



ATLANTIC COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION

Pomona (Galloway Township)

May 16, 2001

The regular meeting of the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association was called to order at 8:00 PM on Wednesday, May 14, 2001 with President R. Thomas Hunter presiding. Tom then pointed out the exits to the membership 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.

Amor Portale, President of the Fire Company welcomed the members to Pomona. Skip then introduced Galloway Township Chief Thomas Culleney who extended his welcome to the community and Galloway Township.

Minutes of the previous meeting of April 18, 2001 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 4, 2001 were approved and accepted as read with several items to be taken up under new business. Howard Berchtold Jr, Chairman of the Committee, then spoke on the strategic planning being undertaken by the Executive Committee and different items they are considering.

A recap of the May 14, 2001 meeting of the Board of Directors of the Fire Training Academy was given.

Fire Marshal Whitey Swartz reported that there are still 17 companies in the County that do not submit their monthly fire reports to him for tabulation and then forwarded to the County Government as part of the total fire activities in the County. Get Them In. Whitey reported on the April 18 Valor Awards Presentations and that we had a good turnout and all went well with many good comments.

The Fire Prevention Poster have been judged and the best of each category was forwarded to the State for further judging.

Whitey reported the drill at the airport (NAFEC) went very well.

New radio cards are available for those desiring same.

Whitey also stated that 1½" and 2½" hose is still needed for display on the battleship "USS New Jersey". This may be any type hose, thread, old, etc.

Mike Corbo, Director of Training, reported that the Firefighter I class is to be concluded on Sunday and that their graduation will be held on Monday, June 4th at 7:00 PM at the Fire Training Center.

A summer daytime class for Firefighter I will be this year starting on June 21.

New S.O.P.'s for the training center have been developed (revised) and all company QSO's, QTO's, and ODI's must be recertified yearly with dates listed in the training booklet.

Mike reported that those instructors needing CEU's may acquire them at Wednesday nights live burns.

Joe Ward is presently conducting SCBA FITS testing and those companies needing to be tested should contact him.

Joe also reported that the Navy "Blue Angels" air team will be at Lakehurst on June 2 & 3.

DATE CLEARING

Saturday	June 2	Cologne	Chicken Bar-Be-Cue, etc.	1 to 7 PM
Sunday	June 3	Dorothy	Chicken Bar-Be-Cue, etc.	12 noon to 6 PM
Sunday	June 10	Somers Point #2	Breakfast	8 AM to 12 noon
Saturday	June 16	Farmington	Benefit Spaghetti Dinner for Robert Camp	3 to 8 PM
Saturday	June 16	Weymouth	Yard Sale	8 AM til
Sunday	July 8	Weymouth	Breakfast	7 AM to 12 noon
Sunday	July 8	Somers Point #2	Breakfast	8 AM to 12 noon
Saturday	July 14	Pomona	75th Anniversary Parade	
Tuesday	July 24	Dorothy	Atl.Co.Firemen's Death Benefit Fund Trustees Meeting	8 PM
Saturday	Aug. 4	Egg Harbor City	Spaghetti Dinner	4 to 7 PM
Thursday-Friday-Saturday	Aug 9-10-11		4-H Fair	
Sunday	Aug. 12	Somers Point #2	Breakfast	8 AM to 12 noon
Tuesday	Aug. 21	Egg Harbor City	Atlantic Co. Caucus for 2001 Convention	8 PM

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Sunday	Sept 9	Somers point #2	Breakfast	8 AM to 12 noon
Fri & Sat	Sept 14 & 15	Wildwood	2001 New Jersey State Firemen's Convention	
Saturday	Sept 15	Wildwood	Parade	1 PM
Saturday	Oct. 6	Germania	Turkey or Pork Dinner	4 to 7:30 PM
Saturday	Oct. 13	Fire Training Ctr	2001 Fire Prevention Expo	
Sunday	Oct. 14	Somers Point #2	Breakfast	8 AM to 12 noon
Saturday	Oct. 20	Port Republic	Roast Beef Dinner	3:30 to 7:30 PM
Saturday	Nov. 10	Oceanville	Oyster or Ham Dinner	4 to 8 PM
Sunday	Nov. 11	Somers Point #2	Breakfast	8 AM to 12 noon
Sunday	Dec. 9	Somers Point #2	Breakfast	8 AM to 12 noon

Secretary Howard Guenther reported that we are now a member of the Cape-Atlantic 200 Club and also cited their programs that benefit the Police-Fire-Rescue services during the year. Howard Berchtold Jr. reported that the 2001 4-H Fair will be held on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, August 9-10-11.

Mike Corbo reported that Statewide Highway Safety is to donate an ice machine for our use at the Fire Training Center.

The members from Absecon reported that Oscar Dutch Jr. has injured his back in a fall at his home.

A card of thanks was received from Chief Ellwood Seelman of Dorothy for the Resolution presented to him at his retirement dinner on March 31.

The Executive Committee of the Firefighters' Association requested thru the Board of Directors of the Fire Training Academy to have the fire equipment storage room at the Fire Training Center designated as the "Ted Reinhard" room as recognition for the many, many items of firematic equipment that he has been able to get donated from the different manufacturers and Rick Mulvihill from the County has given his okay for this request.

Motion seconded and carried to honor this request and to purchase the necessary plaque. The Executive Committee also recommended the purchase of 2 haligon tools to enhance the forcible entry training and Ted Reinhard volunteered to add this to his wish list and approach the manufacturers' for these items as well as other forcible entry tools. Motion seconded and carried for the Association to purchase 2 haligon tools if Ted cannot obtain them.

The Committee also recommended the purchase of 2 dummys, one for burn house training and one to be kept clean for confined space training, etc. and motion was made, seconded and carried to purchase 2 dummys at a cost of about \$400.00

The committee also recommended the purchase of a color printer for the firefighters' office at a cost not to exceed \$250.00 and motion was made, seconded and carried to make the purchase.

The fire instructors would like to enhance Firefighter I fire extinguisher training and have practical training with extinguishers and have the students bring one from their company and a motion was made, seconded and carried to add this to their practical training.

Membership applications were approved for the following - all from Longport

David Funk David L. Milner Scott Morgan Thomas P. Sher

Ted Reinhard had a display of nozzles, tools and other firematic equipment that he procured as donations from fire manufacturers while attending the recent FDIC. To date, Ted has obtained equipment donations well in excess of \$100,000.00 Great job Ted. Keep up the good work.

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

Speakers for the evening were

Nicholas Fssola who spoke on Assembly Bill A-3252 that would allow a deduction from gross income (State) expenses for purchasing residential fire safety equipment.

Andy from Motorola who spoke on the 800 radio system.

Rick Mulvihill who spoke on the 800 system as being used by the Atlantic County Government.

There being no further business at hand, the meeting was adjourned with next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, June 20 in Richland at 8:00 PM.

Attested

Howard R. Guenther, Secretary