



# ATLANTIC COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION

Weymouth (Hamilton Township)

August 15, 2001

The regular meeting of the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association was called to order by First Vice President Dennis Sharpe at 8:00 P.M. on Wednesday, August 15, 2001. Dennis then pointed out the exits to the members in attendance. The meeting was opened with the Flag Salute and a moment of silence for our departed firefighters.

The Membership was welcomed to Weymouth and Hamilton Township by Chief John Carrigan. The Secretary read the rolls to ensure a quorum being present and to record attendance. Minutes of the previous meeting of July 18, 2001 were approved and accepted as forwarded to the Chiefs and Secretaries.

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

Fire Marshal Harold Swartz reported that there are still 14 companies in the County that are not sending their fire reports in to him.

Whitey reminded all of the Fire Expo is set for Saturday, October 13 with rain date of Sunday, October 14 and will have meeting shortly to go over different details.

Whitey also reported that Galoway Township has donated single tone pagers that he has distributed to all fire coordinators.

He also reported that the Forest Fire Drill has been set for Sunday, September 23rd.

The Fire Training Committee reported that the Fall Training Course Booklets are finished and will be distributed shortly. Firefighter I is to start on Thursday, September 6 and be held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Firefighter II is to start on Monday, September 24 and to be held on Monday and Wednesday evenings. Other courses to be given are outlined in the Booklet as well as in the Nozzle.

The 4-H Fair Committee reported on the activities at the Fair and there was poor attendance from the public due to the hot, humid weather as well as rain out on Friday and Saturday. Thanks were extended to all who participated as well as displaying their apparatus.

Howard Guenther reported that Frank Pratzner, Secretary-Treasurer of the County Firefighters' Death Benefit, has tendered his resignation to be effective this coming January. The Death Benefit Fund is in need of someone to take over the duties of Secretary-Treasurer of the Fund and anyone desiring this position should let Howard Guenther know as soon as possible so a replacement may be named and go over details of the fund and position between now and the end of the year.

Manager Oscar Dutch Jr. gave a report on the New Jersey Firemen's Home and presently there are 77 guests in the Home, none from Atlantic County. The home has received a 12 passenger bus thru a state grant. The Home has also purchased an ambulance for use in transporting the guests to hospitals, etc. as needed for treatments.

John Wagner Jr. reported that the State Legislature is in their summer recess. Still no action on our bill A-532, need to send letters to the legislators.

## DATE CLEARING

Saturday	Sept. 8	Weekstown	Pig Roast	3:30 to 7 PM
Sunday	Sept. 9	Somers Point #2	Breakfast (all you can eat)	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
Sunday	Nov. 11	Somers Point #2	Breakfast (AYCE)	8 AM to 12 noon
Sunday	Dec. 9	Somers Point #2	Breakfast (AYCE)	8 AM to 12 noon

***" In Union For The Safety Of All "***

Ron Bird reported that many new books have been added to the Library and that it is open Monday and Tuesday evenings from 7 to 10 PM.

It was reported that several fire departments in the County have received Federal Grants.

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, September 19, 2001 at 8:00 P.M. at the Hammonton Co. No. 1 firehouse.

This fire station is downtown by the railroad tracks.

Attest  
Howard R. Guenther  
Secretary