



# ATLANTIC COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION

Richland (Buena Vista Township)

June 20, 2001

The regular meeting of the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association was called to order at 8:00 P.M. on Wednesday, June 20, 2001 with President R. Thomas Hunter presiding. Tom Then pointed out the exits to those members in attendance.

The meeting was opened with the Flag Salute, followed by a silent prayer and moment of silence in honor and respect of the 3 firefighters who were killed in New York City. The Secretary read the rolls to ensure a quorum being present and to record attendance. Chief Carlo Merighi Jr. welcomed the membership to Richland and Buena Vista Township. Minutes of the previous meeting of May 16, 2001 were approved and accepted as forwarded to the Chiefs and Secretaries.

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

Howard Berchtold Jr. handed out a listing of items for Strategic Planning for 2001, etc. as proposed by the Executive Committee and Officers of the Association.

The Secretary reported that the drawing for positions for fire companies in the Atlantic County Unit in the Wildwood parade will be conducted at the next meeting of the Association on Wednesday, July 18th in Linwood.

The date of the Wildwood parade is Saturday, September 15 starting at 1:00 P.M. and the applications have been mailed by the Wildwood Parade Committee to all companies.

DO NOT mail them to Wildwood, if you do, then they will place you in the parade where they see fit and not as part of the Atlantic County Unit.

If you desire to participate in the Wildwood parade as part of the Atlantic County Unit, please complete the application and bring with you to the July 18th meeting or mail in time for the meeting to

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

Sample application, etc. enclosed with minutes. Blank forms will also be available at meeting

Director of Training, Mike Corbo, reported on the Garduation held on June 4th for Firefighters and it was well received and attended and have several ideas in mind to make it better in the future.

Mike also reported that the summer firefighter I class is to begin tomorrow.

Joe Ward is presently doing SCBA FITS testing and those companies requiring testing should contact him or the Director of Training for a date.

Mike reported that the ice machine that was donated by Stateway Highway Safety has been delivered to the Fire Training Center and is to be connected by the County plumber.

## DATE CLEARING

Sunday	July 8	Weymouth	Breakfast (all you can eat)	7 AM to 12 noon
Sunday	July 8	Somers Point	\$2 Breakfast (all you can eat)	8 AM to 12 noon
Saturday	July 14	Pomona	75th Anniversary Parade	
Saturday	July 21	Estell Manor	Sub Sale	10 AM to 2 PM
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	August 9-10-11		4-H Fair	
Sunday	Aug. 12	Somers Point #2	Breakfast (AYCE)	8 AM to 12 noon
Tuesday	Aug. 21	Egg Harbor City	Atlantic Co. Caucus for 2001 Convnetion	8 PM
Thursday	Aug. 23	Firefighters'	Night at the Surf Baseball	7:05 PM
Sunday	Aug. 26	Estell Manor	Bar-Be-Cue	12 noon to 7 PM
Sunday	Sept 9	Somers Point #2	Breakfast (AYCE)	8 AM to 12 noon
Friday & Saturday	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 Center	2001 Fire Prevention Expo	
Sunday	Oct. 14	Somers Point #2	Breakfast (AYCE)	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

*"In Union For The Safety Of All"*

Oscar Dutch was welcomed back to the meetings following his recent mishap that he suffered at home and he thanked all for the cards and well wishes.

Oscar reported on the Firemen's Home and that they recently acquired an ambulance that they will be using to transport their guests at the home to various locations where they must have specialized treatments and procedures.

Howard Guenther reported that effective July 1, 2001, the maximum amount for the death benefit of the New Jersey State Firemen's Association will be increased \$200.00 to \$7,200.00 with all steps remained the same as last year. Line of duty deaths will be doubled to \$14,400.00

Howard Berchtold Jr. reported that the 4-H Fair will be held on Thursday, Friday, Saturday, August 9, 10, 11 and they will have display booths set up as well as apparatus display. Anyone desiring to have their apparatus on display should contact him or Dennis Sharpe.

Ron Bird reported that the library is open from 7 to 10 PM on Monday and Tuesday evenings and there are quite a few new books available.

Charles Sander presented one of his books that he compiled on the history of the area to the library.

Chief Jim Garth reported that the next meeting of the Fire Chiefs' Association will be held on Thursday, June 28 at 8 PM in Estell Manor.

They will decide at that meeting what category they will sponsor the trophy for the upcoming Wildwood parade.

President R. Thomas Hunter spoke on the Firefighters' Field Day and requested anyone who who like to help the committee with plans, etc. to contact him so that we can make plans, etc. for holding the field day in 2002.

Ted Reinhard reported that he has forwarded his "wish list" to several manufacturers and has received replies and that we are to receive some LDH Storz fittings as well as forcible entry tools for use at the Fire Training Academy as donations from them.

Ted also reported that several additional books have been donated for the library.

Ted was thanked for his efforts in making these contacts and acquiring the donations of equipment.

There being no further business at hand, the meeting was adjourned with the next meeting of the Firefighters' Association to be held at 8:00 P.M. on Wednesday, July 18 in Linwood.

Attested  
Howard R. Guenther  
Secretary