benediction was conducted by Chaplain Thomas Sweeny who observed an eulogy for William Hurd.

There being no further business at hand, the meeting was adjourned with the next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, January 17, 2001 at 8:00 PM at the Egg Harbor City firehouse. Just a little reminder to wear dress uniforms for the Memorial Service.

Attest
Howard R. Guenther
Secretary

The Officers and Executive Committee members wish to extend to you and your families their best wishes for a safe, healthy and prosperous New Year.